

respect life month novena



OCTOBER 22-30
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*Join thousands of Catholics praying a Respect Life Month
novena Tuesday, Oct. 22– Wednesday, Oct. 30.*

ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

October 20, 2024
29th Sunday
in Ordinary Time

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Mass Schedule

Monday 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday-Friday 8:10 a.m.
Wednesday 10:00 a.m. (EGSC)
Saturday 5:30 p.m.
Sunday 7:00 a.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m.
Sunday 11:00 a.m. Cedar Bluff, May 19 - Sept. 8, 2024

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:30 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 a.m. Anytime by appointment

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursdays 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Bulletin Deadline

By 4:30 p.m. Wednesday

Baptism

By appointment. Contact the Pastor

Weekly Readings

October 21 - October 27

Mon: Ephesians 2:1-10; Luke 12:13-21
Tue: Ephesians 2:12-22; Luke 12:35-38
Wed: Ephesians 3:2-12; Luke 12:39-48
Thu: Ephesians 3:14-21; Luke 12:49-53
Fri: Ephesians 4:1-6; Luke 12:54-59
Sat: Ephesians 4:7-16; Luke 13:1-9
Sun: Jeremiah 31:7-9; Mark 10:46-52

Parish Personnel

Pastor	Fr. Dana Clark
Parish Secretary	Mrs. Emily Mattheyer
School Principal	Mrs. Patti Park
Pastoral Council President	Mr. Brian Serpan
Liturgy Chairpersons	Ruth Bollig and Alyson Johnson
Finance Council President	Mr. Melvin Augustine
School Council President	Mr. Matt Fondoble
Home & School President	Mrs. Jenni Bongartz
Director of Religious Education	Mrs. Judy Schuler

Marriage

Contact the pastor at least six months prior to the anticipated wedding date. No wedding will be scheduled without premarital instruction.

Mass Intentions

Sat	Oct 19	5:30 p.m.	Lawdy Herman+
Sun	Oct 20	7:00 a.m.	Leo & Agnes Otter+ Family (liv/dec)
Sun	Oct 20	9:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Mon	Oct 21	5:30 p.m.	Richard+ & Faye Geschwentner+
Tues	Oct 22	8:10 a.m.	Larry Cox+ (anniv)
Wed	Oct 23	8:10 a.m.	Barb Wolf+ (anniv)
	EGSC	10:00 a.m.	For the Residents & Families (liv/dec)
Thurs	Oct 24	8:10 a.m.	Ralph Waldschmidt+ (anniv)
Fri	Oct 25	8:10 a.m.	Tim Ray+
Sat	Oct 26	5:30 p.m.	Agnes Plante+ Family (liv/dec)
Sun	Oct 27	7:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Sun	Oct 27	9:00 a.m.	Chris & Bertha Moeder Family (liv/dec)

Ministries for October 26 & 27

Ministry	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lector	Andrea Zody	Mindy Eck
Presentation of Gifts	Roberta Augustine Clarence Rupp	Cody & Megan Honas Family
Eucharistic Minister(s)	Barney Boos Richard Bollig	Sarah Eck Mindy Eck Jackie Flax
Servers	Caleb, Landon, Mason Schield	Theodore Meagher John & Dean Hickert
Cantor / Musician	Alyson Johnson Nancy Cunningham	Emily Mattheyer Amy Staab
Ushers & Greeters	Pat & Diane Kuhn Roberta Augustine Eugene Schuster	Gordon & Geri Augustine Preston Augustine Greg Augustine

Other Ministries

7:00am Lector	October 27 (Sun) 7:00 a.m.	Mike Augustine
Communion to Homebound	October 25 (Fri)	Mindy Eck
Ellis Good Samaritan	Oct. 27 (Sun) 10:15 a.m.	Geoff & Mindy Eck Family
Rosary Leaders	October 26 (Sat) 5:30 p.m. October 27 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	Cindy Zervas Connie Fink
Monthly Money Counters	October	Bob & Margie Mickelson

Meetings & Events

Sun	Oct. 20	World Mission Sunday (special collection)
Wed	Oct. 23	YDisciples @ Good Sam @ 6:30pm CCD @ 7:00pm—Bring Your Rosary!
Thurs	Oct. 24	Eucharistic Adoration 9:00am-5:00pm RCIA Class @ 7:00pm
Mon	Oct. 28	SMS Dismiss at 12:40pm Parish Council Meeting @ 7pm

Parish Announcements

- Today, October 20, is **World Mission Sunday**. We join Catholics around the globe in supporting the mission of the Church in places where the faith is young, growing, or facing particular challenges. Your generous contributions today will make a significant impact on the lives of many and help spread the Gospel message to all corners of the world. Thank you for your prayers and support.
- Last weekend we took up a second collection in to support the **Hurricane Helene relief** efforts through Catholic Charities, USA. This assistance, coordinated through CCUSA, will help local Catholic Charities agencies responding on the front lines. If you weren't able to donate last weekend, and still wish to do so, we are collecting donations throughout the month of October. Please make checks payable to St. Mary's Church and indicate that is it for the Hurricane Relief.
- CCD Students:** We will be praying the rosary together on Wednesday, October 23rd. Please bring your rosary with you to class.
- YDisciples!** Come share your smiles with our Friends at Good Samaritan as we play games for all to enjoy! See you at Good Sam at 6:30pm for pizza followed by Game Night!
- Box of Joy:** There are still boxes available if you choose to take one to fill. Reminder: You may fill the boxes with \$20.00 worth of necessities and toys to bring joy to a boy or girl suffering from extreme poverty. We would like to invite your family to fill a box if you are able to and bring it back to the church by Wednesday, November 6th. We ask that you purchase items for a boy or a girl and mark off the age group that you bought for on the sheet provided, and put it back in the box; we will adhere it to the box accordingly. If you're about to fill a box, we ask that you follow the gift ideas page provided with the box and bring joy to those in need! *If you rather make a monetary donation, you may either visit boxoffjoy.org to make a \$9 donation for each gift box, scan the QR code to process your donation or give a donations to St. Mary's Parish Office to help with shipping of each box.*



Notes from the Pastor

Respect for Life Month. Check out the insert “Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing” and be sure to check out the display on table in the back of the church.

World Mission Sunday Collection. World Mission Sunday is this Sunday, October 20. On this day, the entire Church comes together to support various mission works. Donations for World Mission Sunday are collected at Masses across the world and given in support of hospitals, schools and vocations.

All Saints Day. Friday, November 1, is the Feast of All Saints. It is a holyday of obligation this year. It is a day we honor all the faithful departed (our loved ones included) whose souls are in heaven. This year, I'll be offering an evening Vigil Mass on Thursday, October 31, at 5:30pm. Other Masses will be on Friday at 7:00am and 8:10am.

Cemetery Prayer Service. The Cemetery Prayer Service that we traditionally have every year will be Sunday, November 3 (The Sunday after All Souls Day which is Saturday, November 2). It will be held after our 9:00am Mass.

Remembering Prayer Service. We will be conducting our Remembering Prayer Service Sunday November 3 at 4:00pm for parish family members who have lost a loved one during the past year (or for loved ones who were laid to rest during the past year). *It is not necessary for your loved ones to have had the funeral here or buried here from them to remembered.*

We are sending out invitations letters to points of contact for each family this week. The points of contact can then inform other family members who may wish to attend.

At the prayer service the name of the deceased will be announced and family members who are attending will come up and light a candle for their loved one. The prayer service concludes with the Way of the Cross in Time of Grief. Candles will have the name of the deceased on it, and at the end of the service, families can take the candle they lit home with them.

All members of the parish are invited to attend, even if they have no loved ones to remember. Below is a list of names I have. If I'm missing someone, or if you have a loved one you want remembered on this day who passed away during the past year, let us know and we will add them to our list:

*Judy Abbott, Tim Augustine, Rose Blasing,
Herbert Bottomly, Paul Dinkel, David Dreiling, Rose Egger,
Robert Feldt, Richard Geschwentner, Betty Haselhorst,
Lawrence Herman, Janetta, Heroneme, Betty Honas,
Lucille Kuhn, Amanda Metzler, Bill Pfannenstiel, Tim Ray,
Armellia Reiter, Rulene Rosproy, Margaret Rohr,
Marty Rohr, John Rupp, Kolten Schmidt, Shirley Shiltz,
Fred Taylor, Emma Lou Weber, Barbara Wolf.*

Have a good week! Fr. Dana

Parish Organizations

- **Cards Night** is set at the Knights Hall on Wednesday, October 23rd beginning at 7:00pm! All are welcome to come and play! Sponsored by Ellis Knights.
- **Mark your Calendars** for the Mother/Daughter Potluck & Bingo Night at the Knights of Columbus Hall on October 24th at 6:00pm! Sponsored by D of I!
- **Ellis K of C Council Christmas Cash Drawing** is happening again this year! TEN DAYS of Winnings! The Ellis Knights are hosting a cash raffle for 10 days in December. Daily drawings for cash prizes will begin December 1 through December 10. Three (3) winning tickets will be drawn each day at the Knights Hall at 5:30pm. Winning tickets will be returned in the hopper for future drawings! Get your ticket(s) today for a donation of \$20.00 per ticket. Contact a Knight to get your tickets! All proceeds will go to the Ellis Council. For more information contact Gary Kohl (785-726-1400) or Allen Weber (785-249-8543 or 785-726-3113). The drawing will also be LIVE streamed from the Knights Hall on the Ellis Knights of Columbus Facebook page each day!

Parish Prayer List

Please Remember in Prayer

Congratulations! Brett Berry & Kara Gabel
who were married here on October 12.

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Our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends in the loss  
of **Paul Dinkel**, who passed away September 20.  
May the peace of God surround you during this time of sorrow.

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Juanita Augustine, Rose Brack, Austin Carbajal, Holly Dinkel,
Joe Erbert, Sr. Doris Flax, Gary Flax, Robert Gerhardt,
Debbie Haas, Edna Hejny, Steve Hejny, Nathan Hively,
Gilbert Kinderknecht, Doug Kingsley, Agneta Kuhn
Tim Kingsley & Family, Irene LaBarge, Joey LaBarge,
Kevin LaBarge, Martin & Debbie LaBarge, Shawna LaBarge,
Indiana Landess, Joani Neufeldt, Elizabeth Newton,
Riley Moore, Brandon Schoenthaler, LaVerne Schuster,
Joe Sloan & Family, Bernie & Laura Schoenberger,
Tanner Sullivan, and the residents of EGSC.

*If any one has names they would like added to the list, they
may call the rectory at 726-4522.*

Parish Offering: Weekend of October 5-6 & 12-13

Weekly Budget Fiscal Year 2024-25: \$6,641.73

Oct. 5 & 6 Offertory Loose Plate.....\$1,368.00

Oct. 5 & 6 Adult Envelopes.....\$6,341.00

Total Giving.....\$7,709.00

After this weekend the collection is above by \$1,1067.27.

Oct. 12 & 13 Offertory Loose Plate....\$1,323.00

Oct. 12 & 13 Adult Envelopes.....\$3,009.00

Total Giving.....\$4,332.00

After this weekend the collection is below by \$2,309.73.

School Announcements

- **Who Needs Halloween Chocolate?!?! Stop by or call the school office and pick up yourself a box for a donation of \$72! You'll be the talk of the street with our delicious premium chocolate bars! All flavors are still available! \$2.00 for each bar!**
- **Parent/Teacher Conferences are approaching!** There will be a link sent out to you to sign up for a time for each of your student(s) teachers. Conferences will be on Monday, October 28 & 29 from 4:00-7:00pm. ***School will dismiss at 12:40pm on Monday, Oct. 28th for teachers to prepare for the evening conferences.***
- **Box of Joy 2024!** We are participating in the box of Joy, a ministry of Cross Catholic Outreach, again this year! One box per family has been sent home this past week, along with a more detailed gift idea sheet with more desired items marked! From Bishop Vincke and all of us at St. Mary's, THANK YOU for making a child's Christmas extra special. Please have boxes returned to school by Nov. 6th.

How Much Fun Can We Have in 2 Days Time? THIS MUCH!!!!

Here are a few pictures from Ag Day for 4th & 5th graders, a visit to Ellis Recycling Center for 4th Graders, Fire Safety presentation for PK-3rd graders, Fall Fundraiser Reward Party for the whole school, Good Things Happen for 1st graders eating lunch outside and LOFT lunch for very well-dressed Kindergartners.



Community Announcements



Candy Donations Needed: The Ellis Good Samaritan is looking for candy donations for their annual "Meet The Spooks" on Halloween, October 31. Last year they almost ran out so this year they are reaching out to the community for help. The Meet The Spooks have been a tradition for many years and the residents just love seeing all the children dressed in their costumes. If you wish to make a donation you may take the bags of candy to the Nurse's Station or to the EGSC Activity Room! You are also welcome to drop it off at the Parish Office with Emily and she will make sure it gets to EGSC! Be sure to drop your donations off *before* Halloween!

- **EHS Alumni Cash Bash** is officially underway! The EHS Alumni will have Cash Bash tickets available for a \$10.00 donation. There will be a cash drawing each day from December 12-December 17 for (3) \$50.00 winners LIVE on the EHS Alumni Facebook page. Each daily winning ticket will be put back in the hopper so you have a chance to win multiple times. ***Only 300 tickets will be available!*** December 18th is the Grand Prize drawing and some lucky person will win \$250.00. Cash Bash Tickets are available from any alumni board member or call 785-656-1955 or you can Venmo us (@EHS-Alumni)! Good Luck and Thank you for supporting the EHS Alumni!
- **Tickets for Chris Stefanick's REBOOT Are Still Available!** Mark your calendars for this exciting and life changing event – November 20th at 7:00pm at the Colby Event Center. Tickets can be purchased at a discounted early bird rate of \$33 per ticket! You may purchase your discounted ticket online at <https://auctria.events/reboot>. There are a limited number of tickets available at this price so don't wait too long to get yours!





Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing

We know earthly death is not the end, but rather the door through which we must pass to gain eternal life. Because of our belief and hope in the Resurrection, we can face death not with fear, but with preparation. Although certainly not comprehensive, the following considerations are provided as starting points for understanding and preparing for this transition, whether it is imminent or not.

NOW AND AT THE HOUR OF OUR DEATH¹

We prepare for eternal life by choosing to love and follow God now, in our daily lives and decisions. For example, through prayer and regular reception of the sacraments, especially Confession and the Eucharist, we obtain grace to live in ever-deeper communion with God and with one another in lives of faith, charity, and justice.² We ask for Our Blessed Mother's help now, and we entrust ourselves to her further as we "surrender 'the hour of our death' wholly to her care."³

FORMING OUR CONSCIENCES.....

Our journey with Christ naturally includes equipping our consciences to make morally good judgments and acting accordingly.⁴ Learning about the dignity of human life and the indispensable respect for it,⁵ as well as applicable principles for medical care, is particularly important in preparing for our eventual passing.

Some bishops offer guides applying moral principles to local legal options.⁶ Parish and online resources are also widely available for careful and prayerful study, and the *Ethical and Religious Directives* from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops give direction for health care services to those who are seriously ill or dying.⁷

A NOTE ON GENERAL PRINCIPLES.....

No summary can substitute for thorough catechesis, but some general principles are clear. We are entrusted by God with the gift of life, and in response, we care for our lives and health in obedience and gratitude to our Creator.

This obliges us to make use of appropriate, effective medical care. However, even effective treatments may at times impose such a great burden that we, in good conscience, may forgo or discontinue them. This applies even to life-sustaining treatments. Of course, nothing should be done or deliberately omitted to hasten death.⁸

The Church affirms the inviolable dignity of every person, regardless of the duration or extent of the person's incapacity or dependency. Nothing diminishes the unchangeable dignity and sanctity of a person's life, or the obligation to protect and care for it. In principle, assisted feeding and hydration should be provided unless it cannot sustain life or is unduly burdensome to the patient, or if death is imminent whether it is provided or not.

Moreover, no one should choose suicide, nor counsel or assist another to take his or her own life.

DISCERNING TREATMENT OPTIONS.....

Judging the effect and burden of treatments can be difficult, especially as death draws near. To understand health facts and treatment options, we need professional medical advice. To understand Catholic moral teaching, we need to consult Church teaching and those who can faithfully explain it.

SPEAKING WITH LOVED ONES.....

After informing our consciences, we need to inform our families. If we are unable to make decisions, they most often have legal authority to make surrogate decisions on our behalf. Or we may designate a health care agent by a durable power of attorney.

Though it is often helpful to also have written, signed documentation, no living will "check box" can ever replace clear conversations about our faith-guided principles. The best option is to choose an agent who will make medical decisions on our behalf in accord with our Catholic faith and Church teaching.

We should also inform family of our pastoral care preferences, and make clear that after death, we desire prayer, funeral rites, and Christian burial.⁹

ACCOMPANIMENT BEFORE AND AFTER DEATH¹⁰

Those who are sick should not be alone, as multiple popes have reminded us in messages for the annual World Day of the Sick. Patients who have serious or life-threatening illnesses, as well as their families, can be provided with physical, psychological, and spiritual care through team-based palliative care.¹¹ Hospice care can provide similar integrated care for those nearing death and for their families.

Pastoral care is integral to both palliative and hospice care, and includes making available the Eucharist, Confession, Anointing of the Sick, and Viaticum.¹² It also includes supportive

prayer¹³ and support for decision makers. It may be helpful to familiarize ourselves with local services available in preparation for our own passing or that of loved ones.

Even after death, accompaniment continues. Our prayers can help those who are being purified in Purgatory, so it is a spiritual work of mercy to pray for those who have died.¹⁴

HOPE IN THE RESURRECTION.....

Those who die in God's grace and friendship live forever with Christ. Heaven is not an abstract idea, but a true and lasting relationship with God that is beyond all earthly description and understanding. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead and everlasting life by preparing now, in hope, for our passage from this life into eternal life.

We need not fear. Christ is with us.

1 *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2nd ed., 2012 ff.

2 See Pope Francis, General Audience, 27 November 2013 (Libreria Editrice Vaticana), https://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/audiences/2013/documents/papa-francesco_20131127_udienza-generale.html.

3 *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2677.

4 *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1776 ff. *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults* (Washington, D.C.: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2006), pg. 314.

5 *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1701 ff., 2258 ff.

6 Many state conferences of Catholic Bishops have published materials which may help you with decisions about advance directives. To find these and other resources, contact your local diocesan Respect Life office. A directory is available at www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/diocesan-pro-life-offices.cfm.

7 *Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services*, 5th ed, (Washington, D.C.: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2009), <http://www.usccb.org/about/doctrine/ethical-and-religious-directives/>. (See especially Part 5.)

8 See Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*, (Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 1995), 15.

9 A summary is found here: <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/bereavement-and-funerals/overview-of-catholic-funeral-rites.cfm>.

10 Pope Francis uses the term "accompaniment" often; see its many occurrences in *Evangelii gaudium*.

11 Pope Francis, "Address of His Holiness Pope Francis to Participants in the Plenary of the Pontifical Academy for Life" (Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 2015), https://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/speeches/2015/march/documents/papa-francesco_20150305_pontificia-accademia-vita.html.

12 *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1499–1532. See also Pope Benedict XVI, "Message of the Holy Father on the Occasion of the Twentieth World Day of the Sick" (Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 2012), https://w2.vatican.va/content/benedict-xvi/en/messages/sick/documents/hf_ben-xvi_mes_20111120_world-day-of-the-sick-2012.html.

13 See for example these prayers at the time of dying and death <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/bereavement-and-funerals/prayers-for-death-and-dying.cfm>.

14 Pope Francis, General Audience, 30 November 2016, (Libreria Editrice Vaticana), https://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/audiences/2016/documents/papa-francesco_20161130_udienza-generale.html

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