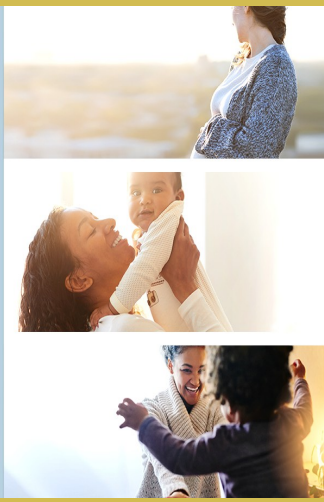


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ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

October 27, 2024
30th 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 28 - November 3

Mon: Ephesians 2:19-22; Luke 6:12-16
Tue: Ephesians 5:21-33; Luke 13:18-21
Wed: Ephesians 6:1-9; Luke 13:22-30
Thu: Ephesians 6:10-20; Luke 13:31-35
Fri: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14; Matthew 5:1-12a
Sat: Wisdom 3:1-9; John 6:37-40
Sun: Deuteronomy 6:2-6; Mark 12:28b-34

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 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)
Mon	Oct 28	5:30 p.m.	Alvin Augustine+
Tues	Oct 29	8:10 a.m.	Edward & Bertha Riedel+, Troy Riedel+ and Duane Riedel+
Wed	Oct 30	8:10 a.m.	James Newton+ (anniv)
	EGSC	10:00 a.m.	For the Residents & Families (liv/dec)
Thurs	Oct 31	8:10 a.m.	Eddie & Fidelia Honas+
		5:30 p.m.	For the Parishioners
Fri	Nov 1	7:00 a.m.	George & Elizabeth (anniv) Amrein+ Family (l/d)
		8:10 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Sat	Nov 2	5:30 p.m.	<i>Poor Soul Novena</i>
Sun	Nov 3	7:00 a.m.	<i>Poor Soul Novena</i>
Sun	Nov 3	9:00 a.m.	<i>Poor Soul Novena</i>

Ministries for November 2 & 3

Ministry	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lector	Barney Boos	Megan Honas
Presentation of Gifts	Allen & Kim Weber Family	Gordon & Geri Augustine Preston Browning
Eucharistic Minister(s)	John & Andrea Zody	Lacie Haas Jackie Flax Curtis Weber
Servers	Jaren Frickey	Hunter, Breckyn & Brielle Honas
Cantor / Musician	Alyson Johnson Emily Mattheyer	Guitar Choir
Ushers & Greeters	Peter & Jennifer Schield Family	Geoff & Mindy Eck Matthew & Jessica Meagher Family

Other Ministries

7:00am Lector	Nov. 3 (Sun) 7:00 a.m.	Joe Hertel
Communion to Homebound	Nov. 1 (Fri)	Fr. Dana Clark
Ellis Good Samaritan	Nov. 3 (Sun) 10:15 a.m.	John Gnad
Rosary Leaders	Nov. 2 (Sat) 5:30 p.m. Nov. 3 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	Rita Younger Peggy Seibel
Monthly Money Counters	November	Janice Dinkel Helen Fischer

Meetings & Events

Mon	Oct. 28	SMS Dismiss at 12:40pm Parish Council Meeting @ 7pm
Tues	Oct. 27	Auction Kick-Off Meeting @ 5:30pm
Wed	Oct. 30	YDisciples @ 6:30pm CCD @ 7:00pm
Thurs	Oct. 31	Happy Halloween! SMS No School (Teacher In-Service) Eucharistic Adoration 9:00am-5:00pm All Saints Day Vigil Mass @ 5:30pm
Fri	Nov. 1	All Saints Day (holy day of obligation) Mass at 7am, 8:10am SMS No School
Sat.	Nov. 2	All Souls Day
Sun	Nov. 3	DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS Cemetery Prayer Service @ 10am Remembrance Prayer Service @ 4:00pm

Parish Announcements

- **YDisciples!** What does Sainthood look like today? Come wrap up our final discussion on how to become a saint this Wednesday, October 30th beginning with a meal at 6:30pm with discussion to follow! Bring yourself and a friend!
- We are still accepting donations to support the **Hurricane Helene relief** efforts through Catholic Charities, USA. If you wish to make a donation and haven't done so yet, please make checks payable to St. Mary's Church, and turn them into the collection basket or the parish office by November 1st.
- **Feast of All Saints Day:** November 1st is a holy day of obligation this year. We will celebrate Mass on Thursday, Oct. 31st at 5:30pm and on Friday, Nov. 1 at 7:00am and 8:10am. **All ministries for these Masses are covered by volunteers.**
- **Daylight Savings Time Ends:** Remember to turn back your clocks ONE HOUR on November 2nd before you go to bed!
- **Cemetery Prayer Service** is scheduled for Sunday, November 3rd, following 9:00am Mass out at the Cemetery. All are welcome to join us. **Remembering Prayer Service** will be held at 4:00pm in the church for all parishioners and families to remember those who have passed away in the last year.

Parish Offering: Weekend of October 19 & 20

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

Offertory Loose Plate....\$934.00

Adult Envelopes.....\$4,982.00

Total Giving.....\$5,916.00

After this weekend the collection is below by \$725.73.

Notes from the Pastor

Respect for Life Month. This is the final week for Respect for Life. Check out the insert “Serving Moms in Need: Living the Gospel of Life.”

All Saints Day. Friday, November 1 is the Feast of All Saints. *It is a holy day 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. If you can't make those times, check with the parishes in Hays. They offer Masses at different times too.

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

Remembering Prayer Service. We will be conducting our Remembering Prayer Service next 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). Invitations to points of contact for each family was sent out last week. If we have missed some or if you have someone who passed away this past year that you want remembered, let us know by Friday, Nov. 1st, and we will add them to our list. Everyone is welcome to attend whether you are remembering a loved one or not.

Just to remind you: At the prayer service the names 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.

Auction 2025. We are forming a Procurement Committee right now to begin the process of procuring items for our upcoming auction on March 29, 2025. I'm hosting a Kick Off Meeting this Tuesday, October 29 at 5:30pm in the basement of the church. I'll provide food (probably pizza) for those who come. If interested in potentially helping in some way, come and check it out. There are a lot of jobs that need to be done by this committee; it is just not going to businesses and asking for donations. John & Andrea Zody have stepped up to help me in forming this committee. Andrea has already invited several couples. We will be forming other committees in near future. One of them is what I'm calling the “Audience Development Committee.” This committee will focus on bidders. It will be responsible for building a competitive audience of bidders to attend the auction. If interested on being on this committee let me know.

Have a good week! Fr. Dana

Parish Organizations

- **Pumpkin Prayer:** We still have a few pumpkins left in the back of church for parishioners to take home and pray the pumpkin prayer with their family & friends.
- **Box of Joy:** Thank You to all who have filled a box thus far! We will have boxes available through the weekend of November 2-3 in the back of church! Please return filled boxes by Wednesday, Nov. 6th to either the box in the back of church or the Parish Office! *If you rather make a monetary donation, you may either visit boxoffjoy.org to make a \$9 donation for each gift box, or give a donation to St. Mary's Parish Office to help with shipping of each box.*
- **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!
- **The Last Tuesday of Adult Formation with the Diocese:** We've reached the last Tuesday of the series to learn more about The Dignity of the Human Person, The Second Vatican Council, and Catholic Social Teaching. Plan to attend on **October 29—Minsitery to the Sick and Elderly!** Connect via ZOOM using your own device at 6:00-8:00pm. To sign up and receive the link, go to dcdiocese.org/af. Presenter Fr. Robert Schremmer will interview guest speakers who will share their experiences on accompanying the sick and elderly.

Parish Prayer List

Please Remember in Prayer

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.

School Announcements

Monday, October 28—Early Dismissal at 12:40pm

—Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:00pm

Tuesday, October 29—Parent/Teacher Conference 4:00-7:00pm

Wednesday, October 30— 6th Grade Saint Presentations at 12:00pm

—Fall Festival Parties at 2:30pm

Thursday, October 31—NO SCHOOL

Friday, November 1—NO SCHOOL, All Saints Day! (Holy Day of obligation) Mass at 8:10am



Box of Joy 2024! Reminder that if you haven't already returned your filled Box of Joy back to school, you have until Thursday, November 7th. If your family wishes to fill more than one box, please let the School Office know! If your family chooses not to participate this year, please send your empty box back to the school so someone else may use it. THANK YOU for helping to make a child's Christmas extra special.

- **Picture Day is Scheduled for November 7:** Don't forget to wear your school polo and smile on this day!
- **Students collecting food for the Ellis Food Pantry.** SMS Students are currently taking donations for the Ellis Food Pantry. We ask that you deliver items to the school office and/or send with your student(s). We will continue to take items until Friday, November 15. Some items that are needed are cereal, Mac & Cheese, rice & pasta, sauces to go with pastas, canned meats (chicken, tuna, corn beef, etc), peanut butter and jelly, canned soups, canned vegetables and fruits, instant mashed potatoes, pancake mix & syrup, fruit juices, condiments, or any non-perishable food items. Please check items to be sure they have not expired, dented or bloated. We appreciate any help you can provide!

Community Announcements



High School ONLY Halloween Candy Dash: Friends, Treats, Prizes and TONS of Fun at the Ellis Rec's High School Students *ONLY* Halloween Candy Dash! Bring your own flashlight! Search for pumpkins around the K18/ Legion Baseball Field for candy and prizes on **Wednesday, October 30 at 8:45pm!** *FREE to attend! Don't Be Late!!!*



Trick-Or-Treating Events in Ellis on Thursday October 31st: **Meet the Spooks at Ellis Good Sam:** Children ages 12 and under are invited to come Meet the Spooks on **from 2:00-4:30pm**, where the residents will be giving out Halloween candy for the little Trick-or-Treaters! *Children must be accompanied by an adult!* **Agiliti (formerly known as Wheelchairs of Kansas)** is inviting

everyone to bring their kids for some trick or treating fun in their Corporate Office building **from 3:30-5:00pm**. **Haunted Mansion and Truck-or-Treat in Downtown Ellis** becomes the place to be for all ages! The Ellis VFW is hosting a Haunted Mansion at the VFW Hall where visitors can come in and meet & greet with our ghouls, ghosts, witches, and all of their cohorts **from 5:00-8:00pm**. *Free Will Donations will be gratefully accepted with all proceeds going to support the Ellis VFW.* There will be trinkets and candies for all visitors to enjoy. Then head over to the parking lot just south of City Hall for a safe family time and enjoy the treats; wear your favorite costume and see the cars and fire trucks **beginning 6:00-8:00pm!** Please bring a canned good to support the Ellis Food Pantry! Sponsored by the Ellis Baptist Church and Ellis Police Department.

- **Mark Your Calendars—Ellis Food Box Pantry Open in November:** The Ellis Food Box Pantry will be open on November 4th from 3:00-6:00pm for those who need what a box provides. This is also the last opportunity to sign up for a Christmas Box if you choose to receive one.
- **Annual Hunter's Meal Set:** Mark your calendars for the annual Hunter's Meal hosted at Christ Lutheran Church on Saturday, November 9 from 11:00am-1:30pm. Eat in or Take Out: Chicken Noodle Soup, Taco Soup, Chili, Green Bean Dumpling Soup, Grilled Cheese or Pulled Pork Sandwiches and assorted pies!!! All Are Welcome!!!
- **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!



SERVING MOMS IN NEED LIVING THE GOSPEL OF LIFE

On March 25, 2020, the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, the Church celebrated the 25th anniversary of the papal encyclical *Evangelium vitae* (*The Gospel of Life*). This prophetic document, written by a great saint of our time, Pope John Paul II, reaffirmed the Church's constant teaching on the value and inviolability of every human life.

In this encyclical, the Holy Father explains that the Gospel of Life is at the *heart* of Jesus' saving message to the world. Through the Incarnation of Christ, God reveals to us the dignity of all human life. Each of us is made in the image and likeness of God, reflecting his glory and his imprint. We are therefore called to "respect, defend and promote the dignity of every human person, at every moment and in every condition of that person's life."¹

Evangelium vitae highlights the special and particular role of women in bearing the gift of life to the world. Pope John Paul II offers heartfelt thanks to these "heroic mothers," who, placing their trust in God, "devote themselves to their own family without reserve, who suffer in giving birth to their children and who are ready to make any effort, to face any sacrifice, in order to pass on to them the best of themselves."²

Pope John Paul II also outlines the many challenges that expectant mothers may face, including lack of support from the father, financial strains, concerns about her own health or that of her child, and pressures from family and friends. The Holy Father recognizes that an "unborn child is totally entrusted to the protection and care of the woman carrying him or her in the womb."³ For this reason,

it is particularly important that the Church come alongside mothers, offering them encouragement, assistance, and support.

Through Christ, we have received the gift of the Gospel of Life in its fullness. As members of the Church, we are the *people of life and for life*. It is our duty to proclaim the truth of the Gospel of Life to the world, for "*to proclaim Jesus is itself to proclaim life*."⁴ Pope John Paul II tasked us with building a culture of life to combat the forces at work in the culture of death. He challenged us:

With great openness and courage, we need to question how widespread is the culture of life today among individual Christians, families, groups and communities in our Dioceses. With equal clarity and determination we must identify the steps we are called to take in order to serve life in all its truth.⁵

In honor of *Evangelium vitae*'s 25th anniversary and in answer to Pope John Paul II's call, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Committee on Pro-Life Activities launched a nationwide effort entitled, ***Walking with Moms in Need***. Parishes, through the support of their bishops and pastors, are invited to join this effort to increase the Church's outreach and support to pregnant women facing difficult or unexpected pregnancies. This special anniversary has provided the Church with an opportunity to assess, expand, and better communicate resources to pregnant moms and families in need.

Pregnant and parenting moms in need are in our parishes and our neighborhoods, but in

desperation, they are turning to other places for help. We know the needs and challenges can be immense for women in difficult pregnancies, especially women in poverty, and the sources for help may not be apparent to those most needing support. Women facing challenging pregnancies should see the Church as a place where they can find help, especially with its extensive social services dedicated to meeting the needs of people in crisis.

Through *Walking with Moms in Need* the Church is being asked to respond to Pope John Paul II's call and honestly assess the pastoral and practical assistance that it currently provides to pregnant moms and families in need and how effective it is in communicating such help.

Pope John Paul II wrote that,

"gratitude and joy at the incomparable dignity of man impel us to share [the Gospel of Life] with everyone."⁶

He said we need to bring this message "to the hearts of all people and make it penetrate every part of society."⁷ By reaching out to lovingly support and care for pregnant women and their children, we witness to the sanctity of every human person, in every stage and every circumstance.

Evangelium vitae emphasizes that, "where

life is involved, the service of charity must be profoundly consistent. It cannot tolerate bias and discrimination, for human life is sacred and inviolable... We need then to 'show care' for all life and for the life of everyone."⁸ Pope John Paul II highlights the incredible history of service and charity that the Church has provided throughout the centuries to those abandoned and forgotten by society. He urges that "every Christian community, with a renewed sense of responsibility, must continue to write this history."⁹

We are called to reverence and love every human person as ourselves. It is our responsibility to care for and protect human life, especially the lives of the most vulnerable among us. *Evangelium vitae* teaches us that "the task of accepting and serving life involves everyone; and this task must be fulfilled above all towards life when it is at its weakest."¹⁰

Pope John Paul II wrote, "the Gospel of God's love for man, the Gospel of the dignity of the person and the Gospel of life are a single and indivisible Gospel."¹¹ The Gospel of Jesus is the Gospel of Life, and to love Jesus is to love and serve life. As followers of Christ, may we strive to continually respond to the needs of the poor and vulnerable entrusted to us by God.

As part of *Walking with Moms in Need*, the USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities is providing educational, pastoral, and action-oriented resources to help parishes go to the peripheries and bring hope and help to mothers in need. Through the combined efforts of parishes nationwide, we hope to move closer to the day when every pregnant mother in need knows where to turn for help, and abortion is unthinkable. Visit WalkingWithMoms.com to learn more and to pledge to prayerfully walk with mothers in need.

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