



ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

November 24, 2024

**Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe**

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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

November 25 - December 1

Mon: Revelation 14:1-3, 4b-5; Luke 21:1-4
Tue: Revelation 14:14-19; Luke 21:5-5-11
Wed: Rev. 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Luke 21:20-28
Thu: Sirach 50:22-24; Luke 17:11-19
Fri: Revelation 20:1-4, 11-21:2; Luke 21:29-33
Sat: Romans 10:9-18; Matthew 4:18-22
Sun: Jeremiah 33:14-16; Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

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	Nov 23	5:30 p.m.	For the Parishioners
Sun	Nov 24	7:00 a.m.	Leonard Wiesner+
Sun	Nov 24	9:00 a.m.	David Dreiling+ (anniv)
Mon	Nov 25	5:30 p.m.	Thomas & Joyce Boos+
Tues	Nov 26	8:10 a.m.	Leonard & Dorothy Weber+ and Ginny & Danny Robinett+
Wed	Nov 27	8:10 a.m.	Rudolph & Regina Augustine+ and Alvin Augustine+
EGSC 10:00 a.m. For the Residents & Families (liv/dec)			
Thurs	Nov 28	8:10 a.m.	Fred Taylor+
Fri	Nov 29	8:10 a.m.	Jake & Regina Schuster+ Family (liv/dec)
Sat	Nov 30	5:30 p.m.	LaVerne Dinke+ and David Dinkel+
Sun	Dec 1	7:00 a.m.	Johanna Gnad+
Sun	Dec 1	9:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners

Ministries for Nov. 30 & Dec. 1

Ministry	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lector	Andrea Zody	Mindy Eck
Presentation of Gifts	<i>Need Volunteers</i>	Gordon & Geri Augustine Preston Browning
Eucharistic Minister(s)	Richard Bollig Duane Dorzweiler	Sharon Bittel Sarah Eck Jackie Flax
Servers	Alyssa Rome	Emma Flax Jack Reed
Cantor / Musician	Trilogy Amy Staab	Isabella Eck Cheryl Lang
Ushers & Greeters	Karen & Duane Dorzweiler James & Alyssa Rome Gary Luea	Craig & Becky Seibel Family

Other Ministries

7:00am Lector	Dec. 1 (Sun) 7:00 a.m.	Mike Augustine
Communion to Homebound	Nov. 29 (Fri)	<i>No Communion</i>
Ellis Good Samaritan	Dec. 1 (Sun) 10:15 a.m.	Sharon Bittel
Rosary Leaders	Nov. 30 (Sat) 5:30 p.m. Dec. 1 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	Clarence Rupp Craig Seibel
Monthly Money Counters	December	Bob & Margie Mickelson

Meetings & Events

Mon	Nov. 25	Parish Council Meeting @ 7pm
Wed	Nov. 27	No School—Thanksgiving Break
Thurs	Nov. 28	Happy Thanksgiving! Mass at 8:10am <i>Parish Office Closed & No School</i> No Eucharistic Adoration
Fri	Nov. 29	<i>Parish Office Closed & No School</i>
Mon	Nov. 25	Parish Council Meeting @ 7pm

Ministries for Thanksgiving Day November 28 @ 8:10am

**All Ministries for Thanksgiving Day Mass
will be Volunteer.**

Parish Announcements

- **Bulletin Deadline:** If you have an announcement you wish to have in the bulletin for next weekend, please send it to Emily no later than Tuesday, Nov. 26 at 4:30pm. ***The Parish Office will be closed at 12:30pm on Wednesday, Nov. 27 through Friday, Nov. 29.***
- **No Eucharistic Adoration** on Thanksgiving Day!
- **Advanced Giving for #iGiveCatholic is still going on!** Thank you to all who have donated towards St. Mary's Church & School thus far! We were able to match all gifts given with the matching donations from Ellis Knights of Columbus and St. Mary's Home & School on the first day! We are currently matching gifts with funds provided by Memorial Donations by Riedel & Brungardt Families. Once those funds are maxed we have ANOTHER \$5,000 Matching Fund, thanks to some generous farmers within the parish! Please help us spread the word to your families and friends about giving a gift to St. Mary's! You may give a monetary gift by either dropping it in the collection basket, stopping by or mailing it the Parish Office or online!
- **Happy Thanksgiving to CCD/YDisciples and your families!** We will NOT meet on November 27th. Just a reminder: Eucharist means "thanksgiving" —best way to celebrate is by attending Mass! We'll see you December 4th! YDisciples, we'll gather for A (Adoration) B (Benediction) C (Confession)! Meal will be served at 6:30pm with ABC to follow! CCD Classes will resume at 7:00pm.
- **Second Sunday, Coffee & Donuts:** Mark your calendars for Dec. 8th after 9:00am Mass!
- **Time & Talent Forms:** Please take a look at the form and consider volunteering for a ministry (individually or as a family)! The deadline to return the forms to the Parish Office is **Monday, December 9!**

Notes from the Pastor

#iGiveCatholic. Advanced Giving continues. Thanks to all who have given so far. If you haven't done so, check our story profile page by going to salina.igivecatholic.org and search for our parish. You can also donate offline by mailing in or stopping by the parish office.

Thanksgiving Mass Time. Thanksgiving (November 28) is this Thursday. We will celebrate our many blessings with Mass at 8:10am.

YDisciples. Checkout the bulletin insert: "Reboot." 13 students of our YDisciple youth group, along with five adult sponsors, went to Colby this past Wednesday to listen to a talk by Chris Stefanick. Chris is an internationally acclaimed author, speaker, and television host. He is especially good with youth. Pictures were taken of our group at the event with Chris. Thanks to Andrea Zody, Craig Seibel, Cindy Zervas, Deb Kinderknecht, and Emily Mattheyer for organizing and sponsoring the trip to Colby. It was a great experience for them. Colton Metzler even had his prosthetic leg signed by Chris! A one of kind experience, I'm sure, for Chris. The cost of the trip and the tickets were paid by anonymous donors—THANK YOU! The talk was sponsored by Sacred Heart Parish in Colby.

"What's on the Table". There will be few copies of an Advent book entitled "The Advent of Rescue" on the table very soon that provides readings throughout the season of Advent and the Christmas Octave for all Weekday and Sunday Masses. It is book recommended by the Diocese. If interested, feel free to take one.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Since the feast falls on Sunday this year, December 8th, it is transferred to Monday, December 9. It is a Holyday of Obligation this year. I'm offering a vigil Mass on Sunday night at 7:00pm to make it more convenient for students and workers to fulfill this holyday obligation. I'll also offer a 7:00am, 8:10am (for St. Mary's students) and the regular Monday Mass at 5:30pm on the Monday.

Dates looking forward

Date	Event
11/28 (Thu)	Thanksgiving Mass @ 8:10am
12/1 (Sun)	Advent begins
12/3 (Tues)	#iGiveCatholic Giving Day
12/8 (Sun)	Feast of the Immaculate Conception Holyday Vigil Mass @ 7:00pm
12/9 (Mon)	Feast of the Immaculate Conception Holyday Masses: 7:00am, 8:10am, and 5:30pm
12/24 (Tue)	Christmas Eve Masses: 4:00pm & 6:00pm
12/25 (Wed)	Christmas Day Mass @ 9:00am

Have a good week! Fr. Dana

School Announcements

Monday, Nov. 25

Ellis VFW Auxiliary Veterans Day presentation

Tuesday, Nov. 26

Scrip Card Orders DUE!

2nd-6th Grade attend FHSU Bball Game

Wednesday, Nov. 27—Friday, Nov. 30

Fall Break—Happy Thanksgiving

- **THANK YOU** to St. Mary's School Families and Parishioners for supporting us by donating 178 items for the Ellis Food Pantry!
- **Don't Forget to Turn in your SCRIP Gift Card Orders:** Deadline is this Tuesday, November 26th before 3:30! Cards will be ready to pick up after Fall Break, December 3rd! A little school competition is happening with this round of sales: The class with the top participation in collecting orders for gift cards will earn a special reward from Home & School! So if you know a student, be sure to mention his/her name when you order so they get credit towards the reward!
- **Rock the Stocking Fundraiser** kicked off this past week! Students are selling lotions and make up products—perfect for stocking stuffers! If you wish to take a look at what the items may be, contact the school office! Fundraiser closes on December 4th, with items expected to arrive the week of December 13th!

Parish Prayer List

Please Remember in Prayer

Juanita Augustine, Rose Brack, Austin Carbajal,
John Cersovsky, 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, 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 November 16 & 17

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

Offertory Loose Plate....\$1,524.00

Adult Envelopes.....\$4,335.00

Total Giving.....\$5,859.00

After this weekend the collection is below by \$782.73.

Parish Organizations

- **Wrapping Up With Love:** The Good Hope Quilters are excited to be able to send over 40 quilts out to the Samaritan House in Denver in December! With the quilts, we like to include small personal items the families can use while they stay. We are asking for donations of personal times—things like hotel-size toiletries, hygiene products, rain ponchos, hats and gloves, little flashlights, chap stick, backpacks, pocket-sized New Testaments, rosaries, individual snack packs, etc. If you wish to donate items, please drop them by the Parish Office no later than December 8 or contact Gini Augustine at 726-4257 or 726-1257.
- **St. Mary's Gift Giving Trees:** It's that time of year where we continue the tradition of our giving trees to the Ellis Food Pantry and Ellis Good Sam. Both trees are located at the entrance of the church. The **Ellis Food Pantry Warming Heart** tree is for Ellis community members who are in need of clothing this holiday season. There is the age, gender, size of clothing needed on each gold heart. Please gift them BRAND NEW clothing, such as coats, jackets, hoodies, sweatpants outfits, and for the younger ones only, any of the above items and/or jeans and shirts. **Gifts purchased for the Warming Heart tree need to be returned back to the church or Parish Office on or before December 9th.** If you wish to give a monetary gift, please contact Rita Younger at 785-650-4225 or Millie Winterscheit at 785-726-1127. The **Ellis Good Sam Angel Tree** is for the residents of the Ellis Good Samaritan Center for Christmas Day. Each angel has a wish list for the designated residents, you only need to choose one item from the list. **Gifts purchased for the Angel tree need to be returned back to the church or Parish Office ONLY on or before December 16th.**
- **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!
- **Daughters of Isabella Christmas Party:** Make plans to attend on Sunday, December 8th (date change from schedule) at 12:00pm for our annual Christmas Party! Seasonal snacks and drinks will be served! An optional \$15 gift exchange will take place! Please join us! All are welcome!

Save the Dates!



Community Announcements



Thanksgiving Meal Offered: This is a *FREE* community event for all Ellis residents! Stop by the Ellis Knights of Columbus between 12:00-3:00pm on Thanksgiving Day, November 28th for turkey and all the fixin's! *Limited to the first 30 Ellis residents to attend.* This meal is being offered in appreciation for all of the Ellis residents by a grateful community member.



Holiday "mini" Photo Shoot, November 30 & December 7: The Ellis Nutrition Center is inviting all of you to come get into the holiday spirit by getting your photo taken! Bring your kids! Bring your pet! Bring your Significant Other! Have some fun! Cost is \$15.00 which includes (1) 8x10 print or (2) 5x7 prints. Dates are Saturday, Nov. 30 and Dec. 7th from 10:00am-6:00pm or by appointment during the week. Please call 785-726-3388 for a time slot! Photos will be taken by Donna Huff! All proceeds from this fundraiser will go to the Ellis Nutrition Center!

- **Ellis Polar Express Celebrates 15th Anniversary!** The Ellis Polar Express will be coming to Ellis on December 6th, 7th, 8th and we are excited to have you join us! We currently have these Limited Edition-15th Anniversary-Locally Crafted-Commemorative Ellis Polar Express Ornaments available **ONLY BEFORE** the Ellis Polar Express takes off! (not sold during the event)! For a suggested \$5.00 donation you can have one of these ornaments and help the Ellis Polar Express for years to come! Stop by Arthur's Pizza and Mexican Foods or the Ellis Recreation Commission to get yours today! **Remember: These ornaments are ONLY AVAILABLE now through December 5th!**
- **Pie Fundraiser:** The Ellis Nutrition Center is taking pre-orders for Village pies (\$20 each) now until December 10th before 12:00pm (Noon)! Flavors available: Apple, Berry Medley, Cherry, Pecan or Strawberry Rhubarb! Pies will arrive on December 11th and may be picked up between 12:00-2:00pm at the Nutrition Center! Call Leonard at 785-726-1278 to place your order! All proceeds benefit the future of the Ellis Nutrition Center!



REBOOT

a life-changing event

Fr. Dana giving us a blessing before we leave Ellis!



Anxiously waiting for Chris to be introduced from the front rows closest to the stage!



On November 20th, the activity bus pulled into the church parking lot and quickly had seats filled with **13** St. Mary's YDisciples, **2** FHSU students and **5** adult sponsors who made their way to Colby, KS for a fun, inspiring and practical experience of applying the beauty and genius of the Gospel to every aspect of life. During the 2 hour talk and along with **800+ Catholics**, we listened to Chris Stefanick, an internationally acclaimed author, speaker, and TV host, share with us how to live out **JOY** in our everyday life! We hope you will enjoy these photos we took together and take inspiration from our personal testimonials from the night!



"Make friends because friends are important."

"Spread the word of God anyway you can."

"God made you for JOY."

"If you wouldn't say it about your worst enemy, don't say it about yourself."

"Don't take on your negative mind alone."



"Inspire **YOURSELF** as well as others."

*"Joy is not after the battle.
It's what gets you through the battle."*

"Frame your life with your faith."

*"God so loved the world that he gave his
only son to die for us."*



*"Love should not be earned—you do things
because God loves you, not because you're
trying to earn His love."*

*"Every single person starts from love and then
is loved forever by God."*



God's most powerful
word is His word of
LOVE



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