

respect life month novena



OCTOBER 22-30
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ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

October 19, 2025
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 18 - Sept. 7, 2025

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 20 – October 26

Mon: Roman 4:20-25; Luke 12:13-21
Tue: Romans 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Luke 12:35-38
Wed: Romans 6:12-18; Luke 12:39-48
Thu: Romans 6:19-23; Luke 12:49-53
Fri: Romans 7:18-25a; Luke 12:54-59
Sat: Romans 8:1-11; Luke 13:1-9
Sun: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

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
School Council President	Mrs. Sarah Fischer
Home & School President	Mrs. Megan Honas
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 18	5:30 p.m.	Rudolph & Regina (anniv) Augustine+ and Alvin Augustine+
Sun	Oct 19	7:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Sun	Oct 19	9:00 a.m.	Larry M. Cox+ (anniv)
Mon	Oct 20	5:30 p.m.	Virginia & Danny Robinett+, Leonard & Dorothy Weber+ and Bill Weber, Sr.+
Tues	Oct 21	8:10 a.m.	Leo & Agnes Otter+ Family (liv/dec)
Wed	Oct 22	8:10 a.m.	Virginia Kinderknecht+
	EGSC	10:00 a.m.	For the Residents & their families (liv/dec)
Thurs	Oct 23	8:10 a.m.	Florence Peggy Brungardt+ (anniv)
Fri	Oct 24	8:10 a.m.	Ralph Waldschmidt+ (anniv)
Sat	Oct 25	5:30 p.m.	Simon & Alma Davignon+ Family (liv/dec)
Sun	Oct 26	7:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Sun	Oct 26	9:00 a.m.	Alan & Janetta+ Heroneme Family (l/d)

Ministries for October 25 & 26

Ministry	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lector	Andrea Zody	Geri Augustine
Presentation of Gifts	Jordan & Emily Mattheyer Family	Melvin & Gini Augustine
Eucharistic Minister(s)	Barney Boos Richard Bollig	Sarah Eck Curtis Weber Jackie Flax
Servers	Caleb, Landon, Mason Schield	Olivia & Vincent Eck
Cantor / Musician	Nancy Cunningham Abby Serpan	Sophie Seibel Emily Mattheyer
Ushers & Greeters	Gary Luea Roberta Augustine Pat & Diane Kuhn	Brad & Tava Deines Danny & Lacie Haas Family

Other Ministries

7:00am Lector	October 26 (Sun)	Mike Augustine
Communion to Homebound	October 24 (Fri)	Mindy Eck
Ellis Good Samaritan	October 26 (Sun) 10:15 a.m.	Sharon Bittel
Rosary Leaders	October 25 (Sat) 5:30 p.m. October 26 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	Clarence Rupp Josita Dreiling
Monthly Money Counters	October	Bob & Margie Mickelson

Meetings & Events

Sun	October 19	World Mission Sunday —special collection Guitar Choir Practice after 9am Mass TRUTH Bible Study @ 10:30am
Wed	October 22	YDisciples @ 6:30pm CCD Classes @ 7:00pm
Thurs	October 16	Eucharistic Adoration 9am-5pm RCIA @ 7:00pm
Fri	October 24	SMS Dismisses at 12:40pm
Mon	October 27	Parish Council Meeting @ 7pm

Parish Announcements

- **My Apologies:** My deepest apologies for not updating the Mass Intentions schedule in last week's bulletin. Please know that if your loved one was supposed to have a Mass last week, your intention was granted, just not printed correctly.
- **Today is World Mission Sunday!** We join Catholics around the world in prayer and generosity for the missions. The second collection today supports the Pope's missions in some of the most vulnerable places on earth. This year's theme, "*Missionaries of Hope Among the Peoples*," reminds us that our prayers and sacrifices bring light to those in darkness. Thank you for your generosity and for being part of this global mission. *Collection envelopes may be dropped off to the Parish Office or in next week's collection, if you choose to make a donation.*
- **Praying the Rosary at CCD:** CCD Students, you are encouraged to bring your Rosary to class with you on October 22nd as we will be praying the Rosary together.
- **YDisciples:** Let's gather for a meal together and discuss Session 2 of the video series "Created & Claimed" this Wednesday! Meal served at 6:30pm with discussion to follow! Bring a friend!
- **Get Your Picture Taken for the Church Directory!!!** We are still taking appointments to have you and your family photographed for the Church Directory on the weekend of November 8 & 9 and November 15. Call or email Emily at the Parish Office to get on the schedule! You are also welcome to submit a photo of you/your family if you so choose! Email it to Emily at the Parish Office.
- **Respect Life Month Novena:** Join thousands nationwide praying a special novena for the protection of human life from conception to natural death, beginning Wednesday, October 22–Thursday, October 30. Scan the QR code or visit respectlife.org/respect-life-month-novena for daily prayer intentions, short reflections and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Daily intentions will be posted on the church's website and Facebook each day at 3:00pm.



Notes from the Pastor

Respect for Life Month. Check out the insert “*Hope that Anchors Us*” article and table in the back of the church. Also check out the display in the back of the church.

Lost & Found. There was a very dainty, pretty necklace found in the church parking lot this week. If you are missing it, please stop by the Parish Office to claim.

“In Increased Offertory Program: Shining a Light on Growing Generosity.” The “newsletter” presentation is complete. You should receive it in the mail this week. Please give it a read. I included a summary of fundraisers’ income and a summary of projects completed last several years for both Church and School. I found the results very interesting.

All Saints Day. Saturday, November 1 is the Feast of All Saints. It is a not holyday of obligation this year.

Cemetery Prayer Service. Our traditional Cemetery Prayer Service will be Sunday, November 2 following 9:00am Mass.

Remembering Prayer Service. We will be conducting our Remembering Prayer Service, Sunday November 2 at 4:00 pm 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 one to have had the funeral here or buried here from them to be remembered.*

We will be sending out invitation letters this week to points of contact for each family. They can then inform other family members who may wish to attend.

Last week’s bulletin had a list of those we currently have to honor. Again, if you have someone who passed away this past year (or laid to rest) let us know so we can them to the list.

Catechism Trivia

6. What does God reveal to man? God in his goodness and wisdom reveals himself. With deeds and words, he reveals himself and his plan of loving goodness which he decreed from all eternity in Christ. According to this plan, all people by the grace of the Holy Spirit are to share in the divine life as adopted “sons” in the only begotten Son of God. *Further reading: CCC 50-53, 68-69*

7. What are the first stages of God's Revelation? From the very beginning, God manifested himself to our first parents, Adam and Eve, and invited them to intimate communion with himself. After their fall, he did not cease his revelation to them but promised salvation for all their descendants. After the flood, he made a covenant with Noah, a covenant between himself and all living beings. *Further reading: CCC 54-58, 70-71*

These excerpts are from the Compendium of the CCC.

Have a good week! Fr. Dana

Parish Organizations

- **Card Night at the Knights Hall:** The Ellis Knights of Columbus invite you to come play cards on Wednesday, October 22, beginning at 7:00pm!
- **Mother/Daughter Potluck & Bingo:** The Ellis Daughters of Isabella invite all mothers & daughters to come to the Knights Hall on Thursday, October 23 at 6:00pm to have fun together playing Bingo! No need to be a member of the D of I to come have fun!
- **SAVE THE DATE—2025 Adoption Mass:** Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas invites you to the 2025 Adoption Mass on November 7th at 5:00pm, celebrated at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Salina. Following the Mass, we will have a soup supper reception in the Hall of Bishops. This special event is open to all who have been touched by adoption in their beautiful journey of building families through adoption. Mark your calendars and join us for this meaningful occasion!
- **Volunteer Needed:** Divine Mercy Radio is looking for a volunteer to place yard signs twice a year during their Care-a-Thon fundraisers. Approximately 10 signs would be placed in the spring and fall a week before each Care-a-Thon in pre-determined yards in Ellis and picked up a week after. Signs could be stored at St. Mary’s Church or at the volunteer’s home for the remainder of the year. If interested in helping spread the word of Catholic radio, please call the DMR Office at 785-621-4110!

Parish Prayer List

Please Remember in Prayer

Congratulations! Samuel Honas & Abigail North,
who were married here on October 10, 2025!

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Juanita Augustine, Kampton James Augustine, Henry Dinkel,  
Cory Eberle, Joe & Arlene Erbert, Cheryl Noles, Sr. Doris Flax,  
Gary Flax, Robert Gerhardt, Michelle Goldsberry,  
Debbie Haas, Edna Hejny, Steve Hejny, Nathan Hively,  
Marvin King, Doug Kingsley, Tim Kingsley & Family,  
Gilbert Kinderknecht, Andy Lynn Klaus, Agneta Kuhn,  
Joey LaBarge, Kevin LaBarge, Shawna LaBarge,  
Martin & Debbie LaBarge, Annette Lang, Michael Lang,  
Norma Lang, Troy Mattheyer, Marge Metzler, Riley Moore,  
Joan Neufeldt, Elizabeth Newton, Ramona Patten,  
Kevin “Mo” Pfeifer, Cathy Sherfick,  
Bernie & Laura Schoenberger, Tanner Sullivan,  
Kathy Wiesner, 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: October 11 & 12

**Weekly Budget Fiscal Year 2025-26: \$6,845.00**

Offertory Loose Plate.....\$1,051.00

Adult Envelopes.....\$4,462.00

**Total Giving.....\$5,513.00**

**This weekend’s collection is down by \$1,332.00**

## School Announcements

**Monday, October 20:**  
LOFT Lunch for Kindergarten

**Wednesday, October 22:**  
“Good Things Happen” in the LOFT

**Thursday, October 23:**  
All-School Fall Fundraiser Reward at FHSU

**Friday, October 24:**  
PreSchool—2nd Gr. goes to Cottage Lane Pumpkin Patch  
Early Dismissal at 12:40pm (for Teacher workday)



**Halloween Special:** St. Mary's School has chocolate bars for sale for your Halloween treats! While supplies last! Limited amount of flavors available: Almond, Dark Chocolate, Caramel, Peanut Butter and Crisp. Each chocolate bar is \$2.00 or you can purchase an assorted box of 36 bars for \$72.00! Call the School Office to place your order!

**WE'RE HAVING A  
BOOK  
FAIR!**

**It's Book Fair Time!** Everyone is invited to attend our Scholastic Book Fair on Tuesday, October 28 & Wednesday October 29th from 3:30-8:00pm at the Washington Grade School Library! It's a great place to get a head start on early stocking stuffers for your students! Mrs. Hensley said “Funds from this Book Fair will benefit all Ellis school libraries—including St. Mary's School!” Link to shop online: <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/washingtonelementaryschool167>

**DIAPER  
DRIVE**

**Happy Bottoms Diaper Drive:** Bring a box of diapers to our school between now and November 6th! They will be delivered to Catholic Charities in Salina, Hays or Manhattan to be shared with those in need throughout our Diocese! Because of YOU: These diapers will provide loving support to babies in need across Northern Kansas.

### ST. MARY'S CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY



It's time for our new Church Photo Directory!

*We want you in it!*

**Leann's Photos** will be on here to capture your photos!

**Saturday, November 8 @ 8am-8pm**  
**Sunday, November 9 @ 8am-5pm**  
**Saturday, November 15 @ 10am-5pm**

Call St. Mary's Parish Office today to schedule your photos,  
785-726-4522

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|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| • 15 Minute Single/Couple/Family Session                      | • Online Sales (Parishioners will receive a QR code/link to view photos) |
| • Complete Family—breakdowns welcome (Time permitting)        | • Prints, cards and other products available                             |
| • One Outfit                                                  | • No minimum purchase                                                    |
| • Multiple Poses (Time permitting)                            | • Purchased items mailed directly to you                                 |
| • By Appointment by calling the Parish Office at 785-726-4522 |                                                                          |

**BOOK your session, CAPTURE memories and  
HELP your church!**

**Just in time for the Holidays! Give the gift of portraits!**  
Pick your favorite to be submitted to the St. Mary's Parish Directory!

## Community Announcements

- **5th Quarter for EHS Students** will be Friday, October 24th following the home football game against Leoti until 11:30pm at the Ellis United Methodist Church! FREE to ALL Ellis High School Students! Come enjoy good food, win prizes and play games with your peers!



### **Christmas Décor Workshop with Jim Moeder!**

Bring a wreath, centerpiece, or door hanger to give it a fresh new look and learn how to make a BIG BEAUTIFUL Bow on October 25th at 2:00pm at the Ellis Public Library! This class has a limit of 18 participants! Kindly RSVP to the Library if you are interested in attending—there is a \$15.00 donation to Friends of EPL. Ribbon & supplies provided by Gibson Health Mart Floral.



### **Make Reservations for Ellis Food Box Pantry Christmas Boxes:**

If you or someone you know could benefit from what a Christmas Box provides, you will need to reserve one by October 31st with Rita Y (785-650-4225) or Millie W. (785-726-1127). Christmas Box Pick up is the week of December 15th!

- **Christmas Cash Bash with the Ellis High School Alumni:** The EHS Alumni Association is selling chances to win cash in December for a \$10.00 donation! There are only 400 tickets available! Contact a EHSA Board Member or VENMO @EHS-Alumni to get your tickets!
- **Mark Your Calendars for the Ellis Hunter's Meal** held at Christ the Lutheran Church on Saturday, November 8th, 11:00am-1:30pm! More details to come!



**Stars & Stripes Breakfast Set for Sunday, November 9th at Hays VFW!** A portion of the tickets sold will go towards the Ellis VFW &

Auxiliary programs! Pre-Ticket sale prices are: \$11.50 for adults, \$6.50 for children 5-12 years, and Free for children 5 and under! Menu includes: All-You-Can-Eat, pancakes, sausage, bacon, scrambled eggs, hash browns, biscuits, gravy, toast, coffee & orange juice! Contact any Ellis Auxiliary member to take advantage of early ticket prices!

- **Join the Music!** The Ellis United Methodist Church invites the whole community to be a part of our **First Annual Christmas Program**—a joyful afternoon of music, fellowship, and celebration of Christ's birth. Mark your calendars for November 30 at 3:00pm at EUMC! We're looking for Hand-Bell Ringers (no experience needed!), Singers, Instrumentalists & Groups, Choirs, Youth Groups, Family Ensembles! All ages and styles of sacred or family-friendly Christmas music are welcome! To participate, contact: Katy H. @ 785-623-9398 or Cappy G. @ 785-650-7251, or email [ellisumc@gbta.net](mailto:ellisumc@gbta.net).



# Hope that Anchors Us

*Facing the end of life, whether for ourselves or someone we love, can stir fear, sadness and deep questions about what lies ahead. Yet, in these moments, we are called to cling to a hope far greater than anything this world offers. Christian hope is not just a wish for things to improve; it is a certainty, rooted in a person who will never fail us. Our hope rests in the One who guarantees it—Jesus Christ, who holds our future in His hands.*

*So how do we truly live out this hope, especially when suffering weighs heavy?*

*Let us use the letters of the word “hope” to reflect more deeply on the assurance Jesus has given us.*

## Holding Fast to Christ

Our hope is not in vague ideas but in Jesus Christ: God who took on flesh, loved us to the end, and conquered death. When life’s final chapter feels uncertain, He remains our sure and steadfast anchor. We are held by a God who keeps His promises. “The mystery of the Redemption of the human person is in an astonishing way rooted in the loving involvement of God with human suffering. That is why we can entrust ourselves to God and to convey this certainty in faith to the person who is suffering and fearful of pain and death.”<sup>1</sup>

## Overcoming Death

Through His resurrection, Jesus Christ, overcame death and gave us the hope of joining Him in eternal life. Eternal life is a relationship with our Lord who does not die, who is Life and Love itself. “Death is a decisive moment in the human person’s encounter with God the Savior.”<sup>2</sup> Thanks to the grace of Christ, death is not the end of life but a promise of communion with God. This is the glorious future awaiting us, and the great hope that steadies us even now when we are suffering.

## Persevering in Solidarity

The Gospel is not just information; it transforms. It changes our life and enables us to act. Since we know who holds our tomorrow, we can face today’s fears with courage. This hope reshapes how we face suffering. It means living our final days not in despair, but with joy, offering our pain as prayer and witness.

This hope is not just for us; it is a light we pass to others. In hospice rooms, family conversations, and quiet acts of care for others, we become living reminders that no life is beyond God’s reach. “The scene of the Cross provides a way of understanding that even when it seems that there is nothing more to do there remains much to do, because ‘remaining’ by the side of the sick is a sign of love and of the hope that it contains.”<sup>3</sup> Together, we can build communities anchored in solidarity that no illness or grief can destroy. We believe that every human

life, to the very last breath, has inestimable value and demands our protection and care.

### Embracing Suffering

Jesus did not just observe human suffering—He entered into it. Our God chose to become like us! Love Himself chose to suffer with us, and that changes everything. Even when we feel alone, He is there, whispering, “I am with you.” Our suffering becomes meaningful when united to Christ’s suffering on the Cross. When we unite our pain with His, it becomes a share in God’s redeeming work, a mystery where our deepest wounds become vessels of grace. This is the scandal of our faith: a God who did not spare Himself so that we would know we are never abandoned.

Isaiah the prophet tells us, “They that hope in the Lord will renew their strength” (Is. 40:31). In life’s hardest moments, let us fix our eyes on our Lord Jesus Christ. He walks this path with us, redeems our struggles, and promises a dawn where every tear is wiped away. May His hope light our way, guiding us and our loved ones to our heavenly home with Him.



<sup>1</sup> *Samaritanus bonus*, Conclusion.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid*, V, 10.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid*, II.

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