

ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

November 16, 2025
33rd Sunday in
Ordinary Time



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Diocese: <http://salinadiocese.org>

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

November 17 – November 23

Mon: 1 Maccabees 1:1-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Luke 18:35-43
Tue: 2 Maccabees 6:18-31; Luke 19:1-10
Wed: 2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31; Luke 19:11-28
Thu: 1 Maccabees 2:15-29; Luke 19:41-44
Fri: 1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59; Luke 19:45-48
Sat: 1 Maccabees 6:1-13; Luke 20:27-40
Sun: Revelation 5:12; 1:6; Luke 23:35-43

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	Nov 15	5:30 p.m.	Rose Egger+
Sun	Nov 16	7:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Sun	Nov 16	9:00 a.m.	Manny Befort+ (anniv) and John & Agnes Befort+ Families (liv/dec)
Mon	Nov 17	5:30 p.m.	Edger & Rosemary Bittel+, Elaine Bittel, and Wayne King+
Tues	Nov 18	8:10 a.m.	Scott Niernberger+
Wed	Nov 19	8:10 a.m.	LaVerne Dinkel+ (anniv) and David Dinkel+ Family (liv/dec)
	EGSC	10:00 a.m.	Henry & Mariam Zody+ Family (liv/dec)
Thurs	Nov 20	8:10 a.m.	Janet Augustine+
Fri	Nov 21	8:10 a.m.	Jane Wiesner+
Sat	Nov 22	5:30 p.m.	David Dreiling+ (anniv)
Sun	Nov 23	7:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Sun	Nov 23	9:00 a.m.	Phyllis & Mike Murphy+

Ministries for November 22 & 23

Ministry	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lector	Richard Bollig	Melvin Augustine
Presentation of Gifts	Gary Luea Roberta Augustine	Austin & Kiedra Hickert Family
Eucharistic Minister(s)	Terry & Cindy Zervas	Sarah Eck Mindy Eck <i>NEED VOLUNTEER</i>
Servers	Rylan Aschenbrenner Willow Swagerty	Hunter, Breckyn, Brielle Honas
Cantor / Musician	Men's Choir Nancy Cunningham	Abby Serpan Amy Staab
Ushers & Greeters	Bob & Margie Mickelson James Rome, Alyssa Rome Clarence Rupp	<i>Needing Volunteers</i>

Other Ministries

7:00am Lector	November 23 (Sun)	Eldon Pfeifer
Communion to Homebound	November 21 (Fri)	Barney Boos
Ellis Good Samaritan	November 23 (Sun) 10:00 a.m.	Barney Boos
Rosary Leaders	November 22 (Sat) 5:30 p.m. November 23 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	Diane Kuhn Peggy Siebel
Monthly Money Counters	November	Helen Fischer Lisa Weber

Meetings & Events

Mon	November 17	Advanced Giving for #iGiveCatholic begins
Tues	November 18	SCRIP Card Orders Due to School Office by 3:30pm
Wed	November 19	YDisciples @ 6:30pm CCD Classes @ 7:00pm
Thurs	November 20	Eucharistic Adoration 9am-5pm RCIA @ 7:00pm

Parish Announcements

- **#iGiveCatholic Advanced Giving Days Begin this Monday, November 17th!!!** Hopefully you have received the mailing about St. Mary's School & Church participating in #iGiveCatholic for the 7th year! We have some high hopes that this year is going to be the best one yet! We have *lots* of matching funds available to *DOUBLE* your gifts throughout the Advanced Giving Days, November 17-December 1. Keep in mind that the actual giving day is December 2nd, Giving Tuesday! You may give a monetary gift by either dropping it in the collection basket, stopping by the Parish Office or sending it via mail, or you may give online as well! Check out the bulletin insert for more details!

- **YDisciples BINGO Bonanza at Ellis Good Sam:** YDisciples, meet at the Ellis Good Sam for pizza at 6:30pm followed by Bingo Fun with our Good Sam Friends! The more the merrier—Bring a friend!

- **Thank You** to those who took advantage of Leann's Photos the past two weekends to have your photo taken for the Church Directory! You should be receiving an email from Leann's Photos very soon to choose your favorite to include in the Directory and ordering, if you wish!

If you missed Leann's Photos professionalism, you have an option to **Submit Your Own Photo** or you can come to the Parish Office and we'll take your photo using our backdrop! We ask that you please either submit or have your photo taken by the end of the month, which will allow us time to start putting the new directory together!

- **Time & Talent Forms 2026:** Please watch your mail in the upcoming week for our annual Time & Talent forms that will be mailed out very soon! Please take time to review it and return back to the Parish Office in a timely manner so planning for the upcoming year can be done quickly! Please prayerfully consider volunteering, sharing your time and talents with the parish!

Notes from the Pastor

#iGiveCatholic. Advanced Giving begins this Monday, November 17, with Giving Tuesday on December 2. Letters were sent out to parishioners and patrons. Show your support for our church and school by taking advantage of this opportunity.

“In Increased Offertory Program: Shining a Light on Growing Generosity.” A friendly reminder that we are in phase 3 of the program, the commitment phase. We ask that you please read the Increased Offertory Brochure and return the Commitment Card that was mailed out. You may return them by mailing them to the Parish Office or dropping them into the collection

Thanksgiving Day Mass Time. Thanksgiving Day, November 27, is approaching fast, a week from this coming Thursday. Mass will be celebrated at regular daily mass time, at 8:10am. This is a good time to come and thank God for his blessings.

2026 Calendars are available. Check the tables in the back of the church.

From the Diocese:

Tax Credit Scholarship: Support Catholic Education in the Salina Diocese and receive a 75% State Tax Credit! The Scholarship Granting Fund for the Catholic Diocese of Salina is accepting donations and is able to offer a 75% tax credit. For the 25-26 school year, approximately \$90,000 was awarded to schools for 120 qualifying students in the Salina Diocese. These funds go directly to help with the cost of education for the qualifying student. Please call or email Heather Hartman, Chief Executive Officer for the Catholic Foundation, at 785-827-8746 or heather.hartman@salinadiocese.org.

Dates to Remember

Date	Event
11/17 (Mon)	#iGiveCatholic Advance Giving Begins
11/23 (Sun)	Feast of Christ the King
11/27 (Thu)	Thanksgiving Day Mass @ 8:10am
11/30 (Sun)	Advent begins
12/2 (Tues)	#iGiveCatholic Giving Day
12/7 (Sun)	Feast of the Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass @7:00pm
12/8 (Mon)	Feast of the Immaculate Conception. <i>Holyday</i> Masses @ 7:00am, 8:10am, & 5:30pm
12/24 (Wed)	Christmas Eve Masses @ 4:00pm & 6:00pm
12/25 (Thu)	Christmas Day Mass @ 9:00 a.m.
12/31 (Wed)	Solemnity of Virgin Mary, Mother of God Vigil Mass @ 5:30pm
1/1 (Thu)	Solemnity of Virgin Mary, Mother of God <i>Holyday</i> Masses @ 7:00am & 9:00am

Have a good week! Fr. Dana

Parish Organizations

- **Ellis K of C 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 on December 1st! Get your ticket(s) today for a donations of \$20.00 per ticket by contacting a Knight! For more information call Gary K. (785-726-1400) or Allen Weber (785-249-8543 or 785-726-3113). As the drawing gets closer, more info will be shared!
- **“Memorial Tree Dedication”** The Healing Hearts Grief Support Group has two events coming up! It’s annual “Memorial Tree Dedication” is set for Saturday, Nov. 22nd at the Hays Public Library at 10:00am. The event invites anyone who has experienced the loss of a child of any age to place an ornament on the tree in memory of that person. It is for parents, grandparents, siblings, other family members, teachers, friends and others! Individuals may bring their own special ornaments or may use one of the free ornaments that will be available.

The grief support group’s month meeting will be held on Thursday, Nov. 20th at Schmidt Community Center, 2510 Canterbury Dr. in Hays. Doors open at 6:15pm; attendees are asked to use the south door. They are hosting, guest speaker, Micki Armstrong, president of A Different Mindset Association. This meeting is open to the public or anyone interested in learning about support groups for those caring for a loved one with dementia/Alzheimer's as well as for those suffering from the disease..”

Parish Prayer List

Please Remember in Prayer

Congratulations to Kash Leland Werth, who was baptized here on November 9, 2025.
Son of Brayden & Kristin (Huser) Werth.

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Juanita Augustine, Kampton James Augustine, Henry Dinkel, Cory Eberle, Joe & Arlene Erbert, Cheryl Noles, Sr. Doris Flax, Gary Flax, 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, Elizabeth Newton, Ramona Patten, Kevin “Mo” Pfeifer, Ralph & Shirley Pitner, 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: November 8 & 9**

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

Offertory Loose Plate.....\$1,369.00

Adult Envelopes.....\$4,222.00

**Total Giving.....\$5,591.00**

**This weekend’s collection is below by \$1,254.00**

## School Announcements



◀Kindergarten Class eats lunch in the LOFT with special guest, Ms. Roberta!

► Members of the Ellis VFW Auxiliary visited on Veterans Day and read us the story by Emma Jones, "Who Are Veterans?"!



- **Stock the Ellis Food Pantry:** Let's help replenish the Ellis Food Box Pantry by bringing canned food or other non-perishable items! Students have already been bringing in items! We will be collecting items until right before Thanksgiving Break!
- **RaiseRight SCRIP Gift Card Orders:** We are taking orders for scrip gift cards if you wish to purchase any for Black Friday shopping or Christmas gifts! **Order deadline is quick, they are due back to the School office by Tuesday, November 18 before 3:30pm!!!** We've included an order form as an insert to this bulletin, along with instructions if you wish to order online. 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! (Online orders will count as well, just be sure to follow instructions for them to count!). So if you know a student, be sure to put his/her name on your order form so they get credit towards the reward!



**FREE DRESS FRIDAYS!!!** Starting November 21st and continuing through the month of December, students and staff may take part in Free Dress Fridays (following handbook guidelines)! Donate \$1.00 every Friday for Free Dress Friday! Your donations help raise funds for 6th Grade Dominic Savio to put towards their fundraiser for Good Sam's residents and the Humane Society of the High Plains.

- **Prize & Raffle Items Needed:** We are currently taking donations for Prize Central and the Raffle for our annual school carnival in January! If you would like to donate, we ask that all items be brand new. Please deliver them to the school no later than January 16, 2026. If you have questions, please contact Bailey Dinkel (785-259-1858) or Megan Honas (785-650-1041). Watch the bulletin for more ways to help in the weeks ahead! We appreciate your continued support!

## Community Announcements

- **LAST CHANCE To Get Your Orders in for Holiday Pies at the Ellis Nutrition Center!!!** Pre-Order delicious Village Pies for \$20 each by November 18 and pick up on Nov. 19th, just in time for holiday season! Many flavors to choose from: Apple, Berry Melody, Black Cherry, Cherry, Peach, Pecan, Pumpkin, Strawberry Rhubarb! Call the Ellis Nutrition Center at 785-726-3388 or Leonard S. at 785-726-1278 to place your pie order. **Have you taken your photo for the holiday season yet?** No worries—we are inviting you to bring your kids, your pet, your significant other for a fun holiday photo on November 22nd from 10:00am-2:00pm! For a small donation of \$15.00, you will get (1) 8x10 and (2) 5x7 prints. Call Donna Huff at 785-623-0046 to schedule your holiday photos! Proceeds from both fundraisers go to the Ellis Nutrient Centers.



**Christmas Light Installation:** This Christmas season, Cole Feldt is offering Christmas light installation in Hays and surrounding town, including Ellis! Whether you don't have time, can't get on your roof anymore, or just don't know how, he is ready to help! Call or text Cole at 785-656-0058 for more information!



**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!



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ON GIVING TUESDAY

# Decemeber 2, 2025

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## ● What is #iGiveCatholic Campaign?

#iGiveCatholic is a Giving Day for the faithful across the nation (and the globe!) to come together and raise as many charitable dollars as possible for Catholic parishes, schools and ministries in participating arch/dioceses. Why host a day of Catholic Giving on #GivingTuesday? We have a day for giving thanks. We have two days for purchasing gifts for loved ones – Black Friday and Cyber Monday. Beginning its 14<sup>th</sup> year, #GivingTuesday is a global day dedicated to generosity fueled by the power of social media, collaborating, and a lot of publicity. #GivingTuesday also kicks off the charitable season when many focus on their holiday and end-of-year giving. This year's #iGiveCatholic takes place on #GivingTuesday, December 2, from 12:00am to 11:59pm for gifts given online or offline through a donation of cash or check directly to the Catholic organization of the donor's choice. In addition, there is an Advanced Giving Day phase for both online and offline "pre-Giving Day" gifts running from 12:00am on Monday, November 17 through 11:59pm on Monday, December 1.

## ● We Have Matching Funds

- **St. Mary's Home & School Association:** The St. Mary's Home & School Association has offered to match up to \$2,000 for St. Mary Church & School. Donations will be matched \$1 for \$1 while funds last, with the maximum match per donor of \$250.
- **A Faithful Farmer Matching Gift:** This Faithful Farmer from our parish has made a donation of \$4,500 to St. Mary Church & School! Donations will be matched \$1 for \$1 while funds last, with a maximum match per donor of \$500. *This matching fund will begin once the Home & School Association match donation has been fulfilled.*
- **Ellis Knights of Columbus Council #2133:** The Ellis Knights of Columbus Council has offered to match up to \$5,000 for St. Mary Church & School. Donations will be matched \$1 for \$1 while funds last, with a maximum match per donor of \$500. *These matching funds will begin once the Faithful Farmer Matching Gift donation has been fulfilled.*
- **A Proud Supporter of St. Mary's Parish:** This match is made by a proud member of St. Mary's Parish, who just so happens to have children attending St. Mary's School as well! They are willing to match up to \$2,000 for St. Mary Church & School. Donations will be matched \$1 for \$1 while funds last, with a maximum match per donor of \$250. *This matching fund will begin once the Knights of Columbus match donation has been fulfilled.*

*To take advantage of the matching funds, we invite you to donate early.*

*Advanced Giving Days open on Monday, November 17 at 12:00am through December 2 at 11:59pm.*

## ● How to Donate:

### ONLINE (using your credit card or bank transfer):

1. Visit: [salina.igivecatholic.org](http://salina.igivecatholic.org)
2. Search for our parish: St. Mary Church and School (Ellis)  
Select: SEARCH
3. Select: DONATE
4. Select / Enter a donation amount

**\*\* You are welcome to read our story, share our profile with family and friends!**

### OFF LINE (cash or check):

You may donate a monetary gift of cash or check to St. Mary's Parish. You may drop it off or send it to the Parish Office, or drop it into the collect basket (please indicate #iGiveCatholic in the memo line). We will enter your gift into the system for you!



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