

ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD

*Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe*

November 23, 2025



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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

November 24 – November 30

Mon: Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20; Luke 21:1-4

Tue: Daniel 2:31-45; Luke 21:5-11

Wed: Daniel 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28

Thu: Sirach 50:22-24; Luke 17:11-19

Fri: Daniel 7:2-14; Luke 21:29-33

Sat: Daniel 7:15-27; Luke 21:34-36

Sun: Isaiah 2:1-5; Matthew 24:37-44

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 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+
Mon	Nov 24	5:30 p.m.	Eunice Berland+
Tues	Nov 25	8:10 a.m.	Fred+ & Mary Ann Taylor
Wed	Nov 26	8:10 a.m.	Sunny Herman+
EGSC		10:00 a.m.	Donna Honas+ Family (liv/dec)
Thurs	Nov 27	8:10 a.m.	Rose Egger+ Family (liv/dec)
Fri	Nov 28	8:10 a.m.	Bailey DeSjarlais+
Sat	Nov 29	5:30 p.m.	LaVerne Dinkel+ and David Dinkel+ Family (liv/dec)
Sun	Nov 30	7:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Sun	Nov 30	9:00 a.m.	Jake (anniv) & Regina Schuster+

All Ministries for Thanksgiving Day Mass, November 27 @ 8:10am will be Volunteer.
Music provided by Cheryl Lang & Amy Staab.

Ministries for November 29 & 30

Ministry	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lector	Perry Mick	Mindy Eck
Presentation of Gifts	Allen & Kim Weber Family	Matt & Jessica Meagher Family
Eucharistic Minister(s)	Duane Dorzweiler Barney Boos	Eldon & Stephanie Jerauld Lacie Haas
Servers	Caleb, Landon, Mason Schield	Addalyn & Ainsley Haas
Cantor / Musician	Trilogy Amy Staab	<i>Needing Volunteer(s)</i>
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 28 (Fri)	<i>No Communion</i>
Ellis Good Samaritan	November 30 (Sun) 10:00 a.m.	Sharon Bittel
Rosary Leaders	November 22 (Sat) 5:30 p.m. November 23 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	Diane Kuhn Peggy Seibel
Monthly Money Counters	November	Helen Fischer Lisa Weber

Meetings & Events

Mon	November 24	Parish Council Meeting @ 7pm
Wed	November 26	No School—Thanksgiving Break
Thurs	November 27	Happy Thanksgiving!Mass at 8:10am Parish Office Closed & No School No Eucharistic Adoration
Fri	November 28	Parish Office Closed & No School

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, November 25 at 4:30pm. ***The Parish Office will be closed Thanksgiving Day and Friday, November 28.***
- **Parish Directory Photo Links:** If you had your photo taken by Leann's Photos you should have received an email directly from her to choose which photo you'd like to submit to the Parish Directory. From that email link you are also able to purchase photos! Please try to choose your favorite for the Directory as soon as you can!
- **Time & Talent Forms** have been mailed out! Please watch for them in your mailbox and consider volunteering for a ministry (individually or as a family) The deadline to return the forms to the Parish Office is **Monday, December 8!**
- **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 started with \$14,000 Matching Funds and have been able to double \$8,575 monetary gifts thus far! There are still matching funds available to **DOUBLE** your gift! Please help us spread the word to your family 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 to the Parish Office or online!
- **Happy Thanksgiving to CCD Students & YDisciples and your families!** We will *not* meet on November 26th. We encourage you to celebrate Mass on Thanksgiving to give thanks for your many blessings. We will see you all on December 3rd!

Parish Offering: November 15 & 16

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

Offertory Loose Plate.....\$1,348.25

Adult Envelopes.....\$3,515.00

Total Giving.....\$4,863.25

This weekend's collection is below by \$1,981.75

Notes from the Pastor

Happy Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving Day is this Thursday, November 27. I would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. This is a time for us to pause and give thanks for the gifts we have received and the good things we have. Although we have many struggles in our lives and crosses to bear, there are many things for which to be thankful. We can be thankful for the opportunities to love, to be self-giving, to learn about God and our faith. We can especially give thanks for Jesus: our Savior, our Life, our Hope, our Way. I'm thankful for a beautiful parish and the beautiful people who give so much of their time, talent, and/or treasure to the parish. You are invited to come celebrate Mass with me on Thanksgiving Day at 8:10am, our regular daily Mass time.

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

Time & Talent Letters were sent out Friday. Please read and return the forms by December 8.

"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. Letters were mailed out a couple weeks ago, which includes an Increased Offertory Brochure and a Commitment Card. We ask that you fill out the commitment card and return to us at your earliest convenience by mailing them to the Parish Office or dropping them into the collection.

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

Dates to Remember

Date	Event
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



Youth Choir Sings, December 14th: Come Sing with Us!!! We are inviting students who are in the 3rd grade and older who love to sing to come and join us on Sunday, December 14th at 9:00am Mass! A required practice will take place on Sunday, December 7th at 2:00pm in the church. Please RSVP to Nancy C. by calling or texting 785-726-1096 by December 1st.

- **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). Drawing will begin on December 1 at 5:30pm at the Knights Hall!!
- **Ellis Food Box Christmas Warming Hearts Tree** is now on display in the back of church! Gift wishes for the Ellis community children who are in need of clothing this holiday season. Please use your best judgment to gift them **brand new** clothing, such as hats, gloves, mittens, coats/hoodies, sweat outfits, socks or even blankets for small children. Gifts are due back either under the tree or to the Parish Office by Friday, December 12th! Monetary gifts are also welcome, please contact Rita Younger at 785-650-4225 or Millie Winterscheidt at 785-726-1127.



H A P P Y
Thanksgiving

Parish Prayer List

Please Remember in Prayer

Our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends in the loss of **Rosemary Pfeifer**, who passed away Nov. 15, 2025. May the peace of God surround you during this time of sorrow.

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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, 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.*

## School Announcements

**Monday, November 24**

2nd Grade LOFT Lunch

**Tuesday, November 25:**

3rd-6th Grade attend FHSU Bball Game for Youth Day!

**Wednesday November 26—Friday, November 28**

Fall Break—Happy Thanksgiving

- **THANK YOU** to St. Mary's School Families and Parishioners for your donations during Advanced Giving Days! Let's continue to shine the light for our students! Remember: Giving Tuesday is December 2nd!

**RAFFLE  
PRIZES  
NEEDED**

**St. Mary's Carnival Raffle Prize Request:** Help make our annual school carnival a success! The annual St. Mary's School Carnival is just around the corner, and we need your help to make our **Raffle** the best one yet! The raffle is a major fundraiser for the school, providing essential resources for our students. We are seeking donations of **new, exciting prizes** that would appeal to **school-aged children**.

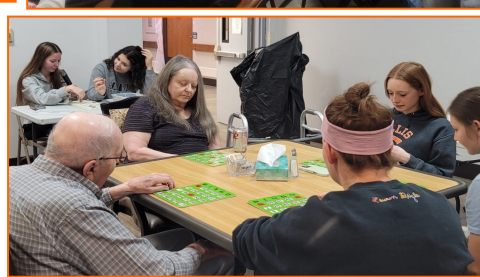
This is the perfect time to shop! With Black Friday and Cyber Monday sales happening soon, please keep the school carnival in mind as you look for deals. Great prizes could include:

- ★ **Toys and Games:** STEM or Building sets, remote-control toys, action figures.
- ★ **Electronics:** Kids 3D printers, Projectors, Headphones, Bluetooth speakers, gaming systems, tablets, TVs.
- ★ **Gift Baskets:** Movie night themes, art supplies, sports gear, or candy baskets, gift cards.
- ★ **Experiences and/or Gift Certificates:** Local restaurant vouchers, family fun center passes (trampoline, activity or adventure parks), night at Parrot Cove (Garden City, KS) or Wolf Creek Lodge (KC).
- ★ **Equipment:** Electric Scooters, Hoverboard, Bikes, safety gear, Jersey's, equipment.

**How to Donate:** Please drop off all donated items at the St. Mary's Grade School Office during regular hours by **January 12, 2026** or contact one of the School Carnival Raffle committee members: Kiedra Hickert (785-259-2628) or Becky Seibel (785-639-1654). Please attach a note with your name (for a thank you!) if you wish. *Thank you for your generosity in supporting our school!*

**B-I-N-G-O!**

**YDisciples visited their friends at the Ellis Good Sam for a night of Thanksgiving Bingo Bonanza!**



## Community Announcements



**Free Community Thanksgiving Day Meal:**

This community Thanksgiving meal will be held from 11:00am-2:00pm, Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, at the Ellis Knights Hall.

No reservations are required; the meal is first-come, first served. There will be an option for delivery if needed. It is open to all and everyone who does not have family around or doesn't feel like cooking.



**Special Christmas Program, November 30th:**

The most joyful season of the year is just around the corner, and the Ellis United Methodist Church is hosting a special Christmas Program on Sunday, November 30 at 3:00pm at the Ellis United Methodist Church. Come enjoy the sounds of the seasons with Handbells, Musical Acts, Readings and Poetry! **Members from St. Mary's Parish will be participating in this program!**

- **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 Choir Concert set for Dec. 7th:** Start the advent season on a glorious note with the FHSU choirs: Fort Hays Singers, Concert Choir, and Smoky Hill Chorale, at the 39th Annual Christmas Choir Concert. Time and place are NEW this year: 6:30pm on Sunday, Dec. 7th at St. Joseph catholic Church in Hays! In addition to the FHSU Choirs, there will be selections by Tom Meagher—organ, the Dawson brass duo, the FHSU flutes, the FHSU brass and several numbers by FHSU music faculty. A highlight of this annual concert is the singing of traditional carols by the entire assemblage of audiences, guests, and performers, accompanied by the wonderful pipe organ at St. Joseph. This concert is free and open to the public.

