St. Mary's Parish

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

October 11, 2026
28th 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 17 - Sept. 13, 2026

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 12 - October 18

Mon: Galatians 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1; Luke 11:29-32
Tue: Galatians 5:1-6; Luke 11:37-41
Wed: Galatians 5:18-25; Luke 11:42-46
Thu: Ephesians 1:1-10; Luke 11:47-54
Fri: Ephesians 1:11-14; Luke 12:1-7
Sat: Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 12:8-12
Sun: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6; Matthew 22:15-21

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 10	5:30 p.m.	Janice & Leland Werth Family (liv/dec)
Sun	Oct 11	7:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Sun	Oct 11	9:00 a.m.	Janice & Leland Werth Family (liv/dec)
Mon	Oct 12	8:10 a.m.	Gilbert & Janet Augustine+
Tues	Oct 13	8:10 a.m.	Berniece Shank+
Wed	Oct 14	8:10 a.m.	John & Bernadine Kuhn+ Family (liv/dec)
	EGSC	8:10 a.m.	Kathy Wiesner+ Family (liv/dec)
Thurs	Oct 15	10:00 a.m.	Ralph & Rosie Berens+
Fri	Oct 16	8:10 a.m.	Rosita Augustine+
Sat	Oct 17	5:30 p.m.	Jake & Regina Schuster+ Family (liv/dec)
Sun	Oct 18	7:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Sun	Oct 18	9:00 a.m.	Leo & Agnes Otter+ Family (liv/dec)

Ministries for October 17 & 18

Ministry	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lector	Roberta Augustine	Nicole Carroll
Presentation of Gifts	Ethan & Britny Cox Family	Danny & Lacie Haas Family
Eucharistic Minister(s)	Barney Boos Sharon Bittel	Eldon & Stephanie Jerauld Jackie Flax
Servers	Easton Aschenbrenner Brecklynn Fischer	Hannah & Luke James Alyvia Kraft
Cantor / Musician	Guitar Choir	Ainsely Haas Sutton Dinkel
Ushers & Greeters	Clarence Rupp Eugene Schuster	Eric & Kristen Gaschler Family Bailey Dinkel Family

Other Ministries

7:00am Lector	October 18 (Sun)	Amy Hudson
Communion to Homebound	October 16 (Fri)	Marilyn Kroeger
Ellis Good Samaritan	October 18 (Sun) 10:00 a.m.	John Gnad
Rosary Leaders	October 17 (Sat) 5:30 p.m. October 18 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	Rita Younger Connie Fink
Monthly Money Counters	October	Bob & Margie Mickelson

Parish Offering: October 3 & 4

Weekly Budget Fiscal Year 2026-27: $7,291.54

Offertory Loose Plate…….$1,583.00
Adult Envelopes……..$4,434.00
Total Giving……....$6,017.00
This weekend's collection is under by $1,274.54

Meetings & Events

Sun	Oct 11	**St. Mary's Youth Choir Sings @ 9am Mass** **Second Sunday Coffee & Donuts**
Mon	Oct. 12	**Columbus Day!** SMS Home & School Meeting @ 6pm SMS School Council Meeting @ 7pm
Tues	Oct. 13	Rosary Rally in Memorial Park @ 4pm
Wed	Oct. 14	Knights of Columbus Meeting @ 7pm
Thurs	Oct 15	Eucharistic Adoration: 9am-5pm
Fri	Oct 16	**End of the 1st Nine Weeks** ...Last Day for SMS Students to wear shorts EUMC 5th Quarter following EHS Football Game

Parish Announcements

- **YDisciples! Bring Your Best Poker Face!** *"Let nothing disturb you, let nothing frighten you. All things pass. God does not change. Patience achieves everything. Whoever has God lacks nothing; God alone suffices."* -St. Teresa of Avila. Supper served at 6:00pm, discussion and games to follow.

- **One in Christ, United in Mission:** Each October, which is World Mission Month, the Church invites us to reflect upon our missionary vocation. This year's theme, *One in Christ, United in Mission*, chosen by Pope Leo XIV, invites us to rediscover the profound unity we share in Christ through baptism and how our baptismal missionary identity overflows into the mission of the Church to bring all creatures into communion with God and us. Next Sunday marks the 100th anniversary of its establishment by Pope Pius XI in 1926. This centenary is an opportunity to celebrate with renewed missionary zeal! The second collection we take up help extend the Church's evangelization work to missionary lands where the Gospel is being proclaimed for the first time, as well as to places where the Church barely exists, or is too younger, too persecuted, or too poor to sustain herself. As we come together, reflect upon, pray for and take part to support the missions.

Please join us in praying the Rosary for America!



Tuesday, October 13, 2026
Ellis Memorial Park
4:00pm
This a whole family event.
Bring your rosary,
lawn chair and/or blanket.

In case of inclement weather, we will meet at Leonard's house!
Watch St. Mary's Church Facebook page for updates.

Notes from the Pastor

Respect for Life Month. Check out the insert "Migration & Catholic Social Teaching" and the table in the back of the church for additional resources.

Special Mass Next Saturday. Next Saturday, October 17, I will be celebrating a special anniversary Mass at 4:00pm for Leland and Janice Werth. They are celebrating their 65th Wedding Anniversary. You are welcome to attend the Mass. It will count for your Sunday obligation. I'll hear confessions starting at 5:00pm instead of 4:30pm.

World Mission Sunday Collection. World Mission Sunday is next Sunday, October 18. On this day, the entire Church comes together to support various mission works. Donations for World Mission Sunday are collected at Masses across the world and given in support of hospitals, schools and vocations.

Remembering Prayer Service. We will be conducting our Remembering Prayer Service on Sunday, November 1 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). *It is not necessary for your loved one to have had the funeral here or buried here for them to remembered.* We will be sending out invitation letters to points of contact for each family. The points of contact can then inform other family members who may wish to attend. All members of the parish are invited to attend, even if they have no loved ones to remember.

At the prayer service, the name of the deceased will be announced and family members who are attending will come up and light a candle that has the name of the deceased family member printed on it. The prayer service concludes with the Way of the Cross in Time of Grief. At the end of the service, families can take the candle they lit home with them.

Below is a list of names we have thus far. These includes burials I did from November 1, 2025 – October 31, 2026. Not all burials were here at St. Mary's Parish. But since I was involved, I wanted to include them in the Remembering Prayer Service. If we're missing someone or if you have a deceased love one you wish to add to our list, please let us know.

Edna Augustine, Gilbert Augustine, Maralene Balthazar, Glenn Bieker, Pat Bieker, Gordon Burgardt, Deb Clore, Rose Dorzweiler, Cory Eberle, Katie Eberle, Caroline Flax, Glenn Fondoble, John Helget, Ron Herl, Shirley Higgins, Marvin King, Andrea Klaus, Lawrence Locker, Linus Pfannenstiel, Rosemary Pfeifer, Syl Rome, Chad Schuster, Rose Ann Schippers, Bernie Waldschmidt, Marilyn Waldschmidt, Jeanne Werth, Greg Wiesner, Kathy Wiesner, Betty Younger, Richard Younger, Tom Zimmerman.

Parish Organizations

- **Knights of Columbus Monthly Meeting** will be Wednesday, October 14th at 7:00pm at the Knights Hall. All members are encouraged to attend.

- **Month of the Rosary:** October is dedicated to the Rosary. We are encouraged to pray the Rosary each day, meditating on the mysteries of the lies of Jesus and Mary. If you wish, you may pray the Rosary in front of Our Lady of Fatima at Leonard's home any time during the month of October. He has scheduled to pray the Rosary on Wednesdays in October at 5:00pm at his home and you are welcome to join him or you may schedule any time by calling him at 785-726-1278.

Community Announcements

- **Trick Or Treat So Others Can Eat THIS Sunday, October 11th, 4-6pm:** The Annual Trick or Treat So Others Can Eat will take place this Sunday, October 11th, beginning at 4:00pm. Students who are members of FFCL, FFA, KAYS, as well as students needing community service will be going door-to-door around the community to collect non-perishable food items for the Ellis Food Panty. You may leave your donations on your porch for pick up or you may drop off at the Pantry. Thank you for your support!

- **Flu Shot Clinic:** The Ellis Co. Health Dept. is hosting a Flu Shot Clinic at the Ellis City Hall on Thursday, Oct. 15th from 11:00am-1:00pm. Please bring your Driver's License and Insurance Card(s) so they can bill your insurance. If you do not have insurance the cost is: $41 for Fluzone, $93 for High Dose Fluzone and $93 for Flublok. There will also be a consent form that you will need to fill out ahead of time. ***As a reminder Hays Med will NOT be having their Drive Thru Shot Clinic again this year, take advantage of them coming to Ellis!***

- **Ellis 5th Quarter Night** will be October 16th following the home football game at the Ellis United Methodist Church! It's FREE for all EHS Students! Come enjoy food, prizes and games!

Parish Prayer List

Please Remember in Prayer

Our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends in the loss of ***Bernie & Maryln Waldschmidt***, who passed away.
May the peace of God surround you during this time of sorrow.

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Denice Allen, Juanita Augustine, Baby Noah & Parents, Emma Brouk, Preston Browning, Roman Carroll, Ed Collins, Marilyn Denning, Fr. Richard Daise, Dianne Durler, Joe & Arlene Erbert, Sr. Doris Flax, Gary Flax, Bob Gabel, Debbie Haas, Edna Hejny, Steve Hejny, Nathan Hively, Nathan Honas, Gilbert Kinderknecht, Agneta Kuhn, Kevin LaBarge, Shawna LaBarge, Martin & Debbie LaBarge, Norma Lang, Marge Metzler, Riley Moore, Elizabeth Newton, Cheryl Noles, Ramona Patten, Shirley Pitner, Kelly Sanderson, Bernie & Laura Schoenberger, Leonard Schoenberger, Cathy Sherfick, Keric Smith, Lee Stueve, Tanner Sullivan, Jill Urban, Shirley Wagner, Dale Wasinger, Leon Wiesner, Brandy Womack, 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

Sunday, October 11
St. Mary's Youth Choir sings @ 9am Mass
Monday, October 12
Columbus Day!
Home & School Meeting @ 6:00pm
School Council Meeting @ 7:00pm
Friday, October 16
End of the 1st Nine Weeks!
Last day to wear shorts!
Last day to take A.R. tests!




- **Fr. Dana blesses the big and small:** We had a great turn out for our Annual Pet Blessing last Monday, Oct. 5th in celebration of the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi. ▶▶▶




- **Last Day to Wear Shorts to School** will be Friday, October 16th until March 30th! Please check the school handbook for any questions.







YDisciples: Cabbage Football, Campfire, S'mores & Jesus!

Our YDisciples have been meeting for over a month now, strengthening their faith and having fun too! This past Wednesday, they gathered around the table for supper together before heading outside to enjoy the perfect autumn evening to play Cabbage Football, build a campfire, eat s'mores and pray! ▼▼▼









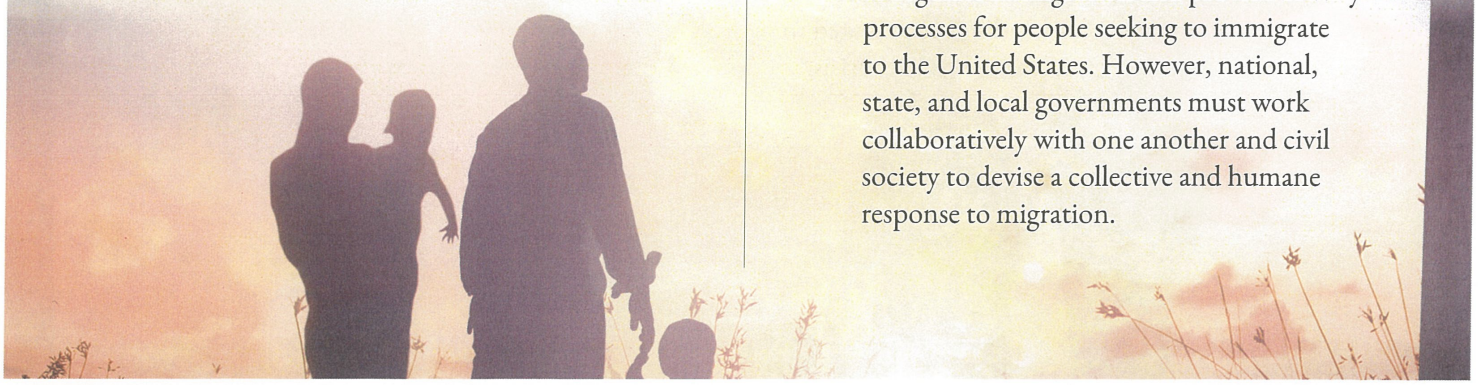
Migration & Catholic Social Teaching

Key Principles Derived from the Magisterial Teaching of the Catholic Church

- Persons have the right to find opportunities in their homeland (i.e., the right not to migrate).
- When the conditions necessary for a dignified life are absent, persons have the natural right to migrate to support themselves and their family.
- More prosperous nations are obliged, to the extent they are able, to welcome those in search of the security and means of livelihood unavailable in their country of origin.
- Countries have the right to maintain their borders and regulate immigration, consistent with the common good and with respect for the sanctity of human life.
- Refugees and asylum seekers should be afforded protection.
- The God-given dignity and rights of undocumented immigrants should be respected.
- Immigrants have a responsibility to respect the country that receives them.

Irregular Migration and Immigration Enforcement

- Pope Francis has stated that "safe, orderly, regular, and sustainable migration is in the interest of all countries." At the same time, Catholic teaching recognizes that it "is impossible to further the common good without acknowledging and defending the right to life, upon which all the other inalienable rights of individuals are founded and from which they develop." Threats to human life, therefore, may compel irregular migration. Above all, we must reject an oversimplification of the issue that disregards the human lives involved. One of the main differences between immigrating to the United States today and immigrating to the United States 100 years ago is that the process has become much more complicated and limiting, meaning most who immigrated during the late nineteenth/early twentieth centuries could not do so today.
- Immigration enforcement should always be targeted, proportionate, and humane. According to its nature (i.e., the crossing of international boundaries) and the U.S. Constitution, it is principally and necessarily the responsibility of the federal government to regulate immigration and provide orderly processes for people seeking to immigrate to the United States. However, national, state, and local governments must work collaboratively with one another and civil society to devise a collective and humane response to migration.



Immigration Reform

- As recognized by the Church for decades, the current immigration system is inadequate to address the needs of American families, employers, and communities, as well as immigrants themselves. Reforms and investments are needed to modernize/increase capacity at ports of entry, increase the number of/access to lawful immigration pathways, and establish earned legalization programs for long-time undocumented residents.
- The situation at the U.S.-Mexico border is unsustainable for migrants and communities alike, but it can and should be addressed without sacrificing longstanding, life-saving humanitarian protections, such as asylum. Ultimately, no sustainable reduction in migration can be achieved without a long-term commitment to addressing its root causes. Looking only at the U.S.-Mexico border or the domestic situation ignores the realities people face in their countries of origin. Heavy-handed enforcement measures will not alleviate forced migration. Much more attention should be given to the myriad causes of increased migration, rather than simply responding to its symptoms. In his most recent encyclical, Pope Leo emphasized that it is critical to protect "the rightful hopes of those forced to leave by ensuring safe and legal routes, dignified conditions for receiving them, and genuine pathways to integration. On the other hand, it means promoting the right to remain in one's homeland in peace and security by addressing the root causes that force people to migrate, including those linked to economic injustices and the climate crisis."

Additional Resources

- Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2241 (USCCB).
- Strangers No Longer: Together on the Journey of Hope (USCCB)
- Q&A on Catholic Ministries Serving Migrants and Refugees (USCCB)
- Human Trafficking, U.S. Policy, and the Catholic Church (USCCB)
- Justice for Immigrants (USCCB)
- Responding to Migrants and Refugees: Twenty Action Points (Holy See)
- Pastoral Orientations on Human Trafficking (Holy See)
- And They Shall Know Us by Our Love (Catholic Charities USA)
- Modern Catholic Social Teaching on Immigration: Notable Quotes (CLINIC)

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

