

St. Mary's Parish

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

October 25, 2026
30th 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 26 - November 1

Mon: Ephesians 4:32-5:8; Luke 13:10-17
Tue: Ephesians 5:21-33; Luke 13:18-21
Wed: Ephesians 2:19-22; Luke 6:12-16
Thu: Ephesians 6:10-20; Luke 13:31-35
Fri: Philippians 1:1-11; Luke 14:1-6
Sat: Philippians 1:18b-28; Luke 14:1, 7-11
Sun: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14; Matthew 5:1-12a

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 24	5:30 p.m.	Larry M. Cox+
Sun	Oct 25	7:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Sun	Oct 25	9:00 a.m.	Ralph Waldschmidt+ (anniv)
Mon	Oct 26	5:30 p.m.	Alan & Janetta+ Heroneme Family (liv/dec)
Tues	Oct 27	8:10 a.m.	Janetta Heroneme+
Wed	Oct 28	8:10 a.m.	Edward & Bertha Riedel,+ Troy Riedel,+ Duane Riedel,+ and Joyce Richardson+
	EGSC	8:10 a.m.	Cathy Kutina+ (anniv)
Thurs	Oct 29	8:10 a.m.	Clifford "Cliff" Kreutzer+
Fri	Oct 30	8:10 a.m.	Tim Ray+ Family (liv/dec)
Sat	Oct 31	5:30 p.m.	For the Parishioners
Sun	Nov 1	7:00 a.m.	George & Elizabeth Amrein+ Fam. (liv/dec)
Sun	Nov 1	9:00 a.m.	Chris & Bertha Moeder Family (liv/dec)

Ministries for October 31 & November 1

Ministry	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lector	Allen Weber	Melvin Augustine
Presentation of Gifts	Duane & Karen Dorzweiler	Austin & Keidra Hickert Family
Eucharistic Minister(s)	Sharon Bittel Duane Dorzweiler	Peggy Siebel Paula Wasinger Lacie Haas
Servers	Aschenbrenner/ Swagerty Siblings	Cayson & Shayden Boydston Sutton Dinkel
Cantor / Musician	Trilogy	Guitar Choir
Ushers & Greeters	Clarence Rupp Eugene Schuster	Eric & Kristen Gaschler Family Bailey Dinkel Family

Other Ministries

7:00am Lector	November 1 (Sun)	April Pfeifer
Communion to Homebound	October 30 (Fri)	Barney Boos
Ellis Good Samaritan	November 1 (Sun) 10:00 a.m.	Paula Wasinger
Rosary Leaders	October 31 (Sat) 5:30 p.m. November 1 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	Cindy Zerfas Dan Dinkel
Monthly Money Counters	November	Lisa Weber Helen Fischer

Parish Offering: October 17 & 18

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

Offertory Loose Plate…….$970.00
Adult Envelopes…….$4,575.00
Total Giving…….....$5,545.00
This weekend's collection is under by $1,746.54

Meetings & Events

Sun	Oct. 25	Musicians' Meeting @ 10am
Mon	Oct. 26	Early Dismissal at 12:40pm Parish Council Meeting @ 7pm
Tues	Oct. 27	SMS Parent/Teacher Conferences 4-7pm
Wed	Oct 28	CCD Classes pray the Rosary
Thurs	Oct 29	Eucharistic Adoration: 9am-5pm SMS Parent/Teacher Conferences 4-7pm
Fri	Oct 30	No School
Sat	Oct. 31	**Happy Halloween!**
Sun	Nov. 1	**Daylights Savings Time** **All Saints Day** Cemetery Prayer Service @ 10am Remembering Prayer Service @ 4pm

Parish Announcements

- **Musicians/Cantors Meeting, Sunday, October 25:** Bring your calendar and let's schedule November 2026—January 31, 2027! Hope to see you at 10:00am in the Rectory! Respond & Acclaim books are available in the rectory.

- Join thousands of Catholics praying a **Respect Life Month novena** Thursday, October 22 - Friday, October 30. It's not too late to begin. Get daily prayers, reflections, and more by visiting respectlife.org/respect-life-month-novena Daily intentions will be posted on the church's website and Facebook page each day at 3:00pm.

- **The Mission is Far from Over!** On behalf of the Pontifical Mission Societies in our Diocese and across the United States, thank you for your support of World Mission Sunday last week. Your prayers and contributions will make a real difference in mission territories across the globe. Together, we are bringing the Gospel to places where it can finally be heard, sometimes even for the first time. We are grateful for your support—and invite you to continue the journey. If you have not yet donated, and wish to, please drop your World Mission envelope in the collection basket by next weekend.

- **Praying the Rosary at CCD:** CCD Students, you are encouraged to bring your Rosary to class with you on October 28th.

- **YDisciples!** Supper will be provided by the Daughters of Isabella this Wednesday, October 28th at 6:00pm in the church basement! Let's gather, perform a skit and create a Candy Salad! Bring friend!

- It's time to **Fall Back An Hour** as Daylight Savings Time ends next Sunday, November 1. Remember to turn back your clocks ONE HOUR before you go to bed on Saturday night!

Notes from the Pastor

Respect for Life Month. Check out the insert "A Catholic Primer on *In Vitro Fertilization*" and the table in the back of the church.

All Saints Day. Next Sunday, November 1, is the Feast of All Saints. We will be celebrating that feast day instead of the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Times.

All Souls Cemetery Prayer Service. Though All Souls feast day is November 2nd, we will have our traditional Cemetery Prayer Service, next Sunday, November 1, following 9:00 Mass. All are welcome to join us.

Remembering Prayer Service. We will be host our Remembering Prayer Service on Sunday, November 1 at 4:00pm. All members of the parish are invited to attend, even if they have no loved ones to remember.

From the Diocesan Office of Education. *Support Your Catholic School—and Receive a 75% Tax Credit*. It is now easier than ever to support Catholic education! Through our partnership with ACE Scholarships, donors can make an online contribution and designate the Catholic school in the Diocese of Salina they would like to support. Eligible donations receive a 75% Kansas State Income Tax Credit, while the funds help provide scholarships for qualifying students to attend our Catholic schools.

Our new online giving page is now live, so this is a great time to consider making a gift before the end of the year. Visit the ACE Scholarships giving page to make a gift, or read our recent article, *A New Opportunity to Support Catholic Education*, on the Diocese of Salina website to learn more.

Catholic Trivia

470. What is forbidden by the fifth commandment? The fifth commandment forbids as gravely contrary to the moral law:

- *direct and intentional murder and cooperation in it*;
- *direct abortion,* willed as an end or as means, as well as cooperation in it. Attached to this sin is the penalty of excommunication because, from the moment of his or her conception, the human being must be absolutely respected and protected in his integrity;
- *direct euthanasia* which consists in putting an end to the life of the handicapped, the sick, or those near death by an act or by the omission of a required action;
- *suicide and voluntary cooperation in it,* insofar as it is a grave offense against the just love of God, of self, and of neighbor. One's responsibility may be aggravated by the scandal given; one who is psychologically disturbed or is experiencing grave fear may have diminished responsibility.

Further reading: CCC 2268-2283, 2321-2326

These excerpts are from the Compendium of the CCC.

Have a good week! Fr. Dana

Parish Organizations

- **Card Night at the Knights Hall!** Gents—you are invited to come and play cards at the Ellis Knights Hall on Wednesday, October 28th, beginning at 7:00pm! Don't need to be a member of the Knights of Columbus to attend.

- **Catholic Charities Igniting Hope Annual Campaign:** This weekend, Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas kicks off the 2026 Igniting Hope: Annual Campaign for Our Neighbors in Need! Your generosity helps provide food, housing assistance, counseling, pregnancy support, and other essential services to neighbors in need across northern Kansas. Every gift is matched dollar-for-dollar up to $2000,000! To give, use the pledge cards and remittance envelopes available in the back of our church or visit www.ccnks.org/ignitinghope. For questions or more information, contact Carolina B. at 785 -825-0208 or cbutts@ccnks.org. ~Thank you!



Rosary for Couples Experiencing Infertility: Mark your calendar for November 5th at 7:00pm to join St. Anna the Prophetess Ministry in praying for couples experiencing infertility in honor of St. Elizabeth's feast day at the St. Joseph's back chapel. All are welcome! People carrying the cross of infertility need your prayers. For more info, contact Chloe Prout at stannaprophetessministry@gmail.com.

- **Weekly Meals for YDisiples:** We are asking for help in feeding our YDisciples high school student group the months of November and December! We have a group of about 25 students mentors who meet every Wednesday from 6:00-7:45pm! Dates needed are: November 4 & 18, and December 2, 9, & 16. There are sign up sheets in the back of church with the dates or you can contact Emily at the Parish Office to claim a date! Your support will be greatly appreciated!

Parish Prayer List

Please Remember in Prayer

Congratulations! ***Timothy Daniel Augustine***,
who was baptized here on October 18th.
Son of Josh & Ashley (Augustine) Schwartz.

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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, Rob Hrabe, 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, 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

Monday, October 26
1st & 2nd Gr. go to Hays Arts Council Presentation
Early Release at 12:40pm
No S.M.A.R.T.
Tuesday, October 27
Parent/Teacher Conferences @ 4:00-7:00pm
NO S.M.A.R.T.
Thursday, October 29
Fall Fest
6th Graders' Saints Presentations
Fall Classroom Parties
Parent/Teacher Conferences @ 4:00-7:00pm
No S.M.A.R.T.
Friday, October 30
No School

- **Early Dismissal & No S.M.A.R.T.:** So our teachers can prepare for the upcoming Parent/Teacher Conferences, we will have a short day on October 26th with dismissal at 12:40pm. There also be No S.M.A.R.T. available on this day or on the days of Parent/Teacher Conferences. Only day for SMART this week is Wednesday.

- **Parent/Teacher Conferences - October 27 & 29:** If you haven't signed up for a time, we refer to the email that Mrs. Park sent out last week.

- **St. Mary's Parents—Pick Up Fall Fundraiser Items:** Be on watch for an announcement on Class Dojo about when and how to pick up your student's trash bags and pizza coupons! We hope to have them sorted and ready for pick up by Parent/Teacher Conference dates!



It's Book Fair Time! Everyone is invited to attend the Scholastic Book Fair on Tuesday, October 27 & Wednesday, October 28 from 4:00-8:00pm at 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 for this Book Fair will benefit all Ellis school libraries—including St. Mary's School!" Link to shop online: https://www.scholastic.com/bf/washingtonelementaryschool154



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 $2.50 or you can purchase an assorted box of 36 bars for $90.00! Call the School Office to place your order before ***NOON on Oct. 29th***! *Orders will be filled on a first come, first serve basis.*

Community Announcements



Spook-tacular Places to Visit for Halloween:

★ ***The Great Pumpkin Hunt for High School Students Only***—Wednesday, October 28th beginning ***at 8:45pm sharp.*** High School students, meet us at the Ellis K18/Legion Baseball Field with your flashlight and search for pumpkins around the baseball field for candy and prizes! Don't be left in the dark!

★ ***Candy at Ellis Public Library:*** We can't want to see those adorable costumes and share some Halloween fun on October 31st from 3:00-4:30pm.

★ ***Children's Halloween Concert-****"Pictures at an Exhibition"* featuring Hays Symphony at FHSU in Beach/Schmidt Performing Arts Center. Haunt, whimsy, and mischief abound in this tour through Mussorgsky's masterpiece. This is the perfect event for family festivities on Halloween weekend, and dressing up in costume is encouraged! Concert time is 2:30pm, but Pre-Concert Activities begin at 1:30pm (Halloween Costume Parade, Instrument Petting Zoo, Musical Story time, and more). Attending the concert and festivities are Free to all!



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 November 2nd* with Rita Y. (785-650-4225) or Millie W. (785-726-1127). Christmas Box Pick up is the week of December 14th.



Ellis High School Blood Drive: Mark your calendars to gift the give of life on Monday, November 9th from 8:00am—2:00pm at the Ellis High School Gym. Please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: Ellis to schedule an appointment or call 1-800-733-2767.



SAFE ENVIRONMENT GUIDELINES

Education & Screening

All clergy, religious, seminarians/persons in formation, employees, educators, as well as volunteers who minister with minors are required to complete a background check and safe environment training.
For more information about safe environment compliance requirements, please contact your parish/school safety coordinator or visit
www. salinadiocese.org

Reporting & Victim Assistance

Report allegations of the abuse of a minor to the Departments of Children and Families 800.922.5330
KBI Crime Hotline/800.572.7463

If you suspect abuse of a minor by church or school personnel, in addition to contacting civil authorities, use one of the confidential diocesan reporting resources below:
Phone: 866.752.8855
Website: reportandprotect.com
Email: reportabuse@salinadiocese.org
Reports will be responded to promptly by the Victim Assistance Coordinator

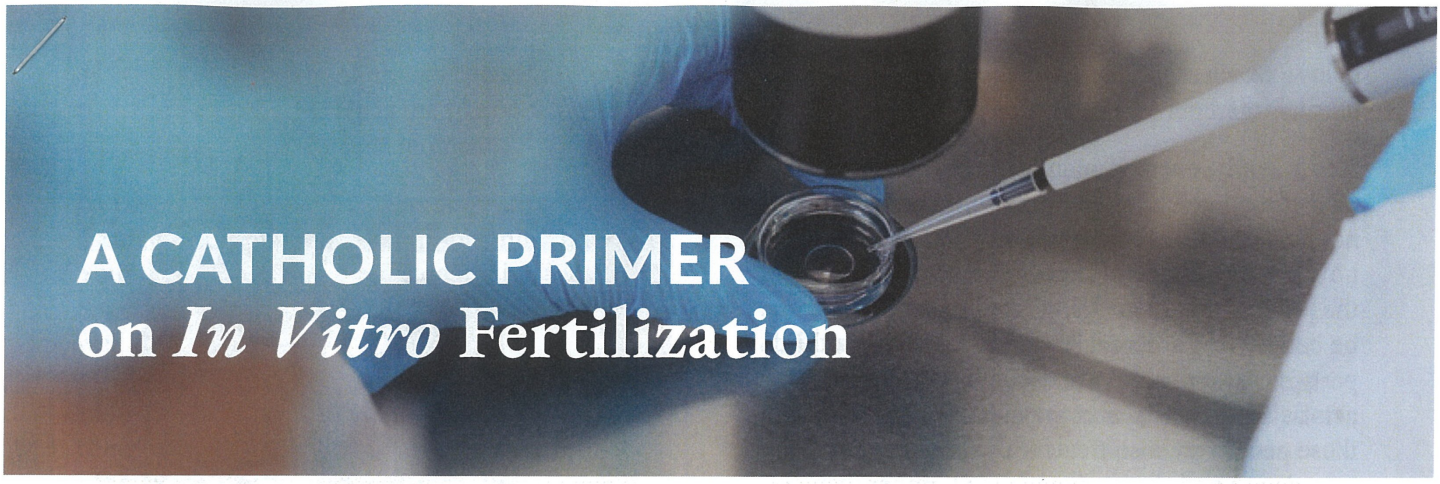
To report an incident of sexual abuse and related misconduct by a Bishop or Religious Superior, currently, or in the past, the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service provides a confidential
Hotline: 800.276.1562
Website: reportbishopabuse.org

The Diocese of Salina complies with Kansas laws regarding reporting suspected abuse to civil authorities and cooperates with civil authorities as they investigate reports of suspected abuse by all persons, including, but not limited to church personnel.

Any questions in regard to education, reporting, or victim assistance can be directed to the Safe Environment Office/ Diocese of Salina
785.827. 8746

CATHOLIC DIOCESE of SALINA

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A CATHOLIC PRIMER on *In Vitro* Fertilization

Today, for a wide range of possible reasons, more and more couples are experiencing the pain of infertility. Many, understandably, deeply desire to have biological children and turn to biomedical technologies like *in vitro* fertilization (IVF) to try to fulfill their dreams. As Catholics, however, our faith teaches that these popular procedures are not the answer. In fact, they are harmful and wrong, and even tragically result in the deaths of many innocent children while they are young embryos. It is important to consider these realities when thinking about infertility treatments.

What is IVF?

In vitro fertilization is the most popular type of assisted reproductive technology, a medical procedure women undergo to become pregnant. *In vitro* means "in glass." In the IVF process, a woman's ovaries are typically hyper-stimulated to yield multiple eggs, which are then harvested and fertilized with sperm in a laboratory. Some of the embryos created are transferred into her womb with the intention that at least one of the embryos will grow to full term. Many of the embryos that are transferred do not survive, though, and most of the remaining embryos are either killed in the process (some intentionally, some unintentionally) or are frozen in cryopreservation. Often, the process involves a couple's own egg and sperm cells. Sometimes, however, they come from third parties. In either case, this process frequently incorporates a form of eugenics in which only certain embryonic children are chosen for implantation based on desirable characteristics, health outcomes, or both, and those who fail the quality control checks are killed.

Why is IVF wrong?

Even though IVF can help create new life, there are multiple factors that make it contrary to God's plan for marriage and children, therefore rendering it morally wrong. For example, as mentioned above, it often includes the death or freezing of embryonic children. And although preserving embryos by freezing them does not kill them, it could be compared to placing innocent children in prison. Creating embryonic children to be frozen and participating in their deaths are both profound violations of their dignity. As another example of why IVF is wrong, it also often includes immoral behavior by the man to obtain sperm.

Furthermore, according to God's plan, marriage is an exclusive, lifelong union between a man and a woman that reflects the absolute and unfailing love with which God loves us. Sexual intimacy has two aspects—the power to unite (unitive) and the potential to create new life (procreative). These aspects belong together and should not be separated. And every child, as a human being, has the right to be conceived through a natural act of mutual, self-giving love within marital intercourse. But IVF separates conception from the spouses' intimate, sexual union, and the children conceived through IVF are instead created through technological manipulation. IVF also intrudes on the exclusive nature of the couple's union by introducing other people into the act of conception itself (as opposed to other treatments, discussed

below, which may help conception to occur within marital intercourse).

Additionally, every human being is a gift made in God's image with infinite dignity, so people should not be treated like objects or property. No matter how sincerely the children are loved and wanted, the process still treats them like products that can be bought and ordered. And in cases where a third party's eggs or sperm are used, or where a woman acts as a gestational surrogate and carries the child, these people are also treated like property in a transaction and as means to an end, rather than as people to be respected.

But isn't it good to help bring more children into loving families?

The powerful desire to procreate children is natural and good. Children themselves are among the greatest goods and are a blessing from God. Like all human beings, they are also a gift. In marriage, we are called to be open to receiving such a beautiful gift. But no one has an absolute "right" to obtain a child, just like we do not have a "right" to demand any other gift, no matter how deeply and sincerely we desire it. Even though children are a great good, this does not make IVF (with all its problems as discussed above) morally acceptable.

Are there any acceptable medical treatments for couples struggling with infertility?

Yes, there are ethical fertility treatments of which the Catholic Church approves. These can take many forms but are collectively referred to as "restorative reproductive medicine."

Restorative reproductive medicine investigates and seeks to heal the root causes of the couple's infertility (which can vary) rather than ignoring or bypassing the causes of infertility like IVF does. In fact, restorative reproductive medicine is often more successful than IVF. Many in the health care industry, however, do not know how to pursue these options, and it may be challenging to find a doctor who practices restorative reproductive medicine. A number of national Natural Family Planning (NFP) education organizations can assist married couples with a list



of medical professionals who provide Restorative Reproductive Medicine (RRM); please see usccb.org/topics/natural-family-planning/nfp-national-providers.

What if the ethical treatments don't work?

Unfortunately, even after pursuing restorative reproductive medicine, some couples may still experience infertility. This cross can be deeply painful, and the grief may be overwhelming. It is crucial to note that these couples are not alone. God is with them and has a beautiful plan for their lives, and the Church desires to walk with them. "To couples who cannot have children," Pope St. John Paul II assured, "you are no less loved by God; your love for each other is complete and fruitful when it is open to others."[1]

Adoption and foster care are some ways married couples can cultivate and share their love that is fruitful and open to others. There is so much need for open hearts and homes. Pope St. John Paul II described adoption as "a great work of love," assuring parents that "[w]hen it is done, much is given, but much is also received. It is a true exchange of gifts."[2] There are also other ways couples can cultivate and share love, such as through service and participation in parish life.

Reflecting on the healed wounds of the Risen Christ, we can see that even our most difficult trials can be the place where God shows the power

of his love. He makes all things beautiful. He makes all things new. He is the reason for hope and joy even in the darkest moments.

For more from the USCCB on infertility, visit usccb.org/topics/natural-family-planning/infertility. Your diocese may have additional ministries or resources for couples experiencing infertility as well.

My child was conceived through IVF. I love them. God loves them. Does the Church love them?

Absolutely!

Every human being is created in the image and likeness of God and is equally loved by Him—and is equally worthy of the love of fellow Christians. That love does not depend on the circumstances of a person's conception or birth. In fact, this is why we also care about the little brothers and sisters who were also created with IVF but who died or were frozen as young embryos.

Can I serve as a surrogate to help someone I love to have a child?

For many of the same reasons described above, participation in surrogate childbearing is wrong. Again, it intrudes into the unique and sacred space of the marriage bond and treats the women and children involved like objects—even if that is not the intention. In surrogacy contracts, even in cases of "altruistic" surrogacy where no money is exchanged, the nature of the process means that a woman is valued according to her capacity for production and output; she is not treated as a mother who loves and nurtures her child as he or she grows in the womb.

Surrogacy is also especially harmful to the rights of the child, who bonds with and comes to know the voice of his or her mother before he or she is even born. But in a surrogacy arrangement, that child is then taken away from his or her mother at birth. That is different from adoption because, in surrogacy, a child is procreated specifically for this unfortunate situation. Whereas, in the case of infant adoption, the separation is decided as the best outcome for the wellbeing of a child who is already in existence in the womb.

Where can I read more about what the Church says on IVF and infertility?

- *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, nos. 2373 – 2379.
- *Donum vitae*, Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, 1987
- *Dignitas personae*, Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, 2008
- *Life-Giving Love in an Age of Technology*, USCCB, 2009
- "Children as Commodities?" USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, 2014
- "Seven Considerations While Navigating Infertility," USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, 2016

For more information, visit usccb.org/prolife/reproductive-technology.

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[1] Pope John Paul II, "Homily at the Mass for the Families on February 13, 1982," (Vatican City: *Libreria Editrice Vaticana,* 1982).
[2] Pope John Paul II, "Address to the Meeting of the Adoptive Families Organized by the Missionaries of Charity on September 5, 2000," (Vatican City: *Libreria Editrice Vaticana*, 2000).

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November 2026

From the Diocese



Prayers for Those Gone Before Us

November is the month when the Church remembers and prays for those who have died. I encourage you to take some time this month to pray for the dead and perhaps visit a cemetery and pray for those buried there. Our prayers are a beautiful gift to those who have gone before us, and they remind us of the great hope we have in the Resurrection.

This month, we celebrate Thanksgiving, a national holiday that reminds us to pause and give thanks for the many blessings in our lives. As we gather with family and friends, may we remember that our greatest gifts are the gift of life and the love of Jesus Christ, who gave His life for us on the cross. My prayer is that we live each day with grateful hearts, thanking God for His goodness and all He has done for us. I wish you and your families a very blessed Thanksgiving!

+ Gerald L. Vincke

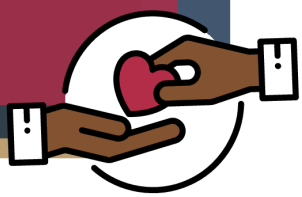
NEIGHBORS NEAR & NEIGHBORS FAR:

Catholic Charities

From offices in Concordia, Hays, Salina, and Manhattan, Catholic Charities provides services to people of all faiths in the 31 counties of the Salina Diocese, which covers 26,685 square miles. They believe that all humans are made in God's image and it is our duty to care for the most vulnerable. They empower individuals and their families to be the primary decision-makers in their lives.

To Give:

Anytime during the month of November, place an envelope in your Parish Collection labeled "Catholic Charities," or dontate online at: https://ccnks.org/donate



Upcoming Events

11/1
All Saints' Day

Silent Ignatian Retreat for Women
Capuchin Spiritual Life Center, Victoria

11/2
All Souls' Day

11/6
Adoption Mass
Sacred Heart Cathedral, Salina, 5:15p.m.

11/7
Holy Fire
Hays

Heart of the Bridegroom Discernment Retreat for Women
Immaculate Heart Parish, Hays, 10a.m.

11/14-15
CYO Convention
Salina

11/26
Thanksgiving

Together, let us be disciples of Jesus on mission!

Just for Kids

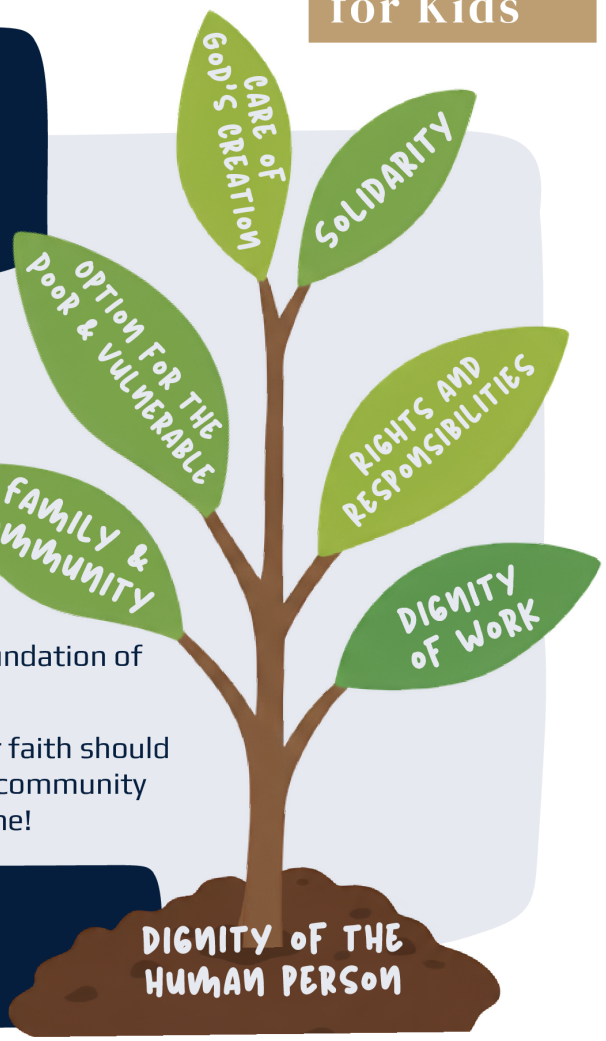
CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

Pope Leo XIV (the 14th) used to be called Fr. Robert Prevost. When he became the pope, he picked the name "Leo," which was the name of the pope in 1878, too!

Pope Leo XIII (the 13th), who was the pope in 1878, wrote an **encyclical** (a letter from the pope) named "Rerum Novarum."

"Rerum Novarum" is Latin and means "Of New Things." This encyclical became the foundation of our Social Teaching.

Catholic Social Teaching helps teach us how our faith should shape our actions. It shows us how to build a community that is fair, safe, and good for everyone!



HUMAN DIGNITY

This is what all social teaching is grounded on: God made each person, so **every** life is important and should be protected!

Solidarity

God made everyone, so we are all connected. We need each other. We should actively work to help others!

Rights & Responsibilites

We all have a duty to help make sure everyone is safe and healthy and can have a good life.

Dignity of Work

Work is important in God's plan. Jobs and pay should be fair, and everyone should have an opportunity to work!

Family & Community

God made us to be part of communities, we need relationships with others!

Option for the Poor & Vulnerable

God wants us to love & help people who are "marginalized" - people that communities leave out.

Care of God's Creation

The world was made by God, and He trusted us to care for it. When we care for it, it loves us back!