

St. Mary's Parish

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

November 22, 2026
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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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, begins May 2027

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 23 - November 29

Mon: Revelation 14:1-3, 4b-5; Luke 21:1-4
Tue: Revelation 14:14-19; Luke 21:5-11
Wed: Revelation 15:1-4; Luke 21:12-19
Thurs: Sirach 50:22-24; Luke 17:11-19
Fri: Revelation 20:1-4, 11-21:2; Luke 21:29-33
Sat: Revelation 22:1-7; Luke 21:34-36
Sun: Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Mark 13:33-37

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 21	5:30 p.m.	Art Balthazor+ and Phyllis Murphy+
Sun	Nov 22	7:00 a.m.	Rosemary Pfeifer+ (anniv)
Sun	Nov 22	9:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Mon	Nov 23	5:30 p.m.	Deacon Rob Hrabe
Tues	Nov 24	8:10 a.m.	Donna Honas+ Family (liv/dec)
Wed	Nov 25	8:10 a.m.	Gay & Mary Henderson+ Family (liv/dec)
	EGSC	8:10 a.m.	Kathy Wiesner+
Thurs	Nov 26	8:10 a.m.	Gilbert & Janet Augustine+
Fri	Nov 27	8:10 a.m.	Ignatz & Elizabeth Flax+ Family (liv/dec)
Sat	Nov 28	5:30 p.m.	LaVerne Dinkel+ and David Dinkel+
Sun	Nov 29	7:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Sun	Nov 29	9:00 a.m.	Janetta Heroneme+

All Ministries for Thanksgiving Day Mass, November 26 @ 8:10am will be Volunteer.
Music provided by Cheryl Lang.

Ministries for November 28 & 29

Ministry	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lector	Andrea Zody	Kiedra Hickert
Presentation of Gifts	Peter & Jennifer Schield Family	Wesley & Lindsay James Family
Eucharistic Minister(s)	Duane Dorzweiler Sharon Bittel	Gordon & Geri Augustine Paula Wasinger
Servers	Schield Brothers	John & Dean Hickert
Cantor / Musician	Kinzie Sunley Nancy Cunningham	Guitar Choir
Ushers & Greeters	Pat & Diane Kuhn Roberta Augustine	Cody & Megan Honas Family

Other Ministries

7:00am Lector	November 29 (Sun)	Becky Metzler
Communion to Homebound	November 27 (Fri)	*No Communion*
Ellis Good Samaritan	November 29 (Sun) 10:00a.m.	Barney Boos
Rosary Leaders	November 28 (Sat) 5:30 p.m. November 29 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	Cindy Zerfas Craig Seibel
Monthly Money Counters	November	Lisa Weber Helen Fischer

Meetings & Events

Sun	Nov. 22	Auction Procurement Gathering @ 1:00pm
Mon	Nov. 23	Parish Council Meeting @ 7pm
Wed	Nov. 25	No School—Thanksgiving Break
Thurs	Nov 26	**Happy Thanksgiving!** **……Mass at 8:10am** Parish Office & School Closed No Eucharistic Adoration
Fri	Nov 27	Parish Office & School Closed

Parish Announcements

- **#iGiveCatholic Advanced Giving Days are still happening!** We are half way through the Advanced Giving days and have raised $8,450.00. There are still matching funds available to match your gift $1 for $1! Let's continue sharing the news to support St. Mary's School & Church through #iGiveCatholic to help reach our goal of $30,000 by December 1st, the national Giving Day! We accept gifts via cash, check or online! Feel free to drop your gift in the collection basket or mail it in, if you wish! Just be sure to designate it for #iGC in the memo line. Visit our profile page by visiting www.salina.igivecatholic.org and search for St. Mary's Church & School!

- **Bulletin Deadline:** If you have an announcement you wish to have in the bulletin next week, please send it to Emily no later than Tuesday, November 24 at 4:30pm. ***The Parish Office will be closed Thanksgiving Day and Friday, November 27.***

- **Thanksgiving Mass** will be celebrated at regular daily Mass time on Thursday, November 26 at 8:10am. There will be **No Eucharistic Adoration.**

- **Change out the hymnals:** We'd appreciate any and all help from those who attend Mass on Thanksgiving Day and/or Friday morning to help remove the 2026 hymnals from the stands to make room for the new 2027 ones.

- **Happy Thanksgiving to CCD Students, YDisciples, and your families!** We will not meet on November 25th. We encourage you and your family to celebrate Mass on Thanksgiving to thank God for the many blessing in your life. We will see you all on December 2nd.

- **Please Return your Time & Talent Renewal Forms:** Time & Talent forms should have reached your homes last week. Please take time to review it and return back to the Parish Office by Monday, December 7th. This will allow Emily time to set up the schedule for 2027 and have them ready before the end of the year! Prayerfully consider volunteering and sharing you & your family's time and talents with the parish!

Notes from the Pastor

#iGiveCatholic. Advanced Giving is still happening through November 30th, with Giving Tuesday on December 1. Show your support for our church and school by taking advantage of this giving opportunity.

Auction Update. The Procurement Committee is meeting again this Sunday at 1:00pm in the church basement to continue brainstorming and strategizing. NOTE: New meeting time. We can use more people to help brainstorm ideas! Please consider joining u! It is a lot of fun! It is not as much work as you may think.

Thanksgiving Holiday Mass Time. *Mass on Thanksgiving Day will be at 8:10am,* our regular daily Mass time. 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.

Time & Talent Letters were sent out last week. Please read and return the form by Monday, December 7th.

Dates to Remember

Date	Event
11/26 (Thu)	Thanksgiving Mass @ 8:10am
11/29 (Sun)	**Advent begins**
12/1 (Tues)	#iGiveCatholic Giving Day
12/7 (Mon)	Feast of the Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass @ 5:30pm
12/8 (Tue)	**Feast of the Immaculate Conception** *Holyday* Masses @ 7:00am, 8:10am, & 7:00pm
12/24 (Thu)	Christmas Eve Masses @ 4:00pm & 6:00pm
12/25 (Fri)	Christmas Day Mass @ 9:00am
12/31 (Thu)	Feast of Virgin Mary, Mother of God Vigil Mass @ 5:30pm
1/1 (Fri)	**Feast of Virgin Mary, Mother of God** *Holyday* Masses @ 7:00am & 9:00am

Have a good week! ***Fr. Dana***

Parish Offering: November 14 & 15

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

Offertory Loose Plate…….$823.00
Adult Envelopes……$5,282.00
Total Giving…….....$6,105.00
This weekend's collection is above by $1,186.54

Parish Organizations

- **Ellis K of C Christmas Cash Drawing** is happening NOW! Get your tickets from a Knights of Columbus member! The guys are giving away TEN DAYS of Winnings in December! Daily drawings for cash prizes will begin on December 1st. Get your ticket(s) today for a donation of $20.00 per chance by contacting a Knight. For more information call Gary K. (785-726-1400) or Allen W. (785-249-8543). More info will be shared as drawing gets closer!

- **Giving Gift Trees:** We have decorated our annual Gift Giving Trees for this Christmas season. You can find them at the front entrance of the church. The **Ellis Food Box** ***Warming Hearts Tree*** has gold hearts with gift wishes for 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. Monetary gifts are also welcome, please contact Rita Y. at 785-650-4225 or Millie W. at 785-726-1127. The **Ellis Good Samaritan** ***Angel Tree*** has pink and blue angels with gift wishes from the residents at Good Samaritan Center for their upcoming Christmas Celebration. Each angel has a wish list designated for that particular resident. You only need to choose one item from the list, if you want. ***Gifts for both trees are due back to ether under the tree or the Parish Office by Wednesday, December 9th!***

Parish Prayer List

Please Remember in Prayer

Congratulation to ***Scottie Noelle Erbert,***
who was baptized here on October 4, 2026.
Daughter of Cole & Kristie (Whiting) Erbert.

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Denice Allen, Juanita Augustine, Emma Brouk, Preston Browning, Roman Carroll, Ed Collins, Marilyn Denning, Fr. Richard Daise, 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, Mary Ann Taylor, 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

Tuesday, November 24
3rd-6th Grade attend Youth Day FHSU Bball Game

Wednesday, November 25—Friday, November 27
Fall Break! Happy Thanksgiving!

Monday, November 30
2nd Grade LOFT Lunch

THANK YOU to SMS Families, Parishioners and Friends for your donations during Advanced Giving Days! Let us continue to honor our past and invest in the future for our school's teachers! Remember: Giving Tuesday is December 1st!

- **Seeking Donations for Prize & Raffle Items:** As many know, our annual School Carnival is coming up in January 2027! We are currently taking donations for Prize Central and the Raffle! If you would like to donate items, we ask that all items be brand new. Please deliver them to the school no later than January 15, 2027. If you have any questions, please contact Bailey D. @ 785-259-1858 or Megan H. @ 785-650-1041. Watch the bulletin for more ways to help in the weeks ahead. We appreciate your continued support!

#iGIVECATHOLIC
ON GIVING TUESDAY
Decemeber 1, 2026

Support St. Mary's Church and School!
Participate in **#iGiveCatholic** by giving a Monetary Gift on **#GivingTuesday, December 1!**

125 Years of Education:
Honoring our Past, Investing in the Future!

The Ellis Knights of Columbus #2133 will match up to $5,000 for St. Mary's Church & School!

We invite our brother Knights to make a donation to our parish!

This Match will DOUBLE any gift given during Advanced Giving Days, now through November 30th, or while funds are available.

You may donate by cash/check!
Drop off donation to the Parish Office by Tuesday, December 1st!

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3!

1. **Visit** salina.igivecatholic.org
2. **Search for** St Mary Church and School
3. **DONATE** $20 or more

Community Announcements



Free Community Thanksgiving Day Meal: You and your family are invited to attend a *Thanksgiving Day Free Meal*, sponsored by a St. Mary's Parishioner. The meal will be held from 11:00am-2:00pm, Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, at the Ellis Knights of Columbus Hall, Ellis. No reservations are required; the meal is first-come, first-served for 100 people. If you need a ride to the Knights Hall or a meal delivered, please call Barney B. at 785-623-0528 by November 24th.



Hays Symphony Poinsettia Pops Concert: Join the Hays Symphony Orchestra on December 4th at 7:30pm in Beach/Schmidt Performing Arts Center, for a night of carols and holiday cheer! You'll hear classic tunes from The Nutcracker, The Little Drummer Boy, Sleigh Ride, and more! This concert is free to the public. Hays Symphony is proud to partner with our local chapter of Toys For Tots to bring children in need across Ellis County the joy of receiving gifts this holiday season. Please consider bringing new toys or other gifts such as: books, board/card games, arts and crafts kits, sports equipment, and personal items (hair brushes, make up, hair accessories, etc.) to be dropped off in the lobby our Poinsettia Pops Concert. Your generosity is warmly appreciated.

- **40th Annual Christmas Choir Concert**: You are invited to attend the annual FHSU Choirs & Friends Concert on Sunday, December 6th at 3:30pm at St. Fidelis Basilica in Victoria. Start the advent season on a glorious note with the FHSU Choirs, FHSU small groups and music faculty, and special guests. This concert is free and open to the public. We encourage you get there early to find a seat as this is a *very* popular concert of the season!

- **Ellis United Methodist Church's Community Christmas Program:** Mark your calendars to join us at Ellis United Methodist Church on Sunday, December 20th at 3:00pm for our community Christmas program. We are looking for more musical acts to help spread the Christmas spirit. If you or anyone you know would like to join the bell choir or perform in the program, please contact: Althea G. @ 785-656-1375, Trish G. @ 785-726-1078 or Katy H. at btricks@gbta.net.

