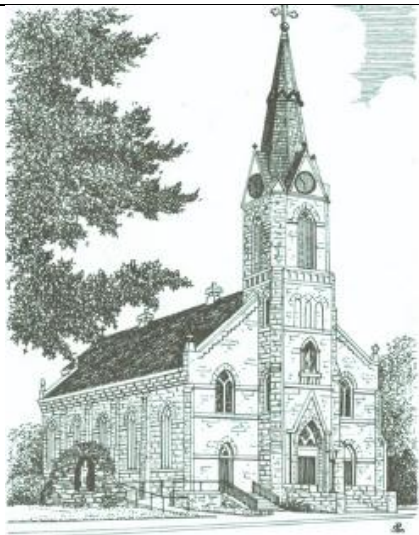




Saint Joseph Catholic Church

Ellinwood, Kansas

13 September 2026 – Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Parish

214 N. Main St
Ellinwood, KS 67526
Parish 620-564-2534
School 620-564-2721
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Saint Joseph Parish and School

Administration

Fr. Aneesh Parappanattu, MSFS
Laurie Kolling, Principal
Jamie Komarek, Secretary

Masses

Weekdays 8:15 am
Weekends 5:00 pm Saturday
9:00 am Sunday

Confessions

4:00 pm Saturday & by request

Mark your calendars!

Our **Annual Parish Picnic**
is coming up on

**Sunday, September 20, 2026,
at 5:00 p.m.**

at the
St. Joseph Parish Center

There will be plenty of
good food, fellowship, and fun
for everyone.

Look for more information in the bulletin,
and plan to join us for a wonderful evening together! ♥

Upcoming Events

20 Sept

Parish Picnic
5:00 pm

21–24 Sept

Parish Mission

30 Sept

OCIA
Informational
Meeting
7:00 pm

INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Mass 8:15 am For Rain (9/14)

Tues., Our Lady of Sorrows (9/15)
Mass 8:15 am Private Int.

Wed., St. Cornelius & Cyprian (9/16)
Mass 8:15 am +Rylan Reece

Thurs., Weekday (9/17)
Mass 8:15 am +Catherine Hammeke

Fri., Weekday (9/18)
Mass 8:15 am +Ashley Reichuber

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (9/19)
Mass 5:00 pm For the Parish

TWENTY-FIFTH SUN ORDINARY TIME (9/20)
Mass 9:00 am Priestly Vocations for our Diocese

Church Support

Envelopes \$7,310.00 Offertory \$340.00
 Online Giving \$1,418.50
Total Weekend Collection \$9,068.50
Wkly offering needed to meet budget \$8,670.00
 Envelopes Mailed 203
 Envelopes Returned 45
 Online Donors 50



"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." (Matthew 18:35)

Priests bring Christ's mercy to the world through their ministry, comforting families at funerals, anointing the sick in hospitals and nursing homes, and offering guidance and forgiveness through the sacraments. How is God calling you to share His mercy in your life, and could He be inviting you to serve His people as a priest? If you feel God is stirring a holy desire for the priesthood or consecrated life, talk to Father Aneesh or reach out to Father John Stang, Director of Vocations at the Diocesan Vocation Office, 620-227-1500.

Ministers

Wkday Servers: Sept 13: Emmitt Gosser, Wade Carroll		
<u>Sept 19 & 20</u>	<u>Sat. 5:00pm</u>	<u>Sun. 9:00am</u>
Lector	David Gonzales	Charlie Joslin
Lector	Karla Gonzales	Kent Roth
EM	Amy Oelke	Jessica Williams
	Steve Oelke	Mark Panning
	Yvonne Strecker	Ben Schneider
Servers	Lauren Rugan	Emmitt Gosser
	Jackson Joiner	Mason Panning
Sacristans	Louie & Joni Pivonka	Jean Doll

Greeters Sat., Sept 19 – Jesse & Audrey Lewis Family, Louie & Joni Pivonka

Sunday, Sept 20 – Leon & Marilyn Reichuber, Ron & Rosemary McCrary

SCRIPTURE READING FOR SUNDAY, SEPT 20

Isaiah 55:6-9, Phillippians 1:20c-24, 27a, Matthew 20:1-16a

"For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's." – ROMANS 14:8

This is the essence of stewardship – everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. We aren't "owners" of anything; we are merely "stewards" of the gifts that God has given us, especially our very own lives. Pray to God daily, and ask Him how He is calling you to live the life that He intended for you.



*"...how often should I forgive?"
 "Not **SEVEN** times,
 but, I tell you,
SEVENTY-SEVEN
 times."*

Matthew 18:21-22, NRSV

YOU'RE INVITED! Join us for a wonderful opportunity to grow in your Catholic faith! We warmly invite you to take part in our upcoming Parish Mission and spend a few evenings deepening your relationship with Christ and learning more about what it means to live our faith as Catholic adults.

The Freedom to Believe: Becoming an Adult Catholic

Parish Mission with Fr. Simeon Gallagher, OFMCap

September 21–24, 2026 7:00–8:30 PM - St. Joseph Catholic Church

We warmly invite you to join us for a special **four-day Parish Mission** led by **Fr. Simeon Gallagher, OFMCap**.

Cardinal St. John Henry Newman once said: **“The only evidence of life is growth.”**

Our life of faith is also a journey of growth. This Parish Mission will invite us to reflect on the challenge of **growing and maturing in our Catholic faith** and discovering the freedom that comes from a deeper relationship with Christ.

Drawing upon **Sacred Scripture, the Twelve-Step Recovery tradition, and the writings of St. Ignatius of Loyola**, Fr. Simeon will explore the themes of **freedom and spiritual growth**.

Evening Mission September 21–24 | 7:00–8:30 PM St. Joseph Catholic Church

For those unable to attend in the evening, **the same talk will also be offered following the daily Mass in the Parish Hall, with light refreshments served.**

Come as you are. Bring a friend. Give yourself these four days to **listen, reflect, pray, and grow in faith.**

Everyone is welcome!

PETITION SCHEDULE, Weekend of Sept 20:
Kent Robl.

LOTTO ST. JOE 2026 – The \$100 Labor Day winner was Colette Ukens. The winner of the weekly \$50.00 drawing for September 11 is Kayla Parr. All tickets are re-entered, allowing one to win multiple times. All proceeds go directly to the support of SJCS.

OCIA-Who is being called? Do you know someone that you might invite to join our faith? Now is the time. Invite them to come to an Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) information meeting on Wednesday, September 30, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Joseph's Catholic School to learn more about the process. For more information, or if you know someone interested, call Curtis Wolf at 785-623-3189.

FOOD, FUN & FELLOWSHIP! Join us for our Annual Parish Picnic! Sunday, September 20 • Parish Hall - Doors Open: 4:30 p.m. | Dinner: 5:00 p.m.

Please sign up by September 14 in the Gathering Space, so we have an approximate count.

What to Bring:
A–M: Dessert | **N–Z:** Side Dish

Bring your appetite, your family, and your sense of fun! We hope to see you there!

WE'RE HALFWAY TO OUR GOAL of 50 baked goodies! Help us fill the Cake Wheel with your favorite homemade treat!

Contact Gaila Demel at 620-617-3392 . Please have donations at the Parish Center by 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 20. Pick-up available if needed!

Thank you for sharing your time and talent with our parish family!

BINGO, ANYONE? Everyone is invited to join the fun! The Flicka's will host Bingo at our Annual Parish Picnic on Sunday, September 20 at the parish hall. Doors open at 4:30pm/Dinner 5:00pm.

Bring your family, and come enjoy some laughter, fellowship, and a little friendly competition! Grab a Bingo card and join us for a fun evening together as a parish family! We can't wait to see you there!

DOMINICAN SISTERS OF PEACE OPEN HOUSE, Sunday, September 27 • 1:30–3:30 p.m.
3600 Broadway, Great Bend

Join the Dominican Sisters of Peace for an Open House featuring displays of their history, ministries, and memorabilia, with tours of the Sisters' Chapel and Heritage Room.

Come visit with the Sisters before the Motherhouse closes at the end of 2026.

WOMEN'S RETREAT: Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Hays invites women ages 16+ to a retreat **October 2–3, 2026**. Featuring Noelle Garcia and the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Cost: **\$40**. Register at www.ihm-church.com.

DEEPEN YOUR FAITH!

Consider an ACTS Retreat this fall! The Diocese of Dodge City offers a Women's Retreat, October 22–25, and Men's Retreat, November 19–22, at the Heartland Center for Spirituality in Great Bend. Registration: Actsdc.org. Scholarships available.

HEARTLAND CENTER FOR SPIRITUALITY Radiance Within – One-Day Workshop

Saturday, October 17, 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. at Heartland Center, Great Bend. Join Sr. Jane Belanger for a day of reflection on growth, gratitude, surrender, and the light within. **\$40, includes lunch**. Register by October 3 with Ann Axman at 620-792-1232 or ann.axman@heartlandspirituality.org.

Free Online Faith Formation – *The Tears of Things*

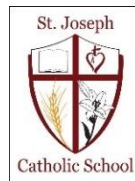
Sunday, October 18, 6:00–9:00 p.m. via Zoom. Explore finding hope amid uncertainty, loss, and change through the Christian understanding of apocalypse, lament, and the Paschal Mystery. To register, contact Keith Funk at keith.funk@heartlandspirituality.org or 620-792-1232.

EVERYONE IS INVITED to join Fr. Reggie for a conversation about his book on Sunday, October 4, at 2:00 p.m. in the auditorium of the Motherhouse. Come hear more about the book, ask questions, and visit with Fr. Reggie!

KANS FOR KIDS 21st Annual Fall Fun Festival will be held Sunday, September 27, from 1–5 p.m. at the Kasselmann Farm, 1017 NE 100 Rd, Claflin. Fun for all ages! All proceeds benefit Kans for Kids.

LET US ASK OUR BLESSED MOTHER

MARY for help with vocations to our diocese: seminarians, priests, religious sisters, and married couples. After each before-meal prayer, please add a Hail Mary for vocations. +Bishop John



Help our school earn money through **Box Tops for Education!**

It's easy to sign up:

1. Download the **Box Tops for Education** app.
2. Create an account and select **St. Joseph School**.
3. Scan your grocery receipts after shopping.

That's it! Your everyday purchases can help support our students. **Thank you for supporting Catholic education!**

"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful."

(Luke 6:36)



Reflect:

Mercy is at the center of the Christian life. Priests, religious, and families all reflect God's mercy when they forgive and serve others with compassion.



Discuss:

What are simple ways you can show mercy to others in daily life?



Pray:

Pray for all who show God's mercy through their vocation and for those learning to forgive as Christ forgives.



FOOD, FUN & FELLOWSHIP!

Annual CHURCH PICNIC

Join us for an evening of good food,
fellowship and fun with our parish family!

Sunday, September 20
Parish Hall

Doors open at 4:30 p.m. | Dinner begins at 5:00 p.m.



The Knights of Columbus
will be serving delicious
pulled pork, with hot dogs
available for the kids!

Fun for Everyone!



Cake Walk
Chances
50¢
each



Organized by Jean Doll
and Rachel Schneider
Cakes provided by
the Altar Society

Sponsored by the
Flicka Group!



Please Sign Up!

To help us plan for the evening,
please sign up so we can get an
approximate number of those attending.
Sign-up sheets are located in the
Gathering Space of the church.

Please sign up by September 14.

What to Bring:

- Last names A-M:
Please bring a **dessert**.
- Last names N-Z:
Please bring a **side dish**.



We hope you and your family will join us for this wonderful
parish tradition. Come enjoy great food, fun activities, and an
evening of fellowship with our parish family!



AN OLDIE BUT A GOODIE IS BACK!

We're bringing back a favorite from the past—the **Cake Wheel!**

BRING A FEW DOLLARS AND TRY YOUR LUCK!

Tickets are just **50¢** each, so come spin the wheel, have some fun, and maybe take home a sweet treat!

You won't want to miss this fun throwback!
COME GIVE THE CAKE WHEEL A SPIN!

CAKE WHEEL!

FUN, CAKES, & GOOD TIMES!

**AT THE PARISH PICNIC
SEPT 20!**

Join the BINGO!

FUN!

sponsored by **the Flicka's**

AT OUR PARISH PICNIC!

SEPTEMBER 20

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4	18	37	59	68
8	24	35	50	64
5	16	★	60	75
13	28	42	53	61
3	27	32	58	71

A REFLECTION ON THE
JOYFUL MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

Joyful WOMEN'S RETREAT

ENCOUNTER HIM. BE RENEWED. WALK IN JOY.



HOLY
MASS



EUCCHARISTIC
ADORATION



ROSARY



DIVINE
MERCY



FELLOWSHIP



WHEN

October 2-3, 2026

The retreat begins Friday at 6:30 p.m. and
concludes Saturday at 3:30 p.m.



WHERE

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church
1805 Vine Street, Hays, KS



SPEAKERS

Noelle Garcia &



*Sisters of the
Immaculate Heart of Mary
of Wichita*

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