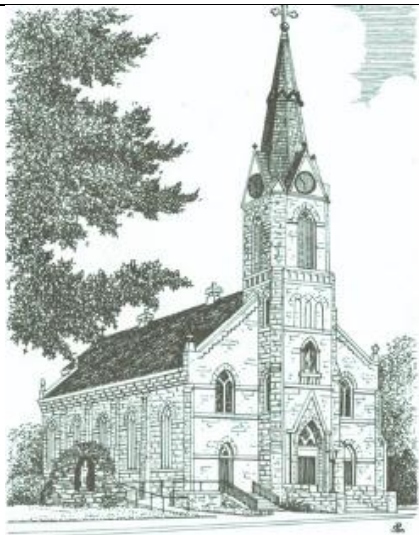




Saint Joseph Catholic Church

Ellinwood, Kansas

20 September 2026 – Twenty-fifth 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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Facebook:
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

The Freedom to Believe:
Becoming an Adult Catholic

Parish Mission by
Fr. Simeon Gallagher, OFMCap

“For where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.”
2 CORINTHIANS 3:17

Come. Listen. Grow.

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

ENCOUNTER + DEEPEN + LIVE + BELONG

Upcoming Events

20 Sept	21–24 Sept		30 Sept	4 Oct
Parish Picnic 5:00 pm	Parish Mission 7:00 – 8:30 pm		OCIA Informational Meeting 7:00 pm	K of C Pancake and Sausage Breakfast 8:00 am to Noon

INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Feast of St. Matthew (9/21)
Mass 8:15 am +Craig Robl

Tues., Weekday (9/22)
Mass 8:15 am For Rain

Wed., Mem. St. Pius of Pietrelcina (9/23)
Mass 8:15 am Fr. Eric Frieb

Thurs., Weekday (9/24)
Mass 8:15 am +Evelyn Stegman

Fri., Weekday (9/25)
Mass 8:15 am +Joe Birzer

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (9/26)
Mass 5:00 pm +Lorel Apel

TWENTY-SIXTH SUN ORDINARY TIME (9/27)
Mass 9:00 am For the Parish

Church Support

Envelopes \$2,650.00 Offertory \$312.00
 Online Giving \$2,904.80
Total Weekend Collection \$5,866.80
Wkly offering needed to meet budget \$8,670.00
 Envelopes Mailed 203
 Envelopes Returned 40
 Online Donors 50



"Which of the two did the will of his father?" (Matthew 21:31)

On Priesthood Sunday, we give thanks for priests who humbly serve God's people. Celebrate this day by writing a note of gratitude and encouragement to a priest who inspires you. Remember in prayer the priest who baptized and confirmed you. Pray for the priests in your parish and support those discerning this vocation. 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 20: Noah Resner, Tracen Nuest		
<u>Sept 26 & 27</u>	<u>Sat. 5:00pm</u>	<u>Sun. 9:00am</u>
Lector	John Clayton	Derek Joiner
Lector	Sharon Gatton	Stephanie Joiner
EM	Melanie Zink	Mike Thill
	Jason Schlochtermeyer	Ginger Thill
	Jim Rousseau	Linda McCaffery
Servers	Chioggia Staton	Addilyn Joiner
	Cabrini Staton	Emalie Joiner
Sacristans	Jim & Veanna Rousseau	K & K Wondra

Greeters Sat., Sept 26 – Sharon Gatton, Jamie Komarek, Jason & Heather Schlochtermeyer,

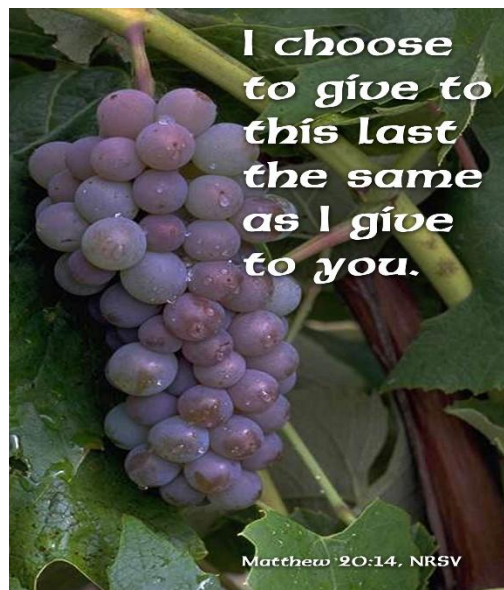
Sunday, Sept 27 – Tom & Jolene Snell, Monte & Robin Doll

SCRIPTURE READING FOR SUNDAY, SEPT 27

Ezekiel 18:25-28, Philippians 2:1-11, Matthew 21: 28-32

"Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last". - MATTHEW 20:16

You've heard the saying "it's not where you start, but how you finish." This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our sincere gratitude and cheerful generosity will help us live "God-centered" lives and not "self-centered" lives.



YOU'RE INVITED THIS WEEK! Join us for a wonderful opportunity to grow in your Catholic faith! This week, September 21–24, come spend a few evenings deepening your relationship with Christ, strengthening your faith, and discovering more about what it means to live as a Catholic adult.

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 27: Terri Huslig.

STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL – Our parish will kick off Stewardship Renewal next weekend, September 26–27. Stewardship is our grateful response to God’s gifts and our willingness to share those gifts in love of God and neighbor.

Stewardship includes Time, Abilities & Charisms, and Tithe & Alms—or simply Time, Talent & Treasure.

This year, we will focus on the Five Pillars of Stewardship:

1. **Prayer** – I love God
2. **Formation** – I love my Catholic faith
3. **Service** – I love my neighbor
4. **Evangelization** – I love the Good News of Jesus Christ
5. **Hospitality** – I love you

Join us as we rediscover the joy of stewardship and deepen our commitment to sharing our God-given gifts with our parish and community.

LOTTO ST. JOE 2026 – The winner of the weekly \$50.00 drawing for September 18 is Lauren Rugan. 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST – Join the Ellinwood Knights of Columbus for a delicious breakfast and a great cause! Sunday, October 4, 8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. at the St. Joseph Parish Center. Suggested donation: \$10 adults • \$3 children ages 6–9 • Free for ages 5 & under. Proceeds benefit people with intellectual disabilities.

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH, located at 512 N. Wilhelm, will have its annual Fish Fry on Sunday, September 27th from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Enjoy Fried Catfish, hamburgers, cheesy potatoes, watermelon, and funnel cakes! Free-will offering.

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.

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.

ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS – We will celebrate our Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass the weekend of October 31–November 1. If you are celebrating 5, 10, 25, 40, 50, 50+ years, or another significant anniversary, please contact the parish office by October 19 so we can celebrate with you and give thanks to God for the gift of your marriage.

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**

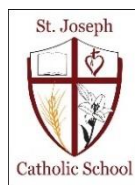
Saturday, October 17, 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. at Heartland Center, Great Bend. Cost is \$40, includes lunch. Register by October 3 with Ann Axman at 620-792-1232 or

ann.axman@heartlandspirituality.org.

Free Online Faith Formation – *The Tears of Things* -Sunday, October 18, 6:00–9:00 p.m. via Zoom. 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!

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



St. Joseph School is RaisingRight!

Thanks to everyone participating, St. Joseph School earned \$380.90 in August and has earned \$3,059.72 so

far in 2026!

That's \$207.27 more than this time last year!

Let's keep the momentum going! Every gift card purchase helps support St. Joseph School.

Keep earning with RaiseRight!

***"The last will be first,
and the first will be last."***
(Matthew 20:16)

 **Reflect:**
God measures greatness by humility and service. Those who answer His call live not for recognition, but for love of Him and others.

 **Discuss:**
Who in your parish quietly serves others with humility? How can you encourage them?

 **Pray:**
Pray for humility and for all who serve God's kingdom with hidden but faithful hearts.

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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!

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AT OUR PARISH PICNIC!

SEPTEMBER 20

BINGO

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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.



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SPEAKERS

Noelle Garcia &



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