

St. Mary Catholic Church

Mission Parish
815 St. Mary's Church Rd.
Fayetteville (near Ellinger)



MASSES

Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Monday at 7:00 a.m.

Rev. James Mueller

Wednesday at 7:00 a.m.

Paul Wiedo †

Thursday at 6:00 p.m.

James Rohde, Sr. †

Friday at 7:00 a.m.

Lucille Hernandez †

Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

Victor, Otilia & Charlie Kulhanek †

Sacrament of Reconciliation

60 to 20 minutes before Mass

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

207 E. Bell St.
Fayetteville
www.stjohnfayetteville.com



MASSES

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Monday at 12:15 p.m.

Barbara Sulak †

Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.

No Mass

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

No Mass

Thursday at 7:00 a.m.

Emma Schley †

Friday at 6:00 p.m.

James Kovar †

Saturday at 7:30 a.m.

Mass for Life

Saturday Vigil at 6:00 p.m.

For the People

Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

Rudolph & Angeline Jurecka †

Sacrament of Reconciliation

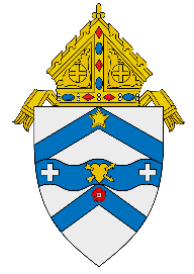
Saturday: 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Wednesday 6:00-6:30 p.m.

First Friday: 4:00-5:30 p.m.



Pope Francis
Vatican City State



Bishop Joe S. Vásquez
Diocese of Austin



St. Martin Catholic Church

World's Smallest Catholic Church

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3490 S. Hwy 237

Round Top

(near Warrenton)

MONTHLY MASS

Wednesday, December 18, at 9:00 a.m.

For the intentions left on the altar

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Marriage preparation: Contact the priest before setting the date and at least nine months before the date desired.

Baptism Preparation Classes will be held on the fourth Monday of each month. Parents & Godparents must have attended a Baptism Preparation class within three years of the Baptism. Contact the parish office to register.

Parish Registration forms available at the entrance of the Church and online.

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 8, AD 2019

ST. MARY'S NEWS

Sunday Offering:	\$ 1,992.00
Online Giving:	\$ 100.00
Cemetery:	\$ 249.00

ST. MARY'S ALTAR SOCIETY

- **Christmas Social** will be Wednesday, **December 11**, at 12:30 p.m. in the parish hall. A potluck meal will be followed by bingo and a \$7.00 gift exchange. Bring your favorite dish!
- **Annual Candy/Bake Sale** will be on Saturday, **December 21**, at the St. Mary Parish Hall, starting at 8:00 a.m. Raffle tickets are available from any member. Hotdogs, sandwiches, and many Christmas items will be available. We hope to see you there!

KJZT #41, THE ANNUNCIATION will meet on Monday, **December 9**, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will take place at Mildred Walla's house. All members are welcome. For further information, call Mildred at (979) 270-1705.

ST. JOHN'S NEWS

Sunday Offering:	\$ 4,222.56
Online Giving:	\$ 150.00
Faith Formation:	\$ 447.00

ST. JOHN'S ALTAR SOCIETY ADVENT PARTY is on Tuesday, **December 10**, at 1:00 p.m. at the parish hall. There will be bingo and snacks. Come and bring a snack to share. If you wish, you can bring a gift (\$7.00 value) to exchange. For questions, call Madeline at (979) 378-2361.

ST. JOHN'S CEMETERY NOTICE: Now that the November observation of our deceased loved ones is over, we need your help in picking up ornaments and breakable items, as well as consistently maintaining the gravesites according to the cemetery rules and regulations. Copies of the "Rules, Regulations and Specifications of St. John's Cemetery Association" can be found at the entrance of the Church. Please email or call the office with any questions or concerns. Your help is appreciated!

ST. JOHN'S & ST. MARY'S NEWS

PLEASE PRAY FOR: T.J. Beck, Brandon Benson, Susan Buchanan, Brian Chovanec, Margie Chovanec, Adell Coufal, Bennie Daricek, Paul Estrada, Brian Fruge, Waldine Fruge, Hannah Glenn, Dan Hall, Randy Hoelscher, J.D. Kovar, Jordan Lee, El Gene and Mary Ann Sommerfeld, Judy Supak, Barbara Tieken, Randy Vasek, Bennie Volcik, and Maggie Williams. *(Though they will remain in our prayers, names will only remain on the prayer list for two months, unless a new request is received.)*

FAITH FORMATION - Wednesday, December 11

- **Grades K-6** will meet at 6:00 – 6:50 p.m. in the RE building.
 - **Grades 7-12** will meet at 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. in the hall.
- **Parents**, please pick up your K-6 students at 6:50 p.m.! There will be **NO MASS** this evening. Grades 7-12 should be at the hall by 6:00 p.m. if they want to eat before the *Faustina* performance.

YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE TODAY for the Christmas Eve Mass at St. John. Remaining practices are **December 15** and **December 22**, following the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Call or text Rachel Schley at (979) 249-7501 for more information.

CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY

- **SAVE THE DATE FOR DCYC** on **February 1-2** in Waco! All High School students are invited to celebrate their faith with hundreds of young Catholics from across the diocese. This year's theme is "Mater Dei", Latin for the "Mother of God". Registration forms can be found on the parish website or at the church entrance, and must be returned by **December 13**.
- **CHRISTMAS DECORATING:** CYM youth will be decorating St. John Church on Sunday, **December 22**, after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. All high school students are asked to participate as we set up the mangers and decorate the church for Christmas. Parents are welcome to join; your help will be appreciated.

PARISH ADVENT DINNERS

- **St. John's Parish Advent Dinner** is **TODAY, December 8**, at the parish hall. Social hour will begin at 11:00 a.m., followed by a catered meal. Bring a dessert if you would like!
 - **St. Mary's Parish Advent Dinner** will be held on Sunday, **December 15**. A catered dinner will be served at 12:00 noon with social time beginning at 11:00 a.m. Please sign up if you plan to attend and if you need to bring a meal to any homebound. Dessert donations are welcome!
- All are invited to come together in food and fellowship in preparation for the coming of our Lord. Join us!

MAKE PLANS NOW TO ATTEND *Faustina: Messenger of Divine Mercy*, on Wednesday, **December 11**, from 7:00 – 8:30 pm, at St. John's Parish Hall! This professional multi-media live theater production, filled with music, drama and inspiring performances, shares the story of Saint Faustina and the joys and great struggles she endured in her life as a mystic. Woven into the play is also a modern story of healing and forgiveness in the life of a young woman who learns about Divine Mercy. The show is free to attend. All are invited to join us for this special event. This performance may not be suitable for children younger than the seventh grade.

ANGEL TREE: Sponsored by the CDA, each "angel" on the tree represents a child or adult in a desperate family situation. If you are able to fulfill one of the gift requests, please return the gift by **December 11**. Wrap in gift bags, put the "angel" tag on it, and leave the present near or under the tree. Thank you!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

- **MONTHLY MEETING** will be on Tuesday, **December 17**, at 7:00 p.m.
- **NO KC BARBECUE** will be held this month.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

- **CDA EDUCATION CONTEST:** This year's topics are "Blessed are the peacemakers", and "Living in harmony with others". Students in grades 4-12 and adult CDA members are encouraged to enter. Pick up entry forms at Fayetteville ISD and at the entrance of the church. **January 22, 2020** is the deadline to return all entries.
- **CDA SCHOLARSHIPS:** Graduating seniors related to a living CDA member in good standing are eligible to apply for the State Scholarship. Local Scholarships are offered to graduating seniors whose mother is a CDA member of Court 1440. Contact Donna Shula at (713) 818-1470 for information. Applications are due by **January 31**.

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
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SAVE THE DATE FOR THE CATECHETICAL RETREAT on Saturday, **January 11**, 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, College Station. This will be the first deanery-wide catechist retreat, meaning there will be catechists from over 16 different parishes! The focus of the retreat will be on the catechists' relationship with Christ, with emphasis on personal prayer and the Ignatian Spirituality. All Catechists, Aides, substitute instructors, Bible Study leaders, RCIA leaders, and anyone currently involved in or interested in serving in the Faith Formation Program are asked to attend.

ALL ARE INVITED to the **St. Mary Altar Society's Annual Candy/Bake Sale** to be held Saturday, **December 21**, at St. Mary's Parish Hall, starting at 8:00 a.m. Raffle tickets are available from any member. Hotdogs, sandwiches, and many Christmas items will be available. See you there!



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY for members of *both* Knights of Columbus and Catholic Daughters of America will be on Sunday, **December 29**, at St. John's Parish Hall. The social begins at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7:30 p.m. Each person is asked to bring a dry good item for the AMEN Food Pantry, such as cereal, rice, pasta, etc.

THANK YOU for your donations to the Baby Bank campaign. St. John's parish raised \$742.55 and St. Mary's parish raised \$252.85. These funds will support the pro-life activities in the diocese. For more information or to volunteer with these efforts, please contact Nikki Beseda or Aimee Korenek.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY: Senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests across the country send heartfelt thanks and prayers for your donation to this week's Retirement Fund for Religious collection.

2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES with your name on them are on the tables at the entrance of the church. The boxes have been placed in alphabetical order. Anyone not having an assigned box is asked to pick up a blank set. **EVERYONE using envelopes should place their name on the first few envelopes**, so we can be sure all information is accurate.



MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY CERTIFICATES will be distributed at the weekend Masses, celebrating the Feast of the Holy Family, on **December 29 & 30**.

SAVE THE DATE for the Texas Catholic Pro-Life Day in Austin! On **January 25, 2020**, join the Diocese of Austin for these Pro-Life Activities: Sidewalk Prayer Vigil, Rosary for Life, Diocesan Pro-Life Mass, March for Life, Texas Rally for Life, among others.

CLERICAL ENDOWMENT FUND CHRISTMAS CARDS are a good way to remember someone at Christmas and support the CEF. The cards are available at the parish office, at Fayetteville Bank, or after Mass at St. Mary's every second Sunday. For more information, contact Margaret Kubala at (979) 378-2877.

ST. JOHN ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR: Please come by the office to pick up your orders. We do have a few extras for purchase!

ADULT FORMATION GATHERINGS: Would you like to increase your level of belonging to the parish, and develop a closer relationship to God and our Catholic faith? Would you like to increase your prayer life, learn more about the teachings of the Catholic Church, or have a bible study with a few friends?

We can't always offer the exact class or workshop for everyone in the parish, but we can help you facilitate a gathering to grow in your faith through prayer, scripture, discussion and fellowship. If you have an idea for a group study or would like to review some of the many resources the parish has available, please contact the office. Our parishes are blessed to have the facilities and the materials to help you start a small group to help you grow in your own faith, learn the teachings of the Church, and deepen **your** relationship with Jesus. Your Baptism calls you to share in Jesus' ministry, why not start here?

HOPE-HEALTHY OPTIONS PROGRAM: On the second Friday of each month, between 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. clients will receive a bag of groceries. The next distribution is Friday, **December 13**.

SUPPORT THE PARISH WHEN YOU SHOP: The parish of St. John the Baptist has teamed up with the Amazon Smile program. This means that Amazon will donate 0.5% of your Amazon purchase to the parish **at no cost to you**. Any donation is greatly appreciated. Simply visit <http://smile.amazon.com>, sign in to your Amazon account, search and select "St. John Catholic Church Fayetteville" and shop! For help or more information, visit org.amazon.com.

TWO SILENCE WITH THE SACRAMENTS RETREATS will be held **December 12 and 19** at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton. Select the date that is convenient for you and spend a day entering into the Advent season. Lunch will be provided. Mass and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered. Arrive between 9 and 10 a.m. and depart by 4 p.m. Visit www.cedarbrake.org or call (254) 780-2436 to register.

Come Gather in Prayer with Us!

***Saturday** night – pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet before the 6:00 p.m. Mass at **St. John Church** for the intention of religious vocations

***Monday** evening – pray the Angelus, the Rosary, the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and other prayers at 6:00 p.m. at **St. Mary Church**

***Tuesday** evening – pray the Rosary at 5:30 p.m. at **St. John Church**

Catholic Social Teaching Corner

Dec. 7- Dec. 8, Second Sunday of Advent

Today's Psalm is "Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace forever." How are we working towards justice and peace today?

Dic. 7-8, Segundo Domingo de Adviento

El Salmo de Hoy es "Florecerá en sus días la justicia, y la plenitud de la paz para siempre". ¿Cómo estamos trabajando para la justicia y la paz hoy?

**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 8, AD 2019**

ST. JOHN LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTOR

Monday – Addie Dybala
Saturday – Theresa Keilers
Sunday – Lee Matocha

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Monday – Pat Geistmann (H)
Saturday – Betty Kovar(H), Andrew Keilers*(H),
 Theresa Keilers(H), Tiffany Nigh(C), Carrol Hollimon(C),
 Karley Kasmiersky(C), Wanda Fritsch(C)
Sunday – Jeanne Schilling(H), Rick Schilling(H),
 Lee Matocha*(H), Becky Matocha(C), David Bertsch(C),
 Nikki Beseda(C), Michelle Bertsch(C)

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday – Amber Canik, Jacob Nigh, Peyton Jurecka
Sunday – Luke Beseda, Dal Brackman, Mackenzie Poncik

GIFT BEARERS

Monday – Jimmie Schmitt Family
Saturday – Joe Dybala Family
Sunday – Vernon Hohensee Family

ALTAR DUTY FOR DECEMBER: Carrol Hollimon,
 Lisa Hollimon, Pat Sury, Alma Rodriguez

USHERS FOR DECEMBER

Saturday – Robert Kasmiersky, Joseph Munsch, Steve Lyssy,
 Christopher Stastny
Sunday – John Cufu, Jim Mattair, Alvin Minarcik, Arlis Keilers

ST. JOHN CONTACTS

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Hall Rental	Parish Office	979-378-2277
Cemetery	Ronald Kramr	979-249-6152

ST. MARY LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTOR

Monday – L.J. Korenek
Sunday – Jo Ann Divin

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Monday – Luke Orsak
Sunday – Donna Shula, Lee Roy Shula, Ruth Beseda,
 Jo Ann Divin

ALTAR SERVERS

Monday – Stephen Korenek, Rylee Fritsch
Sunday – Julie Korenek, Luke Korenek

GIFT BEARERS

Monday – Ronnie Polasek Family
Sunday – Mark Matocha Family

USHERS FOR DECEMBER

Bradley Divin, Darryl Bradley, Dennis Orsak, Anton Becka

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Our Lady of Guadalupe
December 12



On December 9, 1531, Juan Diego, on his way to attend Mass, walked by a hill called Tepeyac when he heard beautiful music. A radiant cloud appeared, and within it stood an Indian maiden dressed like an Aztec princess. The lady spoke to him in his own language and sent him to the bishop of Mexico, to instruct him to build a chapel in the place where the lady appeared. The bishop told Juan to have the lady give him a sign. About this same time Juan's uncle became gravely ill. This led poor Juan to try to avoid the lady as he walked by the hill to get a priest for his uncle. Nevertheless, the lady found Juan on his alternate route, assured him that his uncle would recover, and provided roses for Juan to carry to the bishop in his cape, or tilma. On December 12, when Juan Diego opened his tilma in the bishop's presence, the roses fell to the ground, and the bishop sank to his knees. On the tilma where the roses had been appeared an image of Mary exactly as she had appeared at the hill of Tepeyac.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE SCHEDULE

Ellinger	Monday	December 9	5:00 p.m.
Fayetteville	Monday	December 9	7:15 p.m.
Giddings	Wednesday	December 11	7:00 p.m.
Rockdale	Monday	December 16	6:00 p.m.
La Grange	Tuesday	December 17	7:00 p.m.
Chappell Hill	Wednesday	December 18	7:00 p.m.
Lexington	Thursday	December 19	7:00 p.m.
Somerville	Friday	December 20	7:00 p.m.

Second Sunday of Advent



Upcoming Holy Day Masses

DECEMBER 9 – IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

7:00 a.m. at St. Mary
 12:15 p.m. at St. John

DECEMBER 24 – CHRISTMAS EVE

VIGIL MASS - 6:00 p.m. at St. John
 MASS DURING THE NIGHT - 12:00 midnight at St. Mary

DECEMBER 25 – CHRISTMAS

8:00 a.m. - St. Mary
 10:00 a.m. - St. John