

St. Mary Catholic Church

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



MASSES

Wednesday at 7:00 a.m.

Rev. John F. Heaney †

Thursday at 6:00 p.m.

Dr. Tom Mueller (healing)

Friday at 7:00 a.m.

*Fred, Pearl, & Morris Zapalac
and Joe & Mary Faldyn †*

Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

Anne & Fred Zapalac †

Sacrament of Reconciliation

60 to 20 minutes before Mass

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

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



MASSES

Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.

Rev. August J. Kita, S.D.B. †

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

Bennie Vitek †

Thursday at 7:00 a.m.

Flo Baca †

Friday at 6:00 p.m.

Matthew Geistmann †

Saturday at 7:30 a.m.

Anton & Rosie Petter Family †

Saturday Vigil at 6:00 p.m.

*Living and dec'd of the
Sam & Isabel Knippel Family*

Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

For the People

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

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

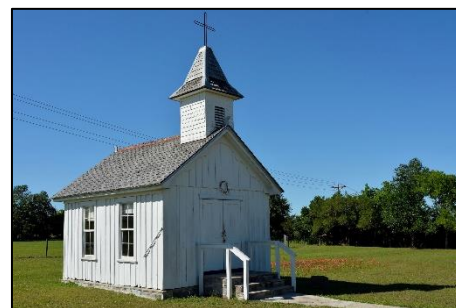
First Friday: 4:00-5:30 p.m.



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Diocese of Austin



St. Martin Catholic Church

World's Smallest Catholic Church

Historic Chapel

3490 S. Hwy 237

Round Top

(near Warrenton)

MONTHLY MASS

Wednesday, January 22, 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 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 5, AD 2020

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR: T.J. Beck, Brandon Benson, 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, Dr. Tom Mueller, Louis Smith, 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, January 8

- ✓ **Grades K-6** will meet at 6:00 p.m. and attend the 7:00 p.m. Mass. Parents pick up in front of the church following Mass.
- ✓ **Grades 7-12** will meet in the church prepared for 7:00 p.m. Mass. Classes will be dismissed at 8:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS at St. John will be removed after the 10:00 a.m. Mass next Sunday, **January 12**. All high school students and anyone wishing to help should be at the church by 11:00 a.m.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

- **MONTHLY MEETING** will be on Tuesday, **January 7**, at 6:30 p.m. in St. John's Parish Hall.
- **CDA EDUCATION CONTEST:** This year's topics are "Blessed are the peacemakers", and "Living in harmony with others". Students in grades 4-12 and CDA members may enter. Entry forms are at Fayetteville ISD and at the entrance of the church. **January 22** 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 at (713) 818-1470 for information. Applications are due by **January 31**.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

- **OFFICERS MEETING** will be held on Monday, **January 6**, at 6:30 p.m., in St. John's Parish Hall.
- **BAR-B-Q** chicken, sausage and ribs to go will be served Sunday, **January 12**, at 10:30 a.m. at the St. John Hall pits. Call (979) 249-6003 to place orders. K.C. members to work starting at 5:00 a.m. are the Kenneth Noska crew. The CDA will have side dishes available.

CATECHETICAL RETREAT The first *deanery-wide* catechist retreat will be held next Saturday, **January 11**, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in College Station. The focus of the retreat is our relationship with Christ, personal prayer and the Ignatian Spirituality. All Catechists, Aides, Bible Study leaders, RCIA leaders, and anyone currently involved in or interested in serving in the Faith Formation Program are asked to attend.

NEW PARISH DIRECTORY for 2020: We have contracted with Lifetouch to have a 2020 Parish Directory. So, please help us out by taking and sending in pictures of parish events we have this year. Preferably, email the pictures to the parish office digitally. The following photography dates for families & individuals have been scheduled: August 27-29, 2020 at St. Mary's Parish Hall and September 10-12 & 17-19 in Fayetteville. You can have your pictures taken at either location.



EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING: It is tradition on the Feast of the Epiphany that we bless our homes by marking them with blessed chalk with the current year and the initials of the Three Wise Men - Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. Inserted in this bulletin you will find the blessing prayer and instructions on how to mark your homes.

FAMILY MEMBERS UNABLE TO ATTEND MASS?

If you have family members who are homebound or in a nursing home who would like a visit from Father Nock or Deacon Robert, please contact the parish office. The priest and deacon are always willing to visit and bring Holy Communion to parishioners who are not able to attend Mass on their own.

MASS INTENTIONS

There are Mass openings for 2020. Please come by the church office if you would like to have a Mass said for the intention of a living or deceased relative or friend.

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

2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES: **EVERYONE** using envelopes should, please, write their name on the first few.

START THE NEW YEAR by developing a closer relationship to God and our Catholic faith! Come check out our resources to learn more about the history and teachings of the Catholic Church, to enrich your prayer life, or to start 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 assist you in starting 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, from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m., clients will receive a bag of groceries. The next distribution is Friday, **January 10**.

TOTAL CONSECRATION TO JESUS THROUGH MARY

Join others from throughout the diocese as they prepare for Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary. The 33 days of preparation prayer for Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary begins **February 20**. Visit www.TexasToJesusThroughMary.org by **January 23** to get a free Montfort preparation prayer book by mail.

PASSION AND PURPOSE FOR MARRIAGE, a talk by Dr. Allen Hunt, will be presented on Friday, **January 17**, from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. at St. Thomas More Parish in Austin. Married couples are invited to learn new and practical ways to strengthen and enrich their relationship. Go to www.DynamicCatholic.com/Austin for tickets.

NEW "WORD AMONG US" books are at the back of church. Issues can also be accessed online! Contact the office for details.

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TOGETHER ENCOUNTER CHRIST (TEC) Retreat will be held **January 18 – 20** at Eagles Wings Retreat Center. TEC is a high energy and spirit filled retreat in which young adults (age 17 and up) explore and deepen their faith. The retreat cost is \$125, and includes two nights, meals and supplies. For details go to www.tecofctx.wordpress.com/.

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.

HOLY ROSARY WOMEN'S ACTS RETREAT is scheduled for **February 20 – 23** at Cathedral Oaks Retreat Center in Weimar. This retreat is an opportunity for spiritual renewal and making new friends. Applications are available at the entrance of the church. For questions, please contact Tracey Lanham at (512) 665-2059.



FOR THOSE PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE:

Couples planning to marry should contact their priest or deacon at least nine months prior to their wedding date in order to begin the marriage preparation process. Your parish is always the best choice for your marriage preparation. Your parish priest is part of your spiritual lives. Schedule an appointment with a priest in your parish.

EIGHTH ANNUAL CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE entitled "No Man Left Behind: Go Make Disciples", will be held on Saturday, **February 8**, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Travis County Expo Center. The conference is presented by the Central Texas Fellowship of Catholic Men. It will feature Mass with Bishop Joe Vásquez, and presentations by Dr. Edward Sri and Father Ken Geraci. Tickets are \$45 in advance, with discounts for students under 18 and for groups. Visit www.centexcatholic.com for more information.



MARK YOUR NEW CALENDARS for *Vacation Bible School 2020* to be held **July 20 – 24!**

ST. JOHN'S NEWS

Sunday Offering:	\$ 9,995.80
Christmas:	\$ 5,261.30
Feast of the Holy Family:	\$ 2,651.43
Online Giving:	\$ 50.00

IN MEMORIAM: The Parish Family extends sympathies and prayers towards the family of *Florence Baca*, who died last week. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.

Come Gather in Prayer with Us!

- *Saturday night – pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet before the 6:00 p.m. Mass at **St. John Church**
- *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**

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St. John the Baptist
Catholic Church

2020

Celebrating 150 Years

IN 1870, THE FIRST CATHOLIC CHURCH in Fayetteville was built, and the first resident priest was appointed. The small church was 68 feet in length, 36 feet wide and only 18 feet tall. Prior to that date, the residents traveled to Ross Prairie or to the Bluff to attend Mass.

ST. JOHN'S PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS: It is time, once again, to select new members to our Pastoral Council. The three-year terms for members Robert Kasmiersky, Lee Matocha, and Pat Geistmann will be expiring after the first calendar quarter of 2020. The other current members are Paul Estrada, Emil Sodolak, John Spiess, Jeanne Schilling, Karley Kasmiersky, and Priscilla Malota. Please submit your nominations for the council by **TODAY, January 5**, in order to have your nomination entered into the selection that will take place at the council meeting on Thursday, **January 9**.

ST JOHN'S COUNCIL MEETINGS: The Pastoral Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, **January 9**, at 7:00 p.m. We will be selecting three new members at this time. All parishioners are welcome to attend. The Finance Council will meet Tuesday, **January 28**, at 6:45 p.m.

ST. MARY'S NEWS

Sunday Offering:	\$ 2,906.00
Christmas:	\$ 1,888.00
Feast of the Holy Family:	\$ 371.00
Online Giving:	\$ 1,000.00

CONGRATULATIONS and best wishes to *Jose & Katrina (Gaertner) Olalde*, who were united in the bonds of Holy Matrimony at St. Mary this weekend. May the Lord bless them with many happy years of marriage!



ST. MARY'S ALTAR SOCIETY meeting will be on Wednesday, **January 8**, at 1:00 p.m. at the parish hall. All ladies of the parish are welcome.

ST MARY'S COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Pastoral Council meeting will be on Thursday, **January 23**, at 6:45 p.m. in the parish hall. All parishioners are welcome to attend. St. Mary's Finance Council will meet on Thursday, **January 30**.

Catholic Social Teaching Corner

Jan. 4-5, The Epiphany of the Lord

In this Sunday's Gospel, we find the magi following the star to find Jesus. How can we lead others to Christ just as the star did for the magi?

Enero 4-5, La Epifanía de Nuestro Señor

En el Evangelio de este Domingo, encontramos a los magos siguiendo la estrella para encontrar a Jesús ¿Cómo podemos guiar a otros hacia Cristo tal como la estrella lo hizo para los magos?

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ST. JOHN LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTOR

Wednesday – Grade 11/12
Saturday – Yvonne Smith
Sunday – Janell Warschak

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Wednesday – Annette Little, Paulette Keilers, Amy Babin
Saturday – Carrol Hollimon(H), Wanda Fritsch(H),
 Joan Malota(H), Karley Kasmiersky(C), Sharon Martinek(C),
 Yvonne Smith*(C), Betty Kovar(C)
Sunday – Joe Babin*(H), Nikki Beseda(H), David Bertsch(C),
 Michelle Bertsch(C), Janell Warschak(C), Amy Babin(C)

ALTAR SERVERS

Wednesday – Grade 4 (3), Grade 5 (1)
Saturday – Amber Canik, Dustin Canik, Lydia Huebner
Sunday – Wade Halamicek, Marissa Halamicek,
 Cole Brackman

GIFT BEARERS

Wednesday – Grade 1
Saturday – Debbie Canik & Waldine Fruge
Sunday – David Bertsch Family

ALTAR DUTY FOR JANUARY: Theresa Keilers,
 Mary Georig, Lexxus Zika, Kathleen Kramr

USHERS FOR JANUARY

Saturday – David Stastny, Peter Chovanec, Erwin Kovar,
 Betty Kovar
Sunday – Roy Wied, Kory Kaspar, David Holub, Rick Schilling

ST. JOHN CONTACTS

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K.J.Z.T.	Rose Rohde	979-249-3635
K.J.T.	Emil Sodolak	979-249-3952
Hall Rental	Parish Office	979-378-2277
Cemetery	Ronald Kramr	979-249-6152

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
JANUARY 5, 2020

The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Savior of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (*magi*) from the East, together with his baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee.

In the magi, representatives of the neighboring pagan religions, the Gospel sees the first-fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation.

The magi's coming to Jerusalem in order to pay homage to the king of the Jews shows that they seek in Israel, in the messianic light of the star of David, the one who will be king of the nations.

Their coming means that pagans can discover Jesus and worship him as Son of God and Savior of the world only by turning towards the Jews and receiving from them the messianic promise as contained in the Old Testament.

The Epiphany shows that “the full number of the nations” now takes its “place in the family of the patriarchs”, and acquires *Israelitica dignitas* (is made “worthy of the heritage of Israel”) [CCC 528].

ST. MARY LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTOR

Sunday – L.J. Korenek

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Sunday – Robert Balzer, Rose Urban, L.J. Korenek

ALTAR SERVERS

Sunday – Luke Korenek, Julie Korenek

GIFT BEARERS

Sunday – Rose Urban Family

USHERS FOR JANUARY

James Korenek, Luke Orsak, James Wunderlich, Bruce Kubena

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K.J.T.	James Korenek	amskorenek@yahoo.com
Hall Rental	Parish Office	979-378-2277
Cemetery	Vlasta Korenek	979-732-2836

Iglesias que ofrecen Misas en Español

Sab.	7:30 PM	St. Mary Our Lady of Lourdes	Caldwell
Dom.	11:00 AM	St. Margaret	Giddings
Dom.	11:30 AM	Sacred Heart	La Grange
Dom.	12:00 PM	Saint Anthony	Columbus
Dom.	12:30 PM	Sts. Peter & Paul	Frelsburg

Silence as an Important Component of the Liturgy



–Cardinal Robert Sarah “...silence is both a form of prayer in itself and it is also the opening one needs in order to pray.”

All parishes should allow for silence in the Church as soon as one enters into it, for to enter into a Catholic Church is to pull back the door into heaven itself.

In his article, *Silence at Mass*, David Philppart describes silence as “akin to these: the silence that gestates between people who know and love each other so well that words are not always necessary; the awe-filled silence evoked by an encounter with beauty; the calm quiet that befalls those who gaze, listen or touch with their hearts as well as with their eyes, ears and hands.”

Further in the same article he says, “The liturgy’s silence is communal. The assembly keeps a communion of quiet. Each one tries to the best of his or her ability to be still, but it is more than just a bunch of individuals not saying or doing anything coincidentally. It is the Body of Christ listening for and attending to the voice of God.” And again, “Silence in the liturgy is silence kept on *purpose*.” It is deliberate and therefore active. It’s not an interlude, not an intermission, not an interruption of the action. At its time, it is the action: We keep the silence. “Be still and know that I am God,” the psalmist sings. Silence in the liturgy is the active attending to God that Samuel showed when, upon being awakened from his sleep by the voice of God, he replied, “Here I am: I come to do your will,” and then stood quietly before the Divine.”