

St. Mary Catholic Church

Est. 1855

Mission Parish

815 St. Mary's Church Rd.
Fayetteville (near Ellinger)
www.stmaryellinger.com



Weekly Offering: \$1,194.00
Online Giving: \$ 296.38

MASSES

Wednesday at 7:00 a.m.
No Mass

Friday at 7:00 a.m.
No Mass

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 p.m.
*For all Priests, Seminarians, &
those discerning Service of the Lord*

Sunday at 8:00 a.m.
Fr. Ben Mazurkiewicz †

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Available before every Mass
(in parish hall)

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Est. 1870

207 E. Bell St.
Fayetteville

www.stjohnfayetteville.com



Weekly Offering: \$ 2,641.00
Online Giving: \$ 483.30

MASSES

Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.
No Mass

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
No Mass

Thursday at 7:00 a.m.
No Mass

Saturday at 7:30 a.m.
F.C. & Mabel Knippel †

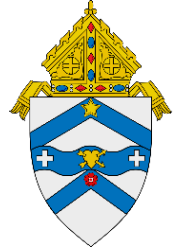
Saturday Vigil at 6:00 p.m.
For the People

Sunday at 10:00 a.m.
Confirmation Candidates

Sacrament of Reconciliation
*Monday – Thursday evening following
our Parish Mission*
Saturday 8:00-9:00 a.m.



Pope Francis
Vatican City State



Bishop Joe S. Vásquez
Diocese of Austin



St. Martin Catholic Church

World's Smallest Catholic Church
Historic Chapel
3490 S. Hwy 237
Round Top
(near Warrenton)

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Marriage preparation: Contact the priest before setting the date and at least six 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 THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
November 1, AD 2020

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Dianne Allen, Dan Castillo, Judy Chovanec, Margie Chovanec, Cherie Coufal, Bennie Daricek, John Dennis, Bradley Divin, Brian Fruge, Waldine Fruge, Hannah Glenn, Dan Hall, Bernita Hlinsky, Dcn. Robert Jasek, Christine Kaspar, J.D. Kovar, Robert Krenk Sr., Doris Matocha, Leo Miller, Rose Novosad, Garland Polasek, Kaycee Roesler, El Gene and Mary Ann Sommerfeld, Shelley Spears, Martha Staley, Barbara Tieken, Kathy Vasek, Larry Vitek, 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, November 4

- Grades K-1 will meet at 6:00 – 6:50 p.m.
- Grades 2-6 will meet at 6:00 – 6:50 p.m.
- Grades 7-12 will meet at 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.



PLEASE NOTE: Grades 2-6 will dismiss early due to the parish mission.

ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS: Check for your assigned time on the Chicken Stew worksheet you were given, and be sure to show up to do your part!



CONFIRMATION will be celebrated **NEXT SUNDAY, November 8**, during the 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. John Catholic Church. The rehearsal will be **Saturday, November 7, at 9:00 a.m.** Please keep all of our Confirmands in your prayers.

WELCOME FATHER BILL CASEY! Our parish mission will be presented, this week, at St. John Church on Monday through Thursday, **November 2-5**, followed each night with opportunities for Confession and Adoration. Father Bill, of the Fathers of Mercy, will start his talk every night at **7:00 p.m.** Make plans to attend! First Friday services will not be held this week.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

- **OFFICER MEETING** is postponed to Monday, **November 9**, at 6:30 p.m. to allow members to attend the mission.
- **BAR-B-Q** chicken, sausage and ribs to-go will be served next Sunday, **November 8**, at 10:30 a.m. at the pits at St. John's Hall. Early orders are encouraged, and may be placed by calling **(979) 249-6003**. K.C. members of Leonard Malota's crew are to work, starting at 5:00 a.m. The CDA will have side dishes available. In accordance with CDC guidelines, please wear your mask and practice social distancing when you come.
- **KC Council 3168 MEMORIAL MASS** will be on Tuesday, **November 17**, at 6:00 p.m. A meal will follow Mass.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS MEMORIAL MASS will be Tuesday, **November 10**. The **monthly meeting** will follow. Please note the date change.

K.J.Z.T. SOCIETY #10 – ST. ANNE'S will hold their quarterly meeting on Tuesday, **November 17**, at 1:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Lunch will be served. Please bring bingo prizes.

GUMBO! Mark your calendars for Friday, **November 13**. The KCs will host a *drive-through only* chicken & sausage gumbo meal from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at St. John's Parish Hall pits. The cost is \$10.00 per serving and includes a container of gumbo and one of rice. Place your order at **(832)260-3631**. Call in orders early!

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK is celebrated in our country this week, **November 1-7**. Please petition Our Lord for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons, and consecrated men and women. May they, inspired by Jesus Christ and supported by our faith community, respond generously to God's gift of vocation.

Prayer for Vocations

O God, Who wills not the death of a sinner, but rather that he be converted and live, grant we beseech You – through the intercession of Blessed Mary ever Virgin, Saint Joseph, her spouse, and all the saints – an increase of laborers for your Church, fellow laborers with Christ to spend and consume themselves for souls. Through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

MARRIAGE RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES will be given this year to couples celebrating anniversaries in **2020** for 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60 years and over. Couples receiving certificates shall be in good standing with the Church. Please enter your full names, anniversary date, and the name of the parish where your wedding was celebrated, on the sign-up sheet at the entrance of the church by Sunday, **November 22**.



NOVEMBER 7-8 WEEKEND MASSES: Bishop Vásquez will Celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at Mass at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 8. Due to the COVID-19 protocol and limited seating in the church, we ask that anyone not planning to attend Mass specifically to celebrate this sacrament with the Confirmation candidates *please consider attending one of the other weekend Masses: Saturday evening Mass at 4 p.m. at St. Mary or 6 p.m. at St. John; or 8 a.m. Sunday morning Mass at St. Mary.* Your consideration will help insure that the candidates' families will be able to celebrate this day with their loved ones.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Next weekend is the Catholic Services Appeal (CSA), which gives us the opportunity to support more than 100 ministries and programs that transform thousands of lives across Central Texas each day.

This year's theme is 'Hearts Filled with Gratitude', and our bishop is asking us all to prayerfully consider the most generous gift possible during this challenging time. Learn more about the CSA and make your gift today at austindiocese.org/csa.

GATHERING FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST IS A BLESSING, indeed. The Holy Eucharist is the source and summit of our Catholic faith. Everyone is welcome, but fulfilling our Sunday Obligation may feel a bit difficult as we navigate these times of pandemic.

Social distancing is practiced, masks are required, and hand sanitizer is used.

Remember, the ushers are there to help! Please ask them if you need a mask, assistance finding a seat, or anything else.

NOTE: We ask that those who are showing symptoms of COVID-19, those who have an underlying health condition making them vulnerable to COVID-19, or those who live with or care for anyone in the previous two categories to please *remotely participate* via viewing the **livestreamed Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass** on our Facebook page. You can access it by visiting our parish websites and clicking the Facebook emblem "f" in the upper right hand corner.

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THE MOBILE FOOD PANTRY will be at St. John on Friday, **November 6**, from **10:00 – 11:00 a.m.** This distribution will be a Drive-Thru, so all clients are to stay in their vehicles and open the trunk. Volunteers will load the food in your vehicle.

HOPE-HEALTHY OPTIONS PROGRAM: St. John's Hall is a distribution site for Central Texas Food Bank's HOPE program. HOPE is for persons 55 years and up. On the second Friday of each month, from 2:00-3:00 p.m., clients will receive a 15-20 lb. bag of groceries. The next distribution is Friday, **November 13**.

WORD OF LIFE: PRIORITIES AT THE POLLS

Catholics are called to defend human life wherever it is threatened and stand up for human dignity wherever it is violated. Though one can cite multiple threats to life in the U.S. today, the evil of abortion is paramount. The most recent available data indicates that *over 2,000 children per day die from abortion in the United States*. Since abortion was legalized in 1973, over *61 million children have been killed*—and untold numbers of women and men suffer in the aftermath. The tragedy of abortion is distinct from other serious threats to human life in that it is currently legal to directly and intentionally take the life of an innocent human being.

Catholics must boldly do everything we can to end the violence in the womb, to ensure that unborn children are fully recognized and protected by our laws, and to support mothers and fathers in embracing life. Visit <http://www.respectlife.org/priorities-at-the-polls> to learn more about why, when considering our civic engagement as Catholics, the U.S. bishops recently affirmed that, "The threat of abortion remains our preeminent priority."

CIVILIZE IT: SACRAMENTS

"Our social ministry must be anchored in prayer, where we uncover the depths of God's call to seek justice and pursue peace."
—U.S. Catholic Bishops, *Communities of Salt and Light*

The sacraments the Church celebrates are signs of grace that make a deeper reality present to us. One reality we encounter through the sacraments is Christ's presence in the Church community, his body. This recognition of Christ's presence in the community should lead to a stronger awareness of being sent on mission to engage in concrete, love-inspired action in the world.

Visit <https://www.wearsaltandlight.org> for resources to better understand the connections between the celebration of the sacraments and our social mission as followers of Jesus and the Body of Christ.

Catholic Social Teaching Corner

Oct. 31- Nov. 1 Solemnity of All Saints

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints. The saints give us a model of holiness. God allows the saints to bring our prayers to him, and in return the saints bring God's grace to us. All saints of God, pray for us!

Oct. 31- Nov. 1 Solemnidad de todos los santos

Hoy celebramos la Solemnidad de Todos Los Santos. Los santos nos dan un modelo de santidad. Dios permite a los santos llevarle a Él nuestras oraciones y los santos nos traen de regreso, la gracia de Dios. Todos los santos de Dios ¡Rueguen por nosotros!

1870 St. John the Baptist
 Catholic Church 2020
Celebrating 150 Years

THE PLAQUE ON THE PIETA PRAYER SHRINE (located in the area of the former church site) reads in Czech, "On the 1900th anniversary of His death, the settlement of Fayetteville was dedicated to the Savior and his sorrowful mother." The shrine incorporates beautiful petrified wood.

HOLY TRINITY CORN HILL MISSION: If you can't make our own parish mission, you may want to consider attending the parish mission in Corn Hill Sunday, **November 8** thru Thursday, **November 12**. Call (512) 863-3020 for additional information.

RETREAT FOR THOSE PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE

The "Together in God's Love" retreat focuses on Catholic marriage as a visible sign of the Holy Trinity and the relationship of Christ to the Church. **November 13-15** is the date of the next retreat, to be held at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Temple. Please contact Luisa de Poo at (512) 949-2487 for more info.

ADVENT VIRTUAL RETREAT FOR MUSICIANS

Attention musicians! The NPM Austin Chapter and the diocesan Worship Office will host an Advent Virtual Retreat for Musicians on **November 7** from 9 a.m. to noon. This retreat, entitled "Finding Our Voice of Hope in the Silence," will be facilitated by Daniel Girardot and Clara Dina Hinojosa. This is a bilingual event. Register by **November 2** at www.npmaustin.org. The registration fee is \$10. If you have any questions, contact Andrea Ramos at andrea-ramos@austindiocese.org or (512) 949-2448.

ST. JOHN'S NEWS

ST. JOHN ALTAR SOCIETY meets Tuesday, **November 10**, at 2:00 p.m.

ST. JOHN'S PASTORAL COUNCIL will meet Thursday, **November 12**, at 6:30 p.m.

ST. MARY'S NEWS

ST. MARY'S ALTAR SOCIETY will socially distantly meet on Wednesday, **November 4**, at 1:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Bring your mask! There will not be a meal.

ST. MARY'S PASTORAL COUNCIL met Thursday, October 22. Items discussed included:

- Parish building & grounds maintenance
- Holy Day and Holiday Mass schedule
- The upcoming Parish Mission, November 2 - 5
- It was decided there will NOT be an Advent Dinner this year.
- Additional times for Confession will be available during Advent; there will not be a Penance Service.
- Next meeting will be January 21, 2021 @ 6:30 PM

The new members selected from the nominations received are: **James Korenek, Joe Lamer** and **LeeRoy Shula**. Please congratulate and support our newest members. And give a special thank you to **Alfred Ermis, Aimee Korenek, and Lenora Zapalac** as they leave the council. We truly appreciate all the dedication and time our members give to our parish.

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ST. JOHN LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTOR

Saturday – Yvonne Smith
Sunday – Addie Dybala

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday – Karley Gaytan, Yvonne Smith
Sunday – Paulette Keilers, Addie Dybala

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday – Gregory Huebner, Lydia Huebner, Emma Jurecka
Sunday – Wade Halamiczek, Logan Poncik

ALTAR DUTY FOR NOVEMBER: Madeline Kovar,
Margaret Kubala, Susan Pauler, Woody Heibert

USHERS FOR NOVEMBER

Saturday Jonathan Noska, David Stastny, Christopher Stastny,
Ronnie Kramr
Sunday – David Holub, Kory Kaspar, John H. Cufu, Joe Babin

ST. JOHN CONTACTS

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

FAMILY CONNECTION

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 5:1-12

Jesus teaches what it means to be happy.

One of the great gifts of our Catholic tradition is remembrance of and prayer with the saints. The Church offers us an official canon, or list, of saints. On All Saints Day, we recall and pray with these saints. It is important to continue to tell these stories of saints and saintly people to our children so that they have ample models of people of faith for their own lives.

Together as a family, name and tell the story of favorite saints. Together prepare a list of some of the traits that these people have in common (generosity, courage, prayerfulness, and so on) After preparing this list, read together today's Gospel, Matthew 5:1-12. Identify how the attitudes described in the Beatitudes are reflected in the lives of the saints and people you named.

Pray together as a family a Litany of the Saints. (For example, the leader prays, "St. Elizabeth," and the children are invited to reply, "Pray for us.") Include in your list the saints and holy people you named in your discussion. Conclude by praying that your family will follow the example of these people as disciples of Jesus.

CEMETERY SERVICES - TODAY, November 1

St. Mary's Cemetery – 2:00 p.m.
St. John's Cemetery – 4:00 p.m. (Mass)

CHICKEN STEW drive-thru line starts at 4:30 p.m. at St. John's Parish Hall. Cost is \$10 per quart, pre-filled containers only.



ST. MARY LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTOR

Saturday – L.J. Korenek
Sunday – Ashley Havel

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday – Rylee Fritsch
Sunday – Luke Korenek

USHERS FOR NOVEMBER

Saturday – Mark Schmitt, Mark Matocha, Bruce Kubena,
Eduardo Alvarado
Sunday – Luke Orsak, Donnie Becka, James Korenek

ALTAR FLOWERS Nov. 7/8 – Beatrice Polasek
Nov. 14/15 – Patricia Brune Nov. 21/22 – Susan Zatopek

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Hall Rental	Parish Office	979-378-2277
Cemetery	Vlasta Korenek	979-732-2836

All Souls Day
November 2

Catholics believe that death can separate people from their dearly departed loved ones for only a while. We are still united with them in the Communion of Saints. On the feast of All Souls, and throughout the entire month of November, we recall our deceased relatives, friends, and all the faithful departed who may yet be waiting for the full joy of heaven in purgatory. We pray for them, remembering that, likewise, these people being purified have the power to intercede for us too.



Election Prayer

Lord God, as the election approaches, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our city/state/country, and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community.

We ask for eyes that are free from blindness so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters, one and equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty.

We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned, men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender.

We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your Kingdom.

We pray for discernment so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word, live your love, and keep in the ways of your truth as they follow in the steps of Jesus and his Apostles and guide us to your Kingdom of justice and peace.

We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.