

# St. Mary Catholic Church

*Est. 1855*

**Mission Parish**

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



## MASSES

**Wednesday at 7:00 a.m.**

*Dec'd of the Cervenka  
& Lukas Families †*

**Thursday at 6:00 p.m.**

*Barbara Sulak †*

**Friday at 6:30 p.m.**

*Benjamin & Una Mae Krenak †*

**Sunday at 8:00 a.m.**

*August Canik, Jr. †*

## **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

60 to 20 minutes before Mass

# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

*Est. 1870*

207 E. Bell St.  
Fayetteville

www.stjohnfayetteville.com



## MASSES

**Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.**

*Willie Mae Jasek †*

**Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.**

*Mary Mueller*

**Thursday at 7:00 a.m.**

*Agnes Miller †*

**Friday at 7:00 a.m.**

*Jeffrey Raska †*

**Saturday at 7:30 a.m.**

*Charles & Mary Ruether †*

**Saturday Vigil at 6:00 p.m.**

*For the People*

**Sunday at 10:00 a.m.**

*Dorothy Svreck & Leonard Svreck, Jr. †*

## **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

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

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

First Friday: 4:00-5:15 p.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)

## MONTHLY MASS

**Wednesday, March 18, at 9:00 a.m.**

*For the intentions left on the altar*

## **Mailing Address and Contact Information**

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## **Administrative Staff**

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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 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

## March 1, AD 2020

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

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** T.J. Beck, Brandon Benson, Margie Chovanec, Adell Coufal, Bennie Daricek, Paul Estrada, Brian Fruge, Waldine Fruge, Hannah Glenn, Dan Hall, Randy Hoelscher, J.D. Kovar, Jordan Lee, Justin Malota Sr., Anita Marek, Johnny Marek, Susan Lee, Leo Miller, Veronica Miller, Dr. Tom Mueller, Garland Polasek, Joe Simpson, Larry Sodek, 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 – March 4**

- **Grades K-6** will meet at 6:00 p.m. for class and attend the Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m., followed by Mass.
- **Grades 7-12** will attend Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m., followed by Mass and then class, dismissing at 8:30 p.m.

**THE ANNUAL MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH RALLY** is scheduled for Saturday, **March 28**, at Sacred Heart Parish in La Grange from 9:00 a.m. 4:30 p.m. This is an opportunity for youth in grades six through eight from across the diocese to come together in a conference format for a fun day of dynamic keynote presentations, prayer, sharing in fellowship and attending workshops that help them grow in faith. Registration forms have been handed out to middle school students. Deadline to register is **March 11**.

**ANNUAL CDA FUNDRAISER** will be **TODAY, March 1**, from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., at St. John's Parish Hall. There will be a bake sale, raffle, and dinner prepared by the CDA and KC's. Raffle tickets are still available.

#### **CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS**

**MONTHLY MEETING** will be on Tuesday, **March 3**, at 6:30 p.m. in St. John's Parish Hall.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIPS:** Knights of Columbus members' children, graduating from High School this year are eligible. For an application, and information explaining the requirements contact Alvin Minarcik at (979) 249-7449.

#### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

- **OFFICERS MEETING** will be held on Monday, **March 2**, at 6:30 p.m., in St. John's Parish Hall.
- **BAR-B-Q** chicken, sausage and ribs to go will be served Sunday, **March 8**, 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 Arlis Keilers crew. The CDA will have side dishes available.

#### **ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES**

Save the date for these four classes to be offered at **Sacred Heart Parish in La Grange**:

- **"Evangelization & Catechesis"** will be offered on Saturday, **March 7**, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **"Learning Theory/Learning Styles"** will be offered on Saturday, **April 25**, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **"Theological Reflection"** will be offered on Saturday, **May 16**, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Registration forms can be found at the church entrance.

**PLEASE NOTE** that during this and any seasons of a high volume of illness we, all, should take additional precautions to avoid getting sick. If you are ill you should refrain from attending Mass, or going to school or work. Wash your hands frequently and remind your children to do the same.

Due to an abundance of caution during this flu and virus season, the Diocese has requested we make a few **temporary changes** during the Mass.

- The Holy Water Fonts at the doors will be emptied. It is a common practice in some parishes for the Holy Water to be removed from the fonts throughout the duration of Lent, which is supposed to symbolize the "barrenness" of Christ's forty days in the wilderness.
- Refrain from holding hands during the Lord's Prayer.
- A slight bow will replace handshaking for the Sign of Peace.
- Reception of the Eucharist at Mass should be in the hand rather than the tongue.
- We will not distribute the Precious Blood at Mass. Remember the Fullness of the Eucharist is in either species of Holy Communion, the Precious Body or the Precious Blood.

In addition to these items, the Liturgical Ministers, the Altar Society and the parish staff will take precautionary measures to reduce the spread of germs in the Church. Thank you for your cooperation.

**THANK YOU** for your generous support of Ash Wednesday's collection. Your contributions will help strengthen the Church to ensure that the Gospel is spread across the world.



**CRS RICE BOWL:** Lenten alms go to alleviate hunger and poverty in communities overseas and in the U.S.: 75% of gifts support CRS' humanitarian programs around the world. Some examples include:

- Agriculture projects help farmers improve harvests
- Water and sanitation projects bring clean water to communities
- Microfinance projects support small businesses
- Mother and child health projects offer health and nutrition services
- Education projects provide resources and training

25% of gifts remain in each U.S. diocese where they are given to hunger and poverty alleviation efforts in those communities.

Put a little change in the bowl each day!

**"THE WORD AMONG US"** booklets with the Daily meditations and complete Catholic Mass for Lent are available at the entrance of the church. Please take one to use this season.

**LITURGICAL DUTIES LISTS** are available at the entrance of the church. The Liturgical Duties lists are also available on the parish websites on the "Mass Times" page.

**CATHOLICS CARE—CATHOLICS VOTE:** In their statement on *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, the U.S. Catholic bishops remind Catholics about the call to participate in political life. "In the Catholic tradition," they write, "responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation" (no. 13). Click on the link at the top of our parish websites ([stmaryellinger.com](http://stmaryellinger.com) or [stjohnfayetteville.com](http://stjohnfayetteville.com)) to watch videos that address this topic.



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**THE MOBILE FOOD PANTRY** from the Central Texas Food Bank will be here Thursday, **March 5**, from **10:00 – 11:00 a.m.** Clients must be present and at least 18 years old. Please bring your own bag. Volunteers are asked to arrive by 9:45 a.m.



**SENIOR CITIZEN SOCIAL** is on Thursday, **March 5**, from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. at St. John's Parish Hall. All senior citizens are invited for an afternoon of games, fellowship and refreshments.

**HOLY ROSARY MEN'S ACTS RETREAT:** You are invited to spend a weekend with God on **March 19-22**. Applications are available online at [www.holyrosaryacts.com](http://www.holyrosaryacts.com), at the church entrance, or from any team member. Prayerfully consider giving yourself the gift of some time spent on Holy Ground.

**YOUNG ADULTS INVITED TO FIVE-DAY RETREAT**  
The diocesan Vocations and Youth, Young Adult and Campus Ministry offices will host a five-day retreat **March 18-22** for single young adults, 18 to 35 years old. This retreat will focus on the silence of prayer, reflection and rest; it will include experiences with the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola, teachings on prayer, three days of silence and individual spiritual direction. Find more information at <https://sr.godiscalling.me>.

**SETON HOSPICE SEEKS VOLUNTEERS TO VISIT WITH PATIENTS:** Seton Hospice in Austin is seeking patient care volunteers. Volunteers travel to the place where the patient currently lives (their home or a long-term care facility) and spend one or two hours with each patient. Volunteers do not provide any medical or hands-on care. They simply spend time with the patient, talking with them, keeping them company, and maybe playing a favorite game. This type of volunteering is perfect for compassionate, empathetic people who want to help patients who are at the end of their life. For more information, contact Chaplain Michael Carter at (512) 200-1709 or [michael.carter@ahah.net](mailto:michael.carter@ahah.net).

### Catholic Social Teaching Corner

February 29-March 1 First Sunday of Lent

We begin the season of Lent with Jesus going into the desert. We need to follow him into the desert of fasting, prayer and self-denial in order to re-learn the covenant way of life which comes with our Baptism. Now is the time to turn from distractions. Now is the time to remember and reverence our own dignity and the life and dignity of each person as God's beloved. Now is the time to set aside anything that diverts us from our true hunger and thirst for God alone. What is the fasting God desires for us this Lent?

Febrero 29-Marzo 1 Primer Domingo de Cuaresma

Comenzamos la temporada de Cuaresma con Jesús yendo al desierto. Necesitamos seguirlo en el desierto del ayuno, la oración y la abstención para poder aprender de nuevo el modo de vida convenido que viene con nuestro bautismo. Ahora es el momento de dejar las distracciones. Ahora es el tiempo de recordar y reverenciar nuestra propia dignidad y la vida y dignidad de cada persona como amada del Señor. Ahora es el tiempo de dejar de lado cualquier cosa que nos distraiga de nuestra verdadera hambre y sed de Dios y su convenio de amor con toda la humanidad ¿Cuál es el ayuno que Dios desea de todos nosotros para esta Cuaresma?

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

**AFTER VISITING WITH THE BISHOP** about getting a Czech-speaking priest to come to Fayetteville at least once a year, the early Czech community discussed the possibility of building a church, and, with the Bishop's approval and the help of their German neighbors (who donated the land), work began in the 1860s on the new church. Everyone helped: some financially, some with donations of corn that was bartered for lumber, some by traveling to Houston to pick up materials, and some with free labor.

#### DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME IS NEXT WEEK

Daylight Savings will begin Sunday, **March 8**, so don't forget to set your clocks **AHEAD** one hour before going to sleep on Saturday night!



### ST. JOHN'S NEWS

**Sunday Offering:** \$ 3,886.55  
**Online Giving:** \$ 50.00

**FIRST FRIDAY** occurs this week. Mass is at 7:00 a.m. Exposition of the Eucharist is at 3:00 p.m., closing with Benediction. First Friday Confessions will be from 4:00 – 5:15 p.m.

#### ST. JOHN'S ALTAR SOCIETY

- **Monthly Meeting** will be on Tuesday, **March 10**, at 2:00 p.m.
- Anyone wishing to donate a prize to the Altar Society's Fundraiser is asked to contact Cathleen Noska at (979) 249-5265 or Lorene Nitschke at (979) 378-2276 by **March 10**. If anyone has a quilt top they would like to donate for the raffle, please contact Madeline Kovar at (979) 378-2361.

**ST. JOHN'S CEMETERY ASSOCIATION** will meet on Tuesday, **March 3**, at 6:45 p.m. at the parish office.

### ST. MARY'S NEWS

**Sunday Offering:** \$ 1,293.00  
**Online Giving:** \$ 205.00

**FIRST FRIDAY** occurs this week. Benediction is Thursday evening after Mass. Stations of the Cross are Friday at **6:30 p.m.**, followed by Mass.

**ST. MARY'S ALTAR SOCIETY** will meet on Wednesday, **March 4**, at 1:00 p.m. with a coffee & tea social to follow.

### Come Gather in Prayer with Us!

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

\***Monday** evening – pray the Angelus, the Rosary, the Litany of the Most Precious Blood, 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**



**THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**March 1, AD 2020**

**ST. JOHN LITURGICAL DUTIES**

**LECTOR**

**Wednesday** – Grade 9  
**Saturday** – Lexxus Zika  
**Sunday** – Kathy Knebliik

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

**Wednesday** – Amy Babin, Lexxus Zika, Addie Dybala  
**Saturday** – Leslie Little(H), Annette Little(H), Sharon Martinek(H)  
**Sunday** – Lori Spiess(H), Kathy Knebliik(H)

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Wednesday** – Grade 3 (3), Grade 6 (1)  
**Saturday** – Lydia Huebner, Dustin Canik, Jacob Nigh  
**Sunday** – Marissa Halamiczek, Wade Halamiczek, Dal Brackman

**GIFT BEARERS**

**Wednesday** – Grade K  
**Saturday** – Jonathan Noska Family  
**Sunday** – Marcus Sodek Family

**ALTAR DUTY FOR MARCH:** Lois Kaspar, Lisa Simpson, Susan Schramm, Amy Babin

**USHERS FOR MARCH**

**Saturday** – Ronald Malota, Wesley Gaertner, Robert Janish, Lois Kaspar  
**Sunday** – Joe Babin, Lee Matocha, Vernon Hohensee, Edward Muske

**ST. JOHN CONTACTS**

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



The word “**Lent**” comes from an ancient Anglo-Saxon word (lencten), the springtime in which the days grow longer and the land begins to thaw and burst forth with new life. It is a season in which the faithful continue to journey with the catechumens toward the celebration of Christ’s Paschal Mystery through the traditional Christian practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving/charity/mercy.

It is a type of 40-day retreat during which the catechumens complete their preparation for the celebration of the sacraments of Christian initiation.

Through prayer, fasting and acts of mercy, the faithful, are strengthened in the core habits of Christian living. By penance and reflection on God’s Word, the Holy Spirit prepares the faithful for the renewal of their baptismal promises and new life with the Risen Lord.

These Lenten practices call us to conversion of heart and give us the opportunity to form healthier relationships and the habits of daily Christian living.

**ST. MARY LITURGICAL DUTIES**

**LECTOR**

**Friday** – Ashley Havel  
**Sunday** – Rose Urban

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

**Sunday** – Rose Urban

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Friday** – Luke Korenek, Stephen Korenek  
**Sunday** – Kole Schmitt, Klayten Schmitt

**GIFT BEARERS**

**Sunday** – Gladys Polasek Family

**USHERS FOR MARCH**

Alfred Ermis, Jim Sula, Mark Matocha, Anton Becka

**ST. MARY CONTACTS**

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Cemetery	Vlasta Korenek	979-732-2836

**FAMILY CONNECTION**

**First Sunday of Lent**

Matthew 4:1-11

*Jesus fasts for 40 days in the desert and is tempted by the devil.*



When Jesus resists the temptations presented to him by the devil, he draws on his religious upbringing and tradition. We who are responsible for raising children are also called upon to immerse them fully in our Catholic Christian tradition so that they too will be able to draw upon this tradition to resist the temptations they will face in their lives.

Use this Sunday as an opportunity to call your family’s attention to the importance of Scripture in our lives. Recall that Jesus rebuked the devil’s temptations by quoting Scripture. Take some time as a family to talk about the words that are found in the Bible and the importance of Scripture to our faith. Perhaps the older members of the family can share a favorite Scripture passage with everyone. Younger family members can tell their favorite story from the Bible and be shown where that story can be found. In each case, encourage a deeper sharing of faith by asking each person to tell why the Scripture passage shared is important to him or her. End your time together by reading again Jesus’ reply to the devil found in Matthew 4:4 (“One does not live by bread alone . . .”) and praying the Lord’s Prayer.



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**St. John – Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.** followed by  
**Mass**

**St. Mary – Fridays at 6:30 p.m.** followed by **Mass**  
**ALL FRIDAYS IN LENT ARE DAYS OF ABSTINENCE**  
 (This means you do not eat meat on Fridays.)