

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.

Rev. Joseph Nguyen Thanh Quang †

Thursday at 6:00 p.m.

Victor, Otillia, & Charlie Kulhanek †

Friday at 6:30 p.m.

John H. Cook †

Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

Patrick Supak †

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.

No Mass

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

Robert Polasek †

Thursday at 7:00 a.m.

Buyoung Angela Park-Kim †

Friday at 7:00 a.m.

Mass for Life

Saturday at 7:30 a.m.

Lawrence Krenek †

Saturday Vigil at 6:00 p.m.

Joe & Sophie Kaspar †

Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

For the People

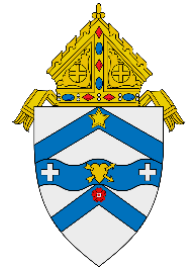
Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

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



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

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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 LENT

March 8, AD 2020

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Brandon Benson, Margie Chovanec, Brian Fruge, Waldine Fruge, Hannah Glenn, Dan Hall, Randy Hoelscher, J.D. Kovar, Jordan Lee, Justin Malota Sr., Anita Marek, Johnny Marek, Susan Lee, Helen Mikus, Leo Miller, Veronica Miller, Dr. Tom Mueller, Garland Polasek, Joe Simpson, Larry Sodek, El Gene and Mary Ann Sommerfeld, Barbara Tieken, 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 CLASSES will not be held on **Wednesday, March 11, due to Spring Break.**

THE ANNUAL MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH RALLY is scheduled for Saturday, **March 28**, at Sacred Heart Parish in La Grange from 9:00 a.m. to 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, fellowship and workshops that help them grow in faith. Registration forms have been handed out to middle school students. Deadline to register is **March 11.**

THE CDA WOULD LIKE TO THANK everyone that helped make last weekend's Fundraiser a huge success!



KC FISH FRY: The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Fish Meal-To-Go on Sunday, **March 22**, at St. John's Hall. Serving will be from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The fried catfish plates are \$10 and include all the trimmings. Tickets will be available after Mass or you can call (979) 249-6003 to place orders. Proceeds will go towards Council 3168 charitable activities.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

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

- **"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.

SPRING CLEANING? Don't forget to start collecting items you might like to donate to our *Catholic Youth Ministry's* spot in this year's city-wide garage sale, scheduled for Saturday, **July 11**. Proceeds from the garage sale will be used to support activities of the Youth Ministry in our parishes.

FIRST COMMUNION: We will celebrate, with our second grade Faith Formation students, the Sacrament of First Eucharist at the 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. John Catholic Church on Sunday, **April 26**. Please keep them in your prayers as they complete their preparation!

CRS RICE BOWL: When Jesus fed the 5,000, he said, "Give them some food yourselves." Reflect on the challenge of global hunger. How can you contribute to support the hungry in your community? What would you do if your source of nutrition was threatened? How can we support those around the world whose livelihoods are vulnerable to weather? One way is to keep dropping coins in your rice bowl! Visit crsricebowl.org for more.



PLEASE NOTE that during this and any season 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.

EASTER FLOWERS

If you would like to remember a loved one at Easter by making a donation towards flowers for the altar, you may use the Easter Flower envelopes provided at the entrance of the Church. If you are a member of St. Mary, make your checks payable to *St. Mary's Altar Society*. For flowers at St. John, make your checks payable to *St. John's Altar Society*. Please drop your donation in the collection by **March 29**.

THE PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE – sponsored by St. Anne Society #10, K.J.Z.T. Fayetteville – will be Saturday, **March 21**, at 12 noon at the gazebo on the square in Fayetteville. We will stand together in solidarity with partners in faith all throughout America. Everyone is invited to join in prayer for our nation. For more information, please contact Rose Rohde at (979) 249-3635 or Lois Kaspar at (979) 249-6826.

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.

"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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Second Chance in La Grange is looking for more volunteers to help with the new and bigger store. St. John Parish teams with Sacred Heart in La Grange every six weeks beginning on a Tuesday and finishing on the following Monday. If you are able to help or need additional information please call one of the new coordinators from our parish, Suzanne Mattair (832-465-2383) and Sara Vandel (979-966-7693). Any and all assistance is appreciated.

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A COUPLES' TIME OUT will be held **March 14** from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Marian Shrine of Our Lady of Schoenstatt in Austin. Married couples are invited to discuss "Marriage and Customs, which traditions do we keep or change?" The cost is \$20 per couple; babysitting is provided. Register at cto@schoenstatt.us.

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, at the church entrance, or from any team member. Prayerfully consider giving yourself the gift of some time spent on Holy Ground.

MOVIE NIGHT SUNDAY AT HOSTYN PARISH HALL: See the movie *Unplanned* at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, **March 22**. This movie is appropriate for youth 12 years and older *with parent/legal guardian present*, and for all adults. Child Care can be available if you RSVP by March 15. For more information and to RSVP, contact the Hostyn parish office at (979) 247-4441.

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>.

BEWARE OF SCAMS! Please note that Fr. Nock, the Church office, and the Diocese will *never* contact you via text or email asking for gift cards or direct transfer of funds. If you are ever in doubt about a communication that you may have received from the Church, PLEASE contact the office for verification of the message *before* any response!

Catholic Social Teaching Corner

March 7-8 -- Second Sunday of Lent

This week we move from temptation in the desert to transfiguration and glory. Early in our Lenten journey we are given a hint of the resurrection. But first we must recognize the truth of St. Paul – that all of us are called to bear our share of hardship for the Gospel. Perhaps the mountain we must climb with Christ is one of sharing our time or ourselves with others. Perhaps we are called to greater simplicity of life and generous sharing of our material possessions. Each of us is called to die to self to live for Christ. What death must we die to share in Christ's glory?

Marzo 7-8 -- Segundo Domingo de Cuaresma

Esta semana nos trasladamos de la tentación en el desierto a la transfiguración y Gloria. Anteriormente, en nuestro viaje de Cuaresma se nos dio una señal de la resurrección. Pero primero debemos reconocer la verdad de San Pablo – que todos estamos llamados a cargar nuestra parte de dificultad del Evangelio. Tal vez la montaña que debemos escalar con Cristo es la de compartir nuestro tiempo y a nosotros mismos con otros. Tal vez estamos llamados a una mayor simplicidad de vida y a compartir generosamente nuestras posesiones materiales. Cada uno de nosotros está llamado a morir para nosotros mismos para vivir por Cristo ¿Qué muerte debemos morir para compartir la gloria de Dios?

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St. John the Baptist
Catholic Church

2020

Celebrating 150 Years

IN MARCH OF 2020, A NEW CARRARA MARBLE AMBO was installed to match the marble altar and tabernacle. The Catholic word "ambo" comes from a Greek word meaning "step" or "elevation." In the 4th century, Christians began using a raised platform during Mass to chant or read the Word of God. Some historians believe this setting evolved from the use of a platform by Jewish rabbis to read the scriptures to the people. Spiritually, it is derived from Jesus' action when he "went up on the mountain, and ... opened his mouth and taught them" (Matthew 5:1-2).

ST. JOHN'S NEWS

Sunday Offering:	\$ 4,116.00
Online Giving:	\$ 405.14
Faith Formation:	\$ 1,469.00
World & Home Missions:	\$ 1,378.00

WELCOME: St. John's parish family would like to congratulate the family of *Leighton David Woods* who was born into Our Lord's life through baptism last week. May the Lord be with him and his family with all His blessings.

ST. JOHN'S ALTAR SOCIETY

- **Monthly Meeting** will be on Tuesday, **March 10**, at 2:00 p.m. There will be no meal in honor of the Lenten season.
- **Our Annual Fundraiser** is on Saturday, **May 9** and we are in need of raffle prizes! The raffle brings in the most funds for the upkeep of our sanctuary. Anyone wishing to donate a prize is asked to contact Cathleen Noska at (979) 249-5265 or Lorene Nitschke at (979) 378-2276 by **March 10**. Please contact Madeline Kovar for any questions at (979) 378-2361.

ST. MARY'S NEWS

Sunday Offering:	\$ 1,539.00
Online Giving:	\$ 100.00
Cemetery:	\$ 185.00
World & Home Missions:	\$ 578.00

THANK YOU to the Marusik Family for the new St. Boniface statue, done in memory of Larry Marusik, Patrick Supak, Harold & Evelyn Ilse, and Nola & Edwin Marusik. The statue looks beautiful on its outdoor altar! We greatly appreciate your generosity!

ST. MARY'S PASTORAL COUNCIL will meet Thursday, **April 16**, at 6:45 p.m.

Come Gather in Prayer with Us!

***Saturday** night – pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet 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 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
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ST. JOHN LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTOR

Saturday – Yvonne Smith
Sunday – Christine Wied

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Sunday – Joe Babin, Amy Babin

ALTAR SERVERS

Sunday – Luke Beseda, Cole Brackman, Ricky Schilling

GIFT BEARERS

Sunday – Rodney Beseda 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

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

ST. MARY LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTOR

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

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Sunday – Luke Orsak

ALTAR SERVERS

Friday – Emily Polasek, Julie Korenek
Sunday – Rylee Fritsch, Luke Korenek

GIFT BEARERS

Sunday – Robert Balzer Family

USHERS FOR MARCH

Alfred Ermis, Jim Sula, Mark Matocha, Anton Becka

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

FAMILY CONNECTION

Second Sunday of Lent

Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus is transfigured on the mountain in the presence of Peter, James, and John.



As a family, talk about some of your times of highs and lows. How have you been able to use the good times and experiences to sustain you in the difficult ones? Jesus' Transfiguration may have been an event from which Peter, James, and John drew courage when they faced the difficult events of Jesus' Passion.

Read together today's Gospel, Matthew 17:1-9. Pray a prayer of thanksgiving for the good times and experiences that your family has had together. Pray that your family will use these experiences to sustain you during times of difficulty. Close by praying today's responsorial psalm, Psalm 33:4-5, 18-20, 22:

*For the LORD's word is upright; all his works are trustworthy.
 He loves justice and right.*

The earth is full of the mercy of the LORD.

*Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear him,
 upon those who count on his mercy to deliver their soul from
 death and to keep them alive through famine.*

*Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and shield.
 May your mercy, LORD, be upon us; as we put our hope in you.*

Lent—40 Days or More? You have always learned that Lent commemorates the 40 days that Jesus spent praying in the desert before his public ministry. If, however, you actually count the days from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday, you'll realize there are actually 46 days! What? Yes, there are 46 days between Ash Wednesday and Easter. Because each Sunday of the year, however, is a grand celebration and commemoration of the Resurrection of Jesus, we don't count them in the 40 days of penance. There are six Sundays between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday. So, by subtraction, we are left with 40 days.



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LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE SCHEDULE

March 22	St. Mary, Ellinger	5:00-5:50 p.m.
March 22	St. John, Fayetteville	7:15 p.m.
March 23	St. Joseph, Rockdale	7:00 p.m.
March 24	Sacred Heart, La Grange	7:00 p.m.
March 26	St. Stanislaus, Chappell Hill	7:00 p.m.
March 27	St. Ann, Somerville	7:00 p.m.
March 30	St. Joseph, Dime Box	7:00 p.m.
April 2	Holy Family, Lexington	7:00 p.m.
<i>Every Friday</i>	St. Margaret, Giddings	6:00-8:00 p.m.

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.)

