

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.

Betty Paffen †

Thursday at 6:00 p.m.

Larry Urban †

Friday at 6:30 p.m.

Larry Marusik †

Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

For the People

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.

Agnes Cook †

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

Chris Vitek †

Thursday at 7:00 a.m.

Olga & Clement Gully †

Friday at 7:00 a.m.

Bernard Dybala, Sr. †

Saturday at 7:30 a.m.

Joseph & Kay Svrcek

Saturday Vigil at 6:00 p.m.

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Jacob & Marie Novak Family †

Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

Marc & Carol Troy †

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

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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 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
March 15, 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 be in our prayers, names will remain on the list for, only, two months, unless a new request is received.)*

FAITH FORMATION – March 18

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

Grades 7, 9-12 meet in the RE Building at 7 p.m. **Grade 8** will meet at Church, attend Stations of the Cross, Mass, and then class.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

- **MONTHLY MEETING** will be on Tuesday, **March 17**, at 7:00 p.m. at St. John's Parish Hall.
- **FOURTH DEGREE MEETING** will be on Wednesday, **March 18**, at the La Grange KC Hall. The meal will be at 7:00 p.m. with the meeting to follow.
- **RED ROOSTER** is Tuesday, **March 31**, at 6:30 p.m. at the KC Hall in La Grange.

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!



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.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION: Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection, and **help Jesus in disguise**. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

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**.

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.

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.
- Refrain from holding hands during the Lord's Prayer.
- The Sign of Peace will be omitted *or* a slight bow will replace the handshake.
- Reception of the Eucharist at Mass should be in the hand rather than on the tongue. If you must receive on the tongue, be sure to extend your tongue far out.
- 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.

CRS RICE BOWL: Yvone, who lives in Kenya, learned proper

nutrition and hygiene practices through a CRS program that teaches families about healthy food. This has helped keep her well and in school. Yvone

now has a chance to dream and the strength to follow those dreams. "CRS has changed my life—and the life of my family," says Gaudencia, Yvone's aunt. "Before, I could tell Yvone wasn't healthy. But now, she's active." Gaudencia is proud of what she's learned from the CRS program about healthy eating habits. She has taught her family to vary what they eat and include vegetables with every meal. How can you help ensure that young people in your community receive proper nutrition? Contribute to your rice bowl today! Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

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.

ANOTHER SPECIAL MEDIA EVENT!

The movie, *Paul, Apostle of Christ*, will be shown at St. John's Parish Hall on Wednesday, **April 22** from **6:00-8:30 p.m.** In addition, the Executive Producer of the film, Eric Groth, will be *here in person* to facilitate a reflection and discussion of the movie.

In this award-winning feature length film, we follow the last days of St. Paul while he is imprisoned under Emperor Nero. As Paul struggles with haunting memories of his past, he continues to draw strength from Christ and his friend St. Luke, who risks his own imprisonment by secretly visiting Paul to write what we now know as the Acts of the Apostles. The film is perfect for the Easter Season, with our Mass readings coming primarily from the Acts of the Apostles!

This event is open to all adults in the parishes and to students in grades 7 and up. (The movie is PG-13.) Faith Formation classes, grades 7-12, will be attending this event during their class time. There will be no evening Mass this day. Come join us, and see the Bible come alive!

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
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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. Stand with us and with partners in faith all over America. All are invited to join in prayer for our nation. For more info, contact Rose Rohde at (979) 249-3635 or Lois Kaspar at (979) 249-6826.

SENIOR CITIZEN SOCIAL is on Thursday, **March 19**, 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, at the church entrance, or from any team member. Prayerfully consider giving yourself the gift of some time spent on Holy Ground.

PLEASE CONSIDER SIGNING UP ON THE PRAYER POSTERS located at the Church entrances, and commit to praying during the retreat weekend for all involved in the upcoming Men’s ACTS Retreat.

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.

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!

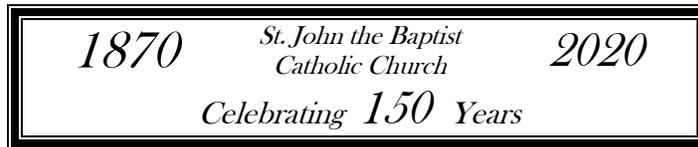
Catholic Social Teaching Corner

March 14-15 -- Third Sunday of Lent

We experience at the depth of our being a deep hunger and thirst for the living God. We are invited to know that need, but not to despair as our ancestors did in the desert. God does feed and nourish us. God does quench our thirst, if we let ourselves be open to God’s transforming love. Like the Samaritan woman we are called to be open to the waters of life given to us in Christ. Like her we are called to be agents of God’s transformative love in our world. Who in our lives needs us to be an agent of God’s love for them? What in our world is in need of God’s action and transformation?

Marzo 14-15 -- Tercero Domingo de Cuaresma

Experimentamos en la profundidad de nuestro ser un hambre profunda y una sed por el Dios viviente. Estamos invitados a conocer esa necesidad pero a no desesperar como nuestros ancestros lo hicieron en el desierto. Dios nos alimenta y nos nutre. Dios satisface nuestra sed si nos abrimos al amor transformante de Dios. Como la Samaritana, estamos llamado a estar abiertos a las aguas de vida que nos da Cristo. Como ella, estamos llamados a ser agentes del amor transformante de Dios en nuestro mundo ¿Quiénes en nuestras vidas necesitan que seamos agentes del amor de Dios para ellos? ¿Qué en nuestro mundo necesita la acción y transformación de Dios?



IN 1950, THE FIRST SENIOR CLASS graduated from St. John School. The last class graduated in 1965, the year the school closed.

CIVILIZE IT: As Catholics, we have a long tradition of engagement in the political process as a means of putting our faith into action. We are called to bring the best of ourselves and our faith to the public square—and yet today, many shy away from such involvement because our national and local conversations are filled with vitriol and harsh language, often directed at people themselves.

When personal attacks replace honest debate, no one wins.

This kind of attack, no matter the reason, only serves to further divide our communities. As Catholics, we must model a better way. We invite you to join the **Civilize It** campaign by taking the following pledge on paper (found at the Church entrance) or online at www.wearesaltandlight.org/civilize-it as a way to promote civility, love our neighbors, and build community.

Civilize It is about making room in your heart for those with whom you disagree. We are called to recognize that each one of us is a beloved child of God, and to respond in love to that reality. **Civilize It** is a non-partisan call to focus on the dignity of all people, even when we disagree, and to put faith in action by bearing witness to a better way forward.

The Pledge reads: *I pledge.....*

- ✓ **1. Civility** *To recognize the human dignity of those with whom I disagree, treat others with respect, and rise above attacks when directed at me.*
- ✓ **2. Clarity** *To root my political viewpoints in the Gospel and a well-formed conscience, which involves prayer, conversation, study and listening. I will stand up for my convictions and speak out when I witness language that disparages others' dignity, while also listening and seeking to understand others' experiences.*
- ✓ **3. Compassion** *To encounter others with a tone and posture which affirms that I honor the dignity of others and invites others to do the same. I will presume others' best intentions and listen to their stories with empathy. I will strive to understand before seeking to be understood.*

ST. JOHN’S NEWS

Sunday Offering: \$ 3,386.00
Online Giving: \$ 1,295.00

ST. JOHN’S PASTORAL COUNCIL meets Thursday, **April 23**, at 7:00 p.m.

CHOIR NOTICE for Holy Week: There will be one practice for Holy Week on Sunday, **April 5**, starting at 4:00 p.m. New members are always welcome.

ST. MARY’S NEWS

Sunday Offering: \$ 1,430.00
Online Giving: \$ 240.00

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

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ST. JOHN LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTOR

Wednesday – Grade 5
Saturday – Mary Keilers
Sunday – Janet Hall

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Wednesday – Pat Geistmann, Carrol Hollimon, Theresa Keilers
Saturday – Addie Dybala, Andrew Keilers, Theresa Keilers
Sunday – Rick Schilling, Nikki Beseda

ALTAR SERVERS

Wednesday – Grade 4 (3), Grade 5 (1)
Saturday – Dustin Canik, Lydia Huebner, Emma Jurecka
Sunday – Mackenzie Poncik, Dal Brackman, Logan Poncik

GIFT BEARERS

Wednesday – Grade 1
Saturday – Joe Dybala Family
Sunday – Brian Warschak 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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K.J.T.	Emil Sodolak	979-249-3952
Hall Rental	Parish Office	979-378-2277
Cemetery	Ronald Kramr	979-249-6152

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**



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.
Every Friday	St. Margaret, Giddings	6:00-8:00 p.m.

ST. MARY LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTOR

Friday – Aimee Korenek
Sunday – Jan Jurecka

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Sunday – Rose Urban

ALTAR SERVERS

Friday – Klayton Schmitt, Kole Schmitt
Sunday – Julie Korenek, Stephen Korenek

GIFT BEARERS

Sunday – Ronnie Polasek Family

USHERS FOR MARCH

Alfred Ermis, Jim Sula, Mark Matocha, Anton Becka

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FAMILY CONNECTION

Third Sunday of Lent

John 4:5-42

Jesus reveals himself to the Samaritan woman at the well. (shorter form: John 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42)



Lent is a season for repentance. It is a season during which we are called to reflect upon and to live deeply the promises of Baptism. The well and the conversation about water immediately recall for us the Sacrament of Baptism. As the Samaritan woman was converted and sent on a mission because of the conversation about water, we too are converted and sent by our Baptism to preach the good news of Jesus to others.

Take this opportunity to reflect upon the importance of Baptism with your family. If you have photos or other mementos of your family's Baptisms, bring them out and take some time to recall the day of Baptism and its importance to you and your family. Create a prayer table that includes these mementos and a bowl of holy water. After you have spent some time talking about Baptism, invite everyone to listen carefully and prayerfully to today's Gospel. Read John 4:5-42 together. Ask how Jesus' meeting with the woman at the well is like Baptism. (Jesus knows the woman's sin and forgives her. The woman comes to know Jesus as the Messiah. The woman invites others to meet Jesus.) Pray a prayer of blessing for each member of the family that God will help each one live the promises of his or her Baptism.

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.)

