

St. Mary Catholic Church

Est. 1855
Mission Parish
815 St. Mary's Church Rd.
Fayetteville (near Ellinger)
www.stmaryellinger.com



Last Sunday's Offering: \$1,335.00
Online Giving: \$ 100.00

St. Mary Intentions this week

Living and dec'd Members of KJZT #41
Frank Svoboda †
Bennie Gerik †
Larry Marusik †

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Est. 1870
207 E. Bell St.
Fayetteville
www.stjohnfayetteville.com



Last Sunday's Offering: \$3,207.00
Online Giving: \$ 500.00

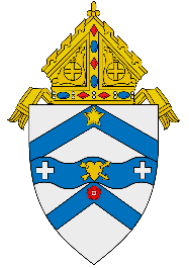
Father Nock will celebrate private Masses, Daily & Sunday St. John Intentions this week

Stephanie Cofer †
Rudie & Sharon Jurecka †
James Rohde, Sr. †
Dec'd Members of the Rudolph &
Celestine Chovanec Family †
Robert & Bernice Kovar †
For the People
Evelyn Vitek †

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Tuesday-Friday 6:00-7:00 p.m.



Pope Francis
Vatican City State



Bishop Joe S. Vásquez
Diocese of Austin



\$ 3,207.00
\$ 500.00

St. Martin Catholic Church

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

Catholic Social Teaching Corner

March 21-22 -- Fourth Sunday of Lent

On this Sunday, we invite God to cure our blindness and our tendency to see only the appearance of things and people. Sin blinds us and we need to be freed from sin in order to see as God sees and live as God wills. Is there a person or situation in our life that we need to see differently? What new sight or what new insight is God wishing us to see? How is God working to heal blindness in us?

Marzo 21-22 -- Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma

Este domingo, invitamos a Dios a curar nuestra ceguera y nuestra tendencia a ver solo la apariencia de las cosas y las personas. El pecado nos ciega y necesitamos ser liberados del pecado para poder ver tal como Dios nos ve a nosotros y vivir como Dios desea que vivamos ¿Hay alguna persona o situación en nuestra vida que necesitamos ver de manera distinta? ¿Qué nueva visión o que nueva perspectiva Dios desea que veamos? ¿Cómo trabaja Dios para curar la ceguera en nosotros?

FAMILY CONNECTION

Fourth Sunday of Lent

John 9:1-41

Jesus heals the man born blind and reveals himself to him as the Son of Man.



When infants are baptized, parents, with the help of the godparents, assume responsibility for raising the child as a follower of Jesus. The process of maturation in the faith is much like the example found in the story of the man born blind. The man is cured of his blindness, a symbol of his sin. Each time he meets someone after the healing, the man comes to a deeper awareness of who Jesus is. In a similar way, we who are baptized continue to mature in faith as our relationship with and knowledge about Jesus grows.

Invite each member of your family to draw a timeline of his or her life. On the timelines, ask family members to identify significant moments in their lives, especially their life of faith. Invite each person to reflect upon who Jesus was to him or her at each significant moment. How has each person's relationship with Jesus changed or matured? Then read together today's Gospel, John 9:1-41. Note how the relationship between Jesus and the man born blind changes and grows throughout the Gospel.

Pray together that your relationship with Jesus will continue to grow and develop, becoming ever deeper. Conclude by praying together the Lord's Prayer.

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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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
March 22, 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, Elroy Spanihel, Judy Supak, Barbara Tieken, Bennie Volcik, and Maggie Williams.

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

BISHOP JOE VÁSQUEZ HAS DECREED: “Out of pastoral concern for the people of central Texas, I am suspending all public Masses and liturgies throughout the diocese, effective immediately. While I hoped we would be able to continue to celebrate public Mass, I made this decision after prayerful discernment and in light of recent recommendations from public health officials.” Visit www.austindiocese.org for the full decree and for the most up-to-date news regarding COVID-19 prevention measures.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I CANNOT ATTEND MASS?

Mass is available through several television, internet, radio and subscription outlets in the Diocese of Austin. Please visit the diocese website for specific times, websites, and channels: <https://www.austindiocese.org/mass-on-the-air>

TIPS FOR PARTICIPATING IN MASS FROM HOME

- Prepare as though you were going to a physical church location. Set a specific time, dress accordingly, silence your cell phone.
- Create a sacred space by placing a crucifix, sacred art, and candles on a table near where you will be watching the Mass.
- During Mass, respond out loud to the prayers said by the priest. Use your bible or missal to follow along with the readings of the day. Sing along during the hymns. If there is no music during the live stream Mass, find and listen to a couple hymns online.
- Take a few moments to offer a prayer of thanksgiving to God.

OTHER WAYS TO OBSERVE SUNDAY

- Read your Bible
- Read the Sunday readings in your Word Among Us
- Read the Sunday readings and listen to the reflection <http://www.usccb.org/bible/reflections/>
- Pray the Liturgy of the Hours using the Laudate app for mobile devices, which includes prayers, daily readings, etc.
- Spiritual Communion, an expression of one's passionate desire to receive Jesus in the Eucharist and is a loving embrace as though one has already received Him.

My Dearest Jesus,

*I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into
my soul. Since I cannot, at this moment, receive You
sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.*

YOUR FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION CONTINUES TO BE IMPORTANT DURING THESE TIMES: You can drop off or mail your weekly contributions to the parish office.

Remember, online giving is available. To get started, fill out an authorization form found at the entrance of the Church and return it to the parish office, or sign yourself up on the parish website's "Make a Donation" page.

Donations to this weekend's second collection to Catholic Relief Services, which provides food to the hungry and supports displaced refugees, may be made online at our website under "make a donation" specifying the amount under "special collection."

Easter flower donations may be dropped off at the parish office or made online at our website under "make a donation" specifying the amount under "other donation" with the note "Easter Flowers." Your donations are very appreciated.

CRS Rice Bowl! Continue to fill your CRS Rice Bowl! You can bring your full box to the Church at Easter. Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

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

The Paintings of *Way of the Cross* were given to us by St. John Neumann parish of Austin in 2012. The paintings had been hung in St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church, the first Slovak church in Pittsburgh, built by Slovak immigrants in 1907. **This month, we were able to install new lighting for the Paintings. Please visit this Lent and pray with this beautiful visual.**

EVENT UPDATES

- ❖ **PENANCE SERVICE:** Lenten Communal Penance services have been canceled. Father Nock will be offering the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation Tuesday-Friday from 6-7 p.m. at St. John Catholic Church.
- ❖ **FAITH FORMATION:** There will be no classes on March 18 and March 25.
- ❖ **FIRST COMMUNION:** We are still scheduled to celebrate, with our second grade Faith Formation students, the Sacrament of First Eucharist at St. John Catholic Church on Sunday, **April 26.** Please keep them in your prayers!
- ❖ **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Red Rooster** for this month is cancelled.
- ❖ **KC FISH FRY:** The Knights of Columbus Fish Fry Meal-To-Go *is cancelled.* It will be rescheduled for a later date.
- ❖ **CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS:** April meeting has been cancelled. Sisters, let us all continue our prayers.
- ❖ **MOVIE POSTPONED!** The movie, *Paul, Apostle of Christ*, has been postponed and will be rescheduled for a later date. Stay tuned for updates!
- ❖ **ST. JOHN ALTAR SOCIETY:** There will be no quilting this week. We will reschedule.

STATEMENT ON COVID-19 FROM THE U.S.C.C.B.

With the worldwide outbreak of the coronavirus, we are confronted once more with the fragility of our lives, and again we are reminded of our common humanity — that the peoples of this world are our brothers and sisters, that we are all one family under God.

God does not abandon us, he goes with us even now in this time of trial and testing. In this moment, it is important for us to anchor our hearts in the hope that we have in Jesus Christ. Now is the time to intensify our prayers and sacrifices for the love of God and the love of our neighbor. Let us draw closer to one another in our love for him, and rediscover the things that truly matter in our lives.

United with our Holy Father Pope Francis, let us pray in solidarity for our brothers and sisters here and around the world who are sick.

Let us pray for those who have lost loved ones to this virus. May God console them and grant them peace.

We pray also for doctors, nurses, and caregivers, for public health officials and all civic leaders. May God grant them courage and prudence as they seek to respond to this emergency with compassion and in service to the common good.

In this time of need, I invite all the faithful to seek together the maternal intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and I share this prayer with you:

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas. We fly to you today as your beloved children.

*We ask you to intercede for us with your Son,
as you did at the wedding in Cana.*

*Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world,
and for all our families and loved ones,
the protection of your holy angels,
that we may be spared the worst of this illness.*

*For those already afflicted,
we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance.*

*Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful,
wipe away their tears and help them to trust.*

*In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the Church to
love one another and to be patient and kind.*

*Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.
We come to you with confidence, knowing that you truly are our
compassionate mother, health of the sick and cause of our joy.*

*Shelter us under the mantle of your protection,
keep us in the embrace of your arms,
help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen*