

# St. Mary Catholic Church

Est. 1855

Mission Parish

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



**Weekly Offering: \$706.00**  
**Online Giving: \$1,276.10**

Please sign up for online giving!

St. Mary Intentions this week

Tony Monaco †

Freddie & Mary Mikulenska †

John, Albina, Jim

& Larry Urban †

Edmund, Lillian & Jeanette

Becker †

# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Est. 1870

207 E. Bell St.  
Fayetteville

www.stjohnfayetteville.com



**Weekly offering: \$ 1,828.00**

**Online Giving: \$ 1,276.10**

Please sign up for online giving!

**Father Nock will celebrate private Masses, Daily & Sunday**

St. John Intentions this week

Benjamin & Una Mae Krenak †

Celeste Francis †

Lee Roy Matocha †

Randy Hoelscher †

Lorena Canik †

Anton Hosek †

For the People

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available by appointment.**

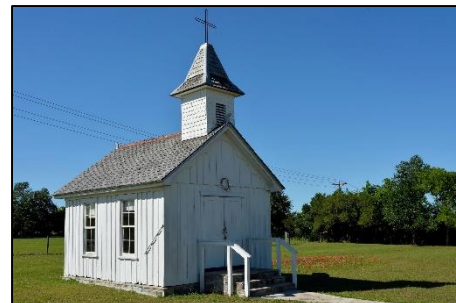
Contact Fr. Nock at 979-378-2277 or at pastor@stjohnfayetteville.com



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)

## Catholic Social Teaching Corner

**April 18-19 – Divine Mercy Sunday**

Thomas believes Jesus has risen from the dead only after he sees Jesus and places his fingers in his wounds. We may not be able to place our hands physically on Jesus every day, but we can see his presence in those around us. How are we helping others see Jesus today?

**Abril 18-19 -- Domingo de la Divina Misericordia**

Tomás cree que Jesús se ha levantado de entre los muertos únicamente después de que lo ve y pone sus dedos en sus heridas. Puede que nosotros no podamos poner nuestras manos físicamente en Jesús todos los días, pero podemos ver su presencia en aquellos alrededor de nosotros ¿Cómo estamos ayudando a otros a ver a Jesús hoy?

**Fun Fact about St. Faustina:** Saint Maria Faustina first felt a calling to the religious life when she was just seven-years-old and attended the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

## FAMILY CONNECTION

**Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday**

John 20:19:31

*Thomas believes because he sees Jesus.*



Many of us can relate to Thomas's response to the news that the disciples had seen Jesus. We want to see for ourselves too, but we grow in faith, trusting the experience and knowledge of others. Many of us have heard the saying "Seeing is believing." As your family gathers, take some time to consider what that saying means. What are some things we believe because we see them? Is there anything we believe without seeing?

Today's Gospel reminds us that faith sometimes asks us to believe things we cannot see with our eyes. Read today's Gospel, John 20:19-31, with your family. Think about Thomas's response to the reports about the risen Lord. Is Thomas's doubt reasonable? How does Jesus respond to Thomas? Jesus grants Thomas the evidence that Thomas needs to believe, but Jesus also affirms the faith of those who will be called upon to believe without first-hand experience. We are among those whom Jesus calls blessed.

Discuss with your family the basis of each member's faith in Jesus—the witness of the first disciples, the Gospels, the continuing activity of the Holy Spirit, the community of the Church. Pray together that your faith in Jesus will be strong. Pray an act of faith together.

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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.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER, SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

April 19, AD 2020

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

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Margie Chovanec, Brian Fruge, Waldine Fruge, Hannah Glenn, Dan Hall, Randy Hoelscher, J.D. Kovar, Robert Krenek, Sr., 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 family of *Bernice Supak*, who died last week. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.

**THANK YOU** to the **Knights of Columbus** and **Catholic Daughters of the Americas** for the Easter candy donation for the boys at the Texas Juvenile Justice Department, Giddings State School. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE** are announced for the third time for *Monica Francisca Gomez & Danilo Villanueva*, who will be united in the bonds of Holy Matrimony at St. Martin Catholic Church, on Saturday, **April 25, 2020**.


**MASS IS AVAILABLE** through several media outlets. Click the "Mass Broadcasts" button on our parish website for specific times and websites. Also, click the Facebook emblem "F" in the upper right hand corner of our website to access our Facebook page, where Masses will be live streamed. *Masses are live streamed at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, and at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday.*

**FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS** can be dropped off at the parish office. You may also mail your weekly contributions to the parish office.

**ONLINE GIVING IS A GREAT WAY TO GIVE, ESPECIALLY IN OUR CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES.** To get started, sign yourself up on the parish website's "[Make a Donation](#)" page or fill out an authorization form found at the entrance of the Church and return it to the parish office. If you need help on how to set it up, please call the parish office. We really appreciate your support of our parishes in these troubled times.

**Thank You!** Our parishes changed lives this Lent with your donations and prayers, and CRS Rice Bowl wants to say THANK YOU! If you haven't already, please return your CRS Rice Bowl to the Church or to the parish office.



 **AMAZON SMILE PROGRAM:** The parish of St. John the Baptist has teamed up with the Amazon Smile program. This means that Amazon will donate 0.5% of your Amazon purchase to the parish **at no cost to you**. Any donation is greatly appreciated. Simply visit <http://smile.amazon.com>, sign in to your Amazon account, search "St. John Catholic Church Fayetteville" or choose an organization you would like to sponsor and shop! For help or more information, visit [org.amazon.com](http://org.amazon.com).

**PRAYER OF ARCHBISHOP JOSE H. GOMEZ**, president of the USCCB, seeking the maternal intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe in this time of need:

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.

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St. John the Baptist  
Catholic Church

2020

Celebrating 150 Years

**THE CURRENT CHURCH BUILDING** has 53 pews and can comfortably hold about 370 people. It was built in 1969, and renovated in 2003. A new cry room/bride's room was added during 2011-2012.

### EVENT UPDATES

- ❖ **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** will have a meeting on Tuesday, **April 21** via video teleconferencing as mandated by Supreme. More information on how to access the meeting on your computer will be available soon.
- ❖ **FAYETTEVILLE VFD FUNDRAISER RAFFLE** will be held this year. Tickets are available now.

**ALTAR DUTY FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL:** Paulette Keilers, Rachel Schley, Brenda Minarcik, and Betty Fritsch. Please contact Madeline Kovar at (979) 378- 2361 with any questions.

**ST. MARY CHURCH IN ELLINGER** will be available for adoration and visitation of the Blessed Sacrament on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. **St. John Church** will be open daily for prayer and visitation of the Eucharist.

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS** until "things get back to normal" will be come and go. The best way to reach us is to email us at [stsjm@stjohnfayetteville.com](mailto:stsjm@stjohnfayetteville.com) or you can call and leave a message at the office. We will get back to you as soon as possible.



### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

In the Jubilee Year 2000, Pope John Paul II proclaimed that from that year forward the Second Sunday of Easter would be celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday. This was proclaimed at the Canonization Mass of St. Faustina Kawalska, who worked throughout her life to make all aware of the merciful love of God.

In her years in the convent, St. Faustina heard a call from God to make God's mercy known to the world so that the world may more fully receive God's healing grace.

St. Faustina promoted the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, which consists of the recitation of prayers to the Eternal Father with the use of the rosary for the sake of Christ's sorrowful passion.

When celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday, the faithful are called to reflect more personally on the graces won through the life, death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. In this way their hearts may be made more fully aware of the mercy of God for them personally and for the sake of the world.

**EWTN (ETERNAL WORD TELEVISION NETWORK)** will be airing the **Divine Mercy Chaplet** at 2:00 p.m. today from the chapel of the National Shrine of the Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, Massachusetts.

Other Divine Mercy specials airing today, April 19, are as follows: **Mass and Celebration of Divine Mercy** live from the National Shrine of the Divine Mercy – 12:30 p.m.

**Divine Mercy Holy Hour** with the Franciscan Missionaries of the Eternal Word in honor of the Divine Mercy, live from the Chapel of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Irondale, Alabama – 3:00 p.m.

**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!

**THE ROSARY IS ONLINE** at [www.comepraytherosary.org!](http://www.comepraytherosary.org!) This website is available 24/7. The site audio is in English, but the subtitles are available in both English or Spanish. You can choose how to pray it – either in "worldwide" mode or "individual" mode, and you can choose whether you want the images displayed to be that of the Holy Land or of the inside of Saint Paschal Baylon Catholic Church in Thousand Oaks, California.

At the bottom of the site there is a counter that shows how many people are currently praying the Rosary along with you, so you know you're never alone while praying.