

St. Mary Catholic Church

Est. 1855

Mission Parish

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



Weekly Offering: \$625.00
Online Giving: \$567.88

Please sign up for online giving!

St. Mary Intentions this week

Fr. Leobardo Reyes †
Fr. Ben Mazurkiewicz †
Nola & Edwin Marusik †
Mildred & Wilburn Von Minden †

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Est. 1870

207 E. Bell St.
Fayetteville

www.stjohnfayetteville.com



Weekly offering: \$ 2,530.00

Online Giving: \$ 937.75

Please sign up for online giving!

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

St. John Intentions this week

Ruddie & Lillie Kaderka,
Pat Kaderka Fisher & Katie Simpson †
Kyla Drozd †
Joseph Cervenka &
Joseph Lukas Families †
Rhonda Canik †
John & Annie Rainosek Family †
Woodrow & Lily Hiebert †
For the People

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



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

(near Warrenton)

Catholic Social Teaching Corner

April 25-26 – Third Sunday of Easter

In today's Gospel, the disciples recognize Jesus in the breaking of the bread. How do we recognize the Lord in our midst? In his exhortation *The Joy of the Gospel* Pope Francis reminds us that one important way to see the Lord in our midst is through personal encounters with the poor (199). As important as it is to share our resources, it is in sharing ourselves, our time and our presence with the poor that we can have the experience which the disciples had – that we know the Lord in the breaking of the bread.

Abril 25-26 – Tercer Domingo de Pascua

En el Evangelio de hoy, los discípulos reconocen a Jesús en la fracción del pan ¿Cómo reconocemos al Señor en medio de los sucesos de nuestra vida? En su exhortación *El Gozo del Evangelio* el Papa Francisco nos recuerda que una manera importante de ver a Dios en medio de los sucesos de la vida es a través de encuentros personales con los pobres (199). Tan importante como compartir nuestros recursos es el compartirnos a nosotros mismos, nuestro tiempo y nuestra presencia con los pobres de manera que podamos tener la experiencia que tuvieron los discípulos.

FAMILY CONNECTION

Third Sunday of Easter

Luke 24:13-35

Jesus appears to two disciples who are walking to Emmaus.



Families, as the domestic church, have the opportunity to make the family meal a time of prayerful encounter with one another and with Jesus. At a family meal we share our experiences of the day and connect them with the experiences of others in the family. We can also enjoy the meal as an opportunity to reflect upon our family life in light of Scripture. At their best our family meals can connect us to Jesus too.

Choose a family meal this week to share one another's experiences of the week in a special way. Perhaps invite family members to plan and prepare the meal together. Begin the meal by reading today's Gospel. As you eat, talk together about how the disciples discussed their experiences in Jerusalem and how they came to understand them differently when Jesus interpreted those events in the light of Scripture. Then invite each family member to share the things that are going on in his or her life. Consider what Jesus might say to each person if he were sitting at your dinner table. Conclude with a prayer of blessing for each family member, asking that Jesus continue to be present in each person's life, helping each one to be a better follower of Jesus. Conclude with a Sign of Peace.

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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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 26, AD 2020

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Margie Chovanec, Brian Fruge, Waldine Fruge, Hannah Glenn, Dan Hall, 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.

CONGRATULATIONS and best wishes to *Danilo & Monica (Gomez) Villanueva*, who were united in the bonds of Holy Matrimony this weekend. May the Lord bless them with many happy years of marriage.

FIRST COMMUNION at our parish was to have been celebrated this Sunday, but because we are unable to celebrate public Mass at this time it has been postponed.

As Catholics, we know that the Holy Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith: it is the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Pope Francis has called it the "Sacrament of Love."

We have five children who have been preparing to receive their First Holy Communion this year. For them **it is a BIG DEAL**. In this sacrament they will be profoundly united with Jesus in a way that they never have before! And for all of us, no matter how many times we have received Our Lord in the Holy Eucharist, **it should always be a big deal**.

We do not have a date scheduled yet, but we all look forward to gathering together soon and celebrating this Sacrament with these children. In the meantime, *please keep them in your prayers*.

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 at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, and at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday.

ST. JOHN'S ALTAR DUTY FOR THE MONTH OF MAY: Yvonne Smith, Wanda Fritsch, Addie Dybala, Cheryl Bauer. Please contact Madeline Kovar with any questions.

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

TIPS FOR PARENTS DURING THE PANDEMIC

News of the coronavirus COVID-19 is everywhere, and many parents are wondering how to bring up the epidemic in a way that will be reassuring and not make kids more worried than they already may be. Here is some advice from the experts at the Child Mind Institute.

- **Don't be afraid to discuss the coronavirus.** Most children will have already heard about the virus or seen people wearing face masks, so parents shouldn't avoid talking about it. Not talking about something can actually make kids worry *more*.
- **Be developmentally appropriate.** Don't volunteer too much information, as this may be overwhelming. Instead, try to answer your child's questions. It's okay if you can't answer everything; being available to your child is what matters.
- **Take your cues from your child.** Invite your child to tell you anything they may have heard about the coronavirus, and how they feel. Give them ample opportunity to ask questions.
- **Be reassuring.** Children are very egocentric, so hearing about the coronavirus on the news may be enough to make them seriously worry that they'll catch it. It's helpful to reassure your child that kids actually seem to have milder symptoms.
- **Focus on what you're doing to stay safe.** An important way to reassure kids is to emphasize the safety precautions that you are taking. Remind kids that they are taking care of themselves by washing their hands with soap and water for 20 seconds when they come in from outside, before they eat, and after blowing their nose, coughing, sneezing or using the bathroom.
- **Stick to routine.** This is particularly important if your child's school or daycare shuts down. Structured days with regular mealtimes and bedtimes are an essential part of keeping kids happy and healthy.
- **Keep talking.** Tell kids that you will continue to keep them updated as you learn more.

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St. John the Baptist
Catholic Church

2020

Celebrating 150 Years

Father Chromcik enlarged the Fayetteville Church in 1881 and built a church in Warrenton in 1886, which had remained a mission of Fayetteville. At the time the Warrenton Church was built there were 45 Czech, 35 German, and 12 Polish Families.

EVENT UPDATES

- ❖ **THE FAYETTEVILLE AND ELLINGER VFD FUNDRAISER RAFFLES** will be held this year. Tickets are available now.
- ❖ **THE MOBILE FOOD PANTRY** from the Central Texas Food Bank will be here Friday, **May 1**, from **10:00 – 11:00 a.m.** This will be a Drive-Thru, so all clients are to stay in their vehicles and volunteers will load the box of food in your vehicle.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Even when Mass is cancelled, God is still calling.

When youth groups can't meet, God is still calling.

When Catholic schools are closed, God is still calling.

When college students are stuck at home, God is still calling.

In the hardest, strangest times, God is still calling.

During this pandemic, God is still calling young people to the priesthood and religious life.

How can you help them hear the call?

A World Day of Prayer for Vocations will be observed on Sunday, May 3.

The purpose of this day is to publically fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38;

Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life, or secular institutes. You can find many resources to promote a culture of vocations at <https://www.worlddayofprayerforvocations.com/>.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF CENTRAL TEXAS is here to help during this time of financial stress. We offer financial stability services to help prevent homelessness and achieve financial security through case management, education, and emergency financial assistance. For more information, call (512) 651-6100 (Austin) or (979) 822-9340 (Brazos Valley).

WE ARE CALLED TO SERVE! Keep in mind, especially in this time of need, we are called to serve. Many people are feeling isolated and are experiencing a lack of joy. *"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Peter 4:10).* Consider sending a card or giving a call to someone living alone. Donate food to Amen Food Pantry in La Grange. And then, hopefully in the near future, we will be able to volunteer at Vacation Bible School, the annual Garage Sale, and Mobile Food Pantry. There are lots of opportunities, if we think outside the box, to serve others.

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS can be dropped off or mailed to the parish office. Or you can sign up for **ONLINE GIVING**. Visit the parish website's "[Make a Donation](#)" page. If you need any help, please call the parish office. We really appreciate your support of our parishes in these troubled times.

SPIRITUAL RESOURCES FOR THIS TIME can be found on the diocese website at: <https://www.austindiocese.org/covid-19-spiritual-resources>



St. Joseph the Worker Feast Day, May 1

St. Joseph's most obvious mark in salvation history was his role as foster father to Jesus and husband to Mary. In this vocation, he served those he loved with all his heart and strength. But it is also his humility and loving diligence as a hardworking yet poor provider that serves as an example to all who work to fulfill a vocation or provide for a family. Pope Pius XII declared the feast day of St. Joseph the Worker in 1955 as a response to the increasingly communist climate of the time. It served as a reminder to the faithful of the true dignity and value of work for human beings, and the role of our labor in sanctifying us and in glorifying God with St. Joseph as our model.