

# St. Mary Catholic Church

*Est. 1855*

**Mission Parish**

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



**Weekly offering: \$ 670.00**  
**Online Giving: \$ 513.26**

## MASSES

**Wednesday at 7:00 a.m.**

*Marie & Joe F. Orsak †*

**Friday at 7:00 a.m.**

*Carmen Romero, Maria Espana &  
Isabel Villareal †  
Christians in Holy Land*

**Saturday Vigil at 4:00 p.m.**

*For victims of the Coronavirus †*

**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



*Please sign up for online giving!*

**Weekly offering: \$ 1,860.00**

**Online Giving: \$ 447.48**

## MASSES

**Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.**

*Ed & Lillian Sklar †*

**Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.**

*Jack Mitchell †*

**Thursday at 7:00 a.m.**

*Joe B. & Adolphine Krenak †*

*Julia Ryza †*

**Saturday at 7:30 a.m.**

*Joe & Sophie Kaspar †*

**Saturday Vigil at 6:00 p.m.**

*Mary Elliff †*

**Sunday at 10:00 a.m.**

*Edwin Cook †*

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

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)

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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.

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**May 3, 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, Helen Mikus, Leo Miller, Veronica Miller, Dr. Tom Mueller, Garland Polasek, Alexander Simpson, Larry Sodek, El Gene and Mary Ann Sommerfeld, Elroy Spanihel, Judy Supak, Barbara Tieken, Bennie Volcik, and Maggie Williams.

**MASS IS AVAILABLE FOR THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND MASS** 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 the Sunday Vigil Mass will be live streamed at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday.

**THE DAILY MASS SCHEDULE HAS CHANGED**

The schedule is as follows:

Tuesday 6:00 p.m. at St. John  
Wednesday 7:00 a.m. at St. Mary  
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Thursday 7:00 a.m. at St. John  
Friday 7:00 a.m. at St. Mary  
Saturday 7:30 a.m. at St. John

The Mass intentions for Thursday evening Mass at St. Mary will be combined with the Friday morning Mass, and the Friday evening Mass intention will be combined with the Thursday morning Mass.

**TIPS FOR PARENTS DURING THE PANDEMIC**

News of COVID-19 is everywhere, and many parents wonder 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.

**EVENT UPDATES**

- ❖ **HOPE-HEALTHY OPTIONS PROGRAM:** On the second Friday of each month, between 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. clients will receive a bag of groceries. The next distribution is Friday, **May 8**.
- ❖ **GRADUATES MASS:** All graduates from our parishes (all area school districts) are invited to join us at the **10:00 a.m. Mass at St. John on Sunday, May 17**, wearing their graduation cap and gown.
- ❖ **CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS** will have their monthly meeting and potluck dinner on Thursday, **May 28** at 6:30 p.m.
- ❖ **K.J.Z.T, SOCIETY #10, ST. ANNE** meeting scheduled for May 19 has been canceled. Meetings will possibly resume in August.

**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?

**Today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations!** 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). Be sure to stay up to date with Catholic Charities of Central Texas on social media: Facebook – Catholic Charities of Central Texas (CCCTX); Instagram – @catholiccharitiesctx; and Twitter – @CCcentraltexas. You can also come join us in a kNOW Poverty Hour, an interactive opportunity to see our mission in action and learn how you can help to eliminate poverty in Central Texas. For upcoming dates and to register, visit [www.ccctx.org/events](http://www.ccctx.org/events).

**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.

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
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**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.

 **SHOPPING FOR MOTHER'S DAY GIFTS?**  
**Shop using the Amazon Smile Program.** Amazon will donate 0.5% of your Amazon purchase to the St. John parish **at no cost to you**. Visit [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), sign in to your Amazon account, search "St. John Catholic Church Fayetteville" and shop!

**Prayer for a Pandemic**

May we who are merely inconvenienced  
remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors  
remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home  
remember those who must choose between preserving their  
health or making their rent.

May we who have the flexibility  
to care for our children when schools close  
remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips  
remember those that have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money  
in the tumult of the economic market  
remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home  
remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country, let us choose love.  
During this time when we cannot physically  
wrap our arms around each other,

let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace  
of God to our neighbors. Amen.

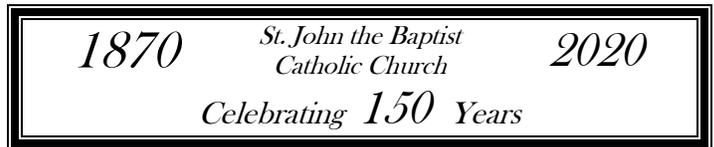
**Catholic Social Teaching Corner**

**May 2-3 -- Fourth Sunday of Easter**

On this Sunday, our Risen Lord is recognized as the good shepherd who protects us and cares for us. Being the recipients of God's care, we need to realize that Peter's words to the people of Jerusalem are addressed to us as well – we too must reform and embrace a new way of living if we wish to be a part of Christ's fold. That new way of life is to bring God's care and mercy to the poor, the vulnerable, the forgotten and abandoned through our relationships with them.

**Mayo 2-3 -- Cuarto Domingo de Pascua**

En este domingo, nuestro Señor Resucitado es reconocido como el Buen Pastor que nos protege y nos cuida. Al ser quienes reciben el cuidado de Dios, necesitamos darnos cuenta de las palabras de Pedro a la gente de Jerusalén, las cuales están dirigidas a nosotros también – nosotros también debemos reformar y adoptar una nueva manera de vivir si deseamos ser parte del redil de Cristo. Esa nueva manera de vivir es llevar el cuidado y la misericordia de Dios a los pobres, los vulnerables, los olvidados y abandonados a través de nuestras relaciones con ellos.



**IN SEPTEMBER 1936, the old two-story school building**, built in 1915, was demolished and a one-story elementary school building was erected from the lumber salvaged from the larger structure. The building remained in use for instructional purposes until the summer of 1968 when it, too, was razed to make room for parking space for the new church.

**ST. JOHN'S NEWS**

**SOME EASTER LILLIES** have been removed from the Altar. The plants on the outside of the Church near the Choir area door are available to be picked up.

**ST. JOHN'S ALTAR SOCIETY** will have their next meeting on Tuesday of June 2, at 2:00 p.m.

**ST. MARY'S NEWS**

**ST. MARY BAZAAR & RAFFLE** preparations have begun. If you would like to make a monetary donation toward a prize for the raffle, please contact Mark or Lisa Matocha at (979) 378-2701.

**ST. MARY FINANCE COUNCIL** will meet Thursday, **May 7**, at 6:45 p.m. at the parish hall.

**ST. MARY ALTAR SOCIETY** will have their next meeting in August. More details will be offered at a later time.

**FAMILY CONNECTION**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

John 10:1-10; *Jesus is the gate for his sheep.*

Even though we have less experience with sheep and shepherds today in our society, we can still identify strongly with the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd and as the gate for the sheep. Psalm 23 remains a popular and favorite psalm for prayer. In the image of the Good Shepherd, we know ourselves to be protected and cared for by a loving God.

As your family gathers, ask what each person knows about sheep and shepherds. Recall that shepherds and sheep have a close relationship. Sheep will only follow their own shepherd; they recognize his voice and will not follow a stranger. The shepherd's job is to protect his sheep. In some ways, the relationship between the shepherd and his sheep is like that of a parent and child. Read together this Sunday's Gospel, John 10:1-10. Talk about how Jesus tells us that he is the gate for the sheep. The sheep enter the protection of the sheepfold through the gate. In Jesus we find protection and abundant life. Conclude by thanking Jesus for being our Good Shepherd and by praying today's psalm, Psalm 23.



**THE BIBLE TIMELINE STUDY** will begin online on **May 4**. Anyone interested in studying the Bible, learning how to read it more meaningfully to connect more prayerfully to Our Lord through Scripture is invited to join the group. The cost of the six-week class is \$50, which covers viewing the online videos, the workbook, the timeline chart and bookmark. Discussion groups will be online two times a week on Mondays and Thursdays at 7 p.m. or 2 p.m. For more information, email [sandy@hapenney.com](mailto:sandy@hapenney.com) or call (254) 722-4220.

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**ST. JOHN LITURGICAL DUTIES**

**LECTOR**

**Saturday** – Annette Little  
**Sunday** – Nikki Beseda

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

**Saturday** – Leslie Little, Annette Little  
**Sunday** – John Spiess, Lori Spiess

**ALTAR DUTY FOR MAY:** Yvonne Smith, Wanda Fritsch, Addie Dybala, Cheryl Bauer

**USHERS FOR MAY:**

**Saturday** – Robert Kasmiersky, David Stastny Ronnie Kramr, Christopher Stastny  
**Sunday** – John Cufir, Joe Babin, David Holub, Kory Kaspar

**ST. JOHN CONTACTS**

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

**IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DECREE OF BISHOP OF AUSTIN DATED APRIL 30**

Beginning May 5, we will have public Masses! However, we will have to abide by the following safety guidelines:

- o We encourage parishioners who over the age of 65, those with a heart condition or diabetes, or have other underlying at-risk conditions, or those who are sick, not to attend Mass and continue their participation from home.
- o The dispensation to attend Mass remains in effect, for all those who are encouraged to stay home (see above), and with respect to people who may be considered physically well to attend, yet believe it best to stay at home.
- o Concerning the celebration of Sunday Mass, the following accommodations will be made:
  - Social Distancing of at least 6 feet should be maintained at all times.
  - Hand sanitation opportunities are available for all entering the church.
  - Parishioners should be seated in the pews designated by signage or by an Usher.
  - Those of the same household may be seated together in a pew.
  - Masks should be worn by everyone attending Mass.
  - There will be a basket at church entrance for parishioners to make contributions when entering or exiting.
  - Due to our capacity limitations, if you arrive and are unable to attend, please know that you are dispensed for the obligation.
  - Due to this limitation, our parish will be having an additional Sunday liturgy. In addition to our normal weekend schedule, we will have a 4:00 p.m. Saturday Vigil at St. Mary.

To read the Bishop's decree in full please, visit [www.austindiocese.org](http://www.austindiocese.org).

**ST. MARY LITURGICAL DUTIES**

**LECTOR**

**Saturday** – Ashely Havel  
**Sunday** – L.J. Korenek

**USHERS FOR MAY**

**Saturday** – Luke Orsak, Donnie Becka, Eduardo Alvarado, James Korenek  
**Sunday** – Mark Schmitt, Mark Matocha, Darryl Bradley, Bradley Divin

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***Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary***

This week our parish would be celebrating the Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary with our Faith Formation students on May 6.

A May Crowning is a traditional devotion in which an image of the Blessed Virgin Mary is crowned, usually with a wreath of flowers. This act of filial devotion is done in the springtime, during the month of May to recognize Mary as Queen of Heaven, Queen of Earth and Queen of Peace. Coronation is one form of reverence frequently shown to images of the Blessed Virgin Mary... It is especially from the end of the 16th century that in the West the practice became widespread for the faithful, both religious and laity, to crown images of the Blessed Virgin. The popes not only endorsed this devout custom, but "on many occasions, either personally or through bishop-delegates, carried out the coronation of Marian images." (*Pius XII, "Ad Caeli Reginam"*)

Although we are not together to celebrate our Blessed Mother's Crowning, we can still celebrate this tradition at home. Gather with your family, and after making crown, place it on an image or statue of Mary, then pray together:

*We gather today to crown this image of the Mother of Jesus. As we acclaim Mary, the Mother of God, as our Queen and as of Mother of the Church, let us imitate her example and be attentive to the Word of God. As we honor Mary, let us pray that through her intercession we may achieve holiness of life, and a deepened faith, hope, and love, as we seek to do the will of God in all things. Amen.*

***May, the month of Mary, our Blessed Mother***



*For the mother of Jesus, God chose Mary, who was free, committed to her faith, and filled with God's love.*

*We respect and honor Mary because of the gift she presented to us: The gift of Divine life in Jesus, her Son.*