

St. Mary Catholic Church

Est. 1855

Mission Parish

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



Weekly Offering: \$ 1,071.00
Online Giving: \$ 345.51

MASSES

Wednesday at 7:00 a.m.

No Mass

Friday at 7:00 a.m.

No Mass

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 p.m.

Randy Hoelscher †

Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

Marianne Untermeyer †

Sacrament of Reconciliation

60 to 20 minutes before Mass
(in parish hall)

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Est. 1870

207 E. Bell St.
Fayetteville

www.stjohnfayetteville.com



Weekly Offering: \$ 3,772.00
Online Giving: \$ 350.00

MASSES

Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.

No Mass

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

No Mass

Thursday at 7:00 a.m.

No Mass

Saturday at 7:30 a.m.

Genevieve Socha †

Russell Popp †

Saturday Vigil at 6:00 p.m.

Charles Chovanec †

Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

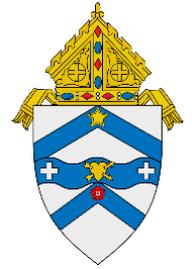
For the People

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday 5:00-6:30 p.m.
Saturday 8:15-9:15 a.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.

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

May 24, 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., 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, Martha Staley, Judy Supak, Barbara Tieken, Bennie Volcik, and Maggie Williams.

(Though they will remain in our prayers, names will only remain on the prayer list for two months, unless a new request is received.)

FIRST COMMUNION: We will celebrate, with our second grade Faith Formation students, the Sacrament of First Eucharist at the 6:00 p.m. Mass at St. John Catholic Church on Saturday, **May 30**.

FOR THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND MASS, broadcasts can be found through several media outlets. Visit the "Useful Links" page 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 Mass will be live streamed at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday.

ST. MARY CHURCH IN ELLINGER will be open for visitation from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday.

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 and 7:00 p.m. at St. John
- 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 and for Friday evening Masses at St. John have been combined with other Masses.

THE PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION scheduled for the weekend of June 27-28 will now be taken on the weekend of October 3-4.

CIVILIZE IT: Civil dialogue can best be defined as the ability to enter meaningful conversation with people whose viewpoints may be different from our own, who have a different background or experiences, or who come to a different conclusion about the best way to promote the common good. We enter into civil dialogue because we want to build a community that is rooted in understanding one another. God's love for each person requires us to remember that someone who disagrees with us is still a beloved child of God who deserves our love, respect, and care.



Tips for Engaging in Civil Dialogue:

1. Listen first and seek to understand the whole picture.
2. Ask questions for clarification.
3. Use 'I' statements; pay attention to body language.
4. Listen to what feelings are present and pay attention to how you respond.
5. Summarize what you've heard and ask for feedback.

Engaging in civil dialogue can help our faith communities create a new space to model love for our neighbors and respect for the dignity of all.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS will have their monthly meeting on Thursday, **May 28** at 6:30 p.m. Social distance guidelines will be respected.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will not have their annual Father's Day Bar-B-Q on June 21.



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS who will be ordained to the transitional diaconate on Saturday, May 30 and our deacons who will be ordained to the priesthood on Saturday, June 27.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

Continuing Education & Level 2 Certification Classes- Online
The following 16-hour courses will be offered online Monday through Thursday from 9:30-1:30 p.m.

- Catholic Social Teaching** – June 1-4
- Old Testament/Sacred Scripture** – June 8-11
- New Testament/Christology** – June 15-18
- Sacramental Theology** – June 22-25

Please visit <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=9p7hde> to register for a course.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF CENTRAL TEXAS is honored to serve veterans, active duty service personnel and their immediate

families. Counseling, case management, and more resources are available through our St. Michael's Veterans Services Program to help veteran and military families thrive. Learn more by calling us at (512) 651-6138 or visit www.ccctx.org/st-michaels-veteran-services.html.

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 the annual Garage Sale and the 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.

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!

ST. ROSE OF LIMA CATHOLIC SCHOOL will have a drive-thru BBQ Pork Loin & Sausage Dinner (with trimmings) and Bake Sale **TODAY, May 24**, in the Schulenburg KC Hall parking lot. The meal will be provided by Mikeska's BBQ at \$10 a plate. Serving begins at 10:30 a.m. All proceeds will benefit St. Rose of Lima Catholic School in Schulenburg.

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

May 24, AD 2020

SAINTS CYRIL & METHODIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SHINER will host their annual picnic **TODAY, May 24** with a number of substitute activities planned. They include Picnic stew (with pre-orders), regular raffle, a Country Store, Shiner Picnic burgers to-go and an on-line Auction. Visit their website for more information, www.sscmshiner.org.

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH OF CORN HILL will have their annual June Fundraiser – CURRENTLY DRIVE-THRU ONLY – on Sunday, **June 7**. A meal of Corn Hill Fried Chicken & Sausage with homemade dressing, noodles and all the trimmings, will be sold for \$10/plate from 11 am – 1 pm.

THE SUMMER SILENCE, PRIVATE RETREAT will be held **June 5-10** at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Temple. This retreat includes daily Mass, spiritual direction and confession. The cost for the retreat is \$55 per night for a private room. Meals will not be included, but the lounge/kitchenette will be made available on a staggered basis to respect the social distance guidelines. For more information, call (254) 780-2436.

MEMORIAL DAY PRAYER

Heavenly Father, on this Memorial Day, we pray for those who courageously laid down their lives in defense of our nation and for the cause of freedom. May the example of their sacrifice inspire in us the selfless love of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Bless the families of our fallen troops, and fill their homes and their lives with your strength and peace. Embolden us to answer the call to work for peace and justice, and thus, seek an end to violence and conflict around the globe. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen



Catholic Social Teaching Corner

May 23-24 – Ascension of the Lord

On this Sunday, we hear the call given to all of us to “proclaim the Gospel to every creature.” We are called and empowered by the grace of the sacraments to speak Good News and be Good News to others. If we do so we can drive out the demons of division, apathy, racism, despair and violence with our new language of love, commitment, community, hope and peace. Armed with God’s justice and mercy we will give witness to human life and dignity, care for the poor and for creation, in solidarity with all across the globe so that the sickness of our fractured world can be healed. What Good News will you speak this week?

Mayo 23-24 -- La Ascensión del Señor

En este domingo, escuchamos nuestro llamado a “proclamar el Evangelio a toda criatura”. Somos llamados y se nos da el poder por la gracia de los sacramentos de anunciar la Buena Nueva y de ser la Buena Nueva para otros. Si lo hacemos así, podemos sacar los demonios de la división, la apatía, el racismo, la desesperación y la violencia a través de nuestro nuevo lenguaje de amor, compromiso, comunidad, esperanza y paz. Armados con la justicia y la misericordia de Dios, daremos testimonio de vida humana y dignidad, del cuidado de los pobres y de la creación, en solidaridad con todos alrededor del globo de manera que la enfermedad de nuestro mundo fracturado pueda ser sanada ¿Qué Buena Nueva dará usted esta semana?

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St. John the Baptist
Catholic Church

2020

Celebrating 150 Years

THE NUMBER OF MARRIAGES AND BAPTISMS recorded in the parish registers by Father Dombrowski, St. John’s first pastor, during his two year stay indicate that Fayetteville had a growing parish.

BISHOP JOE VASQUEZ will celebrate Mass with Father Nock at St. John the Baptist on **June 28** at 10:00 a.m. in honor of our 150th Anniversary. Please plan to welcome Bishop Joe to Fayetteville.

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

We are having 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.
- 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.
- Due to this limitation, our parish will be having an additional Sunday liturgy: 4:00 p.m. Saturday Vigil at St. Mary.

To read the Bishop’s decree in full please, visit www.austindiocese.org.

ST. JOHN’S NEWS

BANNS OF MARRIAGE are announced for the second time for **Karley Kasmiersky & Tim Gaytan**, who will be united in the bonds of Holy Matrimony at St. John Catholic Church, on Saturday, **June 6, 2020**.

ST. JOHN’S ALTAR SOCIETY will have their next meeting on Tuesday, **June 2**, at 2:00 p.m. We will be discussing the postponed fundraiser.

ST. MARY’S NEWS

A COMBINED FINANCIAL AND PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING is scheduled for Tuesday, **June 2** at 6:45 p.m. in the parish hall to discuss upcoming events.

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.

ASCENSION OF THE LORD
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ST. JOHN LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTOR

Saturday – Annette Little
Sunday – John Spiess

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday – Addie Dybala, Wanda Fritsch
Sunday – Becky Matocha, Lee Matocha

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

USHERS FOR MAY

Saturday – Jonathan Noska, David Stastny, Ronnie Kramr, Christopher Stastny
Sunday – John Cufir, Joe Babin, David Holub, Amy Babin

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K.J.Z.T.	Rose Rohde	979-249-3635
K.J.T.	Emil Sodolak	979-249-3952
Hall Rental	Parish Office	979-378-2277
Cemetery	Ronald Kramr	979-249-6152

FAMILY CONNECTION

Ascension of the Lord

Matthew 28:16-20

Jesus charges his disciples to make disciples of all nations and promises to be with them forever.

Just as Jesus sent his disciples to make disciples, our family, the domestic Church, is called to bear witness to the life of discipleship. That act of witnessing can take many forms. First and foremost, our family should call people to discipleship by the example of our love for one another. That example is only the beginning; our love must extend beyond the family, reaching out to others and to the world.

Together with your family, identify one or more ways in which your family lives the life of Christian discipleship. Thank God for the blessing of the opportunity to be able to show God's love. Then read together today's Gospel, Matthew 28:16-20. Discuss what Jesus sends his disciples to do. Work together to identify one or more ways in which your family would like to do a better job bearing witness to the life of discipleship. Choose one of those ways and work together to make it happen. Pray as a family for the grace to be witnesses to the world of the life of discipleship. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.



“Everything will change when your desire to move on exceeds your desire to hold on.”
-Allan H. Cohen

ST. MARY LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTOR

Saturday – L.J. Korenek
Sunday – Aimee Korenek

USHERS FOR MAY

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

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Hall Rental	Parish Office	979-378-2277
Cemetery	Vlasta Korenek	979-732-2836



The Ascension of the Lord

Out of compassion for us he descended from Heaven and although he ascended alone, we also ascend, because we are in him by grace.

– St. Augustine

Giver of Life, help us to see your life at work in our lives. Keep us from clinging to what is today, that we might receive the gifts of life that await us tomorrow.
Amen.

A NOVENA PRAYER FOR THE SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Christ Jesus, before ascending into heaven, You promised to send the Holy Spirit to Your apostles and disciples. Grant that the same Spirit may perfect in our lives the work of Your grace and love.

Grant us the **Spirit of Fear of the Lord** that we may be filled with a loving reverence toward You;

the **Spirit of Piety** that we may find peace and fulfillment in the service of God while serving others;

the **Spirit of Fortitude** that we may bear our cross with You and, with courage, overcome the obstacles that interfere with our salvation;

the **Spirit of Knowledge** that we may know You and know ourselves and grow in holiness;

the **Spirit of Understanding** to enlighten our minds with the light of Your truth;

the **Spirit of Counsel** that we may choose the surest way of doing your will, seeking first the Kingdom;

Grant us the **Spirit of Wisdom** that we may aspire to the things that last forever; Teach us to be Your faithful disciples and animate us in every way with Your Spirit. Amen.