

St. Mary Catholic Church

Est. 1855

Mission Parish

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



Weekly Offering: \$ 1,179.00
Online Giving: \$ 633.44

MASSES

Wednesday at 7:00 a.m.
Anne Marie Ermis †

Friday at 7:00 a.m.
Mass for Life

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 p.m.
Larry Hoeinghaus †

Sunday at 8:00 a.m.
For the People

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Est. 1870

207 E. Bell St.
Fayetteville

www.stjohnfayetteville.com



Weekly Offering: \$ 3,410.00
Online Giving: \$ 2,005.00

MASSES

Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.
Robert Krenek, Sr. †

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
Emil & Albina Kolenovsky †

Thursday at 7:00 a.m.
Rose Johnson †

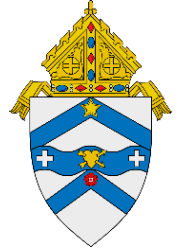
Saturday at 7:30 a.m.
Melissa Hahn †

Saturday Vigil at 6:00 p.m.
Bernard Dybala, Sr. †

Sunday at 10:00 a.m.
Donald Malota †
Leonard Malota, Sr. †



Pope Francis
Vatican City State



Bishop Joe S. Vásquez
Diocese of Austin



St. Martin Catholic Church

Historic Chapel
3490 S. Hwy 237
Round Top (near Warrenton)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

at St. John:

Wednesday 6:00-6:45 p.m.
Saturday 8:00-9:00 a.m.

at St. Mary: Available before every
Mass (in parish hall)

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Marriage preparation: Contact the priest before setting
the date and at least six 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 SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
January 17, AD 2021

PARISH LIFE

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Dianne Allen, Scott Bayless, Dan Castillo, Judy Chovanec, Margie Chovanec, Cherie Coufal, Bennie Daricek, John Dennis, Brian Fruge, Waldine Fruge, Gilbert Gerik, Hannah Glenn, Janet Sladek-Grayson, Dan Hall, Bernita Hlinsky, Alois Janish, Dcn. Robert Jasek, Christine Kaspar, J.D. Kovar, Betty Jean Kulhanek, Kathy Mabry, Nina Mascheck, Leo Miller, Ray Minar, Alvin Minarcik, Loretta Naumann, Rose Novosad, Jeanette Orsak, Garland Polasek, Kaycee Roesler, Bill Shock, Willie Socha, Shirley Sodek, El Gene and Mary Ann Sommerfeld, Shelley Spears, Martha Staley, Margie Stancik, Barbara Tieken, Kathy Vasek, Larry Vitek, 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.)

IN MEMORIAM: St. John's parish family extends sympathies and prayers towards the family of *Melissa Hahn*, who died last week. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.

FAITH FORMATION – Wednesday, January 20

- Grades K-1 will meet at 6:00 – 6:50 p.m.
- Grades 2-6 will meet at 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
- Grades 7-12 will meet at 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

We will notify you via email and the website if any changes to the schedule are necessary.

A CALLED TO PROTECT FOR YOUTH session will be held on Wednesday, **January 27**, at 6:00 p.m. at the parish hall. **All 6th graders, as well as those 7th and 8th grade students who have not previously attended this workshop, are asked to attend. Additional information on the CTPY program has been mailed to the parents of the students.**

ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITY

“Christology”- This 16-hour course will be offered virtually, over four Tuesday's—*February 2, 9, 16, and 23*—from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. each day. This course focuses on the people of the early church, from their call to discipleship to the formation of an active church. The faith journey of Jesus' disciples will serve as a model for an examination of our own faith journey. To register, visit [Catholic Diocese of Austin Texas - Acceptiva](https://www.austindiocese.org/acceptiva).

ST JOHN'S FINANCE COUNCIL meets Tuesday, **January 26**, at 6:45 p.m.

ST MARY'S COUNCIL MEETINGS: The **Pastoral Council** meeting will be on Thursday, **January 21**, at 6:30 p.m. The **Finance Council** will meet Thursday, **January 28**, at 6:30 p.m.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS regular meeting is Tuesday, **January 19**, at 7:00 p.m. in St. John's Parish Hall.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

- **CDA EDUCATION CONTEST:** This year's topics are “Let all you do be done with love.” Students in grades 4-12 and CDA members may enter. The deadline is **February 1**. Contact Suzanne Mattair at 979-249-3901 for questions.
- **CDA SCHOLARSHIPS:** The deadline to turn in applications for **State and Local CDA Scholarships** is **January 31**. Please Contact Donna Shula at (713) 818-1470 for applications and for more information.



YEAR OF THE DOMESTIC CHURCH

January Theme: Vocations

Today is *Called By Name* Sunday! This weekend is not only an opportunity for us as individuals to

be open to God's calling in our lives. It is also a chance for us to allow God to call others through our invitation. **Is there someone you know who may be called to the priesthood or religious life? Help us to encourage them by sharing their name and contact information.** There are two ways to do so: online or by mail.

To share their information online, go to our website: godiscalling.me - you can find that URL on the envelopes we have provided as well as a QR code that you can scan with your phone's camera. To share their information by mail, fill out the form on the envelope we have provided at the church entrance. Stamp it. Seal it. And drop it in the mail. Those whose names are provided will receive a communication from Bishop Vásquez and the Vocations Office with encouragement and resources to hear and respond to God's call for their life - no matter what it is.

Thank you for your generous participation in *Called By Name* Sunday. With your help, this initiative will bear fruit for our diocese for generations to come.



MARK YOUR NEW CALENDARS for *Vacation Bible School 2021* to be held **July 19 – 23!** All adult

volunteers must be EIM compliant. There is an online training for those who have already taken an in-person EIM workshop. Please visit <https://austindiocese.org/workshop> for further information. Planning will start, but is subject to change with any growing COVID-19 concerns.

KEEP FILLING THE BABY BANKS! This year, we are not sending home banks with you. When you come to Mass, look for the baby bottle “Baby Bank” in each Church. Be sure to bring your loose change and extra dollars every week from now through the end of March to fill the bottles. The Baby Bank campaign supports the Pro-Life efforts in our parish and diocese!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

THE 2021 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES are available at the parish office. **Please place your name on the first few envelopes.** Currently, we are not ‘passing the baskets’ for our collections. Please place your offering in the baskets in the back of the Church. Also, **ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE** for your weekly, monthly or one-time donations. No need to write checks or remember your envelope... Just complete an authorization form found at the entrance of the Church and return it to the parish office, or sign yourself up on the parishes websites’ “Make a Donation” page.

WEEKLY ROSARY: “There is no problem, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot solve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary.” *Sister Lucia of Fatima*. The Rosary group meets at St. Mary every Monday evening in the Church at **6:00 p.m.** and at St. John every Tuesday evening in the Church at **5:30 p.m.** Take the time to pray and reflect upon the rosary this week!

MASS INTENTIONS

There are Mass openings for 2021. Please come by the church office if you would like to have a Mass said for the intention of a living or deceased relative or friend.

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GATHERING FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST IS A BLESSING, indeed. The Holy Eucharist is the source and summit of our Catholic faith. Everyone is welcome, but fulfilling our Sunday Obligation may feel a bit difficult as we navigate these times of a pandemic.

Social distancing is practiced, masks are required, and hand sanitizer is used.

Remember, the ushers are here to help! Please ask them if you need a mask, assistance finding a seat, or anything else.

NOTE: We ask that those who have been exposed to or are showing symptoms of COVID-19, those who have an underlying health condition making them vulnerable to COVID-19, or those who live with or care for anyone in the previous categories to please abide by CDC guidelines and *remotely participate* via viewing the **livestreamed Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass** on our Facebook page. You can access it by visiting our parish websites and clicking the Facebook emblem “f” in the upper right corner.

2021 BREAKING BREAD MISSALS—*without covers*—are at the entrance of the church for those who would like to take a missal home for your personal use here and at home. Please remember to take it home with you after Mass. Do not leave it in the pew.

HOW TO REPORT AN INCIDENT OF CONCERN

The Diocese of Austin is committed to preventing harm from happening to any of our children or vulnerable adults. If you are aware of sexual or physical abuse and/or neglect of a child or vulnerable adult, state law requires you to report that information to local law enforcement or the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services at [\(800\) 252-5400](tel:8002525400) or www.dfps.state.tx.us. Additionally, if the suspected abuse is by clergy or an employee or volunteer of any diocesan parish, school or agency, a Notice of Concern should be submitted to the diocesan Ethics and Integrity in Ministry Office at [\(512\) 949-2400](tel:5129492400). The Notice of Concern can be found at www.austindiocese.org (click on REPORT ABUSE OR AN EIM CONCERN). Reports may be made anonymously.

Catholic Social Teaching Corner

January 16-17 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the Gospel today John the Baptist points out Jesus as the “Lamb of God”, the one who lived and accepted even death to save us from sin. Although we live in uncertain times, we are called to live in union with the One who ransomed us by his own death out of love for us. We will indeed face what he faced – suffering, fear and death – but like him we are promised a share in his risen life and glory. How can we share our hope this week? How can we break through fear and anxiety in our lives or the lives of those around us because of our faith in Jesus?

Enero 16-17 Segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

En el Evangelio de hoy, Juan el Bautista señala a Jesús como el “Cordero de Dios”, quien vivió y aceptó incluso la muerte para salvarnos de la muerte. A pesar de que vivimos tiempos de incertidumbre, estamos llamados a vivir en unión con el Único que pagó por nosotros con su propia muerte por amor a nosotros. Es cierto que enfrentaremos lo que ya hemos enfrentado – sufrimiento, miedo y muerte- pero al igual que a él, se nos promete compartir de su resurrección y gloria ¿Cómo podemos compartir nuestra esperanza esta semana? ¿Cómo podemos eliminar el dolor y la ansiedad de nuestras vidas y de las vidas de aquellos alrededor de nosotros por nuestra fe en Jesús?

OTHER NEWS

THE 9 DAYS FOR LIFE NOVENA FOR LEGAL PROTECTION OF HUMAN LIFE, starting

January 21, is a multi-faceted novena for the respect and protection of every human life. Each day’s intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Sign up to receive the novena by email, text message, or via an app at www.9daysforlife.com. For the nine-day novena with reflections, prayers, acts of reparation, and more, please visit the USCCB website.



TOTAL CONSECRATION TO JESUS THROUGH MARY

Join others in the diocese as they prepare for Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary. The 33 days of preparation prayer begins **February 20**. Visit www.TexasToJesusThroughMary.org by **January 23** to receive your FREE Montfort preparation prayer book by mail and/or to get more information. Prayers are done privately in homes using this consecration preparation book.

SAVE THE DATE for the Texas Catholic Pro-Life Day Mass for Life! On **January 23**, join the Diocese of Austin for a Rosary of Mercy and Healing at 9:00 a.m., and Mass beginning at 10:00 a.m. Due to the pandemic the number of Masses have increased to accommodate all who will come to pray for an end to abortion. Masses will be livestreamed.

VIRTUAL TALENT SHOWCASE FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS:

Since 2009, the 20 Catholic school communities of the Diocese of Austin have gathered every January to celebrate National Catholic Schools Week, to honor an unsung hero from each of their communities and to raise funds in support of tuition assistance programs. This year the Office of Catholic Schools will present a Virtual Talent Showcase **January 23** at 6:30 p.m. Join us for a free evening of talent, inspiration and celebration in honor of Catholic education in the Diocese of Austin and the “unsung heroes” of our school communities. Bishop Bill Wack of the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee will give the keynote address. Visit CSDATX.org to reserve a spot, to become a sponsor or to donate online. Proceeds from this event are returned to schools for tuition assistance. Your support of Catholic school students and families during this unprecedented time is deeply appreciated.

VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON SERIES ON THE MYSTICS

St. Ignatius Martyr Parish in Austin will host a monthly series on Catholic Mystics presented by Holy Cross Brother Joel Giallanza from January to May. What might the Catholic mystical tradition have to say to our spirituality in today’s modern world? Brother Giallanza will explore the spirituality of Catholic mystics such as St. Francis of Assisi and St. Teresa of Avila. The full schedule of dates and topics can be found at st-ignatius.org/mondays-with-the-mystics. Come in person or stream online at home. All are welcome.

NINTH ANNUAL CATHOLIC MEN’S CONFERENCE

entitled “Come Follow Me”, will be held Saturday, **February 20**, from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at St. William Catholic Church in Round Rock. The conference is presented by the Central Texas Fellowship of Catholic Men. It will feature Mass with Bishop Joe Vásquez, and presentations by Dr. Tim Gray, Father Basil Aguzie, Matt Birk and more! Tickets are \$55 and and virtually for \$25. Visit <https://centecatholic.com/mens-conference> for more information.

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ST. JOHN LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTOR

Wednesday – Grade 6
Saturday – Mary Keilers
Sunday – Janet Hall

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Wednesday – Carrol Hollimon
Saturday – Addie Dybala, Sharon Martinek
Sunday – Michelle Bertsch, David Bertsch

ALTAR SERVERS

Wednesday – Grade 3 (3), Grade 6 (1)
Saturday – Paige Jurecka, Peyton Jurecka, Jacob Nigh
Sunday – Marissa Halamiccek, Wade Halamiccek,
 Mackenzie Poncik

ALTAR DUTY FOR JANUARY

Theresa Keilers, Mary Georig, Lexxus Zika, Kathleen Kramr

USHERS FOR JANUARY

Saturday – Ronald Malota, Wesley Gaertner, Leonard Malota,
 Leslie Little
Sunday – Emil Sodolak, Allan Minarcik, Arlis Keilers,
 Christopher Kaspar

ST. JOHN CONTACTS

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



A Note from the Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

God's desire to bless His people is no less powerful today than it was 2,000 years ago.

When a young man responds to the call of the priesthood, he becomes like Joseph and Mary. Joseph's "yes" enabled God to dwell among us and save us from our sins. A priest's "yes" also enables God to dwell among us in the Eucharist and to save us from our sins in Confession.

When a young woman responds to the call of the religious life, she also becomes like Mary and Joseph. Mary's "yes" provided God with a worthy dwelling place and a loving mother and father to care for His needs. So, too, a religious sister's "yes" provides God - who still longs to abide in our hearts (Rev. 14:23) - with a worthy dwelling place through her dedication to prayer and provides God a loving mother to care for His needs in the least of His brothers and sisters (Matt. 25:40).

I was 47 years old before finally saying yes to God's call. I spent many years discerning why God would be calling me. However, I could never find peace in my heart until I finally surrendered. I told God that if this is where He wanted me, He would need to open the doors to make it possible; and He did. The peace and joy was overwhelming and in my prayer I knew I was doing God's will. I pray that you all will pray for vocations to keep our faith alive and vibrant.

Fr. Steve

ST. MARY LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTOR

Saturday – Jan Jurecka
Sunday – L.J. Korenek

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday – Kole Schmitt
Sunday – Stephen Korenek

USHERS FOR JANUARY

Saturday – Mark Schmitt, Mark Matocha, Bruce Kubena,
 Eduardo Alvarado
Sunday – Luke Orsak, Donnie Becka, James Korenek,
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Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
January 22, 2021



On the 48th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, we mourn the many children's lives ended by abortion and remember in prayer those who suffer the aftermath. The importance of prayer is reflected in Evangelium vitae (100), which says, "A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer" (Evangelium vitae 100). May that prayer arise in our hearts each day forward until every human being is protected in law and welcomed in love.

More women and girls consider abortion than we may realize. They are our relatives and friends, people who work with us or for us. Even if someone identifies as being pro-life, the shock of an unexpected pregnancy, the devastation of a difficult prenatal diagnosis, shame, pressures, or fears may influence her to consider abortion. If someone shared with you that she was pregnant and hadn't ruled out having an abortion, would you know how to respond in a loving way that is life-affirming for both her and her baby? Learn about the four steps of the L.O.V.E. Approach™*: Listen and Learn, Open Options, Vision and Value, and Extend and Empower at respectlife.org/l-o-v-e.

BLESSING OF THE THROATS & CANDLES

This Feast of the Presentation of the Lord celebrates the presentation of Jesus in the Temple and His manifestation as the light of revelation to the world. In honor of this feast, candles will be blessed at all Masses on the weekend of **January 31**. The blessing of the throats in honor of St. Blaise Feast Day will also be the weekend of January 31.

