

St. Mary Catholic Church

Est. 1855

Mission Parish

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



Weekly Offering: \$ 1,997.00
Online Giving: \$ 453.44
\$ 2,450.44
Cemetery: \$ 281.00

Average Weekly Operating Expenses
\$ 2,492

MASSES

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

Friday at 7:00 a.m.
Vivian Marie Zatopek Renner †

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 p.m.
Jean Sladek †

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: \$ 3,550.00
Online Giving: \$ 1,196.93
\$ 4,746.93
Faith Formation: \$ 494.00

Average Weekly Operating Expenses
\$ 5,011

MASSES

Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.
Dec'd Members of KC Council #3168 †

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
All Souls †

Thursday at 7:00 a.m.
Dorothy Selzer †

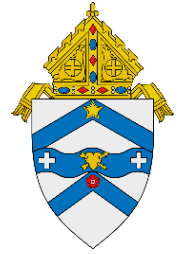
Saturday at 7:30 a.m.
Dec'd of the
Robert & Isabella Fellman Family †

Saturday Vigil at 6:00 p.m.
Robert & Evelyn Janish

Sunday at 10:00 a.m.
Henry & Hermina Svrcek †



Pope Francis
Vatican City State



Bishop Joe S. Vásquez
Diocese of Austin



St. Martin Catholic Church

Historic Chapel
3490 State Hwy 237
Round Top (near Warrenton)

MONTHLY MASS
Tuesday, December 7, at 8:30 a.m.
For the intentions left on the altar

Sacrament of Reconciliation

St. John: Wednesday 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Saturday 8:00-9:00 a.m.
First Fridays 4:00-5:30 p.m.
St. Mary: Available before every Mass

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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 THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
NOVEMBER 14, AD 2021

PARISH LIFE

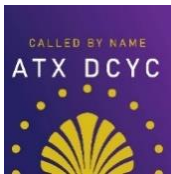
PLEASE PRAY FOR: Dan Castillo, Margie Chovanec, Brian Fruge, Waldine Fruge, Dan Hall, Bernita Hlinsky, Christine Kaspar, Kathy Kneblak, Betty Jean Kulhanek, Helen Mikus, Leo Miller, Cynthia Niesner, Kaycee Roesler, Barbara Ticken, Nancy Klawinsky Till, Ben Tucker, Rick Vandel, B.J. Vasek, and Maggie 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: Our parish families extend sympathies and prayers towards the family of *Barbara Krenek* who was buried last week. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.

FAITH FORMATION 2021-2022

- Grades K-1 meets **Wednesday at 6:00-6:50 p.m.**
- Grades 2-6 meets **Wednesday from 6:00-7:30 p.m.**
- Grades 7-12 meets **Wednesday from 7:00-8:30 p.m.**

THANK YOU to all the youth and adults who worked so hard preparing and serving the annual CYM chicken stew dinner. The CYM made approximately \$1,350. Thank you for all of your support!



DIOCESAN CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE (DCYC) 2022: All High School students are invited to celebrate their faith at the 2022 DCYC, **February 5-6**, where hundreds of young Catholics from across the diocese will gather for a dynamic weekend.

DCYC is packed with keynote speakers, smaller workshops, praise & worship, and fun free-time activities. DCYC also offers many sacramental opportunities such as Reconciliation, Adoration, daily Mass and Sunday Mass. This year's theme is "Called by Name." Registration forms can be found on the parish website or at the church entrance, and must be returned by **December 10**.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: To donate toward the purchase of flowers for the Altar at Christmas, you may use the Christmas Flower envelope provided at the entrance of the church. Please put the donation in the collection between now and **December 12**.



LECTORS please pick up your new Lector Workbook from the sacristy for the new Church year, which begins in two weeks.

THE PARISH OFFICE will be closed for Thanksgiving on Thursday and Friday, **November 26-27**. Contact the parish office by noon, Friday, **November 19**, with any items for the bulletin.

ST. MARY PARISHIONERS ARE NEEDED FOR A WORKDAY on Saturday, **November 20**, from 8-11:00 a.m. Maintenance projects to be addressed include cleaning up the church grounds and winterizing facilities. Breakfast kolaches will be available to fuel your activity. Your help will be appreciated!

ST. MARY'S PARISH ADVENT DINNER will be held on Sunday, **December 19**. A catered dinner will be served at 12:00 noon with social time beginning at 11:00 a.m. If you plan to attend, sign up on the sheet at the church entrance or call the office. Please specify if you need to bring a meal to any homebound parishioners. RSVPs should be made by Sunday, **December 12**.

ST. JOHN'S PARISH ADVENT DINNER will be at the parish hall on Sunday, **November 28**. Social hour will begin at 11:00 a.m., followed by a meal of lasagna, salad and bread.

- Please RSVP to the church office by **November 14**. If you are able to help with the food preparation, meal serving, or hall set up, please contact the parish office.
- If you plan to attend, please bring the following: If your last name begins with **A – M**, bring an **appetizer**, and those with last names **N – Z**, bring a **dessert**.
- All parishioners are invited to donate to the *St. John's Cares Fund* that will be used to purchase HEB and other local merchant gift cards for those in need in our community.

Important
Holiday Mass Change

MASSES ON CHRISTMAS DAY must be the Christmas Masses and NOT the Anticipatory Mass for Feast of the Holy Family. Therefore, **we will not have the 4PM or 6 PM Vigil Masses for Feast of the Holy Family on December 25 as originally scheduled.** If you were scheduled to serve as a liturgical minister, please disregard those assignments.

2022 CALENDARS are available at the entrance of Church. This year the calendars were donated by our Fayetteville/Ellinger K.C. council and K.C. Field Agent, Jody Supak. **Thank you, Knights!**



ANGEL TREE: The CDA will have their "Angel Tree" up on the Friday after Thanksgiving. This annual project supports both children and adults who are in desperate family situations. You have an opportunity to choose an angel off the tree and provide a Christmas gift for someone who may not receive any other gifts.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS:

- **THE CDA WISHES TO THANK** everyone for their generosity in donating the VA comfort items.
- **CDA EDUCATION CONTEST:** This year's topics are "With God All Things are Possible" and "Where is God in My Life When I am Struggling?" Students in grades 4-12 and CDA members may enter. Entry forms can be obtained at the entrance of the church. December 31, 2021 is the deadline to return entries. For more info, please contact Suzanne Mattair at 979-249-3901.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Memorial Mass is Tuesday, **November 16**, at 6:00 p.m., with a meal served afterwards.

KJTZ SOCIETY #10, ST. ANNE will meet at St. John Parish Hall on Tuesday, **November 16**, at 1:00 p.m. Please bring your lunch and a bingo prize.

MARRIAGE RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES will be given this year to couples celebrating anniversaries in **2021** for 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60 years and over. Please enter your full names, anniversary date, and name of the parish where your wedding took place on the sign-up sheet at the entrance of the church by Sunday, **November 21**.

THANK YOU to all who have given to the Catholic Services Appeal already! Our goal is 100% participation. If you haven't given yet, you may complete and return your pledge card via mail, by putting it in the collection basket or by making a secure gift online at austindiocese.org/csa. May you be blessed for your generosity!

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#iGIVECATHOLIC is a Giving Day for the faithful across the nation to come together and raise as many charitable dollars as possible for Catholic parishes, schools, and ministries in participating arch/dioceses. **#iGiveCatholic** takes place

on #GivingTuesday, **November 30**, this year.

Visit www.igivecatholic.org, select Diocese of Austin (Partner), and type in either “St. John” or “St. Mary.” This will allow you to view St. John’s and St. Mary’s profile pages and make a donation (starting 11/15) towards our projects! You can also give offline via a cash or check donation given directly to the parish.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUAMN DEVELOPMENT

Next week our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. More than thirty-eight million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to bring permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE: The St. John and St. Mary Altar Societies will sponsor a food drive to help people in need during the holiday season. Everyone is asked to donate canned and non-perishable food items for the AMEN pantry in La Grange. A collection box will be at both churches’ entrances during the Thanksgiving Masses.

CLERICAL ENDOWMENT FUND CHRISTMAS CARDS

are a good way to remember someone at Christmas and support the CEF. Purchase cards at the parish office, at Fayetteville Bank, or after Mass at St. Mary’s every second Sunday. For more info, call Donna Shula (979) 378-2749, or Margaret Kubala (979) 378-2877.

ONLINE EIM TRAINING WILL END ON JANUARY 2

Everyone who is due to renew your EIM compliance, or whose compliance is coming due soon, is strongly encouraged to update your compliance now online – otherwise, after January 2, you will have to attend an in-person EIM Workshop in order to update your training status. Go to www.austindiocese.org/workshop or www.austindiocese.org/taller-de-eim to complete the online training today!

ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO SERVE?

Men between 30 and 59 sensing God’s call to the permanent diaconate are invited to attend, with their wives, one of the following Inquiry Sessions offered by the Office of Diaconal Formation:

December 12, 2021

St. Joseph, Bryan – 507 E. 26th St., Bryan

January 9, 2022

St. Elizabeth of Hungary – 1520 N. Railroad Ave., Pflugerville

February 13, 2022

St. John the Evangelist – 105 Highway 1431 East, Marble Falls

March 13, 2022

St. Joseph, Killeen – 2903 E. Rancier Ave., Killeen

April 10, 2022

Santa Cruz – 1100 Main St., Buda

Applications for the Diaconal Formation Class of 2028 will be accepted starting December 1, 2021. Additional information can be found at <https://www.austindiocese.org/welcome>.

NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH

Placing a child for adoption is a loving, generous, and sacrificial option that demonstrates a woman’s profound, long-term motherly care. But, to a woman facing an unexpected pregnancy in difficult circumstances, adoption is sometimes felt to be worse than aborting her child.

By grace, we are made children of God through adoption and can call him, “Abba, Father!” (Rom. 8:15). This spiritual adoption also makes us brothers and sisters in the Lord. In this month that we celebrate all the saints, let us call on the intercession of our brothers and sisters in heaven. Through our united prayers, may each expectant mother making an adoption plan receive the support and care of the Christian community as she makes a loving choice for her child.

YEAR OF THE DOMESTIC CHURCH

November Theme: Season of Stewardship



Within the domestic church, our families provide ample opportunity for us to teach each other stewardship and hold each other accountable for our resources. For example, families can work together in serving the poor, joining a ministry at your parish that is in need, minimizing waste and consumable materials, spending time together in prayer, or simply serving each other lovingly when it is difficult. Children also rely on their parents to demonstrate what it means to give to the Church financially through tithing, as well as through giving of their time and talent.

All of the faithful, young and old, are called to be stewards of God’s gifts. As the holidays approach, how can your family grow in understanding of stewardship? How can you serve a person or family in need? It is never too early or too late to be good stewards of God’s gifts.

OTHER NEWS

COLUMBUS KCs ANNUAL BBQ TURKEY FUNDRAISER

Let us do your cooking! Buy a 12 – 14 pound barbecued turkey for \$45.00. You can pick them up on **November 24** at the Columbus Hall at 5:30 pm. Turkeys are pre-order only and must be ordered this week by **November 19**. To place an order call 979-732-4818 or contact any Columbus KC member.

Catholic Social Teaching Corner

Nov. 13-14, 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Considering the economic injustice experienced by the impoverished and the violence unfolding throughout the world, may our prayerful hope continue to be, as St. John Paul II implored on the centenary of *Rerum Novarum*, that “people learn to fight for justice without violence, renouncing class struggle in their internal disputes, and war in international ones” (*Centesimus Annus*, 23).

Noviembre 13-14, XXXIII domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Que nuestra esperanza en oración continúe siendo, como imploraba San Juan Pablo II en el centenario de *Rerum Novarum*, que la “gente aprenda a pelear por la justicia sin violencia, renunciando a la batalla de clases en sus disputas internas, y a la guerra en las disputas internacionales” (*Centesimus Annus*, 23).

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ST. JOHN LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTOR

Wednesday – Grade 7
Saturday – Kathleen Kramr
Sunday – Christine Wied

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Wednesday – Nikki Beseda, Lori Spiess
Saturday – Yvonne Smith, Sharon Martinek
Sunday – Mary Quiros, Jim Mattair

ALTAR SERVERS

Wednesday – Grade 3 (3), Grade 6 (1)
Saturday – Jacob Nigh, Abigail Taylor, Kara Jurecka
Sunday – Wade Halamicek, Logan Poncik, Mackenzie Poncik

GIFT BEARERS

Wednesday – Grade 2
Saturday – Bradley Malota Family
Sunday – David Bertsch Family

ALTAR DUTY FOR NOVEMBER

Madeline Kovar, Margaret Kubala, Susan Pauler,
 Woody Hiebert

USHERS FOR NOVEMBER

Saturday – Joseph Munsch, David Stastny, Christopher Stastny,
 Ronnie Kramr
Sunday – Rick Schilling, David Holub, John H. Cuftr,
 Joe Babin

ST. JOHN CONTACTS

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Pro-Life Coordinator	Nikki Beseda	nbeseda@gmail.com
K.J.Z.T.	Mary Jane Toddy	979-249-6231
Hall Rental	Parish Office	979-378-2277
Cemetery	Ronald Kramr	979-249-6152



**St. Albert the Great
November 15**

Around the year 1223, Albert experienced an encounter with the Blessed Virgin Mary. This encounter moved him so much that he chose to become a member of the Dominican Order. He thereafter studied theology. He excelled in his studies and later became a lecturer for the Dominicans at Cologne. He later went on to teach theology at the University of Paris, and became the Chair of Theology at the College of St. James. One of his students was the famous Thomas Aquinas who would also become a doctor of the Church and a saint. During his life, Albert wrote thirty-eight volumes covering topics ranging from philosophy to geography, astronomy, law, friendship and love. He was canonized and, in 1931, was recognized by Pope Pius IX as a doctor of the Church. He is the patron saint of scientists.

**Upcoming Holiday Masses
For Thanksgiving**

Wednesday, November 24 7:00 p.m. – St. John
 Thursday, November 25 8:00 a.m. – St. Mary

ST. MARY LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTOR

Saturday – Jan Jurecka
Sunday – Jo Ann Divin

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday – Mickaela Snowden
Sunday – Julie Korenek

ALTAR FLOWERS

November 20/21 – Erin Fritsch
November 27/28 – Waldine Skutca

USHERS FOR NOVEMBER

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

ST. MARY CONTACTS

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Cemetery	Vlasta Korenek	979-732-2836

A Note from the Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Next weekend we celebrate “Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe”. This raises a question that we must ask: What kind of person do we want to lead us? How do we want our leaders to conduct themselves, whether they are political, church or business leaders?

Occasionally, as it is today, the primary discussion should not be about the leaders themselves. Rather, our reflection should be about *ourselves*.

Who are the people we allow to lead us, and why do we make the choices we do? Whom do we allow to form us, shape us and guide us? On this solemnity of Christ the King, we would do well to ponder to whom or to what we have entrusted our souls and why.

Today we are offered an answer. True leadership is defined by humble service. Even in his dying moments, Jesus gave an example of humble service. Mocked by soldiers and a criminal who was dying with him, Jesus never lashed out. Instead, while dying, he reached out to save one more soul, the other criminal. Jesus was a contrast to every notion of leadership then, and remains so today. He led by serving and giving – never from a position of power or prestige.

Although we know precious little about him, Jesus continues to affect the world 20 centuries later. Not brash, but rather humble; not served, but rather servant; not powerful, but only a teacher. Jesus led by serving and giving – never from a position of power or prestige. Perhaps the most significant leader is the one who teaches us how to lead.

So, “Whom do we choose to follow?” is the real question at hand. May Christ always be the King of our Universe.



-Fr. Steve