

St. Mary Catholic Church

Est. 1855
Mission Parish
815 St. Mary's Church Rd.
Fayetteville (near Ellinger)
www.stmaryellinger.com



Weekly Offering: \$ 1,524.00
Online Giving: \$ 191.38

MASSES

Wednesday at 7:00 a.m.
Frank & Margaret Bilek †

Friday at 7:00 a.m.
Raymond Minar †

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 p.m.
Rev. James Mueller

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: \$ 2,228.00
Online Giving: \$ 380.55

MASSES

Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.
*For All Who've Lost
Their Lives to COVID-19 †*

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
Anton Halfmann †

Thursday at 7:00 a.m.
Jerry Kulhanek, Sr. †

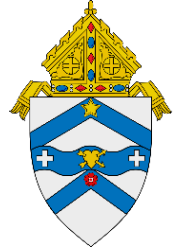
Saturday at 7:30 a.m.
Delton Stoelke †

Saturday Vigil at 6:00 p.m.
Susan Von Minden Lee †

Sunday at 10:00 a.m.
John & Julia Malota †



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)

MONTHLY MASS
Tuesday, February 9, at 8:00 a.m.
For the intentions left on the altar

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

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 FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

February 7, AD 2021

PARISH LIFE

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Dianne Allen, Beth Babin, Scott Bayless, Dan Castillo, Margie Chovanec, Gilbert Gerik, Janet Sladek-Grayson, Dan Hall, Alois Janish, Dcn. Robert Jasek, Christine Kaspar, J.D. Kovar, Betty Jean Kulhanek, Kathy Mabry, Nina Mascheck, Leo Miller, Loretta Naumann, Rose Novosad, Jeanette Orsak, Harold Peikert, Garland Polasek, Kaycee Roesler, Bill Shock, Shirley Sodek, El Gene and Mary Ann Sommerfeld, Shelley Spears, Margie Stancik, Barbara Tieken, 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.)

FAITH FORMATION – Wednesday, February 10

- **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.

CALLED TO PROTECT FOR YOUTH will be held on Wednesday, **February 24**, at 6:00 p.m. at the parish hall. **All 9th graders, as well as those 10th, 11th and 12th grade students who have not previously attended this workshop, are asked to attend.**

ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITY

“Sacramental Theology”- This 16-hour course will be offered virtually, over four Tuesday’s—**March 2, 9, 16, and 23**—from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. This course will explore the history, theology and pastoral practice of the Sacramental System of the Catholic Church and the liturgical celebrations in which it is expressed. Visit <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=ZWgzDL> to register.

ST. JOHN ALTAR SOCIETY meeting is Tuesday, **February 9**, at 2:00 p.m. in the parish hall.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS monthly meeting will be on Tuesday, **February 16**, at 7:00 p.m.

ETHICS IN MINISTRY: All clergy, staff, members of organizations, and ALL volunteers are required to attend an EIM workshop every three years. Temporary online EIM training is available at www.austindiocese.org/workshop. If you have any questions or are a new volunteer, please contact Amy Babin at the church office at (979) 378-2277.

LENTEN SMALL GROUP: Join a small group as we journey through Lent with the guidance of Fr. Mark Toups and his program, *The Ascension Lenten Companion, Year B: A Personal Encounter with the Power of the Gospel*. Using the *Lenten Companion* book, participants will work through daily entries – each offering a word, a scripture passage, a short meditation, and a prayer prompt. Then, once a week, the group will meet for a short video, discussion, and prayer.

The group sessions will start Thursday, **February 18**, and continue on the following five Thursdays, **through March 25**. They will start at 7:00 p.m. in St. John’s Parish Hall, and will last about one hour. All CDC guidelines will be followed. A limited supply of the books, donated by a parishioner, will be available at the parish office, free, for group participants.



POINSETTIAS AT ST. MARY will be removed from the altar after the 8 a.m. Mass next week. Please see Waldine Skutca at that time if you are interested in obtaining a plant.

YEAR OF THE DOMESTIC CHURCH

February Theme: Prayer at Home

Prayer is integral for a life of faith. It is through prayer that we are able to approach the Lord with whatever gratitude, burdens or petitions are on our hearts.

In prayer, we approach the living God, our father, who calls us into relationship with him. As his children, our relationship with God grows and changes as we do. For this reason, from the time children are small, we teach them to pray with simple prayers and petitions. Growing up, our prayer life changes and deepens as our relationship with the Lord deepens.

Children look to their parents and loved ones as examples of how to live and express their faith. Praying together as a family teaches children to seek God in prayer, and be confident in his loving response. This also strengthens the relationships within the family and allows the family to grow in faith together.

Does your family pray together? What is one simple way that you can increase the prayer time with your family or those living in your household?

MARK YOUR NEW CALENDARS for *Vacation Bible School*

2021 to be held **July 19 – 23!** All adult volunteers must be EIM compliant. For those who have already taken an in-person EIM workshop, an online “refresher” workshop is available at <https://austindiocese.org/workshop>. Planning for VBS has started, but is subject to change with any increased COVID-19 concerns.

LAST CHANCE TO FILL THE BABY BANKS!

Be sure to contribute your loose change and extra dollars to the baby banks **TODAY**, and **FILL UP** the bottles. The Baby Banks Campaign is intended to support the various ministries sponsored by the Diocesan Office of Pro-Life Activities. These life-affirming ministries and efforts include The Gabriel Project, Project Rachel, the Pro-Life Help Line, Sidewalk Ministry, awareness and education on pro-life issues, as well as additional support for parochial pro-life ministries as needed.



THE CATHOLIC HIGHER EDUCATION special collection

will be taken-up next weekend, **February 13-14**, in all parishes in the diocese. This collection supports campus ministries in our diocese, including at the University of Texas, Texas A&M University, Baylor University, Texas State University, Mary Hardin-Baylor, St. Edward’s University and other smaller college campuses. Please be generous in your support! Go to <https://www.austindiocese.org/special-collections> for more info.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT! Our parishes depend on your generosity to fund our ministries and maintain our facilities.

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 Church entrance and return it to the parish office, or sign yourself up on the parishes websites’ “Make a Donation” page.



ROSARY GROUPS pray the Rosary at St. Mary on **Mondays** in the Church at **6:00 p.m.** and at St. John on **Tuesdays** in the Church at **5:30 p.m.**

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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 pandemic.

Social distancing is practiced, masks are required, and hand sanitizer is available for use.

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.

OTHER NEWS

HOPE-HEALTHY OPTIONS PROGRAM: St. John’s Hall is a distribution site for Central Texas Food Bank’s HOPE program. HOPE is for persons 55 years and up. On the second Friday of each month, from 2:00-3:00 p.m., clients will receive a 15-20 lb. bag of groceries. The next distribution is Friday, **February 12**.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED at Second Chance Emporium in La Grange on **February 9-11** for stocking, **February 12-13** for sales and Monday morning, **February 15**, for straightening. Any help is greatly appreciated. For info, please contact Suzanne Mattair at (832) 465-2383 or Anna Boyd at (281) 687-4217.

ASH WEDNESDAY DAY OF REFLECTION: Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Temple will host its annual Ash Wednesday Day of Reflection **February 17**, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The day will include Mass and the distribution of ashes. Register online at www.cedarbrake.org or call (254) 780-2436.



PARENTS: VIRTUAL TALK ON “THE PORN MYTH”
The Diocese of Austin will host Matt Fradd as he gives a virtual presentation for parents **February 9** at 7:30 p.m. from the St. William Parish Evangelization Center in Round Rock. Fradd is a popular speaker, podcaster and author of “The Porn Myth.” And “Does God Exist”, published by Ignatius Press. In this presentation, Fradd offers parents a detailed look at the way pornography harms us and offers practical strategies for parents to implement to protect their children from the lies of an over-sexualized culture. This event is free and open to all adults. Visit www.st-william.org/events/matt-fradd to livestream the presentation.

POST ABORTION HEALING RETREAT: A Project Rachel Retreat will be held **February 12-14**. Project Rachel is a compassionate and confidential ministry that extends God’s unconditional love and forgiveness to women and men who experience the tragedy of abortion by offering a safe place to be reconciled with God and the church. Project Rachel helps anyone who is suffering after having an abortion (or as the result of a loved one’s abortion) to experience God’s mercy, forgiveness, and peace. For more information, contact Luisa de Poo at (512) 949-2487 or via email at luisa-depoo@austindiocese.org.

NINTH ANNUAL CATHOLIC MEN’S CONFERENCE, entitled “Come Follow Me”, will be held Saturday, **February 20**, 7 a.m. – 2 p.m. at St. William Catholic Church in Round Rock. It will feature Mass with Bishop Joe Vásquez, and presentations by Dr. Tim Gray, Father Basil Aguzie, Matt Birk and more! In person tickets are \$55; virtual tickets are \$25. Visit <https://centexcatholic.com/mens-conference> for more information.

THE 33 DAYS OF PREPARATION PRAYER for Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary begins on **February 20**. In Fatima, Our Lady said, “My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God.” Join thousands of faithful throughout the diocese for 33 days of preparation prayer for Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary. Prayers begin on February 20 and are done privately in homes using the consecration preparation book. Visit www.TexasToJesusThroughMary.org for more information.

YOUNG MEN INVITED TO PROJECT ANDREW

Single men between the ages of 15 and 45 are invited to Project Andrew on **February 27** from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at St. Mary Cathedral in Austin. Come and learn more about the abundant and joyful life of the priesthood, and explore whether God may be calling you to be a priest. Location is somewhat tentative, final details are pending due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This event is free, but please register at godiscalling.me or call (512) 949-2430.

ST. MICHAEL’S CATHOLIC ACADEMY IN AUSTIN invites prospective students and families to attend St. Michael’s in-person or virtual events. In-person campus tours and several virtual admission events throughout the week are currently taking place. To learn more and to register for one or all of the events, visit www.smca.com/admission-event-registration. For more information, contact Leah Esparza at lesparza@smsca.com or (512) 328-2323.

Catholic Social Teaching Corner

February 6 – 7 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The reading today from the Book of Job speaks of the human condition we all face: difficulty, sickness, pain and death. However, in the Gospel, Jesus comes as one who heals and comforts. Our faith is rooted in the mystery of life and death. None of us escapes our human condition, but in Christ all pain, suffering and even death is transformed to risen life. How can we bring hope to those burdened by suffering and pain this week? Who needs our hand and voice to help them know that God loves and cares for them?

Febrero 6 – 7 Quinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

La lectura de hoy del libro de Job habla de la condición humana que todos enfrentamos: dificultad, enfermedad, dolor y muerte. Sin embargo, en el Evangelio, Jesús aparece como alguien que sana y conforta. Nuestra fe está enraizada en el misterio de la vida y la muerte. Ninguno de nosotros escapa nuestra condición humana, pero en Cristo todo el dolor, el sufrimiento e incluso la muerte son transformados para traer vida ¿Cómo podemos llevar esperanza a aquellos agobiados por el sufrimiento y el dolor esta semana? ¿Quiénes necesitan nuestra mano y voz, para ayudarles a saber que Dios los ama y se preocupa por ellos?

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ST. JOHN LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTOR

Wednesday – Grade 6
Saturday – Kathleen Kramr
Sunday – Janell Warschak

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Wednesday – Nikki Beseda
Saturday – Yvonne Smith, Betty Kovar
Sunday – Cindy Garwood, Christine Wied

ALTAR SERVERS

Wednesday – Grade 3 (3), Grade 6 (1)
Saturday – Kara Jurecka, Gregory Huebner, Lydia Huebner
Sunday – Scotti Beseda, Ricky Schilling, Luke Beseda

ALTAR DUTY FOR FEBRUARY

Ruth Beseda, Michelle Bertsch, Sandra Janish, Kathy Chovanec

USHERS FOR FEBRUARY

Saturday – Jonathan Noska, David Stastny, Ronnie Kramr, Christopher Stastny
Sunday – David Holub, Kory Kaspar, John Cufur, Joe Babin

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Cemetery	Ronald Kramr	979-249-6152

A Note from the Pastor



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Who do you take your troubles to? Jesus' disciples freely brought their troubles to him because they found him ready and able to deal with any difficulty, affliction, or sickness which they encountered. When Simon brought Jesus to his home, his mother-in-law was instantly healed because Jesus heard Simon's prayer.

Where is Jesus in our lives? Do we invite Jesus into our homes? Faith is not demanding a response, but rather patiently trusting in the Lord. Do you allow Jesus to be the Lord and healer in your personal life, family, and community? We are told over and over throughout the Gospels to approach the Lord with expectant faith. God's healing power restores us not only to health but to active service and care of others. There is no trouble he does not want to help us with and there is no bondage he can't set us free from. However, we must do our part and invite Him in with expectant faith.

Do you take your troubles to him with expectant faith that he will help you? "Lord Jesus Christ, you have all power to heal and to deliver from harm. There is no trouble nor bondage you cannot overcome. Set us free to serve you joyfully and to love and serve others generously. May nothing hinder us from giving ourselves wholly to you and to your service."

May God continue to bless all your ministries.

Fr. Steve

ST. MARY LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTOR

Saturday – Donna Shula
Sunday – Aimee 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, Bradley Divin

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National Marriage Week

February 7-14



The observances of **National Marriage Week** and **World Marriage Day** (Feb. 14) are an opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family. This year the Secretariat of Laity, Marriage, Family Life, and Youth will be hosting the following live-streamed events:

- Pray a rosary for married couples and families led by Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone, the head of the Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life, and Youth, on Wednesday, **February 10**, at 2:00 pm ET.
- Tune in for a "Conversation on Fatherhood and Spousal Love" on Friday, **February 12**, at 1:00 p.m. for a discussion between Fr. Daniel Hanley (the associate director for Clergy, Consecrated Life, and Vocations), and Mr. Dominic Lombardi (the director of Laity, Marriage, Family Life, and Youth), as they discuss their reflections on fatherhood and spousal love, looking to Saint Joseph as their example.

Join the events at <https://www.facebook.com/foryourmarriage>.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE

February 17, 2021

+	St. Mary	7:00 a.m.
		5:30 p.m.
	St. John	12:15 p.m.
		7:00 p.m.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS—NO MASS

St. John –Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.
St. Mary – Fridays at 6:30 p.m.
ALL FRIDAYS IN LENT ARE DAYS OF ABSTINENCE

(This means you do not eat meat on Fridays.)