

St. Mary Catholic Church

Est. 1855

Mission Parish

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



Weekly Offering: \$ 1,880.00
Online Giving: \$ 296.38
Higher Education: \$ 253.00
World/Home Missions \$ 163.00

MASSES

Wednesday at 7:00 a.m.
Leo & Patsy Chovanec †

Friday at 7:00 a.m.
Bill & Gladys Sodolak †

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 p.m.
Russell Janish †

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

✠ **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**
Friday at 6:30 p.m.

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Est. 1870

207 E. Bell St.
Fayetteville

www.stjohnfayetteville.com



Weekly Offering: \$ 4,783.00
Online Giving: \$ 185.00
Higher Education: \$ 540.00
World/Home Missions \$ 367.00

MASSES

Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.
Mary Mueller

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
No Mass – Stations of the Cross only

Thursday at 7:00 a.m.
Richard Gerik †

Saturday at 7:30 a.m.
First Responders

Saturday Vigil at 6:00 p.m.
C.J. & Doris Fritsch †

Sunday at 10:00 a.m.
Agnes Miller †

✠ **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**
Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.



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

During Lent

St. John: Tuesday 4:30-5:30 p.m.
and 6:30-7:00 p.m.

Wednesday 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Saturday 8:00-9:00 a.m.

St. Mary: Thursday 5:00-6:00 p.m.
Saturday 3:00-3:45 p.m.

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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.

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PARISH LIFE

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Dianne Allen, Beth Babin, Scott Bayless, LeRoy Canik, 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, Ed Muras, Loretta Naumann, Rose Novosad, Jeanette Orsak, Harold Peikert, Kaycee Roesler, Bill Shock, Shirley Sodek, El Gene and Mary Ann Sommerfeld, Shelley Spears, Martha Staley, 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.)

WELCOME: St. John's parish family would like to congratulate the family of *Felicity Marie Kubicek* who was born into Our Lord's life through Baptism last week. May the Lord be with her and her family with all His blessings.

FIRST FRIDAY occurs this week. At **St. John**, we will have the Exposition of the Eucharist at 3:00 p.m. closing with Benediction at 5:00 p.m. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. There will be First Friday Mass at **St. Mary** at 7:00 a.m.

FAITH FORMATION – Wednesday, March 3

- **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.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITY

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Officers Meeting will be held Monday, **March 1**, at 6:30 p.m., in St. John's Parish Hall.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS Monthly Meeting will be on Tuesday, **March 2**, at 6:30 p.m. in St. John's Parish Hall. A meal will be served.

ST. MARY'S ALTAR SOCIETY will meet on Wednesday, **March 3**, at 1:00 p.m. Bring your mask! There will not be a meal.

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

THE WORD AMONG US booklets with the daily meditations and complete Catholic Mass for **Lent** are available at the entrance of the church. Please take one to use this season.

LITURGICAL DUTIES LISTS are available at the entrance of the church. The Liturgical Duties lists are also available on the parish websites on the “Mass Times” page.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS NEXT WEEKEND will be for the Cemetery at St. Mary and Faith Formation at St. John.

YEAR OF THE DOMESTIC CHURCH

February Theme: Prayer at Home

Family Prayer Night

Designate one night during the week for your family to gather in one room and pray together. You can use any prayer style or combination of your choosing. For example, the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, expressing prayer intentions for others, personal family prayer intentions, reflecting on Scripture, etc.



CRS RICE BOWL: BETTER MEALS IN MADAGASCAR

In Madagascar, half of all children are undernourished, meaning 50% of those kids won't grow to reach their full potential. But communities are changing this by focusing on improving health and nutrition. What role has food played in your life? How can you help those who lack access to enough nutritious food? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.



THANK YOU for your generous support of the **World & Home Missions** collection and the **Catholic Higher Education** collection. You may bring a contribution to the office if you missed the collection.

ARE CATHOLICS OBLIGATED TO ATTEND MASS?

Canon law states, “On Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are obliged to participate in the Mass.” The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states, “the faithful are obliged to participate in the Eucharist on days of obligation, unless excused for a serious reason or dispensed by their own pastor. Those who deliberately fail in this obligation commit a grave sin.”

Are there times when it is not a grave sin to miss Mass?

Yes. There are circumstances when Catholics are not obligated to attend Mass, but beyond the three examples cited in official church teaching—lack of a priest, illness and caring for infants—the specifics regarding what qualifies as a serious reason for missing Mass are left to individual believers.

As we Catholics deliberate returning to Mass in person, Bishop James Conley, bishop of Lincoln, Nebraska, asked us to look at our lives at this moment. “Are you meeting with groups of people, perhaps attending sporting events and participating in other forms of entertainment, but not attending Mass? The Holy Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith, but are we making other things a priority in our lives at this time? Are we making this dispensation an excuse? **It is important to recognize that the dispensation “should not be abused.”**

The Archdiocese of Detroit has praised livestreamed Masses that have kept Catholics connected to the sacraments in many places during the pandemic, but added they “**cannot become the norm. God did not come to us virtually.**”

-- www.americamagazine.org

ATTENDING MASS WITH US?

At our parishes, 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.

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EASTER FLOWERS: You can make a donation toward flowers for the altar in memory of a loved one. Use the Easter Flower envelopes provided at the entrance of the Church. *For St. Mary's flowers, make your checks payable to St. Mary Altar Society. For flowers at St. John, make your checks payable to St. John Altar Society.* Please drop your donation in the collection by **March 21**.

OTHER NEWS



THE MOBILE FOOD PANTRY will be at St. John on **Friday, March 5, from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.** This distribution will be a Drive-Thru, so all clients are to stay in their vehicles and open the trunk. Volunteers will load the food in your vehicle.

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, **March 12**.

FRIED FISH DRIVE THRU MEAL, sponsored by the Columbus Knights of Columbus will be on Friday, **March 5**, at the Columbus Hall. Plate cost is \$10. Serving goes from 5:00 pm until sold out. Tickets are not necessary.

LENTEN SILENT RETREAT: Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Temple will host a Lenten Silent Retreat **March 5-7**. The retreat will include Mass, reconciliation and Eucharistic Adoration. Register online at cedarbrake.org or call (254) 780-2436.

OVERCOMING SPIRITUAL DISCOURAGEMENT

RETREAT: St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in College Station will host a virtual event entitled "Overcoming Spiritual Discouragement - The Wisdom and Spiritual Power of Venerable Bruno Lanteri" on **March 6** from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Father Timothy Gallagher will provide a hopeful invitation to all who struggle to overcome the greatest obstacle of all in the spiritual life – discouragement. The retreat will consist of live and pre-recorded talks, and opportunities to ask questions of Father Gallagher and to discuss your struggles in small groups. Registration is required. Visit <https://stabcs.org/spiritual-retreat> to register. *The cost is \$25. Registration is open through March 4.*

MEN ON FIRE RETREAT IS MARCH 20

A one-day retreat entitled "Men on Fire: Become Who You Are" will be on **March 20** from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Albert the Great Parish in Austin. The retreat will be led by Bart Schuchts of the John Paul II Healing Institute. On March 19, all are invited to a pre-retreat that includes the Stations of the Cross from 7 to 7:45 p.m. and Solemnity of St. Joseph Mass with Consecration to St. Joseph. Tickets are on sale now. For more information, visit www.saintalbert.org.

ENGAGED COUPLES who are planning to marry in the church are invited to the "Together in God's Love" retreat, which focuses on Catholic marriage as a visible sign of the Holy Trinity and the relationship of Christ to the church. The weekend includes talks on faith, communication, sexuality, stewardship and natural family planning in the context of a Catholic marriage. The next retreat will be **March 26-28** at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Temple. See <https://www.austindiocese.org/marriage-prep-retreats> for info.

TOTAL CONSECRATION TO JESUS THROUGH MARY

Join thousands of Faithful for 33 days of preparation prayer for the Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary. Everyone is invited to make or renew our consecration on the Feast of the Annunciation, **March 25**.

COUPLES INVITED TO MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER



A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a chance for married couples to focus on their marriage, improve their communication, deepen their intimacy and spend quality time together, free of distractions. Every marriage deserves such tender, loving care – in a private setting where couples share only with each other. Come and experience the beauty of this sacrament in a whole new way – and see how couples all over the world have benefited from this life-giving weekend! Sign up today to attend the upcoming WWME Experience on **April 9-11**. Early registration is highly recommended. For more dates, information and to apply go to austinme.org or contact wwmeaustin@gmail.com or call (512) 677-WWME (9963).

CONSIDER THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION – DIOCESE OF AUSTIN IN YOUR WILL

The Catholic Foundation – Diocese of Austin is a non-profit organization established in 2007 to provide a means for individuals and organizations to provide long-term financial stability for the diocese and its churches, schools, agencies and organizations. Through the creation of individual endowments, the Foundation provides a means to generate income to help sustain the long-term strength and viability of Catholic institutions in Central Texas. For more information about how to include the Foundation in your will or estate plan please visit www.catholicfdn.org or contact Scott Whitaker at scott-whitaker@austindiocese.org or (512) 949-2441.

Catholic Social Teaching Corner

February 27-28 Second Sunday of Lent

This Sunday we are challenged by this question: Are we willing to make the whole journey through temptation, suffering, death and resurrection as participants with Christ or will we become observers only? Being a disciple of Jesus involves risk. It might mean we have to leave the comfort and security of "home" to go to a new place of God's choosing. This Sunday's readings ask us to realize that the Christian journey is one of risk, suffering and death, but one that ends in glory for those who walk with Christ. Are you willing to take the risk?

Febrero 27-28 Segundo Domingo de Cuaresma

Este domingo somos desafiados por esta pregunta: ¿Estamos dispuestos a realizar todo el viaje a través de la tentación, el sufrimiento, la muerte y la resurrección como participantes con Cristo o nos convertiremos en observadores solamente? Ser un discípulo de Jesús involucra riesgo. Puede significar que tenemos que dejar el confort, la seguridad del "hogar" para ir a un lugar nuevo que Dios escoja. Las lecturas de este domingo nos piden darnos cuenta de que el viaje Cristiano tiene riesgos, sufrimiento y muerte, pero termina con la gloria para aquellos que caminan con Cristo ¿Está usted dispuesto a correr ese riesgo?

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ST. JOHN LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTOR

Saturday – Herman Schramm
Sunday – Christine Wied

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday – Kathleen Kramr, Ronnie Kramr
Sunday – Kayla Kaspar, Jeanne Schilling

ALTAR SERVERS

Wednesday – Grade 8 (1)
Saturday – Lydia Huebner, Gregory Huebner, Kara Jurecka
Sunday – Wade Halamicek, Mackenzie Poncik, Logan Poncik

ALTAR DUTY FOR MARCH

Lois Kaspar, Lisa Simpson, Susan Schramm, Amy Babin

USHERS FOR MARCH

Saturday – Betty Kovar, Robert Janish, Ronnie Chernosky, Eddie Gaertner
Sunday – David Bertsch, Kenneth Noska, John Spiess, Lee Matocha

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Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving

Three aspects of the season that help the Christian prepare for the Resurrection of the Lord are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Increased prayer helps us to grow in our relationship with Jesus, fasting helps us to gain a spiritual hunger for our Lord and helps us to gain self-control of our appetites and desires, and almsgiving helps us in our need to live as Jesus did in service to other people. Lent helps to remind Christians of their sinfulness and the need to return to their baptismal innocence.

Are You Paying Attention at Mass?

You may notice a few small changes in the Liturgy during the season of Lent. Be aware of your surroundings as you journey through this very holy time.

- Instead of the Nicene Creed, we will be using the baptismal Symbol of the Roman Church, known as the Apostles' Creed. The reason this option is recommended is because of its close relationship with baptism. The Apostles' Creed is the basis for the baptismal promises made by the elect before they are baptized. It is also used for the renewal of baptismal promises at Easter and by parents and godparents when bringing a child for baptism.

- The Alleluia and the Gloria are omitted from the beginning of Lent until the Easter Vigil, except for the fact that the Gloria is used on the Solemnity of St. Joseph, the Solemnity of the Annunciation, the Chrism Mass, and the Holy Thursday Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper.

- Solemnities and feasts are celebrated as usual. Memorials of the saints are not celebrated during Lent.

ST. MARY LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTOR

Saturday – Donna Shula
Sunday – Aimee Korenek

ALTAR SERVERS

Friday (Stations) – Rylee Fritsch
Saturday – Kole Schmitt
Sunday – Julie Korenek

USHERS FOR MARCH

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

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A Note from the Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters,



Jesus asks us to be childlike and to abandon ourselves to the providence of our heavenly Father who takes care of his children's smallest needs: *"Therefore do not be anxious, saying, what shall we eat? Or What shall we drink...? Your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well."*

We are now in the second week of Lent; this is a time when we recognize the importance of the Sacrament of Penance, and fast in memory of the death of the Lord. These times are particularly appropriate for spiritual exercises, penitential liturgies, and pilgrimages as signs of penance. We practice self-denial by fasting and almsgiving, and participating in charitable and missionary works. During this time the Church re-reads and re-lives the great events of salvation history in the life we live today.

Jesus' temptation in the desert, reveals the way in which the Son of God is the Messiah; contrary to the way Satan proposes to him. This is why Christ vanquished the Tempter for us: *"For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sinning"* (Heb. 4:15). During Lent we are encouraged to prepare ourselves for the Easter celebration, such as bible study groups with friends, taking time to go to confession, and spending time in prayer and adoration. May each of us spend more time in prayer and attending daily Mass as a way for preparing for the Resurrection of the Lord seeking first the Kingdom of God.

Fr. Steve



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**St. John – Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.
St. Mary – Fridays at 6:30 p.m.**

ALL FRIDAYS IN LENT ARE DAYS OF ABSTINENCE