

# St. Mary Catholic Church

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



**Weekly Offering:** \$ 1,513.00  
**Online Giving:** \$ 301.38  
**Catholic Relief Services:** \$ 388.00

### MASSES

**Wednesday at 7:00 a.m.**  
*Living and dec'd members of  
K.J.Z.T. # 41*

**Friday at 7:00 a.m.**  
*Richard Gerik †*

**Saturday Vigil at 4:00 p.m.**  
*Dorothy Selzer †*

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

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✠ **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:** \$ 4,626.00  
**Online Giving:** \$ 901.93  
**Catholic Relief Services:** \$ 809.00

### MASSES

**Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.**  
*Lorene Holman †*

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

**Thursday at 7:00 a.m.**  
*Henry Svrcek †*

**Saturday at 7:30 a.m.**  
*Sylvester Schmitt, Sr. †*

**Saturday Vigil at 6:00 p.m.**  
*Jim Rohde, Sr. †*

**Sunday at 10:00 a.m.**  
*Katie Knippel †*

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✠ **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.

\*\*with Adoration

## Mailing Address and Contact Information

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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.

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**MARCH 21, AD 2021**

**PARISH LIFE**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Dianne Allen, Beth Babin, Scott Bayless, LeRoy Canik, Dan Castillo, Margie Chovanec, Brian Fruge, Gilbert Gerik, Janet Sladek–Grayson, Dennis Gruwell, Dan Hall, Bernita Hlinsky, Alois Janish, 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, Lillian Wied, 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:** The Parish Family extends sympathies and prayers towards the family of *Dorothy Selzer*, 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, March 24**

- **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.*

**ST JOHN'S PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING:** The Pastoral Council meeting will be on Thursday, **April 8**, at 6:30 p.m.

**ST MARY'S PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING** will be on Thursday, **April 15**, at 6:30 p.m.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIPS:** Knights of Columbus members' children, graduating from High School this year are eligible. For an application, and information explaining the requirements contact Alvin Minarcik at (979) 249-7449. The submission deadline is **April 30**.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS wood splitting** will be on Monday, **March 22**, at 5:00 p.m. Please contact Ronnie Kramr with any questions at (979) 249-6152.

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS** Members, please do not forget to mail your annual dues to Lisa Simpson.

**YEAR OF THE DOMESTIC CHURCH**

**March Theme: Lent in the Domestic Church**  
**Lenten Family Activities**

**Family Lenten Reading:** Prominently display the Bible and other books that feature topics such as Lent, forgiveness, prayer, Scripture, generosity, social justice and service for others. Invite family members to choose and discuss books.

**Lenten Family Mealtime:** Designate one evening a week to prepare a meal together. Assign a different dish or task to each family member. Before starting, discuss how each family member is giving to the others—giving time, effort, and care to nourish the entire family to go out and do God's will. Begin with a prayer of thanks and petition.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

If anyone would like to help with livestreaming our Masses via Facebook, please call the parish office.

**FIRST COMMUNION:** We will celebrate, with our second grade Faith Formation students, the Sacrament of First Eucharist at a Mass to be offered at 1:00 p.m. at St. John Catholic Church on Sunday, **April 25**.

**ALTAR SERVER PRACTICE FOR HOLY WEEK**

**All altar servers should arrive 30 minutes before the Mass or Service** they are scheduled to serve at during Holy Week, so that Father may go over any liturgy changes with them.

**HOLY THURSDAY:** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament by the people during the night, just as the disciples stayed with the Lord during His agony on the Mount of Olives, will follow the 4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Mary (one hour in the church) and the 6:00 p.m. Mass at St. John (one hour in the church). **All families are invited to spend some time of Adoration following the Mass of the Lord's Supper.**

**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES:** Thank you for your generous support of the Catholic Relief Services collection. Your contributions help the poor and marginalized around the world. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Just visit <https://www.usccb.org/national-collection/catholic-relief-services-collection>, and click on "How to Give".

**CHRISM MASS:** The annual diocesan Chrism Mass will be held Tuesday, **March 30**, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Austin. Bishop Vásquez will celebrate the Mass and bless the sacred oils that are used during the year at our parishes. Due to COVID-19 and necessary social distancing, the Chrism Mass will **not** be open to the public in 2021.



**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 **today, March 21**.

**CRS RICE BOWL: COMMUNITY IN MADAGASCAR**

Poor nutrition can lead to devastating long-term consequences for individuals, communities and entire countries. That's why communities must work together to ensure that all children have access to better food and nutrition. New planting and cooking techniques are helping many communities in Madagascar improve the health and wellbeing of their children. How does your community work together for the good of others? **Don't forget to fill your rice bowl and return it Easter weekend!**



**ACTION REQUESTED!** Everyone deserves to be treated with respect and dignity. The **Equality Act (H.R.5)**, which will be voted on in the U.S. Senate soon, in many ways does the opposite, and needs to be opposed. Instead of respecting differences in beliefs about marriage and sexuality, this act would discriminate against people of faith. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has conveyed their opposition to this bill to Congress.

Visit our [parish websites](#) to read our bishop's letter and find your senators' contact info. Learn more on the USCCB website at <https://www.usccb.org/equality-act>.

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**  
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**THANK YOU** to all that participated in the *Public Square Rosary Crusade* in support of "Traditional Marriage." Our Lady and Our Lord were looking down on us as many gathered to pray in a public place and ask for many intentions to be answered.

**SPRING CLEANING?** Don't forget to start collecting items you might like to donate to the Youth Ministry's spot in this year's city-wide garage sale, scheduled for Saturday, **July 10**. Proceeds from the garage sale will be used to support activities of the Youth Ministry in our parishes.

**TEMPORARY PROTOCOLS FOR THE CELEBRATION OF MASS REMAIN IN PLACE**

**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. You can access it by visiting our parish websites and clicking the Facebook emblem "f" in the upper right corner. You do not have to create an account to see the Facebook page.

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

**OTHER NEWS**



**DRIVE THRU FISH FRY**, hosted by the KCs in Columbus, will be Friday, **March 26**, at their Columbus Hall. Plate cost is \$10. Serving goes from 5:00 pm until sold out.

**TOTAL CONSECRATION ROSARY AND MASS:** Please join thousands of Faithful throughout our Diocese to collectively make or renew our "**Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary**" at a special Holy Mass on the Annunciation of the Lord. Rosary and Mass will be offered on Thursday, **March 25**, at 6 p.m. at St. Mary Cathedral (Austin), and at 6:25 p.m. at Santa Cruz Church (Buda). Please visit <http://www.TexasToJesusThroughMary.org> for more information and links to live-stream.

**ENGAGED COUPLES**, who have already met with their parish priest, are invited to the "Together in God's Love" retreat. It 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.

**RETURN OF THE PRODIGAL DAUGHTER RETREAT**

This day retreat on **March 27** from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. will be based on the story of the prodigal son, looking at it from a different perspective. We will explore some of the key words in the story such as confrontation, anger and celebration. Beverly Collin, former assistant director of Cedarbrake for 18 years, returns to lead this retreat. Cost is \$40 lunch included. Register by calling (254) 780-2436 or at [www.cedarbrake.org](http://www.cedarbrake.org).

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** at Second Chance Emporium in La Grange on **March 23-25** for stocking, **March 26-27** for sales and Monday morning, **March 29**, for straightening. Any help is greatly appreciated. For info, please contact Suzanne Mattair at (832) 465-2383 or Anna Boyd at (281) 687-4217.

**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 now to attend the weekend of **April 9-11**. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information and to apply, call (512) 677-WWME (9963), or go to [austinme.org](http://austinme.org) or visit [wwmeaustin@gmail.com](mailto:wwmeaustin@gmail.com).



**DISCERNMENT RETREAT FOR WOMEN**

"Heart of Mary," a discernment retreat for women, will be held **April 16-18** at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Temple. Single women between the ages of 18 and 35 are invited to join the Apostles of the Interior Life to explore and pray over what it means to discern in light of Mary's example. The cost is \$35 per person. For more information, visit [godiscalling.me](http://godiscalling.me) or call (512) 949-2430.

**Catholic Social Teaching Corner**

**March 20-21 Fifth Sunday of Lent**

The Gospel this Sunday points to the self-sacrificing love of Jesus. No fruit can grow without the seed giving up its life for the plant. The social doctrines of the church are difficult for many because they challenge strongly held beliefs. Our teaching on life embraces the unborn and the person on death row; our teaching on solidarity asks that we ask not only about our betterment, but whether the poorest of the world are succeeding; our teaching on the environment calls us to examine how large our carbon footprint might be. This is the season of conversion and sacrifice; in the last weeks of Lent what attitude or habit is God asking you to evaluate in the light of the social doctrine of the church?

**Marzo 20-21 Quinto Domingo de Cuaresma**

El Evangelio este domingo nos señala hacia el amor que se auto sacrifica de Jesús. Ninguna fruta puede crecer sin que la semilla renuncie a su vida a favor de la planta. Las doctrinas Sociales de la Iglesia son difíciles para muchos por que retan muchas creencias enraizadas. Nuestra enseñanza sobre la vida abarca a los no-natos y las personas sentenciadas a muerte; nuestra enseñanza sobre solidaridad nos pide que no sólo nos preguntemos sobre nuestra propia mejora, sino nos preguntemos si los más pobres del mundo están también mejorando; nuestra enseñanza sobre el medio ambiente nos llama a examinar qué tan grande es nuestra huella de carbono. Esta es la temporada de conversión y sacrificio, en las últimas semanas de la Cuaresma ¿qué actitud o hábito está Dios pidiéndole a usted que evalúe a la luz de la Doctrina Social de la Iglesia?

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**ST. JOHN LITURGICAL DUTIES**

**LECTOR**

**Saturday** – Herman Schramm  
**Sunday** – Lee Matocha

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

**Saturday** – Leslie Little, Annette Little  
**Sunday** – Joe Babin, Amy Babin

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Wednesday** – Grade 5  
**Saturday** – Kara Jurecka, Peyton Jurecka, Mackayla Griffin  
**Sunday** – Wade Halamicek, Marissa Halamicek, Luke Beseda

**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

**ST. JOHN CONTACTS**

Pastoral Council Chair	John Spiess	979-836-8702
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K.J.T.	Emil Sodolak	979-249-3952
Hall Rental	Parish Office	979-378-2277
Cemetery	Ronald Kramr	979-249-6152

**ST. MARY LITURGICAL DUTIES**

**LECTOR**

**Saturday** – Robert Balzer  
**Sunday** – Jo Ann Divin

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Friday (Stations)** – Luke Korenek  
**Saturday** – Klayten Schmitt  
**Sunday** – Stephen Korenek

**USHERS FOR MARCH**

**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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***A Note from the Pastor***

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As we heard in the reading from Jeremiah: *I will be their God, and they shall be my people.* God remains faithful to us. His will for us is that we be with him, and, in spite of our weaknesses and inconsistencies, he offers us new opportunities all the time to reconcile ourselves to him.

Lent presents us with pointed reminders of this consistency, and of the fact that God always fulfills his promises. The most important and fundamental promise, of course, was that he would send a Messiah to cleanse us of our sins and open for us the gates of heaven. Today's readings can help us focus our minds on how magnificently God did that – as he sent his only begotten Son to be like us in every way except sin, and to die on the cross so that our sins might be forgiven.

Even before the Incarnation of Jesus, God, time after time, rescued his people, gave them signs and sent prophets to show that he would not give up on them. After Jesus ascended into heaven, further help was sent to us. We have the Church, the saints, the sacraments, Scripture and – most importantly – the Holy Spirit to guide us. God's message is that he wants us to grow closer to him; to be with him forever in heaven. In these last two weeks before Easter, let us make a special effort to train our ears on the still small voice that calls us by name. Once we hear him calling us to live for eternity in his love, we are likely to find it impossible to hear anything as lovely or as compelling. May your Lenten season be filled with His love.



*Fr. Steve*

***The Paschal Triduum Schedule***



**Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lord's Supper**

St. Mary – 4:00 p.m. (followed by adoration in the church)  
St. John – 6:00 p.m. (followed by adoration in the church)

**Good Friday – Passion of the Lord**

St. John – 3:00 p.m.  
St. Mary – 6:30 p.m.

**Holy Saturday – The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night**

St. John – 8:30 p.m.  
St. Mary – 8:30 p.m.

**Easter Sunday – The Resurrection of the Lord**

St. John – 6:30 a.m.  
St. Mary – 8:00 a.m.  
St. John – 10:00 a.m.



**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**



**FOOD FOR THOUGHT:** Is prayer your steering wheel, or your spare tire? ---Carrie Ten Boom