

St. Mary Catholic Church

Est. 1855

Mission Parish

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



Weekly Offering: \$ 1,108.00
Online Giving: \$ 296.38

MASSES

Wednesday at 7:00 a.m.
Elizabeth Till †

Holy Thursday at 4:00 p.m.
Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday Service at 6:30 p.m.
Veneration of the Cross

The Resurrection of the Lord
Saturday Vigil at 8:30 p.m.
Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Est. 1870

207 E. Bell St.
Fayetteville

www.stjohnfayetteville.com



Weekly Offering: \$ 4,381.00
Online Giving: \$ 907.75

MASSES

Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.
*Frank & Marie Baca and
F.C. & Antonia Zelesky †*

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

Holy Thursday at 6:00 p.m.
Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday Service at 3:00 p.m.
Veneration of the Cross

The Resurrection of the Lord
Saturday Vigil at 8:30 p.m.
Sunday Sunrise at 6:30 a.m.
Sunday at 10:00 a.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

This Week

St. John: Wednesday 5:00-6:30 p.m.
Saturday 8:00-9:00 a.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: Beth Babin, LeRoy Canik, Margie Chovanec, Brian Fruge, Gilbert Gerik, Dennis Gruwell, Dan Hall, Bernita Hlinsky, Alois Janish, Christine Kaspar, Nina Mascheck, Ed Muras, Kaycee Roesler, Shirley Sodek, Shelley Spears, Martha Staley, 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.)

FAITH FORMATION – Wednesday, March 31

- **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

“Catholic Social Teaching” This 16-hour course will be offered virtually over four Tuesdays—on **April 6, 13, 20, and 27**—from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. This overview of the history and theological development of Catholic Social Teaching uses Biblical texts and modern Church documents to focus on key themes and how the teachings can be applied to contemporary social situations.

Register at <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=ekEtz7>.

UPCOMING PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETINGS:

St. John Pastoral Council meeting will be on Thursday, **April 8**, at 6:30 p.m. **St. Mary** Pastoral Council meeting will be on Thursday, **April 15**, at 6:30 p.m.

ST. MARY’S ALTAR SOCIETY will meet on Wednesday, **April 7**, at 1:00 p.m. Bring your mask! There will not be a meal.

ATTENTION CDA MEMBERS: All members are asked to contribute side dishes or desserts to the KC Bar-B-Q on Easter Sunday.

EASTER GIFTS for children under 10 years of age will be handed out after the 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. John and after the 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mary, sponsored by the KCs and the CDA.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

- **ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS:** Please send an email with your full name to kofc@gmail.com. Future dues notices and follow-up dues notices will be sent by email. If you do not have an email address, you will continue to receive dues notices by mail.
- **BAR-B-Q** chicken, sausage and ribs to-go will be served on **Easter Sunday, April 4**, at 10:30 a.m. at the St. John Hall pits. Place orders by calling (979) 249-6003. K.C. members to work starting at 5:00 a.m. are *Erwin Kovar’s crew*.
- **OFFICERS MEETING** will be Monday, **April 5**, at 6:30 p.m., in St. John’s Parish Hall.
- **SCHOLARSHIPS:** Knights of Columbus members’ children who are 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**.

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

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL CLOSE Thursday afternoon, **April 1**, in observance of Holy Thursday and all day, **April 2**, for Good Friday. The deadline for the April 4 bulletin is at noon on Tuesday, March 30.

YEAR OF THE DOMESTIC CHURCH

March Theme: Lent in the Domestic Church

Families Living out Lent

“We had a family practice of weekly prayer during Lent that we called Friday Forgiveness. After the evening meal, my husband would read a story of forgiveness from the Bible. I would offer a brief reflection and then we would engage in Friday Forgiveness. Each person would ask every family member for their forgiveness, and the other person would respond by forgiving them. Each person forgave and asked for forgiveness. No particular faults were mentioned, only a general petition for forgiveness. The experience was never routine. It was a time to experience healing and peace returning to our home.” – JAI, Iowa



SPECIAL COLLECTION ON GOOD FRIDAY

Each year on Good Friday, parishes in the diocese take up a special collection to support the Franciscans working in the Holy Land. The collection is devoted to the preservation of the holy places of pilgrimage where Jesus lived, died and rose again. It also, and more immediately, provides much needed assistance for the pastoral, educational and charitable needs of our Christian sisters and brothers in the land where our faith began. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Visit www.austindiocese.org/special-collections for more information.



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 liturgical 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 and the 6:00 p.m. Mass at St. John. **All families are invited to spend some time of Adoration following the Mass of the Lord’s Supper.**

CRS RICE BOWL: SERVING THE SUFFERING CHRIST



As we enter Holy Week and celebrate Palm Sunday, let’s reflect on how our Lord suffered from our indifference: those who proclaimed him king of Jerusalem were the same who then called to crucify him. We recognize we are all one human family. Are we contributing to the suffering of our sisters and brothers by having an indifference to their realities? How does our faith inspire us to care for them and share the gifts that God has bestowed on us?

Don’t forget to fill your rice bowl and return it Easter weekend!

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.**



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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY is the Second Sunday of Easter, **April 11**. At 3:00 p.m. at St. Mary Church we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and ending with Benediction. Everyone is invited.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA STARTS THIS WEEK!

The message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received from Jesus about God's mercy.



The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. And, He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

Jesus asked that the Feast of the Divine Mercy be preceded by a Novena to the Divine Mercy, which would **begin on Good Friday**. Our Lord Jesus gave St. Faustina an intention to pray for on each day of the Novena as she said the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Jesus told St. Faustina: "On each day of the novena you will bring to My heart a different group of souls, and you will immerse them in this ocean of My mercy ... On each day you will beg My Father, on the strength of My passion, for the graces for these souls."

The souls prayed for on the first three days of the novena are:
DAY 1 (Good Friday) – All Mankind, especially sinners
DAY 2 (Holy Saturday) – The souls of priests and religious
DAY 3 (Easter Sunday) – All devout and faithful souls

Next week's bulletin will list the intentions for the remaining days of the novena. There are pamphlets at the back of Church with the Divine Mercy prayers and specifics on how to say the Chaplet.

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.

OTHER NEWS

THE MOBILE FOOD PANTRY will be at St. John on **Friday, April 2**, 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.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED at Second Chance Emporium in La Grange on 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.

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, **April 9**.



"The lukewarm do not embrace the cross: they merely drag it along."
-- St. Teresa of Avila:

EVENTS AT SCHOENSTATT SHRINE IN AUSTIN

Girls Day Camp with Mary will be offered Saturday, **April 10**, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Marian Shrine of Our Lady Schoenstatt in Austin. Girls, ages 7 to 12, are invited to spend the day at the shrine growing closer to Jesus through Mary. All camps are held outside, and masks must be worn. To register, email kakisner89@gmail.com.

Young adults are invited to Adoration on Tuesday, **April 20**, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Marian Shrine of Our Lady of Schoenstatt in Austin. For more details please visit www.facebook.com/SchoenstattAustin.

Schoenstatt is an international Catholic movement of education and spiritual formation, which seeks to grow as free, dedicated, and active witnesses of Christ in modern life by uniting our faith with our everyday lives. We look to Mary to educate us in this task and to guide us in becoming better followers of Christ.

ATTENTION YOUNG ADULTS Ascend is an initiative of the Diocese of Austin that identifies and develops **young adult leaders** under the age of 40. Each year, the Ascend program gives a cohort of young adults the tools and training they need to grow professionally, personally and spiritually. Applications will be accepted through **April 19**. Visit www.austindiocese.org/ascend or contact Elizabeth Lagoe at elizabeth-lagoe@austindiocese.org for more information about the Ascend program.

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 or call (512) 949-2430.

FAMILY SCOUT RETREAT: The Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting will host a Family Scout Retreat on Saturday, **May 8**, at Eagle's Wings Retreat Center in Burnet. The retreat, themed "Living Our Story," will focus on how God is calling us to strengthen our domestic church. More information on the retreat can be found at www.austindiocese.org/scoutingevents.

Catholic Social Teaching Corner



March 27-28 Passion (Palm) Sunday

Our Lenten journey climaxes in this celebration of Holy Week. Throughout these days we are called to experience with Christ a journey of unselfish love; to die to all that is sinful in us and to rise to new and renewed life. Will justice and charity be renewed in us through this journey? Will we make room for those in need as we let selfishness die in us?

Marzo 27-28 Domingo de Ramos

Nuestro viaje Cuaresmal llega a su clímax en esta celebración de la Semana Santa. A lo largo de estos días estamos llamados a experimentar con Cristo un viaje de amor generoso; a morir a todo lo que es pecaminoso en nosotros y a levantarnos a una vida nueva y renovada. ¿Serán la justicia y la caridad renovadas en nosotros durante este viaje? ¿Haremos espacio para aquellos necesitados mientras dejamos que el egoísmo muera en nosotros?

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ST. JOHN LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTOR

Holy Thursday – Janet Hall
Good Friday – John Spiess
Holy Saturday – Lee Matocha, Kathleen Kramr
Easter Sunrise – Addie Dybala
Easter Sunday – Nikki Beseda

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Holy Thursday – Betty Kovar, Karley Gaytan
Good Friday – Lori Spiess, Cindy Garwood
Holy Saturday – Kathleen Kramr, Ronnie Kramr, Joan Malota
Easter Sunrise – Pat Geistmann, Paulette Keilers, Addie Dybala
Easter Sunday – Michelle Bertsch, David Bertsch

ALTAR SERVERS

Wednesday – Grade 7
Holy Thursday – Scotti Beseda, Ricky Schilling, Gregory Huebner, Lydia Huebner
Good Friday – Jacob Nigh, Logan Poncik, Mackenzie Poncik
Holy Saturday – Paige Jurecka, Peyton Jurecka, Marissa Halamicek, Wade Halamicek
Easter Sunrise – Logan Poncik, Mackenzie Poncik, Kara Jurecka
Easter Sunday – Scotti Beseda, Luke Beseda, Ricky Schilling

ALTAR DUTY FOR APRIL

Paulette Keilers, Rachel Schley, Brenda Minarcik, Betty Fritsch

USHERS FOR APRIL

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

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Cemetery	Ronald Kramr	979-249-6152

ST. MARY LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTOR

Holy Thursday – Donna Shula
Good Friday – Aimee Korenek
Holy Saturday – Robert Balzer, Rose Urban
Easter Sunday – L.J. Korenek

ALTAR SERVERS

Holy Thursday – Luke Korenek, Julie Korenek
Good Friday – Rylee Fritsch
Holy Saturday – Klayten Schmitt, Kole Schmitt
Easter Sunday – Julie Korenek, Stephen Korenek

USHERS FOR APRIL

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,

As you may be aware, recently the Vatican responded to a *dubium* regarding the blessing of same-sex unions. Please note that the Teaching of the Catholic Church has **not** changed. The Church has always stood firm on the truth that all people possess the dignity of being created in the image and likeness of God. It remains the Church's desire to respect and care for every individual person. It is why the Pro-Life movement stands strong in respect of all life from conception to natural death. The decision by the Holy See to **exclude** same-sex unions from ceremonies of blessing stems from the Church's stance on unions and not individual people. While the Church holds that blessing same-sex unions is not licit (not permitted), the Church's teaching remains consistent that all people, including those with same-sex attraction, should be accepted with respect, compassion, and sensitivity. This decision by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (CDF) in no way implies judgment on individual people.

Blessings, also known as *sacramentals*, are signs that point to the Sacraments – in this case the Sacrament of Matrimony that is between **a man and a woman**. Thus, to bless a homosexual union could cause confusion for the faithful in regard to the "Sacrament of Matrimony." Therefore, it is not permitted to bless homosexual unions. In addition, the Catechism of the Catholic Church says this about the Sacrament of Marriage "By its very nature the institution of marriage and married love is ordered to the procreation and education of the offspring and it is in them that it finds its crowning glory. Children are the supreme gift of marriage and contribute greatly to the good of the parents themselves." (CCC 1652) *Fr. Steve*



The Paschal Triduum Schedule

Holy Thursday – *Mass of the Lord's Supper*
 St. Mary – 4:00 p.m. St. John – 6:00 p.m.

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.