

St. Mary Catholic Church

Est. 1855

Mission Parish

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



Weekly Offering: \$ 2,158.26
Online Giving: \$ 191.38

MASSES

Wednesday at 7:00 a.m.
Bennie Gerik †

Friday at 7:00 a.m.
Barbara Mondrik †

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 p.m.

Randall Hoelscher †

Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

Louis & Annie Prihoda †

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Est. 1870

207 E. Bell St.
Fayetteville

www.stjohnfayetteville.com



Weekly Offering: \$ 4,407.00
Online Giving: \$ 430.00

MASSES

Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.
Clem W. Gully †

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
Henry Svrcek †

Thursday at 7:00 a.m.
*Lee Edward Baca &
Lee Edward Baca, Jr. †*

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

Saturday Vigil at 6:00 p.m.

Marcella & Jim Korenek †

Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

For the People



**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, April 6, at 8:00 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.

St. Mary: Available before every Mass

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.

Administrative Staff

Amy Babin

Lexus Zika

Sue Zapalac

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
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PARISH LIFE

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Beth Babin, LeRoy Canik, Dan Castillo, Margie Chovanec, Brian Fruge, Gilbert Gerik, Dennis Gruwell, Dan Hall, Bernita Hlinsky, Alois Janish, Ray Jurecka, Christine Kaspar, Nina Mascheck, Tim Meinardus, Ed Muras, Harold Peikert, Kaycee Roesler, Shirley Sodek, Shelley Spears, Martha Staley, 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.)*

IN MEMORIAM: St. John's parish family extends sympathies and prayers towards the family of *Lillian Wied*, who died recently. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.

FAITH FORMATION – Wednesday, April 7

- **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.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITY

“**Catholic Social Teaching**” will be offered virtually over four Tuesdays—on **April 6, 13, 20, and 27**—from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Register at <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=ekEtz7>.

ALL INTERESTED VBS VOLUNTEERS: Adult's and Guides please attend an organizational meeting at the parish hall on Sunday, **April 11** after the 10:00 o'clock Mass. We will be brainstorming how to make VBS work this year and keep everyone safe. Everyone's attendance would be greatly appreciated. Thank you everyone for your past service and hope to see you again this year! Any questions please call Theresa at (979) 966-2861.

ST. MARY BAZAAR & RAFFLE preparations have begun. If you would like to make a monetary donation toward a prize for the raffle, please contact Mark Matocha at (979) 378-2701. The deadline to donate is Sunday, **May 2**.

A ST. JOHN FEAST PREPARATION MEETING will be on Tuesday, **April 13**, at 6:45 p.m. in the parish hall. There will be changes this year, and it you would like to help us get organized, please join us at this meeting.

ST. MARY BAZAAR PREPARATION MEETING will be on Friday, **April 16**, at 6:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Anyone interested in participating is welcome.

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.

ST. JOHN ALTAR SOCIETY meeting is Tuesday, **April 13**, at 1:00 p.m. in the parish hall.

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. Meetings will be held in the parish halls.

UPCOMING FINANCE COUNCIL MEETINGS:

St. John Finance Council will meet in the parish hall on Tuesday, **April 27**, at 6:45 p.m. **St. Mary** Finance Council meeting will be on Thursday, **April 29**, at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS Monthly Meeting will be on Tuesday, **April 6**, at 6:30 p.m. in St. John's Parish Hall. Members please do not forget to mail your annual dues to Lisa Simpson if you are not attending the meeting.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

- **ALL MEMBERS:** Please send an email with your full name to kofo@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.
- **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**.

YEAR OF THE DOMESTIC CHURCH

April Theme: Love your Neighbors

The love of one's neighbor is an important part of our life of faith. When asked what the greatest commandment is, Jesus replied: “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these (Mark 12: 30-31).” To love one's neighbor is to love as God loves. Within the Domestic Church, parents demonstrate this by loving their children and spouses. Family members also express this love through the mercy and forgiveness that they extend to one another. However, this love is not limited to those within your household. We must love our neighbor by going out. We must meet our neighbors where they are at.

In his address “The Parish is a Family of Families,” Pope John Paul II encouraged the faithful to reach out to their neighbor. He says: “I wish to encourage all families and parishes not to be inward-looking, not to dwell on themselves. Jesus commands us to serve our neighbor, to reach out to those in need.” This encouragement allows us to reflect on how we answer this call. How does your family or household show love to each other? Who is someone in need that your family can serve? What is something small that your family can do for those in need?

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**.

CRS RICE BOWL: Please return your **CRS Rice Bowls TODAY**. We prayed, fasted and gave alms—and now we rejoice because Christ is risen! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl challenges us as we begin the Easter season to share the joy of having a loving God that is alive and accompanies us always. Let's do the same by being present to our global family by caring for their material and spiritual needs. Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl today or donate online at crsricebowl.org/give.

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.



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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 CONTINUES!

Jesus asked that the Feast of the Divine Mercy be preceded by a Novena to the Divine Mercy, and 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 final six days of the novena are:

DAY 4 (Monday) - The pagans and those who do not yet know me

DAY 5 (Tuesday) – The souls of those who have separated themselves from my church

DAY 6 (Wednesday) – The meek and humble souls and the souls of little children

DAY 7 (Thursday) – The souls who especially venerate and glorify my mercy

DAY 8 (Friday) – The souls who are detained in purgatory

DAY 9 (Saturday) – Souls who have become lukewarm

There are pamphlets or papers at the back of Church with the Divine Mercy prayers and specifics on how to say the Chaplet.

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, **April 9**.

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 for more information about the Ascend program.

ELLINGER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FUNDRAISER takes place at the Ellinger C of C Hall on Sunday, **April 25**. The Drive-Thru only BBQ chicken and sausage meal starts at 10:30 a.m. Cost is \$12/plate. A live auction, held outdoors under the pavilion, begins at 1:30 p.m. Currently, firemen are selling tickets for the raffle, and winners will be announced during the auction. Call Dave Weishuhn at (979) 966-2875 for more info.

THE UPPER ROOM, A WEEKEND RETREAT, will be presented **April 23-25** at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Temple. The Upper Room in the Old City of Jerusalem marks the site where Jesus gave his final marching orders to his apostles. On Holy Thursday night the Lord called the apostles to change the world, and for most of them it would require their life. The words of Jesus continue to call his followers today to do their part to change their world by loving one another and fighting for the good. Chuck Neff, a talk show host for Relevant Radio for 16 years and the Executive Producer for The Salt River Production Group, leads the retreat. Register at www.cedarbrake.org or call (254) 780-2436.

ST. MICHAEL'S ANNUAL SPRING FESTIVAL Drive-Thru Only Fried Chicken meal will be held on Sunday, **April 25**, at the Weimar Veterans Hall beginning at 11:00 a.m.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL ANNUAL SPRING FESTIVAL will be held on Wednesday, **April 28**, at the La Grange KC Hall. A Drive-Thru BBQ chicken meal and bake sale will be from 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., for \$10 per plate. Sacred Heart Catholic School is also selling raffle tickets with prizes to be drawn on Facebook Live at Noon on Friday, April 30. Contact (979) 968-5117 to reserve your plates or purchase raffle tickets.

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

April 4 Easter Sunday

In the first reading we hear Peter proclaiming the Good News of Jesus risen from the dead and that in his lifetime, Jesus went about doing good, healing the sick and that God was with him! As disciples of Jesus, filled with grace through his resurrection, we too are called to this mission. What good are we called to do this week? Who are those, sick in mind, body or spirit that we might minister to this week? How can we bring the presence of God to situations of injustice this week?

Abril 4 Domingo de Pascua

En la primera lectura escuchamos a Pedro proclamar la Buena Nueva de Jesús resucitado de la muerte y de que, durante su vida, Jesús se dedicó a hacer el bien, a curar a los enfermos y ¡Dios estuvo con Él! Como discípulos de Jesús, llenos de gracia a través de su resurrección, nosotros también estamos llamados a realizar su misión ¿Qué obra buena estamos llamados a realizar esta semana? ¿Quiénes son aquellos, enfermos de la mente, cuerpo o espíritu a los que podemos servir esta semana? ¿Cómo podemos llevar la presencia de Dios a situaciones de injusticia esta semana?

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ST. JOHN LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTOR

Wednesday – Grade 9
Saturday – Theresa Keilers
Sunday – Christine Wied

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Wednesday – Annette Little
Saturday – Tiffany Nigh, Wanda Fritsch
Sunday – Mary Quiros, Kayla Kaspar

ALTAR SERVERS

Wednesday – Grade 7 (2), Grade 8 (2)
Saturday – Mackayla Griffin, Paige Jurecka, Jacob Nigh
Sunday – Wade Halamicek, Marissa Halamicek, Logan Poncik

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

ST. JOHN CONTACTS

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K.J.Z.T.	Mary Jane Toddy	979-249-6231
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 – Jan Jurecka
Sunday – Ashely Havel

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday – Rylee Fritsch
Sunday – Luke Korenek

USHERS FOR APRIL

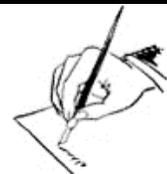
Saturday – Mark Schmitt, Mark Matocha, Bruce Kubena, Eduardo Alvarado
Sunday – Luke Orsak, Donnie Becka, James Korenek, Bradley Divin

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A Note from the Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters,



This past week we celebrated the event of the last supper where Jesus instituted the Eucharist so that every time Mass is celebrated He would be truly present to his faithful followers nourishing them with his **Body** and **Blood** so they could continue to grow in holiness.

Jesus also instituted the priesthood at the Last Supper so there would be good and faithful shepherds to serve and tend to the needs of God's people. Through "Sacred Ordination" men are to the Priesthood and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit to shepherd the Church. For Christ, whom the Father has sanctified and sent into the world through his Apostles has made their successors: sharers in his consecration and mission. They in turn have lawfully handed on the office of their ministry in several grades to different individuals in the Church.

Priests are linked to the Bishop in their priestly dignity, and by virtue of the sacrament of *Holy Orders* they are consecrated to preach the Gospel, to shepherd the faithful and to celebrate divine worship as the true priests of the New Testament.

Deacons receive the laying on of hands not for the priesthood, but for the ministry to service. Strengthened by sacramental grace, they serve the people of God in word and charity, in communion with the Bishop and his priest. Now that the Resurrection has taken place, may we stay strong in our faith and pray for our Priest's and Bishop may be strengthened by the Holy Spirit.

Fr. Steve

He is Risen!

He is truly Risen!



Happy Easter

Pray for our Clergy!

*"I will appoint for you shepherds after my own heart, who will shepherd you wisely and prudently."
– Jeremiah 3:15*