

St. Mary Catholic Church

Est. 1855

Mission Parish

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



Weekly Offering: \$ 1,107.00
Online Giving: \$ 191.38

MASSES

Wednesday at 7:00 a.m.
Ray Minar †

Friday at 7:00 a.m.
Rosa Lee Tobias †

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: \$ 2,291.00
Online Giving: \$ 405.00

MASSES

Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.
Ruddie & Lillie Kaderka,
Pat Kaderka Fisher and Katie Simpson †

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
Roy Glenn Johnson †

Thursday at 7:00 a.m.
Victor Ottilla & Charlie Kulhanek †

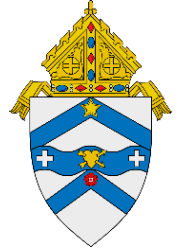
Saturday at 7:30 a.m.
The Jacomini Family †

Saturday Vigil at 6:00 p.m.
Joe & Julie Malota †

Sunday at 10:00 a.m.
Viola Hrachovy †



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

St. John: Wednesday 5:30-6:30 p.m.

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

First Fridays 4:00-5:30 p.m.

St. Mary: Available before every Mass

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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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 25, AD 2021

PARISH LIFE

PLEASE PRAY FOR: LeRoy Canik, Dan Castillo, Margie Chovanec, Brian Fruge, Waldine Fruge, Gilbert Gerik, Dennis Gruwell, Dan Hall, Bernita Hlinsky, Alois Janish, Ray Jurecka, Christine Kaspar, Kathy Kneblak, Nina Mascheck, Tim Meinardus, Leo Miller, Ed Muras, Harold Peikert, Randy Popp, 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: Our parish families extend sympathies and prayers towards the family of *Corey Marusik* who died recently. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

FAITH FORMATION – Wednesday, April 28

- **Grades K-1** will meet at 6:00 – 6:50 p.m.
- **Grades 3-6** will meet at 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
- **Grades 7-12** will meet at 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

ATTENTION STUDENTS IN GRADES 7-12: On Wednesday, April 28, all Junior High & High School students will meet in the parish hall at **6:00 p.m.** to watch the movie *Paul, Apostle of Christ*. The Executive Producer of the film, Eric Groth, will be here *in person* to facilitate a reflection and discussion of the movie. Parents are invited to attend!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION is **TODAY!** Please pray that our Lord fills our young communicants with His graces and love this day and always!

CROWNING OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY will take place at all **Masses on Mother's Day weekend, May 8-9**. All students in the Faith Formation program, as well as any children in the parish who would like to participate, should bring a flower to Mass to honor the Blessed Mother. They should arrive 15 minutes before Mass to line up for the procession. Children at St. John should meet in the Religious Education building prior to Mass, and those at St. Mary should meet in St. Mary's Hall prior to Mass.



A FAITH FORMATION MEETING will be held for all Faith Formation instructors, aides and substitutes on Wednesday, **May 5**, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be in St. John's Hall.



GRADUATES MASS: All graduates from both St. John and St. Mary parishes (all area school districts) are invited to attend the **10:00 a.m. Mass at St. John on Sunday, May 16**, wearing their graduation cap and gown.

ST. MARY'S PASTORAL COUNCIL met on April 15. Items discussed included:

- Update on Church structure inspection and drainage
- Discussed handicap access, possible safety fence, security light
- Update on Bazaar Preparations
- Review of trash removal policy
- Set work day for St. Mary on Saturday, May 15
- First Communion on April 25
- The next meeting will be Thursday, July 15

VBS 2021 Vacation Bible School is coming **July 19-23!** We need **volunteers!** Adults and those entering the sixth grade through the twelfth grade please sign up on the sheet at the Church entrance. All adult volunteers must be EIM compliant.

UPCOMING FINANCE COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

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**.

ST. MARY'S ALTAR SOCIETY will meet on Wednesday, **May 5**, at 1:00 p.m. Wear your mask. There will not be a meal.

ST. JOHN'S ALTAR SOCIETY meeting is Tuesday, **May 11**, at 1:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Wear your mask.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

- **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.**
- **Officers Meeting** will be held Monday, **May 3**, at 6:30 p.m., in St. John's Parish Hall.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

- **The CDA audit** will be held on Wednesday, **April 28** at 5 p.m.
- **Monthly Meeting** will be in the hall on Tuesday, **May 4**, at 6:30 p.m. Please bring a dish as we will have a potluck dinner but not a self-serve buffet. Coronavirus guidelines will be observed. Scholarship recipients and education contest winners, and their families, are invited.

K.J.Z.T. ST. ANNE SOCIETY #10 is selling cookbooks for \$20. In addition to many great recipes, the books detail the history of the society, dating back to 1902. What a great Mother's Day gift! Call Lois Kaspar (979) 249-6826 or Mary Jane Toddy (979) 246-6231 to get yours.

YEAR OF THE DOMESTIC CHURCH

April Theme: Love your Neighbors

Pray for relationships between neighbors. Healthy relationships between neighbors create a loving and compassionate community. Pray that neighbors would learn from each other's differences and find common ground in their community. *God Almighty, we ask for healthy, thriving relationships between neighbors. We pray that different cultures will be able to understand and care for one another in our neighborhoods. We pray that the diversity of your people will be celebrated by all neighbors, just as you affirm and love each one of us.*



CRS RICE BOWL LENTEN PROJECT: THANK YOU!

Lenten alms donated through the CRS Rice Bowl participation support the work of Catholic Relief Services in roughly 45 different countries. This year's successful effort resulted in St. John Parish raising \$1,848.21 and St. Mary Parish raising \$264.23. Thank you for your generosity!

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 25, AD 2021

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

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.

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.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: The church throughout the world will observe the 58th annual World Day of Prayer for Vocations today, **April 25**, also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood or religious life. Resources for promoting and discerning vocations can be found at <https://godiscalling.me>.

NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH: Join us throughout this month, as we continue to pray for the healing of victims of abuse. Together, let's pray that the vulnerable are protected from abuse and that survivors of abuse may be accompanied on their paths to healing.

PRAY THE ROSARY!

In addition to praying the Rosary during our day, we have the opportunity to pray with our Rosary groups at St. Mary every Monday evening in the Church at **6:00 p.m.** and at St. John every Tuesday evening in the Church at **5:30 p.m.**

OTHER NEWS

THE MOBILE FOOD PANTRY will be at St. John on **Friday, May 7**, from **10:00 – 11:00 a.m.** Food will be distributed via a Drive-Thru, so all clients are to stay in their vehicles and open the trunk. Volunteers will load the food into 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, **May 14**.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED at Second Chance the week of **May 4-10** (Tues-Thurs) for stocking and **May 8-9** (Fri-Sat) for sale days. We then straighten for the next group on **May 10** (Mon). We are still observing the safe Covid regulations so wear your mask. If you have any questions you can contact coordinators Anna Boyd at (281) 687-4217 or Suzanne Mattair at (832) 465-2383.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL in La Grange has an opening for a classroom teacher next year. If you or someone you know is interested, please submit your application online. Go to www.sacredheartschoollg.com, then important links, and then click on job opportunities.

ST. MICHAEL'S ANNUAL SPRING FESTIVAL Drive-Thru Only Fried Chicken meal is **TODAY, April 25**, at the Weimar Veterans Hall starting at 11:00 a.m. Enjoy the online auction, too!

THE ELLINGER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FUNDRAISER is at the Ellinger C of C Hall **TODAY, April 25**. The Drive-Thru only BBQ chicken and sausage meal starts at 10:30 a.m. Cost is \$12/plate. An outdoor auction begins at 1:30 p.m. Raffle winners will be announced during the auction.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL ANNUAL SPRING FESTIVAL is Wednesday, **April 28**, at the La Grange KC Hall. A \$10 per plate Drive-Thru Barbecue chicken meal and bake sale will be served 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Raffle tickets are also available. Winners will be drawn on Facebook Live at Noon on Friday, April 30. To reserve plates or buy raffle tickets, call (979) 968-5117.

THE LISTENING TO THE VOICE OF GOD RETREAT will be held **April 29** from 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at St. Louis Parish in Waco. Franciscan Father Albert Haase will present this day based on his book, "Saying Yes: Discovering and Responding to God's Will in Your Life." Cost, including lunch, is \$40. Details are available at www.cedarbrake.org or (254) 780-2436.

QUEEN OF THE HOLY ROSARY CHURCH in Hostyn will have their annual Mayfest on Sunday, **May 2**. A barbecue pork and sausage Drive-Thru Only Meal will be from 11:00-12:30 p.m. (or until sold out). Sausage and BBQ Pork by the pound will also be available. Go online to [Hostyn Mayfest \(auctria.com\)](http://HostynMayfest.auctria.com) to see the Mayfest auction. Bidding begins on April 23 at 8:00 am and ends on April 30 at 7:00 pm. Raffle tickets can be purchased by calling the parish office at (979) 247-4441. The drawing will be on Saturday, May 1, at 1:00 p.m.



MASS OF ORDINATION TO THE TRANSITIONAL DIACONATE will be celebrated on Saturday, **May 15**, at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Austin at 10:30 a.m. The Mass will be livestreamed. Join us in celebrating the ordination of this year's candidates – Samuel Bass, Jakob Hurlimann, and Fernando Ricaud – to the Order of Deacon as they continue their formation and preparation for the priesthood.

Catholic Social Teaching Corner

April 24-25 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Whom do we follow and to whose voice do we listen? This Sunday as we continue to unpack the meaning of our Baptism, we hear Jesus call himself the Good Shepherd whose sheep hear his voice and follow his lead. That way of Jesus is the way of love and unity. We are truly blessed to be loved so much; and because we have been given so much, we must in turn live lives of generous love toward all. Are there some in our world we believe are undeserving of love or respect or generosity? Jesus gave his life for them; how shall we respond?

Abril 24-25 Cuarto Domingo de Pascua

¿A quién seguimos y a la voz de quien hacemos caso? Este sábado mientras continuamos descubriendo el significado de nuestro Bautismo, escuchamos a Jesús llamarse a si mismo el Buen Pastor cuyas ovejas escuchan su voz y siguen su liderazgo. El camino de Jesús es el camino del amor y la unidad. Somos verdaderamente bendecidos por ser amados tanto y por que se nos ha dado tanto, nos toca entonces, vivir vidas con amor generoso hacia todos ¿Hay alguien en nuestro mundo que creemos que carece de amor, respeto o generosidad? Jesús dio su vida por ellos ¿Cómo debemos responder?

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
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ST. JOHN LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTOR

Wednesday – Grade 5
Saturday – Annette Little
Sunday – Janet Hall

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Wednesday – Nikki Beseda
Saturday – Annette Little, Leslie Little
Sunday – Lee Matocha, Pat Geistmann

ALTAR SERVERS

Wednesday – Grade 4 (3), Grade 5 (1)
Saturday – Jacob Nigh, Gregory Huebner, Lydia Huebner
Sunday – Ricky Schilling, Luke Beseda, Scotti Beseda

ALTAR DUTY FOR MAY

Yvonne Smith, Wanda Fritsch, Addie Dybala, Cheryl Bauer

USHERS FOR MAY

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

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Hall Rental	Parish Office	979-378-2277
Cemetery	Ronald Kramr	979-249-6152

ST. MARY LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTOR

Saturday – Robert Balzer
Sunday – L.J. Korenek

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday – Rylee Fritsch
Sunday – Luke Korenek

USHERS FOR MAY

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,

Today, the Church celebrates the fourth Sunday of Easter. Traditionally, April 25th is the feast of St. Mark the Evangelist. However, the Sunday liturgy always takes precedence over that of feast days.

Mark's Gospel is the shortest of all New Testament gospels and is likely the first to have been written. Yet, it often tells of Jesus' ministry in more detail than the gospels of either Matthew or Luke. People at that time in history were expecting the world to end soon, so they did not begin to write things down until about 70 A.D. Before that, all scriptural teaching was oral. Mark's Gospel was the first written attempt.

Mark was not a disciple of Jesus, so his order of events in Jesus' life was not perfect. Instead, the events in Mark's Gospel are arranged for the best understanding by the community that he was writing to – a mixed community of Jewish and Gentiles. His Gospel recounts what Jesus did in a vivid style, where one incident follows directly upon another. In this almost breathless narrative, Mark stresses Jesus' message about the kingdom of God now breaking into human life as good news, and Jesus himself as the gospel of God. Jesus is the Son whom God has sent to rescue humanity by serving and by sacrificing his life.

Tradition holds that St. Mark the Evangelist was a companion to both St. Peter and St. Paul. His Gospel encourages and exhorts us to love Jesus above all things and to give a courageous and faithful witness to the Gospel. Let us take this charge to heart and live it out each day.

Fr. Steve



**May 1
Saint Joseph the Worker**

To foster deep devotion to Saint Joseph among Catholics, and in response to the "May Day" celebrations for workers sponsored by Communists, Pope Pius XII instituted the feast of Saint Joseph the Worker in 1955. This feast extends the long relationship between Joseph and the cause of workers in both Catholic faith and devotion. Beginning in the Book of Genesis, the dignity of human work has long been celebrated as a participation in the creative work of God. By work, humankind both fulfills the command found in Genesis to care for the earth (Gn 2:15) and to be productive in their labors. Saint Joseph, the carpenter and foster father of Jesus, is but one example of the holiness of human labor.

In his encyclical *Laborem Exercens*, Pope John Paul II stated: "the Church considers it her task always to call attention to the dignity and rights of those who work, to condemn situations in which that dignity and those rights are violated, and to help to guide [social] changes so as to ensure authentic progress by man and society."

Saint Joseph is held up as a model of such work. Pius XII emphasized this when he said, "The spirit flows to you and to all men from the heart of the God-man, Savior of the world, but certainly, no worker was ever more completely and profoundly penetrated by it than the foster father of Jesus, who lived with Him in closest intimacy and community of family life and work."