

# St. Mary Catholic Church

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



**Weekly Offering:** \$ 1,312.00  
**Online Giving:** \$ 296.38  
**Seminarians & Priests Ed.:** \$ 923.00

## MASSES

**Wednesday at 7:00 a.m.**  
*Lad & Dorothy Kolenovsky †*  
**Friday at 7:00 a.m.**  
*Delton Stoelke †*

**Saturday Vigil at 4:00 p.m.**  
*Lad Becka & Emma Rose Marek †*  
**Sunday at 8:00 a.m.**  
*Leander Minar & Leonard Supak †*

# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

*Est. 1870*  
207 E. Bell St.  
Fayetteville  
www.stjohnfayetteville.com



**Weekly Offering:** \$ 4,832.00  
**Online Giving:** \$ 1,245.28  
**Seminarians & Priests Ed.** \$ 1,126.00

## MASSES

**Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.**  
*Leo & Josephine Noska †*  
**Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.**  
*Rudie & Sharon Jurecka †*

**Thursday at 7:00 a.m.**  
*Leroy Peschel †*

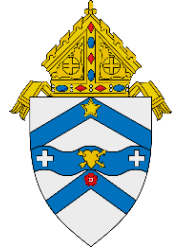
**Friday at 6:00 p.m.**  
*Joe & Sophie Kaspar †*

**Saturday at 7:30 a.m.**  
*John & Annie Rainosek Family †*

**Saturday Vigil at 6:00 p.m.**  
*For the People*  
**Sunday at 10:00 a.m.**  
*Anton Halfmann †*



**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, May 4, 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.  
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.

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
MAY 2, 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, 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.)*

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.



**YOU CAN BE OF SERVICE** at St. Mary's 'Work Day' at the church on Saturday, **May 15**. The work will begin at 8:00 am. We need help with some landscaping; adding mulch, trimming trees, etc. and need to do some clean up in the Hall pantry. Lunch will be provided. We hope to see you there!

**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 TODAY, **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** will meet on Tuesday, **May 11**, at **2:00 p.m.** for a Spring Fling. All ladies of the parish are invited for a short meeting, fellowship and games. There is no fundraiser planned this year, so let us get together and enjoy an afternoon of fun. CDC guidelines will be followed. The annual dues of \$2.00 can be paid at the meeting, dropped in the collection basket, or sent to the Veronica Ryza (treasurer) at 240 Fayetteville Farms, Fayetteville. Contact Madeline Kovar at (979) 378-2361 for questions.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GUMBO:** The Knights of Columbus will be having a Drive-Thru Only Chicken & Sausage Gumbo on Friday, **May 21**, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at St. John's Pavilion. Cost of the Gumbo with Rice is \$10 per serving. The Catholic Daughters will have desserts for purchase.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

- **OFFICERS MEETING** will be Monday, **May 3**, at 6:30 p.m., in St. John's Parish Hall.
- **BAR-B-Q** chicken, sausage and ribs to-go will be served next Sunday, **May 9**, at 10:30 a.m. at the St. John Hall pits. You may place orders at 249-6003. K.C. members to work are Leonard Malota's crew. The CDA will have side dishes available.

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS 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. CDC guidelines will be observed. Scholarship recipients and education contest winners, and their families, are invited.

**YEAR OF THE DOMESTIC CHURCH**

**May Theme: Celebrating Parents**

For the month of May, we continue our reflections for the Year of the Domestic Church by celebrating the gift of parenthood. We thank the Lord for the countless sacrifices that parents make, from sleepless nights to working long hours to provide for their families. Their roles are often thankless, but vital to our domestic churches. In their openness to new life, parents are cooperators with the Lord in creation and entrusted by God with the lives of their children.



**NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH:** Pope Francis declared a Year of St. Joseph for 2021. May, which is recognized as National Foster Care Month, is a wonderful time to promote the church's St. Joseph Ministry, which builds a community around foster care families. St. Joseph Ministry, initiated by the Texas Catholic bishops, cares for children and their families – biological, foster and adoptive – in our state's child welfare system. Serving these children and their families is how we can say "yes" and honor the God who has welcomed us – indeed, loved us – into his own family.



Here are five ways you can help with this ministry:

- **Be a foster parent.** *(There are 30,000 foster children in Texas. Foster homes are most needed for children aged 6+.)*
- **Give support to the biological families of the children.** *(About 1/3 of foster children are reunited with their biological families. These families need extra help to break the cycles of abuse, poverty, addiction, etc.)*
- **Give support to the 18-year-old fostered teens and young adults who must leave foster care by age 21.** *(Without a strong support network and long-term relationships, these young people are vulnerable to being homeless, having difficulties with the law, or becoming pregnant.)*
- **Adopt children from foster care.** *(Adoption from the foster care system costs little to nothing. Nearly 7,000 children in Texas' child welfare system are ready for adoption.)*
- **As a parish, offer spiritual, material, emotional, and psychological support to the children and their biological, foster, and adoptive families.** *(Participating in the Gabriel Project, offering prayers for the families at Mass, and maintaining a welcoming and open door to these families are ways to compassionately support them.)*

Visit [St. Joseph Ministry | foster care initiative - Texas Catholic Conference \(txcatholic.org\)](http://St.JosephMinistry.org) on the web for more information.

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 2, AD 2021

**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) 249-6231 to get yours.

**THANK YOU** for your generosity to last week's Seminarians and Priest Education and Formation Collection. Your contribution to this special collection ensures that our future priests will have excellent formation. Please continue to pray for our seminarians.

**CEF ANNUAL DRIVE:** Remember your mothers, graduates and birthdays with a Clerical Endowment Fund card. These cards help to pay for the education of seminarians and make funds available for churches to borrow for their growing needs. Contact the church office, Fayetteville Bank, or Margaret Kubala at (979) 378-2877.

**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.

**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 **May 4-6** (Tues-Thurs) for stocking, and **May 7-8** (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](http://www.sacredheartschoollg.com), then important links, and then click on job opportunities.

**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](http://www.austindiocese.org/scoutingevents).

**A NEW ROSARY TRAIL** will be blessed **May 9** after the 11 a.m. Mass at the Marian Shrine of Our Lady of Schoenstatt in Austin. The trail includes all 20 mysteries of the rosary with meditation stations along the way to rest and pray. For more information visit [www.schoenstatt-austin.us](http://www.schoenstatt-austin.us).

**HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH OF CORN HILL** will have their annual June Fundraiser – DRIVE-THRU ONLY – on Sunday, **June 6**. The meal of Corn Hill Fried Chicken & Sausage with homemade dressing, noodles and all the trimmings, will be sold for \$11/plate from 11 am – 1 pm or sold out. 8x8 cakes for \$5 will also be available.

**ST. ALBERT THE GREAT PARISH IN AUSTIN** will host a St. Dymphna Mass for the Healing of Mental Illness on **May 15** at 8 a.m. in the Parish Activity Center. St. Dymphna is the patroness of those struggling with mental illness. The Mass will be livestreamed at [saintalbert.org](http://saintalbert.org).



**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.

### **SHOPPING FOR MOTHER'S DAY GIFTS?**

**Shop using the Amazon Smile Program.** The parish of St. John the Baptist has teamed up with the Amazon Smile program. This means that Amazon will donate 0.5% of your Amazon purchase to the parish **at no cost to you**. Any donation is greatly appreciated. Simply visit <http://smile.amazon.com>, sign in to your Amazon account, search "St. John Catholic Church Fayetteville" or choose an organization you would like to sponsor and shop! For help or more information, visit [org.amazon.com](http://org.amazon.com).



## Catholic Social Teaching Corner

**May 1-2 Fifth Sunday of Easter**

What is the fruit that we bear? As part of the vine of Christ, grafted onto him and filled with his life, we are given the grace to bear the abundant and lasting fruit of justice, charity, faith and hope. This fruit is manifested in both word and action – as the letter of John reminds us – so that when others see us, they see God working in and through us to bring unity, love and peace to the world. As members of the vine of Christ will we bring forth the fruit of Christ's life or will the world only see a withered cut branch?

**Mayo 1-2 Quinto Domingo de Pascua**

¿Cuál es el fruto que damos? Como parte de la viña de Cristo, injertados a Él y llenos de vida, se nos da la gracia de dar un fruto abundante y duradero de justicia, caridad, fe y esperanza. Este fruto se manifiesta tanto de palabra como de obra- como nos recuerda la carta de Juan- de manera que cuando otros nos observen, vean a Dios trabajando en nosotros y a través de nosotros para llevar unidad, amor y paz al mundo ¿Como miembros de la viña de Cristo daremos los frutos de la vida de Cristo o el mundo sólo verá una rama marchita?



**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
MAY 2, AD 2021**

**ST. JOHN LITURGICAL DUTIES**

**LECTOR**

**Saturday** – Kathleen Kramr  
**Sunday** – John Spiess

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

**Saturday** – Kathleen Kramr, Joan Malota  
**Sunday** – John Spiess, Lori Spiess

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Saturday** – Paige Jurecka, Kara Jurecka, Peyton Jurecka  
**Sunday** – Logan Poncik, Mackenzie Poncik, Wade Halamiczek

**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, Rick Schilling, Joe Babin, John Cufu

**ST. JOHN CONTACTS**

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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** – Jan Jurecka  
**Sunday** – Ashley Havel

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Saturday** – Kole Schmitt  
**Sunday** – Julie 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***

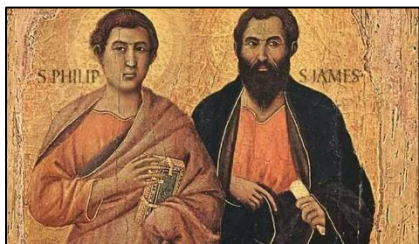
Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Bishop Joe posted a *Pastoral Letter to the Faithful* stating: “Effective May 23, 2021, Pentecost Sunday, the temporary protocols for the celebration of the sacraments initiated during the COVID-19 pandemic will be rescinded and the temporary dispensation from **the obligation to attend Sunday Mass**, which he granted because of the pandemic will be lifted.” This means that we are *obliged to participate in the Eucharist on days of obligation (Sunday)*.

Christ instituted this Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist in order to remain with mankind until the end of time (Jn. 14:18). At the moment of Consecration, during the Mass, the “gifts” of bread and wine are transformed (*transubstantiated*) into the actual Body and Blood of Christ, at the Altar. This means that they are not only spiritually transformed, but rather are actually (*substantially*) transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ. The elements retain the appearance of bread and wine, but are indeed the actual Body and Blood of Christ. This is what is meant by Real Presence: the actual, physical presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

*“The Sunday Eucharist is the foundation and confirmation of all Christian practice. For this reason, the faithful are obliged to participate in the Eucharist on days of obligation, unless excused for a serious reason (for example, illness, the care of infants) or dispensed by their own pastor. Those who deliberately fail in this obligation commit a grave sin.”* (CCC 2181)

*Fr. Steve*



**Saints Philip  
and James  
May 3  
Feast Day**

Philip and James are linked on this feast because they shared the patronage of an ancient Roman basilica, known today as the Church of the Twelve Apostles in Rome. Presumably, the church was built around their relics.

In the first chapter of John, Jesus addresses Philip, a fisherman, in Galilee: “Follow me.” Like Andrew, who meets Jesus and then calls his brother, Simon, Philip is so struck by the person of Jesus that he immediately finds a friend, Nathanael, and beckons him, “Come and see” (Jn 1:43-51). It is to Philip that Jesus turns before feeding the five thousand (Jn 6:5-7). For this reason, Philip is frequently depicted with a loaf of bread. Philip makes a moving request of Jesus, “Master, show us the Father and that will be enough for us” (Jn 14:8). In reply Jesus reveals, “Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me” (Jn 14:11). James is James “the Lesser” who is identified with James, the “brother,” or cousin, of the Lord. Tradition considers him the first Bishop of Jerusalem. Both were martyred in the 1st century.

*Saints Philip and James, your hidden witness to Christ is less well-known than that of other Apostles, but is eloquent testimony to your quiet fidelity to building the Church after the Ascension. From your exalted place in Heaven, intercede for all who seek your assistance.*

***May, the month of Mary, our Blessed Mother***  
During this month of May, let us rediscover Mary’s maternal role in each of our lives. Let us offer our spiritual mother our sincere prayers, that just as she aided the first Apostles with her prayers, she may also guide and intercede for us in our journey of faith.

