

# St. Mary Catholic Church

*Est. 1855*

**Mission Parish**

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



**Weekly Offering:** \$ 1,540.00  
**Online Giving:** \$ 241.38  
**Cemetery:** \$ 311.00

## MASSES

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

**Friday at 7:00 a.m.**  
*Lillian Tobias †*

**Saturday Vigil at 4:00 p.m.**  
*Garland C. & Garland W. Polasek †*

**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:** \$ 3,433.93  
**Online Giving:** \$ 335.00  
**Faith Formation:** \$ 484.00

## MASSES

**Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.**  
*Joe B. & Adolphine Krenek †*

**Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.**  
*Barbara Sulak †*

**Thursday at 7:00 a.m.**  
*Victor, Otilla, and Charlie Kulhanek †*

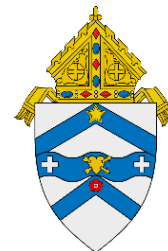
**Saturday at 7:30 a.m.**  
*Edmund, Lillian & Janet Becker †*

**Saturday Vigil at 6:00 p.m.**  
*Lillie Kaderka †*

**Sunday at 10:00 a.m.**  
*All Graduates*



**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

## 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.

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
MAY 9, 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, Rick Vandel, 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 *Rosario Zamudio* who was buried last week. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** The parish family was happy to have the following young people join in the sharing of the Eucharistic Banquet of Our Lord for the first time: **Mia Berrvete, Jackson Beseda, Kaylyn Beseda, Jewel Chovanec, Emory Malota, Ellie Morgensen, Jace Muske, Joshua Nigh, Kloey Noska, Clare Snowden, Kayla Weishuhn.** The first communicants thank our parish families for their prayers and support!

**A BIG THANK YOU** to all our catechists and catechist aides for a great Faith Formation year! We greatly appreciate how you all stepped up in meeting the challenges that arose from the pandemic.

**We are need of Catechists next year,** so please prayerfully consider helping in this ministry of sharing Christ with the youth in our community!

**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. **K.J.T. Lodge #9** would also like to invite all graduates and their families to a continental breakfast before the Mass, from **8:30 – 9:30 a.m.** in the **parish hall.**



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** is **July 19-23!** Registration forms are available at the entrance of the church. To submit your registration online, visit either parish website and fill out the form, or print it out and return to parish office. The registration deadline is **June 30.** **We are still in need of volunteers!** Adults and those who have completed the fifth grade through the twelfth grade are needed. All adult volunteers (18 years and over) must be EIM compliant.

**YOU CAN BE OF SERVICE AT ST. MARY'S 'WORK DAY'**

at the church on Saturday, **May 22,** from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. We need help with some landscaping (adding mulch, trimming trees, etc.), and need to do some clean up in the Hall pantry. Please bring your shovels and gardening tools. Lunch will be provided. We hope to see you there!



**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 monthly meeting** will be Tuesday, **May 18,** at 6:30 p.m. in St. John's Parish Hall.

**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. Lunch will be provided. 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.

**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. Christ himself taught us to approach God as a parent. Throughout the Gospels, Jesus gives us the term "Abba," meaning father. The use of this word indicates a level of intimacy and conjures-up ideas of the tenderness between a parent and child. The term also indicates a level of authority. The faithful are called to obedience in their relationship with God, as a child is called to obedience in relationship with his or her parent.



**NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH:**

While not everyone can be a foster parent, each of us can help children in the child welfare system. Each one of these acts of kindness not only helps a family directly, but each act also lets them know they are not alone in this important ministry. You can collaborate with your parish, Catholic Charities or any of the following agencies in this service:



- The **Care Portal** ([www.careportal.org](http://www.careportal.org)) connects parishes to children and families with vital needs through the caseworker. The caseworker makes a request via the website about the needs of the family. The request is then relayed to participating Care Portal churches within a certain radius of the family, which then respond to the specific needs.
- **Rainbow Rooms** ([Faith-Based and Community Engagement state.tx.us](http://Faith-Based and Community Engagement state.tx.us)) are 24/7 resource centers usually located within Child Protective Services (CPS) offices. You can volunteer or donate resources to a Rainbow Room.
- The **Christian Alliance for Orphans** ([cafo.org](http://cafo.org)) is a national foster care initiative.

**Examples of non-direct engagement:**

- **Prayer**
- **Provide Services:** meals; personal care (hair stylists, etc.); home repairs; home cleaning; vehicle maintenance; services for special events (prom, birthdays, holidays, etc.); transportation for appointments, hospital visits, school and parish events, etc.
- **Material support for older children** "aging out" of the child welfare system: deposits, vehicle or other transportation, insurance, meals, job placements, budget/financial planning, resume writing/interview skills, etc.
- **Donations** to Catholic Charities and other agencies working directly with the State of Texas in placement of children in foster/adoptive homes.

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

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 9, 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.

**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.

**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

**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 Emporium for straightening the store on **May 10** (Mon). We are still observing the safe Covid regulations, so wear your mask. For questions, you can contact coordinators Anna Boyd at (281) 687-4217 or Suzanne Mattair at (832) 465-2383.

**IS THIS YOUR FIRST MOTHER'S DAY AS A MOM?** Catholic Charities of Central Texas is here to offer support! Gabriel Project Life Center will teach you everything you need to know about the development, safety and health of your baby. Register for our free classes on a variety of pregnancy and parenting topics. Call (512) 651-6100 (Austin) or (979) 822-9340 (Brazos Valley).

**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.sacredheartschoolg.com](http://www.sacredheartschoolg.com), then important links, and then click on job opportunities.

**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 a.m. – 1 p.m. or sold out. Cakes, size 8x8, will also be available for \$5 each.

**THE SUMMER SILENT RETREAT** will be offered **June 4-9** at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Temple. Join us for two to five nights. Each day there will be one morning talk by Franciscan Father Albert Haase, daily Mass, an afternoon devotion and the opportunity for the sacrament of confession and sacred silence. Cost varies as to number of nights. Register by calling (254) 780-2436 or at [www.cedarbrake.org](http://www.cedarbrake.org).

**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.

### **STS. CYRIL & METHODIUS PARISH SPRING PICNIC**

Saints Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church of Shiner is hosting their annual picnic Sunday, **May 30**. A three meat plate will be served from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., with drive-thru starting at 10:30 a.m. Enjoy the music, bingo, a country auction, a cattle auction, country store, a petting zoo, and a variety of games for children. Visit [www.sscmshiner.org](http://www.sscmshiner.org) for details.

### **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 8-9 Sixth Sunday of Easter**

This Sunday all the readings remind us that we are caught up in the great mystery of love. The very life and essence of God is love; and God, who calls us and loves us first – before we are ready or able to respond – pours out his love on us with profound generosity. Since God has been so generous with us, how can we be stingy – especially since love comes from God and not from us? We are invited to receive, to treasure this great gift and then to live and spread it throughout the world, especially toward those who are hardest to love, our enemies.

**Mayo 8-9 Sexto Domingo de Pascua**

Este domingo, todas las lecturas nos recuerdan que estamos atrapados en el gran misterio del amor. La misma vida y esencia de Dios es el amor; y Dios, quien nos llama y nos ama primero – y antes de que estemos listos para responderle o seamos capaces de responderle – derrama su amor sobre nosotros con generosidad indescriptible. Ya que Dios ha sido tan generoso con nosotros, ¿cómo podríamos ser tacaños –especialmente ya que el amor viene de Dios y no de nosotros? Estamos invitados a recibir, a atesorar este gran don y entonces a vivirlo y propagarlo en todo el mundo, especialmente hacia aquellos quienes son los más difíciles de amar, nuestros enemigos.

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
MAY 9, AD 2021**

**ST. JOHN LITURGICAL DUTIES**

**LECTOR**

**Saturday** – Addie Dybala  
**Sunday** – Christine Wied

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

**Saturday** – Addie Dybala, Wanda Fritsch  
**Sunday** – Amy Babin, Christine Wied

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Saturday** – Mackayla Griffin, 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, Rick Schilling, Joe Babin, John Cufu

**ST. JOHN CONTACTS**

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| Pastoral Council Chair | Leslie Little   | mic-all@att.net     |
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| St. John Altar Society | Madeline Kovar  | 979-378-2361        |
| Pro-Life Coordinator   | Nikki Beseda    | nbeseda@gmail.com   |
| 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** – Donna Shula  
**Sunday** – Jo Ann Divin

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Saturday** – Klayten Schmitt  
**Sunday** – Stephen Korenek

**USHERS FOR MAY**

**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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| K.J.T.                 | James Korenek  | amskorenek@yahoo.com |
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| Cemetery               | Vlasta Korenek | 979-732-2836         |

**SERVE THE LORD: BECOME AN ALTAR SERVER!**



The parishes would like to thank Marissa Halamicek, who is graduating this year, and all our Altar Servers, for their commitment to the ministry of altar serving. We are grateful for your many years of faithful service at the Altar of Our Lord.

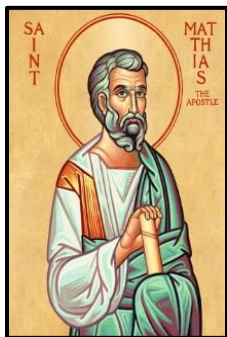
Altar Servers perform a very important and much needed role in liturgical services. This role includes assisting the presider so that the liturgy can be conducted with grace and reverence. It enables the presider to focus on leading all present through word, prayer and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. The activities of the altar server include carrying lighted candles, holding books, vessels and other liturgical items, etc. The humble service of the altar server helps to eliminate distractions and enables other ministers to simplify their motions during liturgical services.

Benefits of being an Altar Server include increasing your personal relationship with the Lord, learning more about the Order of the Mass, providing a service for the parish, and serving as a role model for others.

If you are interested in being an Altar Server, or would like to be added on to the Liturgical Duties List, please contact the parish office.

*"Dear Altar Servers, you are, in fact, already apostles of Jesus! When you take part in the Liturgy by carrying out your altar service, you offer a witness to all. Your absorption, the devotion that wells up from your heart and is expressed in gestures, in song, in the responses: if you do it correctly and not absent-mindedly, then in a certain way your witness is one that moves people."*

-Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI



**St. Matthias  
Friday, May 14**

After Judas betrayed Jesus, the remaining 11 Apostles had to find a new apostle. Their criteria was that the new apostle must have known Jesus before He became well-known, stayed with Him as He made enemies, and believed in Him when he spoke of the wine and bread becoming His Body and Blood. Only two men fit the description, but after much prayer and guidance from God, Matthias was chosen to continue Jesus' work.

**Dear God, Bless All of Our  
Moms Today!**

Those whom we are close to, and those we have difficult relationships with -  
Those who still are healthy and active, and those who are frail, ill, or have passed on -  
Those whose lives have been shaken by personal losses, and those who have lovingly sacrificed for others -  
Those who are our natural mothers and those who have adopted us, or whom we have adopted.  
Shower Your graces upon them all – today and every day! Amen.

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!**