

St. Mary Catholic Church

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



Weekly Offering: \$ 1,343.00
Online Giving: \$ 151.38

MASSES

Wednesday at 7:00 a.m.
Rose Lee Tobias †

Friday at 7:00 a.m.
Fred, Pearl & Morris Zapalac †

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 p.m.
Lillian Wied †

Sunday at 8:00 a.m.
Robert Polasek †

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

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



Weekly Offering: \$ 3,373.00
Online Giving: \$ 865.28

MASSES

Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.
*Living & Dec'd members of
K.J.Z.T., St. Anne's #10*

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
Patrick Supak †

Thursday at 7:00 a.m.
Otto & Annie (Kulhanek) Meyer †

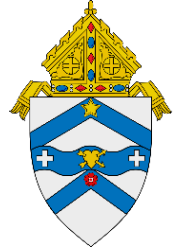
Saturday at 7:30 a.m.
Richard "A.J." Gerik †

Saturday Vigil at 6:00 p.m.
Ruddie Kaderka †

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 State Hwy 237
Round Top (near Warrenton)

MONTHLY MASS
Tuesday, August 3, 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.

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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PARISH LIFE

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Dan Castillo, Margie Chovanec, Brian Fruge, Waldine Fruge, Dan Hall, Alois Janish, Christine Kaspar, Kathy Kneblak, Justin Malota, Jr., Leo Miller, Kaycee Roesler, Emil Sodalak, Barbara Tieken, Rick Vandell, 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: The Parish Family extends sympathies and prayers towards the family of *Nina Mascheck*, who died last week. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.

REGISTRATION FOR FAITH FORMATION for the upcoming school year is now open. Contact information forms of returning students have been mailed out. Please place the completed forms in the "Faith Formation Registration" box at Church or return it to the parish office by Friday, **August 6**. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office. **To register a new student**, please come by the parish office.

WE HAD A BLAST AT VBS! Thank you to everyone who donated their time, talent or treasure to VBS. It would not have been possible without the help from the adults, guides, skit performers, members of the KCs, CDA and parishioners and parents of the children attending. In addition, we would like to thank Fr. Steve for his support. It truly takes a team effort to make this a success and we at St. John's are blessed with a great team of volunteers. We had 66 children participating! Thank you to all who donated to this year's service project for the Amen Food Pantry.

UPCOMING FINANCE COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

CYM would like to thank the local KJT Society #9 and the home office for applying for a **\$550.00** grant on behalf of our CYM Garage Sale. We are so grateful for their generosity!

AFTER MASS FELLOWSHIP AND REFRESHMENTS will be at St. Mary's Parish Hall, following the 8:00 a.m. Mass Sunday, **August 1**. Please plan to join us!

ST JOHN'S PARISH FEAST is Sunday, **September 5**. This year's feast will have some modifications.

- **Mass with Live Polka music** will be celebrated under the pavilion. We will have special seating for all.
- As usual we will have a **Barbeque, Beef Pork and Sausage Meal** with all the trimmings. The meal will be served as Plates-to-go and Drive-Thru starting at 10:30 a.m. In addition to the pavilion, we will have seating under tents with live music during the meal.
- **Live Auction** will be in the Pavilion starting at 1:30 p.m.
- **Kids Games** will be from 1:00-4:00 p.m. under a tent.
- **Bingo** will begin at 2:00 p.m.
- And of course we will have many **kolaches and pastries**.

Feast Posters have been printed and are at the Church entrance. Please pick some up to post on community bulletin boards and share with those you know.

ST. MARY'S PASTORAL COUNCIL met on July 15. Items discussed were as follows:

- Church structure inspection and Church entrance update
- Drainage of cemetery update
- Installation of security cameras
- St. Mary Bazaar & Raffle Update

The next meeting will be on Thursday, **October 21** at 6:30 p.m.

ST. MARY'S BAZAAR

- **RAFFLE TICKETS** are available from all parishioners of St. Mary, at the parish office and at Fayetteville Bank.
- **A MEAT/CASH DONATION** is requested from each family. The donations should be in an envelope marked "Meat/Cash Donation" and dropped in the Sunday collection, or brought to the office.
- **THE ONLINE AUCTION** will **start on Friday, August 13 and end at 3 p.m. on Saturday, August 21**. Go to our church website at www.stmaryellinger.com, to see the auction pages. New items are showing up!
 - **To donate an auction item**, please fill out an auction item donation form located at the entrance of the church. **Bring the form with your item to the parish office as soon as possible.**
 - **Want to donate baked goods or other perishable items?** Fill out the auction item donation form, and if you have a picture of what your donation will look like, please share that with the office. These items should be brought to St. John's Hall on Saturday, August 21, between 9:00 a.m. and noon.
 - **Questions?** Call Sue Zapalac (979-249-7570) or the office.

A MISSION APPEAL will be at all Masses the weekend of **August 7-8**. Father Ray Pothireddy, the associate pastor of St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Austin will seek our generous financial support for the missionary activities in his native Diocese of Kurnool, India. Let us be extra generous towards the Lord's work among the poorest of the poor in the Diocese of Kurnool.

ST. JOHN'S CEMETERY COMMITMENT SHELTER

We are excited to announce that construction has begun on the Committal Shelter at St. John's Cemetery. The new building is to be used for services at the cemetery, especially during inclement weather. *If you would like to make a donation to help offset the cost of this special project, please contact the parish office.*

ADCCW QUARTERLY DEANERY MEETING will be at St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday, **July 27** at 10:00 a.m. Make plans to attend and meet ladies from other parishes. Please call Donna Shula with any questions.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING AWARENESS WEEK IS JULY 25-31!

Natural Family Planning (NFP) is a general title for ethical, natural, safe and effective methods for both achieving and avoiding pregnancy in marriage. NFP methods teach couples how to observe and interpret the wife's signs of fertility and infertility.

The dates of Natural Family Planning Awareness Week highlight the anniversary of *Humanae vitae* (July 25), as well as the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne (July 26), the parents of the Blessed Mother.

National NFP Awareness Week provides an opportunity to spread the word about Catholic teaching on marriage, conjugal love, and responsible parenthood. Sharing basic information about the methods of NFP and why they support God's design for love and life is at the heart of this national campaign.

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YEAR OF THE DOMESTIC CHURCH

July Theme: We Are God's Children

In the following bullet points, you will find some suggestions on how to build your "domestic church" through a life of prayer that can help all the members of your family.



- Begin praying as a family and reading from Scripture daily, certainly before meals, but also first thing in the morning or before bed. Find a time that works for your family. Use the liturgy of the Church as a model for prayer, and try to include heartfelt unstructured prayer as well.
- Demonstrate love for your spouse, your children, your neighbors, and the world. Remind them that they are loved by God and have been given gifts to serve others
- Talk freely about the presence of God in the joys and sorrows of your life.
- Welcome into your home and support priests, brothers, sisters, deacons, and lay ministers in the Church.
- Make your vacation a holy pilgrimage by visiting the shrines and saints of our land and the world. Allow your children to witness you in private prayer.
- Encourage your children to pray daily on their own, to listen for God's call, and if heard, to respond.

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

OTHER NEWS

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: The following positions are available at St. John Catholic Parish in Fayetteville.

- **Parish Business Administrator** reports directly to the Pastor and operates under general supervision with wide latitude for the use of independent judgement and initiative. This position is responsible for the administrative and financial management of the parish in accordance with the Diocese of Austin guidelines, supervision of operations staff, and overall management of parish buildings.
- The position of **Front Office Administrator and/or Bookkeeper**, reports directly to and operates under the supervision of the *Parish Business Administrator*. The Front Office Administrator is responsible for the general operation of the Parish Office administrative duties and communications. Bookkeeping responsibilities would include all accounts payable, accounts receivable, and financial reporting.

If interested, please forward your resume to St. John Catholic Parish. Mailing address: P.O. Box 57, Fayetteville, TX 78940
Email: stsjm@stjohnfayetteville.com

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED at Second Chance Emporium in La Grange on **July 27-29** for stocking, **July 30-31** for sales and Monday morning, **August 2**, for straightening. Help is greatly needed and appreciated. For information, please contact Suzanne Mattair at (832) 465-2383 or Anna Boyd at (281) 687-4217.

THE ANNUAL RURAL LIFE MASS will be celebrated **August 11** at 6 p.m. at St. Mary Parish in Hearne. Bishop Joe Vásquez will celebrate the Mass, which acknowledges the recent harvest. A reception will follow the Mass. Call St. Mary Parish in Hearne to register to attend the reception at (979) 279-2233.

HOLY ROSARY WOMEN'S ACTS RETREAT

On behalf of the Holy Rosary ACTS Retreat Team, you are invited to spend a weekend with God. Come **August 26-28** and allow the Father, Son and Holy Spirit to wrap themselves around you for a weekend of prayer and blessing. Applications are available from any team member or at the entrance of the church. If you have questions, please contact Bethany Muzny at (979)733-6898. Please consider giving yourself the gift of time spent on Holy Ground.



YCP IS 'WORKING IN WITNESS FOR CHRIST'

Young Catholic Professionals (YCP) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit on a mission to challenge, train and inspire young adults working in various professions to "Work in Witness for Christ."

The Austin Chapter of YCP invites all ages to get involved in our ministry:

- 20s & 30s: Enjoy refreshments, find new friends and hear faith and career advice from local Catholic business leaders at our events!
- 40+: Serve the young adults in your community as a mentor, board member or financial supporter of YCP.

YCP offers a variety of events to foster Catholic identity, encourage community and inspire action. To learn more and to check out some upcoming events, visit www.ycpaustin.org or www.facebook.com/YCPAustin.

Catholic Social Teaching Corner

July 24-25 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Sunday we hear the great story of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. This story was so important that every Gospel tells it and both Matthew and Mark tell two multiplication stories. Clearly Jesus wants us to learn something! One important lesson is that God provides what we need, not necessarily what we want, but what we need. Another is that scripture scholars suggest that the multiplication happened because people who were hoarding food began to share what they had when they saw that Jesus was breaking and sharing the little he had been given by a child. The miracle of God's action was in changing hearts not just stretching limited resources. What generosity might God be asking of us?

Julio 24-25 Décimo Séptimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Este domingo escuchamos la gran historia de la multiplicación de los panes y peces. Esta historia fue tan importante que cada Evangelio la tiene y tanto Mateo como Marcos cuentan dos historias de multiplicación. Claramente, ¡Jesús quiere que aprendamos algo! Una lección importante es que Dios nos provee de lo que necesitamos, no necesariamente de o que queremos, sino lo que necesitamos. Otra cosa es que los estudiosos de la escritura sugieren que la multiplicación pasó por que la gente que estaba acumulando comida comenzó a compartir lo que tenían cuando vieron que Jesús estaba rompiendo y compartiendo lo poco que le había dado un niño. El milagro de la acción de Dios consistió en cambiar los corazón, no sólo en estirar los recursos limitados ¿Qué generosidad puede que Dios esté pidiendo de usted?

**THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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ST. JOHN LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTOR

Saturday – Theresa Keilers

Sunday – Cindy Garwood

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday – Wanda Fritsch, Tiffany Nigh

Sunday – Cindy Garwood, Nikki Beseda

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday – Jacob Nigh, Paige Jurecka, Peyton Jurecka

Sunday – Wade Halamicek, Logan Poncik, Mackenzie Poncik

GIFT BEARERS

Saturday – Jonathan Noska Family

Sunday – Nikki Beseda Family

ALTAR DUTY FOR AUGUST

Betty Kovar, Sue Ann Socha, Mary Schley, Margaret Alford

USHERS FOR AUGUST

Saturday – Joseph Munsch, David Stastny, Christopher Stastny, Ronnie Kramr

Sunday – Rick Schilling, David Holub, John H. Cufur, Joe Babin

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K.J.Z.T.	Mary Jane Toddy	979-249-6231
Hall Rental	Parish Office	979-378-2277
Cemetery	Ronald Kramr	979-249-6152



**Feast of Sts. Anne and
Joachim,
Jesus' grandparents**

July 26

By tradition, Joachim and Anne are considered to be the names of the parents of Mary, the Mother of God. We have no historical evidence, however, of any elements of their lives, including their names. Any stories about them come to us through tradition.

What we can learn from people we know nothing about? We must focus on why they are honored by the church. Whatever their names or the facts of their lives, the truth is that it was the parents of Mary who nurtured Mary, taught her, and brought her up to be a worthy Mother of God. It was their teaching that led her to respond to God's request with faith, "Let it be done to me as you will." It was their example of parenting that Mary must have followed as she brought up her own son, Jesus. And, it was their faith that laid the foundation of courage and strength that allowed her to stand by the cross as her son was crucified, and still believe.

Dear Saint Anne and Saint Joachim, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary, please pray for all parents and grandparents that they may be examples of patience, gentleness, and all the virtues, for their children, and those around them. May their homes be a place of rest and safety, welcome to all, especially those most in need.

ST. MARY LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTOR

Saturday – Jan Jurecka

Sunday – Ashley Havel

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday – Kole Schmitt

Sunday – Julie Korenek

ALTAR FLOWERS: **July 31/August 1** – Lisa Matocha
August 7/8 – Barbara Polasek **August 14/15** – Pam Polasek

USHERS FOR AUGUST

Saturday – Mark Schmitt, Mark Matocha, Bruce Kubena, Eduardo Alvarado

Sunday – Luke Orsak, Donnie Becka, James Korenek, Bradley Divin

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Cemetery	Vlasta Korenek	979-732-2836

A Note from the Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Novenas are certainly among the most popular forms of devotion in modern times. A novena is a prayer that involves nine steps. It may involve nine prayers to be recited daily over nine days, or weekly over nine weeks. The practice is traced back to the day of the Ascension, when Jesus initiated nine days of prayer.

“He charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father. . . and when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying . . . All these with one accord devoted themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus” (Acts 1:4-14). For nine days the disciples prayed, and on the tenth day, Pentecost, they received the Holy Spirit.

So what is significant about the number nine? It is suggested that it is one short of ten, a round number that represents fullness and perfection, so it is a sign of our human neediness, our imperfection. Even in God's creation, a child is in the womb for nine months before birth.

A popular novena called the *“Christmas novena”* is nine days of prayers or meditations leading up to the feast of the Nativity. Each day represents one of the months that Jesus dwelt in his mother's womb. Another novena *“Immaculate Conception novena”*, helps believers prepare for this great feast day of the Blessed Virgin.

As we go to God in our need; we open our hearts to him. We are not out to change God's mind; for our prayers changes our heart to be open to receive God's will for us. God hears every prayer, and he answers every prayer with our best interests in mind. May we continue to pray that the Holy Spirit will fill our hearts with his grace and that our hearts will be united with our Lord.



-Fr. Steve