

St. Mary Catholic Church

Est. 1855

Mission Parish

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



Weekly Offering: \$ 1,587.00
Online Giving: \$ 588.44

Average Weekly Operating Expenses
\$ 2,492

MASSES

Wednesday at 7:00 a.m.
Mark Gerik †
Friday at 7:00 a.m.
Fr. Brian A. Zielinski †

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 p.m.
Fred, Pearl and Morris Zapalac †

Sunday at 8:00 a.m.
Dorothy Selzer †

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Est. 1870

207 E. Bell St.
Fayetteville

www.stjohnfayetteville.com



Weekly Offering: \$ 5,021.00
Online Giving: \$ 2,019.90

Average Weekly Operating Expenses
\$ 5,011

MASSES

Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.
*Living & Deceased of the
Frank Malek Family*

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
Shelli Nenise Music †

Thursday at 7:00 a.m.
Scott Bayless †

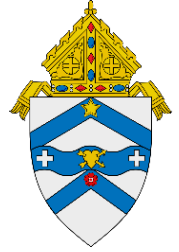
Saturday at 7:30 a.m.
Mass for Life

Saturday Vigil at 6:00 p.m.
Russell Janish †

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, February 8, 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: 30-15 minutes before every
Mass (excluding Holy Days)

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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.

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PARISH LIFE

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Carolyn Countryman, Dan Castillo, Margie Chovanec, Brian Fruge, Waldine Fruge, Dan Hall, Bernita Hlinsky, Christine Kaspar, Kathy Kneblak, Betty Jean Kulhanek, Helen Mikus, Leo Miller, Richard Mueller, Cynthia Niesner, Kaycee Roesler, Barbara Tieken, Nancy Klawinsky Till, Ben Tucker, Rick Vandel, B.J. Vasek, Frank Vitek 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.)*

FAITH FORMATION 2021-2022:

- Grades K-1 meets **Wednesday from 6:00-6:50 p.m.**
- Grades 2-6 meets **Wednesday from 6:00-7:30 p.m.**
- Grades 7-12 meets **Wednesday from 7:00-8:30 p.m.**

A CALLED TO PROTECT FOR YOUTH session will be held on Wednesday, **January 19**, at 6:00 p.m. at the parish hall. All 6th graders, as well as those 7th and 8th grade students who have not previously attended this workshop, are asked to attend. Additional information on the CTPY program has been mailed to the parents of the students.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES: Confirmation will be celebrated on Sunday, **January 30**, during the 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. John Catholic Church. **Rehearsal will be held for candidates and sponsors on Sunday, January 23, immediately after the 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. John.**

1. The Education Building will be open at 9:00 a.m. on the day of Confirmation for all candidates and sponsors. Candidates should be at the Education Building no later than 9:30 a.m.
2. There will be reserved seating in church for the candidates, sponsors, and parents of candidates.
3. A small reception of cake and punch will be held at the St. John Parish Hall after Mass for the candidates, sponsors, and families.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

- **Basic Teachings of the Catholic Church** will be offered online via Microsoft Teams on Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the following dates: **January 29, February 19, March 12, April 2 & 30**. These classes offer a general introduction to the theological principles found in the Catechism of the Catholic Church. This program serves as the first step in basic adult formation for all ministry groups that seek evangelization and catechetical certification. Topics include Introduction to Scripture, Creed, Liturgy and Sacraments, Christian Morality and Prayer/Spirituality.
- **Ecclesiology** will be offered online via Microsoft Teams on Tuesdays from 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. on: **February 1, 8, 15, 22**. This course examines key documents presenting the major themes about how the Church is understood, both theologically and in human experience. Visit: <https://www.givecentral.org/appeals-form-registration/acp61a66e7b6eaf6/user/guest> to register.



MARK YOUR NEW CALENDARS for Vacation Bible School this summer to be held **July 18 – 22, 2022!** Remember, all adult volunteers must be EIM compliant.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS regular meeting will be Tuesday, **January 18**, at 7:00 p.m. in St. John's Parish Hall.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

SCHOLARSHIPS: Graduating seniors related to a living CDA member in good standing are eligible to apply for the State Scholarship. Local Scholarships are offered to graduating seniors whose mother is a CDA member of Court 1440. Contact Donna Shula at (713) 818-1470 for applications and for more information. Applications are due by **January 31**.

ST. JOHN'S PASTORAL COUNCIL met on Thursday, **January 6**. Items discussed included:

- Cemetery Committal Shelter complete
- Success of the Advent Dinner
- Future Parish Directory
- Cyber Security
- Update on 5 Year Plan Projects
- New council members Michelle Huebner, Willie Socha, and Ed Sulak were nominated and accepted.
- A special thanks to the departing council members Jeanne Schilling, Karley Gaytan and Priscilla Malota.

The next meeting will be on **April 21** at 6:30 p.m.

ST. JOHN'S FINANCE COUNCIL meets Tuesday, **January 25**, at 6:45 p.m. in the parish office.

ST MARY'S COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Pastoral Council meeting will be on Thursday, **January 20**, at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall. All parishioners are welcome to attend. St. Mary's Finance Council will meet on **January 27** at 6:30 p.m.

ST. JOHN & ST. MARY CEMETERY NOTICE: We need your help in picking up ornaments and breakable items that may have been left on graves during the holiday season, as well as in consistently maintaining the gravesites according to the cemetery rules and regulations. Please email or call the office with any questions or concerns. Your help is appreciated!

FAITHFUL ENCOURAGED PARTICIPATE IN SYNOD

Bishop Joe Vásquez, in communion with Pope Francis, invites all the faithful to have their voices heard, leading up to the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, by completing the survey linked at www.austindiocese.org/synod-for-a-synodal-church. The survey will be available until **January 31, 2022**. The questions center around the theme "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission." During this time parishes will also hold listening sessions. Once concluded, all responses will be compiled into a report and submitted to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). The USCCB will then submit a national report for the General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops in Rome. Please know, the information raised during the consultation phase in our diocese will be reviewed and used for our own pastoral planning.

ADCCW BRENHAM-LA GRANGE DEANERY MEETING

that was scheduled for **January 25** *has been cancelled* due to the COVID upswing. The next meeting will be at St. Margaret Church in Giddings on **April 26**.

SENIOR CITIZEN SOCIAL will be on Thursday, **January 20**, from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. at St. John's Parish Hall. All senior citizens are invited for an afternoon of games, fellowship and refreshments. New faces are always welcome!

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OTHER NEWS

TOTAL CONSECRATION TO JESUS THROUGH MARY

The 33 days of preparation prayer for Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary begins on February 20. At Fatima, Our Lady said, "My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God." Please join thousands of faithful throughout the Diocese of Austin for 33 days of preparation prayer for Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary. Prayers begin on February 20 and are done privately in our homes using the consecration preparation book. Visit www.TexasToJesusThroughMary.org by **January 18** to receive your FREE Montfort preparation prayer book by mail and for more information.

SAVE THE DATE for the Texas Catholic Pro-Life Day in Austin! On **January 22, 2022**, join the Diocese of Austin for these Pro-Life Activities: Sidewalk Prayer Vigil, Rosary for Life, Diocesan Pro-Life Mass, March for Life, and Texas Rally for Life.

THE COLUMBUS KC'S will have a BBQ Chicken Drive Thru Meal with butter potatoes and pinto beans on Sunday, **January 23** at the Columbus Hall. The plate cost is \$12. Serving will start at 11:00 a.m. until sold out. Tickets are not necessary.

CEDARBRAKE RETREAT: Hurdles of the Soul: Challenges along the Spiritual Journey: In this weekend workshop **January 28-30**, through lectures and DVD presentations, Franciscan Father Albert Haase will address six hurdles that must be negotiated on the spiritual journey. Topics include dying to self, discernment, suffering, darkness, temptations, and inner healing. Time will be allowed for questions, optional discussion, and Mass on Sunday. Register at www.austindiocese.org/cedarbrake or call (254) 780-2436. Cost is \$270 for a private room, \$230 for a shared room and \$130 for commuters.

JANUARY IS POVERTY AWARENESS MONTH. Catholic Charities of Central Texas offers financial stability services to help prevent homelessness and achieve financial security through case management, education, and emergency financial assistance. For more information, call 512-651-6100 (Austin) or 979-822-9340 (Brazos Valley).

MEN: DO YOU FEEL A CALL TO SERVE AS A DEACON?

Men between 30 and 59 sensing God's call to the permanent diaconate are invited to attend, with their wives, an Inquiry Session offered by the Office of Diaconal Formation. The next two meeting opportunities scheduled are:

February 13 – St. John the Evangelist Parish in Marble Falls – 105 Highway 1431 East, Marble Falls, TX 78654

March 13 – St. Joseph Parish in Killeen – 2903 E. Rancier Ave, Killeen, TX

NEW EIM COMPLIANCE POLICIES FOR 2022

EIM Policies require all clergy, religious, seminarians, employees and adult volunteers serving in any EIM compliance-required ministry to submit an EIM Application for Ministry (one-time only at www.austindiocese.org/application) prior to service. New applicants must attend an in-person EIM Workshop within 60 days of application submission and all applicants must update/renew compliance at www.austindiocese.org/eim-compliance-status at least once every three years. NOTE: starting February 1, 2022, new applicants must attend an in-person EIM Workshop within 30 days of application submission.

GIVE BLOOD, THE GIFT OF LIFE! A blood drive will take place from 8:00 a.m. – noon on Saturday, **January 22**, on the Fayetteville square, sponsored by KC Council 3168. To sign up, call Jonathan Noska at (979) 966-9569 or go online to www.commitforlife.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/32422.

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH OF CORN HILL invites you to a BBQ Pork meal with all the trimmings on Sunday, **January 23**. The meal will be served from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. in their Parish Activity Center. Adults \$12 / Children \$6. Adult to-go plates available in the drive-thru (11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.). All proceeds benefit the Holy Trinity Cemetery Fund.

PRAY FOR LIFE! Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Life novena, 9 Days for Life, **Wednesday, January 19 – Thursday, January 27**. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more. Sign up at 9daysforlife.com! *"A society will be judged on the basis of how it treats its weakest members; and among the most vulnerable are surely the unborn and the dying."* –St. John Paul II, May 25, 2000



CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE IS FEBRUARY 19

The 10th annual Catholic Men's Conference will be held Feb. 19 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at San José Parish in Austin. The conference, entitled "I Will Make You Fishers of Men," will feature three guest speakers as well as Mass with Bishop Joe Vásquez. Speakers include Chris Stefanick, the president and founder of Real Life Catholic; Dr. Ansel Augustine, the New Orleans Area Director of Vagabond Missions; and Kevin Cotter, author and executive director of the Vine Foundation. There are in-person and livestream options for the event. Details are available at centexcatholic.com

HOW TO REPORT AN INCIDENT OF CONCERN

The Diocese of Austin is committed to preventing harm from happening to any of our children or vulnerable adults. If you are aware of sexual or physical abuse and/or neglect of a child or vulnerable adult, state law requires you to report that information to local law enforcement or the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services at [\(800\) 252-5400](tel:8002525400) or www.dfps.state.tx.us. Additionally, if the suspected abuse is by clergy or an employee or volunteer of any diocesan parish, school or agency, a Notice of Concern should be submitted to the diocesan Ethics and Integrity in Ministry Office at [\(512\) 949-2400](tel:5129492400). The Notice of Concern can be found at www.austindiocese.org (click on REPORT ABUSE OR AN EIM CONCERN). Reports may be made anonymously.

Catholic Social Teaching Corner

Jan. 15-16, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

A fruit salad is not really a fruit salad if it only has apples in it. Christ calls us to appreciate the variety of gifts given to everyone. To accept the gifts of others is to work for Christian unity. In what ways do you appreciate the gifts and talents of others?

Enero 15-16, Segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Una ensalada de fruta no es realmente una ensalada de frutas si sólo está compuesta de manzanas. Cristo nos llama a apreciar la variedad de dones dados a cada uno. El aceptar los dones de los demás es trabajar por la unidad de los cristianos. ¿De qué manera aprecia los dones y talentos de los demás?

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ST. JOHN LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTOR

Wednesday – Grade 9
Saturday – Kathleen Kramr
Sunday – Janet Hall

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Wednesday – Annette Little, Addie Dybala
Saturday – Kathleen Kramr, Ronnie Kramr
Sunday – Michelle Bertsch, Pat Geistmann

ALTAR SERVERS

Wednesday – Grade 3 (3), Grade 5 (1)
Saturday – Luke Huebner, Gregory Huebner, Lydia Huebner
Sunday – Wade Halamiczek, Mackenzie Poncik, Logan Poncik

GIFT BEARERS

Wednesday – Grade 2
Saturday – Erwin Kovar Family
Sunday – Rodney Beseda Family

ALTAR DUTY FOR JANUARY

Theresa Keilers, Mary Goerig, Lexxus Zika, Kathleen Kramr

USHERS FOR JANUARY

Saturday – Ronald Malota, Wesley Gaertner, Leonard Malota, Leslie Little
Sunday – Vernon Hohensee, Arlis Keilers, Jim Mattair, Willie Socha

ST. JOHN CONTACTS

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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

***Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
January 22, 2022***



Each year on January 22, all dioceses in the United States are called to observe a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. This is a day set aside as a day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life. It is also a day of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion.

We are each called to observe this day through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting and/or giving alms. As a human and Christian family, we grieve the loss of so many lives. And yet, even in our grief, we know there is hope. Christ came for the very purpose of redeeming our sins, offering us His forgiveness, and giving us His peace. And there is no sin that is beyond God's mercy. It is never too late to seek the Lord's mercy and healing through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We are all sinners. But with the grace of God, we can become saints. We can be lights to the nations, sharing the truth about the irrevocable dignity of the human person. Where sin abounds, God's grace abounds all the more. Therefore, let us take courage and offer prayer and penance, that all human life would be welcomed in love and protected in law.

ST. MARY LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTOR

Saturday – Jan Jurecka
Sunday – L.J. Korenek

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday – Mickaela Snowden
Sunday – Stephen Korenek

USHERS FOR JANUARY

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

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Hall Rental	Parish Office	979-378-2277
Cemetery	Vlasta Korenek	979-732-2836

A Note from the Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Mary believed those words which had been spoken to her in the name of the Lord by Elizabeth: “She would be blessed by the presence of the Word, the fruit of her womb”. The world’s redemption had depended upon the fiat of Mary at the time of the Annunciation. The Redemption then began its realization with the Incarnation.

The entire Magnificat, pronounced at the Visitation, became – with the liturgy – the hymn of the Assumption of Mary into heaven. The Assumption is a part of Christ’s victory over death – a victory that had its beginning in His resurrection. Pope John Paul II said that “*Mary’s present victory over death, and her Assumption, lies at the heart of the redemptive act on Calvary and within the power of salvation accomplished through the Resurrection.*”

The reign of God began with Creation; humankind lashed out at it through sin. Mary was the first person to participate, soul and body, in the reign of God’s eternal glory. Her presence has become a sign of hope for the faithful.

May we as a community look to Mary to intercede for us to untie the knots of division that may separate us from the love of God. May we look to Mary who brought Christ into the world for our salvation and follow her back to Christ that we too may be redeemed, and may the love of Christ always reign in our hearts. May God Bless you all. -Fr. Steve



BLESSING OF THE THROATS & CANDLES

This Feast of the Presentation of the Lord celebrates the presentation of Jesus in the Temple and His manifestation as the light of revelation to the world. In honor of this feast, candles will be blessed at all Masses on the weekend of **February 6**. The blessing of the throats in honor of St. Blaise Feast Day will also be on the weekend of February 6.