

St. Mary Catholic Church

Mission Parish

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



MASSES

Wednesday at 7:00 a.m.

Frank Svoboda †

Thursday at 6:00 p.m.

Steve & Mary Vitek †

Friday at 7:00 a.m.

Peggy Clarke †

Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

For the People

Sacrament of Reconciliation

60 to 20 minutes before Mass

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

207 E. Bell St.

Fayetteville

www.stjohnfayetteville.com



MASSES

Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.

Matthew Geistmann †

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

Lee Roy Matocha †

Thursday at 7:00 a.m.

Aubrey & Helen Rae †

Friday at 6:00 p.m.

Rhonda Canik †

Saturday at 7:30 a.m.

F.C. & Mabel Knippel †

Saturday Vigil at 6:00 p.m.

Robert & Bernice Kovar †

Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

Leo & Josephine Noska †

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Wednesday 6:00-6:30 p.m.

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



Pope Francis
Vatican City State



Bishop Joe S. Vásquez
Diocese of Austin



St. Martin Catholic Church

World's Smallest Catholic Church

Historic Chapel

3490 S. Hwy 237

Round Top

(near Warrenton)

MONTHLY MASS

Wednesday, December 18, at 9:00 a.m.

For the intentions left on the altar

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Marriage preparation: Contact the priest before setting the date and at least nine 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 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 1, AD 2019

ST. MARY'S NEWS

Sunday Offering:	\$ 951.00
Online Giving:	\$ 307.00
CCHD:	\$ 329.00

IN MEMORIAM: The Parish Family extends sympathies and prayers towards the family of *Frank Svoda*, who died last week. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

ST. MARY'S ALTAR SOCIETY

- **Annual Candy/Bake Sale** will be on Saturday, **December 21**, at the St. Mary Parish Hall, starting at 8:00 a.m. Raffle tickets are available from any member or after Mass today. Hotdogs, sandwiches, and many Christmas items will be available. We hope to see you there!
- **Christmas Social** will be Wednesday, **December 11**, at 12:30 p.m. in the parish hall. A potluck meal will be followed by bingo and a \$7.00 gift exchange. Bring your favorite dish!

KJZT #41, THE ANNUNCIATION will meet on Monday, **December 9**, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will take place at Mildred Walla's house. All members are welcome. For further information, call Mildred at (979) 270-1705.

FIRST FRIDAY occurs this week. Mass will be at 7:00 a.m. on Friday. Benediction will be Thursday evening after Mass.

ST. JOHN'S NEWS

Sunday Offering:	\$ 4,839.00
Online Giving:	\$ 422.00
CCHD:	\$ 1,249.00

FIRST FRIDAY: We will have the Exposition of the Eucharist at 3:00 p.m. closing with Benediction, followed by First Friday Mass. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

ST. JOHN'S ALTAR SOCIETY ADVENT PARTY is on Tuesday, **December 10**, at 1:00 p.m. at the parish hall. There will be bingo and snacks. Come and bring a snack to share. If you wish, you can bring a gift (\$7.00 value) to exchange. For questions, call Madeline at (979) 378-2361.

ST. JOHN'S CEMETERY NOTICE: Now that the November observation of our deceased loved ones is over, we need your help in picking up ornaments and breakable items, as well as consistently maintaining the gravesites according to the cemetery rules and regulations. Copies of the "Rules, Regulations and Specifications of St. John's Cemetery Association" can be found at the entrance of the Church. Please email or call the office with any questions or concerns. Your help is appreciated!

ST. JOHN'S & ST. MARY'S NEWS

PLEASE PRAY FOR: T.J. Beck, Brandon Benson, Brian Chovanec, Margie Chovanec, Adell Coufal, Bennie Daricek, Paul Estrada, Brian Fruge, Waldine Fruge, Hannah Glenn, Dan Hall, Randy Hoelscher, Evelyn Janish, Robert Janish, Sr., J.D. Kovar, Jordan Lee, El Gene and Mary Ann Sommerfeld, Judy Supak, Barbara Tieken, Randy Vasek, Bennie Volcik, 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.)

THANK YOU for your generous support last week to the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

FAITH FORMATION - Wednesday, December 4

- **Grades K-6** will meet at 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. in the RE building.
- **Grades 7-12** will meet at 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. in the Church.

CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY

- **SAVE THE DATE FOR DCYC** on **February 1-2** in Waco! All High School students are invited to celebrate their faith with hundreds of young Catholics from across the diocese. This year's theme is "Mater Dei," Latin for the "Mother of God." Registration forms can be found on the parish website or at the church entrance, and must be returned by **December 13**.
- **CHRISTMAS DECORATING:** CYM youth will be decorating St. John Church on Sunday, **December 22**, after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. All high school students are asked to participate as we set up the manglers and decorate the church for Christmas. Parents are welcome to join; your help will be appreciated.

YOUTH CHOIR: The youth choir will sing for the Christmas Eve Mass at St. John on Tuesday, December 24. Practices will be the Sundays of **December 8, 15, and 22**, following the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Call or text Rachel Schley at (979) 249-7501 for more information.

PARISH ADVENT DINNERS

- **St. John's Parish Advent Dinner** will be at the parish hall on Sunday, **December 8**, immediately after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Social hour will begin at 11:00 a.m., followed by a catered meal.
- **St. Mary's Parish Advent Dinner** will be held on Sunday, **December 15**. A catered dinner will be served at 12:00 noon with social time beginning at 11:00 a.m. Please sign up if you plan to attend and if you need to bring a meal to any homebound. All are invited to come together in food and fellowship in preparation for the coming of our Lord. Join us!

MAKE PLANS NOW TO ATTEND *Faustina: Messenger of Divine Mercy*, on Wednesday, **December 11**, from 7:00 – 8:30 pm, at St. John's Parish Hall! This professional multi-media live theater production, filled with music, drama and inspiring performances, shares the story of Saint Faustina and the joys and great struggles she endured in her life as a mystic. Woven into the play is also a modern story of healing and forgiveness in the life of a young woman who learns about Divine Mercy. The show is free to attend. All parishioners are invited to join us for this special event. This performance may not be suitable for children younger than the seventh grade.

ANGEL TREE: Sponsored by the CDA, each "angel" on the tree represents a child or adult in a desperate family situation. If you are able to fulfill one of the gift requests, please return the gift by **December 11**. Wrap in gift bags, put the "angel" tag on it, and leave the present near or under the tree. Thank you!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

- **OFFICER MEETING** will be held on Monday, **December 2**, at 6:30 p.m., in St. John's Parish Hall.
- **MONTHLY MEETING** will be on Tuesday, **December 17** at 7:00 p.m.
- **NO KC BARBECUE** will be held this month.

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 1, AD 2019

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

- **MONTHLY MEETING & ADVENT SOCIAL** will be Tuesday, **December 3**, at 6:30 p.m. at the St. John's Parish Hall. The meeting will be followed by a potluck meal. If you wish to exchange gifts, bring a gift valued at \$7.00 - \$10.00.
- **COOKIES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS:** Each CDA member is asked to bring 5 to 7 dozen cookies to be delivered to senior citizens. Please bring them to the parish hall at the Advent Social or on the morning of Wednesday, **December 4**. Cookie packing will begin at 1:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed.
- **CDA EDUCATION CONTEST:** This year's topics are "Blessed are the peacemakers" and "Living in harmony with others". Students in grades 4-12 and adult CDA members are encouraged to enter. Entry forms are available at Fayetteville ISD and at the entrance of the church. January 22, 2020 is the deadline to return all entries.



SAVE THE DATE for the Texas Catholic Pro-Life Day in Austin! On **January 25, 2020**, join the Diocese of Austin for these Pro-Life Activities: Sidewalk Prayer Vigil, Rosary for Life, Diocesan Pro-Life Mass, March for Life, Texas Rally for Life, among others.

CLERICAL ENDOWMENT FUND CHRISTMAS CARDS

are a good way to remember someone at Christmas and support the CEF. The cards are available at the parish office, at Fayetteville Bank, or after Mass at St. Mary's every second Sunday. For more information, contact Margaret Kubala at (979) 378-2877.

THE ST. JOHN ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR shipment has come in. Please come by the office to pick yours up, if you ordered one. We do have a few extras for purchase!

SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND: Aging religious need your help! Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests ministered for years for little to no pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate retirement savings. Your gift next week, **December 8**, for the Retirement Fund for Religious will help to provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. Please be generous.

"THE WORD AMONG US" booklets with the Daily meditations and Catholic Mass for Advent are available at the church entrance.

SENIOR CITIZEN SOCIAL is on Thursday, **December 5**, 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.

ADULT FORMATION GATHERINGS: Would you like to increase your level of belonging to the parish, and develop a closer relationship to God and our Catholic faith? Would you like to increase your prayer life, learn more about the teachings of the Catholic Church, or have a bible study with a few friends?

We can't always offer the exact class or workshop for everyone in the parish, but we can help you facilitate a gathering to grow in your faith through prayer, scripture, discussion and fellowship. If you have an idea for a group study or would like to review some of the many resources the parish has available, please contact the office. Our parishes are blessed to have the facilities and the materials to help you start a small group to help you grow in your own faith, learn the teachings of the Church, and deepen **your** relationship with Jesus. Your Baptism calls you to share in Jesus' ministry, why not start here?

THE MOBILE FOOD PANTRY



Bank will be here Thursday, **December 5**, from **10:00 - 11:00 a.m.** Clients must be present and at least 18 years old. Please bring your own bag. Volunteers are asked to arrive by 9:45 a.m.

HOPE-HEALTHY OPTIONS PROGRAM: On the second Friday of each month, between 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. clients will receive a bag of groceries. The next distribution is Friday, **December 13**.

WANT TO DONATE TOWARDS CHRISTMAS FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR?

Pick up a Christmas Flower envelope at the entrance of the church, fill it out, and drop it in the collection next Sunday, **December 8**.



2019-2020 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

If you have not already done so, please make a pledge to this year's Catholic Services Appeal. There is a "Text to Give" option available by sending a message to the number (512) 829-3826.

SUPPORT THE PARISH WHEN YOU SHOP:

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 and select "St. John Catholic Church Fayetteville" and shop! For help or more information, visit org.amazon.com.

Come Gather in Prayer with Us!

***Saturday** night – pray the Rosary before the 6:00 p.m. Mass at **St. John Church** for the intention of religious vocations

***Monday** evening – pray the Angelus, the Rosary, the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and other prayers at 6:00 p.m. at **St. Mary Church**

***Tuesday** evening – pray the Rosary at 5:30 p.m. at **St. John Church**

Catholic Social Teaching Corner

Nov. 30- Dec. 1, First Sunday of Advent

"Active waiting for the Lord means not allowing ourselves to be lulled into purely private interests in our homes and apartments, but donating our attention, time and talents. It implies sharing our strengths and accepting our weaknesses in our parishes, schools, community work, and in society at large," said Cardinal Joseph Bernardin. How can we "actively wait" for Christ this Advent?

Nov. 30- Dec. 1, Primer Domingo de Adviento

"Esperar activamente al Señor significa no dejarnos adormecer por puros intereses privados en nuestras casas y apartamentos, pero donar nuestra atención, tiempo y talentos. Esto implica compartir nuestras fortalezas y aceptar nuestras debilidades en nuestras parroquias, escuelas, comunidades de trabajo y en la sociedad," dijo el Cardenal Joseph Bernardin. ¿Cómo podemos "esperar activamente" la llegada de Cristo durante este Adviento?

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 1, AD 2019

ST. JOHN LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTOR

Wednesday – Grade 8
Saturday – Lexxus Mayorga
Sunday – Christine Wied

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Wednesday – Paulette Keilers, Amy Babin, Annette Little
Saturday – Leslie Little(H), Annette Little(H), Daniel Zika(H), Kathleen Kramr(C), Ronnie Kramr*(C), Lexxus Mayorga(C), Madeline Kovar(C)
Sunday – Cindy Garwood(H), Jim Mattair(H), Joe Babin*(H), Paulette Keilers(C), Kayla Kaspar(C), Amy Babin(C), Christine Wied(C)

ALTAR SERVERS

Wednesday – Grade 4 (3), Grade 6 (1)
Saturday – Lydia Huebner, Dustin Canik, Emma Jurecka
Sunday – Ricky Schilling, Marissa Halamiccek, Wade Halamiccek

GIFT BEARERS

Wednesday – Grade K
Saturday – Bradley Malota Family
Sunday – Kory Kaspar Family

ALTAR DUTY FOR DECEMBER: Carrol Hollimon, Lisa Hollimon, Pat Sury, Alma Rodriguez

USHERS FOR DECEMBER

Saturday – Robert Kasmiersky, Joseph Munsch, Steve Lyssy, Christopher Stastny
Sunday – John Cufur, Jim Mattair, Alvin Minarcik, Arlis Keilers

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K.J.Z.T.	Rose Rohde	979-249-3635
K.J.T.	Emil Sodolak	979-249-3952
Hall Rental	Parish Office	979-378-2277
Cemetery	Ronald Kramr	979-249-6152

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE SCHEDULE

Ellinger	Monday	December 9	5:00 p.m.
Fayetteville	Monday	December 9	7:15 p.m.
Giddings	Wednesday	December 11	7:00 p.m.
Rockdale	Monday	December 16	6:00 p.m.
La Grange	Tuesday	December 17	7:00 p.m.
Chappell Hill	Wednesday	December 18	7:00 p.m.
Lexington	Thursday	December 19	7:00 p.m.
Somerville	Friday	December 20	7:00 p.m.



First Sunday of Advent

ST. MARY LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTOR

Sunday – Rose Urban

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Sunday – Paulette Urban, L.J. Korenek, Rose Urban, Jan Jurecka

ALTAR SERVERS

Sunday – Julie Korenek, Emily Polasek

GIFT BEARERS

Sunday – Robert Balzer Family

USHERS FOR DECEMBER

Bradley Divin, Darryl Bradley, Dennis Orsak, Anton Becka

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Cemetery	Vlasta Korenek	979-732-2836

Iglesias que ofrecen Misas en Español

Sab.	7:30 PM	St. Mary Our Lady of Lourdes	Caldwell
Dom.	11:00 AM	St. Margaret	Giddings
Dom.	11:30 AM	Sacred Heart	La Grange
Dom.	12:00 PM	Saint Anthony	Columbus
Dom.	12:30 PM	Sts. Peter & Paul	Frelsburg

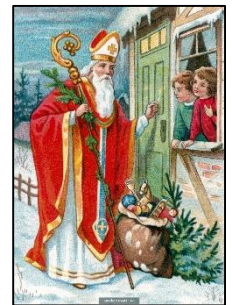
St. Nicholas- Bishop of Myra

December 6

Saint Nicholas was born around 280 in Patara, Lycia, an area that is part of present-day Turkey. He lost both of his parents as a young man and reportedly used his inheritance to help the poor, sick, and the needy. A devout Christian, he later served as bishop of Myra. He was such a devoted and holy bishop that, much like Mother Teresa today, the people immediately recognized him as a saint.

Over the years, colorful stories of his miracles and work for the poor spread to other parts of the world. He became known as the protector of children and sailors, and was associated with gift-giving.

Though the critical eye of modern history makes us take a deeper look at the legends surrounding Saint Nicholas, perhaps we can utilize the lesson taught by his legendary charity, look deeper at our approach to material goods in the Christmas season, and seek ways to extend our sharing to those in real need.



Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, December 9	7:00 a.m. – St. Mary
Monday, December 9	12:15 p.m. – St. John

