

St. Mary Catholic Church

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



MASSES

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Midnight Mass

For the People

Christmas Day at 8:00 a.m.

For the People

Thursday at 6:00 p.m.

No Mass

Friday at 7:00 a.m.

Una Mae & Benjamin Krenek †

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

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Christmas Vigil at 6:00 p.m.

For the People

Christmas Day at 10:00 a.m.

For the People

Thursday at 7:00 a.m.

No Mass

Friday at 6:00 p.m.

Annie & Richard Schmidt †

Saturday at 7:30 a.m.

Colleen Ryan †

Saturday Vigil at 6:00 p.m.

Lee Edward Baca †

Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

Clem W. Gully †

Sacrament of Reconciliation

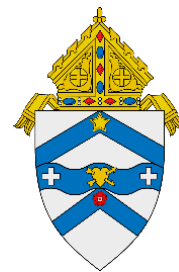
Saturday: 4:30-5:30 p.m.

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, January 22, 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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 22, AD 2019

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, J.D. Kovar, Jordan Lee, Louis Smith, 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.)*

FAITH FORMATION: Classes have been dismissed for the Christmas holidays and will resume on Wednesday, **January 8**.



YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE is **TODAY** after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. They will sing at St. John during the 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. Call or text Rachel Schley at (979) 249-7501 for more information.

CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY CHRISTMAS DECORATING:

CYM youth will be decorating St. John Church **TODAY**, 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.



FIRST CONFESSION was celebrated last weekend by the 2nd grade Faith Formation students. May these students continue to receive the Lord's grace and blessings as they continue to prepare for their First Communion to be celebrated on April 26.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

- **MONTHLY MEETING** will be on Tuesday, **January 7**, at 6:30 p.m. in St. John's Parish Hall.
- **CDA EDUCATION CONTEST:** This year's topics are "Blessed are the peacemakers", and "Living in harmony with others". Students in grades 4-12 and CDA members may enter. Entry forms are at Fayetteville ISD and at the entrance of the church. **January 22** is the deadline to return all entries.
- **CDA 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 at (713) 818-1470 for information. Applications are due by **January 31**.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

- **OFFICERS MEETING** will be held on Monday, **January 6**, at 6:30 p.m., in St. John's Parish Hall.
- **BAR-B-Q** chicken, sausage and ribs to go will be served Sunday, **January 12**, at 10:30 a.m. at the St. John Hall pits. You may call to place orders at (979) 249-6003. K.C. members to work starting at 5:00 a.m. are the Kenneth Noska crew.

THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY for members of *both* Knights of Columbus and Catholic Daughters of America will be on Sunday, **December 29**, at St. John's Parish Hall. The social begins at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7:30 p.m. Each person is asked to bring a dry good item for the AMEN Food Pantry, such as cereal, rice, pasta, etc.

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL CLOSE at noon on Tuesday, **December 24**, and will reopen on Thursday, **January 2**.

A SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND will be to support family and pro-life activities in the Diocese of Austin. These include: Annunciation Maternity Home in Georgetown, Our Lady of the Angels Maternity Shelter in Temple and the diocesan Office of Pro-life Activities. Please be generous in your support of this cause.

CATECHETICAL RETREAT – SAVE THE DATE! The first *deanery-wide* catechist retreat will be held Saturday, **January 11**, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in College Station. The focus of the retreat will be on one's relationship with Christ, with emphasis on personal prayer and the Ignatian Spirituality. All Catechists, Aides, substitute instructors, Bible Study leaders, RCIA leaders, and anyone currently involved in or interested in serving in the Faith Formation Program are asked to attend.

FAMILY MEMBERS UNABLE TO ATTEND MASS?

If you have family members who are homebound or in a nursing home who would like a visit from Father Nock or Deacon Robert, please contact the parish office. The priest and deacon are always willing to visit and bring Holy Communion to parishioners who are not able to attend Mass on their own.

CLERICAL ENDOWMENT FUND CHRISTMAS CARDS

are a good way to remember someone at Christmas and support those studying for the priesthood. Both the donor and recipient are remembered in The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass offered for them by Bishop Vásquez and the Director of Seminarians. These cards may be for living or deceased friends and loved ones. The \$2 cards are available at the parish office, at Fayetteville Bank, from Margaret Kubala at (979) 378-2877, or Donna Shula at (713) 818-1470.



MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY CERTIFICATES will be distributed at the weekend Masses, celebrating the Feast of the Holy Family, on **December 29 & 30**.

MASS INTENTIONS

There are Mass openings for February, March, etc. 2020. Please come by the church office if you would like to have a Mass said for the intention of a living or deceased relative or friend.

REJOICE ADVENT MEDITATIONS WITH MARY

We have completed our very fruitful four weeks of preparation for the coming of the Lord! Many thanks to all of those who participated!

START THE NEW YEAR by developing a closer relationship to God and our Catholic faith! Come check out our resources to learn more about the history and teachings of the Catholic Church, to enrich your prayer life, or to start 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 assist you in starting 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?

ST. JOHN ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR: Please come by the office to pick up your orders. We do have a few extras for purchase!

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES with your name on them are on the tables at the entrance of the church. The boxes have been placed in alphabetical order. Anyone not having an assigned box is asked to pick up a blank set. **EVERYONE using envelopes should place their name on the first few envelopes**, so we can be sure all information is accurate.

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.

THE MOBILE FOOD PANTRY from the Central Texas Food Bank will be here Thursday, **January 2**, 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.

SENIOR CITIZEN SOCIAL is on Thursday, **January 2**, 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.

TOTAL CONSECRATION TO JESUS THROUGH MARY
Join others from throughout the diocese as they prepare of Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary. The 33 days of preparation prayer for Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary begins **February 20**. Visit www.TexasToJesusThroughMary.org by **January 23** to get a free Montfort preparation prayer book by mail.

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.

HOLY ROSARY WOMEN'S ACTS RETREAT is scheduled for **February 20 – 23** at Cathedral Oaks Retreat Center in Weimar. This retreat is an opportunity for spiritual renewal and making new friends. Applications are available at the entrance of the church, or from any team member. If you have any questions, please contact Tracey Lanham at (512) 665-2059.

ST. JOHN'S NEWS

Sunday Offering: \$ 4,097.20
Online Giving: \$ 105.00

WELCOME: St. John's parish family would like to congratulate the family of *Loretta Aloise Seifert* who was born into Our Lord's life through baptism last week. May the Lord be with her and her family with all His blessings.

ST JOHN'S COUNCIL MEETINGS: The Pastoral Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, **January 9**, at 7:00 p.m. We will be selecting three new members at this time. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

The Finance Council will meet Tuesday, **January 28**, at 6:45 p.m.

ST. JOHN'S PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS: It is time, once again, to select new members to our Pastoral Council. The three-year terms for members Robert Kasmiersky, Lee Matocha, and Pat Geistmann will be expiring after the first calendar quarter of 2020. The other current members are Paul Estrada, Emil Sodalak, John Spiess, Jeanne Schilling, Karley Kasmiersky, and Priscilla Malota. Please submit your nominations for the council by Sunday, **January 5**, in order to have your nomination entered into the selection that will take place at the council meeting on Thursday, **January 9**.

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. MARY'S NEWS

Sunday Offering: \$ 1,516.00
Online Giving: \$ 290.00

THANK YOU to all who participated and helped make the bake sale and raffle a success. A list of the raffle winners can be found at the entrance of the church.

ST. MARY'S ALTAR SOCIETY meeting will be on Wednesday, **January 8**, at 1:00 p.m. at the parish hall. All ladies of the parish are welcome.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE are announced for the second time for *Katrina Gaertner & Jose Olalde*, who will be united in the bonds of Holy Matrimony at St. Mary Catholic Church, on Saturday, **January 4, 2020**.

ST MARY'S COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Pastoral Council meeting will be on Thursday, **January 23**, at 6:45 p.m. in the parish hall. All parishioners are welcome to attend. St. Mary's Finance Council will meet on **January 30**.

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 – prior to the Christmas Eve Vigil Mass, enjoy the Youth Choir caroling at 5:30 p.m. at **St. John Church**

Catholic Social Teaching Corner

Dec. 21-22, Fourth Sunday of Advent

The mystery of the Incarnation occurred through Mary and yet through the Holy Spirit given to us in Baptism and Confirmation we too are called to embody the presence of God. Have we, like Mary, said yes to God? Are we, like Joseph, nurturing and protecting that life within us? As we celebrate this holy season of birth, are we giving birth in our lives to the fruits of God's love: justice, peace, kindness, humility and joy?

Dic. 21-22, Cuarto Domingo de Adviento

El misterio de la Encarnación ocurrió a través de María, y a través del Espíritu Santo que nos es dado durante el Bautismo y la Confirmación, también estamos llamados a personificar la presencia de Dios ¿Hemos nosotros, como María, dicho que sí a Dios? ¿Somos como José, alimento y protección de la vida dentro de nosotros? Mientras celebramos esta temporada santa de nacimiento ¿estamos dando a luz en nuestras vidas los frutos del amor de Dios: justicia, paz, amabilidad, humildad y gozo?

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ST. JOHN LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTOR

Christmas Vigil – Kathleen Kramr
Christmas – Janet Hall
Saturday – Herman Schramm
Sunday – Cindy Garwood

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Christmas Vigil – Daniel Zika(H), Ronnie Kramr*(H), Pat Geistmann(C), Karley Kasmiersky(C), Lexxus Mayorga(C), Kathleen Kramr(C)
Christmas – Joe Babin*(H), Amy Babin(H), Lee Matocha(H), Jeanne Schilling(C), Carrol Hollimon(C), Rick Schilling(C), Becky Matocha(C)
Saturday – Yvonne Smith(H), Andrew Keilers*(H), Theresa Keilers(H), Betty Kovar(C), Joan Malota(C), Wanda Fritsch(C), Tiffany Nigh(C)
Sunday – David Bertsch*(H), Paulette Keilers(H), Cindy Garwood(C), Kayla Kaspar(C), Michelle Bertsch(C), Nikki Beseda(C)

ALTAR SERVERS

Christmas Vigil – Emma Jurecka, Amber Canik, Kara Jurecka, Dustin Canik
Christmas – Luke Beseda, Dal Brackman, Mackenzie Poncik, Logan Poncik
Saturday – Jacob Nigh, Evan Blazek, Peyton Jurecka
Sunday – Wade Halamicek, Marissa Halamicek, Ricky Schilling

GIFT BEARERS

Christmas Vigil – Ronnie Kramr Family
Christmas – Rodney Beseda Family
Saturday – Waldine Fruge & Debbie Canik
Sunday – John Spiess 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 Cufr, Jim Mattair, Alvin Minarcik, Arlis Keilers

ST. JOHN CONTACTS

Pastoral Council Chair	John Spiess	979-836-8702
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Hall Rental	Parish Office	979-378-2277
Cemetery	Ronald Kramr	979-249-6152



Peace on earth and in your hearts this Christmas!

ST. MARY LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTOR

Christmas (Midnight) – Donna Shula
Christmas (8:00 a.m.) – Jan Jurecka
Sunday – Ashley Havel

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Christmas (Midnight) – Donna Shula, Lee Roy Shula, Luke Orsak, Rose Urban
Christmas (8:00 a.m.) – Paulette Urban, Jan Jurecka, Aimee Korenek
Sunday – Ruth Beseda, Robert Balzer, L.J. Korenek, Rose Urban

ALTAR SERVERS

Christmas (Midnight) – Emily Polasek, Rylee Fritsch
Christmas (8:00 a.m.) – Stephen Korenek, Luke Korenek
Sunday – Klayten Schmitt, Kole Schmitt

GIFT BEARERS

Christmas (Midnight) – Mark Schmitt Family
Christmas (8:00 a.m.) – Jimmy Supak Family
Sunday – Eduardo Alvarado Family

USHERS FOR DECEMBER

Bradley Divin, Darryl Bradley, Dennis Orsak, Anton Becka

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



Bethlehem! The city where Jesus was born in fulfilment of the Scriptures, in Hebrew means “house of bread”. It was there that the Messiah was to be born, the One who would say of himself: “I am the bread of life” (Jn 6:35, 48). In Bethlehem was born the One who, under the sign of broken bread, would leave us the memorial of his Pasch. On this Holy Night, adoration of the Child Jesus becomes Eucharistic adoration. *We adore you, Lord, truly present in the Sacrament of the Altar, the living Bread which gives life to humanity. We acknowledge you as our one God, a little Child lying helpless in the manger!* – St. John Paul II

NATIVITY OF THE LORD

DECEMBER 24 – CHRISTMAS EVE

Vigil Mass – 6:00 p.m. at St. John
 Mass during the night – 12:00 midnight at St. Mary

DECEMBER 25 – CHRISTMAS DAY

8:00 a.m. – St. Mary
 10:00 a.m. – St. John

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

DECEMBER 31 – NEW YEAR’S EVE

Vigil Mass – 6:00 p.m. at St. John

JANUARY 1 – NEW YEAR’S DAY

8:00 a.m. – St. Mary
 10:00 a.m. – St. John