

# St. Mary Catholic Church

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



Weekly Offering: \$ 874.00  
Online Giving: \$ 191.38

## MASSES

Wednesday at 7:00 a.m.  
*All Souls*

Thursday at 8:00 a.m.  
*In Thanksgiving*

Friday at 7:00 a.m.  
*No Mass*

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 p.m.  
*Robert Krenek, Sr. †*

Sunday at 8:00 a.m.  
*Robert Polasek †*

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
Available before every Mass (in parish hall)

# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

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



Weekly Offering: \$ 3,784.00  
Online Giving: \$ 1,085.00

## MASSES

Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.  
*Clem W. Gully †*

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.  
*In Thanksgiving*

Thursday at 7:00 a.m.  
*No Mass*

Saturday at 7:30 a.m.  
*John, Albina, Jim, & Larry Urban †*

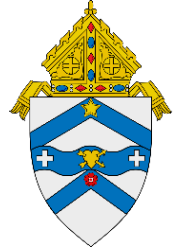
Saturday Vigil at 6:00 p.m.  
*Daniel & Josephine Malota †*

Sunday at 10:00 a.m.  
*For the People*

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
Wednesday 6:00 p.m.  
Saturday 8:00-9:00 a.m.



Pope Francis  
Vatican City State



Bishop Joe S. Vásquez  
Diocese of Austin



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Catholic Church**  
World's Smallest Catholic Church  
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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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**November 22, AD 2020**

**PARISH LIFE**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Dianne Allen, Dan Castillo, Judy Chovanec, Margie Chovanec, Cherie Coufal, Bennie Daricek, John Dennis, Bradley Divin, Brian Fruge, Waldine Fruge, Hannah Glenn, Dan Hall, Bernita Hlinsky, Dcn. Robert Jasek, Christine Kaspar, J.D. Kovar, Leo Miller, Loretta Naumann, Rose Novosad, Garland Polasek, Kaycee Roesler, El Gene and Mary Ann Sommerfeld, Shelley Spears, Martha Staley, Barbara Tieken, Kathy Vasek, Larry 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.)*

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

**THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE:** The **St. John and St. Mary Altar Societies** will sponsor a food drive this week to help people in need during the holiday season. Everyone is asked to donate canned and non-perishable food items for the AMEN pantry in La Grange. A collection box will be at the entrance of Church during the Thanksgiving Masses.



**ANGEL TREE:** The CDA will have their "Angel Tree" up on the Friday after Thanksgiving. This annual project supports both children and adults who are in desperate family situations. You have an opportunity to choose an angel off the tree and provide a Christmas gift for someone who may not receive any other gifts.

**COMFORT ITEMS FOR VETERANS:** The CDA is collecting items for our veterans in VA hospitals through **December 16**. Items such as toothpaste, razors, deodorants, socks, etc. will be collected. No reading material, please! A basket is available for your donations at the entrance of the church.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:** To donate toward the purchase of flowers for the Altar at Christmas, you may use the Christmas Flower envelope provided at the entrance of the church. Please put your donation in the collection between now and **December 13**.

**GATHERING FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST IS A BLESSING**, indeed. The Holy Eucharist is the source and summit of our Catholic faith. Everyone is welcome, but fulfilling our Sunday Obligation may feel a bit difficult as we navigate these times of a pandemic.

Social distancing is practiced, masks are required, and hand sanitizer is used.

**Remember, the ushers are here to help! Please ask them if you need a mask, assistance finding a seat, or anything else.**

**NOTE:** We ask that those who have been exposed to or are showing symptoms of COVID-19, those who have an underlying health condition making them vulnerable to COVID-19, or those who live with or care for anyone in the previous categories to please abide by CDC guidelines and *remotely participate* via viewing the **livestreamed Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass** on our Facebook page. You can access it by visiting our parish websites and clicking the Facebook emblem "f" in the upper right corner.

**THE PARISH OFFICE** will be closed for Thanksgiving on Thursday and Friday, **November 26-27**.

**FAITH FORMATION CLASSES:** There will be no classes Wednesday, **November 25**, due to the Thanksgiving holidays. All students are reminded to attend Mass to give thanks.

**DCYC 2021:** All High School students are invited to celebrate their faith at the 2021 Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference, **January 30**, at Dell Diamond in Austin! Young Catholics from across the diocese will gather for a day of keynote speakers, praise & worship, and fun free-time activities. DCYC also offers many sacramental opportunities such as Reconciliation, Adoration, and Sunday Vigil Mass. This year's theme is "Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses—Hebrews 12:1". Registration forms can be found on the parish website and must be returned by **December 11**. *"Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us"—Hebrews 12:1*



**ST JOHN'S PASTORAL COUNCIL** met on November 12 and discussed the following:

- The prioritization of projects on our Five Year Plan;
- This year's Parish Mission and plans for next year.
- The Parish "Non-Feast"
- Additional opportunities will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation instead of a Penance Service this year.
- Nominations for three new council members to be selected in January.

The next Pastoral Council meeting will be January 14 at 6:30 p.m.

**ST. MARY'S ALTAR SOCIETY** will meet at 1:00 p.m. on **December 2** in the parish hall. Masks are required, and social distancing will be practiced. There will be a table with items for sale with proceeds to go to the Altar Society. Refreshments will be provided. Gifts (\$10 value) may be brought for exchange.

**ST. MARY'S KJZT SOCIETY #41** asks its members to support the Altar Society Thanksgiving drive with food items or cash. Donations up to \$200 will be matched by the KJZT State Office.

**ADVENT PENANCE SCHEDULE:** One of the necessary precautions we are taking this year is to schedule additional opportunities for the **Sacrament of Penance** in our parishes instead of an Advent Penance Service. During the Season of Advent Father Steve will be available to hear Confessions at the following times:

**ST. JOHN**

- **Tuesdays:** 5:00 – 5:30 p.m. and after the 6:00 pm Mass.
- **Wednesdays:** 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
- **Saturdays:** 8:00 – 9:00 a.m.

**ST. MARY**

- **Thursdays:** Dec. 3, 10 & 17 from 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

**2021 CALENDARS** are available at the entrance of Church. This year the calendars were donated by our Fayetteville/Ellinger K.C. council and K.C. Field Agent, Jody Supak. **Thank you, Knights!**

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

**LECTORS** please pick up your new Lector Workbook from the sacristy for the new Church year, which begins in one week.


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**BEWARE OF SCAMS!** Please know that Fr. Steve, the Church office, and the Diocese will *never* contact you via text or email asking for gift cards or funds. If you are in doubt about a communication that you have received, PLEASE contact the office for verification of the message *before* any response!

**THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL COLLECTION:** Please be generous in this week's special collection for the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**. In the United States, one in six people lives in poverty. With this collection, you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. Of the funds we collect, 25% will remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins. More info about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at [www.usccb.org/cchd/collection](http://www.usccb.org/cchd/collection).

## ANNUAL DIOCESAN CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

 If you have not already done so, please make a pledge to this year's Catholic Services Appeal. Please complete and return your pledge card—even if you can only pray for the appeal this year—in the collection basket or the mail. You can also make a secure gift online at [austindiocese.org/csa](http://austindiocese.org/csa), or use the “Text to Give” option available by sending a message to the number (512) 829-3826.

## CIVILIZE IT: SERVICE AND RELIEF

*“A prayer that does not lead you to practical action for your brother is a sterile and incomplete prayer.” – Pope Francis*

Prayer leads to reaching out and learning, which leads to action. At the same time, action flows from prayer and its fruits of love, gratitude, forgiveness, compassion, hope, respect, hospitality, and humility. We love God by loving our neighbor, as Jesus tells us in Mt. 25: 31-46. When our brother is hungry, we must feed him. When our sister is a stranger, we must welcome her.

Visit <https://www.wearesaltandlight.org> for resources to help respond to immediate, short term needs through charitable works, service and relief.

## Catholic Social Teaching Corner

### November 21-22 Feast of Christ the King

This passage from Matthew might be considered a list of essential duties for a follower of Christ. The Gospel points out that Jesus speaks about the “nations” who gather, so we can see this as both an individual and communal response to God. As individuals and as a community, are we able to see Christ in the needy, the least, the poorest and the forgotten? Our yes, to accepting the Kingdom depends on our willingness to see and respond to them as we would to Christ.

### Noviembre 21-22 Fiesta de Cristo Rey

Este pasaje del Evangelio de San Mateo puede ser considerado como una lista de deberes esenciales para un seguidor de Cristo. El Evangelio señala que Jesús habló sobre las “naciones” que se reúnen, así que podemos ver esto de ambas maneras, como una respuesta individual o grupal a Dios. Como individuos y como una comunidad ¿vemos a Cristo en los necesitados, los más pobres y los olvidados? Nuestro Sí para aceptar el reino depende de nuestra disposición de ver y responder a estos hermanos nuestros, tanto como responderíamos a Cristo.

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Catholic Church

2020

Celebrating 150 Years

**IN 2011, A STATUE OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST** was erected out in front of the Church in memory of Msgr. Ben Mazurkiewicz, pastor of St. John from 1963-2002.

*As we close out the 2020 Liturgical Year, we end our review of historical facts in celebration of the 150<sup>th</sup> year of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. May God bless both our parish communities with many more joyful years!*

**ETHICS IN MINISTRY:** All clergy, staff, members of organizations, and ALL volunteers are required to attend an EIM workshop every three years. The pandemic in no way lessens the sacred obligation of those who serve in ministry, both virtual and in-person, to make the Church safe for all. Temporary online EIM training is available at [www.austindiocese.org/workshop](http://www.austindiocese.org/workshop). The training page includes instructions on how to login to your EIM account to find information you will need to provide in order to receive credit for completing the training. If you have any questions or are a new volunteer, please contact Amy Babin at the church office at (979) 378-2277.

## SUPPORT THE PARISH WHEN YOU SHOP FOR THE HOLIDAYS AT AMAZON!

Visit [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com), sign in to your Amazon account, and select St. John Catholic Church, Fayetteville TX, as your organization of choice. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to St. John at no cost to you. For help or more info, visit [org.amazon.com](http://org.amazon.com).

## OTHER NEWS

**SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL** in La Grange is having a drive-thru BBQ Chicken meal, Wednesday, **December 2**, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the La Grange KC Hall. Plates are \$10 and may be reserved by calling (979) 968-5117. There is also a raffle. Contact the school office at (979) 968-3223 for information.

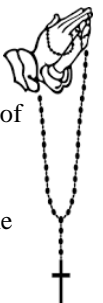
**ADVENT SILENT RETREAT:** Enter into the silence of the Advent season by setting aside the weekend of **December 4-6** to come and pray. While the majority of the time will be spent in quiet with God, this retreat will also include opportunity for group prayer and celebration of the Eucharist to prepare for Christ's coming at Christmas. The cost with meals for a shared room is \$200, a private room is \$250 with an option to stay an extra night(s) before or after the weekend. Register at <http://cedarbrake.org/> or call the office at (254) 780-2436.

*Come Gather in Prayer with Us!*

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

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

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





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**ST. JOHN LITURGICAL DUTIES**

**LECTOR**

**Wednesday** – Annette Little  
**Saturday** – Theresa Keilers  
**Sunday** – Nikki Beseda

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

**Wednesday** – Kathleen Kramr, Ronnie Kramr  
**Saturday** – Daniel Zika, Tiffany Nigh  
**Sunday** – John Spiess, Lori Spiess

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Wednesday** – Scotti Beseda, Luke Beseda, Lydia Huebner  
**Saturday** – Jacob Nigh, Paige Jurecka, Peyton Jurecka  
**Sunday** – Marissa Halamiccek, Ricky Schilling, Wade Halamiccek

**ALTAR DUTY FOR NOVEMBER:** Madeline Kovar, Margaret Kubala, Susan Pauler, Woody Heibert

**USHERS FOR NOVEMBER**

**Saturday** Jonathan Noska, David Stastny, Christopher Stastny, Ronnie Kramr  
**Sunday** – David Holub, Kory Kaspar, John H. Cufur, Joe Babin

**ST. JOHN CONTACTS**

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Cemetery	Ronald Kramr	979-249-6152

**JESUS CHRIST THE KING**

*November 22*



Pope Pius XI instituted The Feast of Christ the King in 1925 for the universal church, in his encyclical *Quas Primas*. He connected the increasing denial of Christ as king to the rise of secularism throughout much of Europe. At the time of *Quas Primas*, many Christians began to doubt Christ's authority and existence, as well as the Church's power to continue Christ's authority.

It is fitting that the feast celebrating Christ's kingship is observed right before Advent, when we liturgically wait for the promised Messiah (King). Jesus knew the oppressive nature of secular kings, and in contrast to them, he connected his role as king to humble service, and commanded his followers to be servants as well. While Christ is coming to judge the nations, his teachings spell out a kingdom of justice and judgment balanced with radical love, mercy, peace, and forgiveness. When we celebrate Christ as King, we are not celebrating an oppressive ruler, but one willing to die for humanity and whose "loving-kindness endures forever."

*"It is truly right and just, our duty and salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks..." –Preface to Eucharistic Prayer II*  
**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**



**ST. MARY LITURGICAL DUTIES**

**LECTOR**

**Thursday** – Jo Ann Divin  
**Saturday** – Rose Urban  
**Sunday** – Ashley Havel

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Thursday** – Kole Schmitt  
**Saturday** – Rylee Fritsch  
**Sunday** – Luke Korenek

**USHERS FOR NOVEMBER**

**Thursday** – *Volunteers*  
**Saturday** – Mark Schmitt, Mark Matocha, Bruce Kubena, Eduardo Alvarado  
**Sunday** – Luke Orsak, Donnie Becka, James Korenek

**ALTAR FLOWERS** Nov. 25/26 – Jennifer Chester

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Cemetery	Vlasta Korenek	979-732-2836

**FAMILY CONNECTION**

**Thirty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time—Christ the King**

*Matthew 25:31-46*

*Jesus teaches that when the Son of Man comes in glory, he will judge the nations, separating the sheep from the goats.*



In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches us that we will be judged on only one thing: the acts of mercy we have shown to the least among us. Jesus identifies with the least ones; thus we serve Jesus whenever we serve one of the least ones. The Church calls the actions that Jesus described in today's Gospel the Corporal Works of Mercy. These works are to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, to bury the dead, to shelter the homeless, to visit the sick and imprisoned, and to give alms to the poor. In these actions we show God's compassion and mercy to those in need.

As you gather as a family, recall the list of the Corporal Works of Mercy. Talk about some concrete examples of how your family might do these actions in your community and then discuss why it is important that we do these things. Read Matthew 25:31-46. Ask: **Why does Jesus say we ought to do these works of mercy?** (Because whenever we show mercy to another person, we show mercy to Jesus himself.) Choose one Corporal Work of Mercy that your family will act upon this week. Pray together that your family will see and serve Jesus in the least ones among us. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

**Thanksgiving Holiday Masses**

Wednesday, November 25      7:00 p.m. – St. John  
 Thursday, November 26      8:00 a.m. – St. Mary