

# St. Mary Catholic Church

*Est. 1855*

**Mission Parish**

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



**Weekly Offering:** \$ 1,170.00  
**Online Giving:** \$ 296.38  
**CCHD:** \$ 196.00

## MASSES

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

*Victor, Otilia, & Charlie Kulhaneck †*

**Friday at 7:00 a.m.**

*Mollie & Jerry Smidovec †*

**Saturday Vigil at 4:00 p.m.**

*Rev. James Mueller*

**Sunday at 8:00 a.m.**

*Madeline Ferreri †*

**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:** \$ 2,858.00  
**Online Giving:** \$ 422.70  
**CCHD:** \$ 709.00

## MASSES

**Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.**

*Julia Ryza †*

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

*Lee Roy Matocha †*

**Thursday at 7:00 a.m.**

*Matthew Geistmann †*

**Friday at 6:00 p.m.**

*Stephanie Cofer †*

**Saturday at 7:30 a.m.**

*All Who Have Died from COVID †*

**Saturday Vigil at 6:00 p.m.**

*For the People*

**Sunday at 10:00 a.m.**

*James Rohde, Sr. †*

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

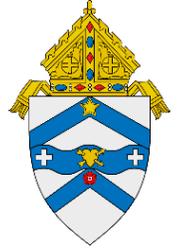
Wednesday 6:00 p.m.

First Friday 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Saturday 8:00-9:00 a.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

**Tuesday, December 1, at 7:30 a.m.**

*For the intentions left on the altar*

## Mailing Address and Contact Information

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**Rev. Steve Sauser, Pastor**  
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**Deacon Robert Jasek**

**Administrative Staff**

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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 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
November 29, AD 2020

PARISH LIFE

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Dianne Allen, Scott Bayless, 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, Betty Jean Kulhanek, Leo Miller, Loretta Naumann, Rose Novosad, Garland Polasek, Kaycee Roesler, Willie Socha, El Gene and Mary Ann Sommerfeld, Shelley Spears, Martha Staley, Margie Stancik, 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.)*

**WELCOME:** St. John's parish family would like to congratulate the family of *Braxton Conrad Baird* who was born into Our Lord's life through Baptism last week. May the Lord be with him and his family with all His blessings.

**FIRST FRIDAY** occurs this week. Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 a.m. at **St. Mary** on Friday. At **St. John**, we will have the Exposition of the Eucharist at 3:00 p.m. closing with Benediction, followed by 6:00 p.m. First Friday Mass. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

**SECOND COLLECTIONS NEXT WEEKEND**

St. Mary – For the Cemetery  
St. John – For Faith Formation



**ANGEL TREE:** The CDA has their "Angel Tree" up. 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.

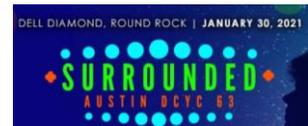
**FAITH FORMATION – Wednesday, December 2**

- **Grades K-1** will meet at 6:00 – 6:50 p.m.
- **Grades 2-6** will meet at 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
- **Grades 7-12** will meet at 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.



*We will notify you via email and the website if any changes to the schedule are necessary.*

**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. 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.

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS Monthly Meeting** will be Tuesday, **December 1**, at 6:30 p.m. at the St. John's Parish Hall. There will not be a meal or gift exchange.

**CYM CHRISTMAS DECORATING:** CYM youth will be decorating St. John Church on Sunday, **December 20**, 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. Please wear a mask.

**CLERICAL ENDOWMENT FUND CHRISTMAS CARDS** are a good way to remember someone at Christmas and support the CEF. Purchase cards at the parish office, at Fayetteville Bank, or after Mass at St. Mary every second Sunday. For more information, call Donna Shula (979) 378-2749, or Margaret Kubala (979) 378-2877.

**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 p.m. 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.

Reconciliation is also available with Father Brian at Sacred Heart in La Grange during Advent at the following times:

- **Tuesdays:** 6:00 – 6:20 p.m.
- **Wednesdays:** 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- **Saturdays:** 4:00 – 4:45 p.m.

# THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## November 29, AD 2020

**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!

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

**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!**

**THANK YOU** for your generous support last week to the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections).

### **DIOCESAN CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL – UPDATE**

We are very close to reaching our goals for the Catholic Services Appeal, and our hearts are filled with gratitude! Thank you to everyone who has already pledged their support of the ministries and programs that benefit thousands of lives in our diocese.

Our status is as follows:

- St. Mary--\$6,265 has been pledged (70% of our parish goal)
- St. John--\$23,750 has been pledged (91% of our parish goal)

If you haven't yet, please participate in the CSA this year! We ask you to 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: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

*"Church-based and community organizations are making a difference on housing, crime, education, and economic issues in local communities. Parish participation in such community efforts develops leaders, provides concrete handles to deal with key issues, and builds the capacity of the parish to act on our values."*  
- U.S. Catholic Bishops, Communities of Salt and Light

As we seek to transform our communities according to God's vision of love and justice, we know that we cannot do this alone. Our efforts can be strengthened by joining with others—churches and faith communities, organizations, and others of good will. Working together, we strive to create institutions and structures that protect the life and dignity of all. Visit <https://www.wearsaltandlight.org> to learn how community development works and what it looks like.

**THE MOBILE FOOD PANTRY** will be at St. John on Friday, **December 4, from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.** This distribution will be a Drive-Thru, so all clients are to stay in their vehicles and open the trunk. Volunteers will load the food in your vehicle.

**HOPE-HEALTHY OPTIONS PROGRAM:** St. John's Hall is a distribution site for Central Texas Food Bank's HOPE program. HOPE is for persons 55 years and up. On the second Friday of each month, from **2:00-3:00 p.m.**, clients will receive a 15-20 lb. bag of groceries. The next distribution is Friday, **December 11.**

## Catholic Social Teaching Corner

Nov. 28-29 -- First Sunday of Advent

Advent invites us to watch for the coming of the Lord: to be awake and vigilant. The Lord breaks into our world and into our lives in unexpected ways, as he did in Bethlehem. Today he may come in the face, the voice, the need of a stranger, or a child, or the poor, or our own family. We place ourselves, this day and this season, in an attitude of quiet, prayerful hope-filled expectation, so that in the frantic busying of life, we will not miss the Master's coming. What can you do this week to be awake and vigilant for the Lord?

**Noviembre 28-29 -- Primer Domingo de Adviento**

El Adviento nos invita a esperar la llegada del Señor: a estar despiertos y vigilantes. El Señor llega a nuestro mundo y a nuestras vidas de maneras inesperadas, tal como lo hizo en Belén. Hoy, Él puede estar llegando a través del rostro, la voz, la necesidad de un extraño o un niño, de los pobres, o de nuestra propia familia. Nos ponemos en este día y durante esta temporada, en actitud de silencio y quietud, en expectativa llena de esperanza y en oración, para que en medio del ruido acelerado de la vida, no nos perdamos la llegada del Maestro ¿Qué puede usted hacer esta semana para estar despierto y vigilante esperando por el Señor?

**ARE YOU LOOKING FOR SOMETHING EXTRA TO DO FOR ADVENT?** Sign up for the FREE 4-week Advent video course, *Introduction to the Psalms*, from the Next Level Catholic Academy. Enroll at this link: [NextLevelCatholicAcademy.com](http://NextLevelCatholicAcademy.com).

**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). 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 SCHOOL** in La Grange has a drive-thru BBQ Chicken meal, Wednesday, **December 2**, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the KC Hall. Plates are \$10. Call (979) 968-5117 to reserve yours.

**THE CZECH CATHOLIC FOUNDATION OF TEXAS (CCFT)** will hold its Annual Membership Meeting, virtually, on Saturday, **January 9, 2021** at 10 a.m. The mission of CCFT is "to document, study, preserve, celebrate and perpetuate all elements of the Czech Catholic faith transplanted to Texas by immigrants from the Czech lands, and to strengthen ties with the Czech Catholics of the ancestral homeland evangelized by Saints Cyril and Methodius." To participate in the Zoom (virtual) meeting please send your email address to [marek1212@gmail.com](mailto:marek1212@gmail.com).

**THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**November 29, AD 2020**

**ST. JOHN LITURGICAL DUTIES**

**LECTOR**

**Wednesday** – Grade 8  
**Saturday** – Kathleen Kramr  
**Sunday** – Cindy Garwood

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

**Wednesday** – Addie Dybala  
**Saturday** – Annette Little, Leslie Little  
**Sunday** – Paulette Keilers, Janell Warschak

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Wednesday** – Grade 9/10 (3)  
**Saturday** – Gregory Huebner, Lydia Huebner, Emma Jurecka  
**Sunday** – Logan Poncik, Mackenzie Poncik, Cole Brackman

**ALTAR DUTY FOR DECEMBER** Carrol Hollimon, Lisa Hollimon, Sara Vandel, Heather Jurecka

**USHERS FOR DECEMBER**

**Saturday** – Betty Kovar, Robert Janish, Ronnie Chernosky, Eddie Gaertner  
**Sunday** – John Spiess, David Bertsch, Lee Matocha, Kenneth Noska

**ST. JOHN CONTACTS**

Pastoral Council Chair	John Spiess	979-836-8702
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K.J.T.	Emil Sodolak	979-249-3952
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**Come Pray the Rosary!**

\***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 Blessed Virgin Mary, 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**

**Upcoming Holy Day of Obligation Masses**

**Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Monday, December 7 (Vigil) 6:00 p.m. – St. Mary  
Tuesday, December 8 12:15 p.m. – St. John  
6:00 p.m. – St. John

**Christmas – The Nativity of Our Lord**

Thursday, December 24 (Vigil) 4:00 p.m. – St. John  
(Vigil) 6:00 p.m. – St. John  
11:00 p.m. – St. Mary  
Friday, December 25 8:00 a.m. – St. Mary  
10:00 a.m. – St. John

**Mary, Mother of God – January 1**

Thursday, December 31 (Vigil) 6:00 p.m. – St. John  
Friday, January 1 8:00 a.m. – St. Mary  
10:00 a.m. – St. John

**ST. MARY LITURGICAL DUTIES**

**LECTOR**

**Saturday** – L.J. Korenek  
**Sunday** – Jo Ann Divin

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Saturday** – Kole Schmitt  
**Sunday** – Stephen Korenek

**USHERS FOR DECEMBER**

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

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Cemetery	Vlasta Korenek	979-732-2836

**FAMILY CONNECTION**

**First Sunday of Advent**

*Mark 13:33-37*

*Jesus warns his disciples to be watchful so that they will be ready when the Son of Man comes.*

In family life, we try to prepare ourselves for many future things: our next vacation, our children's education, our retirement. We are careful not to allow ourselves to be caught by surprise so that we can handle any challenges our family may face. Today's Gospel reminds us that we are called to be just as attentive and alert to the coming of the Son of Man so that it will not catch us unprepared. This means attending to our family's spiritual life as carefully as we attend to other important family matters.

As you gather as a family, talk about a time when you received surprise visitors at your house, perhaps a neighbor who stopped by or a relative who arrived unannounced. Was your household prepared to receive this unannounced guest? What might your family have done differently if you knew ahead of time that this visitor was going to arrive? Jesus told his disciples that no one knows when the Son of Man will return, except the Father. Read with your family what Jesus told his disciples in today's Gospel, Mark 13:33-37.

During Advent, we not only prepare ourselves to celebrate the birth of Jesus, we also check to see if we are doing all the things that will keep us ready to receive Jesus when he comes again. Talk about how your family can recommit to daily prayer, reading Scripture, and staying faithful to God's commandments. Pray together that through this Advent season your family will be more prepared to receive Jesus when he comes again. Read as a concluding prayer Paul's words to the Corinthians found in today's second reading, 1 Corinthians 1:3-9, or pray the Lord's Prayer.



*First Sunday of Advent*