

# St. Mary Catholic Church

*Est. 1855*

**Mission Parish**

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



**Weekly Offering: \$ 941.00**  
**Online Giving: \$ 191.38**

## MASSES

*Feast of the Immaculate Conception*  
**Monday at 6:00 p.m.**  
*Whitney Blair †*

**Wednesday at 7:00 a.m.**  
*Henry & Alma Mrkwa †*

**Friday at 7:00 a.m.**  
*Barbara Sulak †*

**Saturday Vigil at 4:00 p.m.**  
*Living & Dec'd of the*  
*Henry Svrcek & Sam Knippel Families*

**Sunday at 8:00 a.m.**  
*For the People*

**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: \$ 3,550.00**  
**Online Giving: \$ 735.00**

## MASSES

*Feast of the Immaculate Conception*  
**Tuesday at 12:15 p.m.**  
*For the People*

**Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.**  
*Leo & Josephine Noska †*

**Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.**  
*Joe B. & Adolphine Krenek †*

**Thursday at 7:00 a.m.**  
*Anton & Rosie Petter Family †*

**Saturday at 7:30 a.m.**  
*Robert & Bernice Kovar †*

**Saturday Vigil at 6:00 p.m.**  
*Mary Barber †*

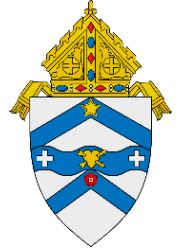
**Sunday at 10:00 a.m.**  
*Hugo & Irene Mascheck †*

**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**



# St. Martin Catholic Church

**World's Smallest Catholic Church**

**Historic Chapel**

3490 S. Hwy 237

Round Top

(near Warrenton)

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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 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
December 6, 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 *Mia Renee Berruete* 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. MARY'S PARISH FAMILY** greatly appreciates the gift of the beautiful Marian vestments that Father will wear on Marian holy days, donated by the Joyce Gerik Family in memory of Mary Hrachovy.



**ST. JOHN'S CEMETERY ASSOCIATION** will meet on Thursday, **December 10**, at 6:30 p.m. at the parish hall.

**ST. JOHN'S ALTAR SOCIETY** meeting will be Tuesday, **December 8**, at 2:00 p.m.

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS ACTIVITIES**

- **CDA EDUCATION CONTEST:** This year's topics are "Let all you do be done with love" and "Show love to one another". Students in grades 4-12 and CDA members may enter. Entry forms can be obtained at the entrance of the church. February 1, 2021 is the deadline to return entries. For more info, please contact Suzanne Mattair at 979-249-3901.
- **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 Shula at (713) 818-1470 for applications and for more information. Applications are due by **January 31**.
- **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.

**ANGEL TREE:** Sponsored by the CDA, each "angel" on the tree represents a child or adult in a desperate family situation. If you have picked up one of the gift requests, **please return the gift by next Sunday, December 13**. 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** is Monday, **December 7**, at 6:00 p.m.
- **MONTHLY MEETING** will be on Tuesday, **December 15**, at 7:00 p.m.
- **NO KC BARBECUE** will be held this month.

**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.

**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 by next Sunday, December 13.

**FAITH FORMATION – Wednesday, December 9**

- **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 prayer! DCYC also offers many sacramental opportunities such as 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**.

**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.

**2021 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.

**2020 RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS IS NEXT WEEK!** Help our elders. In good times and bad, senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have dedicated themselves to service and acts of mercy. Today, they pray for an aching world. Yet years of serving for little or no pay have left their religious communities without enough retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please be generous.

**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
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**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. 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.

**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!

**CLERICAL ENDOWMENT FUND CHRISTMAS CARDS**

are available at the parish office, at Fayetteville Bank, or after Mass at St. Mary every second Sunday. For more info, call Donna Shula (979) 378-2749, or Margaret Kubala (979) 378-2877.

**MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY CERTIFICATES** will be distributed at the weekend Masses, celebrating the Feast of the Holy Family, on **December 26 & 27**.

**USHERS:** We need your help during Christmas. Please let the office know if you would be available to help at one of the Christmas Masses.

**CHRISTMAS MASS 2020:** To give ample opportunity for all the faithful to attend, we have five Masses scheduled for *the Nativity of the Lord*. The attendance for each Mass will be strictly limited. We anticipate that the Vigil Masses on Christmas Eve at 4:00 & 6:00 p.m. at St. John may be the most well attended. We ask that if you are able, please consider 'gifting' the opportunity to attend the Vigil Masses to those who would find it difficult to attend the other Masses. We hope that everyone, especially those who have not been able to attend Mass in a long time due to health or age, will feel comfortable attending Mass as we begin the Blessed Season of Christmas.

So, if possible, please consider attending the 11:00 p.m. (Thursday) or 8:00 a.m. (Friday) Masses at St. Mary or the 10:00 a.m. (Friday) Mass at St. John. We greatly appreciate your generosity in this matter.

**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**

**Dec. 5-6 Second Sunday of Advent**

In today's Gospel, we hear the message of John the Baptist calling us to a change of heart and reminding us that the true light and glory of the earth is Jesus the Christ. While we are busy with trees and gifts and decorations, we might be especially mindful and attentive to Christ who is present to us in the one with no home to decorate, no place for a tree, no hope of gifts. Can we give them the gift of eye contact, or asking their name or of a few moments of conversation? This might be the most important gift we can give this year for we never know the distressing disguise Jesus might use to come to us!

**Diciembre 5-6 Segundo Domingo de Adviento**

En el Evangelio de hoy, escuchamos el mensaje de Juan el Bautista llamándonos a cambiar nuestro corazón y recordándonos que la verdadera luz y gloria de la tierra es Jesucristo. Mientras estamos ocupados con los árboles de navidad, los regalos y las decoraciones, debemos estar, especialmente enfocados y atentos a Cristo quien se presenta ante nosotros en aquel que no tiene un hogar que decorar, un lugar para un árbol ni esperanza de recibir regalos ¿Podemos nosotros darles el regalo de hacer contacto visual con ellos, o preguntarles su nombre o, platicar con ellos por algunos momentos? ¿Este puede ser el regalo más importante que podemos dar este año ya que no conocemos el disfraz de necesidad que Jesús puede que use para acercarse a nosotros!

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

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

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**OTHER NEWS**

**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).

**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](https://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.

**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**December 6, AD 2020**

**ST. JOHN LITURGICAL DUTIES**

**LECTOR**

**Tuesday (12:15 p.m.)** – Addie Dybala  
**Tuesday (6:00 p.m.)** – Lee Matocha  
**Wednesday** – Grade 5  
**Saturday** – Yvonne Smith  
**Sunday** – John Spiess

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

**Tuesday (12:15 p.m.)** – Pat Geistmann, Addie Dybala  
**Tuesday (6:00 p.m.)** – Lee Matocha, Mary Quiros  
**Wednesday** – Lori Spiess  
**Saturday** – Sharon Martinek, Tiffany Nigh  
**Sunday** – Joe Babin, Amy Babin

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Tuesday (6:00 p.m.)** – Kara Jurecka, Scotti Beseda, Luke Beseda  
**Wednesday** – Grade 4 (3), Grade 5 (1)  
**Saturday** – Paige Jurecka, Peyton Jurecka, Jacob Nigh  
**Sunday** – Wade Halamicek, Ricky Schilling, Marissa Halamicek

**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**

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Cemetery	Ronald Kramr	979-249-6152

*Second Sunday of Advent*



**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**

**Monday** – Aimee Korenek  
**Saturday** – Rose Urban  
**Sunday** – Ashley Havel

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Monday** – Klayten Schmitt, Kole Schmitt  
**Saturday** – Rylee Fritsch  
**Sunday** – Julie Korenek

**USHERS FOR DECEMBER**

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

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**FAMILY CONNECTION**

**Second Sunday of Advent**

*Mark 1:1-8*

*John the Baptist preached repentance and baptized the people, in preparation for the one who would baptize with the Holy Spirit.*



The season of Advent invites us to renew our lives in preparation for the coming of Jesus. The people who heard the message of John the Baptist repented for their sins and were baptized as a sign of God's forgiveness. In Baptism, our sins are forgiven, and we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, who helps us in our life of discipleship. Led by the Holy Spirit, we use this Advent season to renew our lives so that we, like John the Baptist, might prepare the way for Jesus.

As you gather together as a family, talk about ways in which the example of others has called you to be a follower of Jesus. Name the people who have been examples to you of Christian discipleship, and describe their characteristics that you have tried to emulate. Read together today's Gospel, Mark 1:1-8.

As John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus, Baptism commissions us to prepare the way of the Lord. The gift of the Holy Spirit leads us to continually renew our lives so that we might lead others to Jesus. As a family, identify at least one action that you will take this week to try to be more faithful followers of Jesus. Conclude in prayer together that God will receive this action and use it to lead others to Jesus. Pray the Prayer to the Holy Spirit:

*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful. and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth.  
 O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Spirit, we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**ROSARY GROUPS** will pray the Rosary at St. Mary this **Monday** in the Church at **5:30 p.m.** and at St. John on **Tuesday** in the Church at **5:30 p.m.**

