

St. Mary Catholic Church

Est. 1855

Mission Parish

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



Weekly Offering: \$ 744.00
Online Giving: \$ 346.38

MASSES

Wednesday at 7:00 a.m.
Cervenka & Lukas Families †

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Friday at 8:00 a.m.
Christopher Bunch †

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 p.m.
Delton Stoelke †

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

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Est. 1870

207 E. Bell St.
Fayetteville

www.stjohnfayetteville.com



Weekly Offering: \$ 4,298.00
Online Giving: \$ 169.94

MASSES

Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.
Evelyn Vitek †

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
Benjamin & Una Mae Krenek †

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
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Thursday, Vigil at 6:00 p.m.
For the People

Friday at 10:00 a.m.
Leslie & Eloise Babin †

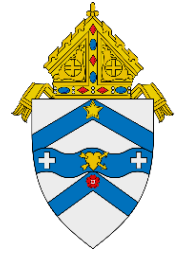
Saturday at 7:30 a.m.
Bernard Dybala, Jr.

Saturday Vigil at 6:00 p.m.
*For all those who lost their lives to
COVID-19 †*

Sunday at 10:00 a.m.
Sylvester & Alma Schmitt †



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)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

at St. John: Wednesday 6:00 p.m.
Saturday 8:00-9:00 a.m.

at St. Mary: Available before every
Mass (in parish hall)

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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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PARISH LIFE

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Dianne Allen, Scott Bayless, Dan Castillo, Judy Chovanec, Margie Chovanec, Cherie Coufal, Bennie Daricek, John Dennis, Brian Fruge, Waldine Fruge, Gilbert Gerik, Hannah Glenn, Janet Sladek Grayson, Dan Hall, Bernita Hlinsky, Alois Janish, Dcn. Robert Jasek, Christine Kaspar, J.D. Kovar, Betty Jean Kulhanek, Kathy Mabry, Leo Miller, Loretta Naumann, Rose Novosad, Jeanette Orsak, Garland Polasek, Kaycee Roesler, Bill Shock, Willie Socha, El Gene and Mary Ann Sommerfeld, Shelley Spears, Martha Staley, Margie Stancik, Barbara Ticken, 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.)

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES: Congratulations to the couples of St. John and St. Mary Parishes who are receiving certificates in the year 2020 for fulfilling their commitment to the Sacrament of Marriage. May the Lord's blessings of love, peace, and unity continue to dwell in their homes and hearts.

St. John Raphael & Verline Fellman – 64 years
Vernon & Barbara Hohensee – 63 years
El Gene & Mary Ann Sommerfeld – 62 years
Frank & Madeline Vitek – 61 years
Bill & Rose Graeter – 60 years
Robert & Violet Krenek – 60 years
A.K. & Janice Kasmiersky – 55 years
Jerome & Shirley Chovanec – 55 years
Bob & Delores Schmitt – 50 years
Joe & Diane Janish – 50 years
Erwin & Betty Kovar – 45 years
Peter & Kathryn Chovanec – 45 years
David & Patricia Stastny – 40 years
Joe & Amy Babin – 40 years
Ed & Frances Sula – 40 years
Edward & Jean Muske – 35 years
Lee & Becky Matocha – 35 years
Ken & Barbie Ryza – 35 years
Emil & Mendee Sodolak – 30 years
Brian & Janell Warschak – 25 years
Robbie & Theresa Byers – 25 years
Justin & Michelle Huebner – 15 years

St. Mary Robert & Lorene Balzer – 63 years
Lawrence & Vlasta Korenek – 62 years
Lawrence & Paulette Urban – 55 years
Lee Roy & Donna Shula – 50 years
Anton & Maggie Becka – 50 years
Darryl & Janet Bradley – 45 years
Matthew & Caroll Mikulenska – 45 years
Dave & Lisa Weishuhn – 35 years
Mark & Sheri Schmitt – 25 years
Donnie & Wendy Becka – 25 years
Kevin & Amanda Keilers – 15 years



MASS INTENTIONS

There are Mass openings for 2021. 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.

LITURGICAL DUTIES LISTS are available at the entrance of the church and on the parish websites on the "Mass Times" page.

BABY BANKS ARE COMING! Beginning next weekend, look for the "Baby Bank" at each parish to begin donating to the Baby Bank campaign helping Pro-Life efforts in our parish and diocese!



THANK YOU to all who decorated St. John and St. Mary churches, and anyone who helped in any way to make our Christmas liturgies so beautiful. Thank you for your commitment and dedication to your parish and to our Lord.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS NEXT WEEKEND will be for the Cemetery at St. Mary and Faith Formation at St. John.

FAITH FORMATION: Classes have been dismissed for the Christmas holidays and will resume on Wednesday, **January 6**.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS at St. John will be removed after the 10:00 a.m. Mass of *the Baptism of the Lord* on Sunday, **January 10**. All high school students and anyone wishing to help should be at the church by 11:00 a.m.

ST. JOHN AND ST. MARY PARISHES WOULD LIKE TO WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS by gifting you the book, *"Do Something Beautiful for God: The Essential Teachings of Mother Theresa."* Please take a book found in the baskets located at the church entrance. On these pages, you will find remarkable insight into the depths of Mother Theresa's heart, mind, soul, and life. They will comfort you in your affliction and afflict you in your comfort. But most of all, in the midst of all this activity and noise of your life, you will hear Mother Teresa encouraging you by gently saying: Do something beautiful for God with your life!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS officers meeting will be held on Monday, **January 4**, at 6:30 p.m., in St. John's Parish Hall.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

- **MONTHLY MEETING** will be on Tuesday, **January 5**, at 6:30 p.m. in St. John's Parish Hall.
- **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. The deadline to return entries is **February 1**. For more information, 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**.

ST. MARY'S ALTAR SOCIETY will socially distantly meet on Wednesday, **January 6**, at 1:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Bring your mask! There will not be a meal.

ST. JOHN'S PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS: It is time, once again, to select new members to our Pastoral Council. We have appreciated the service from Emil Sodolak, John Spiess and Paul Estrada during this last term. The other current members are Johnathan Noska, Leslie Little, Wanda Frisch, Jeanne Schilling, Karley Gayten, and Priscilla Malota. Please submit your nominations for the council by Sunday, **January 10**, in order to have your nomination entered into the selection that will take place at the council meeting on Thursday, **January 14**.

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YEAR OF THE DOMSETIC CHURCH

Today, on the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, is the Inauguration of the Year of the Domestic Church in the Diocese of Austin, under the patronage of St. Joseph. Throughout the next year, we will focus on twelve monthly themes with accompanying resources. No matter whether your household is a home of one person or a family of many, we are all called to bear witness to and share the Gospel with our families and within our households. We ask for the intercession of St. Joseph that we may experience the merciful love of God throughout the next year as we grow in faith in our household, personal and parish family.



CIVILIZE IT: EVALUATION

"Listen to and follow Jesus, and . . . allow yourselves to be transformed interiorly by his words, which 'are spirit and life' (Jn 6:62). . . . It will help you to participate in a communal journey that is able to release the best energies in you and around you." - Pope Francis, Message for World Day of Prayer for Vocations, 5/11/14

Evaluation of our efforts and actions should be a regular part of our work and ministry. By taking the time to evaluate and reflect, we can improve our efforts and ensure that our work flows from our relationship with Christ, which is always undergoing growth and transformation. Evaluation is essential. It can help us identify where we are doing well and where we need to improve. It also creates a space for us to hear where the Holy Spirit might be guiding us. As disciples of Jesus, we pray together, reach out together, learn together and act together. How is our faith community doing in each of these areas? Visit <https://www.wearesaltandlight.org> for a sample evaluation process and assessment tool to get you started.

THE PARISH OFFICE will be closed on New Year's Day.

Catholic Social Teaching Corner

December 26-27 Feast of the Holy Family

Today we celebrate that God is redeeming us and the world through Christ's birth, life, death and resurrection in a real human family. God is incarnate in the midst of our chaotic world because he desires to free us from sin, fear and death. As we meditate with gratitude this great gift of love, our minds and hearts must remember our brothers and sisters whose need may overcome any sense of gratitude. This day pray for those who are alone and without the love of family around them, for families living in cars or on streets, for those who will starve this day. God is saving them, but are we being neighbor and family to them?

Diciembre 26-27 Festividad de la Sagrada Familia

Hoy celebramos que Dios nos redime a nosotros y al mundo a través del nacimiento de Cristo, su vida, muerte y resurrección dentro de una familia humana real. Dios es encarnado en medio de nuestro mundo caótico por que desea liberarnos del pecado, del miedo y la muerte. Mientras meditamos con gratitud sobre este gran don de amor, nuestras mentes y corazones deben recordar a nuestros hermanos y hermanas cuya necesidad supera cualquier sentido de gratitud. Este día ore por aquellos que están solos y sin amor familiar a su alrededor, por familias que se encuentran viviendo en autos o en las calles, por aquellos que pasan hambre hoy. Dios los salva, pero ¿estamos siendo buen prójimo para ellos?

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.

2021 BREAKING BREAD MISSALS—without covers—are at the entrance of the church for those who would like to take a missal home for your personal use here and at home. Please remember to take it home with you after Mass. Do not leave it in the pew.

2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available at the parish office, if you have not picked them up already. 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.**

THE MOBILE FOOD PANTRY will be at St. John on Thursday, **January 14**, 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.

OTHER NEWS

THE SECRETARIAT OF LIFE, CHARITY, AND JUSTICE OF THE DIOCESE OF AUSTIN is continuing to host a webinar series designed to explore the promotion of human life and dignity and the challenges of evangelization in contemporary society, lay leadership, poverty, and injustice. These virtual gatherings bring together parish leaders whose faith inspires them to respond to these challenges. Join the conversation online Thursday, **January 7**, from 7 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on the topic of Racism, Prejudice, and Migration. Sign up at www.austindiocese.org/christ-our-hope.



MASS FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE: Commemorating the Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., will take place on **January 9**, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Parish in Killeen. Bishop Joe Vasquez will celebrate the Mass for Peace and Justice to break down the dividing walls of hostility in society. Vincentian Fr. Kevin P. Fausz of San Antonio will preach. Let us come together to pray for life, charity, and peace as we endeavor to become drum majors for justice!

SAVE THE DATE for the Texas Catholic Pro-Life Day Mass for Life! On **January 23**, join the Diocese of Austin for a Rosary of Mercy and Healing at 9:00 a.m., and Mass beginning at 10:00 a.m. Due to the pandemic the number of Masses have increased to accommodate all who will come to pray for an end to abortion. Masses will be livestreamed.

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ST. JOHN LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTOR

Mary, Mother of God Vigil (6:00 p.m.) – Kathleen Kramr
Mary, Mother of God (10:00 a.m.) – Lee Matocha
Saturday – Theresa Keilers
Sunday – Cindy Garwood

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Mary, Mother of God Vigil (6:00 p.m.) – Mary Quiros, Nikki Beseda
Mary, Mother of God (10:00 a.m.) – John Spiess, Lori Spiess
Saturday – Annette Little, Leslie Little
Sunday – Joe Babin, Amy Babin

ALTAR SERVERS

Mary, Mother of God Vigil (6:00 p.m.) – Jacob Nigh, Peyton Jurecka, Paige Jurecka
Mary, Mother of God (10:00 a.m.) – Scotti Beseda, Logan Ponick, Mackenzie Poncick
Saturday – Kara Jurecka, Gregory Huebner, Lydia Huebner
Sunday – Marissa Halamicek, Ricky Schilling, Luke Beseda

ALTAR DUTY FOR JANUARY

Theresa Keilers, Mary Georig, Lexxus Zika, Kathleen Kramr

USHERS FOR JANUARY

Saturday – Ronald Malota, Wesley Gaertner, Leonard Malota, Leslie Little
Sunday – Emil Sodolak, Allan Minarcik, Arlis Keilers, Christopher Kaspar

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Cemetery	Ronald Kramr	979-249-6152

ST. MARY LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTOR

Mary, Mother of God (8:00 a.m.) – Aimee Korenek
Saturday – L.J. Korenek
Sunday – Ashley Havel

ALTAR SERVERS

Mary, Mother of God (8:00 a.m.) – Stephen Korenek, Luke Korenek
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, Bradley Divin

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Feast of the Holy Family
December 27, 2020

Today, the Sunday within the Octave of Christmas, we honor the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. In honoring them, we also honor all families, big or small. And in honoring all families, we honor the family of God, the Church. But most especially, we focus in on the hidden, day-to-day life of the Holy Family of Nazareth. The Holy Family would have lived normal family life in every way. This is significant because it reveals God's love for family life. The Father allowed His Divine Son to live this life and, as a result, elevated family life to a place within the Trinity. The holiness of the Holy Family reveals to us that every family is invited to share in God's divine life and to encounter ordinary daily life with grace and virtue.

FAMILY CONNECTION

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Luke 2:22-40

Mary and Joseph present Jesus at the Temple in accordance with the Law of Moses.

Today's celebration of the Feast of the Holy Family highlights the importance of family in our religious life. We know that Mary and Joseph's faithfulness to God enabled them to cooperate in God's plan for our salvation by accepting the responsibility to raise God's Son, Jesus. Simeon's prophecy about Mary's sorrow and the grief she would experience at the foot of Jesus' cross alerts us to the importance of a family's commitment to one another, a commitment that is expressed in both good times and bad.

Gather as a family and recall times when your family showed its commitment to one another in good times and in bad. Conclude in prayer together the "Our Father."

Mary, Mother of God – A Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday, DECEMBER 31
 Vigil Mass - 6:00 p.m. at St. John

Friday, JANUARY 1
 8:00 a.m. - St. Mary
 10:00 a.m. - St. John

