

St. Mary Catholic Church

Est. 1855

Mission Parish

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



MASSES

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday at 7:00 a.m.

For the People

Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.

Johnnie & Estella Srceek †

Thursday at 6:00 p.m.

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Bordovsky/Hrachovy Family †

Friday at 6:30 p.m.

Garland C. Polasek †

Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

Susan Buchanan & Emil Matura †

Sacrament of Reconciliation

60 to 20 minutes before Mass

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Est. 1870

207 E. Bell St.
Fayetteville

www.stjohnfayetteville.com



MASSES

Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.

Julia Ryza †

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday at 12:15 p.m.

Lorena Canik †

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

Kyla Drozd †

Thursday at 7:00 a.m.

Edgar Crenek †

Friday at 7:00 a.m.

Charles Heno †

Saturday at 7:30 a.m.

Sylvester & Alma Schmitt †

Saturday Vigil at 6:00 p.m.

Curtis Nitschke †

Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

For the People

Sacrament of Reconciliation

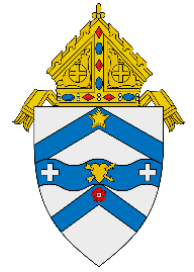
Saturday: 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Wednesday 6:00-6:30 p.m.

(not on Ash Wednesday)



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, March 18, 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 SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 23, AD 2020

ST. JOHN'S & ST. MARY'S NEWS

PLEASE PRAY FOR: T.J. Beck, Brandon Benson, Margie Chovanec, Adell Coufal, Bennie Daricek, Paul Estrada, Brian Fruge, Waldine Fruge, Hannah Glenn, Dan Hall, Randy Hoelscher, J.D. Kovar, Jordan Lee, Anita Marek, Johnny Marek, Susan Lee, Leo Miller, Veronica Miller, Dr. Tom Mueller, Garland Polasek, Joe Simpson, Larry Sodek, 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 – ASH WEDNESDAY, February 26

- ✓ **Grades K-6** will meet at 6:00 p.m. for class, followed by 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Mass. Students may go sit with their parents during Mass.
- ✓ **Grades 7-12** will meet in church for Ash Wednesday Mass, followed by class. Classes will be dismissed at 8:30 p.m.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

The CDA fundraiser, **meal, bake sale, and raffle**, is scheduled for next Sunday, **March 1**, at St. John's Parish Hall. Get your tickets now, for a delicious Bar-B-Q pork and sausage lunch to-go, before they're gone! Meal and raffle tickets can be purchased from any CDA member.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

- **MONTHLY MEETING** will be on Tuesday, **March 3**, at 6:30 p.m. in St. John's Parish Hall.
- **ALL MEMBERS** are asked to volunteer at the parish hall on Saturday, **February 29**, at 3:00 p.m. to prepare for the fundraiser.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIPS: Knights of Columbus members' children, graduating from High School this year are eligible. For an application, and information explaining the requirements contact Alvin Minarcik at (979) 249-7449.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

Save the date for these four classes to be offered at **Sacred Heart Parish in La Grange**:

- **"Evangelization & Catechesis"** will be offered on Saturday, **March 7**, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **"Learning Theory/Learning Styles"** will be offered on Saturday, **April 25**, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **"Theological Reflection"** will be offered on Saturday, **May 16**, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Registration forms can be found at the church entrance.

SPECIAL COLLECTION – Ash Wednesday

Each Ash Wednesday every parish in our diocese takes up a special collection for World and Home Missions. This special appeal helps Black and Indian missions in the U.S., as well as Catholic communities in Latin America, Africa and Central and Eastern Europe, by underwriting evangelization, religious education, education for future priests, and training for lay ministers. Thank you for your support.

"THE WORD AMONG US" booklets with the Daily meditations and complete Catholic Mass for Lent are available at the entrance of the church. Please take one to use this season.

ASCENSION LENTEN COMPANION PROGRAM: The group sessions begin this week on Thursday, **February 27**, and continue on the following five Thursdays, **through April 2**. They will start at 5:00 p.m. in St. John's Education Building, and will last about one hour. The books that go with the program will be given out at the first meeting.



CRS RICE BOWL: WE ARE CALLED

Join our faith community—and more than 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from the church entrance. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on the challenge of global hunger and on how it affects our human family.

PICTURES, PICTURES.....WE NEED PICTURES!



Please help us make our 2020 Parish Directory a great reflection of our parish families! Anytime you participate in parish events, remember to take pictures and then email them to the office. Include a description of the event, group and/or individuals with the pictures.

The following photography dates for families & individuals have been scheduled: **August 27-29** at St. Mary's Parish Hall and **September 10-12 & 17-19** in Fayetteville. Pictures may be taken at either location.

ASH WEDNESDAY RETREAT will be held on Wednesday, **February 26**, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton. Lent is a time to follow Christ even more interiorly as he shows us the way to live his Father's will. Franciscan Father Albert Haase, Brian Egan and Beverly Collin will lead this day. The retreat will include Mass and the distribution of ashes. For more information and to register, visit www.austindiocese.org/cedarbrake or call (254) 780-2436.

HEALING THROUGH THE HEART OF JESUS: The healing through the Heart of Jesus retreat is at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton, on **February 28 - March 1**. The retreat will focus on our identity as God's loved ones and on the wounds that prevent us from living that identity. Fr. Charlie Garza, pastor of St. Albert the Great Parish in Austin, is the presenter. The cost is \$250 for a single room, \$200 per person for a shared room and \$115 for commuters, and this includes meals.

CATHOLICS CARE—CATHOLICS VOTE:

In their statement on *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, the U.S. Catholic bishops remind Catholics about the call to participate in political life. "In the Catholic tradition," they write, "responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation" (no. 13). Click on the link at the top of our parish websites (stmaryvellinger.com or stjohnfayetteville.com) to watch videos that address this topic.



THE FAYETTEVILLE PTC ANNUAL DRIVE-THRU-

ONLY FISH FRY will be held Wednesday, **February 26**, (Ash Wednesday) at the FISD Cafeteria from 4:30-6:00 p.m. The \$10 plates will include fried fish, mac & cheese, pinto beans, cole slaw, a roll, and peach cobbler. Tickets can be purchased at the school office (979-378-4242) or at Fayetteville Bank.

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LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PRIESTHOOD AT PROJECT

ANDREW: The diocesan Vocations Office will host Project Andrew on Saturday, **February 29**, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at St. Mary Cathedral in Austin. This day is for single young men between the ages of 15 and 45. Come explore whether God may be calling you to be a priest, and gain valuable help in discerning God's plan for your life. Priests and seminarians from our diocese will witness to the adventure God has led them in their formation and ministry. Details are available at pa.godiscalling.me or call (512) 949-2495.

LENTEN MISSION IN BASTROP MARCH 8-10

Ascension Parish in Bastrop will host a Three Day Lenten Mission **March 8, 9 and 10** beginning at 6:30 p.m. each evening. Catholic evangelist Joelle Maryn will present "Spiritual Warfare & Healing." For more information, visit www.joellemaryn.com.

HOLY ROSARY MEN'S ACTS RETREAT: You are invited to spend a weekend with God on **March 19-22**. Applications are available online at www.holyrosaryacts.com, at the church entrance, or from any team member. Prayerfully consider giving yourself the gift of some time spent on Holy Ground.

FAYETTE COUNTY CARES PROGRAM: The Fayette County Sheriff's Department is proud to announce the launch of this free program that offers welfare checks by phone to elderly residents who live alone. Call frequency is based on individual need, and calls are made by screened volunteers. After a series of three failed attempts to reach the participant by phone, the Sheriff's office will dispatch a deputy to the residence.

Residents wishing to enroll can pick up applications at 252 North Washington Street in La Grange. You may also call (979) 968-1500 or email compassionateproviders@yahoo.com for more info.

Applications for anyone wishing to volunteer in this program are available as well. Volunteers must pass a background and driving history check to qualify.

Catholic Social Teaching Corner

February 22-23 -- Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Sunday's Gospel presents us with one of the most challenging statements from Jesus. We are called to love even our enemies. This formidable command is not anything we can accomplish by ourselves. Only God's love working in us can transform us so that we can love in this way. What would the world look like if we all surrendered to God sufficiently so that we all loved even our enemies? That is God's challenge and promise to us. Are we willing to let God help us to love that much?

Febrero 22-23 – Séptimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

El Evangelio de este domingo nos presenta con una de las frases más retadoras de Jesús. Estamos llamados a amar incluso a nuestros enemigos. Este formidable mandato no es algo que podamos cumplir solos. Solo el amor de Dios trabajando en nosotros puede transformarnos de manera que podamos amar de esta forma ¿Cómo se vería el mundo si todos nos entregáramos a Dios lo suficiente, de manera en que todos amáramos a nuestros enemigos? Ese es el reto y la promesa de Dios hacia nosotros ¿Estamos dispuestos a dejar a Dios ayudarnos a amar tanto?

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St. John the Baptist
Catholic Church

2020

Celebrating 150 Years

THE EARLY CZECH MORAVIAN IMMIGRANTS in this area attended Mass at a small log cabin church at Ross Prairie, and later at Live Oak Hill (current site of St. Mary) where that church was moved. The priests who took care of the church spoke German, and so the singing, sermon, and special prayers were all in German. This was a problem for the Czechs, since most of them could not understand that language. Worse, the language barrier prohibited the German-speaking priest to hear the confessions of the Czechs.

LENTEN CONFERENCE FOR WOMEN: "The Many Faces of Mary: Which one speaks to me?" will be held **February 29** from 8-3 p.m. at San José Parish in Austin. Father John Boiko will guide participants as they reflect on Lent as a time to make straight the path of our lives with Mary as our guide and counselor. For more information, contact Rosie Castillo at castillorg1999@yahoo.com or (512) 441-2748.

ST. JOHN'S NEWS

Sunday Offering: \$ 3,732.00
Online Giving: \$ 600.00

ALTAR SOCIETY RAFFLE PRIZE DONATIONS: Anyone wishing to donate a prize to the Altar Society's Fundraiser is asked to contact Cathleen Noska at (979) 249-5265 or Lorene Nitschke at (979) 378-2276 by **March 10**. If anyone has a quilt top they would like to donate for the raffle, please contact Madeline Kovar at (979) 378-2361.

ST. JOHN'S CEMETERY ASSOCIATION will meet on Tuesday, **March 3** at 6:45 p.m. at the parish office.

THE SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK will be for the Faith Formation Program.

ST. MARY'S NEWS

Sunday Offering: \$ 1,082.00
Online Giving: \$ 100.00

CONGRATULATIONS and best wishes to **Tripp & Claudia (Yebra) Manzella** who were united in the bonds of Holy Matrimony at St. Mary this weekend. May the Lord bless them with many happy years of marriage!



THE SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK will be for the cemetery maintenance.

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 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 Church**

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



THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
February 23, AD 2020

ST. JOHN LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTOR

Wednesday (12:15 p.m.) – Kathleen Kramr
Wednesday (7:00 p.m.) – Theresa Keilers
Saturday – Herman Schramm
Sunday – Janell Warschak

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Wednesday (12:15 p.m.) – Yvonne Smith, Mary Quiros, Ronnie Kramr
Wednesday (7:00 p.m.) – Paulette Keilers, Kayla Kaspar
Saturday – Andrew Keilers*(H), Theresa Keilers(H), Pat Geistmann(H), Addie Dybala(C), Madeline Kovar(C), Betty Kovar(C), Karley Kasmiersky(C)
Sunday – Rick Schilling(H), Lee Matocha*(H), Jeanne Schilling(C), Becky Matocha(C), Janell Warschak(C), Nikki Beseda(C)

ALTAR SERVERS

Wednesday (7:00 p.m.) – Marissa Halamiccek, Cole Brackman, Wade Halamiccek
Saturday – Kara Jurecka, Dustin Canik, Emma Jurecka
Sunday – Mackenzie Poncik, Logan Poncik, Ricky Schilling

GIFT BEARERS

Wednesday (12:15 p.m.) – Vernon Hohensee Family
Wednesday (7:00 p.m.) – Kory Kaspar Family
Saturday – Jimmie Schmitt Family
Sunday – Rick Schilling Family

ALTAR DUTY FOR MARCH: Lois Kaspar, Lisa Simpson, Susan Schramm, Amy Babin

USHERS FOR MARCH

Saturday – Ronald Malota, Wesley Gaertner, Robert Janish, Lois Kaspar
Sunday – Joe Babin, Lee Matocha, Vernon Hohensee, Edward Muske

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K.J.Z.T.	Rose Rohde	979-249-3635
K.J.T.	Emil Sodolak	979-249-3952
Hall Rental	Parish Office	979-378-2277
Cemetery	Ronald Kramr	979-249-6152

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE

February 26, 2020



St. Mary	7:00 a.m.	St. John	12:15 p.m.
	5:30 p.m.		7:00 p.m.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

St. John – Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. followed by
Mass
St. Mary – Fridays at 6:30 p.m. followed by
Mass

ALL FRIDAYS IN LENT ARE DAYS OF ABSTINENCE
 (This means you do not eat meat on Fridays.)

ST. MARY LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTOR

Wednesday (7:00 a.m.) – L.J. Korenek
Wednesday (5:30 p.m.) – Jo Ann Divin
Friday – Donna Shula
Sunday – Rober Balzer

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Wednesday (5:30 p.m.) – Aimee Korenek, Jo Ann Divin
Friday – Luke Orsak
Sunday – Aimee Korenek, Lee Roy Shula, Jan Jurecka

ALTAR SERVERS

Wednesday (5:30 p.m.) – Stephen Korenek, Emily Polasek
Friday – Kole Schmitt, Klayten Schmitt
Sunday – Rylee Fritsch, Julie Korenek

GIFT BEARERS

Wednesday (5:30 p.m.) – Bradley Divin Family
Sunday – Lee Roy Shula Family

USHERS FOR MARCH

Alfred Ermis, Jim Sula, Mark Matocha, Anton Becka

ST. MARY CONTACTS

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LENT begins on February 26 (*Ash Wednesday*) and runs through April 9 (*Holy Thursday*). During the Lenten journey Catholics are encouraged to pray and to read Scripture, to fast and to give alms.



Prayer – Lent is essentially an act of prayer spread out over 40 days. As we pray, we are brought closer to Christ and are changed by the encounter with him.

Fasting – Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. The norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, at the very minimum, a person must limit themselves to one full meal, and two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding from age 14 onwards. Other fasting can include fasting for certain periods of time, fasting from uncertain foods, but also fasting from certain activities (television or phone usage).

Almsgiving – The giving of alms is an effort to share our gifts – not only thought the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents.

This week, ask for God's grace as you explore how to help your family grow in the Spirit this Lenten sesason.