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

Weekly Offering: $835.00
Online Giving: $286.38

MASSES
Wednesday at 7:00 a.m.
Frank & Margaret Bilek †
Friday at 7:00 a.m.
Evelyn Vitek †
Fr. Peter McCabe †
Saturday Vigil at 4:00 p.m.
Mass for Life
Sunday at 8:00 a.m.
Leander Minar & Leonard Supak †
Sacrament of Reconciliation
60 to 20 minutes before Mass
(in parish hall)

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
Est. 1870
207 E. Bell St.
Fayetteville
www.stjohnfayetteville.com

Weekly Offering: $1,810.00
Online Giving: $426.05

MASSES
Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.
No Mass
Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
Lillie Kaderka †
Thursday at 7:00 a.m.
Barbara Sulak †
Saturday at 7:30 a.m.
Fr. Greg Romanski †

Saturday Vigil at 6:00 p.m.
For the People
Sunday at 10:00 a.m.
Graduates

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Wednesday 5:00-6:30 p.m.
Saturday 8:15-9:15 a.m.

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 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.
ST. JOHN’S & ST. MARY’S NEWS


MASS IS AVAILABLE FOR THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND MASS through several media outlets. Click the “Mass Broadcasts” button on our parish website for specific times and websites. Also, click the Facebook emblem “f” in the upper right corner of our website to access our Facebook page, where the Mass will be live streamed at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday.

THE DAILY MASS SCHEDULE HAS CHANGED

The schedule is as follows:

- Tuesday 6:00 p.m. at St. John
- Wednesday 7:00 a.m. at St. Mary
- Wednesday 7:00 p.m. at St. John
- Thursday 7:00 a.m. at St. John
- Friday 7:00 a.m. at St. Mary
- Saturday 7:30 a.m. at St. John

The Mass intentions for Thursday evening Mass at St. Mary will be combined with the Friday morning Mass, and the Friday evening Mass intention will be combined with the Thursday morning Mass.

PRAY TO THE FATIMA CHILDREN TO INTERCEDE FOR CORONAVIRUS:

The great influenza epidemic of 1918 stretched into the following year, bringing very harsh times for hundreds of millions around the world. Two of its victims, a brother and sister, became the two youngest non-martyred saints in the Catholic Church — St. Francisco Marto and St. Jacinta Marto. Of course we know them as two of the three seers of Fatima. Both suffered from the influenza and died from it.

After Francisco caught the flu, he suffered at home and died there. On the other hand, his sister Jacinta, was asked by our Blessed Mother if she wanted to suffer a little longer for the conversion of even more sinners. She gladly agreed to that. Before Jacinta was taken to the second hospital in Lisbon, her cousin Lucia asked Jacinta what she was going to do in heaven.

Jacinta answered, “I’m going to love Jesus very much, and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, too. I’m going to pray a lot for you, for sinners, for the Holy Father, for my parents and my brothers and sisters, and for all the people who have asked me to pray for them…” That last part includes us today.

Father John de Marchi described in his book how during the worldwide 1918 flu epidemic many made a pilgrimage to Fatima because they were already sick or frightened of catching the deadly flu. People processed with images of Our Lady of the Rosary and favorite saints. Although then very ill, Jacinta was there. Maria, the woman who was custodian of the Fatima chapel well remembered, “[The] people were weeping in sorrow over this epidemic. Our Lady heard the prayers they offered because from that day on, we had no more cases of influenza in our district.”

On May 13, 2000, in Fatima, during his homily beatifying them, St. John Paul II called Jacinta and Francisco “two candles which God lit to illumine humanity in its dark and anxious hours.” Now they can be intercessor candles for us.

EVENT UPDATES (Subject to change in accordance with regulations at the time)

- GRADUATES MASS: All graduates from our parishes (all area school districts) are invited to join us at the 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. John on Sunday, May 17, wearing their graduation cap and gown.
- CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS will have their monthly meeting on Thursday, May 28 at 6:30 p.m.
- K.J.Z.T, SOCIETY #10, ST. ANNE meeting scheduled for May 19 has been canceled. Meetings will possibly resume in August.
- FIRST COMMUNION: We will celebrate, with our second grade Faith Formation students, the Sacrament of First Eucharist at the 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. John Catholic Church on Sunday, May 31.

CRS RICE BOWL LENTEN PROJECT: Lenten alms donated through the CRS Rice Bowl participation support the work of Catholic Relief Services in roughly 45 different countries. Twenty-five percent of all donations to the CRS Rice Bowl program stay in our diocese, supporting hunger and poverty alleviation efforts. This year’s successful effort resulted in St. John Parish raising $388.40 and St. Mary Parish raising $251.85. Thank you for your generosity!

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS who will be ordained to the transitional diaconate on Saturday, May 30 and our deacons who will be ordained to the priesthood on Saturday, June 27.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF CENTRAL TEXAS is here to help during this time of financial stress. We offer financial stability services to help prevent homelessness and achieve financial security through case management, education, and emergency financial assistance. At Catholic Charities of Central Texas, we respect and uphold the dignity of every human person, beginning at the moment of conception. Our Gabriel Project Life Center offers free education, case management and material assistance to new or expectant mothers and fathers so they can give their children the best possible start to life. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (512) 651-6100 (Austin) or (979) 822-9340 (Brazos Valley).

WE ARE CALLED TO SERVE! Keep in mind, especially in this time of need, we are called to serve. Many people are feeling isolated and are experiencing a lack of joy. “As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace” (1 Peter 4:10). Consider sending a card or giving a call to someone living alone. Donate food to Amen Food Pantry in La Grange. And then, hopefully in the near future, we will be able to volunteer at Vacation Bible School, the annual Garage Sale, and Mobile Food Pantry. There are lots of opportunities, if we think outside the box, to serve others.

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS can be dropped off or mailed to the parish office. Or you can sign up for ONLINE GIVING. Visit the parish website’s “Make a Donation” page. If you need any help, please call the parish office. We really appreciate your support of our parishes in these troubled times.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 10, AD 2020
CIVILIZE IT: Civil dialogue can best be defined as the ability to enter meaningful conversation with people whose viewpoints may be different from our own, who have a different background or experiences, or who come to a different conclusion about the best way to promote the common good. We enter into civil dialogue because we want to build a community that is rooted in understanding one another. God’s love for each person requires us to remember that someone who disagrees with us is still a beloved child of God who deserves our love, respect, and care.

Tips for Engaging in Civil Dialogue:
1. Listen first and seek to understand the whole picture.
2. Ask questions for clarification.
3. Use ‘I’ statements; pay attention to body language.
4. Listen to what feelings are present and pay attention to how you respond.
5. Summarize what you’ve heard and ask for feedback.

Engaging in civil dialogue can help our faith communities create a new space to model love for our neighbors and respect for the dignity of all.

Catholic Social Teaching Corner
May 9-10 -- Fifth Sunday of Easter

This Sunday we hear of the first deacons who were tasked with a ministry of service. Today with the restoration of the permanent diaconate we have examples of men in our midst who connect the ministry of Word and sacrament to the ministry of service. Deacons are in our midst to call all the baptized to our common vocation to ensure that the common good is recognized and accepted.

Mayo 9-10 -- Quinto Domingo de Pascua

Este domingo escuchamos sobre los primeros diáconos que fueron encomendados con un ministerio de servicio. Hoy con la restauración del diaconado permanente tenemos ejemplos de hombres en nuestra vida diaria que conectan el ministerio de la Palabra y el sacramento al ministerio del servicio. Los diáconos están en medio de nuestra vida diaria para llamar a todos los bautizados a nuestra vocación común de asegurarnos de que el bien común sea reconocido y aceptado.

IN 1924 THE PARISH HALL was remodeled at the cost of $3,000. Four years later a new pipe organ was purchased for the church at a cost of another $3,000.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DECREES OF AUSTIN DATED APRIL 30
Beginning May 5, we will have public Masses! However, we will have to abide by the following safety guidelines:
- We encourage parishioners who over the age of 65, those with a heart condition or diabetes, or have other underlying at-risk conditions, or those who are sick, not to attend Mass and continue their participation from home.
- The dispensation to attend Mass remains in effect, for all those who are encouraged to stay home (see above), and with respect to people who may be considered physically well to attend, yet believe it best to stay at home.
- Concerning the celebration of Sunday Mass, the following accommodations will be made:
  - Social Distancing of at least 6 feet should be maintained at all times.
  - Hand sanitation opportunities are available for all entering the church.
  - Parishioners should be seated in the pews designated by signage or by an Usher.
  - Those of the same household may be seated together in a pew.
  - Masks should be worn by everyone attending Mass.
  - There will be a basket at church entrance for parishioners to make contributions when entering or exiting.
  - Due to our capacity limitations, if you arrive and are unable to attend, please know that you are dispensed for the obligation.
  - Due to this limitation, our parish will be having an additional Sunday liturgy. In addition to our normal weekend schedule, we will have a 4:00 p.m. Saturday Vigil at St. Mary.

To read the Bishop’s decree in full please, visit www.austindiocese.org.

ST. JOHN’S NEWS

SOME EASTER LILLIES have been removed from the Altar. The plants on the outside of the Church near the Choir area door are available to be picked up.

ST. JOHN’S ALTAR SOCIETY will have their next meeting on Tuesday, June 2, at 2:00 p.m.

ST. MARY’S NEWS

ST. MARY BAZAAR & RAFFLE preparations have begun. If you would like to make a monetary donation toward a prize for the raffle, please contact Mark or Lisa Matocha at (979) 378-2701.

ST. MARY ALTAR SOCIETY will have their next meeting in August. More details will be offered at a later time.
Dear God, Bless All of Our Moms Today!