

St. Mary Catholic Church

Est. 1855

Mission Parish

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



Weekly Offering \$ 1,641.00
Online Giving: \$ 626.19
Cemetery: \$ 230.00

MASSES

Wednesday at 7:00 a.m.
Theofil Henry Zatopek †

Friday at 7:00 a.m.
Leo Till & Larry Urban †

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 p.m.
Leroy Peschel †

Sunday at 8:00 a.m.
Patrick & Lisa Fagan †

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: \$ 3,742.00
Online Giving: \$ 770.00
Faith Formation: \$ 677.00

MASSES

Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.
Leonard Svrcek †

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
*Alfred & Emma Canik, Earline Shimek,
and Raymond Canik †*

Thursday at 7:00 a.m.
Mass for Life

Saturday at 7:30 a.m.
Lorena Canik †

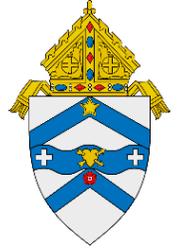
Saturday Vigil at 6:00 p.m.
For the People

Sunday at 10:00 a.m.
For All Catechists

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Wednesday 6:00 p.m.
Saturday 8:15-9:30 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
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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 TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
September 13, AD 2020

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Judy Chovanec, Margie Chovanec, Cherie Coufal, Bennie Daricek, John Dennis, Brian Fruge, Waldine Fruge, Hannah Glenn, Dan Hall, Robert Krenek, Sr., J.D. Kovar, Doris Matocha, Dr. Tom Mueller, Garland Polasek, El Gene and Mary Ann Sommerfeld, Martha Staley, Joyce Terrell, 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.)

FAITH FORMATION – Wednesday, September 16:

- **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.

If you have not already done so, please sign and return the Ministry Waiver that was sent to all parents as soon as possible.

Questions? Please call the office at 979-378-2277.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITY

Basic Teachings of the Catholic Church- Online

This course will be offered online via Zoom on the following dates:

Sacred Scripture on **September 19**

The Creed on **October 3**

The Sacraments on **October 24**

Morality on **November 7**

Prayer & Spirituality on **November 21**

All classes run from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. To register, please visit <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=GTWPGh>.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT 2020

This year's Confirmation retreat, for all Confirmation Candidates, will be held at St. John's Parish Hall on Saturday, **September 26**, from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

FAITH FORMATION CATECHISTS AND CATECHIST

AIDES: Catechetical Sunday will be observed the weekend of **September 19-20** at all Masses. The 2020 Catechetical Theme is "I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you." Father Steve will have a special commissioning for you, so please make plans to be present for one of the Masses that weekend.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Monthly Meeting will be on

Tuesday, **September 15**, at 7:00 p.m. in St. John's Parish Hall. Please note: No meal will be served. Remember your mask!

EVERYONE IS ALWAYS WELCOME AT MASS!

However, those that are 65 years of age or older with pre-existing health conditions that place them at higher risk, or those who are younger who have compromised immune systems or underlying health conditions are encouraged to participate in the service remotely by viewing the Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass on our Facebook page.

We have made changes aimed at keeping parishioners safe at Mass. Social distancing is practiced, hand sanitizers are used, and masks are required. We are also providing additional cleaning of the Church. We hope these accommodations will make all feel comfortable coming to worship. Please ask the ushers if you need help finding a seat, if you forget to bring a mask, or if you need other assistance.

Note: We do ask that anyone who has been exposed to or tests positive for COVID-19 to stay home and abide by CDC guidelines.

FOR THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND MASS, please visit the "Useful Links" page on our parish website, found under the "Events and News" tab, for specific Mass times and websites. Also, click the Facebook emblem "f" in the upper right hand corner of our website to access our Facebook page, where the Mass is live streamed **at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday.**

OLIVE WOOD NATIVITY CARVINGS made in Bethlehem will be available for purchase the weekend of **October 3-4** at both parishes. Christians living in the Holy Land have very few opportunities to make a living, but they continue to struggle to remain there, a people devoted to our most cherished holy places. Many of these families have become talented carvers in olive wood, passing the skills down through the generations. By purchasing their products, we can help ensure their future as a Christian presence in the Holy Land. What a great idea for Christmas gifts!



A WORD OF LIFE: EVERY SUICIDE IS TRAGIC

"Suicidal individuals—with or without a terminal illness—typically do not want to die... The person considering suicide is often asking, 'Does anyone want me to be alive, or care enough to talk me out of this request and support me through this difficult time?'"

During this Suicide Prevention Week, we can take time to remind ourselves that we don't have to be a mental health professional to make a difference in the lives of those who are struggling. There are simple things we can all do, such as learning the warning signs for suicide, advocating for suicide prevention legislation, and bringing education programs to your community. We can also learn about another type of suicide that is not often addressed.

Doctor-Assisted Suicide abandons vulnerable individuals, and does not allow attention to the patient's condition – at the medical, psychological, or social level. Instead, doctor-assisted suicide enables and increases access to a ready means to end one's life for those who are especially vulnerable due to a terminal illness.

Laws permitting assisted suicide communicate the message that, under especially difficult circumstances, some lives are not worth living. This tragically false message will be heard not only by those with a terminal illness, but by *any* person struggling with the temptation to end his or her life.

Please read this week's bulletin insert titled, "Every Suicide is Tragic" written by the USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities.

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND:

Every year on Good Friday, parishes in the diocese take up a special collection to support the work of the Franciscans working in the Holy Land. Christians there rely heavily on the help that comes to them from this worldwide collection. This year, as measures to prevent the spread of the coronavirus prohibited gatherings in our churches, the traditional Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land was postponed to **THIS WEEKEND, September 12-13**. May God bless you for your generosity to this most worthy cause.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF CENTRAL TEXAS: September is Disaster Preparedness month. At Catholic Charities of Central Texas, we aim to educate our communities in how to be prepared for a disaster and how to respond when it strikes. We offer our free preparedness presentations to help educate community members as well. Call 979-822-9340 for more information or to schedule a presentation.

THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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ETHICS IN MINISTRY: All clergy, staff, members of organizations, and ALL volunteers are required to attend an EIM workshop every three years. Temporary online EIM training is available at www.austindiocese.org/workshop. The training page includes instructions on how to login to your EIM account to find information you will need to provide in order to receive credit for completing the training.

NOTE: If you have not previously attended an in-person EIM Workshop, you may complete the online training, but you will need to attend an EIM Workshop *in person* within the year in order to remain compliant.

CIVILIZE IT: DEVELOPING LEADERS

“Creative and competent leaders-clerical and lay, professional and volunteer-are indispensable for effective parish social ministry. They deserve more assistance, encouragement, financial support, and tools to help them fulfill these demanding roles. Leadership development efforts and ongoing training help parishes strengthen their social ministry capacity.” – U.S. Catholic Bishops

In order to live out our mission of being salt and light to the world, our faith communities must invite, develop, and equip leaders for mission. We must form leaders skilled in sharing their faith, welcoming new members, planning, healing, cultivating diversity, and collaborating with others.

ST. MARY CHURCH IN ELLINGER is open for visitation from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sundays.

SUPPORT THE PARISH WHEN YOU SHOP! The parish of St. John the Baptist has teamed up with the Amazon Smile program. Amazon will donate 0.5% of your Amazon purchase to the parish **at no cost to you**. Visit <http://smile.amazon.com>, sign in to your Amazon account, search “St. John Catholic Church Fayetteville” and shop! For more info, visit org.amazon.com.

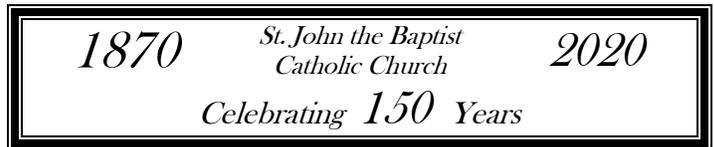
Catholic Social Teaching Corner

Sept. 12-13: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Gospel this Sunday on forgiveness points to the fact that from the beginning, members of the church disagreed on issues. The teaching on prayer reminds us that Christ must always be at the center of our lives and hearts. The myriad of ministries; the numbers of religious congregations and lay associations remind us that there are many ways to live the Gospel. In the midst of our differences, our faith and humility call us to focus on Christ who is the truth for all. How can you show forth Christ’s reconciling love this week?

Sept. 12-13: 24th Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Nuestro Evangelio sobre el perdón de este domingo apunta hacia el hecho de que desde el principio los miembros de la iglesia estuvieron en desacuerdo sobre algunos temas. La enseñanza sobre la oración nos recuerda que Cristo siempre debe de estar en el centro de nuestras vidas y corazones. La esencia de los ministerios; el número de congregaciones religiosas y asociaciones laica nos recuerdan que hay muchas maneras de vivir el Evangelio. En medio de nuestras diferencias, la fe y la humildad nos llaman a enfocarnos en Cristo quien es la verdad para todos ¿Cómo puede mostrar a los demás el amor reconciliador de Cristo esta semana?



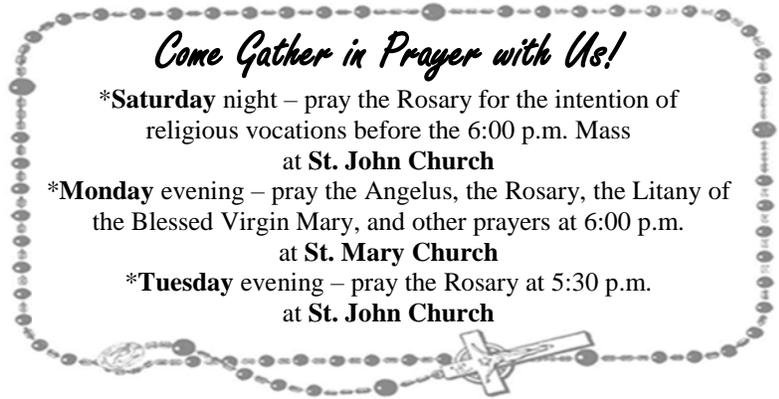
THE CURRENT CHURCH OFFICE for St. John Parish was built in 1964 and was originally a convent for the Sisters of Divine Providence.

HELP ME TO LET GO, LORD RETREAT will be offered via Zoom on **September 19** from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The retreat will be an honest consideration of personal attachments that we hold onto and thus hinder us spiritually. Michael Flahive, a trained spiritual director and adult faith formation presenter, will lead this retreat based upon the book “Addiction and Grace” by Gerald G. May. The cost is \$40.

ENGAGEMENT RETREAT: The “Together in God’s Love” weekend, **September 25-27**, has talks on faith, communication, sexuality and stewardship in the context of a Catholic marriage. For info see <https://www.austindiocese.org/marriage-prep-calendar-1>.

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH OF CORN HILL invites everyone to their annual Bazaar on Sunday, **September 20**, which, this year, will include a Drive-Thru only meal and a raffle. BBQ and Fried Chicken will be served from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., with Adult plates for \$12.

ST. ROCH PARISH OF MENTZ will have their 166th Annual “Modified” Picnic on Sunday, **October 4**. Mass will begin at 10:30 a.m. Activities will include a raffle drawing, a live auction in the pavilion, and a BBQ meal of beef, pork and sausage served in pre-packaged plates on site beginning at 11:00 a.m. All plates are \$13.00. Visit <https://saintrochparish.org/> for more information.



***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**

ST. JOHN’S NEWS

IN MEMORIAM: The Parish Family extends sympathies and prayers towards the family of *Leroy Peschel*, who died last week. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

ST. MARY’S NEWS

BE THINKING! St. Mary parishioners will soon have the opportunity to select new members for the parish council. Do you know someone who could benefit our parish with their knowledge and ideas?

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ST. JOHN LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTOR

Wednesday – Grade 5
Saturday – Theresa Keilers
Sunday – John Spiess

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday – Sharon Martinek, Karley Gaytan
Sunday – Michelle Bertsch, Cindy Garwood

ALTAR SERVERS

Wednesday – Grade 4 (3), Grade 5 (1)
Saturday – Emma Jurecka, Peyton Jurecka, Kara Jurecka
Sunday – Luke Beseda, Scotti Beseda, Ricky Schilling

ALTAR DUTY FOR SEPTEMBER Nancy Gaertner,
 Angie Pavlicek, Suzanne Mattair, Veronica Ryza

USHERS FOR SEPTEMBER

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

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



FAMILY CONNECTION

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 18:21-35

Jesus teaches that we must forgive one another as God has forgiven us.

Children learn to trust God's mercy and forgiveness when they experience forgiveness from those closest to them. We hope that we model God's love and forgiveness within our family life. Today's Gospel reminds us that forgiveness is measured by its quality more than its quantity.

Read together today's Gospel. Ask if we sometimes find ourselves sounding like Peter, concerning ourselves with quantity of forgiveness rather than offering forgiveness abundantly and unconditionally. Reflect upon the parable that Jesus tells. What does the servant do that makes the king so angry? He refuses to forgive his fellow servant the debt that he owes. Because we have all received God's forgiveness, God expects that we will also be forgiving toward others. Jesus' answer to Peter's question is found at the end of the parable. The number of times that we forgive one another is less important than the depth of our forgiveness. We must forgive one another from the heart.

Conclude in prayer together that God's love and forgiveness is evident in your family life. Pray together today's psalm, Psalm 103, or the Lord's Prayer.

ST. MARY LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTOR

Saturday – Rose Urban
Sunday – Aimee Korenek

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday – Klayten Schmitt
Sunday – Julie Korenek

USHERS FOR SEPTEMBER

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

ALTAR FLOWERS **Sept. 19/20** – Pam Orsak
Sept. 26/27 – Mary Ann Zatopek **Oct. 3/4** – Martha Matura

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St. Robert Bellarmine
Doctor of the Church
September 17

Patron Saint of Catechists

Saint Robert Bellarmine, an Italian theologian and Jesuit, devoted his life to the study of Scripture and Catholic doctrine. His writings help us understand that **the real source of our faith is not merely a set of doctrines, but rather the person of Jesus still living in the Church today.** He was a cardinal, an adviser to popes, and a strong defender of the Roman Catholic position in the controversies stemming from the Protestant Reformation. He was particularly concerned about the poor. It was discovered at his death in 1621 that he had quietly given away all his money; there was not even enough left to pay for his funeral. He was canonized a saint in 1930.

This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 20, 2020. The 2020 theme is, *"I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you."* Those who the community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.