

St. Mary Catholic Church

Est. 1855

Mission Parish

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



Weekly Offering: \$ 1,433.00
Online Giving: \$ 191.38
Cemetery: \$ 152.00

MASSES

Wednesday at 7:00 a.m.
For Our Country

Friday at 7:00 a.m.
C. & J. Janacek

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 p.m.
*Healing for all affected
by COVID-19*

Sunday at 8:00 a.m.
The Petty Family

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Est. 1870

207 E. Bell St.
Fayetteville

www.stjohnfayetteville.com



Weekly Offering: \$ 7,845.00
Online Giving: \$ 1,261.05
Faith Formation: \$ 461.00

MASSES

Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.
Richard Gerik †

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
Bob, Rita, and Tommy Mecke †

Thursday at 7:00 a.m.
John & Lorene Kovar †

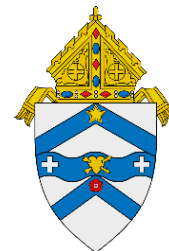
Saturday at 7:30 a.m.
*Lee Edward Baca &
Lee Edward Baca, Jr. †*

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

Sunday at 10:00 a.m.
Clemens & Eleanor Brokmeyer †



Pope Francis
Vatican City State



Bishop Joe S. Vásquez
Diocese of Austin



St. Martin 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, Alvin Minarcik, 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 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 *John Vincent Brugger* who was born into Our Lord's life through Baptism last week. May the Lord be with him and his family with all His blessings.

FAITH FORMATION – Wednesday, January 13

- **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.

A CALLED TO PROTECT FOR YOUTH session will be held on Wednesday, **January 27**, at 6:00 p.m. at the parish hall. **All 6th graders, as well as those 7th and 8th grade students who have not previously attended this workshop, are asked to attend. Additional information on the CTPY program has been mailed to the parents of the students.**

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

ST. JOHN ALTAR SOCIETY meeting is Tuesday, **January 12**, at 1:00 p.m. in the parish hall.

ST JOHN'S COUNCIL MEETINGS: The Pastoral Council meeting will take place on Thursday, **January 14**, at 6:30 p.m. We will be selecting three new members at this time. The Finance Council will meet Tuesday, **January 26**, at 6:45 p.m.

ST MARY'S COUNCIL MEETINGS: The Pastoral Council meeting will be on Thursday, **January 21**, at 6:30 p.m. The Finance Council will meet Thursday, **January 28**, at 6:30 p.m.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS regular meeting is Tuesday, **January 19**, at 7:00 p.m. in St. John's Parish Hall.

ST. JOHN'S PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS: It is time, once again, to select new members to our Pastoral Council. We 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 **TODAY** in order to have your nomination entered into the selection that will take place at the council meeting on Thursday, **January 14**.

GIVE BLOOD, THE GIFT OF LIFE! A blood drive will take place from 8:00 a.m. – noon on Saturday, **January 16**, on the Fayetteville square, sponsored by KC Council 3168. To sign up, call Jonathan Noska at (979) 966-9569 or go online to www.commitforlife.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/32422.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

- **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 also 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**.

THE "BABY BANKS" ARE HERE! This year, we are not sending home banks with you. When you come to Mass, look for the baby bottle "Baby Bank" in each Church. Be sure to bring your loose change and extra dollars every week from now through the end of March to fill the bottles. The Baby Bank campaign supports the Pro-Life efforts in our parish and diocese!



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.



YEAR OF THE
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January Theme: Vocations

Next weekend, **January 16-17**, every parish in the Diocese of Austin will be participating in a new initiative: **Called by Name Sunday**. God has known each one of us by name from all eternity and has a particular calling for us to follow. Called by Name Sunday is about listening and responding to God's call. As you listen to the Word of God proclaimed at Mass next weekend, please think of the men and women who you know and believe might have a calling to the priesthood or religious life and help us reach out to them by visiting [Called By Name — Austin Vocations \(godiscalling.me\)](http://CalledByName—AustinVocations.godiscalling.me) and sharing their name so that we can send them a letter of encouragement. While God is the one who calls, He often uses our voice. Brothers and sisters, with your help, we can make Called by Name Sunday a great success. May all of us listen to God's call and follow where He leads. Be assured of our prayers for you as we continue to build a culture of vocations in our diocese.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

THE 2021 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES are available at the parish office. **Please place your name on the first few envelopes.** *Currently, we are not 'passing the baskets' for our collections. Please place your offering in the baskets in the back of the Church.* Also, **ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE** for your weekly, monthly or one-time donations. No need to write checks or remember your envelope... Just complete an authorization form found at the entrance of the Church and return it to the parish office, or sign yourself up on the parishes websites' "Make a Donation" page.

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ROSARY GROUPS pray the Rosary at St. Mary on **Mondays** at **6:00 p.m.** and at St. John on **Tuesdays** at **5:30 p.m.**

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.



FOR THOSE PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE

Couples planning to marry should contact their priest or deacon at least six months prior to their wedding date in order to begin the marriage preparation process. Your parish is always the best choice for your marriage preparation. Your parish priest is part of your spiritual lives. Schedule an appointment with a priest in your parish.

REPORT ABUSE of a minor, elderly adult or an adult with a disability to local law enforcement or to the Texas Abuse Hotline at www.txabusehotline.org or (800) 252-5400 and to the diocese at www.austindioocese.org/report-abuse or (512) 949-2447.

Catholic Social Teaching Corner

January 9-10, Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

In today's Gospel, we see the Blessed Trinity unfold. As John baptizes Jesus, the Holy Spirit descends and God says, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” Just as Jesus went forth to do good and heal the oppressed, we too go forth with the help of the Holy Spirit to do good and help our brothers and sisters in need. How can we help those in need around us? How do we continue to do the good work of Christ?

Enero 9-10, Festividad de Bautismo del Señor

En el Evangelio de hoy, vemos a la Santísima Trinidad desplegarse. Mientras Juan bautiza a Jesús, el Espíritu Santo desciende y Dios dice, “Este es mi hijo, el Amado; en Él me complace”. Tal como Jesús salió a hacer el bien y curar a los oprimidos, nosotros también salimos, con la ayuda del Espíritu Santo a hacer el bien y a ayudar a nuestros hermanos y hermanas necesitados ¿Cómo podemos ayudar a aquellos necesitados a nuestro alrededor? ¿Cómo continuamos haciendo el buen trabajo de Cristo?

OTHER NEWS

HOPE-HEALTHY OPTIONS PROGRAM: Note the change **this month!** Central Texas Food Bank's HOPE program will distribute groceries to clients, aged 55 and up, on **FRIDAY, JANUARY 15**, from 2:00-3:00 p.m.

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.

THE 9 DAYS FOR LIFE NOVENA FOR LEGAL PROTECTION OF HUMAN LIFE

starting **January 21**, is a multi-faceted novena for the respect and protection of every human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Sign up to receive the novena by email, text message, or via an app at www.9daysforlife.com. For the nine-day novena with reflections, prayers, acts of reparation, and more, please visit the USCCB website.



TOTAL CONSECRATION TO JESUS THROUGH MARY

Join others in the diocese as they prepare for Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary. The 33 days of preparation prayer begins **February 20**. Visit www.TexasToJesusThroughMary.org by **January 23** to receive your FREE Montfort preparation prayer book by mail and/or to get more information. Prayers are done privately in homes using this consecration preparation book.

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.

THE PEACE PRAYER RETREAT will be held **January 15-17** at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton. The Peace Prayer, attributed to St. Francis of Assisi, has become part of the religious consciousness of believers throughout the world and one of the most recognizable and beloved prayers. Based upon his latest book, “Soul Training with the Peace Prayer of St. Francis,” Franciscan Father Albert Haase will explore the implications of the Peace Prayer and how it can shape the contours of the soul by challenging us to lives of service and selflessness. The cost is \$265 for a private room and \$215 for a shared room, all meals included. To register, go to <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=xj3j7a>.

NINTH ANNUAL CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

entitled “Come Follow Me”, will be held Saturday, **February 20**, from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at St. William Catholic Church in Round Rock. The conference is presented by the Central Texas Fellowship of Catholic Men. It will feature Mass with Bishop Joe Vásquez, and presentations by Dr. Tim Gray, Father Basil Aguzie, Matt Birk and more! Tickets are \$55 and virtually for \$25. Visit <http://centexatholic.com/mens-conference> for more information.

JOIN AREA MEN AND WOMEN FOR AN HOUR OF PRAYER

on Thursdays at the La Grange KC Hall. A scripture passage, prayerful reflection and discussion occur to help keep God's word alive during the week. Men meet at 6:30 a.m.; women meet at noon. Come and grow in our beautiful Catholic faith!

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ST. JOHN LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTOR

Wednesday – Grade 5
Saturday – Yvonne Smith
Sunday – John Spiess

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Wednesday – Nikki Beseda
Saturday – Kathleen Kramr, Ronnie Kramr
Sunday – Lee Matocha, Paulette Keilers

ALTAR SERVERS

Wednesday – Grade 4 (3), Grade 5 (1)
Saturday – Lydia Huebner, Kara Jurecka, Gregory Huebner
Sunday – Scotti Beseda, 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

ST. JOHN CONTACTS

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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

A Note from the Pastor



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

With his Apostolic Letter "Patris corde" ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis describes Saint Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows. With the Apostolic Letter, Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. In 1870 Blessed Pope Pius IX declared St. Joseph the "Patron of the Universal Church". To celebrate the anniversary, Pope Francis has proclaimed a special "Year of St. Joseph," beginning on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception 2020 and extending to the same feast in 2021.

Bishop Joe Vasquez likewise has declared this year, a year dedicated to the "Domestic Church". In today's world, we need the spiritual fatherhood of St. Joseph to help us protect marriage and the family. Marriage and the family have always been under attack, but in modern times the threats have reached extraordinary heights. May we join Pope Francis and Bishop Joe in asking for the intercession of St. Joseph, patron of the Universal Church and the Domestic Family, to protect and guide us.

May you have a very blessed New Year.

Fu. Steve

ST. MARY LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTOR

Saturday – Donna Shula
Sunday – Aimee Korenek

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday – Rylee Fritch
Sunday – Luke Korenek

USHERS FOR JANUARY

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

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Today we celebrate the baptism of Christ in the Jordan. This is the second epiphany, or manifestation, of the Lord. The past, the present, and the future are made manifest in this epiphany. The most holy one placed Himself among us, the unclean and sinners. The Son of God freely humbled Himself at the hand of the Baptist.



By His baptism in the Jordan, Christ manifests His humility and dedicates Himself to the redemption of man. He takes upon Himself the sins of the whole world and buries them in the waters of the Jordan.

— *The Light of the World* by Benedict Baur, O.S.B.

The Work of Christmas Begins

- by Michael Dougherty

When the carols have been stilled,
When the star-topped tree is taken down,
When family and friends are gone home,
When we are back to our schedules
The work of Christmas begins:
To welcome the refugee,
To heal a broken planet,
To feed the hungry,
To build bridges of trust, not walls of fear,
To share our gifts,
To seek justice and peace for all people,
To bring Christ's light to the world.