

St. Mary Catholic Church

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



Weekly Offering: \$ 1,130.00
Online Giving: \$ 191.38

MASSES

Wednesday at 7:00 a.m.
Mary Till †

Friday at 7:00 a.m.
Joe & Mary Faldyn †

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 p.m.
Beatrice Hrachovy Baron †
Sunday at 8:00 a.m.
Carol Frenzel †

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Est. 1870
207 E. Bell St.
Fayetteville
www.stjohnfayetteville.com



Weekly Offering: \$ 3,609.00
Online Giving: \$ 740.55

MASSES

Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.
The Jacomini Family †

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
Charles Vasek †

Thursday at 7:00 a.m.
Frank & Agnes Stastny †

Saturday at 7:30 a.m.
Jean Sladek †

Saturday Vigil at 6:00 p.m.
Leonard Sodolak †
Sunday at 10:00 a.m.
For the People †



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

St. John: Wednesday 6:00-6:45 p.m.
Saturday 8:00-9:00 a.m.

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, Margie Chovanec, Gilbert Gerik, Janet Sladek-Grayson, Dan Hall, Alois Janish, Dcn. Robert Jasek, Christine Kaspar, J.D. Kovar, Betty Jean Kulhanek, Kathy Mabry, Nina Mascheck, Leo Miller, Loretta Naumann, Rose Novosad, Jeanette Orsak, Harold Peikert, Garland Polasek, Kaycee Roesler, Bill Shock, Shirley Sodek, El Gene and Mary Ann Sommerfeld, Shelley Spears, Margie Stancik, Barbara Tieken, 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.)

CONGRATULATIONS and best wishes to **Omar & Erin (Kelly) Castro**, who were united in the bonds of Holy Matrimony this weekend. May the Lord bless them with many happy years of marriage.

IN MEMORIAM: The parish family of St. John & St. Mary extends sympathies and prayers towards the families of *Ray Minar, Jean Sladek*, and of *Jerry P. Kulhanek, Sr.* who died last week. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

FAITH FORMATION – Wednesday, January 27

- **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.**

ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITY

“Christology”- This 16-hour course will be offered virtually, over four Tuesday’s—*February 2, 9, 16, and 23*—from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. each day. This course focuses on the people of the early church, from their call to discipleship to the formation of an active church. The faith journey of Jesus’ disciples will serve as a model for an examination of our own faith journey. To register, visit [Catholic Diocese of Austin Texas - Acceptiva](https://www.austindiocese.org/acceptiva).

ST. JOHN’S PASTORAL COUNCIL met on Thursday, **January 14**. Items discussed included:

- Five Year Plan Projects Update
- A Parish Directory – not currently scheduled
- Lighting was added to the cabinets and a First Aid Kit will be located in the church
- “Called by Name Sunday” for vocations
- Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent
- The Feast of St. Blaise and the blessing of throats
- Cost of *Word Among Us* subscription
- **New council members Richard Calloway, Betty Kovar, and John Kovar** were nominated and accepted.
- A special thanks to the departing council members Emil Sodolak and John Spiess.

The next meeting will be on April 8 at Thursday, 6:30 p.m.

ST JOHN’S FINANCE COUNCIL meets Tuesday, **January 26**, at 6:45 p.m. in the parish hall.

ST MARY’S FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING will be on Thursday, **January 28**, at 6:30 p.m.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS officer meeting will be held on Monday, **February 1**, at 6:30 p.m., in St. John’s Parish Hall.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

- **MONTHLY MEETING** will be on Tuesday, **February 2**, at 6:30 p.m. at St. John’s Parish Hall.
- **CDA EDUCATION CONTEST** entries for students in grades 4-12 and CDA members, are due **February 1**. Contact Suzanne Mattair at 979-249-3901 for questions.
- **CDA SCHOLARSHIPS:** The deadline to turn in applications for State and Local CDA Scholarships is **January 31**. Please Contact Donna Shula at (713) 818-1470 for applications.

YEAR OF THE DOMESTIC CHURCH

January Theme: Vocations

“Entrants to religious life are significantly influenced by a sense of call, example, and the encouragement of family and others ...”

A 2015 study conducted by the National Religious Vocational Conference on the role of the family in nurturing vocations to religious life and priesthood, found that family members of seminarians, priests and religious prioritized the practice of daily prayer, shared meals and family time, and engagement in service to the parish and community, more than Catholic families as a whole. These families suggest upholding priesthood and religious life as options for young people when they are exploring and considering their future ... and providing encouragement and support if they show interest.

Consider spending time sharing the Word of God together as a family– to practice listening as God speaks to our hearts, and to help one another discern the path God is calling each family member to, be it the married, single, or religious life.

MARK YOUR NEW CALENDARS for *Vacation Bible School 2021* to be held **July 19 – 23!** All adult volunteers must be EIM compliant. There is an online training for those who have already taken an in-person EIM workshop. For more info on the training, visit <https://austindiocese.org/workshop>. Planning for VBS will start, but is subject to change with any growing COVID-19 concerns.

KEEP FILLING THE BABY BANKS! Be sure to bring your loose change and extra dollars every week from now through the end of February to fill the bottles. The Baby Bank campaign supports the Pro-Life efforts in our parish and 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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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. If you have any questions or are a new volunteer, please contact Amy Babin at the church office at (979) 378-2277.

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.

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.

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Social distancing is practiced, masks are required, and hand sanitizer is available for use.

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.



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

Catholic Social Teaching Corner

January 23-24 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Sunday we hear Jesus first proclaim the Good News that the kingdom of God is at hand. As he began this ministry, he called a community to accompany and assist him, but they needed to leave their old lives behind. As we grow in discipleship, what is it that we need to leave behind in order to follow Jesus more fully? Are there attitudes or actions that are not in keeping with the kingdom values of Jesus that we need to abandon? The world and our culture cling to prejudices, racism, individualism, materialism and consumerism. Whose ways are we following, the ways of Jesus or the ways of the world?

Enero 23-24 Tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Este domingo escuchamos a Jesús proclamar la Buena Nueva de que el reino de Dios está cerca. Mientras él comenzaba su ministerio, llamó a una comunidad para que los acompañara y asistiera, pero esa comunidad necesitaba dejar sus vidas pasadas atrás. Mientras crecemos en nuestro discipulado ¿qué necesitamos dejar atrás para seguir a Jesús más plenamente? ¿Existen actitudes o acciones que no están de acuerdo con los valores del reino de Jesús que necesitamos abandonar? El mundo y nuestra cultura se aferran a prejuicios, racismo, individualismo, materialismo y consumismo ¿A quién seguimos? ¿a Jesús o al mundo?

OTHER NEWS

THE 9 DAYS FOR LIFE NOVENA FOR LEGAL PROTECTION OF HUMAN LIFE, a multi-

faceted novena for the respect and protection of every human life, continues **through January 29**. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Join thousands as we pray for the respect of life by visiting www.9daysforlife.com.



STUDY WEEK SESSIONS ON LITURGICAL TOPICS

Registration is now open for the 59th annual Southwest Liturgical Conference Study Week on **February 2-4**. Living through this pandemic, the presentations will explore the ways in which the liturgy and sacraments are signs of hope. There will be four general session speakers and 30 workshops over the three days. Bilingual workshops, workshops for RCIA Teams, and presentations on Liturgical Ministry, Liturgical Arts, Music Showcases and many more will be presented. Visit the SWLC website at <http://www.swlc.org/> for more information and to register.



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK, **January 31-February 6,** is a time to celebrate and support Catholic schools.

According to Bishop Vásquez, *“Catholic schools provide our youth and our young people with a solid Catholic identity. Our young people begin to understand and discover what it means to be Catholic. That is the greatest gift Catholic education gives. Not only do our Catholic schools provide excellent education and academic foundation so that young people will then have opportunities to find good jobs and good careers, but also they form the student’s mind, heart, and spirit.”*

There are 20 Catholic schools in our dioceses. We are blessed to have a local Catholic school – Sacred Heart School located in La Grange. To learn more about what Catholic Schools have to offer your family and children, please visit CSDATX.org.

VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON SERIES ON THE MYSTICS

St. Ignatius Martyr Parish in Austin will host a monthly series on Catholic Mystics presented by Holy Cross Brother Joel Giallanza from January to May. What might the Catholic mystical tradition have to say to our spirituality in today’s modern world? Brother Giallanza will explore the spirituality of Catholic mystics such as St. Francis of Assisi and St. Teresa of Avila. The full schedule of dates and topics can be found at st-ignatius.org/mondays-with-the-mystics. Come in person or stream online at home. All are welcome.

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 and virtually for \$25. Visit <https://centexcatholic.com/mens-conference> for more information.

THE 33 DAYS OF PREPARATION PRAYER for Total

Consecration to Jesus through Mary begins on Feb. 20. Prayers are done privately in homes using the consecration preparation book. Visit www.TexasToJesusThroughMary.org for more information.

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ST. JOHN LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTOR

Wednesday – Grade 5
Saturday – Herman Schramm
Sunday – Christine Wied

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Wednesday – Lori Spiess
Saturday – Karley Gaytan, Wanda Fritsch
Sunday – Kayla Kaspar, Jeanne Schilling

ALTAR SERVERS

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

A Note from the Pastor



My dear brothers and sisters,

In this weekend's Gospel we hear Jesus calling his disciples by name to come and follow him. Jesus likewise calls us to follow him. For some men He may be calling you to be a priest, and for some women, He may be calling you to be His bride, as a religious sister. If He has tugged on your heart in this way, I encourage you - do not be afraid. He loves you, and He came to give His life in order that you might have life to the fullest. If He is calling you to the priesthood or religious life, that tug inside of you will continue until you discern. There is nothing to fear and everything to gain, so have confidence and don't be afraid to explore your options.

I prayed for two years for my younger brother to answer God's call to become a priest. Every Friday morning from 2-3 a.m., I offered an hour in adoration. God never lets our prayers go unanswered; my younger brother accepted the vocation of marriage and has a wonderful family. And, although I was praying for my brother to be a priest, little did I know that God was calling me to the priesthood.

Our prayers don't change God's mind but rather open our hearts to see more clearly God's will. I am very blessed to have said yes to God's invitation to the priesthood, because it has brought me here today to be a part of this beautiful community.

What about you? Could God be calling you or someone you know? To be a soldier of God is a great gift and blessing, and the rewards are eternal. –Fr. Steve

ST. MARY LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTOR

Saturday – Rose Urban
Sunday – Ashley Havel

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday – Klayten Schmitt
Sunday – Julie 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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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

On September 30, 2019, the liturgical memorial of St. Jerome, Pope Francis announced that the **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time** would be celebrated as the Sunday of the Word of God.

To show that God is at the center of their lives, many families enthrone the Bible, the Word of God, in a visible place in their homes. By placing the Sacred Scriptures in a prominent place decorated with flowers and art, and by gathering at this spot for daily prayer, families show that God is present and active through his Word.

Enthroning the Bible in your home is easy. Simply pick a place where the Bible can be honored. The Bible should be placed where it will be seen regularly, but the location should be apart from the noise and confusion of the family entertainment. Place the Bible, opened to a favorite passage or the readings of the day, on a table or shelf. Decorate the area around the Bible with a cloth, flowers, and/or a candle—whatever makes sense to you. Use the [ritual prayer](#) found on the USCCB webpage when you gather as a family to enthrone the Bible.

Other ways to celebrate Word of God Sunday include, creating a weekly virtual group to discuss the Sunday Gospel with family and friends, giving the bible as a gift for birthdays and weddings, or making a list of your favorite bible verses!

BLESSING OF THE THROATS & CANDLES

This Feast of the Presentation of the Lord celebrates the presentation of Jesus in the Temple and His manifestation as the light of revelation to the world. In honor of this feast, candles will be blessed at all Masses on the weekend of **January 31**. The blessing of the throats in honor of St. Blaise Feast Day will also be the weekend of **January 31**.

