

St. Mary Catholic Church

Est. 1855

Mission Parish

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



Weekly Offering: \$ 1,632.00
Online Giving: \$ 151.38
\$ 1,783.38

MASSES

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.

*Garland C., Juanita, &
Garland W. Polasek †*

Wednesday at 7:00 a.m.

Lad Becka & Emma Rose Marek †

Friday at 7:00 a.m.

Ray Minar †

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 p.m.

*Harold & Ruth Vasek †
Norma & Alfred Zatopek †*

Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

For the People

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Est. 1870

207 E. Bell St.
Fayetteville

www.stjohnfayetteville.com



Weekly Offering: \$ 7,280.50
Online Giving: \$ 305.55
\$ 7,586.05

MASSES

Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.

No Mass

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Wednesday at 12:15 p.m.

Fr. Ben Mazurkiewicz †

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

Lee Roy Matocha †

Thursday at 7:00 a.m.

Lorene Holman †

Saturday at 7:30 a.m.

Adolphine Krenek †

Saturday Vigil at 6:00 p.m.

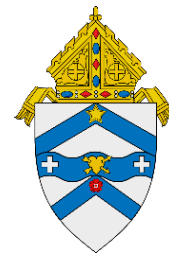
Claudia Bronikowski †

Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

Hugo & Irene Mascheck †



**Pope Francis
Vatican City State**



**Bishop Joe S. Vásquez
Diocese of Austin**



St. Martin Catholic Church

Historic Chapel

3490 State Hwy 237

Round Top (near Warrenton)

MONTHLY MASS

Tuesday, December 7, at 8:00 a.m.

For the intentions left on the altar

Sacrament of Reconciliation

St. John: Wednesday 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Saturday 8:00-9:00 a.m.

First Fridays 4:00-5:30 p.m.

St. Mary: Available before every Mass

Mailing Address and Contact Information

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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.

Administrative Staff

Lexus Zika

Sheryl Malinowski

Sue Zapalac

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 5, AD 2021

PARISH LIFE

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Hoyt Bell, Dan Castillo, Margie Chovanec, Brian Fruge, Waldine Fruge, Dan Hall, Bernita Hlinsky, Christine Kaspar, Kathy Knebl, Betty Jean Kulhanek, Helen Mikus, Leo Miller, Richard Mueller, Cynthia Niesner, Kaycee Roesler, Barbara Tieken, Nancy Klawinsky Till, Ben Tucker, Rick Vandel, B.J. Vasek, 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.)*

A BIG THANK YOU to all those who came out to help at the St. Mary workday. Your help was appreciated!

YOUTH CHOIR: The youth choir will sing for the Christmas Eve Mass at St. John on Friday, **December 24** at 5:00 p.m. Practices will be the Sundays of **December 12** and **19**, following the 10:00 a.m. Mass, and Tuesday, **December 21**. Students in grades 2 through 12 are welcome. For more information, call or text Rachel Schley at (979) 249-7501.

FAITH FORMATION 2021-2022

Grade 2 students and parents are to meet at the church Wednesday, **December 8**, at 6:15 p.m. All other students will not have class so that they can attend Mass for the Holy Day with their families.



DCYC 2022: All High School students are invited to celebrate their faith at the 2022 Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference, **February 5-6**, where hundreds of young Catholics from across the diocese will gather for a dynamic weekend. DCYC is packed with keynote speakers, smaller workshops, praise & worship, and fun free-time activities. Registration forms can be found on the parish website or at the church entrance, and must be returned by **December 10**.

CYM CHRISTMAS DECORATING: CYM youth will be decorating St. John Church on Sunday, **December 19**, after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. **All high school students** are asked to participate as we set up the manglers and decorate the church for Christmas. Parents are welcome to join; your help will be appreciated.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: To donate toward the purchase of flowers for the Altar at Christmas, you may use the Christmas Flower envelope provided at the entrance of the church. Please put the donation in the collection between now and **December 12**.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

- **OFFICER'S MEETING** will be on Monday, **December 6**, at 6:30 p.m. in St. John Parish Hall.
- **BAR-B-Q** chicken, sausage and ribs to-go will be served next Sunday, **December 12**, at 10:30 a.m. at the St. John Hall pits. Orders may be placed by calling (979) 249-6003. K.C. members to work starting at 5:00 a.m. are Ronnie Kramr's crew. The CDA will have side dishes available.
- **MONTHLY MEETING** will be on Tuesday, **December 21**, at 7:00 p.m.

KJZT #41, THE ANNUNCIATION will meet on Monday, **December 6**, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will take place at Mildred Walla's house. All members are welcome. For further information, call Mildred at (979) 270-1705.

ST JOHN'S ALTAR SOCIETY

- **WAY TO GO!** We had wonderful participation on this year's Thanksgiving food drive! A total of 380 lbs. of non-perishable food was donated to Amen pantry.
- **ST. JOHN'S ALTAR SOCIETY ADVENT PARTY** will be on Tuesday, **December 14**, at 1:00 p.m. All ladies are invited to this fun filled festive gathering. Bingo, food and a gift exchange will be enjoyed. More details to come!

ST. MARY'S ALTAR SOCIETY Advent Social will be Thursday, **December 9**, at 12:30 p.m. in the parish hall. A potluck meal will be followed by bingo and a \$10.00 gift exchange. Bring your favorite dish!

ST. MARY'S PARISH ADVENT DINNER will be held on Sunday, **December 19**. A catered dinner will be served at 12:00 noon with social time beginning at 11:00 a.m. If you plan to attend, sign up on the sheet at the church entrance or call the office. Please specify if you need to bring a meal to any homebound parishioners. RSVPs should be made by Sunday, **December 12**.

ANGEL TREE: The CDA has their "Angel Tree" up. This annual project supports both children and adults who are in desperate family situations. If you are able to fulfill one of the gift requests, please return the gift by **next Sunday, December 12**. Wrap it in a gift bag, put the "angel" tag on it, and leave the present near or under the tree. Thank you!



CDA ADVENT SOCIAL AND POTLUCK DINNER: All ladies of our parishes, young and old, are invited to the Annual CDA Advent Social and potluck dinner on Tuesday, **December 7**, at St. John Parish Hall starting at 7:00 p.m. Add this enjoyable Advent event to your calendar, and bring a friend to share the fun! If you wish to exchange gifts, bring a gift valued at \$7.00 - \$10.00.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

- **CDA SIDES:** If any members are able, please provide sides for the December KC BBQ. Thank you!
- **MONTHLY MEETING** will be Tuesday, **December 7**, at 6:30 p.m. at St. John Parish Hall.
- **COOKIES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS:** Each CDA member is asked to bring 5 to 6 dozen cookies to be delivered to senior citizens. You may bring them to the parish hall at the Advent Social or the morning of Wednesday, **December 8**. The packing of cookies will begin at 1:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed for this activity.
- **CDA EDUCATION CONTEST:** Students in grades 4-12 and CDA members may enter. **December 31**, 2021 is the deadline for entries. For more info, please contact Suzanne Mattair at 979-249-3901.



2022 MISSALS: We have a limited number of 2022 Missals available in the office for homebound parishioners.

THANK YOU to all who have given to the Catholic Services Appeal already! Our goal is 100% participation. If you haven't given yet, you may complete and return your pledge card via mail, by putting it in the collection basket or by making a secure gift online at austindiocese.org/csa. Your generosity is appreciated!

THE PARISH OFFICE will close at noon on Wednesday, December 8, in honor of the Holy Day.

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
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2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES with your name on them are on the tables at the entrance of the church. The boxes have been placed in alphabetical order. Anyone not having an assigned box, and wanting one, is asked to pick up a blank set. **EVERYONE using envelopes should place their name on the first few envelopes**, so we can be sure all information is accurate. *Please be aware that your number may have changed due to our database being updated.*

2021 RETIREMENT FUND COLLECTION FOR RELIGIOUS IS NEXT WEEKEND! Give in gratitude. A donor to the Retirement Fund for Religious writes, "I still remember the lessons the sisters gave us and how they instilled in us the love of our faith." Show your thanks for the prayerful service of elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Your gift to next week's second collection helps provide care, medicine, and more. Please be generous.

CLERICAL ENDOWMENT FUND CHRISTMAS CARDS are a good way to remember someone at Christmas and support the CEF. Purchase cards at the parish office, at Fayetteville Bank, or after Mass at St. Mary every second Sunday. For more info, call Donna Shula (979) 378-2749, or Margaret Kubala (979) 378-2877.

ONLINE EIM TRAINING WILL END ON JANUARY 2
Everyone who is due to renew EIM compliance, or whose compliance is coming due soon, is strongly encouraged to update your compliance now online – otherwise, after January 2, you will have to attend an in-person EIM Workshop in order to update your training status. Go to www.austindiocese.org/workshop to complete the online training today!

HOPE-HEALTHY OPTIONS PROGRAM: St. John's Hall is a distribution site for Central Texas Food Bank's HOPE program. HOPE is for persons 55 years and up. On the second Friday of each month, from 2:00-3:00 p.m., clients will receive a 15-20 lb. bag of groceries. The next distribution is Friday, **December 10**.

YEAR OF THE DOMESTIC CHURCH
December Theme: Hail Mary, Full of Grace



The *Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception* of the Blessed Virgin Mary, on **December 8**, is a BIG DAY. It probably doesn't seem like much but it is. A long time ago, God made Adam and Eve. At first, everything was perfect – humanity was in harmony with God and nature. But then the first parents went along with Satan and fell away from God. They disobeyed, and something else began: sin. Sin didn't stay with just them, it was passed down to those who came after them. This Original Sin became like a "spiritual gene" passed down to every person. You can almost hear Satan say, "That one's mine, and that one, and that one...they are all mine!"

Until one day, over two thousand years ago, a single little light shined out. It was the light of a single little baby girl in the womb of Saint Anne: Mary. To this one, Satan could NOT say "mine". This one did NOT have Original Sin. She was not in his kingdom. She was **in God's kingdom**. Just as the fall and sin began with Eve, the victory over sin would begin with Mary, the new Eve.

So on this special day we celebrate the first human person kept from Original Sin so that she could be the clean, pure mother of the savior and Son of God – Jesus. This day is the day when the ending of sin would begin. On this Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, it seems really appropriate to say what God said to Satan when He made Mary: **"Not Today Satan, Not Today."**

SUPPORT OUR PARISHES WHEN YOU SHOP FOR THE HOLIDAYS AT AMAZON! Visit smile.amazon.com, sign in to your Amazon account, and select **St. John** Catholic Church, Fayetteville or **St. Mary** Catholic Church, Ellinger as your organization of choice. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the parish you choose at no cost to you. For help or more info, visit org.amazon.com.

COME PRAY THE ROSARY WITH US! Prayer is powerful! Bring your intentions and come pray the Rosary at St. Mary on **Mondays at 6:00 p.m.** and/or at St. John on **Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m.**

OTHER NEWS

SACRED HEART PARISH IN LA GRANGE will have their parish Advent Mission, "Prepare for the Lord", on **December 14 and 15** with Father Jared Cooke. It will include talks, adoration and confession. This is a great opportunity to prepare your hearts during this Advent season!

BROTHERS, MIGHT GOD BE CALLING YOU TO THE PRIESTHOOD? *Heart of Jesus* is a discernment retreat for men. Take this opportunity to consider this question, listen to various talks by priests and seminarians, and socialize with brothers who are discerning the same questions as yourself. We'll also celebrate Mass and spend time in prayer and adoration. *Heart of Jesus* will take place at Cedarbrake Retreat Center in Belton from Wednesday, **December 15** at 6 p.m. to Friday, **December 17** at 1:00 p.m. Men 18 to 40 years old are invited. RSVP at www.godiscalling.me.

MARRIED COUPLES: Want to give each other something really special this Christmas? What could be a better gift for your spouse than the gift of yourself? The next Marriage Encounter weekend will be held **January 7-9** at the Wingate Hotel in Round Rock. See www.wwme.org for more information and to apply. At the bottom of the Home Page you can even download a special gift card to tuck into your spouse's Christmas stocking. For the upcoming January Weekend only, use this code when applying: GIFT20 for \$20 off the application fee. You can also sign up by emailing wwmeaustin@gmail.com or by calling 512-677-WWME (9963). Apply early to ensure a space!

Catholic Social Teaching Corner

Dec. 4-5 Second Sunday of Advent

"O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart" (Is 30:19,30). We are called to hope in the Lord who will indeed make all things new. May we be radiant signs of this hope as we witness our faith and love through helping the least among us.

Diciembre 4-5 Segundo domingo de Adviento

"Pueblo de Sión, que vives en Jerusalén: ya no llorarás más. El Señor tendrá compasión de ti al oír que gritas pidiendo ayuda, y apenas te oiga, te responderá." (Isaías 30:19,30). Estamos llamados a esperar en el Señor quien renovará todas las cosas. Seamos signos radiantes de su esperanza mientras damos testimonio de nuestra fe y amor a través del ayudar a los más pequeños entre nosotros.

**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
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ST. JOHN LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTOR

Wednesday (12:15 p.m.) – Addie Dybala

Wednesday (7:00 p.m.) – John Spiess

Saturday – Yvonne Smith

Sunday – Nikki Beseda

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Wednesday (12:15 p.m.) – Joe Babin

Wednesday (7:00 p.m.) – John Spiess, Lori Spiess

Saturday – Annette Little, Leslie Little

Sunday – Michelle Bertsch, Nikki Beseda

ALTAR SERVERS

Wednesday (7:00 p.m.) – Scotti Beseda, Luke Beseda, Mackayla Griffin

Saturday – Abigail Taylor, Paige Jurecka, Peyton Jurecka

Sunday – Wade Halamicek, Mackenzie Poncik, Logan Poncik

GIFT BEARERS

Wednesday (12:15 p.m.) – Vernon Hohensee Family

Wednesday (7:00 p.m.) – Rick Schilling Family

Saturday – Bradley Malota Family

Sunday – Justin Huebner Family

ALTAR DUTY FOR DECEMBER

Carrol Hollimon, Lisa Hollimon, Sara Vandel, Heather Jurecka

USHERS FOR DECEMBER

Saturday – Ronnie Chernosky, Robert Janish, Betty Kovar, Erwin Kovar

Sunday – Kenneth Noska, John Spiess, David Bertsch, Lee Matocha

ST. JOHN CONTACTS

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K.J.Z.T.	Mary Jane Toddy	979-249-6231
Hall Rental	Parish Office	979-378-2277
Cemetery	Ronald Kramr	979-249-6152

A Note from the Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We are beginning a new Liturgical Year and awaiting the coming of Christ at Christmas Day. The Church moves to a time of preparation and waiting in expectation for the Savior. Therefore, there is a need for all of us to prepare ourselves well.

The sacrament of Reconciliation (confession) is offered every week at the church. However, in the Advent and Easter seasons we expand the availability of the sacrament by bringing in additional priests to help. This helps us to ensure preparation for the Eucharist and, in a special way, to prepare our hearts to receive our Savior.

The penance services throughout the deanery will be posted in the bulletin weekly. May we have hope in God's mercy, and trust in the help of His grace to always stay close to Him. May you have a blessed Advent Season. God Bless you all. -Fr. Steve

Second Sunday of Advent



ST. MARY LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTOR

Tuesday – Jan Jurecka

Wednesday – L.J. Korenek

Saturday – Donna Shula

Sunday – Jo Ann Divin

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Tuesday – Jan Jurecka

Wednesday – Lee Roy Shula

ALTAR SERVERS

Tuesday – Briana Dybala

Saturday – Mickaela Snowden

Sunday – Julie Korenek

USHERS FOR DECEMBER

Saturday – Mark Schmitt, Mark Matocha, Bruce Kubena, Eduardo Alvarado

Sunday – Luke Orsak, Donnie Becka, James Korenek, Bradley Divin

ST. MARY CONTACTS

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Hall Rental	Parish Office	979-378-2277
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Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 7	6:00 p.m. – St. Mary
Wednesday, December 8	7:00 a.m. – St. Mary
Wednesday, December 8	12:15 p.m. – St. John
Wednesday, December 8	7:00 p.m. – St. John



ADVENT PENANCE OPPORTUNITIES

Fayetteville	Thursday	December 9	6:00 p.m.
	Thursday	December 16	6:00 p.m.
Ellinger	Friday	December 10	6:00 p.m.
Giddings	Friday	December 10	6:00 p.m.
	Saturday	December 11	1:00 p.m.
	Friday	December 17	6:00 p.m.
Rockdale	Monday	December 20	6:00 p.m.
La Grange	Tuesday	December 7	7:15 p.m.
	Wednesday	December 8	7:15 p.m.
	Tuesday	December 14	7:15 p.m.
	Wednesday	December 15	7:15 p.m.
Dime Box	Monday	December 13	7:00 p.m.
Lexington	Thursday	December 16	7:00 p.m.