

St. Mary Catholic Church

Est. 1855

Mission Parish

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



Weekly Offering: \$ 1,547.75
Online Giving: \$ 261.38
Immaculate Conception: \$ 491.00
Retired Religious: \$ 702.00

MASSES

Wednesday at 7:00 a.m.
Corey Marusik †

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Mass during the Night
Friday at 11:00 p.m.
For the People
Christmas Day
Saturday at 8:00 a.m.
For the People

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

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: \$ 4,141.00
Online Giving: \$ 1,994.68
Immaculate Conception: \$ 1,568.00
Retired Religious: \$ 2,109.00

MASSES

Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.
Jean Sladek †

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
Anton Halfmann †

Thursday at 7:00 a.m.
Barbara Hrachovy †

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

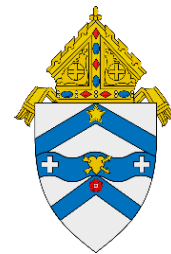
Christmas Vigil
Friday at 5:00 p.m.
For the People
Christmas Day
Saturday at 10:00 a.m.
For the People

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Sunday at 10:00 a.m.
Clem W. Gully †



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, January 4, 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: 30-15 minutes before every
Mass (excluding Holy Days)

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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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 19, AD 2021

PARISH LIFE

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Hoyt Bell, Dan Castillo, Margie Chovanec, Brian Fruge, Waldine Fruge, Dan Hall, Bernita Hlinsky, Christine Kaspar, Kathy Kneplik, 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.)*

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 TODAY, **December 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.



FIRST CONFESSION was celebrated last weekend by the 2nd grade Faith Formation students. May these students continue to receive the Lord's grace and blessings as they continue to prepare for their First Communion to be celebrated on **April 24**.

FAITH FORMATION: Classes have been dismissed for the Christmas holidays and will resume on Wednesday, **January 5**.

CYM CHRISTMAS DECORATING: CYM youth will be decorating St. John Church TODAY, **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.

CONFIRMATION will be celebrated on Sunday, **January 30**, during the 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. John. Please pray for our Confirmands, that they will be open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE CATECHETICAL RETREAT
The Annual Catechist Retreat will be on Saturday, **January 8**, at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in College Station from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The theme of the retreat is "Say the Word and my soul shall be Healed." All Catechists, Aides, substitute instructors, and anyone interested in serving in the Faith Formation of children or adults are asked to attend.

MASSES ON CHRISTMAS DAY must be the Christmas Masses and NOT the Anticipatory Mass for Feast of the Holy Family. Therefore, **we will not have the 4PM or 6 PM Vigil Masses for the Sunday Obligation Mass on December 25 as originally scheduled.** If you were scheduled to serve as a liturgical minister, please disregard those assignments.

USHERS: We need your help during Christmas. Please let the office know if you would be available to serve at one of the Christmas Masses.

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

ST JOHN'S COUNCIL MEETINGS: The Pastoral Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, **January 6**, at 6:30 p.m. We will be selecting three new members at this time. All parishioners are welcome to attend. The Finance Council will meet Tuesday, **January 18**, at 6:45 p.m.

ST. JOHN'S PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS: It is time, once again, to select new members to our Pastoral Council. The three-year terms for members Jeanne Schilling, Karley Gaytan, and Priscilla Malota will be expiring after the first calendar quarter of 2022. The other current members are Leslie Little, Jonathan Noska, Wanda Fritsch, John Kovar, Richard Calloway, and Betty Kovar.

Please submit your nominations for the council by Sunday, **January 2**, in order to have your nomination entered into the selection that will take place at the council meeting on Thursday, **January 6**.

ST MARY'S COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Pastoral Council meeting will be on Thursday, **January 20**, at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall. All parishioners are welcome to attend. St. Mary's Finance Council will meet on **January 27**.

ST. JOHN AND ST. MARY PARISHES WOULD LIKE TO WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS by gifting you the book, *The Wisdom of Fulton J. Sheen: 365 Days of Inspiration*. Please take a book found in the baskets located at the church entrance.

Fulton Sheen was one of the greatest communicators to ever live. He is famous for reminding millions of television viewers each week that, "Life is worth living!" and was seen by many as the face of Catholicism in the United States for forty years.

The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen is a powerful collection of writings that will encourage you to think differently about who you are, how your life is unfolding, what God is calling you to next, and what priorities will lead you to the peace and purpose you desire.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Monthly Meeting will be on Tuesday, **December 21**, at 7:00 p.m.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

- **RAFFLE PRIZES NEEDED:** The CDA will have their fundraiser meal and raffle on March 6. If you wish to donate a raffle prize, please contact Jeanne Schilling at (979) 966-7358 or Mary Jane Toddy at (979) 249 -6231 by **December 31** so that tickets can be printed in time. Prizes should not be turned in until the day of fundraiser.
- **CDA SCHOLARSHIPS:** Graduating seniors related to a living CDA member in good standing are eligible to apply for the State Scholarship. Local Scholarships are 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**.
- **CDA EDUCATION CONTEST:** This year's topics are "With God All Things Are Possible" and "Where is God in My Life When I am Struggling?" Students in grades 4-12 and CDA members may enter. **December 31** is the deadline to for entries. For more info, please call Suzanne Mattair at (979) 249-3901.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY for members of *both* Knights of Columbus and Catholic Daughters of America will be on Tuesday, **December 28**, at St. John's Parish Hall. The social begins at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7:30 p.m. Ladies are welcome to bring desserts. Each person is asked to bring a dry good item for the AMEN Food Pantry, such as cereal, rice, pasta, etc.

MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY CERTIFICATES will be distributed at the Sunday Masses, celebrating the Feast of the Holy Family, on **December 26**.



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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.*

THE SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY will be to support family and pro-life activities in the Diocese of Austin. These include: Annunciation Maternity Home in Georgetown, Our Lady of the Angels Maternity Shelter in Temple and the diocesan Office of Pro-life Activities. Please be generous in your support of this cause.

LITURGICAL DUTIES LISTS are available at the entrance of the church. The Liturgical Duties lists are also available on the parish websites on the "Mass Times" page.

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.

THE PARISH OFFICE will be closed in observance of Christmas on Friday, **December 24**.

TIME IS RUNNING OUT: Online EIM Training ends 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. To complete the online training, go to www.austindiocese.org/workshop.

SENIOR CITIZEN SOCIAL WILL BEGIN AGAIN in January on the first and third Thursdays of the month from 1:00-5:00 p.m. at St. John's Parish Hall. All senior citizens are invited for an afternoon of games, fellowship and refreshments. New faces are always welcome!

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

Prayer is the "breath of faith," explains Pope Francis. Praying the Holy Rosary is a special time to share with one's family members and other families as well. During the year dedicated to St. Joseph, praying the Rosary as a family is also a concrete way of obtaining plenary indulgence. In any case, "this can do immense good for our families". (AL 318)

With this hope, I invite you all to use this rosary (<https://austindiocese.org/domestic-church>) prepared on the occasion of the "Amoris Laetitia Family" Year so that we do not miss the opportunity to reinforce our love for Jesus and Mary, our heavenly Mother. The meditations are brief, taken from *Amoris Laetitia* ([The Joy of Love](#)) and are accompanied by short questions and images that can help you reflect in faith, even with children. May the Lord bless you and the Holy Family of Nazareth accompany you, so that you may render your domestic Churches cenacles of prayer for spreading Mary's love throughout the world.

-Cardinal Kevin Farrell

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

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!

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.

FOR THOSE PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE: Couples planning to marry should contact their priest or deacon at least nine 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.

Catholic Social Teaching Corner

Dec. 18-19, Fourth Sunday of Advent

Especially appropriate for these days of suffering in our nation is the responsorial psalm for the Fourth Sunday of Advent, "Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved" (cf. Psalm 80). In a world that is becoming increasingly secular, not only must we invoke the remembrances of the mighty deeds of God as we implore his intervention to save the world, but also must we remember to bring about the plan of salvation through the work of our own hands. Let us be Christ for one another.

Diciembre 18-19, Cuarto Domingo de Adviento

Es especialmente apropiado para estos días de sufrimiento en nuestro país, el salmo responsorial del Cuarto Domingo de Adviento "Señor, muéstranos tu favor y sálvanos" (cf. Salmo 80). En un mundo que se está convirtiendo incrementalmente secular, no solo debemos invocar los recuerdos de las buenas obras de Dios mientras imploramos su intervención para salvar el mundo, sino que también debemos recordar llevar a cabo el plan de salvación a través del trabajo de nuestras propias manos. Seamos Cristo unos para otros.

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ST. JOHN LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTOR

Friday Christmas Vigil (5:00 p.m.) – Christine Wied
Saturday Christmas Day (10:00 a.m.) – Janet Hall
Sunday – Cindy Garwood

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Friday Christmas Vigil (5:00 p.m.) – Wanda Fritsch, Tiffany Nigh
Saturday Christmas Day (10:00 a.m.) – Joan Malota, Addie Dybala
Sunday – Jeanne Schilling, Rick Schilling

ALTAR SERVERS

Friday Christmas Vigil (5:00 p.m.) – Jacob Nigh, Kara Jurecka, Wade Halamiczek
Saturday Christmas Day (10:00 a.m.) – Luke Huebner, Gregory Huebner, Lydia Huebner
Sunday – Mackenzie Poncik, Logan Poncik, Wade Halamiczek

GIFT BEARERS

Friday Christmas Vigil (5:00 p.m.) – Kenneth Noska Family
Saturday Christmas Day (10:00 a.m.) – Arlis Keilers Family
Sunday – Rodney Beseda 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

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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,

Jesus being born among us means we no longer have to be afraid either to live or to die, for he truly is “God with us”. “Do not be Afraid” - these were the words with which Saint John Paul II began his papacy when he emerged from the conclave, under the white smoke of the chimney from the Sistine Chapel. These same words are spoken to us each time we face life’s challenges, difficult decisions or even our own sinfulness. Jesus being born among us means we no longer have to be afraid. As we prepare for Christmas just one week away, and buy and wrap our last-minute gifts, let us recall that the greatest gift isn’t the one we will find under the tree. The greatest gift of Christmas would be wrapped in swaddling clothes not ribbons, and he would one day be found on the tree of the cross, born to die that we might live. May God Bless you all this Advent Season. –Fr. Steve



Fourth Sunday of Advent

ST. MARY LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTOR

Friday Christmas Vigil (11:00 p.m.) – Aimee Korenek
Saturday Christmas Day (8:00 a.m.) – Robert Balzer
Sunday – L.J. Korenek

ALTAR SERVERS

Friday Christmas Vigil (11:00 p.m.) – Stephen Korenek, Briana Dybala
Saturday Christmas Day (8:00 a.m.) – Rylee Fritsch
Sunday – Julie Korenek

USHERS FOR DECEMBER

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

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K.J.Z.T.	Mary Vrazel	979-966-8962
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NATIVITY OF THE LORD

DECEMBER 24 – CHRISTMAS EVE

Vigil Mass - 5:00 p.m. at St. John
 Mass during the night - 11:00 p.m. at St. Mary

DECEMBER 25 – CHRISTMAS DAY

8:00 a.m. - St. Mary
 10:00 a.m. - St. John

Sunday Mass Obligation - Feast of the Holy Family

DECEMBER 26

8:00 a.m. - St. Mary
 10:00 a.m. - St. John

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD *(Not a Holy Day of obligation this year)*

DECEMBER 31 – NEW YEAR’S EVE

Vigil Mass - 6:00 p.m. at St. Mary
JANUARY 1 – NEW YEAR’S DAY
 7:30 a.m. - St. John

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 1

4:00 p.m. - St. Mary
 6:00 p.m. - St. John

JANUARY 2

8:00 a.m. - St. Mary
 10:00 a.m. - St. John



Peace on earth and in your hearts this Christmas!