

St. Mary Catholic Church

Est. 1855

Mission Parish

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



Weekly Offering: *Report pending*
Online Giving: \$ 301.38
Higher Education: *Report pending*

MASSES

Wednesday at 7:00 a.m.
Fred & Christina Ermis †

Friday at 7:00 a.m.
Mary Ann Braden †

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 p.m.
*For all affected by the
Recent Winter Storms*

Sunday at 8:00 a.m.
Randy Hoelscher †

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Est. 1870

207 E. Bell St.
Fayetteville

www.stjohnfayetteville.com



Weekly Offering: *Report pending*
Online Giving: \$ 985.55
Higher Education: *Report pending*

MASSES

Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.

*Dec'd of the
George & Lena Tschiedel Family †*

Thursday at 7:00 a.m.

Beth Babin (healing)

Saturday at 7:30 a.m.

Annie Mae Janish †

Saturday Vigil at 6:00 p.m.

Elsie Hildegard Cook Zatopek †

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

During Lent

St. John: Tuesday 4:30-5:30 p.m.
and 6:30-7:00 p.m.

Wednesday 5:00-6:30 p.m.

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

St. Mary: Thursday 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Saturday 3:00-3:45 p.m.

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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, Beth Babin, 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, Ed Muras, Loretta Naumann, Rose Novosad, Jeanette Orsak, Harold Peikert, 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.)

FAITH FORMATION – Wednesday, February 24

- **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.

CALLED TO PROTECT FOR YOUTH will be held on Wednesday, **February 24**, at 6:00 p.m. at the parish hall. **All 9th graders, as well as those 10th, 11th and 12th grade students who have not previously attended this workshop, should attend.**

ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITY

“Sacramental Theology”- This 16-hour course will be offered virtually over four Tuesdays—on **March 2, 9, 16, and 23**—from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. This course explores the history, theology and pastoral practice of the Sacramental System of the Catholic Church and the liturgical celebrations in which it is expressed. Register at <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=ZWgzDL>.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OFFICERS MEETING will be held Monday, **March 1**, at 6:30 p.m., in St. John’s Parish Hall.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS Monthly Meeting will be on Tuesday, **March 2**, at 6:30 p.m. in St. John’s Parish Hall.

ST. MARY’S ALTAR SOCIETY will meet on Wednesday, **March 3**, at 1:00 p.m. Bring your mask! There will not be a meal.

CRS RICE BOWL: HUNGER IN OUR WORLD

Jesus told us that whatever we did for one of these least brothers of his we did for him. Reflect on the challenge of global hunger—it is a reality for millions of our sisters and brothers. What will you do to support the hungry in our community and around the world? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.



“THE WORD AMONG US” booklets with the daily meditations and complete Catholic Mass for **Lent** are available at the entrance of the church. Please take one to use this season.

THANK YOU for your donations to the Baby Bank campaign. St. John’s parish raised **\$830.03** and St. Mary’s parish raised **\$428.98**. These funds will support the prolife activities in the diocese. For more information or to volunteer with these efforts, please contact one of our Pro-Life Coordinators, Nikki Beseda or Aimee Korenek.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT! Our parishes depend on your generosity to fund our ministries and maintain our facilities.

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 Church entrance and return it to the parish office, or sign yourself up on the parishes websites’ “Make a Donation” page.

WHY CATHOLICS ARE OBLIGATED TO ATTEND MASS

Canon law states, “On Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are obliged to participate in the Mass.” The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* calls the Eucharist “the foundation and confirmation of all Christian practice.” As a result, “the faithful are obliged to participate in the Eucharist on days of obligation, unless excused for a serious reason (for example, illness, the care of infancy) or dispensed by their own pastor. Those who deliberately fail in this obligation commit a grave sin.”

Are there times when it is not a grave sin to miss Mass? Yes. There are circumstances when Catholic are not obligated to attend Mass beyond the three examples cited in official church teaching –lack of a priest, illness and caring for infants – the specifics regarding what qualifies as a serious reason for missing Mass are left to individual believers.

Bishop James Conley, bishop of Lincoln, Nebraska, asked Catholics to look at their lives at this moment. “Are you meeting with groups of people perhaps attending sporting events and participating in other forms of entertainment, but not attending Mass? The Holy Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith, but are we making other things a priority in our lives at this time? Are we making this dispensation as excuse? **It is important to recognize that the dispensation “should not be abused.”**

-- www.americamagazine.org

ATTENDING MASS WITH US?

At our parishes, 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.



YEAR OF THE DOMESTIC CHURCH

February Theme: Prayer at Home

How to Create a Prayer Space at Home:

Select a room, corner, wall, etc. in your home to designate as a space where your family can gather to pray together. This space can also be

used for family members who want to pray alone. Your prayer space should include a crucifix, and you can add any additional items you deem appropriate (candles, rosaries, prayer cards, images of saints, etc.) The goal is to create a sacred space in your home that is designated for time with God.

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OTHER NEWS



THE MOBILE FOOD PANTRY will be at St. John on **Friday, March 5, 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.

YOUNG MEN INVITED TO PROJECT ANDREW: Single men between the ages of 15 and 45 are invited to Project Andrew on **February 27** from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at St. Mary Cathedral in Austin. Come and learn more about the abundant and joyful life of the priesthood, and explore whether God may be calling you to be a priest. Location is somewhat tentative, final details are pending due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This event is free, but please register at godiscalling.me or call (512) 949-2430.



LENTEN SILENT RETREAT: Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Temple will host a Lenten Silent Retreat **March 5-7**. The retreat will include Mass, reconciliation and Eucharistic Adoration. Register online at cedarbrake.org or call (254) 780-2436.

OVERCOMING SPIRITUAL DISCOURAGEMENT RETREAT: St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in College Station will host a virtual event entitled “Overcoming Spiritual Discouragement - The Wisdom and Spiritual Power of Venerable Bruno Lanteri” on **March 6** from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Father Timothy Gallagher, a member of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary, will provide a hopeful invitation to all who struggle to overcome the greatest obstacle of all in the spiritual life – discouragement. This is a call to hope, a call to solace in time of suffering and a call to stand tall in times of affliction. Father Gallagher will help participants learn how to enter into the sublime peace and joy that our Lord promises. The retreat will consist of live and pre-recorded talks, and opportunities to ask questions of Father Gallagher and to discuss your struggles in small groups. Registration is required. Visit <https://stabcs.org/spiritual-retreat> to register. *Early registration is \$20 through February 26 at noon. The cost is \$25 to register February 26 - March 4.*

MEN ON FIRE RETREAT IS MARCH 20

St. Albert the Great Parish in Austin and the Central Texas Fellowship of Catholic Men are co-sponsoring a one-day retreat entitled “Men on Fire: Become Who You Are” on **March 20** from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Albert the Great Parish in Austin. The retreat will be led by Bart Schuchts of the John Paul II Healing Institute. On March 19, all are invited to a pre-retreat that includes the Stations of the Cross from 7 to 7:45 p.m. and Solemnity of St. Joseph Mass with Consecration to St. Joseph. Tickets are on sale now. For more information, visit www.saintalbert.org.

ENGAGED COUPLES who are planning to marry in the church are invited to the “Together in God’s Love” retreat, which focuses on Catholic marriage as a visible sign of the Holy Trinity and the relationship of Christ to the church. The weekend includes talks on faith, communication, sexuality, stewardship and natural family planning in the context of a Catholic marriage. The next retreat will be **March 26-28** at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Temple. See <https://www.austindiocese.org/marriage-prep-retreats> for info.

TOTAL CONSECRATION TO JESUS THROUGH MARY

Join thousands of Faithful for 33 days of preparation prayer for the Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary. Everyone is invited to make or renew our consecration on the Feast of the Annunciation, **March 25**.

COUPLES INVITED TO MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER



A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a chance for married couples to focus on their marriage, improve their communication, deepen their intimacy and spend quality time together, free of distractions. Every marriage deserves such tender, loving care – in a private setting where couples share only with each other. Come and experience the beauty of this sacrament in a whole new way – and see how couples all over the world have benefited from this life-giving weekend! Sign up today to attend the upcoming WWME Experience on **April 9-11**. Early registration is highly recommended. For more dates, information and to apply go to austinme.org or contact wwmeaustin@gmail.com or call (512) 677-WWME (9963).

CONSIDER THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION – DIOCESE OF AUSTIN IN YOUR WILL

The Catholic Foundation – Diocese of Austin is a non-profit organization established in 2007 to provide a means for individuals and organizations to provide long-term financial stability for the diocese and its churches, schools, agencies and organizations. Through the creation of individual endowments, the Foundation provides a means to generate income to help sustain the long-term strength and viability of Catholic institutions in Central Texas. For more information about how to include the Foundation in your will or estate plan please visit www.catholicfdn.org or contact Scott Whitaker at scott-whitaker@austindiocese.org or (512) 949-2441.

Catholic Social Teaching Corner

February 20-21 First Sunday of Lent

This Lenten season begins with the contrasting images of the desert and flood waters. We live in the paradox of these images—needing to go into the desert of fasting, prayer and self-denial in order to re-learn the covenant way of life we entered through the waters of baptism. Now is the time to turn from the flood of distractions which can drown us. Now is the time to remember and reverence our dignity and the dignity of every human person. Now is the time to set aside anything that diverts us from our true hunger and thirst for God alone and his covenant of love with all humanity.

Febrero 20-21 Primer Domingo de Cuaresma

Esta temporada de Cuaresma comienza con las imágenes contrastantes del desierto y la inundación. Vivimos en la paradoja de estas imágenes--necesitando entrar en el desierto para ayunar, orar y auto-negarnos para re-aprender la vida del pacto con Dios en la que entramos a través de las aguas del bautismo. Ahora es el momento de alejarnos de la inundación de las distracciones que pueden ahogarnos. Ahora es el momento de recordar y reverenciar nuestra dignidad y la dignidad de cada ser humano. Ahora es el momento de dejar a un lado todo aquellos que nos desvía de nuestra verdadera hambre y sed de Dios y de su pacto de amor con toda la humanidad

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ST. JOHN LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTOR

Saturday – Yvonne Smith
Sunday – Nikki Beseda

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday – Karley Gaytan, Wanda Fritsch
Sunday – Mary Quiros, Paulette Keilers

ALTAR SERVERS

Wednesday – Grade 5 (1)
Saturday – Peyton Jurecka, Paige Jurecka, Jacob Nigh
Sunday – Luke Beseda, Ricky Schilling, Scotti Beseda

ALTAR DUTY FOR FEBRUARY

Ruth Beseda, Michelle Bertsch, Sandra Janish, Kathy Chovanec

USHERS FOR FEBRUARY

Saturday – Jonathan Noska, David Stastny, Ronnie Kramr, Christopher Stastny
Sunday – David Holub, Kory Kaspar, John Cufur, Joe Babin

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Cemetery	Ronald Kramr	979-249-6152

ST. MARY LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTOR

Saturday – Robert Balzer
Sunday – Jo Ann Divin

ALTAR SERVERS

Friday (Stations) – Kole Schmitt
Saturday – Klayten Schmitt
Sunday – Stephen 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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A Note from the Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The readings this weekend all are pointed to this Prefiguration of our Baptism, which saves us. There is a salvific meaning of this mysterious events in our readings this weekend. Jesus is the new Adam who remained faithful just where the first Adam had given into temptation. Jesus fulfills Israel's vocation perfectly; the Israel people who had once provoked God during 40 years in the desert. In today's Gospel, Jesus is spending 40 days in a desert where Christ reveals himself as God's Servant, totally obedient to the divine will of God. In this, Jesus is the devil's conqueror. Jesus' victory over the tempter in the desert anticipates victory at the Passion, the supreme act of obedience of his filial love for the Father.

Our forty days of Lent, as Jesus' forty days remind us of the desert of death and sin, even in a world where rainbows grace the sky and vegetation springs from flood-receded plains. As we journey through this Lenten Season it is a time to slow down and to remember what is important in our life; to come together as a family to pray and reflect on God's Word. Our fasting is also a form of prayer. This Lenten season may we open our hearts and minds to hear the ways in which we are called to live out the Gospel.

Fr. Steve

The FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

On the first Sunday of Lent, the Gospel reading in each Lectionary cycle is about Jesus' temptation in the desert. This event in the life of Jesus is reported in each of the Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke—but it is not found in John's Gospel. This year we read Mark's account of this event.

Compared to the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, the details throughout Mark's narrative are sparse. Mark tells us only that Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and that for 40 days he was tempted by Satan. The Gospels of Matthew and Luke explain that Jesus fasted while in the desert, that Satan presented him with three temptations, and that Jesus refused each one, quoting Scripture. Only the Gospels of Matthew and Mark report that angels ministered to Jesus at the end of his time in the desert.

In each of the Synoptic Gospels, the temptation of Jesus follows his baptism by John the Baptist. In Mark's Gospel, we are told that Jesus went into the desert immediately after his baptism, led by the Spirit. Jesus' public ministry in Galilee begins after his temptation in the desert. Mark's Gospel makes a connection between the arrest of John the Baptist and the beginning of Jesus' ministry. Jesus' preaching about the Kingdom of God is in continuity with the preaching of John the Baptist, but it is also something new. As Jesus announces it, the Kingdom of God is beginning; the time of the fulfillment of God's promises is here.

The fact that Jesus spent 40 days in the desert is significant. This recalls the 40 years that the Israelites wandered in the desert after being led from slavery in Egypt. The prophet Elijah also journeyed in the desert for 40 days and nights, making his way to Horeb, the mountain of God, where he was also attended to by an angel of the Lord. Remembering the significance of these events, we also set aside 40 days for the season of Lent.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS—NO MASS

St. John – Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.
St. Mary – Fridays at 6:30 p.m.

ALL FRIDAYS IN LENT ARE DAYS OF ABSTINENCE

(This means you do not eat meat on Fridays.)