

St. Mary Catholic Church

Est. 1855

Mission Parish

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



Weekly Offering: \$ 1,553.00
Online Giving: \$ 473.44
Cemetery: \$ 243.00

MASSES

Wednesday at 7:00 a.m.
No Mass

Friday at 7:00 a.m.
No Mass

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 p.m.

Bennie Volcik †

Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

For the People

✠ **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**
Friday at 6:30 p.m.

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Est. 1870

207 E. Bell St.
Fayetteville

www.stjohnfayetteville.com



Weekly Offering: \$ 3,649.00
Online Giving: \$ 1,185.00
Faith Formation: \$ 612.00

MASSES

Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.
No Mass

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
No Mass – Stations of the Cross only

Thursday at 7:00 a.m.
No Mass

Saturday at 7:30 a.m.
No Mass

Saturday Vigil at 6:00 p.m.

Dec'd of the Jacob & Marie

Novak Families †

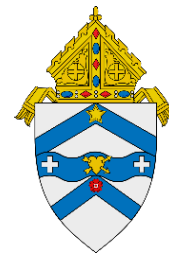
Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

Olga & Clement Gully †

✠ **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**
Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.



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.

**with Adoration

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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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
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PARISH LIFE

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Dianne Allen, Beth Babin, Scott Bayless, LeRoy Canik, Dan Castillo, Margie Chovanec, Gilbert Gerik, Janet Sladek-Grayson, Dan Hall, Bernita Hlinsky, Alois Janish, 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, Dorothy Selzer, Bill Shock, Shirley Sodek, El Gene and Mary Ann Sommerfeld, Shelley Spears, Martha Staley, 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 *Evan & Brandi (Hoffmann) Venghaus*, who were united in the bonds of Holy Matrimony this weekend. May the Lord bless them with many happy years of marriage.

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES will not be held on **Wednesday, March 17, due to Spring Break.**

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS Members, please do not forget to mail your annual dues to Lisa Simpson.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS regular meeting is Tuesday, **March 16**, at 7:00 p.m. in St. John's Parish Hall.

ST JOHN'S PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: The Pastoral Council meeting will take place on Thursday, **April 8**, at 6:30 p.m.

ST MARY'S PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING will be on Thursday, **April 15**, at 6:30 p.m.

YEAR OF THE DOMESTIC CHURCH
March Theme: Lent in the Domestic Church



How to practice Almsgiving as a Family

We can become more like Jesus during Lent by being generous. With your family select a charitable organization and collect donation money. You may want to select an organization that addresses the injustices that your family often prays about. Here are some suggestions for collecting money.

- Put a jar or container on the kitchen table. Contribute a set amount of money, determined by your family, each day of Lent.
- Give up buying junk food and contribute that money to the jar.
- If you have young children who cannot contribute money, let them contribute by decorating the jar or container.
- Hold a yard sale and contribute the proceeds to the collection.
- Invite friends to join your family in contributing to the charity.

ACTION REQUESTED! Everyone deserves to be treated with respect and dignity. The **Equality Act (H.R.5)**, which will be voted on in the U.S. Senate soon, in many ways does the opposite, and needs to be opposed. Instead of respecting differences in beliefs about marriage and sexuality, this act would discriminate against people of faith. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has conveyed their opposition to this bill to Congress.

Visit our [parish websites](#) to read our bishop's letter and find your senators' contact info. Learn more on the USCCB website at <https://www.usccb.org/equality-act>.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

- Before the Fifth Sunday of Lent, all the statues and paintings in the church will need to be covered. If you can help with this, please contact the parish office.
- If anyone would like to help with livestreaming our Masses via Facebook, please call the parish office.

EASTER FLOWERS: You can make a donation toward flowers for the altar in memory of a loved one. Use the Easter Flower envelopes provided at the entrance of the Church. *For St. Mary's flowers, make your checks payable to St. Mary Altar Society. For flowers at St. John, make your checks payable to St. John Altar Society.* Please drop your donation in the collection by **March 21**.

FIRST COMMUNION: We will celebrate, with our second grade Faith Formation students, the Sacrament of First Eucharist at the 1:00 p.m. Mass at St. John Catholic Church on Sunday, **April 25**.

THE PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE – sponsored by St. Anne Society #10, K.J.Z.T. Fayetteville – will be Saturday, **March 20**, at noon at the gazebo on the square in Fayetteville. We will stand together in solidarity with partners in faith all throughout America. Everyone is invited to join in prayer for our nation. For more information, please contact Rose Rohde at (979) 249-3635 or Lois Kaspar at (979) 249-6826.

CRS RICE BOWL: TRYING NEW FOODS IN TIMOR-LESTE



Timor-Leste has the highest rate of child malnutrition in Asia, and many children suffer from stunting, which makes a big impact on a child's growth and future. Home gardens and fishponds are helping families provide better nutrition for their children. What can you do to ensure children have enough food to thrive? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more. **Keep putting that change in your Rice Bowl!**

ARE CATHOLICS 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* states, "The faithful are obliged to participate in the Eucharist on days of obligation, unless excused for a serious reason 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 Catholics are not obliged to attend Mass, but 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.

As we Catholics consider returning to Mass in person, Bishop James Conley, of Lincoln, Nebraska, asked us to look at our lives right now. "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? Are we making dispensation an excuse? **It is important to note that dispensation "should not be abused."**

The Archdiocese of Detroit has praised livestreamed Masses that have kept Catholics connected to the sacraments in many places during the pandemic, but added they **"cannot become the norm. God did not come to us virtually."**

-- www.americamagazine.org

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TEMPORARY PROTOCOLS FOR THE CELEBRATION OF MASS REMAIN IN PLACE

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. You do not have to create an account to see the Facebook page.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION is today. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ’s love and mercy to all people here and abroad. Please give generously and help Jesus in disguise. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

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.**

OTHER NEWS

MEN ON FIRE RETREAT IS MARCH 20: A one-day retreat entitled “Men on Fire: Become Who You Are” will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on **March 20** 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 7:00 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.

TOTAL CONSECRATION ROSARY AND MASS: Please join thousands of Faithful throughout our Diocese to collectively make or renew our “**Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary**” at a special Holy Mass on the Annunciation of the Lord. Rosary and Mass will be offered on Thursday, **March 25**, at 6 p.m. at St. Mary Cathedral (Austin), and at 6:25 p.m. at Santa Cruz Church (Buda). Please visit <http://www.TexasToJesusThroughMary.org> for more information and links to live-stream.

ENGAGED COUPLES, who have already met with their parish priest, are invited to the “Together in God’s Love” retreat. It 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.

RETURN OF THE PRODIGAL DAUGHTER RETREAT This day retreat on **March 27** from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. will be based on the story of the prodigal son, looking at it from a different perspective. We will explore some of the key words in the story such as confrontation, anger and celebration. Beverly Collin, former assistant director of Cedarbrake for 18 years, returns to lead this retreat. Cost is \$40 lunch included. Register by calling (254) 780-2436 or at www.cedarbrake.org.

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).

LAETARE SUNDAY occurs just after the midpoint of Lent. This Sunday gets its name from the first few words of the Latin entrance antiphon for the Mass of the day: “Laetare Jerusalem” (Rejoice Jerusalem). Traditionally, this is a day of rejoicing that we’ve made it this far, and it is a little break from the somber tone of Lent. The priest’s rose-colored vestments (one of only two days of the year those vestments may be worn, the other being Gaudete Sunday during Advent), flowers on the altar, and instrumental music are all things you might observe on this one Lenten Sunday. – *From The Catholic All Year Compendium*

Rejoice

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.austindiocese.org/report-abuse or (512) 949-2447.

Catholic Social Teaching Corner

March 13-14 Fourth Sunday of Lent

In the first reading today, Chronicles reminds us of what happened to the Israelites when they ignored the prophets. In the Gospel Jesus tells Nicodemus that God sent his son not to condemn the world, but to save it. We know that the message of the prophets was about right relationships: living in a way that protects the poor and vulnerable. We know that the message of Jesus at the end of John’s Gospel is also about relationships. We who are disciples of Jesus caught up in God’s love and are called to live that love with all. Is our love growing this Lent? How are we showing God’s love, particularly for the poor and vulnerable?

Marzo 13-14 Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma

En la primera lectura de hoy, Crónicas nos recuerda lo que pasó a los israelitas cuando ignoraron a los profetas. En el Evangelio Jesús dice a Nicodemo que Dios envió a su hijo no a condenar al mundo, sino a salvarlo. Sabemos que el mensaje de los profetas fue sobre relaciones justas: vivir de una manera que proteja a los pobres y vulnerables. Sabemos que el mensaje de Jesús al final del Evangelio de Juan también es sobre relaciones. Nosotros, somos discípulos de Jesús atrapados en el amor de Dios y llamados para vivir con amor para todos ¿Está creciendo nuestro amor esta Cuaresma? ¿Cómo estamos mostrando el amor de Dios, particularmente por los pobres y vulnerables?

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ST. JOHN LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTOR

Saturday – Kathleen Kramr
Sunday – Cindy Garwood

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday – Joan Malota, Yvonne Smith
Sunday – Cindy Garwood, Christine Wied

ALTAR SERVERS

Wednesday – Mackayla Griffin
Saturday – Lydia Huebner, Gregory Huebner, Jacob Nigh
Sunday – Ricky Schilling, Mackenzie Poncik, Logan Poncik

ALTAR DUTY FOR MARCH

Lois Kaspar, Lisa Simpson, Susan Schramm, Amy Babin

USHERS FOR MARCH

Saturday – Betty Kovar, Robert Janish, Ronnie Chernosky, Eddie Gaertner
Sunday – David Bertsch, Kenneth Noska, John Spiess, Lee Matocha

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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



**THE SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH
March 19**

St. Joseph, as your spiritual child, please act in my life, especially by...

Praying for me constantly,
Bringing me even deeper into the Hearts of Jesus and Mary,
Providing for me and all my loved ones,
Guarding and protecting me from bodily and spiritual evil,
Guiding me to always do God's most perfect will,

Helping me to suffer with love and without complaint,
Giving me purity of body and of soul,
Forming me into a person of peace and joy,
Preparing me for a beautiful and happy death.

St. Joseph, you are my spiritual father, and I am your child. I trust you and love you, and I look forward to meeting you someday in heaven. I ask all of this in Jesus' name and for the glory of God, who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

ALL FRIDAYS IN LENT ARE DAYS OF ABSTINENCE

ST. MARY LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTOR

Saturday – Rose Urban
Sunday – Ashley Havel

ALTAR SERVERS

Friday (Stations) – Stephen Korenek
Saturday – Kole Schmitt
Sunday – Julie Korenek

USHERS FOR MARCH

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 resurrection of Jesus Christ is the central event in the story of our humanity. The events of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday are at the core of all that constitutes the Catholic Church, as well as at the core of our central act of worship, which is the holy sacrifice of the Mass. Most of those close to Jesus gave up their lives in martyrdom because they witnessed these events and proclaimed them. The forces of evil tried and failed to silence and eliminate these witnesses, and we continue to see these forces at work in today's world. Those who were with Christ when Jesus died on the cross at first could not believe their eyes when they found the tomb empty. The Roman guards were terrified. The religious authorities plotted to spread a rumor that his body had been stolen. Even Thomas, a trusted Apostle, refused to believe until he could touch Christ's wounds. However, the fact could not be overcome – Jesus was risen.

The consequences of Christ's resurrection reverberate down through twenty centuries of human history to us now. We are created to be with our Father forever in heaven. Our lives have meaning that no power on earth can either give us or take from us. The powers of darkness in our world have tried and failed. In our day, secularism and relativism are trying to wield power. They, too, will fail. In the end the central reality of Christ's resurrection from the dead shall overcome. The chief consequences of Christ's resurrection, is consolation and hope. The empty tomb gives each one of us consolation and hope. Because Christ is risen, let all of us take hold of his presence, His power and His love among us. Countless saints have experienced his presence. As we get ready to celebrate Holy Week, may we always remember that God sent his Son so that the world might be saved through Him.

Fr. Steve