

# St. Mary Catholic Church

*Est. 1855*

**Mission Parish**

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



**Weekly Offering:** \$ 2,730.00  
**Holy Land Collection:** \$ 525.00  
**Online Giving:** \$ 396.38

## MASSES

**Wednesday at 7:00 a.m.**  
*Ed Tobias †*

**Friday at 7:00 a.m.**  
*Dorothy Selzer †*

**Saturday Vigil at 4:00 p.m.**  
*John R. & Betty Zapalac †*

**Sunday at 8:00 a.m.**  
*Larry Marusik †*

# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

*Est. 1870*

207 E. Bell St.  
Fayetteville

www.stjohnfayetteville.com



**Weekly Offering:** \$ 4,882.00  
**Holy Land Collection:** \$ 1,717.00  
**Online Giving:** \$ 895.00

## MASSES

**Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.**  
*John R., Marie, Clarence, Lee Edward,  
Lee Jr., and John C. Baca †*

**Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.**  
*Mass for Life*

**Thursday at 7:00 a.m.**  
*Mary Tichavsky. †*

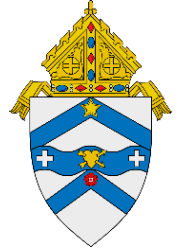
**Saturday at 7:30 a.m.**  
*Lillian Wied †*

**Saturday Vigil at 6:00 p.m.**  
*For the People*

**Sunday at 10:00 a.m.**  
*John & Adela Kulhanek, Sr. and  
John Kulhanek, Jr. †*



**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 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.

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER, SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY  
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**PARISH LIFE**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** LeRoy Canik, Dan Castillo, Margie Chovanec, Brian Fruge, Gilbert Gerik, Dennis Gruwell, Dan Hall, Bernita Hlinsky, Alois Janish, Ray Jurecka, Christine Kaspar, Nina Mascheck, Tim Meinardus, Leo Miller, Ed Muras, Harold Peikert, Kaycee Roesler, Shirley Sodek, Shelley Spears, Martha Staley, 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.)*

**IN MEMORIAM:** Our parish families extend sympathies and prayers towards the family of *James Hollimon* who died recently. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

**FAITH FORMATION – Wednesday, April 14**

- **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.



**ALL INTERESTED VBS VOLUNTEERS**

Adults and Guides please attend an organizational meeting at the parish hall **TODAY, April 11**, after the 10 o'clock Mass. We will be brainstorming how to make VBS work this year while keeping everyone safe. Everyone's attendance would be greatly appreciated. Thank you, everyone, for your past service. We hope to see you again this year! Any questions, please call Theresa at (979) 966-2861.

**ST. MARY BAZAAR & RAFFLE** preparations have begun. If you would like to make a monetary donation toward a prize for the raffle, please contact Mark Matocha at (979) 378-2701. The deadline to donate is Sunday, **May 2**.

**A ST. JOHN FEAST PREPARATION MEETING** will be on Tuesday, **April 13**, at 6:45 p.m. in the parish hall. There will be changes this year, and, if you would like to help us get organized, please join us at this meeting.

**ST. MARY BAZAAR PREPARATION MEETING** will be on Friday, **April 16**, at 6:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Anyone interested in participating is welcome.

**ST. JOHN'S ALTAR SOCIETY** meeting is Tuesday, **April 13**, at 2:00 p.m. in the parish hall.

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

**UPCOMING FINANCE COUNCIL MEETINGS:**

**St. John's** Finance Council will meet in the parish hall on Tuesday, **April 27**, at 6:45 p.m. **St. Mary's** Finance Council meeting will be on Thursday, **April 29**, at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall.



**FIRST COMMUNION:** We will celebrate, with our second grade Faith Formation students, the Sacrament of First Eucharist at a Mass to be offered at 1:00 p.m. at St. John Catholic Church on Sunday, **April 25**. Please keep these students in your prayers!

**THANK YOU** to the CDA and the KCs for sponsoring the children's Easter gifts on Easter Sunday!

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

- **ALL MEMBERS:** Please send an email with your full name to [kofc@gmail.com](mailto:kofc@gmail.com). Future dues notices and follow-up dues notices will be sent by email. If you do not have an email address, you will continue to receive dues notices by mail.
- **MONTHLY MEETING** will be Tuesday, **April 20**, at 7 p.m., in St. John's Parish Hall.
- **SCHOLARSHIPS:** Knights of Columbus members' children who are graduating from high school this year are eligible. For an application and information explaining the requirements, contact Alvin Minarcik at (979) 249-7449. The submission deadline is **April 30**.

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS** would like to thank all members who brought sides for the KC Barbeque on Easter Sunday. Also, please remember to mail your dues to Lisa Simpson, if you have not already done so. Thank you!

**YEAR OF THE DOMESTIC CHURCH**

**April Theme: Love your Neighbors**

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength." The second is this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these." Mk 12:30-31

**Ideas to Welcome New Neighbors**

- Introduce yourself by sharing food or flowers from your garden.
- Offer to help with their pets while they are away.
- Plan a block party.
- Make a short list of convenient businesses, services, or your favorite restaurants in the neighborhood.

**CRS RICE BOWL:** Our community changed lives this Lent, and CRS Rice Bowl wants to say THANK YOU! Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl, or donate online at [crsricebowl.org/give](http://crsricebowl.org/give).



**SPRING CLEANING?** Don't forget to start collecting items you might like to donate to the Youth Ministry's spot in this year's city-wide garage sale, scheduled for Saturday, **July 10**. Proceeds from the garage sale will be used to support activities of the Youth Ministry in our parishes.

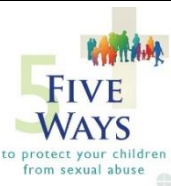
**NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH:** Every

April, Catholic parishes and schools across the United States participate in National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Throughout the month we will be sharing tips and information regarding this very important topic.

Parents play the primary role in educating their children about sexual abuse. Please take time to visit the following link for five tips for teaching safety to the little ones God has entrusted to you: <https://www.usccb.org/resources/cyp-five-ways>. Throughout this month, join us as we continue to pray for the healing of victims of abuse.

**PRAY THE ROSARY!**

In addition to praying the Rosary during our day, we are given the opportunity to pray with our Rosary groups at St. Mary every Monday evening in the Church at **6:00 p.m.** and at St. John every Tuesday evening in the Church at **5:30 p.m.**



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**OTHER NEWS**

**LA GRANGE COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE**, presented by Holy Rosary Catholic Church, will be on Wednesday, **April 14**, from 9:00 A.M. until 6:00 P.M. at the KC Hall at 190 S. Brown St. in La Grange. In an effort to maintain social distancing, walk-ins will not be accepted. You can make an appointment online at [weareblood.org](http://weareblood.org) and use group code D031, or sign up by calling Craig at (512) 206-1316.

**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IN INDUSTRY** are hosting their annual fried chicken fundraiser Sunday, **April 18**, starting at 11:00 a.m., at the Industry Fireman's Hall. The meal will be served Drive-Thru only for \$12 a plate.

**DISCERNMENT RETREAT FOR WOMEN**, "Heart of Mary," will be held **April 16-18** at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Temple. Single women between the ages of 18 and 35 are invited to join the Apostles of the Interior Life to explore and pray over what it means to discern in light of Mary's example. The cost is \$35 per person. For more information, visit [godiscalling.me](http://godiscalling.me) or call (512) 949-2430.

**ATTENTION YOUNG ADULTS!** Ascend is an initiative of the Diocese of Austin that identifies and develops **young adult leaders** under the age of 40. Each year, the Ascend program gives a cohort of young adults the tools and training they need to grow professionally, personally and spiritually. Applications will be accepted through **April 19**. Visit [www.austindiocese.org/ascend](http://www.austindiocese.org/ascend) for more information about the Ascend program.

**ELLINGER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FUNDRAISER** takes place at the Ellinger C of C Hall on Sunday, **April 25**. The Drive-Thru only BBQ chicken and sausage meal starts at 10:30 a.m. Cost is \$12/plate. A live auction, held outdoors under the pavilion, begins at 1:30 p.m. Currently, firemen are selling tickets for the raffle, and winners will be announced during the auction. Call Dave Weishuhn at (979) 966-2875 for more info.

**THE UPPER ROOM, A WEEKEND RETREAT**, will be presented **April 23-25** at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Temple. The Upper Room in the Old City of Jerusalem marks the site where Jesus gave his final marching orders to his apostles. On Holy Thursday night, the Lord called the apostles to change the world, and for most of them it would require their life. The words of Jesus continue to call his followers today to do their part to change their world by loving one another and fighting for the good. Chuck Neff, a talk show host for Relevant Radio for 16 years and the Executive Producer for The Salt River Production Group, leads the retreat. For more information and to register visit [www.cedarbrake.org](http://www.cedarbrake.org) or call (254) 780-2436.

**ST. MICHAEL'S ANNUAL SPRING FESTIVAL** Drive-Thru Only Fried Chicken meal will be held on Sunday, **April 25**, at the Weimar Veterans Hall beginning at 11:00 a.m.

**SACRED HEART SCHOOL ANNUAL SPRING FESTIVAL** will be held on Wednesday, **April 28**, at the La Grange KC Hall. A Drive-Thru Barbecue chicken meal and bake sale will be from 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., for \$10 per plate. Sacred Heart Catholic School is also selling raffle tickets with prizes to be drawn on Facebook Live at Noon on Friday, April 30. To reserve your plates or purchase raffle tickets, call (979) 968-5117.

**QUEEN OF THE HOLY ROSARY CHURCH** in Hostyn will have their annual Mayfest on Sunday, **May 2**. A barbecue pork and sausage Drive-Thru Only Meal will be from 11:00-12:30 p.m. (or until sold out). Sausage and BBQ Pork by the pound will also be available. Go online to [Hostyn Mayfest \(auctria.com\)](http://HostynMayfest.auctria.com) to see the Mayfest auction. Bidding begins on April 23 at 8:00 am and ends on April 30 at 7:00 pm. Raffle tickets can be purchased by calling the parish office at (979) 247-4441. The drawing will take place on Saturday, May 1, at 1:00 p.m.



**MASS OF ORDINATION TO THE TRANSITIONAL DIACONATE** will take place on Saturday, **May 15**, at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Austin at 10:30 a.m. The Mass will be livestreamed. Join us in celebrating the ordination of this year's candidates, Dcn. Enrique Sada-Coeto and Dcn. Callan Sweeney, to the Order of Deacon as they continue their formation and preparation for the priesthood.

**HOW TO REPORT AN INCIDENT OF CONCERN**

The Diocese of Austin is committed to preventing harm from happening to any of our children or vulnerable adults. If you are aware of sexual or physical abuse and/or neglect of a child or vulnerable adult, state law requires you to report that information to local law enforcement or the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services at [\(800\) 252-5400](tel:8002525400) or [www.dfps.state.tx.us](http://www.dfps.state.tx.us). Additionally, if the suspected abuse is by clergy or an employee or volunteer of any diocesan parish, school or agency, a Notice of Concern should be submitted to the diocesan Ethics and Integrity in Ministry Office at [\(512\) 949-2400](tel:5129492400). The Notice of Concern can be found at [www.austindiocese.org](http://www.austindiocese.org) (click on REPORT ABUSE OR AN EIM CONCERN). Reports may be made anonymously.

**Catholic Social Teaching Corner**

**April 10-11 Second Sunday of Easter**

In reading from the Acts of the Apostles we hear about the early Christian community which, "was of one mind and heart", they "held everything in common," and "there was no needy person among them." Does that describe our parishes, or are we like the disciples hiding in fear in the upper room? Jesus speaks to us as he did to them, sending them out to bring peace, healing, justice, mercy and love to a world in need of these virtues and in need of a community able to live them. What can we do to live more truly as that community of sharing and love?

**Abril 10-11 Segundo Domingo de Pascua**

En la lectura de los Hechos de los Apóstoles, escuchamos sobre la comunidad Cristiana temprana, en la cual "vivían todos unidos", ellos "lo poseían todo en común;" y "no había personas necesitadas entre ellos". ¿Describe esto a nuestras parroquias o somos como los discípulos que nos escondemos con miedo de lo que sucede en el cuarto de arriba? Jesús nos habla a nosotros como les habló a ellos, enviándonos a llevar la paz, la sanación, la justicia, la misericordia y el amor a un mundo necesitado de esas virtudes y de una comunidad capaz de vivirlas ¿Qué podemos hacer para vivir más verdaderamente como una comunidad que comparte y ama?

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**ST. JOHN LITURGICAL DUTIES**

**LECTOR**

**Wednesday** – Grade 5  
**Saturday** – Yvonne Smith  
**Sunday** – Janell Warschak

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

**Wednesday** – Carrol Hollimon  
**Saturday** – Sharon Martinek, Yvonne Smith  
**Sunday** – Janell Warschak, Jeanne Schilling

**ALTAR SERVERS**

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

**ALTAR DUTY FOR APRIL**

Paulette Keilers, Rachel Schley, Brenda Minarcik, Betty Fritsch

**USHERS FOR APRIL**

**Saturday** – Leslie Little, Ronald Malota, Wesley Gaertner, Leonard Malota  
**Sunday** – Allan Minarcik, Christopher Kaspar, Emil Sodolak, Arlis Keilers

**ST. JOHN CONTACTS**

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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

**ST. MARY LITURGICAL DUTIES**

**LECTOR**

**Saturday** – Donna Shula  
**Sunday** – Jo Ann Divin

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Saturday** – Kole Schmitt  
**Sunday** – Julie Korenek

**USHERS FOR APRIL**

**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 Lord has risen Alleluia, Alleluia! Mary Magdalene approaches the tomb, and she sees the rolled-away stone, not as good news, but as proof that someone has broken in and stolen the body of Jesus. Before the dawn of Resurrection faith, her response is to run away from the place of Christ's victory and hide with the others. Here, perhaps, she symbolizes every human being who has lost something precious in life through death, or a broken relationship or an unfulfilled dream, and finds it hard to glory in the hope of the Resurrection.

In the end, Mary does what we would all do – she seeks the help of others. Returning to the tomb, she brings with her Peter – whose own journey stumbles between blindness of denial and the light of faith – and John, the beloved disciple. Yet they, too, are still blind to what has occurred.

We have traveled a great way over the Triduum, and today we stand at the empty tomb – not in the blindness of unbelief, but in the light of faith. The Christ we celebrate today is not only the Christ of the cross, but also the risen Christ. To have remained on Calvary would have been to run away from the life-giving power of the Resurrection and the reconciliation that it offers to all. The Resurrection is the victory of love and self-giving over the blindness of hatred and sin. Even the once insurmountable obstacle of death is no more; its power is smashed in the Father's action of raising Jesus from the dead.

As Catholics we proclaim to the world our belief that Christ is the Lord of the living. He walks with us, renewing us with his grace so that we can confidently live life and celebrates the hope of eternal life in the here and now. Thank you for your commitment to the faith that Christ is Lord.

*Fr. Steve*

**“...do not be unbelieving, but believe...” –John 20:27**

**TODAY IS DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY!**

Mankind's need for the message of Divine Mercy took on dire urgency in the 20th Century, when civilization began to experience an “eclipse of the sense of God” and, therefore to lose the understanding of the sanctity and inherent dignity of human life. In the 1930s, Jesus chose a humble Polish nun, St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, to receive private revelations concerning Divine Mercy that were recorded in her Diary.



St. Faustina's Diary records 14 occasions when Jesus requested that a Feast of Mercy (Divine Mercy Sunday) be observed. On May 5, 2000, five days after the canonization of St. Faustina, the Vatican decreed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday.

***We will celebrate TODAY, April 11, at 3:00 p.m. at St. Mary Church*** with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and ending with Benediction. Everyone is invited.

***A Prayer for Rain***

O God, the earth is thirsty for rain and we wait for you to refresh the land and all its creatures, the rivers and lakes, the crops and gardens.

Send abundant rain, we pray, and teach us to be better stewards of all the blessings you provide, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.