

St. Mary Catholic Church

Est. 1855

Mission Parish

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



Weekly Offering: \$ 1,536.00
Online Giving: \$ 583.44

MASSES

Wednesday at 7:00 a.m.
Jackie Troutman †

Friday at 7:00 a.m.
Mass for Life

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 p.m.
Laddie Vasek †

Sunday at 8:00 a.m.
Msgr. Ben Mazurkiewicz †

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Est. 1870

207 E. Bell St.
Fayetteville

www.stjohnfayetteville.com



Weekly Offering: \$ 5,690.00
Online Giving: \$ 4,285.00

MASSES

Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.
Albert Janish †

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
Jurline Huebel †

Thursday at 7:00 a.m.
Brian Kulhanek, Sr. †

Saturday at 7:30 a.m.
*Leonard Malota, Sr.
& Donald Malota †*

Saturday Vigil at 6:00 p.m.
Leonard E. Svrcek, Sr. †

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

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

Amy Babin

Lexus Zika

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PARISH LIFE

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



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is **July 19-23!** Registration forms are available at the entrance of the church. To submit your registration online, visit either parish website and fill out the form, or print it out and return to parish office. The registration deadline is **June 30**. **We are still in need of volunteers!** Adults and those who have completed the fifth grade through the twelfth grade are needed. All adult volunteers (18 years and over) must be EIM compliant.

WE ARE NEED OF CATECHISTS NEXT YEAR, so please prayerfully consider helping in this ministry of sharing Christ with the youth in our community!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

• **Basic Teachings of the Catholic Church**

This five-part course will be offered virtually on *June 28, June 29, June 30, July 1, and July 2* from 9:30 – 3:30 p.m.

• **Church History**

This four-part course will be offered virtually on *June 7-10*. The classes will be from 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

• **Ecclesiology**

This four-part course will be offered virtually on *June 14- 17*. Classes will be from 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

• **Christian Morality**

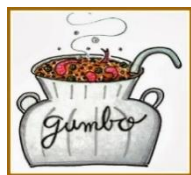
This four-part course will be offered virtually on, *June 21-24*. Classes will be from 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

For a complete list of Adult Faith Formation opportunities, or to sign up for a course, visit [Summer Classes - Diocese of Austin - Austin, TX \(austindiocese.org\)](http://www.austindiocese.org).

A ST. JOHN FEAST PREPARATION MEETING will be on Thursday, **May 27**, at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Anyone interested in helping us get organized should join us!

YOU CAN BE OF SERVICE AT ST. MARY'S 'WORK DAY' at the church on Saturday, **May 22**, from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. We need help with some landscaping (adding mulch, trimming trees, etc.), and need to do some clean up in the Hall pantry. Please bring your shovels and gardening tools. Lunch will be provided. We hope to see you there!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GUMBO: The Knights of Columbus will be having a Drive-Thru Only Chicken & Sausage Gumbo on Friday, **May 21**, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at St. John's Pavilion. Cost of the Gumbo with Rice is \$10 per serving. The Catholic Daughters will have desserts for purchase. Please call (979) 249-6003 for orders.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS monthly meeting will be Tuesday, **May 18**, at 7:00 p.m. in St. John's Parish Hall.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES OF 2021! May the Holy Spirit fill each of you with zeal, strength and courage to carry out your commitment to your faith and your final goal – heaven.

YEAR OF THE DOMESTIC CHURCH

May Theme: Celebrating Parents

For the month of May, we continue our reflections for the Year of the Domestic Church by celebrating the gift of parenthood. By looking to Christ and his relationship with God the Father, we see the beauty of reciprocity in relationships between parents and children. This month as we celebrate the gift of parents, let us celebrate the gift of the people who brought us into this world, as well as the gift of a loving father in heaven.



NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH: You may be called to be more active in the support of foster children and their families. With the appropriate training and screening, you can play an important role in nurturing these children who have many challenges before them. Some examples of how you can help include:

1. Hosting celebrations: picnics, holiday gatherings, birthday parties, etc.
2. Academic tutoring
3. Mentoring/apprenticeships/"career days" for children aging out of foster care
4. Respite care for foster/adoptive parents
5. Counseling/parenting courses
6. Addiction recovery support
7. Retreats and days of reflection/renewal
8. Legal services for children, families of origin, foster and adoptive parents
9. **CASA** (Court Appointed Special Advocates) trains and supports people who stand up for the best interests of children who have been abused or neglected. Appointed by judges, they speak up for the child's needs in the courtroom and community.



Open Table, a national coalition, provides a means for faith-based communities to engage groups of volunteers that make a year-long commitment to act – through relationship — as a team of life specialists, encouragers, and advocates. Texas' First Lady is recommending using the Open Table process to assist children who are aging out of the system.

Visit [St. Joseph Ministry | foster care initiative - Texas Catholic Conference \(txcatholic.org\)](http://www.tx catholic.org) for more information.

K.J.Z.T. ST. ANNE SOCIETY #10

- **Quarterly Meeting** will be held on Tuesday, **May 18**, at 1 p.m. at St. John's Parish Hall. Lunch will be served. Please bring a bingo prize. Wear your mask.
- **Our K.J.Z.T. Cookbooks** are available for \$20. In addition to many great recipes, the books detail the history of the society, dating back to 1902. Call Lois Kaspar at (979) 249-6826 or Mary Jane Toddy at (979) 249-6231 to get yours.

CEF ANNUAL DRIVE: Father's Day and birthdays are great occasions to honor your loved ones with a CEF card. These cards help to pay for the education of seminarians and make funds available for churches to borrow from for their growing needs. Contact the church office, Fayetteville Bank, Margaret Kubala at (979) 378-2877, or Donna Shula at (713) 818-1470.

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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.

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

SACRED HEART SCHOOL in La Grange has an opening for a classroom teacher next year. If you or someone you know is interested, please submit your application online. Go to www.sacredheartschoollg.com, then important links, and then click on job opportunities.

SACRED HEART PARISH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
Registration has begun for Vacation Bible School in La Grange. They will have VBS on **June 8-10**, from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. In keeping with the year of St. Joseph, this year we will be "Rounding up the Virtues with St. Joseph." as you can see this year's VBS will be "Not your average Joe!" We can't wait to once again share a slice of our beautiful faith with God's precious children! Forms are available at www.sacredheartlagrange.org or by contacting their parish office at (979) 968-3430.

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH OF CORN HILL will have their annual June Fundraiser – DRIVE-THRU ONLY – on Sunday, **June 6**. The meal of Corn Hill Fried Chicken & Sausage with homemade dressing, noodles and all the trimmings, will be sold for \$11/plate from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. or sold out. Cakes, size 8x8, will also be available for \$5 each.

30TH ANNUAL CZECH KOLACHE KLOBASE FESTIVAL
The K.J.T. Society of East Bernard's festival will be on Saturday, **June 12**, at Riverside Hall. Live music starts at 10:30 a.m. Come enjoy a sausage & BBQ chicken meal, arts and crafts booths, a cake walk, raffle, games for the kids and "lotsa kolaches."

SAVE THE DATE! St. Rose of Lima in Schulenburg will have their annual Fundraiser on Sunday, **June 13**. There will be a Drive-Thru Meal, Online Auction and a Raffle. More information to come!

THE SUMMER SILENT RETREAT will be offered **June 4-9** at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Temple. Join us for two to five nights. Each day there will be one morning talk by Franciscan Father Albert Haase, daily Mass, an afternoon devotion and the opportunity for the sacrament of confession and sacred silence. Cost varies as to number of nights. Register by calling (254) 780-2436 or at www.cedarbrake.org.

QUO VADIS is a weekend retreat for young men in high school. Fr. Greg Gerhart and seminarians of the diocese will lead the weekend and help the participants to discover what it means to be a true man of God. This year Quo Vadis will take place **June 25-27** at Eagle's Wings Retreat Center in Burnet, TX. The cost is \$35 per person. Please be sure to share this retreat opportunity with the young men that you minister to; they won't want to miss it! More information and registration available at the Austin Vocations website [linked here](#).

THE COLUMBUS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will have a Fried Chicken Drive Thru Meal on Sunday, **May 23**, at the Columbus Hall. Plate cost is \$10. Serving will start at 11:00 am until sold out. Tickets are not necessary.

THE 84TH ELLINGER C of C TOMATO FESTIVAL is Sunday, **May 30**. There will be a fried chicken and sausage drive-thru meal beginning at 10:30 a.m. Plates are \$12. Come and enjoy the other activities such as the live auction, raffle and karaoke!

STS. CYRIL & METHODIUS PARISH SPRING PICNIC
Saints Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church of Shiner is hosting their annual picnic Sunday, **May 30**. A three meat plate will be served from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., with drive-thru starting at 10:30 a.m. Enjoy the music, bingo, a country auction, a cattle auction, country store, a petting zoo, and a variety of games for children. Visit www.sscmshiner.org for details.

TRAVELING? Your Sunday Mass obligation does not go on vacation! Be sure to check www.masstimes.org to find a Catholic Church near you, no matter where you are.

SHOP USING THE AMAZON SMILE PROGRAM

The parish of St. John the Baptist has teamed up with the Amazon Smile program. This means that Amazon will donate 0.5% of your Amazon purchase to the parish **at no cost to you**. Any donation is greatly appreciated. Simply visit <http://smile.amazon.com>, sign in to your Amazon account, search "St. John Catholic Church Fayetteville" or choose an organization you would like to sponsor, and shop! For help or more information, visit org.amazon.com.



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

May 15-16 The Ascension of the Lord

On this Sunday we celebrate Jesus' return to his Father, which marks the time when he turned over the ministry of proclaiming the Gospel to us, his disciples. As Jesus' disciples today, what is the witness we give? What is the evidence that we show others that we are deeply and completely committed to Jesus and his way of life, his way of love?

Mayo 15-16 La Ascension del Señor

En este domingo celebramos el regreso de Jesús a su Padre, el cual marca el momento en el que él nos encargó el ministerio de proclamar el Evangelio a nosotros, sus discípulos. Como apóstoles actuales de Jesús, ¿qué testimonio damos? ¿Cuál es la evidencia que mostramos a los demás de que estamos profunda y completamente comprometidos con Jesús y con su camino de vida, de amor?

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ST. JOHN LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTOR

Saturday – Yvonne Smith
Sunday – Lee Matocha

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday – Tiffany Nigh, Yvonne Smith
Sunday – David Bertsch, Michelle Bertsch

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday – Peyton Jurecka, Paige Jurecka, Jacob Nigh
Sunday – Marissa Halamiczek, Logan Poncik, Mackenzie Poncik

ALTAR DUTY FOR MAY

Yvonne Smith, Wanda Fritsch, Addie Dybala, Cheryl Bauer

USHERS FOR MAY

Saturday – Jonathan Noska, David Stastny, Ronnie Kramr, Christopher Stastny
Sunday – David Holub, Rick Schilling, Joe Babin, John Cufu

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K.J.T.	Emil Sodalak	979-249-3952
Hall Rental	Parish Office	979-378-2277
Cemetery	Ronald Kramr	979-249-6152

ST. MARY LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTOR

Saturday – Rose Urban
Sunday – Aimee Korenek

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday – Rylee Fritsch
Sunday – Luke Korenek

USHERS FOR MAY

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,

This year Pope Francis dedicated the Church to St. Joseph. In the Gospels, he doesn't speak one word, yet two thousand years later the entire world knows his name and looks to him for inspiration. St. Joseph and the Holy family are the model for every man and every family. St. Joseph did whatever God commanded him to do and his life echoes Psalm 112:1-6: *"Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in his commandments! His descendants will be mighty in the Land; the generation of the upright will be blessed... For the righteous will never be moved; he will be remembered forever."* Without God in our lives it is impossible to live the Christian model of marriage, however with God all things are possible. In the Vatican II documents, Pope John Paul II stated that *"the home is the domestic church because Christ is present in husband and wife where the two become one."*

Christ is truly present within your home. St. John Paul II stated in his letter to Families, that *"the family is placed at the heart of the great struggle between good and evil, between life and death, between love and all that is opposed to love."* The future of the world and of the Church passes through the family. In 1994 St. John Paul II stated that he was to endure the suffering for the sake of the family: *"I understood that I must lead Christ's Church into this third millennium through suffering ... Precisely because the family is threatened, the family is under attack. The Pope has to be attacked, the Pope has to suffer, so that every family and the world may see that there is... a higher Gospel ... by which the future is prepared, the third millennium of families."*

Throughout the month of May, let us daily pray the Rosary together as a family; may we look to Mary and St. Joseph to find strength to lead the domestic church (the family) into a relationship with the God who created and loves us. May the Holy Spirit fill your homes with his presence.



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The Ascension of the Lord

The Feast of the Ascension celebrates the day on which the risen Christ, in the sight of His apostles, ascended bodily into Heaven. It is a moveable feast day, always occurring 40 days after Easter, which, in 2021, would be May 13. However, in many archdioceses (including ours), the observance of this Holy Day of Obligation occurs on the following Sunday.

The period from Ascension Thursday through Pentecost Sunday represents the final stretch of the Easter season. Many Catholics prepare for Pentecost by praying the Novena to the Holy Ghost, in which we ask for the gifts of the Holy Spirit. It is traditionally prayed beginning on the Friday after Ascension Thursday and ending on the day before Pentecost Sunday to commemorate the original novena—the nine days that the apostles and the Blessed Virgin Mary spent in prayer after Christ's Ascension and before the descent of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost.

O Lord, we thank you for allowing us to celebrate this feast which reminds us of your going before us to heaven.

We long to join you in the gift of everlasting life which you gained for us in your self-giving death and resurrection.

Allow us to serve your people until the day when we celebrate together the joy of your Kingdom, where you live and reign forever and ever. Amen.