

# St. Mary Catholic Church

*Est. 1855*

**Mission Parish**

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



**Weekly Offering:** \$ 1,769.00  
**Online Giving:** \$ 151.38

## MASSES

**Wednesday at 7:00 a.m.**  
*Albina Urban †*

**Friday at 7:00 a.m.**  
*Bennie Gerik †*

**Saturday Vigil at 4:00 p.m.**  
*Jeffrey Raska †*

**Sunday at 8:00 a.m.**  
*Barbara Mondrik †*

# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

*Est. 1870*

207 E. Bell St.  
Fayetteville

www.stjohnfayetteville.com



**Weekly Offering:** \$ 3,545.00  
**Online Giving:** \$ 585.00

## MASSES

**Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.**  
*Annie Mae Janish †*

**Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.**  
*Sharon Belota †*

**Thursday at 7:00 a.m.**  
*Melissa Hahn †*

**Saturday at 7:30 a.m.**  
*Genevieve Socha †*

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

**Sunday at 10:00 a.m.**  
*Deceased members  
of the U.S. Military †*



**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

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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.

**PENTECOST SUNDAY**  
**MAY 23, AD 2021**

**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, Kip Schumacher, 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.)*

**WELCOME:** St. John's parish family would like to congratulate the family of **Sadie Rae Jurecka** who was born into Our Lord's life through baptism last weekend. May the Lord be with her and her family with all His blessings.



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** is **July 19-23!** Registration forms are available at the entrance of the church. To submit your registration online, go to the parish website and either fill out the form and submit, or print it out and return it to the 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!

**CYM HEADS UP!** Members are expected to participate the week of **July 4-10** at the Garage Sale donation drop-off days and at the sale itself. A work schedule will be available soon!

**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).

**THANK YOU KJT #9** for providing breakfast to the Graduates last Sunday before Mass.

**PARENTS OF 1<sup>ST</sup> COMMUNICANTS** are reminded to pick up their picture discs at the parish office.

**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!

**A ST. MARY'S BAZAAR PREPARATION MEETING** will be held on Thursday, **June 10**, at 6:30 p.m. Everyone who would like to help with organizing this year's different format, please come!

**NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH: Follow Joseph's example to become a foster parent!**

Being a foster parent is a special calling, similar to God's call to people to be a "forever" parent, or to the vocation of marriage. Not everyone has this calling to be a foster parent, and sometimes people find themselves moved to be a foster parent later in life. Regardless, by our baptism, each of us is called to love our neighbor and to serve one another with a spirit of generosity. Therefore, each of us has a role to play in supporting foster parents.

To find a local foster care provider near you, visit Texas Alliance of Children & Family Services at [www.tacfs.org](http://www.tacfs.org). Or, in the spirit of the Magi's giving, donate to the Rainbow Room, a resource center for children in foster care.

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



**YEAR OF THE DOMESTIC CHURCH**

**May Theme: Celebrating Parents**

*Parents are "Sponsors" of the Catholic Faith*

Parents are the point of access between the Church and their children. To differing degrees, neighborhoods, and mainstream cultural attitudes toward religion have all declined as cultural "carriers" of Catholic belief. If children are not initially exposed to the Catholic faith by their parents, they usually will not be exposed to it at all.

*Parents are "Gatekeepers" or "faucets" of the Catholic Faith*

Parents have nearly total control over how much and what sorts of religious content their children encounter—whether children attend Catholic school; whether prayer, reading the Bible, or receiving Communion and going to Reconciliation will occur regularly in their lives; whether they will be exposed to relationships and communities that have a religious dimension, and so forth. Parents are thus the "gatekeeper" of religious content for their children. To use another metaphor, parents are like a faucet, determining whether religious content will arrive in children's lives at an occasional drip or in a regular flow.

*Parents are "Interpreters" of the Catholic Faith*

Parents teach children how to comprehend the world; how to understand what is good and what is evil; how one ought to engage with the world; and so on. They do not just "represent" the faith; in many cases, they are the only meaningful embodiment of that faith in the lives of children. Parents render faith a matter of flesh and blood rather than a lifeless mish-mash of doctrines and teachings. If children do not "see" Catholicism in the "face" of their parents, they will likely never gain sufficient familiarity with it to commit to practicing the faith in the long run.

**FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI** (Body of Christ) will be celebrated at the Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses the weekend of **June 6**, when we give special devotion to Our Lord in the Holy Eucharist. The Altar Society and their volunteers will set up the altars outdoors. Procession of the Blessed Sacrament will be held as usual. Those persons who find it difficult to walk are asked to remain in the Church during the procession. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will conclude the celebration.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** The following men were ordained as transitional deacons last weekend – Sam Bass, Jakob Hurlimann and Fernando Ricaud. Please pray for them as they assume their new duties in the service of the Lord.



# PENTECOST SUNDAY MAY 23, AD 2021

## MASS OF ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

On **June 5**, at 10:30 a.m., Bishop Joe Vásquez will ordain Deacons Enrique Sada and Callan Sweeney to the priesthood at St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Austin. The Masses will be livestreamed at <https://godiscalling.me> and on the diocesan Facebook page (search Diocese of Austin).

**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 (979-378-2877), or Donna Shula (713-818-1470).

**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](http://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 they will be "Rounding up the Virtues with St. Joseph." As you can see, this year's VBS will be "Not your average Joe!" Sacred Heart VBS can't wait to once again share a slice of our beautiful faith with God's precious children! Go to [www.sacredheartlagrange.org](http://www.sacredheartlagrange.org) for forms, or contact their parish office at (979) 968-3430.

**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](http://www.cedarbrake.org).

## 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 until sold out. Cakes, size 8x8, will also be available for \$5 each.

## 30<sup>TH</sup> 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 info to come!

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

**THE 84<sup>TH</sup> 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 for the meal, and also enjoy 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](http://www.sscmshiner.org) for details.

**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! The registration form and more info are available at <https://godiscalling.me/events/2021/7/23/quo-vadis>.

**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, so start by scheduling an appointment with him.

Congratulations Father Steve Sauser  
On your 11th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood



Ordained May 29, 2010

## Catholic Social Teaching Corner

May 22-23 Pentecost Sunday

The Easter flame opens up this day to Pentecostal fire as we celebrate the sending of the Spirit who makes us God's new creation. There is no return to business as usual. Through the action of the Holy Spirit we stand now, as Jesus did, proclaiming in word and deed the saving love of God and the coming of God's reign. Today is not the end of a season, but a celebration of the mission for which we were baptized. Let our alleluias continue to ring as we carry on with this great mission given us by God!

Mayo 22-23 Domingo de Pentecostés

La llama de la pascua abre paso hoy al fuego Pentecostal mientras celebramos el envío del Espíritu que nos hace la nueva creación de Dios. No existe un regreso a la vida usual. A través de la acción del Espíritu Santo, estamos ahora, como lo hizo Jesús, proclamando de palabra y de hecho el amor salvífico de Dios y la llegada del reino de Dios. Hoy no marca el final de la temporada, sino una celebración de la misión para la cual fuimos bautizados ¡Que continúen sonando nuestros alaluyas mientras continuamos esta gran misión que nos ha dado Dios!

**PENTECOST SUNDAY  
MAY 23, AD 2021**

**ST. JOHN LITURGICAL DUTIES**

**LECTOR**

**Saturday** – Herman Schramm

**Sunday** – Nikki Beseda

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

**Saturday** – Betty Kovar, Karley Gaytan

**Sunday** – Mary Quiros, Paulette Keilers

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Saturday** – Lydia Huebner, Gregory Huebner, Kara Jurecka

**Sunday** – Ricky Schilling, Scotti Beseda, Luke Beseda

**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 Cufur

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***A Note from the Pastor***



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In the Holy Spirit, God dwells not just among us but within us. He is known as the Wonderful Counselor, Advocate, and Paraclete, which literally means, “he who is called to one’s side”. The Holy Spirit fulfills the Lord’s promise to “*never forsake you or abandon you*” ([Hebrews 13:5](#)). The Spirit of Truth is with us forever. He is the one of whom Jesus said, “It is better for you that I go,” ([John 16:7](#)) because he will come, the one from whom we receive consolation, guidance, and who teaches us everything.

Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed saying: “*Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are one.*” ([John 17:11](#)) Jesus needs us in the combat, and entrusts us with the fight. He doesn’t keep us from the battle, but instead offers us the strength of his help. He is with us, fighting at our side. He is within us, giving us the interior strength to do his will.

Jesus’ aim and mission was to glorify his heavenly Father. All He said and did gave glory to his Father. What motivated Jesus to lay down his life on the cross as the atoning sacrifice for the sin of the World was love for his Father in heaven and love for each and every one of us who are made in the image and likeness of God.

We also must take up our crosses and follow the Lord Jesus wherever he may call us. He will give us the strength and power of the Holy Spirit to live as his disciples. Just as Jesus was called by the Father to serve in holiness and truth, so we, too, are called and equipped for the task of serving God in the world as his ambassadors.

*Fri. Steve*

**ST. MARY LITURGICAL DUTIES**

**LECTOR**

**Saturday** – Robert Balzer

**Sunday** – L.J. Korenek

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Saturday** – Kole Schmitt

**Sunday** – Julie Korenek

**ALTAR FLOWERS: June 11/12** – Ann Minar

**June 18/19** – Sharon Kuehn    **June 26/27** – JoAnn Divin

**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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**Pentecost!** What a difference that one day, that single event, made in the life of the Church! Without the Spirit, the apostles would have remained confused and fearful. With the Spirit, they grew in understanding of Jesus’ message and became bold sharers of the Good News. The Holy Spirit’s power can frighten us or embolden us—or both! Much depends on our attitude and receptiveness to God’s will. Invite the Spirit to guide you and enliven your faith—on Pentecost and beyond!

*Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.*

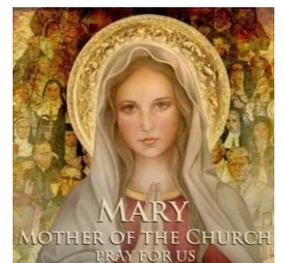
*Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created.*

*And You shall renew the face of the earth.*

*O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations. Through Christ Our Lord.*

*Amen.*

**Mary, Mother of the Church  
May 24**



The idea of Mary interceding for the church, as a mother does for her children, is important for Catholics to consider. In the feast of Mary, Mother of the Church, it is key to understand its placement right after Pentecost, noting that at the time of the original Pentecost, Mary “did what a mother would do – she prayed with and for her children in the upper room.” The image of a mother with her children “on this pilgrim journey” is important for the church today. The Church is Marian, not just as pleasant sentiment, but because Mary is truly our mother and a powerful guide for the church today.