

# St. Mary Catholic Church

*Est. 1855*

**Mission Parish**

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



**Weekly Offering:** \$ 2,124.00  
**Cemetery:** \$ 297.00  
**Online Giving:** \$ 376.38

## MASSES

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

**Friday at 7:00 a.m.**  
*Laddie Supak †*

**Saturday Vigil at 4:00 p.m.**  
*Randy Popp †*

**Sunday at 8:00 a.m.**  
*Rev. Francis Kolar †*

# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

*Est. 1870*

207 E. Bell St.  
Fayetteville

www.stjohnfayetteville.com



**Weekly Offering:** \$ 4,779.00  
**Faith Formation:** \$ 1,003.00  
**Online Giving:** \$ 930.41

## MASSES

**Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.**  
*Dorothy Svrcek †*

**Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.**  
*Alma Schmitt †*

**Thursday at 7:00 a.m.**  
*Roy Glenn Johnson †*

**Saturday at 7:30 a.m.**  
*Charleen Janish †*

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

**Sunday at 10:00 a.m.**  
*Living and dec'd of the  
Jasek & Zatopek Families*



**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)

## MONTHLY MASS

**Tuesday, August 3, at 8:00 a.m.**  
*For the intentions left on the altar*

## 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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**Rev. Steve Sauser, Pastor**  
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**Deacon Robert Jasek**

### **Faith Formation**

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### **Knights of Columbus**

Jim Sula kofc3168@gmail.com

### **Catholic Daughters of the Americas**

Suzanne Mattair njm18@flash.net

**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

Sue Zapalac

**THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**JULY 11, 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, 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.)*

**IN MEMORIAM:** The Parish Family extends sympathies and prayers towards the family of *Juanita Polasek*, who died last week. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.

**WE NEED YOU!** Become a witness to the faith by sharing your faith commitment through word, worship, service, experience and prayer as a catechist! If you feel called to help with our Faith Formation program, please contact the parish office.

**REGISTRATION FOR FAITH FORMATION** for the upcoming school year is now open. Contact information forms of returning students have been mailed out. Please place the completed forms in the "Faith Formation Registration" box at Church or return it to the parish office by Friday, **August 6**. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office. **To register a new student**, please come by the parish office.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** is **July 19-23!** This year's VBS is "Marvelous Mystery: The Mass Comes Alive." **Our enrollment limit has been met.** We are anticipating a fun, faith-filled week! Donations of refreshments for the 55 volunteers during the week may be dropped off at the Recreation Hall the week of VBS.

**Our 2021 VBS Service Project** will be a food drive for the AMEN Food Pantry in La Grange. Items may be dropped off in the VBS Car line **Tuesday, July 20 – Thursday, July 22**. The pantry suggested donating the following items: cereal, rice, SPAM, canned soups, boxed meals, oatmeal, canned fruit, boxed rice or pasta with seasoning, and peanut butter. Thank you!

**VBS Volunteers:** On **July 18** from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., the hall will be open for everyone's convenience to prepare for the upcoming VBS week. Guides will meet immediately after Sunday morning Mass. Skit performers will be scheduled throughout the afternoon and will be contacted. Any questions please contact Theresa Keilers at [kamcat@msn.com](mailto:kamcat@msn.com), or 979-966-2861. *Let me extend my heart felt gratitude to everyone participating in giving of their generous time, talent and treasure to this year's VBS. I am looking forward to our VBS fellowship again this year. Theresa*

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Installation of Officers** will be on Tuesday, **July 13**, at 7:00 p.m. Family and friends are invited. A social and meal will follow the ceremony.

**ST JOHN'S PARISH FEAST** is Sunday, **September 5**. Preparations are in full swing.

- **WORKLISTS** are being updated. If you need to change your usual assignment, please call Janice Kasmiersky (979) 378-2244 or Betty Kovar (979) 378-2892 **by July 12** with your request.
- **THE LIVE AND SILENT AUCTIONS** need your support! Now is the time to begin thinking about creative donations!

**ST. MARY'S BAZAAR**

- **WORKLISTS** will be changed for this year's Bazaar, so, some of the job reassignments will be different. **TODAY is the last day to contact Janet Bradley at (713) 501-7848 if you have a preference.**
- **CHAIRPERSONS** will meet on Wednesday, **July 14**, at 6:30 p.m. at the parish hall to update the worksheets.
- **A MEAT/CASH DONATION** is requested from each family. The donations should be in an envelope marked "Meat/Cash Donation" and dropped in the Sunday collection, or brought to the office.
- **THE ONLINE AUCTION** will run the 10 days prior to the Bazaar, ending the day of the drive-thru meal. The website is now being updated with items as they come in. Go to our church website at [www.stmaryellinger.com](http://www.stmaryellinger.com), click the blue Bazaar button at the top, then click the auction link for a peek!
  - **To donate an auction item**, please fill out an auction item donation form located at the entrance of the church, and bring your item to the parish office so that it can be photographed, described, and uploaded to the auction website.
  - **Baked goods? Yes, we can sell them in the auction!** Indicate your delivery options on the auction item donation form and either drop it in the collection basket or bring it to the office, so we can post your offering online. If you have a picture of what it will look like, please share that with the office.
  - **The deadline** to donate auction items is **August 1**. For questions, please contact Sue Zapalac at (979) 249-7570.
- **RAFFLE TICKETS** are available from all parishioners of St. Mary, at the parish office and at Fayetteville Bank.

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES**

- **Catechesis on Human Love – July 12-16, various times**  
These classes offer the wisdom of the Church to parents, catechists, and teachers for education in human love and sexuality, incorporating St. John Paul II's catechesis on human love which helps us to understand the human person in a way so radically different from the current culture.
- **Building Intercultural Competence in Ministry-July 19 & 20 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.** This course frames discussions of culture in terms of the Church's identity and mission to evangelize.
- **Media & Technology-July 27 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.**  
Explore basic principles of media literacy and how to make effective use of new technologies in teaching the truths of the Catholic faith.

To sign up for a course, or to see a complete list of adult faith formation classes, visit <https://austindiocese.org/summer-classes>.

**ST. MARY'S PASTORAL COUNCIL** meeting will be held at the parish hall on Thursday, **July 15**, at 6:30 p.m.

**ADCCW QUARTERLY DEANERY MEETING** will be at St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday, **July 27**. The Board meets at 9:30 a.m., and the General Meeting follows at 10:00 a.m. A worksheet will be in next week's bulletin. Make plans to attend and meet ladies from other parishes. Please call Donna Shula with any questions.

**K.J.Z.T DISTRICT MEETING** will be Sunday, **July 25**, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Industry. Registration will begin at 11:00 a.m. with meal and meeting to follow. If you plan to attend, call Mildred Walla at 270-1705 by July 10 to make your reservation.

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**WORRIED?** Make time to bring your cares to our Blessed Mother and her Son! Come pray the **Rosary** at St. Mary every **Monday** at **6:00 p.m.** and at St. John every **Tuesday** at **5:30 p.m.**

**YEAR OF THE DOMESTIC CHURCH**

**July Theme: We Are God's Children**

We are God's children. This may be something that you have heard since you were a child, but how often do you think about it and consider the implications of what it means that you are a child of God?

Jesus taught us to call God "father." Throughout his life, he desired that we would know God as the merciful and loving father that he is. Shortly before his death, Jesus prayed: "O righteous Father, the world has not known you, but I have known you; and these know that you have sent me. I made known to them your name, and I will make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them (John 17:25-26)."

Through our baptism, we are made adopted children of God. As children of God, we share in the sufferings of Christ. We are also co-heirs of God's kingdom with Christ, and share in his life through his body, the Church.

When you pray, do you approach God as your father? What can we learn from Christ's life and witness about what it means that God is our father? If we are part of Christ's body with God's love within us, how can you demonstrate his love to others?



**TEENS ARE INVITED** to attend the 2021 Teen ACTS Retreat, **July 22-25**. Registration forms can be found at the church entrance. The retreat is open to all incoming sophomores through recently graduated seniors. Spots are filling fast, so sign up ASAP! This year's theme is "The Lord is near to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him in truth." – Psalm 145:18



**CEDARBRAKE CATHOLIC RETREAT CENTER** in Temple will offer a retreat entitled "Discover Your Spiritual Gifts" on **July 24** from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. What are your spiritual gifts and how has our Lord called you to use them? On this day, retreat participants will reflect on the ways the Holy Spirit empowers each of us to serve God by using our unique gifts. Cost is \$40 and includes lunch. Register at [www.cedarbrake.org](http://www.cedarbrake.org).

**DEVOTION OF 2000 HAIL MARYS**

The Legion of Mary will host "A Devotion of 2000 Hail Marys" **July 31** at Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish in Granger. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed and prayers will begin at 6:45 a.m. in the church and will conclude around 5 p.m. There will be 20 universal petitions, and 100 Hail Marys prayed for each intention. Participants are asked to come with three personal petitions. To lead one of the petitions/100 Hail Marys or to get more information, call Lillie Huff at (512) 694-2801 or Rose Unnasch at (512) 760-5727.

**OTHER NEWS**

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:** The following positions are available at St. John Catholic Parish in Fayetteville.

- **Parish Business Administrator** reports directly to the Pastor and operates under general supervision with wide latitude for the use of independent judgement and initiative. This position is responsible for the administrative and financial management of the parish in accordance with the Diocese of Austin guidelines, supervision of operations staff, and overall management of parish buildings.
- The position of **Front Office Administrator and/or Bookkeeper**, reports directly to and operates under the supervision of the *Parish Business Administrator*. The Front Office Administrator is responsible for the general operation of the Parish Office administrative duties and communications. Bookkeeping responsibilities would include all accounts payable, accounts receivable, and financial reporting.

If interested, please forward your resume to St. John Catholic Parish.

Mailing address: P.O. Box 57, Fayetteville, TX 78940  
Email: [stsjm@stjohnfayetteville.com](mailto:stsjm@stjohnfayetteville.com)

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** at Second Chance Emporium in La Grange on **July 27-29** for stocking, **July 30-31** for sales and Monday morning, **August 2**, for straightening. Help is greatly needed and appreciated, and neighboring parishes are welcome to join us. For information, please contact Suzanne Mattair at (832) 465-2383 or Anna Boyd at (281) 687-4217.

**ARE YOU AWARE THAT ONLY 42% OF U.S. ADULTS HAVE A WILL?** The Diocese of Austin has partnered with *Freewill* to provide an easy and free option for Catholic donors to create a will and estate plan. This tool takes 20 minutes to complete and is free for all our Catholic brothers and sisters. You can access the link here: [www.freewill.com/austindiocese](http://www.freewill.com/austindiocese).

**HOLY ROSARY WOMEN'S ACTS RETREAT**

On behalf of the Holy Rosary ACTS Retreat Team, you are invited to spend a weekend with God. Come **August 26-28** and allow the Father, Son and Holy Spirit to wrap themselves around you for a weekend of prayer and blessing. Applications are available from any team member or at the entrance of the church. If you have questions, please contact Bethany Muzny at (979)733-6898. Please consider giving yourself the gift of time spent on Holy Ground.



**Catholic Social Teaching Corner**

**July 10-11 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

St. Paul reminds us in his letter today that we are God's chosen, adopted children. We have been blessed by God in being called and in being given a special share in His life. But this blessing requires that we accept the responsibility of discipleship. Like Amos, though we may not understand why God has given us this blessing and task, we will be given the grace to see it through in faithfulness and trust. How can you act on your call to discipleship this week?

**Julio 10-11 Décimo Quinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario**

San Pablo nos recuerda en su carta del día de hoy que somos los escogidos de Dios, sus hijos adoptados. Hemos sido bendecidos por Dios al ser llamados y al compartir un lugar especial en Su vida. Pero esta bendición requiere que aceptemos la responsabilidad del discipulado. Como Amós, a pesar de que tal vez no entendamos por qué Dios nos ha dado esta bendición y esta tarea, se nos dará la gracia de verla a través de la fidelidad y la confianza ¿Cómo puede usted actuar de acuerdo a su llamado al discipulado esta semana?

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**ST. JOHN LITURGICAL DUTIES**

**LECTOR**

**Saturday** – Kathleen Kramr

**Sunday** – Christine Wied

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

**Saturday** – Ronnie Kramr, Kathleen Kramr

**Sunday** – Lee Matocha, Mary Quiros

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Saturday** – Kara Jurecka, Abigail Taylor, Jacob Nigh

**Sunday** – Mackenzie Poncik, Logan Poncik, Wade Halamicek

**GIFT BEARERS**

**Saturday** – Joe Dybala Family

**Sunday** – John Spiess Family

**ALTAR DUTY FOR JULY**

Anna Kovar, Pat Stastny, Cathleen Noska, Jeanne Schilling

**USHERS FOR JULY**

**Saturday** – Ronald Malota, Wesley Gaertner, Leonard Malota, Leslie Little

**Sunday** – Jim Mattair, Arlis Keilers, Vernon Hohensee, Willie Socha

**ST. JOHN CONTACTS**

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K.J.Z.T.	Mary Jane Toddy	979-249-6231
Hall Rental	Parish Office	979-378-2277
Cemetery	Ronald Kramr	979-249-6152



**Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin**  
July 14

Kateri was born to a pagan Mohawk chief and a Christian Algonquian woman in 1656. After an epidemic of smallpox took both her parents and her brother, Kateri was left an orphan at only four

years old. She also contracted smallpox, and it impaired her vision and left lasting scars on her face.

Jesuit missionaries visited the tribe and taught them about the Catholic religion. In 1676, Kateri was baptized. She became a devoted Christian, and at age 19, she took a vow of chastity. While her exemplary piety served as an inspiration to some of those around her, others harassed her because of her faith. Seeking a less hostile environment, she moved to the settlement of the Mission of St. Frances Xavier, a community of Christian Indigenous Americans living near what is now Montreal.

There, she grew in faith and holiness, spurred on by an unquenchable zeal for Christ, living in prayer and penitence. She remained a virgin, and is called the ‘Lily of the Mohawks’ for her purity. Her delicate health failed her early and she died with the words “Jesus, Mary, I love you” on her lips. Minutes after her death the people with her noticed that skin on her face, so deeply scarred by smallpox, slowly turned smooth and beautiful.

*Saint Kateri, we ask your intercession to inspire all to attain the virtues which came so easily to you—to be uncomplaining, chaste in body, and charitable to all.*

**ST. MARY LITURGICAL DUTIES**

**LECTOR**

**Saturday** – Rose Urban

**Sunday** – Aimee Korenek

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Saturday** – Klayten Schmitt

**Sunday** – Stephen Korenek

**ALTAR FLOWERS: July 17/18** – Wendy Becka

**July 24/25** – Joyce Gerik    **July 31/August 1** – Lisa Matocha

**USHERS FOR JULY**

**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,

Those who are most often recognized as great in today’s world are the rich and powerful. However, Jesus continues to remind us that true greatness in God’s eyes is measured by a different standard – that of laying down one’s life in service to others. It seems as if time passes by so quickly, and the older we get – when reflecting back over our lives – we may find that we are still waiting for that time when we will someday give back to the Church in service.

One of the primary reasons Jesus instituted the Eucharist is to provide our souls the sustenance needed to grow in holiness and come to share eternal life in heaven. Every time we receive the Eucharist, we really and truly receive Jesus. In doing so, we draw closer to him and receive the strength to live as his faithful followers so we may be judged worthy of eternal life. Jesus invites us in a very gentle way to be united with Him in service – not to be simply consumers who believe that by coming to Mass once a week we will have an automatic ticket into Heaven.

There are so many opportunities and such a need to serve within our parish: by helping to teach our young people as Catechists, serving as ushers and lectors, or singing in the choir. Taking the Holy Eucharist to those who are home bound or in nursing homes is another example of serving our Lord by serving others. An additional – and very important way – is by praying for vocations to the priesthood.

May our Lord Jesus Christ always fill you with the grace to serve him with a faithful heart.



*-Fr. Steve*