

# St. Mary Catholic Church

*Est. 1855*  
Mission Parish  
815 St. Mary's Church Rd.  
Fayetteville (near Ellinger)  
www.stmaryellinger.com



Weekly Offering: \$ 1,545.00  
Online Giving: \$ 256.38

## MASSES

Wednesday at 7:00 a.m.  
*Marie Hrachovy †*  
Friday at 7:00 a.m.  
*Garland W. Polasek †*

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 p.m.  
*Sr. Frederick Mary Depew, C.S.J.B. †*

Sunday at 8:00 a.m.  
*For the People*

# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

*Est. 1870*  
207 E. Bell St.  
Fayetteville  
www.stjohnfayetteville.com



Weekly Offering: \$ 2,782.00  
Online Giving: \$ 990.00

## MASSES

Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.  
*Jeffrey Raska †*

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.  
*Leonard E. Svrcek, Jr. †*

Thursday at 7:00 a.m.  
*Delton Stoelke †*

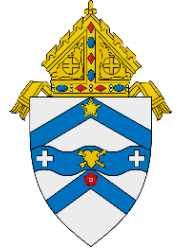
Saturday at 7:30 a.m.  
*Jerry Rek †*

Saturday Vigil at 6:00 p.m.  
*Lee Roy Matocha †*

Sunday at 10:00 a.m.  
*Lester Dominey & Brian Kulhanek, Sr. †*



Pope Francis  
Vatican City State



Bishop Joe S. Vásquez  
Diocese of Austin



# St. Martin Catholic Church

Historic Chapel  
3490 State 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

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## Administrative Staff

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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.

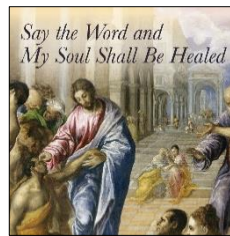
Parish Registration forms available at the entrance of the Church and online.

**THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
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**PARISH LIFE**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Dan Castillo, Margie Chovanec, Brian Fruge, Waldine Fruge, Dan Hall, Bernita Hlinsky, Alois Janish, Christine Kaspar, Kathy Kneblak, Justin Malota, Jr., Leo Miller, Kaycee Roesler, Emil Sodolak, Shelley Spears, Barbara Tieken, Rick Vandell, 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.)*

**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.



**CATECHIST ORIENTATION** meeting will be on Thursday, **August 19**, at 6 p.m. at St. John's parish hall. All teachers, aides, substitutes, youth ministers and those interested in helping with the Faith Formation program should attend.

**AFTER MASS FELLOWSHIP AND REFRESHMENT GATHERING** is **TODAY**, at St. Mary's Parish Hall, following the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Please plan to join us!

**FIRST FRIDAY** occurs this week. There will be First Friday Mass at **St. Mary** at 7:00 a.m. At **St. John**, we will have the Exposition of the Eucharist at 3:00 p.m., closing with Benediction at 5:00 p.m. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Mass will be at 6:00 p.m.

**ST. JOHN ALTAR SOCIETY**

**Quilters** will work on the quilt for St. John's Feast **August 9-13** beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the parish hall. Please make plans to quilt or send food to the hall. Beginners are welcome. Please call Madeline (979) 378-2361 if you can supply a lunch.

**ST. JOHN'S CEMETERY COMMITTAL SHELTER**

We are excited to announce that construction has begun on the Committal Shelter at St. John's Cemetery. The new building is to be used for services at the cemetery, especially during inclement weather. *If you would like to make a donation to help offset the cost of this special project, please contact the parish office.*

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

- **OFFICER'S MEETING** will be held on Monday, **August 2**, at 6:30 p.m. in St. John's Parish Hall.
- **BAR-B-Q** chicken, sausage and ribs to go will be served on Sunday, **August 8**, at 10:30 a.m. at the St. John Hall pits. You may place orders at 249-6003. K.C. members to work starting at 5:00 a.m. are Allan Minarcik's crew. **The CDA will have side dishes available.**

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS**

Thank you to all the CDA members who have been making sides and desserts during the summer. Don't forget the August barbeque on Sunday, **August 8**. Our next CDA meeting will be Tuesday, September 7.

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ANNUAL CHURCH FEAST** will be held Labor Day weekend, Sunday, **September 5**. It is time to start thinking about the various booths:

- The *Live Auction* is our biggest moneymaker, and your special item for the auction is most appreciated.
- The *Silent Auction* has been a tremendous success in previous years. When you are out shopping, keep an eye out for items that would be fun to bid on.
- The *Cake Wheel and Baked Sale* will be needing your cakes and other baked goods.
- *Bingo* needs your bingo prizes.

*Feast Posters* have been printed and are at the Church entrance. Please pick some up to post on community bulletin boards and share with those you know.

**Feast Meat/Cash Donations** may be dropped in the collection basket in an envelope marked "Feast Donation" along with your name.

**Please contact the office** for questions or concerns!

**ST. MARY'S BAZAAR**

- **RAFFLE TICKETS** are available from all parishioners of St. Mary, at the parish office and at Fayetteville Bank. Raffle tickets must be turned in **by noon** on Sunday, August 22. The drawing will be between 1:00-2:00 p.m.
- A **MEAT/CASH DONATION** is requested from each family. The donations should be in an envelope marked "Meat/Cash Donation" and dropped in the collection, or brought to the office.
- **THE ONLINE AUCTION** will **start on Friday, August 13 and end at 3 p.m. on Saturday, August 21**. Go to our church website at [www.stmaryellinger.com](http://www.stmaryellinger.com), to see the auction pages. New items are showing up!
  - **To donate an auction item**, bring your item to the parish office as soon as possible.
  - **If you don't have the internet, you can still view the items in several ways:** Ask a family member or neighbor to show you the auction items **OR**, come to the St. Mary Parish Hall after the 4 PM Sat. Mass or the 8 AM Sun. Mass the next two weekends to view a slide show of the items, **OR** go by the parish office on Tuesday or Thursday of the next two weeks to see the items in person. **If you see something you would like to bid on, we can arrange that for you!**
  - **Questions?** Call Sue Zapalac (979-249-7570) or the office.

**A MISSION APPEAL** will be at all Masses the weekend of **August 7-8**. Father Ray Pothireddy, the associate pastor of St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Austin will seek our generous financial support for the missionary activities in his native



Diocese of Kurnool, India. The Diocese of Kurnool comprises of 2 civil districts with 92,500 Catholics in 60 rural parishes and 300 missions spread in 17,000 square miles. At present there are 30 seminarians, 120 priests, 350 religious sisters and 300 catechists serving the spiritual needs of the faithful. Being the missionary diocese, they are in need of our support. Let us be extra generous towards the Lord's work among the poorest of the poor in the Diocese of Kurnool. Come prepared to become part of this good cause. For more information about the diocese and the various activities, feel free to contact Fr. Ray (mobile 512-992-7893, email: [prayappareddy@gmail.com](mailto:prayappareddy@gmail.com)).

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**YEAR OF THE DOMESTIC CHURCH**

**August Theme: Eucharistic People**

The Eucharist lies at the heart of our Catholic faith. The Catechism of the Catholic Church calls the Eucharist the “source and summit of the Christian life (CCC 1324).” The preeminence of the Eucharist in our faith points to the crucial role that the Eucharist plays in living a Christian life.

As members of Christ’s body, **we are a Eucharistic people**. We are strengthened in grace through receiving Christ in the Eucharist. We are then called to go forth to love and serve others as Christ did. We do this by taking the Gospel message everywhere we go, including our homes!

In his apostolic exhortation *Ecclesia in America*, Pope John Paul II said, “There is a need to encourage shared spiritual moments such as participating in the Eucharist on Sundays and Holy Days, receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation, daily prayer in the family and practical signs of charity. This will strengthen fidelity in marriage and unity in families.”

In the Eucharist, we are strengthened as Christ’s body, the Church. We are also strengthened as families. **How can your family work together to be Christ-like to those you encounter?**



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**



at Second Chance on Monday morning, **August 2**, for straightening. Help is greatly needed and appreciated. For information, please contact Suzanne Mattair at (832) 465-2383 or Anna Boyd at (281) 687-4217.

**YCP IS ‘WORKING IN WITNESS FOR CHRIST’**

Young Catholic Professionals (YCP) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit on a mission to challenge, train and inspire young adults working in various professions to “Work in Witness for Christ.”

The Austin Chapter of YCP invites all ages to get involved in our ministry:

- 20s & 30s: Enjoy refreshments, find new friends and hear faith and career advice from local Catholic business leaders at our events!
- 40+: Serve the young adults in your community as a mentor, board member or financial supporter of YCP.

YCP offers a variety of events to foster Catholic identity, encourage community and inspire action. To learn more and to check out some upcoming events, visit [www.ycpaustin.org](http://www.ycpaustin.org) or [www.facebook.com/YCPAustin](https://www.facebook.com/YCPAustin).

**THE SECRETARIAT OF LIFE, CHARITY AND JUSTICE**

will host a gathering entitled “Christ Our Hope” for leaders and volunteers whose faith inspires them to respond to current challenges in contemporary society, lay leadership, poverty, immigration and the promotion of human life and dignity. Join us on **August 28 from 8 a.m. to noon** at St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish in Pflugerville. For more information or to register visit [www.austindiocese.org/christ-our-hope](http://www.austindiocese.org/christ-our-hope). All are welcome!

**OTHER NEWS**

**THE MOBILE FOOD PANTRY** will be at St. John on **Thursday, August 5**, from **10:00 – 11:00 a.m.** Food will be distributed via a Drive –Thru. Clients are to stay in their vehicles and open the trunk. Volunteers will load the food into your vehicle.

**HOPE-HEALTHY OPTIONS PROGRAM:** St. John’s Hall is a distribution site for Central Texas Food Bank’s HOPE program. HOPE is for persons 55 years and up. On the second Friday of each month, from 2:00-3:00 p.m., clients will receive a 15-20 lb. bag of groceries. The next distribution is Friday, **August 13**.

**ST. MICHAEL’S HARVEST FEAST** in Weimar will be on Sunday, **August 8**, at Veteran’s Memorial Park. A fried chicken and stew dinner will begin at 11:00 a.m. The rest of the day will include bingo, an auction, washer-pitching tournament, and more.

**PRAHA PICNIC-166TH PRAZSKA POUT** is on Sunday, **August 15**, at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church in Praha. It begins with the Mass at 10:00 a.m. Live music and dinner start at 11:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome!

**THE ANNUAL RURAL LIFE MASS** will be celebrated on **August 11** at 6 p.m. at St. Mary Parish in Hearne. Bishop Joe Vásquez will celebrate the Mass, which acknowledges the recent harvest. A reception will follow the Mass. Call St. Mary Parish in Hearne to register to attend the reception at (979) 279-2233.

**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 31- August 1 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The Israelites grumbled in the desert and the people of Jesus’ time demanded a sign. Like them we want some assurance of God’s life-giving presence among us. The sign that Jesus has given us is broken bread. Through his death and resurrection Christ entered into and healed our brokenness. In Christ, the Bread of Life, we are invited to embrace human vulnerability and brokenness not as a sign of death, but of life. We are invited to become one in sharing our need with one another and to reach out toward all whose lives are broken. How are you being called to be like Christ who shared himself fully with those in greatest need?

**Julio 31-Agosto 1 18vo. Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario**

Los israelitas se quejaban en el desierto y la gente del tiempo de Jesús demandaba una señal. Como ellos, nosotros deseamos alguna certeza de la presencia dadora de vida de Dios entre nosotros. La señal que Jesús nos ha dado es el pan compartido. A través de su muerte y resurrección, Cristo entró a nuestro quebrantamiento y lo curó. En Cristo, el Pan de Vida, estamos invitados a aceptar la vulnerabilidad y quebrantamiento humano, no como un signo de muerte, sino de vida. Estamos invitados a convertirnos en uno al compartir nuestra necesidad mutual y al acercarnos a todos cuyos vidas están rotas ¿Cómo está usted siendo llamado a ser como Cristo que se entregó a sí mismo por completo a aquellos en la más grande necesidad?



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**ST. JOHN LITURGICAL DUTIES**

**LECTOR**

**Saturday** – Mary Keilers  
**Sunday** – Nikki Beseda

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

**Saturday** – Sharon Martinek, Yvonne Smith  
**Sunday** – Pat Geistmann, Nikki Beseda

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Saturday** – Lydia Huebner, Luke Huebner, Gregory Huebner  
**Sunday** – Mackayla Griffin, Luke Beseda, Scotti Beseda

**GIFT BEARERS**

**Saturday** – Vincent Orsak Family  
**Sunday** – Willie Socha Family

**ALTAR DUTY FOR AUGUST**

Betty Kovar, Sue Ann Socha, Mary Schley, Margaret Alford

**USHERS FOR AUGUST**

**Saturday** – Joseph Munsch, David Stastny, Christopher Stastny, Ronnie Kramr

**Sunday** – Rick Schilling, David Holub, John H. Cuftr, Joe Babin

**ST. JOHN CONTACTS**

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Hall Rental	Parish Office	979-378-2277
Cemetery	Ronald Kramr	979-249-6152



**Transfiguration of the Lord  
August 6**

A foretaste of the kingdom: From the day Peter confessed that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, the Master "began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things. . . and be killed, and on the third day be raised." Peter scorns this prediction, nor do the others understand it any better than he.

In this context the mysterious episode of Jesus' Transfiguration takes place on a high mountain, before three witnesses chosen by himself: Peter, James and John. Jesus' face and clothes become dazzling with light, and Moses and Elijah appear, speaking "of his departure, which he was to accomplish at Jerusalem". A cloud covers him and a voice from heaven says: "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!"

For a moment Jesus discloses his divine glory, confirming Peter's confession. He also reveals that he will have to go by the way of the cross at Jerusalem in order to "enter into his glory".

Moses and Elijah had seen God's glory on the Mountain; the Law and the Prophets had announced the Messiah's sufferings. Christ's Passion is the will of the Father: the Son acts as God's servant; the cloud indicates the presence of the Holy Spirit. "The whole Trinity appeared: the Father in the voice; the Son in the man; the Spirit in the shining cloud."

*Excerpts from THE MYSTERIES OF CHRIST'S LIFE  
in the Catechism of the Catholic Church*

**ST. MARY LITURGICAL DUTIES**

**LECTOR**

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

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Saturday** – Klayten Schmitt  
**Sunday** – Stephen Korenek

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** **August 7/8** – Barbara Polasek,  
**August 14/15** – Pam Polasek, **August 21/22** – Rachel Madden

**USHERS FOR AUGUST**

**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 USCCB issued a report on the benefits of Catholic schools and stated that in Catholic Schools the student/teacher ratio is 13:1, also that 99% of students who attend a Catholic High School graduate. Of those who graduate, 86% attend a 4-year college. The USCCB report also stated that 16.4% of Catholic school students are not Catholic.

The report also covered the Assessment of Children/Youth Religious Education (ACRE) testing, which indicated that students in Catholic schools, both Catholics and non-Catholics, score higher on faith knowledge than do students from parish programs. The Catholic school climate, mission, and purpose positively impacts student achievement and attendance.

Catholic schools unlock the intellectual potential of the young people they serve, while forming them for a personal and living encounter with Jesus Christ. Catholic school students are more likely to pray daily, attend church more often, retain a Catholic identity as an adult, and donate more to the Church. The highest number of vocations come from men and women who attended a Catholic school. Students in Catholic schools demonstrate higher academic achievement than their public school peers from similar socioeconomic backgrounds. Graduates of Catholic high schools are more likely to vote, and Catholic school graduates enjoy higher earning potential than public school graduates.

Our mission from the beginning has been to bring a quality education to our children that is faith based. I pray that this same mission is one that every parent would want for the future of their children. May we work together to build the future of our Church. May God bless you all.

**-Fr. Steve**