

# St. Mary Catholic Church

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



**Weekly Offering:** \$ 1,575.00  
**Online Giving:** \$ 151.38  
\$ 1,726.38

*Average Weekly Operating Expenses*  
\$ 2,492

## MASSES

**Wednesday at 7:00 a.m.**  
*Theofil Henry Zatopek †*

**Friday at 7:00 a.m.**  
*Kristie Geisler †*

**Saturday Vigil at 4:00 p.m.**  
*Edwin Cook †*

**Sunday at 8:00 a.m.**  
*Dr. Ed & Nell Mueller, Sr. †*  
*Dr. Ed Mueller, Jr. †*

# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

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



**Weekly Offering:** \$ 4,053.21  
**Online Giving:** \$ 300.00  
\$ 4,353.21

*Average Weekly Operating Expenses*  
\$ 5,011

## MASSES

**Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.**  
*Jean, Mark, & Joe Sladek †*

**Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.**  
*Curtis & Patrick Nitschke †*

**Thursday at 7:00 a.m.**  
*Candice Rueb*

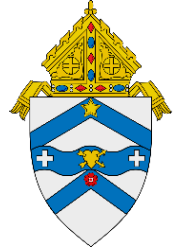
**Saturday at 7:30 a.m.**  
*Emil & Leonard Sodolak †*

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

**Sunday at 10:00 a.m.**  
*Leonard & Dorothy Svrcek †*



**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, September 7, 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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**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 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
SEPTEMBER 5, AD 2021

PARISH LIFE

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Dan Castillo, Margie Chovanec, Adell Coufal, Brian Fruge, Waldine Fruge, Dan Hall, Bernita Hlinsky, Christine Kaspar, Kathy Knebl, Justin Malota, Jr., Helen Mikus, Leo Miller, Cynthia Niesner, Kaycee Roesler, Barbara Tieken, Nancy Klawinsky Till, Rick Vandell, B.J. Vasek, 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.)*

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH FEAST IS TODAY!**

As parishioners, our hope is that everyone who is able to will faithfully fulfill their roles and jobs. May the Lord bless our every effort today, and may all our work be done for His glory and honor.

**Feast Day!**

- **Everyone from far and near is invited to come.** We hope that if we have visitors at Mass today, they will join us for a day of fun and festivities.
- A reminder that feast meat/cash donations may still be dropped in the collection in an envelope marked **"Feast Meat/Cash Donation."** Be sure to include your name with your donation.

**ALL FEAST CHAIRMEN:** Please keep track of any possible changes you would like made to the worksheet for next year's feast, and notify the parish office of them.

**CONFIRMATION RETREAT 2021**

This year's Confirmation retreat, for all Confirmation Candidates, will be held at Queen of the Holy Rosary Parish near La Grange on Saturday, **September 25**. Consent and media forms have been mailed to all parents.

**FAITH FORMATION 2020-2021:** *The first day of classes is THIS WEDNESDAY, September 8.*

- **Grades K-1** will meet every Wednesday at 6:00-6:50 p.m. These students will be dismissed each week at 6:50 p.m. and will not attend Mass as a class. However, parents are welcome to attend Mass with their child.
- **Grades 2-6** will meet every Wednesday from 6:00-7:30 p.m. These students will attend Mass each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
- **Grades 7-12** will meet every Wednesday from 7:00 until 8:30 p.m. These students will attend the 7:00 p.m. Mass.
- Children should arrive no earlier than 5:45 p.m. No one will be available to supervise your child prior to this time.

**Program & Policies** of our Faith Formation Program will be handed out to the students on September 8. If you have any questions, please call the office at 979-378-2277.

**CATECHETICAL SUNDAY** will be observed the weekend of **September 18-19** at all Masses. The 2021 Catechetical Theme is: *"Say the Word and My Soul Shall be Healed."* Father Steve will have a special commissioning for all catechists and catechist aides, so please make plans to be present for one of the Masses that weekend.

**EMBRACE:** A women's evening of prayer and adoration will be on Friday, **September 24**, from 6-8 p.m. in St. John Church. Join us for an evening of prayer as we reflect on what it means to embrace our vocation, circumstances, and our identity as daughters of God. Please contact Kyla Goebel at (979) 203-0418 or the parish office for any questions.

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES**

- **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults** starts this month at Sacred Heart in La Grange. RCIA is for a person in need of Baptism, a person baptized in another Christian tradition who wishes to become Catholic, or any Catholic who wants to learn more about our faith. Classes begin on Sunday, **September 12**. Contact Debbie Greene at [debbie@sacredheart-lg.org](mailto:debbie@sacredheart-lg.org) for more information.
- **Basic Teachings of the Catholic Church Program** offers a general introduction to the theological principles found in the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The class is presented in five sessions--all online this fall--and are all on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Cost is \$50. Dates are as follows:
  - Introduction to Sacred Scripture*-Sept 25
  - The Creed*-October 9
  - Liturgy/Sacraments*-October 23
  - Christian Morality*-November 6
  - Prayer/Spirituality*-November 20

To register for a course, or for more information please visit <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=iUFJKQ>.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

- **OFFICER'S MEETING** will be on Monday, **September 6**, at 6:30 p.m., in St. John's Parish Hall.
- **BAR-B-Q** chicken, sausage and ribs to-go will be served next Sunday, **September 12**, at 10:30 a.m. at the St. John Hall pits. Orders may be placed by calling (979) 249-6003. K.C. members to work starting at 5:00 a.m. are Arlis Keilers' crew. The CDA will have side dishes available.
- **MONTHLY MEETING** will be on Tuesday, **September 21**, at 7:00 p.m.

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS** will hold their next meeting on Tuesday, **September 7**, at 6:45 p.m.

**ST. JOHN ALTAR SOCIETY** meets Tuesday, **September 14**, at 2:00 p.m. in the parish hall.

**ETHICS AND INTEGRITY IN MINISTRY WORKSHOP**

All clergy, staff, members of ALL organizations, (Choir, Councils, CDA, Altar Society, KC's, KJZT, KJT, etc.) and ALL volunteers of any event at the parish or diocesan location are required to complete an Application for Ministry AND attend an EIM workshop every three years. **Preregistration is required for all workshops.** Upcoming workshop:

- ✓ St. Mary Catholic Church, Parish Activity Center, in Brenham on Wednesday, **September 8**, from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

**EIM SURVEY:** The Diocesan Ethics and Integrity in Ministry Office is in the process of conducting a survey to evaluate the naming (or "branding") of the EIM program. Active EIM accounts with a valid email address received the survey last Monday evening (check spam). If you wish to participate in the survey but did not receive the email or don't have an EIM account, please go to the survey link at <https://doal.ink/EIMRUY>. The link closes on Friday, **September 10**.

**ST. MARY POST BAZAAR MEETING** will be at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, **September 10**, at the parish hall. You are invited to attend to offer accolades for successes as well as constructive suggestions for improvement. **All chairpersons should attend this meeting.**



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**LITURGICAL DUTIES LISTS** are available at the Church entrance and on the parish websites on the “Mass Times” page.

**YEAR OF THE DOMESTIC CHURCH**

**September Theme: Family of Families**



When we refer to our parish, we often refer to our “home” parish. Perhaps this is the parish we grew up at, or the parish we were married at. Maybe it’s the parish where we raise our own families, or where we land after relocating to a new city. This is the parish we attend each weekend surrounded by families we experience life with, or watch from afar as they move in and out of seasons of life. Our parish homes are much like our personal homes. They are places where we live and grow together.

Within our parishes, we find God’s family, the Church. And God’s family is our family. In his address “The Parish is the Family of Families,” Pope John Paul II said, “I invite all you who are unsure about the Church or who doubt that you will be welcomed to come home to the family of families, to come home to your parish. You belong there! It is your family in the Church, and the Church is the household of God in which there are no strangers or aliens (cf. Eph. 2:19).”

There are no strangers in our parishes, as there are no strangers in our homes. In what ways can you reach out to a new parishioner to welcome them into your parish family? In what ways does your parish feel like home?

**WONDERING HOW YOU CAN HELP WITH THE WORLD’S PROBLEMS?** Prayer is powerful! Bring your intentions and come pray the Rosary at St. Mary on **Mondays at 6:00 p.m.** and/or at St. John on **Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m.**

**OTHER NEWS**

**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, **September 10**.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** at Second Chance Emporium the week of **September 7-11** (Tues-Sat) and **September 13** (Mon). For work times or questions, please contact either Anna Boyd at 281-687-4217 or Carol Svrcek at 979-966-2920.

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH OF INDUSTRY** will have their annual Fall Festival at Industry Firemen’s Hall on Sunday, **September 12**. A Pork Steak Dinner with all the trimmings is \$12. There will be a Live Auction, Silent Auction, prize drawing and kids’ games.

**HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH OF CORN HILL** invites everyone to their annual Bazaar on Sunday, **September 19**. Holy Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. BBQ and Fried Chicken will be served from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., with Adult plates for \$12 and Child plates for \$6. Come enjoy the polka music, children’s games, live and silent auctions, bingo, and kolaches!

**MARRIAGE PREP RETREAT:** The “Together in God’s Love” marriage preparation retreat will be held **September 17-19** at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Temple. This retreat focuses on Catholic marriage as a visible sign of the Holy Trinity and the relationship of Christ to the church. Visit <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=jGPbmq> to register.

**MASS WELCOMES PANDEMIC CRUCIFIX TO AUSTIN**

Bishop Joe Vásquez will celebrate Mass Monday, **September 13**, at 12:05 p.m. at St. Mary Cathedral in Austin. This Mass welcomes the Pandemic Crucifix: A Journey of Hope and Healing, which is a symbol of inspiration and hope that has made its way to various Ascension Healthcare sites in the U.S. The bishop will extend a blessing to all medical and healthcare workers during the Mass.

**ANNULMENT: PATHWAY TO HEALING** seminar is a time for reflecting on the demise of one’s marriage by taking a journey from pain and loneliness to acceptance and healing. It is designed to help participants begin a journey in awareness of the healing process of nullity (annulment) through a straight-to-the-heart response to persons considering or already seeking a declaration of nullity. The seminar will be offered **September 18** from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the diocesan Pastoral Center in Austin. To register, visit <https://www.austindiocese.org/pathwaytohealing>.

**CEDARBRAKE “ON THE ROAD RETREAT”**

Join Franciscan Father Albert as he gives a day retreat on the Lord’s Prayer at St. Joseph parish in Bryan on Wednesday, **September 22**, 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Cost is \$40 and includes lunch. Register at <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=59e019>.

**TOGETHER IN HOLINESS MARRIAGE CONFERENCE**

The St. John Paul II Foundation invites all married and engaged couples in the Diocese of Austin to the first “Together in Holiness” Marriage Conference on Saturday, **November 6**, from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at St. William Catholic Church in Round Rock. The conference includes dynamic presentations, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, and Reconciliation. Child care is available. Registration is \$59 per couple. Visit [togetherinholiness.org](http://togetherinholiness.org) for more information.

**HAVE YOU, OR HAS SOMEONE YOU KNOW, EXPERIENCED ABUSE?**

Bishop Joe S. Vásquez and the Diocese of Austin are committed to providing compassionate care to persons who have experienced abuse, particularly if committed by clergy or a church representative. If you or someone you know have experienced such abuse, contact the diocesan Coordinator of Victim Assistance and Pastoral Support at (512) 949-2400.

**Catholic Social Teaching Corner**

**Sept. 4-5 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Ephphatha! As we open our eyes to see, and open our ears to hear, we will notice people around us suffering from homelessness, poverty, inadequate health care and joblessness. The Gospel story reminds us not only to remember those on the peripheries, but also to open our hearts — reaching out to them in humble service.

**Sept 4-5 23ero Domingo Del Tiempo Ordinario**

!Ephphatha! Mientras que abrimos nuestros ojos para ver, y nuestros oídos para escuchar, nos daremos cuenta de que la gente alrededor de nosotros está sufriendo por falta de un hogar, por pobreza, por falta de cuidado de la salud adecuado y de trabajo. La historia del Evangelio nos recuerda que no solo debemos recordar a aquellos en la periferia, sino también debemos abrir nuestros corazones - alcanzándolos en el servicio humilde.



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**ST. JOHN LITURGICAL DUTIES**

**LECTOR**

**Saturday** – Katheen Kramr

**Sunday** – Janell Warschak

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

**Saturday** – Ronnie Kramr, Kathleen Kramr

**Sunday** – Mary Quiros, Jim Mattair

**ALTAR SERVERS**

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

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

**GIFT BEARERS**

**Saturday** – Joe Dybala Family

**Sunday** – Arlis Keilers Family

**ALTAR DUTY FOR SEPTEMBER**

Nancy Gaertner, Angie Pavlicek, Suzanne Mattair,

Veronica Ryza

**USHERS FOR SEPTEMBER**

**Saturday** – Robert Janish, Erwin Kovar, Betty Kovar,

Ronnie Chernosky

**Sunday** – Kenneth Noska, John Spiess, David Bertsch,

Lee Matocha

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Cemetery	Ronald Kramr	979-249-6152



**Nativity of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary  
Wednesday, September 8**

The Church has celebrated Mary’s birth since at least the sixth century. The September 8 date helped determine the date for the feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8.

Scripture does not give an account of Mary’s birth. However, the *apocryphal Protoevangelium* of James fills in the gap. This work has no historical value, but it does reflect the development of Christian piety. According to this account, Anna and Joachim are infertile but pray for a child. They receive the promise of a child who will advance God’s plan of salvation for the world. Such a story, like many biblical counterparts, stresses the special presence of God in Mary’s life from the beginning.

Birthday celebrations bring happiness to the celebrant as well as to family and friends. Next to the birth of Jesus, Mary’s birth offers the greatest possible happiness to the world. Each time we celebrate her birth, we can confidently hope for an increase of peace in our hearts and in the world at large. --*Franciscan Media*

**HAPPY LABOR DAY**

**ST. MARY LITURGICAL DUTIES**

**LECTOR**

**Saturday** – Rose Urban

**Sunday** – Aimee Korenek

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Saturday** – Briana Dybala

**Sunday** – Julie Korenek

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

**September 11/12** – Bernetta Cook

**September 18/19** – Lucy Lamer

**September 25/26** – Paulette Urban

**USHERS FOR SEPTEMBER**

**Saturday** – Mark Schmitt, Mark Matocha, Bruce Kubena, Eduardo Alvarado

**Sunday** – Luke Orsak, Donnie Becka, James Korenek,

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***A Note from the Pastor***



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

If we want to advance in the spiritual life, we should first consider a spiritual retreat. A “spiritual retreat” is an extended time we take to pray and ponder God’s will in a sustained and focused way.

Think of Moses, who made a retreat whenever he was about to do something momentous. He left ample time for solitary prayer, and then he went away to be alone with God and without distractions. Moses’ retreat was a time of openness toward God. He was preparing to receive the commandments.

Jesus did not need to make an effort in order to hear God’s voice, know the Father’s will, or grow in communion with God. Yet he made the effort anyway. Jesus also went on retreat when he was, like Moses, about to do something big, like naming his chosen Twelve. We too need this kind of withdrawal that Moses, Jesus, and even St. Paul modeled for us; because we need to adjust ourselves to a radically different way of thinking.

To think like God is a grace, but corresponding to the grace requires some effort on our part. A retreat gives us time for the effort and a near occasion of grace. The Church offers many varieties of retreat experiences: private retreats, charismatic retreats and contemplative retreats; retreats for married couples and for individuals discerning religious life. I gravitate toward a directed retreat, with lots of time for silent prayer and opportunities for private spiritual counseling. It helps me to see more clearly where and how God is calling me. The Diocese offers a retreat for women on October 30, and a retreat for men on December 15-17 to discern the vocation to religious life. May we make the time for our hearts to be open to the voice of God and pray for vocations.

-Fr. Steve