

# St. Mary Catholic Church

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



**Weekly Offering:** \$ 2,054.00  
**Online Giving:** \$ 453.44  
**\$ 2,507.44**

*Average Weekly Operating Expenses*  
\$ 2,492

## MASSES

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

**Friday at 7:00 a.m.**  
*Lee Edward Baca †*  
*Lee Edward Baca, Jr. †*

**Saturday Vigil at 4:00 p.m.**  
*Tom Steinhauser †*

**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:** \$ 3,979.00  
**Online Giving:** \$ 937.75  
**\$ 4,916.75**

*Average Weekly Operating Expenses*  
\$ 5,011

## MASSES

**Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.**  
*Binky Malota †*

**Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.**  
*Kolenovsky Descendants*

**Thursday at 7:00 a.m.**  
*Lillian Wied †*

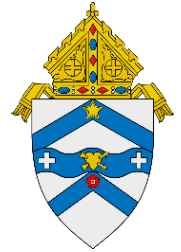
**Saturday at 7:30 a.m.**  
*Pete & Annie Janish †*

**Saturday Vigil at 6:00 p.m.**  
*Otto Knippel †*

**Sunday at 10:00 a.m.**  
*For Catechists*



**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, October 12, 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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**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-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**SEPTEMBER 12, AD 2021**

**PARISH LIFE**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Dan Castillo, Margie Chovanec, Adell Coufal, Brian Fruge, Waldine Fruge, Dan Hall, Bernita Hlinsky, Christine Kaspar, Kathy Kneblak, 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.)*

**IN MEMORIAM:** Our parish families extend sympathies and prayers towards the family of *Martha Matura* who was buried last week. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.

**THANK YOU** for coming out and working so hard to make our St. John Parish Feast a **great success!** A special thanks to the individuals and businesses that donated their time, services and supplies. May God bless our generous parishioners and all those that came to support our fundraiser. A report will be out as soon as all the money is collected and bills are paid.



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

Our St. Mary 2021 Bazaar was a huge success! Most of our income and expense items have been accounted for, and it appears that the proceeds from our event will be about \$70,000. Praise be to God!

**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**

- **Grades K-1** meets **Wednesday at 6:00-6:50 p.m.**
- **Grades 2-6** meets **Wednesday from 6:00-7:30 p.m.**
- **Grades 7-12** meets **Wednesday from 7:00-8:30 p.m.**

Children should arrive no earlier than 5:45 p.m. No one will be available to supervise your child prior to this time.

**CATECHETICAL SUNDAY** will be observed next weekend, **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.

**BEWARE OF SCAMS!** Recently some parishioners have received a text similar to what is shown. Messages like this do NOT come from Father Steve, and you are advised to simply delete them. If you are in doubt about an unsolicited communication from the Church, please call the office for verification.

Need a favor from you please text me back as soon as possible  
Rev. Steve Sauser.

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES**

**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 Monthly Meeting** will be on Tuesday, **September 21**, at 7:00 p.m.

**ST. JOHN ALTAR SOCIETY** meets Tuesday, **September 14**, at 2:00 p.m. in the parish hall. This is the first meeting since May so please try to attend. All ladies of the parish are invited to come and plan for the good of the society. New members are always welcomed.

**UPCOMING PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETINGS**

- St. John's meets Thursday, **October 7** at 6:30 p.m.
- St. Mary's meets Thursday, **October 21** at 6:30 p.m.



**BABY BANKS ARE COMING!**

In October, Respect Life Month, our parishes will host this campaign to foster a greater respect for the sanctity of human life. Your donation will help pro-life efforts in our parishes and throughout the diocese. The Gabriel Project, Project Rachel, Sidewalk Ministry, Pro-Life Help Line and much more will receive funds from this campaign.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND IN RESPONSE TO NATURAL DISASTERS**

On August 14th a 7.2 magnitude earthquake struck Haiti killing nearly 1300 people, leaving thousands without shelter and many communities in need of resources. Haiti is still recovering from the disastrous earthquake a decade ago and many people continue face food insecurity and severe drought. Haiti also recently experienced the recent tropical storm Grace adding to the humanitarian disaster.

Closer to home, our brothers and sisters in South Louisiana have endured Hurricane Ida, which significantly damaged every parish and school community in the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux. It will take months if not years for these communities to rebuild.

Bishop Vásquez has asked that a 2nd collection be taken up for these relief efforts. He has decided that 50% of this collection will go to helping the people of South Louisiana, specifically the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux, and 50% will be sent to the US Bishops' Emergency Disaster Fund, to benefit the people of Haiti. Let our generosity be a sign of our solidarity in Christ with and for our brothers and sisters of Haiti and Louisiana. May God bless you for your generosity.

**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.**



THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
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**YEAR OF THE DOMESTIC CHURCH**

**September Theme: Family of Families**



In order to be a true “domestic church” the Christian family needs to be a setting in which parents hand down the faith, since they are “for their children, by word and example, the first heralds of the faith”. Families should not fail to set time aside for prayer, in which spouses are united with each other and with their children. 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 such a family setting it will not be difficult for children to discover a vocation of service in the community and the Church, and to learn, especially by seeing the example of their parents, that family life is a way to realize the universal call to holiness.

I therefore invite all the Catholics of America to take an active part in the evangelizing initiatives, which the Holy Spirit is stirring in every part of this immense continent, so full of resources and hopes for the future. In a special way, I invite Catholic families to be “domestic Churches”, in which the Christian faith is lived and passed on to the young as a treasure, and where all pray together. If they live up to the ideal, which God places before them, Catholic homes will be true centers of evangelization.

---Apostolic Exhortation, *Ecclesia in America* St. John Paul II

**OTHER NEWS**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** at Second Chance Emporium Monday, **September 13**. For 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 TODAY, **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>.

**ST. ROCH PARISH OF MENTZ’S** 167<sup>th</sup> Annual Picnic is Sunday, **October 3**. Mass is at 10:30 a.m. followed by a BBQ meal of beef, pork and sausage at 11:00 a.m. (\$14/plate) The live auction starts at 1:00 p.m. Also enjoy bingo, a country store, the raffle, a silent auction, kids’ activities, and live music.

**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 (*only \$49 if you register by September 20*). Visit [togetherinholiness.org](http://togetherinholiness.org) for more information.

**THE ANNUAL FAYETTEVILLE SCHOOLS REUNION** that was to be held on September 18 *has been cancelled* due to Covid concerns.

**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. 11-12 -- 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The family of faith can never turn a blind eye to the socioeconomic inequalities of those who are suffering among us. If we belong to Christ, we must always express a special concern for the marginalized. Expressing concern places our faith into practice as the epistle of James reminds us, “Faith without works is dead.”

**Sept 11-12 -- 24to Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario**

La familia de fe nunca puede cerrar los ojos a las desigualdades socioeconómicas de aquellos que sufren alrededor de nosotros. Si pertenecemos a Cristo, debemos siempre expresar una preocupación especial por los marginados. Expresar preocupación pone nuestra fe en práctica tal como la epístola de Santiago nos recuerda, “La Fe sin trabajo está muerta”.

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**ST. JOHN LITURGICAL DUTIES**

**LECTOR**

**Saturday** – Mary Keilers

**Sunday** – Nikki Beseda

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

**Saturday** – Yvonne Smith, Sharon Martinek

**Sunday** – Paulette Keilers, Jeanne Schilling

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Saturday** – Gregory Huebner, Lydia Huebner, Luke Huebner

**Sunday** – Scotti Beseda, Mackayla Griffin, Luke Beseda

**GIFT BEARERS**

**Saturday** – Vincent Orsak Family

**Sunday** – Jonathan Noska 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

**ST. JOHN CONTACTS**

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K.J.Z.T.	Mary Jane Toddy	979-249-6231
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Cemetery	Ronald Kramr	979-249-6152



**Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows  
Wednesday, September 15**

The title, Our Lady of Sorrows, given to our Blessed Mother focuses on her intense suffering and grief during the passion and death of our Lord. Traditionally, this suffering was not limited to the passion and death event; rather, it comprised the seven sorrows of Mary, which were foretold by the Priest Simeon who proclaimed to Mary, *This child [Jesus] is destined to be the downfall and the rise of many in Israel, a sign that will be opposed; and you yourself shall be pierced with a sword so that the thoughts of many hearts may be laid bare* (Luke 2:34-35).

These seven sorrows of our Blessed Mother included: the flight of the Holy Family into Egypt; the loss and finding of the child Jesus in the Temple; Mary's meeting of Jesus on His way to Calvary; Mary's standing at the foot of the cross when our Lord was crucified; her holding of Jesus when He was taken down from the cross; and then our Lord's burial.

In all, the prophesy of Simeon that a sword would pierce our Blessed Mother's heart was fulfilled in these events. For this reason, Mary is sometimes depicted with her heart exposed and with seven swords piercing it. Each new suffering was received with the courage, love, and trust that echoed her fiat--let it be done unto me according to Thy word--first uttered at the Annunciation.

-Fr. William Saunders--catholiceducation.org

**ST. MARY LITURGICAL DUTIES**

**LECTOR**

**Saturday** – Robert Balzer

**Sunday** – L.J. Korenek

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Saturday** – Mickaela Snowden

**Sunday** – Stephen Korenek

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

**September 18/19** – Lucy Lamer

**September 25/26** – Paulette Urban

**October 2/3** – Paula 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,

On September 14 the Catholic Church celebrates the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. This feast was established to remember and recognize the Cross as the instrument upon which our salvation was won by Jesus Christ.

According to the tradition, the True Cross was discovered in 326 by Saint Helena, the mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine the Great, during a pilgrimage she made to Jerusalem. The Church of the Holy Sepulcher was then built at the site of the discovery, by order of Helena and Constantine.

The church was dedicated nine years later, with a portion of the cross placed inside it. Other traditions explain that in 614, that portion of the cross was carried away from the church by the Persians, and remained missing until it was recaptured by the Byzantine Emperor Heraclius in 628. Initially taken to Constantinople, the cross was returned to the church the following year.

The date of the feast marks the dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in 335. This was a two-day festival: although the actual consecration of the church was on September 13, the cross itself was brought outside the church on September 14th so that the clergy and faithful could pray before the True Cross, and all could come forward to venerate it. May we always remember the sacrifice our Lord made for us. May God bless you all.

-Fr. Steve



“The lukewarm do not embrace the cross: they merely drag it along.”

-- St. Teresa of Avila