

# St. Mary Catholic Church

Mission Parish  
815 St. Mary's Church Rd.  
Fayetteville (near Ellinger)



## MASSES

**Wednesday at 7:00 a.m.**

*All Souls †*

**Thursday at 6:00 p.m.**

*Victor Evanicky †*

**Friday at 7:00 a.m.**

*Adela Svoboda †*

**Sunday at 8:00 a.m.**

*Victor, Otillia, & Charlie Kulhanek †*

## **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

60 to 20 minutes before Mass

# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

207 E. Bell St.  
Fayetteville  
www.stjohnfayetteville.com



## MASSES

**Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.**

*No Mass*

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

*All Souls †*

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

*Dec'd of the Anton Novak, Ruddle Kaderka  
& Frankie Malota Families †*

**Friday at 6:00 p.m.**

*Alfred, Emma & Raymond Canik †*

**Saturday at 7:30 a.m.**

*Anton & Rosie Petter Family †*

**Saturday Vigil at 6:00 p.m.**

*For the People*

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

*Matthew Geistmann †*

## **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

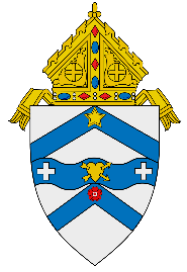
Saturday 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Wednesday 6:00-6:30 p.m.

First Friday 4:00-5:30 p.m.



**Pope Francis**  
Vatican City State



**Bishop Joe S. Vásquez**  
Diocese of Austin



# St. Martin Catholic Church

World's Smallest Catholic Church

Historic Chapel

3490 S. Hwy 237

Round Top

(near Warrenton)

## MONTHLY MASS

**Tuesday, December 12, at 9:00 a.m.**

*For the intentions left on the altar*

## Mailing Address and Contact Information for all three Churches

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**Marriage preparation:** Contact the priest before setting the date and at least nine 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.

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**  
**November 26, AD 2017**

**ST. MARY'S NEWS**

**Sunday Offering:** \$1,766.00  
**CCHD:** \$ 356.00

**ST. MARY'S ALTAR SOCIETY:** The **Annual Candy/Bake Sale** is on Saturday, **December 9**, at the parish hall, beginning at 8:00 a.m. Raffle tickets are available after Mass or from any member. Hotdogs, sandwiches, and many Christmas items will be available. We hope to see everyone there!

**WELCOMING & HOSPITALITY** will be in the parish hall, following the 8:00 a.m. Mass next Sunday, **December 3**. Please plan to join us for fellowship and refreshments.

**ST MARY'S ALTAR SOCIETY** December meeting has been rescheduled for next month. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, **December 13**.

**FIRST FRIDAY** occurs this week. Mass will be at 7:00 a.m. on Friday. Benediction will be Thursday evening after Mass.

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND** will be for the maintenance of St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery.

**ST. JOHN'S NEWS**

**Sunday Offering:** \$4,458.00  
**CCHD:** \$ 787.00

**FIRST FRIDAY** occurs this week. We will have the Exposition of the Eucharist at 3:00 p.m. closing with Benediction at 5:40 p.m. Followed by First Friday Mass. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND** will be for the Faith Formation program.


**ST. JOHN'S & ST. MARY'S NEWS**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Paula Canik, Hannah Glenn, Ralph Hackemack, Andy Jasek, Anthony Karas, Kendall Kurtz, Anita & Johnny Marek, Leo Miller, Doris Nesrsta, Saber Pace, Dr. Jimmy Sladek, Donna Schielack, Pat Sury, Bennie Volcik and Mildred Walla. *(Though they will remain in our prayers, names will only remain on the prayer list for two months, unless a new request is received.)*

**WEEKLY ROSARY GROUPS** will pray the Rosary at St. Mary on Mondays in the Church at **6:00 p.m.** and at St. John on Tuesdays in the Church at **5:30 p.m.**

**COMFORT ITEMS FOR VETERANS**

The local CDA chapter is collecting comfort items for our veterans in VA hospitals through the month of **November**. A box is available for these items at the entrance of the church.

 **CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:** To donate toward the purchase of flowers for the Altar at Christmas, you may use the Flower envelope provided at the entrance of the church. Please return the donation by **December 10**.

**YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE TODAY**

Youth choir practice will be today after the 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. John. The next practice will be **December 3**. If you have any questions please contact Rachel Schley at 979-249-7501.

**FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP IN LA GRANGE** for those affected by the flood will be Thursday, **November 30**. Volunteers are needed for cooking, serving and cleaning up. Any parishioners willing to donate desserts please bring them to the hall during the afternoon. For more information, contact Donna at (713)818-1470.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

- **OFFICERS MEETING** will be on Monday, **December 4**, at 6:30 p.m. at St. John's parish hall.
- **WOOD PICKUP** will be on Monday, **December 5**, at 4:00 p.m. at St. John's parish hall.

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS**

- **MONTHLY MEETING & ADVENT SOCIAL** will be Tuesday, **December 5**, at 6:30 p.m. at the St. John's Parish Hall. The meeting will be followed by a potluck meal. If you wish to exchange gifts, bring a gift valued at \$7.00 - \$10.00.
- **COOKIES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS:** Each CDA member is asked to bring 5 to 7 dozen cookies to be delivered to senior citizens. You may bring them to the parish hall at the Advent Social or the morning of Wednesday, **December 6**.
- **CDA SCHOLARSHIPS:** Graduating seniors related to a living CDA member in good standing are eligible to apply for the CDA State Scholarship. Local CDA Scholarships are offered to graduating seniors whose mother is a CDA member of Court 1440. Applications are available by contacting Donna Shula at (713) 818-1470. All applications are due by **January 31**.
- **SECOND CHANCE VOLUNTEERS:** Volunteers are needed to help the week of **November 28 through December 2**, and **4**. Any help that you can give is always greatly appreciated.



**ALL ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN A POSADA** at Country Christmas on the Square in Fayetteville, on Saturday, **December 9**. A posada is the reenactment of Joseph and Mary searching for a place to stay in Bethlehem. Only to find there is 'no room at the Inn.'

**ADVENT DINNER** will be at St. John's Parish Hall in Fayetteville on Sunday, **December 17** after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Social hour will begin at 11:00 a.m., followed by a catered meal. All are invited to come together in food and fellowship as we prepare for the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

**THANK YOU** for your generous support last week to the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

**"THE WORD AMONG US"** booklets with the Daily meditations and complete Catholic Mass for Advent are available at the entrance of the church. Please take one to use this season.

**CLERICAL ENDOWMENT FUND CHRISTMAS CARDS** are a good way to remember someone at Christmas and support the CEF. The cards are available at the parish office. For more information, contact Margaret Kubala at (979) 378-2877.

**AMAZON SMILE PROGRAM:** The parish of  St. John the Baptist has teamed up with the Amazon Smile program. This means Amazon will donate  0.5% of your Amazon purchase to the St. John parish **at no cost to you**. Simply visit [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com), sign in to your Amazon account, search "St. John Catholic Church Fayetteville" or choose an organization you would like to sponsor and shop! For help or more information, visit [org.amazon.com](http://org.amazon.com).

## Upcoming Events

**FATIMA TOUR FOR PEACE:** The world-famous international *Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima* is touring the dioceses of Texas this fall as part of a nation-wide call to prayer and penance for peace in our nation and conversion of hearts. From **Dec. 6-10**, the statue will visit five parishes in the Diocese of Austin: St. Luke in Temple, St. Helen in Georgetown, St. Mary Cathedral in Austin, St. Thomas Aquinas in College Station and St. John the Evangelist in Marble Falls. For more information about parishes and schedules, visit [www.austindiocese.org/fatima100](http://www.austindiocese.org/fatima100).

**HEART OF JESUS DISCERNMENT RETREAT:** All young men, 17-40 years old, are invited to the Heart of Jesus discernment retreat, **December 15-17** at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton. This retreat is a great opportunity to reflect upon, pray with, listen to and rest in the Heart of Jesus.

## Catholic Youth Ministry

**Christmas Decorating:** CYM will be decorating St. John Church on Sunday, **December 24**, after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. All high school students are asked to participate as we set up the mangers and decorate the church for Christmas. Parents are welcome to join; your help will be appreciated.

**World Youth Day 2019! Panama, Jan. 19-28 2019;** St. John and St. Mary parishes want to give you the opportunity to attend! If you are interested in attending this pilgrimage, registration forms and initial deposits must be turned into the parish office by **December 1**. For more information call Lexxus at (979) 378-2277.

**Save the date for DCYC February 2-4** at the Waco Convention Center. This year's theme is "Fully Alive." Registration forms can be found on the parish website or at the church entrance, and must be returned by **December 15**.

### **SHINE Catholic Missions - Workcamp**

**Corpus Christi, June 11-16 2018**, is a summer work camp that offers a weeklong Catholic youth mission retreat experience. Registration and consent forms are due **December 15** and may be found at the church entrance or on the parish website.

## Catholic Social Teaching Corner

### *Feast of Christ the King*

This passage from Matthew might be considered a list of essential duties for a follower of Christ. The Gospel points out that Jesus speaks about the "nations" who gather, so we can see this as both an individual and communal response to God. As individuals and as a community, are we able to see Christ in the needy, the least, the poorest and the forgotten? Our yes, to accepting the Kingdom depends on our willingness to see and respond to them as we would to Christ.

### *Fiesta de Cristo Rey*

SEste pasaje del Evangelio de San Mateo puede ser considerado como una lista de deberes esenciales para un seguidor de Cristo. El Evangelio señala que Jesús habló sobre las "naciones" que se reúnen, así que podemos ver esto de ambas maneras, como una respuesta individual o grupal a Dios. Como individuos y como una comunidad ¿vemos a Cristo en los necesitados, los más pobres y los olvidados? Nuestro Sí para aceptar el reino depende de nuestra disposición de ver y responder a estos hermanos nuestros, tanto como responderíamos a Cristo.

## Life Issues & Events

### **HOW IT'S MADE: CATHOLIC VOCATIONS**

Every vocation involves a serious, life-long commitment for the good of the individual and the growth of the Church. It is a celebration of *new lives!* A vocation "roots" a person into a specific life: a way to grow in holiness and help others do the same.

- **Holy Marriage.** How it's made: The free consent of a man and woman through exchange of vows, and the consummation of the marriage. Purpose: A lifelong partnership for the good of the spouses and the raising up of children in the Faith.
- **Holy Orders:** How it's made: The bishops prayer of consecration as he lays his hands on the man being ordained. Purpose: To preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and bring the sacraments to the faithful.
- **Religious Life.** How it's made: The public vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience in a stable state of life recognized by the Church. Purpose: Total dedication to God in order to serve the Church, be examples of holiness, and pray for the salvation of the world.

## "Share the Journey" Campaign

The church's position on migration is rooted in the Gospel and in the rich tradition of Catholic social teaching. A recent example of this teaching is in *Strangers No Longer:*



Share the Journey  
#sharejourney

*Together on the Journey of Hope*, a joint pastoral letter concerning migration from the Catholic Bishops of Mexico and the U.S. The pastoral letter promotes five principles that should be used to help formulate migration related policy.

Principle Three (Principle two can be found in last week's bulletin) Sovereign nations have the right to control their borders. The church recognizes the right of sovereign nations to control their territories and their borders. However, wealthier nations, which have the ability to better protect and feed their residents, have a strong obligation to accommodate migration flows.

## Faith Formation

*The catechetical mission of St. John's Faith Formation Program is to attract, engage and inspire young people to deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ.*

### **FAITH FORMATION – Wednesday, November 29**

- ✓ Grades K-6 will meet at 6:00 – 6:50 p.m.
- ✓ Grades 7-12 will meet at 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

### **ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES**

#### **Basic Teachings of the Catholic Church – St. John Parish**

The last class offered in this series will be Saturday, **December 2**, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. in Fayetteville. Our last topic will be *the Creed*.

**FAITH FORMATION CATECHITICAL RETREAT** will be Saturday, **December 16** at St. Mary in Ellinger from 9-12 noon, with breakfast and coffee from 8:30-9:00 a.m. All Catechists, Aides, substitute instructors, Bible Study leaders, RCIA leaders, and anyone currently involved in or interested in serving in the Faith Formation Program are asked to attend. Please join us as we personally encounter God's word in silent prayer and Lectio Divina. Father Matthew Kinney, of Sacred Heart Parish in La Grange, will lead us in this prayerful morning.

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**ST. JOHN LITURGICAL DUTIES**

**LECTORS**

**Wednesday** – Kathy Kneblík  
**Saturday** – Herman Schramm  
**Sunday** – Kathy Kneblík

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

**Saturday** – Joan Malota(H), Lois Kaspar(H),  
 Carrol Hollimon(H), Andrew Keilers\*(C), Annette Little(C),  
 Karley Kasmiersky(C), Lexxus Mayorga(C)  
**Sunday** – Becky Matocha(H), Michelle Bertsch(H),  
 Kathy Kneblík(C), Lee Matocha\*(C), Janell Warschak(C),  
 David Bertsch(C)

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Saturday** – Amanda Little, Peyton Jurecka, Amber Canik  
**Sunday** – Lydia Huebner, Raquel Castillo, Kimberly Rohde

**GIFT BEARERS**

**Saturday** – Joe Dybala Family  
**Sunday** – Alvin Minarcik Family

**CCW ROSARY:** Bernadette Kovar & Verline Fellman will lead the Rosary for the intention of religious vocations.

**ALTAR DUTY FOR DECEMBER:** Carrol Hollimon, Lisa Hollimon, Heather Jurecka, Madeline Kovar

**USHERS FOR DECEMBER:**

**Saturday** – Leonard Malota, Ronnie Kramr, Leonard Kaspar, Betty Kovar  
**Sunday** – Joe Babin, Christopher Kaspar, Kenneth Noska, Vernon Hohensee

**ST. JOHN CONTACTS**

Pastoral Council Chairman	Justin Huebner	979-357-2533
Finance Council President	John Cufr	979-966-9068
St. John Altar Society	Madeline Kovar	979-378-2361
Pro-Life Ministries Coordinator	Nikki Beseda	713-875-8009
K.J.Z.T.	Rose Rohde	979-249-3635
K.J.T.	Emil Sodalak	979-249-3952
Hall Rental	Parish Office	979-378-2277
St. John Catholic Cemetery	Ronald Kramr	979-249-6152



**JESUS CHRIST THE KING**

*November 26*

Pope Pius XI instituted The Feast of Christ the King in 1925 for the universal church, in his encyclical *Quas Primas*. He connected the increasing denial of Christ as king to the rise of secularism throughout much of Europe. At the time of *Quas Primas*, many Christians

begin to doubt Christ's authority and existence, as well as the Church's power to continue Christ's authority.

It is fitting that the feast celebrating Christ's kingship is observed right before Advent, when we liturgically wait for the promised Messiah (King). Jesus knew the oppressive nature of secular kings, and in contrast to them, he connected his role as king to humble service, and commanded his followers to be servants as well. While Christ is coming to judge the nations, his teachings spell out a kingdom of justice and judgment balanced with radical love, mercy, peace, and forgiveness. When we celebrate Christ as King, we are not celebrating an oppressive ruler, but one willing to die for humanity and whose "loving-kindness endures forever."

**ST. MARY LITURGICAL DUTIES**

**LECTOR**

**Sunday** – Robert Balzer

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

**Sunday** – Robert Balzer, Donna Shula, Paulette Urban

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Sunday** – Ryan Becka, Stephen Korenek

**GIFT BEARERS**

**Sunday** – Larry Marusik Family

**ROSARY LEADER**

**Sunday** – Garland Polasek

**ALTAR FLOWERS: November 26** – Lisa Gerik

**USHERS FOR NOVEMBER**

**Sunday** – Anton Becka, Lee Roy Shula, Mark Matocha, Dennis Orsak

**ST. MARY CONTACTS**

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K.J.T.	James Korenek	979-966-9170
Hall Rental	Parish Office	979-378-2277
St. Mary Catholic Cemetery	Lawrence Korenek	979-732-2836

**Iglesias que ofrecen Misas en Español**

<b>Sab.</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>	St. Mary Our Lady of Lourdes	Caldwell
<b>Dom.</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	Parish of the Nativity	Eagle Lake
<b>Dom.</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>	St. Margaret	Giddings
<b>Dom.</b>	<b>11:30 AM</b>	Sacred Heart	La Grange
<b>Dom.</b>	<b>12:00 PM</b>	St. Rosa de Lima	Schulenburg
<b>Dom.</b>	<b>12:30 PM</b>	St. Mary Immaculate Conception	Brenham

**ADVENT PENENCE SERVICE SCHEDULE**

<b>Ellinger</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 10</b>	<b>5-6 p.m.</b>
<b>Fayetteville</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 10</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Rockdale</b>	Monday	December 11	7:00 p.m.
<b>Somerville</b>	Wednesday	December 13	7:00 p.m.
<b>Brenham</b>	Friday	December 15	7:00 p.m.
<b>Rockdale</b>	Monday	December 18	7:00 p.m.
<b>La Grange</b>	Tuesday	December 19	7:00 p.m.
<b>Giddings</b>	Wednesday	December 20	7:00 p.m.
<b>Chappell Hill</b>	Thursday	December 21	7:00 p.m.
<b>Lexington</b>	Thursday	December 21	7:00 p.m.

**Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION:**



Thursday, December 7 – 6:00 p.m. – St. Mary  
 Friday, December 8 – 7:00 a.m. – St. Mary  
 Friday, December 8 – 12:15 p.m. – St. John  
 Friday, December 8 – 6:00 p.m. – St. John

**Happy Birthday Father Nock!**  
 We wish you God's blessings as you  
 celebrate your birthday.

