

St. Mary Catholic Church

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



MASSES

Wednesday at 7:00 a.m.
Helen & Eugene Ahlschleger †
Thursday at 5:00 p.m.
Larry Urban †
Friday at 6:30 p.m.
Communion Service

Sunday at 8:00 a.m.
Rudy Zapalac & Joanne Sutton †

Sacrament of Reconciliation
60 to 20 minutes before Mass

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

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



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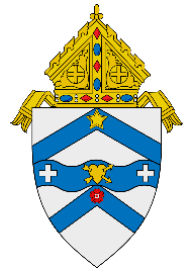
Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.
No Mass
Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
Dottie Lyssy †
Thursday at 7:00 a.m.
Joe & Sophie Kaspar †
Friday at 7:00 a.m.
Chris Vitek †
Saturday at 7:30 a.m.
Rudolph & Emilie Cervenka †

Saturday Vigil at 6:00 p.m.
Patrick Supak †
Sunday at 10:00 a.m.
For the People

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
Wednesday, March 21, at 9:00 a.m.
For the intentions left on the altar

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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.

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ST. MARY'S NEWS

Sunday Offering: \$1,405.00
Cemetery Fund: \$ 416.00

CONSIDER JOINING ST. MARY'S ROSARY GROUP as part of your Lenten devotion. Everyone is invited to join in praying the rosary every Monday evening in the Church at **6:00 p.m.**

ST. JOHN'S NEWS

Sunday Offering: \$4,936.00
Faith Formation: \$ 713.00

ST. JOHN'S ALTAR SOCIETY

- **Raffle Prize Donations are needed.** Anyone wishing to donate a prize to the Altar Society's May fundraiser, is asked to contact Madeline Kovar at (979) 378-2361 or Lorene Nitschke, at (979) 378-2276 by **March 13**.
- **Meeting** will be on Tuesday, **March 13**, at 2:00 p.m. Since it is Lent, lunch will not be provided.

JOIN ST. JOHN'S ROSARY GROUP as part of your Lenten devotion. Everyone is invited to join in praying the rosary every Tuesday evening in the Church at **5:30 p.m.**

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Sherry Cook, Addie Dybala, Hannah Glenn, Ruth Gothia, Melissa Hahn, Deacon Robert Jasek, Anthony Karas, James Kovar, Lillie Krenek, Ruby Kuhn, Kendall Kurtz, Doris Nestrsta, Saber Pace, Garland Polasek, Joann Rudolph, Dr. Jimmy Sladek, Barbara Sulak, Barbara Tieken, Mary Till, Bennie Volcik, Maggie Williams, Mary Ann Zatopek. *(Though they will remain in our prayers, names will only remain on the prayer list for two months, unless a new request is received.)*



CHOIR NOTICE: Practice for Holy Week will be on Sunday, **March 25**, starting at 4 p.m. Anyone that would like to sing, please attend. New members are always welcome.

THE CDA WOULD LIKE TO THANK everyone that helped make last weekend's Fundraiser a huge success!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

- **SCHOLARSHIPS:** Senior students of a Knight of Columbus member are eligible. For an application or more information, contact Alvin Minarcik at (979) 249-7449.
- **LADIES NIGHT OUT** will be Saturday, **March 17**, in St. John's Parish Hall. This is the council's way of saying thank you for all of the dedicated service and support given by the spouses of council members. Social hour begins at 6:30 p.m., followed by a meal.
- **MONTHLY MEETING** will be held on Tuesday, **March 20**, at 7:00 p.m.

CYM GARAGE SALE: It is time to start planning for this year's city wide garage sale, scheduled for Sunday, **July 14**, at St. John's Pavilion. As you do your Spring cleaning, start collecting items you might like to donate. Proceeds from the garage sale will be used to support activities of the Youth Ministry in our parishes.



PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE

sponsored St. Anne Society #10, K.J.Z.T. Fayetteville, will be on Saturday, **March 17** at the gazebo on the square in Fayetteville in support of Traditional Marriage. We will stand together in solidarity with partners in faith all throughout America. Everyone is invited to join in prayer for our nation at noon Saturday.

You are welcome to bring lawn chairs. For more information, please contact Rose Rohde at (979) 249-3635 or Lois Kaspar at (979) 249-6826.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES: This week, we are taking up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to respond to Jesus in disguise. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support to struggling communities and to work toward peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

FROM ASHES TO EASTER LENTEN BOXES

We are blessed by the gracious gift of Jesus Christ, who transformed human history with his infinite and compassionate love. Through His Spirit, his grace has been poured into our hearts. With open and merciful hearts, we are invited to share our blessings. As we add coins to our Ashes to Easter box each day, we together will bring hope to struggling missions. Please pray a Hail Mary for the missions. All boxes should be returned on Easter Sunday or the week after.

EASTER FLOWERS

If you would like to remember a loved one at Easter by making a donation towards flowers for the altar, you may use the Easter Flower envelopes provided at the entrance of the Church. If you are a member of St. Mary, make your checks payable to St. Mary Altar Society. For flowers at St. John, make your checks payable to St. John Altar Society. You may drop your donation in the collection by **March 18**.

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 CLASSES will not be held on Wednesday, March 14, due to Spring Break.

Catholic Youth Ministry

World Youth Day 2019, Panama: January 22 – January 29



Who is one of the patron saints of WYD?
St. José Sánchez del Río: The boy who died for love of Christ the King. At age 13 Jose became a flag-bearer in the Cristero army who were fighting to remain Catholic in the face of anti-religious government decrees. Captured by government troops, he was imprisoned, abused, mutilated, and ordered to

renounce Christianity; José refused. He became a Martyr. He was then canonized on October 13, 2016 by Pope Francis.

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A SPECIAL THANK YOU from Annie Mae Janish for the many cards and prayers she received for her 100th birthday. She appreciated the lovely reception and everyone that was able to attend.

Adult Faith Formation

OREMUS: A GUIDE TO CATHOLIC PRAYER

There are 4 sessions left in the program that will guide you through an easy-to-understand teaching on prayer. The next session is today, **March 11**, after Mass from 11:15-12:45 p.m in the **Back Dining Hall**.

CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE: Today's man faces many challenges and is in search of good for himself, his family, and his future. If you would like to know more about the Catholic faith for men today, then come to the San Antonio Catholic Men's Conference, **March 16-17** in Greehey Arena at St. Mary's University. The Conference offers powerful speakers, Mass with Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller, live music, Reconciliation, BBQ lunch, and much more! Register at CMCSanAntonio.com.


DISCOVERING YOUR TRUE SELF RETREAT will be held **March 21** from 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton. We will spend the day identifying the false images we hold on to as we ask the Lord to show us the beauty of our true selves. The cost is \$40 and includes lunch. For information or to register, call Cedarbrake at (254) 780-2436 or visit www.austindiocese.org/cedarbrake.

Upcoming Events

SENIOR CITIZEN Social will be on Thursday, **March 15**, from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. at St. John's Parish Hall. All senior citizens are invited for an afternoon of fellowship, games and refreshments.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL ANNUAL SPRING FESTIVAL
Sacred Heart Catholic School in La Grange will be having its annual Spring Festival on Sunday, **March 25**, in Hostyn at Queen of the Holy Rosary Catholic Church. They will serving a chicken fried chicken meal from 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. There will be live music and a live auction beginning at 12:30 p.m. Other activities include a silent auction, cake walk, plant walk, and kid games.

ASCEND EMERGING LEADERS PROGRAM

 Young adults are invited to apply for the Ascend Emerging Leaders class of 2018. The Ascend class of 2018 will be empowered to make a lasting contribution by practicing applied leadership skills so that they may exercise their faith in positions of leadership in the church as well as in their homes, communities and careers. Applications will be accepted through **March 15**. For more information about Ascend, including the program calendar, application and FAQs, visit www.austindiocese.org/ascend.

DISCERNMENT OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNG WOMEN

“Heart of Mary,” a weekend discernment retreat for women, will be held the weekend of **April 6-8** at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton. Women between the ages of 18 and 45 are invited to join religious sisters from around the diocese on this weekend of presentations, reflection and prayerful encounter. The cost is \$35 per person. For additional information or to register, visit www.godiscalling.me.

WALK WITH CHRIST: Join the Schoenstatt movement for the



8th Annual Good Friday Pilgrimage, a 9 mile pilgrimage in solemn remembrance of our Lord's sacrifice. Allow yourself to encounter the mystery of Christ's passion and cross, as you walk with Him and His Blessed Mother through the streets of

Austin. This year's pilgrimage will be on Friday, **March 30**. The pilgrims will gather at St. Mary's Cathedral at 12:30 p.m. for a send off blessing from Bishop Joe Vasquez, then depart to the Marian Shrine of Our Lady of Schoenstatt at 1 p.m. The group will be stopping along the way to pray the Stations of the Cross and for rest stops. Estimated time of arrival at the Shrine is 6:30pm, followed by Good Friday Liturgy at 7:00pm. For more information visit at www.schoenstatt.us.

“Share the Journey” Campaign



TO REACH ACROSS BORDERS

“Lord of All, Some of us make our homes on hills, others in valleys. Some in tall buildings, some on shorelines, some at risk on the street. And we divide up our patches with lines we scratch into the ground and call them borders. Where the lines do not suffice, we build fences. Where fences fail, we dig moats. Where moats are not enough, we erect walls. But what if we were to look across these borders? Across fence, moat, and wall and see You on the other side? Lord, teach us to reach across all borders, fabricated or natural, to join with all our brothers and sisters to unify, and not separate. To honor all who wander seeking hope, seeking opportunity – seeking you as assuredly as we seek you Lord, let no border ring our hearts. Turn our hands from building walls toward building justice. Stretch our arms across fence, wall and moat to seek those on the other side that we might find you in each other's eyes, in each other's hands and in each other's wounds.” Amen.

Catholic Social Teaching Corner

Fourth Sunday of Lent

In the first reading today, Chronicles reminds us of what happened to the Israelites when they ignored the prophets. In the Gospel Jesus tells Nicodemus that God sent his son not to condemn the world, but to save it. We know that the message of the prophets was about right relationships: living in a way that protects the poor and vulnerable. We know that the message of Jesus at the end of John's Gospel is also about relationships. We who are disciples of Jesus caught up in God's love and are called to live that love with all. Is our love growing this Lent? How are we showing God's love, particularly for the poor and vulnerable?

Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma

En la primera lectura de hoy, Crónicas nos recuerda lo que pasó a los israelitas cuando ignoraron a los profetas. En el Evangelio Jesús dice a Nicodemo que Dios envió a su hijo no a condenar al mundo, sino a salvarlo. Sabemos que el mensaje de los profetas fue sobre relaciones justas: vivir de una manera que proteja a los pobres y vulnerables. Sabemos que el mensaje de Jesús al final del Evangelio de Juan también es sobre relaciones. ¿Nosotros, somos discípulos de Jesús atrapados en el amor de Dios y llamados para vivir con amor para todos. Está creciendo nuestro amor esta Cuaresma? ¿Cómo estamos mostrando el amor de Dios, particularmente por los pobres y vulnerables?

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ST. JOHN LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTORS

Saturday – Margaret Alford

Sunday – Janet Hall

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday –Leslie Little*(H), Sharon Martinek(H),
 Wanda Fritsch(C), Lois Kaspar(C), Yvonne Smith(C),
 Betty Kovar(C)

Sunday – Lee Matocha*(H), John Spiess(H),
 Jim Mattair(C), Lori Spiess(C), Kathy Kneblak(C),
 Becky Matocha(C)

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday – Skylar Kasmierksy, Dustin Canik, Chelsie Toddy,
 Landon Urban

Sunday – Braden Kubala, Cole Brackman, Wade Halamicek

GIFT BEARERS

Saturday – Gary Toddy Family

Sunday – David Bertsch Family

CCW ROSARY: Madeline & J.D. Kovar will lead the Rosary
 for the intention of religious vocations.

ALTAR DUTY FOR MARCH: Lois Kaspar, Valerian Cufur,
 Susan Schramm, Colleen Stastny

USHERS FOR MARCH:

Saturday – Peter Chovanec, Ronnie Chernosky,
 Eddie Gaertner, Wesley Gaertner

Sunday – Edward Muske, John Cufur, Alvin Minarcik,
 John Spiess

ST. JOHN CONTACTS

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St. John Altar Society	Madeline Kovar	979-378-2361
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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

PENANCE SERVICE SCHEDULE

March 11	St. Mary, Ellinger	5:00 p.m.
March 11	St. John, Fayetteville	7:15 p.m.
March 13	St. Joseph, Rockdale	6:00 p.m.
March 15	St. Margaret, Giddings	7:00 p.m.
March 16	St. Mary, Brenham	7:00 p.m.
March 20	Sacred Heart, La Grange	7:00 p.m.
March 21	St. Ann, Somerville	7:00 p.m.
March 22	St. Stanislaus, Chappell Hill	7:00 p.m.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

St. John –Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. followed by Mass

St. Mary – Fridays at 6:30 p.m. followed by Mass

ALL FRIDAYS IN LENT ARE DAYS OF ABSTINENCE

(This means you do not eat meat on Fridays.)

ST. MARY LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTOR

Sunday – Lilly Alvarado

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Sunday – Ruth Beseda, Robert Balzer, Luke Orsak

ALTAR SERVERS

Sunday – Kole Schmitt, Klayten Schmitt, Julie Korenek

GIFT BEARERS

Sunday – Vernon Jurecka Family

ROSARY LEADER

Sunday – Vlasta Korenek

USHERS FOR MARCH

Jim Sula, Bruce Kubena, Mark Matocha, Anton Becka

ST. MARY CONTACTS

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Hall Rental	Parish Office	979-378-2277
St. Mary Catholic Cemetery	Lawrence Korenek	979-732-2836

Iglesias que ofrecen Misas en Español

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



The Pascal Triduum
Schedule

Holy Thursday – Mass of the
 Lord's Supper
 St. Mary – 6:30 p.m.
 St. John – 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday – Reading of the Passion, Veneration of the Cross
 and Holy Communion
 St. John – 3:00 p.m.
 St. Mary – 6:30 p.m.

Holy Saturday – The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night
 St. John – 8:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday – The Resurrection of the Lord
 St. John – 6:30 a.m.
 St. Mary – 8:00 a.m.
 St. John – 10:00 a.m.

Today we celebrate *Laetare Sunday*, the Fourth Sunday of Lent. *Laetare* is taken from the Latin translation Isaiah 66:10-11, which is used as the entrance antiphon for this Sunday as found in the Today's Missal. We rejoice that the Easter Mystery is drawing near and we await it with joyful anticipation.