

St. Mary Catholic Church

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



MASSES

Wednesday at 7:00 a.m.
Albina Urban †

The Immaculate Conception

Thursday at 6:00 p.m.

Lad Becka †

Friday at 7:00 a.m.

For the People

Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

Henry & Alma Mrkwa †

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.

Mabel Schielack †

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

Mary Barber †

Thursday at 7:00 a.m.

Rudolph & Emilie Cervenka †

The Immaculate Conception

Friday at 12:15 p.m.

Leo & Josephine Noska †

Friday at 6:00 p.m.

Rudolph & Angeline Jurecka †

Saturday at 7:30 a.m.

Adolphine & Joe B. Krenek †

Saturday Vigil at 6:00 p.m.

For the People

Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

Hugo & Irene Mascheck †

Sacrament of Reconciliation

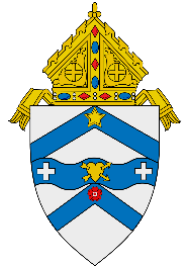
Saturday 4:30-5:30 p.m.

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

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Round Top

(near Warrenton)

MONTHLY MASS

Tuesday, December 12, 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.

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 3, AD 2017

ST. MARY'S NEWS

Sunday Offering: \$1,362.00

KJZT #41 MEETING will be held on Monday, **December 4**, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Mary's Hall. All members are welcome. For further information, call Mildred at (979) 270-1750.

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!
- **Christmas Social** will be Wednesday, **December 13**, at 1:00 p.m. in the parish hall. A potluck meal will be followed by bingo and a \$7.00 gift exchange. Guests are invited.

ST. JOHN'S NEWS

Sunday Offering: \$4,791.00

ST. JOHN'S ALTAR SOCIETY ADVENT PARTY will be held on Tuesday, **December 12**, at 1:00 p.m. at the parish hall, beginning with lunch and followed by bingo. Each member is asked to bring a gift valued at \$7.00 and something for lunch. You may bring a guest, but you need to bring a gift exchange for them as well.

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 Nestrsta, Saber Pace, Dr. Jimmy Sladek, Donna Schielack, Pat Sury, Bennie Volcik. *(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.**



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**.

2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES with your name on them are on the tables at the entrance of the church. The boxes have been placed in alphabetical order. Anyone not having an assigned box is asked to pick up a blank set. **EVERYONE using envelopes should place their name on the first few envelopes**, so we can be sure all information is accurate.

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 6** at 5:30 p.m. If you have any questions please contact Rachel Schley at 979-249-7501.

ALL ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN A POSADA at Country Christmas on the Square in Fayetteville, on Saturday, **December 9**. Meet at 5:00 p.m. on the square to join in this reenactment of Joseph and Mary searching for a place to stay in Bethlehem. Only to find there is 'no room at the Inn.'

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 Tuesday, **December 5**, at 4:00 p.m. at St. John's parish hall.
- **NO KC BARBECUE** will be held this month.

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**.

ANGEL TREE: The CDA is sponsoring the "Angel Tree," again this year. Each "angel" on the tree represents a child or adult in a desperate family situation. If you are able to fulfill one of the gift requests, please return the gift by **December 11**. Use gift bags for wrapping, put the 'angel' name on it and leave the present near or under the tree. Thank you for your participation.

ADVENT DINNER will be at St. John's Parish Hall in Fayetteville on Sunday, **December 17** after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. The Social hour, with Christmas Caroling 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.

ETHICS AND INTEGRITY IN MINISTRY WORKSHOP

All clergy, paid staff and volunteers at any parish or diocesan location, are required to complete an Application for Ministry AND are required to attend an EIM workshop every three years. Anyone needing an EIM workshop must sign up on-line through their EIM account.

There will be a workshop at **St. John, Fayetteville** on Thursday, **January 18**, from 6:15 - 8:30 p.m. For assistance or more information, call the office at (979) 378-2277.

"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.

A SPECIAL COLLECTION will be taken up next weekend, **December 10** for the Retired Religious. Your donation helps religious communities provide for aging members and plan for long-term needs. Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

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



THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
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Upcoming Events

DIOCESAN CONSECRATION TO THE IMMACULATE

HEART OF MARY: In this Fatima centennial year and in the 70th year since the founding of our diocese, Bishop Joe Vásquez has decided to consecrate the Diocese of Austin to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. On **December 10**, all priests and people in the diocese are invited to unite in a solemn prayer of consecration to the Mother of God, asking for her maternal help and protection, entrusting ourselves to her loving heart, and asking her to bring us ever closer to her Son, Jesus Christ. For resources and further details, visit www.austindiocese.org/ihmconsecration.

SENIOR CITIZEN SOCIAL is on Thursday, **December 7**, from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. at St. John's Parish Hall. All senior citizens are invited for an afternoon of games, fellowship and refreshments.

THE MOBILE FOOD PANTRY from the Central Texas Food Bank will be here Thursday, **December 7**, from **10:00 - 11:00 a.m.** Clients must be present and at least 18 years old. Please bring your own bag. Volunteers are asked to arrive by 9:45 a.m.



HOPE-HEALTHY OPTIONS PROGRAM: On the second Friday of each month, between 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. clients will receive a bag of groceries. The next distribution is Friday, **December 8**.

FATIMA TOUR FOR PEACE: The world-famous international *Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima* is touring the dioceses of Texas from **Dec. 6-10**, the statue will visit: 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, visit 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 Social Teaching Corner

First Sunday of Advent

Advent invites us to watch for the coming of the Lord: to be awake and vigilant. The Lord breaks into our world and into our lives in unexpected ways, as he did in Bethlehem. Today he may come in the face, the voice, the need of a stranger, or a child, or the poor, or our own family. We place ourselves, this day and this season, in an attitude of quiet, prayerful hope-filled expectation, so that in the frantic busying of life, we will not miss the Master's coming. What can you do this week to be awake and vigilant for the Lord?

Primer Domingo de Adviento

El Adviento nos invita a esperar la llegada del Señor: a estar despiertos y vigilantes. El Señor llega a nuestro mundo y a nuestras vidas de maneras inesperadas, tal como lo hizo en Belén. Hoy, Él puede estar llegando a través del rostro, la voz, la necesidad de un extraño o un niño, de los pobres, o de nuestra propia familia. Nos ponemos en este día y durante esta temporada, en actitud de silencio y quietud, en expectativa llena de esperanza y en oración, para que en medio del ruido acelerado de la vida, no nos perdamos la llegada del Maestro ¿Qué puede usted hacer esta semana para estar despierto y vigilante esperando por el Señor?

Life Issues & Events

SAVE THE DATE! JANUARY 27, 2018

TEXAS CATHOLIC PRO-LIFE DAY IN AUSTIN

Mark your calendars and join the Diocese of Austin for these Pro-Life Activities: Sidewalk Prayer Vigil, Rosary for Life, Diocesan Pro-Life Mass, March for Life, Texas Rally for Life, among others. For more information, contact Luisa de Poo at (512) 949-2487.

“Share the Journey” Campaign



Share the Journey
#sharejourney

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*:

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 Four (Principle three can be found in last week's bulletin)

Refugees and asylum seekers should be afforded protection. Those who flee wars and persecution should be protected by the global community. This requires, at a minimum, that migrants have a right to claim refugee status without incarceration and to have their claims fully considered by a competent authority.

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 manglers and decorate the church for Christmas. Parents are welcome to join; your help will be appreciated.

Save the date for DCYC February 2-4 at the Waco Convention Center.” Registration and consent forms can be found on the parish website, 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**.

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, December 6

- ✓ **Grades K-6** will meet at 6:00 p.m. and attend the 7:00 p.m. Mass. Parents pick up in front of the church following Mass.
- ✓ **Grades 7-12** will meet in the church prepared for 7:00 p.m. Mass. Classes will be dismissed at 8:30 p.m.

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 – Grade 8
Friday(12:15 p.m.) – Margaret Alford
Friday(6:00 p.m.) – Yvonne Smith
Saturday – Margaret Alford
Sunday – Cindy Bertsch

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Wednesday – Michelle Bertsch, Carrol Hollimon, Annette Little
Friday(12:15 p.m.) – Carrol Hollimon, Becky Matocha
Friday(6:00 p.m.) – Andrew Keilers*(H), Theresa Keilers(H), Paulette Keilers(H), Yvonne Smith(C), Jeanne Schilling(C), Janell Warschak(C), Madeline Kovar(C)
Saturday – Pat Geistmann(H), Wanda Fritsch(H), Kathleen Kramr(H), Tiffany Nigh(C), Sharon Martinek(C), Leslie Little*(C), Betty Kovar(C)
Sunday – Jim Mattair*(H), Cindy Bertsch(H), Lori Spiess(C), Christine Wied(C), Holly Krebs(C), Mary Quiros(C)

ALTAR SERVERS

Wednesday – Grade 6(3)
Friday(6:00 p.m.) – Braden Kubala, Emma Jurecka, Cole Brackman
Saturday – Skylar Kasmiersky, Dustin Canik, Chelsie Toddy
Sunday – Marissa Halamiczek, Ricky Schilling, Dal Brackman

GIFT BEARERS

Wednesday – Grade K
Friday(6:00 p.m.) – Arlis Keilers Family
Saturday – Jimmie Schmitt Family
Sunday – James Kneblak Family

CCW ROSARY: Gladys Schmitt & Frances Sula 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
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K.J.T.	Emil Sodolak	979-249-3952
Hall Rental	Parish Office	979-378-2277
St. John Catholic Cemetery	Ronald Kramr	979-249-6152

ST. MARY LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTOR

Thursday (Vigil) – Lilly Alvarado
Sunday – Rose Urban

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Thursday (Vigil) – Lee Roy Shula, Jo Ann Divin, Luke Orsak
Sunday – Ruth Beseda, L.J. Korenek, Rose Urban

ALTAR SERVERS

Thursday (Vigil) – Emily Polasek, Luke Korenek
Sunday – Julie Korenek, Rylee Fritsch

GIFT BEARERS

Thursday (Vigil) – Ronnie Polasek Family
Sunday – Vernon Jurecka Family

ROSARY LEADER

Thursday (Vigil) – Vlasta Korenek
Sunday – Ann Minar

USHERS FOR NOVEMBER

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

ST. MARY CONTACTS

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Finance Council President	Robert Balzer	979-249-3076
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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

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

ADVENT PENENCE SERVICE SCHEDULE

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



A Prayer to Saint Nicholas of Myra
December 6

God of joy and cheer, we thank you for your servant, the good bishop Nicholas. In loving the poor, he showed us your kindness; in caring for your children, he revealed your love. Make us thoughtful without need of reward so that we, too, may be good followers of Jesus. Amen.