

St. Mary Catholic Church

Mission Parish

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



MASSES

Wednesday at 7:00 a.m.

Joe B. & Adolphine Krenek †

Thursday at 5:00 p.m.

Whitney Blair †

Friday at 7:00 a.m.

Dr. Ed Mueller, Jr. †

Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

Alma & Henry 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.

Bernice Zapalac †

Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.

Lee Roy Matocha †

Thursday at 7:00 a.m.

Annette & Robert J. Kovar, Jr. †

Friday at 5:00 p.m.

Joe & Sophie Kaspar †

Saturday at 7:30 a.m.

Dorothy Svrcek †

Saturday at 6:00 p.m.

For the People

Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

Cyril Kulhanek †

Sacrament of Reconciliation

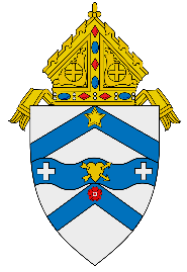
Saturday 4:30-5:30 p.m.

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, December 19, 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 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 16, AD 2018

ST. MARY'S NEWS

Sunday Offering:	\$1,093.00
Retired Clergy & Religious:	\$ 780.00
Immaculate Conception:	\$ 337.00

BANNS OF MARRIAGE are announced for the second time for *Madison Becka & Aaron Perez*, who will be united in the bonds of Holy Matrimony at St. Mary Catholic Church, on Saturday, **December 29, 2018**.

ST. MARY'S PARISH ADVENT DINNER IS TODAY in the parish hall. Social time begins at 11:00 a.m. followed by a catered dinner at 12:00 noon. We look forward to seeing everyone there as we prepare for the coming of the Lord. Dessert donations are welcome!

ST. MARY'S ALTAR SOCIETY CANDY/BAKE SALE

Thank you to all who participated and helped make the bake sale and raffle a success. A list of the raffle winners can be found at the entrance of the church.



ST. MARY'S ROSARY GROUP invites everyone to pray the rosary every Monday evening in the Church at **6:00 p.m.**

ST. JOHN'S NEWS

Sunday Offering:	\$3,829.00
Retired Clergy & Religious:	\$1,854.00
Immaculate Conception:	\$1,362.00

ST. JOHN'S ROSARY GROUP prays the rosary every Tuesday evening in the Church at **5:30 p.m.** Come pray with us!

ST. JOHN'S CEMETERY NOTICE: Now that the November observation of our deceased loved ones is over, we need your help. *Please remove ornaments and breakable items. We ask all to consistently maintain the gravesites according to the cemetery rules and regulations.* Copies of the "Rules, Regulations and Specifications of St. John's Cemetery Association" can be found at the entrance of the Church. Please email or call the office with any questions or concerns. Your help is appreciated!

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Bennie Daricek, Regina Gerik, Hannah Glenn, Melissa Hahn, Ed Halcom, Woody Hiebert, Annie Mae Janish, Deacon Robert Jasek, J.D. Kovar, Lillian Kramr, Kendall Kurtz, Cindy McCowen, John Meehan, Veronica Miller, Jonathon Moss, Vickie Neutzler, Saber Pace, Madeline Petrofsky, Doris Polasek, Garland Polasek, Donna Shula, Dr. Jimmy Sladek, Louis Smith, Larry Sodek, Barbara Sulak, Dan Supak, Barbara Tieken, Mary Till, Mae Till, Bennie Volcik, 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.)*

FAITH FORMATION: Classes have been dismissed for the Christmas holidays and will resume on Wednesday, **January 9**.



YOUTH CHOIR: The youth choir will sing for the Christmas Eve Mass at St. John on Monday, December 24. The last practice date is **December 23**. If you have any questions, please contact Rachel Schley at 979-249-7501.



CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY CHRISTMAS

DECORATING: The CYM youth will be decorating St. John Church on Sunday, **December 23**, 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, your help will be appreciated.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

- **CDA EDUCATION CONTEST:** This year's topics are "Here I am Lord I Come to Do Your Will," and "Doing my best to do good." Students in grades 4-12 and adult CDA members are encouraged to enter. Entry forms are available at Fayetteville ISD and at the entrance of the church. **January 23, 2019** is the deadline to return all entries.
- **CDA SCHOLARSHIPS:** Graduating seniors related to a living CDA member in good standing are eligible to apply for the State Scholarship. Local Scholarships are offered to graduating seniors whose mother is a CDA member of Court 1440. Contact Donna Shula at (713) 818-1470 for information. Applications are due by **January 31**.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

- **MONTHLY MEETING** will be on Tuesday, **December 18** at 7:00 p.m.
- **CORPORATE COMMUNION** will be observed Sunday, **December 30**, at the 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. John, preceded by the Rosary.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY for members of *both* Knights of Columbus and Catholic Daughters of America will be on Sunday, **December 30**, with the social beginning at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7:30 p.m. at St. John's Parish Hall. Each person is asked to bring a canned food item for the AMEN Food Pantry.

THANK YOU: CDA would like to thank all who took part in supporting our Veterans and Angel Tree projects. Both were very successful, and your generosity is greatly appreciated.

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED on Christmas Eve & Christmas Day, December 24 & 25 and on New Year's Eve & New Year's Day, December 31 & January 1. The deadline for the bulletins of Dec. 23 and Dec. 30 is Wednesday, December 19.



CLERICAL ENDOWMENT FUND CHRISTMAS CARDS

are a good way to remember someone at Christmas and support those studying for the priesthood. Both the donor and recipient are remembered in The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass offered for them by Bishop Vásquez and the Director of Seminarians. These cards may be for living or deceased friends and loved ones. The \$2 cards are available at the parish office, at Fayetteville Bank, from Margaret Kubala at (979) 378-2877 or Donna Shula at (713) 818-1470.

MASS INTENTIONS

There are Mass openings for 2019. Please come by the church office if you would like to have a Mass said for the intention of a deceased relative or friend.

HELP NEEDED: St. John's Cemetery Association is in need of maintenance personnel for St. John's Catholic Cemetery. The job consists primarily of lawn care, weeding, and grounds maintenance. Please contact Ronnie Kramr at (979) 249-6152 or the parish office if you are interested.

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 16, AD 2018

FAITH FORMATION CATECHITICAL RETREAT will be Saturday, **January 12** at St. Mary in Ellinger from 9-12 noon, with breakfast and coffee from 8:30-9:00 a.m. All Catechists, Aides,



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 focus on the New Evangelization and ways to share the Joy of the Gospel. Father Matthew Kinney, of Sacred Heart Parish in La Grange, will lead us in this prayerful morning.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

“Catechizing for a Just World”–La Grange

Sacred Heart is hosting this 8-hour course on Saturday, **January 5** from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart parish.

“Church” – La Grange

This 16-hour course will be taught over four Saturdays—*February 9, March 9, April 6, and May 11*—from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. each day. To register, call the Sacred Heart Church Office at (979) 968-5740.

LITURGICAL DUTIES LISTS are available at the entrance of the church. The Liturgical Duties lists are also available on the parish websites on the “Mass Times” page.

2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES with your name on them are at the entrance of the church. Please pick up yours. 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.

MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY CERTIFICATES will be distributed at the weekend Masses on **December 29 & 30**.

ENCOUNTERING CHRIST CAMPAIGN

Progress is continuing. Thank you for your gifts! The updated totals, as of December 13, are as follows:

- *St. John* has reached its parish goal of \$280,000! *St. John* has pledged of **\$281,000**. Your continued contributions are appreciated.
- *St. Mary* has pledged of **\$56,100**, which is 51% of the parish goal of \$110,000.

If you have not already done so, please prayerfully consider making a contribution to the campaign. Pledge cards are available at the entrance of Church. Please return them as soon as possible.

SENIOR CITIZEN SOCIAL will be on Thursday, **December 20**, 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.

SECOND CHANCE VOLUNTEERS are needed the week of **December 18 through December 22**, and **December 31**. Any help would be appreciated!

COUPLES PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE

should contact their priest or deacon at least nine months prior to their wedding date in order to begin the marriage preparation process. Engaged couples are encouraged to inquire at their parish about pre-marriage retreats and classes. Marriage Preparation is an important process that allows couples to discern and explore their vocation of marriage by looking closely at their relationships with one another and with God.



YEAR OF REPARATION: *Ideas for Acts of Reparation*

Doing something in reparation for our own sins and the sins of others does not have to be hard. You just need to make the time to do it! Try these ideas this week:

1. Use Facebook or another form of social media to post something that builds up the culture of life.
2. Clean a room in your house without being asked or without telling anyone. Pray for your family members while you clean. “Your Father who sees in secret will repay you.” (Matthew 6:6)
3. Say three Hail Mary’s for your parish priest. Without our priests, we could not have the Mass or the Sacrament of Reconciliation. For resources that further aid in the understanding of the process of reparation, as well as give more options for acts of reparation, visit <https://austindiocese.org/year-of-reparation>.

HOLY ROSARY WOMEN’S ACTS RETREAT is scheduled for **February 21-24** at Cathedral Oaks Retreat Center in Weimar. This retreat is an opportunity for spiritual renewal and making new friends. Applications are available at the entrance of the church. If you have any questions, please contact Becca Edmiston at (979) 732-1710.

“Share the Journey” Campaign

ANSWERING THE CALL FOR ROOM AT THE INN



For Christians around the world, Advent means anticipation. Advent reminds us of the Holy Family’s journey to Bethlehem, and what Pope Francis says is our journey to “the horizon of hope.” But for the millions of refugees and displaced people around the world, it can be difficult to find the hope in their journey. They need our help along the way. It’s really in our DNA as Catholics to serve these members in very troubled communities. Every day, families leave their homes in places like Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan, driven by conflict, violence or poverty, and desperately seeking safety. May our compassion toward our wandering brothers and sisters exemplify Pope Francis’ reminder of our moral obligation to increase assistance to vulnerable people, old and young, who suddenly find themselves without a home or a room.

Catholic Social Teaching Corner

December 15-16 Third Sunday of Advent

The communion antiphon for Gaudete Sunday invites the faint of heart to be strong without fear because God will save his people. Considering Auxiliary Bishop Daniel Garcia’s episcopal motto, to “walk humbly with God” and having the heart of God, as long as we continue to follow and effect what is right and just in the world, the call of Christ on our lives will be a source of great liberty and happiness.

December 15-16 Tercer Domingo de Adviento

La antífona de la comunión para el domingo de Gaudete invita a los débiles de corazón a ser fuertes sin temer ya que Dios salvará a su gente. Considerando el lema episcopal del Obispo Daniel García “caminar humildemente con Dios” y teniendo el corazón de Dios, mientras continuemos siguiendo a, y realizando lo que es bueno y justo en el mundo, el llamado de Cristo en nuestras vidas será una fuente de gran libertad y felicidad

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ST. JOHN'S LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTORS

Saturday – Margaret Alford
Sunday – Christine Wied
Christmas Vigil – Monday (6:00 p.m.) – Herman Schramm
Christmas – Tuesday (10:00 a.m.) – Kathy Kneblík

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday – Joan Malota(H), Wanda Fritsch(H), Tiffany Nigh(H), Leslie Little*(C), Sharon Martinek(C), Addie Dybala(C), Lois Kaspar(C)
Sunday – Becky Matocha(H), Lori Spiess(H), Nikki Beseda(H), John Spiess*(C), Christine Wied(C), Janell Warschak(C), Jim Mattair(C)
Christmas Vigil – Monday (6:00 p.m.) – Betty Kovar(H), Carrol Hollimon(H), Annette Little(H), Karley Kasmiersky(C), Waldine Fruge(C), Leslie Little*(C), Kayla Kaspar(C)
Christmas – Tuesday (10:00 a.m.) – Cindy Bertsch(H), Michelle Bertsch(H), David Bertsch*(H), Madeline Kovar(C), Rick Schilling(C), Jeanne Schilling(C), Kathy Kneblík(C)

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday – Dustin Canik, Amber Canik, Evan Blazek
Sunday – Mackenzie Poncik, Logan Poncik, Dal Brackman
Christmas Vigil – Monday (6:00 p.m.) – Amanda Little, Skylar Kasmiersky, Peyton Jurecka, Chelsie Toddy
Christmas – Tuesday (10:00 a.m.) – Cole Brackman, Ricky Schilling, Lydia Huebner, Braden Kubala

GIFT BEARERS

Saturday – Joe Dybala Family
Sunday – John Spiess Family
Christmas Vigil – Monday (6:00 p.m.) – Waldine Fruge and Debbie Canik
Christmas – Tuesday (10:00 a.m.) – Gary Toddy Family

CCW ROSARY: Peggy Canik & Betty Kovar will lead the Rosary for the intention of religious vocations.

ALTAR DUTY FOR DECEMBER: Carrol Hollimon, Lisa Hollimon, Pat Sury, Madeline Kovar

USHERS FOR DECEMBER

Saturday – Leonard Malota, Peter Chovanec, Gary Toddy, Ronnie Kramr
Sunday – Christopher Kaspar, Kenneth Noska, Lee Matocha, Vernon Hohensee

ST. JOHN CONTACTS

Pastoral Council Chairman	Rodney Beseda	281-802-7482
Finance Council President	Steve Pavlicek	409-739-4410
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 Sodolak	979-249-3952
Hall Rental	Parish Office	979-378-2277
St. John Catholic Cemetery	Ronald Kramr	979-249-6152

ST. MARY'S LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTOR

Sunday – Lilly Alvarado
Christmas – Monday (Midnight) – Aimee Korenek
Christmas – Tuesday (8:00 a.m.) – Ashley Havel

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Sunday – Lee Roy Shula, Ruth Beseda, L.J. Korenek, Rose Urban
Christmas – Monday (Midnight) – Jo Ann Divin, Luke Orsak, Jan Jurecka, Paulette Urban
Christmas – Tuesday (8:00 a.m.) – Robert Balzer, Lee Roy Shula, L.J. Korenek, Ruth Beseda

ALTAR SERVERS

Sunday – Emily Polasek, Rylee Fritsch
Christmas – Monday (Midnight) – Luke Korenek, Stephen Korenek, Julie Korenek
Christmas – Tuesday (8:00 a.m.) – Klayten Schmitt, Kole Schmitt, Rylee Fritsch

GIFT BEARERS

Sunday – Jimmy Supak Family
Christmas – Monday (Midnight) – Dan Kuehn Family
Christmas – Tuesday (8:00 a.m.) – Bradley Divin Family

ROSARY LEADER

Sunday – Ann Minar

USHERS FOR DECEMBER

Donnie Becka, Alfred Ermis, Eduardo Alvarado, Dennis Orsak

ST. MARY CONTACTS

Pastoral Council Chairman	James Wunderlich	281-723-1999
Finance Council President	Bruce Kubena	979-249-6592
St. Mary Altar Society	Lolly Balzer	979-249-3076
Pro-Life Ministries Coordinator	Aimee Korenek	979-966-7051
K.J.Z.T.	Mildred Walla	979-378-4202
K.J.T.	James Korenek	979-966-9170
Hall Rental	Parish Office	979-378-2277
St. Mary Catholic Cemetery	Lawrence Korenek	979-732-2836

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE SCHEDULE

Ellinger	Sunday	December 16	5:00 p.m.
Fayetteville	Sunday	December 16	7:30 p.m.
Somerville	Tuesday	December 18	7:00 p.m.
Lexington	Tuesday	December 18	7:00 p.m.
Chappell Hill	Wednesday	December 19	7:00 p.m.
Giddings	Thursday	December 20	7:00 p.m.
Brenham	Friday	December 21	7:00 p.m.

Upcoming Holy Day Masses

DECEMBER 24 – CHRISTMAS EVE

VIGIL MASS - 6:00 p.m. at St. John
 MASS DURING THE NIGHT - 12:00 midnight at St. Mary

DECEMBER 25 – CHRISTMAS

8:00 a.m. - St. Mary
 10:00 a.m. - St. John

