

St. Mary Catholic Church

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



MASSES

Wednesday at 7:00 a.m.
Hans Georg Schroeter †
Thursday at 6:00 p.m.
Leo & Elizabeth Till †
Friday at 6:30 p.m.
Edwin & Irma Kovar †

Sunday at 8:00 a.m.
Joe B. & Adolphine Krenek †

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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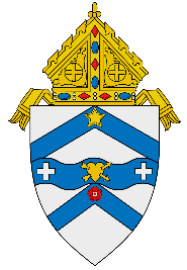
Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.
*Ludvik, Juliane, Charles &
Thomas Chovanec †*
Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
Stephanie Cofer †
Thursday at 7:00 a.m.
Robert Streiff †
Friday at 7:00 a.m.
David, Eric & Laddie Vasek †
Saturday at 7:30 a.m.
Annie Mae Janish (100th Birthday)

Saturday Vigil at 6:00 p.m.
Frank Stastny †
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, February 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: \$1,378.25
Catholic Higher Education: \$237.90

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: \$5,143.00
Catholic Higher Education: \$677.00

IN MEMORIAM: The Parish Family extends sympathies and prayers towards the family of *Robert Streiff*, who died last week. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

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**.

KJZT SOCIETY #10, St. Ann will be holding their quarterly meeting on Tuesday, **February 20**, at 1:00 p.m. in St. John's Parish Hall. All members are asked to bring lunch and bingo prizes.

ST. JOHN'S CEMETERY ASSOCIATION meeting will be held on Tuesday, **February 27**, at 6:45 p.m.

CONSIDER JOINING 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, Deacon Robert, Anthony Karas, James Kovar, Lillie Krenek, Ruby Kuhn, Kendall Kurtz, Doris Nesrsta, Saber Pace, Garland Polasek, Joann Rudolph, Barbara Tieken, Mary Till, Bennie Volcik, 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.)*

CALLED TO PROTECT FOR YOUTH PROGRAM

ALL GRADE 6 (as well as for those 7th and 8th grade students who have not previously attended this workshop): The CTPY workshop will be on Wednesday, **February 28**, at 6:00 p.m. in the parish hall.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

- **REGULAR MEETING** will be on Tuesday, **February 20**, at 7:00 p.m. at St. John's Parish Hall.
- **FOURTH DEGREE MEETING** will be on Wednesday, **February 21**, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish Hall in Ellinger.
- **UPCOMING FOURTH DEGREE FALL OUT** will be **February 24** at the 5 p.m. Mass in La Grange for Confirmation.
- **SCHOLARSHIPS:** Senior students of a Knight of Columbus member are eligible. For an application or more information, contact Alvin Minarcik at (979) 249-7449.
- **WOOD SPLITTING** is this Thursday, **February 22**, at 5:00 p.m. at the St. John. There will be a light meal to follow.

CDA FUNDRAISER Meal Tickets & Raffle Tickets are now available. The fundraiser will be on Sunday, **March 4** at St John's Parish Hall. The tickets can be purchased from CDA members and at the church office. We will be selling a limited number of meal tickets for a delicious barbecue pork and sausage meal to go. There will be a bake sale & a raffle with lots of beautiful items.

DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING- FEBRUARY 23

His Holiness Pope Francis announced that Friday, **February 23**, will be a day of prayer and fasting for peace, in particular for the populations of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and South Sudan. Catholics in good health from age 18 until age 59 are obliged to fast and pray. The Friday Stations of the Cross are an excellent prayer for peace. The faithful are asked to spend time in prayer on Friday, February 23. Perhaps consider offering the day's work and trials for the people who are suffering in these regions.



CONGRATULATIONS to the winners of our local KC Free Throw Contest held last Sunday! Kole Schmitt, Chance Konvicka, Karson Corn & Mattie Konvicka won and will advance to the Diocesan competition in Kyle, today, **February 18**.

TOTAL CONSECRATION TO JESUS THROUGH MARY

Reminder: The first day of prayer is **Tuesday, February 20**, and may be done using the preparation book.

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

THANK YOU for your generous support of Ash Wednesday's collection. Your contributions will help strengthen the Church to ensure that the Gospel is spread across the world.

HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY ANNIE MAE JANISH!

There will be an Open House Reception on Sunday, **February 25** from 1-4 p.m. in St. John's Parish Hall.



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 – February 21

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

Catholic Youth Ministry

Middle School Youth Rally

The annual Diocese of Austin Middle School Youth Rally will be held **March 3** at St. John Vianney Parish in Round Rock. The day will feature prayer, Adoration with Bishop Joe Vásquez, engaging keynote presentations by Gwen Bartlett, lunch, fun workshop sessions and praise and worship by a variety of presenters.

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

What are the youth saying about WYD? "Millions of people from all over the world attend World Youth Day... and the most beautiful thing is that we all speak one language: the language of the love of Jesus Christ that lives within us." –Julian Lima



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Adult Faith Formation

OREMUS: A GUIDE TO CATHOLIC PRAYER

Would you like to do something different for Lent this year? Join the *Oremus* program! *Oremus* is an eight session program that will guide us through an easy-to-understand teaching on prayer. You will engage in small group discussion and be invited to keep track of your progress through short reflective journal entries on different Scripture passages. Anyone wishing to develop your prayer life is invited to join us in learning more about Scripture and the Church. The next session is today, **February 18**, after Mass from 11:15-12:45p.m in the **Back Dining Hall**.

HOLY ROSARY MENS ACTS RETREAT

On behalf of the Holy Rosary Men ACTS Retreat Team, you are invited to spend a weekend with God. Come **March 1-4** and allow the Father, Son and Holy Spirit to wrap themselves around you for a weekend of prayer and blessing. Applications are available online at www.holyrosaryacts.com, at the church entrance, or from any team member or director. Prayerfully consider giving yourself the gift of some time spent on Holy Ground.



Upcoming Events

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

The MONTHLY MASS FOR LIFE will be celebrated **March 3** at 8 a.m. at San José Parish in Austin. The primary goal of Sidewalk Ministry is the conversion of hearts – focusing on the soul of the mother seeking an abortion and all those with her. To that end, this monthly Mass for Life is celebrated on the first Saturday of each month with that intention. The Mass is followed by an opportunity to pray in community during a Holy Hour at the Mass location or "out on the sidewalk" in front of an abortion facility. For more information, visit www.austindiocese.org/sidewalk-ministry.

CALDWELL HOMECOMING FESTIVAL hosted by the Caldwell Knights of Columbus, for St. Mary parish in Caldwell, will be **March 4** at 10:30 a.m. at SPJST Hall in Caldwell. Auction at 12:30 p.m. with games for all ages throughout the day. Barbecue brisket plates are \$10 each.

THE CANCER SURVIVORS RETREAT will be **March 10** from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton. This retreat will be a time for survivors to share their stories. Wanda Gibson, a spiritual director and cancer survivor, will lead this prayerful day of reflection. Whether you are celebrating one week or 20 years since your cancer experience you are invited to join us as we allow our mind, body and spirit to engage, heal, rest and rejoice. For more information, call Cedarbrake at (254) 780-2436 or visit www.austindiocese.org/cedarbrake.

LENTEN FISH FRIES

St. Mary Parish in Caldwell will hold Fried Fish Dinners on Fridays during Lent from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Plates are \$10 each and only available via drive-through.

St. Peter & Paul in Frelsberg will be having a fish fry dinners and bake sales all Fridays of Lent, from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. at the Diamond Center of Sts. Peter & Paul Parish.

ETHICS AND INTEGRITY IN MINISTRY WORKSHOPS

All clergy, staff, members of ALL organizations, (CDA, KC, Altar Society, K.J.Z.T., K.J.T., etc.) and ALL volunteers of any event at a parish or diocesan location are required to complete an Application for Ministry AND attend an EIM workshop every three years. Anyone considering volunteering for any ministry or assisting with VBS must be EIM compliant. For assistance, call the parish office at (979) 378-2277.

Upcoming workshops in our area include:

- **Sacred Heart Parish, La Grange**
Thursday, **March 8**, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., English

WEEKEND FOR STRUGGLING COUPLES

Retrouvaille simply means "rediscovery." This program offers struggling couples the chance to rediscover themselves as individuals, as well as rediscover their spouse and a loving relationship in their marriage. For confidential information about the next program beginning with a weekend on **March 9-11**, call (800) 470-2230 or visit www.helpourmarriage.com.

"Share the Journey" Campaign



Share the Journey #sharejourney

REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT- Q&A

Did You Know? The primary goal of the

U.S. refugee resettlement program is to help provide protection to refugees and help them become self-sufficient. Within a period of 2-4 months, most refugees manage to find a stable job, send their children to school and pay taxes. One study in Cleveland found that in 2016, refugees generated a total economic impact of \$88.2 million in spending that supported 1,220 jobs in the region. In addition, refugees and refugee service organizations contributed \$4.5 million in taxes to the state, county, and municipal governments. Likewise, between 2002 and 2012 refugees started 38 businesses that employed 141 locals in the Cleveland area. In addition to contributing economically, refugees culturally enrich communities and parishes with new perspectives, histories and cultures.

Catholic Social Teaching Corner

First Sunday of Lent

This Lenten season begins with the contrasting images of the desert and flood waters. We live in the paradox of these images needing to go into the desert of fasting, prayer and self-denial in order to re-learn the covenant way of life we entered through the waters of baptism. Now is the time to turn from the flood of distractions which can drown us. Now is the time to remember and reverence our dignity and the dignity of every human person. Now is the time to set aside anything that diverts us from our true hunger and thirst for God alone and his covenant of love with all humanity.

Primer Domingo de Cuaresma

Esta temporada de Cuaresma comienza con las imágenes contrastantes del desierto y la inundación. Vivimos en la paradoja de estas imágenes, necesitando entrar en el desierto para ayunar, orar y auto-negarnos para re-aprender la vida del pacto con Dios en la que entramos a través de las aguas del bautismo. Ahora es el momento de alejarnos de la inundación de las distracciones que pueden ahogarnos. Ahora es el momento de recordar y reverenciar nuestra dignidad y la dignidad de cada ser humano. Ahora es el momento de dejar a un lado todo aquellos que nos desvía de nuestra verdadera hambre y sed de Dios y de su pacto de amor con toda la humanidad.

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ST. JOHN LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTORS

Wednesday – Woody Hiebert
Saturday – Herman Schramm
Sunday – Cindy Bertsch

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday – Andrew Keilers*(H), Theresa Keilers(H),
Wanda Fritsch(H), Madeline Kovar(C), Carrol Hollimon(C),
Tiffany Nigh(C), Lois Kaspar(C)
Sunday – David Bertsch*(H), John Spiess(H),
Cindy Bertsch(C), Michelle Bertsch(C), Lois Spiess(C),
Mary Quiros(C)

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday – Peyton Jurecka, Dustin Canik, Amber Canik,
Landon Urban
Sunday – Braden Kubala, Wade Halamicek, Raquel Castillo

GIFT BEARERS

Saturday – Vincent Orsak Family
Sunday – John Spiess Family

CCW ROSARY: Pat Sury & Carrol Hollimon will lead the
Rosary for the intention of religious vocations.

ALTAR DUTY FOR FEBRUARY: Ruth Beseda,
Michelle Bertsch, Sandra Janish, Frances Sula

USHERS FOR FEBRUARY:

Saturday – Gary Toddy, Ronnie Kramr, Leonard Kaspar,
Leonard Malota
Sunday – David Holub, David Bertsch, Rick Schilling,
Willie Socha

ST. JOHN CONTACTS

Pastoral Council Chairman	Justin Huebner	979-357-2533
Finance Council President	John Cufur	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 Sodolak	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	7:30 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 – Jo Ann Divin

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Sunday – Robert Balzer, Ruth Beseda, Luke Orsak

ALTAR SERVERS

Sunday – Klayten Schmitt, Kole Schmitt

GIFT BEARERS

Sunday – Mark Matocha Family

ROSARY LEADER

Sunday – Vlasta Korenek

USHERS FOR FEBRUARY

James Korenek, Alfred Ermis, Eduardo Alvarado, Mark Schmitt

ST. MARY CONTACTS

Pastoral Council Chairman	James Wunderlich	281-723-1999
Finance Council President	Robert Balzer	979-249-3076
St. Mary Altar Society	Lolly Balzer	979-249-3076
Pro-Life Ministries Coordinator	Aimee Korenek	979-966-8496
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

Dom. 11:00 AM	St. Margaret	Giddings
Dom. 11:30 AM	Sacred Heart	La Grange
Dom. 12:30 PM	St. Mary Immaculate Conception	Brenham

LENT

This week we begin the holy season of Lent. Lent is a forty-day period of time before the Easter Triduum in which we prepare ourselves for the celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord. We are marked with ashes on Ash Wednesday to signify that we are sinners and that we want to repent. Three aspects of the season that help the Christian prepare for the Resurrection of the Lord are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Increased prayer helps us to grow in our relationship with Jesus, fasting helps us to gain a spiritual hunger for our Lord and helps us to gain self-control of our appetites and desires, and almsgiving helps us in our need to live as Jesus did in service to other people. Lent helps to remind Christians of their sinfulness and the need to return to their baptismal innocence.

You may notice a few small changes in the Liturgy during the season of Lent. Be aware of your surroundings as you journey through this very holy time.

•Instead of the Nicene Creed, we will be using the baptismal Symbol of the Roman Church, known as the Apostles' Creed. The reason this option is recommended is because of its close relationship with baptism. The Apostles' Creed is the basis for the baptismal promises made by the elect before they are baptized. It is also used for the renewal of baptismal promises at Easter and by parents and godparents when bringing a child for baptism.

•The Alleluia and the Gloria are omitted from the beginning of Lent until the Easter Vigil, except for the fact that the Gloria is used on the Solemnity of St. Joseph, the Solemnity of the Annunciation, the Christ Mass, and the Holy Thursday Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper.

•Solemnities and feasts are celebrated as usual. Memorials of the saints are not celebrated during Lent.