

St. Mary Catholic Church

Est. 1855

Mission Parish

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



Weekly Offering: \$ 967.01
Online Giving: \$ 533.44

MASSES

Wednesday at 7:00 a.m.
All Souls †

Friday at 7:00 a.m.
Leander Minar & Leonard Supak †

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 p.m.
The Cloistered & Monastic Religious

Sunday at 8:00 a.m.
For the People

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Available before every Mass
(in parish hall)

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Est. 1870

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



Weekly Offering: \$ 3,068.00
Online Giving: \$ 910.55

MASSES

Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.
K.C. Council #3168 Dec'd Members †

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
All Souls †

Thursday at 7:00 a.m.
The Cervenka & Lukas Families †

Saturday at 7:30 a.m.
Ben, Frank, & Mary Kaspar †

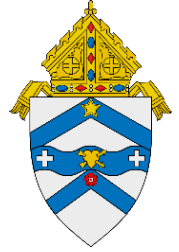
Saturday Vigil at 6:00 p.m.
Willie Svrcek Family †
Frank Svrcek Family †

Sunday at 10:00 a.m.
Goldie Kovar †

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Wednesday 6:00 p.m.
Saturday 8:00-9:00 a.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)

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Marriage preparation: Contact the priest before setting the date and at least six 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 THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
November 15, AD 2020

PARISH LIFE

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Dianne Allen, Dan Castillo, Judy Chovanec, Margie Chovanec, Cherie Coufal, Bennie Daricek, John Dennis, Bradley Divin, Brian Fruge, Waldine Fruge, Hannah Glenn, Dan Hall, Bernita Hlinsky, Dcn. Robert Jasek, Christine Kaspar, J.D. Kovar, Robert Krenek Sr., Doris Matocha, Leo Miller, Loretta Naumann, Rose Novosad, Garland Polasek, Kaycee Roesler, El Gene and Mary Ann Sommerfeld, Shelley Spears, Martha Staley, Barbara Tieken, Kathy Vasek, Larry Vitek, and 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 – Wednesday, November 18

- Grades K-1 will meet at 6:00 – 6:50 p.m.
- Grades 2-6 will meet at 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
- Grades 7-12 will meet at 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.



THANK YOU! The Confirmation class would like to thank Bishop Vásquez, the cantor, organist, altar servers, ushers, those who helped with the flowers and anyone else who assisted in any way at the celebration of Confirmation. Your support and prayers are very appreciated.

DCYC 2021: All High School students are invited to celebrate their faith at the 2021 Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference, **January 30**, at Dell Diamond in Austin! Young Catholics from across the diocese will gather for a day of keynote speakers, praise & worship, and fun free-time activities. DCYC also offers many sacramental opportunities such as Reconciliation, Adoration, and Sunday Vigil Mass. This year's theme is "Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses—Hebrews 12:1". Registration forms can be found on the parish website and must be returned by **December 11**.

"Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us"—Hebrews 12:1



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMORIAL MASS to remember our deceased brother Knights will be on Tuesday, **November 17**, at 6:00 p.m. A meal will be served in the hall after Mass.

K.J.Z.T. SOCIETY #10 – ST. ANNE'S will hold their quarterly meeting on Tuesday, **November 17**, at 1:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Lunch will be served.



ANGEL TREE: The CDA will have their "Angel Tree" up on the Friday after Thanksgiving. This annual project supports both children and adults who are in desperate family situations. You have an opportunity to choose an angel off the tree and provide a Christmas gift for someone who may not receive any other gifts.

ST. MARY'S ALTAR SOCIETY will meet at 1:00 p.m on **December 2** in the parish hall. Masks are required, and social distancing will be practiced. There will be a table with items for sale with proceeds to go to the Altar Society. Refreshments will be provided. Gifts (\$10 value) may be brought for exchange.

THE PARISH OFFICE will be closed for Thanksgiving on Thursday and Friday, **November 26-27**. Contact the parish office by noon, Friday, **November 20**, with any items for the bulletin.

MARRIAGE RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES will be given this year to couples celebrating anniversaries in **2020** for 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60 years and over. Couples receiving certificates shall be in good standing with the Church. Please enter your full names, anniversary date, and the name of the parish where your wedding was celebrated, on the sign-up sheet at the entrance of the church by **NEXT SUNDAY, November 22**.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who has already pledged a gift to the Catholic Services Appeal. We are still working toward both parish's goals of 100% participation. Each and every gift is important and will help so many! If you have yet to make your gift, please prayerfully consider how you can best support the CSA and the vital programs and ministries it funds throughout our diocese. Please complete and return your pledge card—even if you can only pray for the appeal this year—in the collection basket or the mail. You can also make a secure gift online at austindiocese.org/csa.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE: The **St. John and St. Mary Altar Societies** will sponsor a food drive to help people in need during the holiday season. Everyone is asked to donate canned and non-perishable food items for the AMEN pantry in La Grange. A collection box will be at the entrance of Church during the Thanksgiving Masses.



ST. MARY'S KJZT SOCIETY #41 asks its members to support the Altar Society Thanksgiving drive with food items or cash. Donations up to \$200 will be matched by the KJZT State Office.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: To donate toward the purchase of flowers for the Altar at Christmas, you may use the Christmas Flower envelope provided at the entrance of the church. Please put your donation in the collection between now and **December 13**.

CLERICAL ENDOWMENT FUND CHRISTMAS CARDS

are a good way to remember someone at Christmas and support the CEF. Purchase cards at the parish office, at Fayetteville Bank, or after Mass at St. Mary every second Sunday. For more info, call Donna Shula (979) 378-2749, or Margaret Kubala (979) 378-2877.

2021 CALENDARS are available at the entrance of Church. This year the calendars were donated by our Fayetteville/Ellinger K.C. council and K.C. Field Agent, Jody Supak. **Thank you, Knights!**

BEWARE OF SCAMS! Please note that Fr. Steve, the Church office, and the Diocese will *never* contact you via text or email asking for gift cards or direct transfer of funds. If you are ever in doubt about a communication that you may have received from the Church, **PLEASE** contact the office for verification of the message *before* any response!

LECTORS please pick up your new Lector Workbook from the sacristy for the new Church year, which begins in two weeks.

NEXT WEEK'S SPECIAL COLLECTION will support the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**. Forty million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to bring permanent and positive change to their lives. Visit <http://www.usccb.org/cchd/collection> to learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

THE THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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St. John the Baptist
Catholic Church

2020

Celebrating 150 Years

ON THE LAWN TO THE LEFT OF ST. JOHN CHURCH is the statue of Fr. Joseph Chromcik, the first Czech speaking Catholic priest in Texas. It was erected in 1933.

GATHERING FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST IS A BLESSING, indeed. The Holy Eucharist is the source and summit of our Catholic faith. Everyone is welcome, but fulfilling our Sunday Obligation may feel a bit difficult as we navigate these times of a pandemic.

Social distancing is practiced, masks are required, and hand sanitizer is used.

Remember, the ushers are here to help! Please ask them if you need a mask, assistance finding a seat, or anything else.

NOTE: We ask that those who have been exposed to or are showing symptoms of COVID-19, those who have an underlying health condition making them vulnerable to COVID-19, or those who live with or care for anyone in the previous categories to please abide by CDC guidelines and remotely participate via viewing the **livestreamed Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass** on our Facebook page. You can access it by visiting our parish websites and clicking the Facebook emblem “f” in the upper right corner.

CIVILIZE IT: DISCERN THE CALL

“The lay faithful are called to identify steps that can be taken in concrete political situations in order to put into practice the principles and values proper to life in society. This calls for a method of discernment, at both the personal and community levels.”

– *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, no. 568*

Transformed by our encounter with God and neighbor, we strive to learn more about those issues impacting our families, local communities, and brothers and sisters around the world. Catholic social teaching illuminates the problems facing our local and global communities with the light of our faith and guides us as we seek to understand root causes and discern how we are called to act. Spiritual and theological reflection, social analysis, and imagination are all part of this discernment process. Visit <https://www.wearesaltandlight.org> for materials that can help with this important step of discernment.

OTHER NEWS

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL in La Grange is having a drive-thru BBQ Chicken meal, Wednesday, **December 2**, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the La Grange KC Hall. Plates are \$10 and may be reserved by calling (979) 968-5117. There is also a raffle. Contact the school office at (979) 968-3223 for information.

ONLINE OPPORTUNITY TO WRITE A WILL

In uncertain times, the best thing we can do is to make a plan for the future. The Diocese of Austin is offering an online resource to help everyone in our Catholic community write a will and protect the things that God has blessed them with. Best of all, the resource is completely free to use. Take 20 minutes today to get peace of mind, and consider your possible support of schools and parishes in our diocese. Get started at www.FreeWill.com/AustinDiocese.

THE WORLD DAY OF CLOISTERED LIFE will be celebrated this Saturday, **November 21**. This is an opportunity for all Catholics to commemorate the hidden lives of cloistered and monastic religious, whose members strictly separate themselves from the affairs of the external world in order to devote themselves to prayer and contemplation.

Ways to honor the event include prayer (participating in a novena, offering up Masses, etc.), encouragement (writing letters to contemplative communities, calling to thank them, etc.), and material support (monetary donations). Last year, Pope Francis reminded a group of cloistered nuns gathered in Madagascar that although their lives may be hidden from the eyes of others, their “small acts of love” and the “courage to believe” are testimonies of deep faith. He said that Our Lord is indeed pleased with such little acts of love and through them “God saves the world.”

A free packet of resources is available online, including a meditation for this occasion, at CloisteredLife.com.

WE’RE HERE TO HELP! If you or someone you know is



struggling with grief, depression, anxiety or coping with the challenges of life, Catholic Charities of Central Texas can help. Catholic Charities Counseling Services offers mental health services for children, adults, couples and families on a sliding scale fee structure. Services are available in-person or through “virtual therapy.” For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (512) 651-6150 (Austin) or (979) 822-9340 (Brazos Valley).

Catholic Social Teaching Corner

November 14-15 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

We all want to be considered God’s good and faithful servants and God gives us all we need to be his disciples: Sacraments and their grace, God’s word and a community of faith. What we need to do is to risk pouring out our lives as Jesus did and not clinging to our life and gifts out of fear. We can do this by giving our lives away and learning that so much more is given when we spend ourselves in God’s service to others. If you don’t believe this, ask someone who has served in a ministry to others like Communion ministry to the sick, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, prison ministry, pro-life ministry or any other in your parish. They will report the rich rewards they receive.

Noviembre 14-15 33ero. Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Todos queremos ser considerados siervos fieles y buenos y Dios nos da todo lo que necesitamos para ser sus discípulos: los sacramentos y su gracias, la palabra de Dios, la comunidad de fe. Lo que necesitamos hacer es arriesgarnos a derramar nuestras vidas tal como Jesús lo hizo y no aferrarnos a nuestra vida y dones por miedo. Podemos hacer esto al dar nuestras vidas y al aprender que mucho más es dado cuando nos damos a nosotros mismos en el servicio de Dios hacia los demás. Si usted no cree esto, pregúntele a alguien que ha servido en un ministerio para los demás tal como la Sociedad de St. Vincent de Paul, el ministerio de la comunión para los enfermos, un ministerio para encarcelados, un ministerio pro-vida o cualquier otro en su parroquia. Ellos le platicarán a usted las ricas recompensas que recibieron.

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ST. JOHN LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTOR

Wednesday – Grade 6
Saturday – Herman Schramm
Sunday – Lee Matocha

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Wednesday – Carrol Hollimon
Saturday – Joan Malota, Addie Dybala
Sunday – Mary Quiros, Nikki Beseda

ALTAR SERVERS

Wednesday – Grade 3 (3), Grade 6 (1)
Saturday – Gregory Huebner, Kara Jurecka, Emma Jurecka
Sunday – Logan Poncik, Mackenzie Poncik, Cole Brackman

ALTAR DUTY FOR NOVEMBER: Madeline Kovar,
 Margaret Kubala, Susan Pauler, Woody Heibert

USHERS FOR NOVEMBER

Saturday Jonathan Noska, David Stastny, Christopher Stastny,
 Ronnie Kramr
Sunday – David Holub, Kory Kaspar, John H. Cufur, Joe Babin

ST. JOHN CONTACTS

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Hall Rental	Parish Office	979-378-2277
Cemetery	Ronald Kramr	979-249-6152

November 21

Memorial of the Presentation of the Virgin Mary in the Temple



O God, Who willed that on this day the blessed ever Virgin Mary should be presented in the temple: grant, we beseech You, that through her intercession, we may be made worthy to be presented in the temple of Your glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen

Come Gather in Prayer with Us!

***Saturday** night – pray the Rosary for the intention of religious vocations before the 6:00 p.m. Mass at **St. John Church**

***Monday** evening – pray the Angelus, the Rosary, the Litany of the Saints, and other prayers at 6:00 p.m. at **St. Mary Church**

***Tuesday** evening – pray the Rosary at 5:30 p.m. at **St. John Church**

**Upcoming Holiday Masses
 For Thanksgiving**

Wednesday, November 25 7:00 p.m. – St. John
 Thursday, November 26 8:00 a.m. – St. Mary

ST. MARY LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTOR

Saturday – L.J. Korenek
Sunday – Aimee Korenek

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday – Klayten Schmitt
Sunday – Julie Korenek

USHERS FOR NOVEMBER

Saturday – Mark Schmitt, Mark Matocha, Bruce Kubena, Eduardo Alvarado
Sunday – Luke Orsak, Donnie Becka, James Korenek

ALTAR FLOWERS Nov. 21/22 – Susan Zatopek
 Nov. 28/29 – Jennifer Chester

ST. MARY CONTACTS

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FAMILY CONNECTION

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus tells the parable of the talents, in which he teaches about the importance of using the gifts that God has given to us in service to the Kingdom of Heaven.



In today's Gospel, Jesus talks about the correlation between faithfulness and responsibilities. Family life provides many opportunities to illustrate this connection for children. As children prove themselves trustworthy, they can be trusted to take on greater responsibilities. Jesus teaches us in this parable that when we show ourselves to be trustworthy in small matters, we can be trusted to participate in greater matters of responsibility.

As you gather as a family, take some time to recall how each child in the family has matured and can now be trusted with greater responsibilities.

Say: **In today's Gospel, Jesus talked about how our trustworthiness in small matters shows that we can also be trusted to share in the work of serving the Kingdom of Heaven. Read Matthew 15:14-30. Say: We share in the work of serving the Kingdom of Heaven when we use our talents to help and serve others.**

As a family, choose one thing to do this week to serve others. Conclude in prayer together, asking God's help so that your family may serve others more faithfully. Pray together the Prayer to the Holy Spirit:

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And you will renew the face of the earth. Lord, by the light of the Holy Spirit you have taught the hearts of your faithful. In the same Spirit help us to relish what is right and always rejoice in your consolation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.