

St. Mary Catholic Church

Est. 1855

Mission Parish

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



Weekly Offering: \$ 1,684.00
Online Giving: \$ 771.74

MASSES

Wednesday at 7:00 a.m.
Frank & Lillie Moeller †

Friday at 7:00 a.m.
Bennie Gerik †
Albina Urban †

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 p.m.

Lee Roy & Donna Shula

Sunday at 8:00 a.m.
Msgr. Ben Mazurkiewicz †

Sacrament of Reconciliation

60 to 20 minutes before Mass
(in parish hall)

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Est. 1870

207 E. Bell St.
Fayetteville

www.stjohnfayetteville.com



Weekly Offering: \$ 4,596.00
Online Giving: \$ 1,619.13

MASSES

Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.

Curtis Nitschke †

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

Rudie & Sharon Jurecka †

Thursday at 7:00 a.m.

Kyla Drozd †

Leonard Sr. & Donald Malota †

Saturday at 7:30 a.m.

Anton & Ann Silhan †

Saturday Vigil at 6:00 p.m.

For the People

Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

Dec'd Members of the U.S. Military †

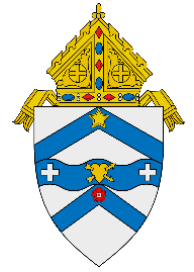
Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Saturday 8:15-9:15 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 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.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 17, AD 2020

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Margie Chovanec, Brian Fruge, Waldine Fruge, Hannah Glenn, Dan Hall, J.D. Kovar, Robert Krenek, Sr., Jordan Lee, Justin Malota Sr., Johnny Marek, Helen Mikus, Leo Miller, Veronica Miller, Dr. Tom Mueller, Garland Polasek, Alexander Simpson, Larry Sodek, El Gene and Mary Ann Sommerfeld, Elroy Spanihel, Judy Supak, Barbara Tieken, Bennie Volcik, 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.)

FIRST COMMUNION: We will celebrate, with our second grade Faith Formation students, the Sacrament of First Eucharist at the 6:00 p.m. Mass at St. John Catholic Church on Saturday, **May 30**.

FOR THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND MASS, broadcasts can be found through several media outlets. Visit the "Useful Links" page on our parish website for specific times and websites. Also, click the Facebook emblem "f" in the upper right hand corner of our website to access our Facebook page, where the Mass will be live streamed at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday.

ST. MARY CHURCH IN ELLINGER will be open for visitation from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday.

THE DAILY MASS SCHEDULE HAS CHANGED

The schedule is as follows:

- Tuesday 6:00 p.m. at St. John
- Wednesday 7:00 a.m. at St. Mary and 7:00 p.m. at St. John
- Thursday 7:00 a.m. at St. John
- Friday 7:00 a.m. at St. Mary
- Saturday 7:30 a.m. at St. John

The Mass intentions for Thursday evening Mass at St. Mary and for Friday evening Masses at St. John have been combined with other Masses.

THE FAITH FORMATION CLASSES collected a total of **\$660.14** in Mass offertory donations this year! This money will be sent to the St. John Paul II Life Center in Austin, Texas. We thank everyone who contributed to this effort!

CIVILIZE IT: Civil dialogue can best be defined as the ability to enter meaningful conversation with people whose viewpoints may be different from our own, who have a different background or experiences, or who come to a different conclusion about the best way to promote the common good. We enter into civil dialogue because we want to build a community that is rooted in understanding one another. God's love for each person requires us to remember that someone who disagrees with us is still a beloved child of God who deserves our love, respect, and care.



Tips for Engaging in Civil Dialogue:

1. Listen first and seek to understand the whole picture.
2. Ask questions for clarification.
3. Use 'I' statements; pay attention to body language.
4. Listen to what feelings are present and pay attention to how you respond.
5. Summarize what you've heard and ask for feedback.

Engaging in civil dialogue can help our faith communities create a new space to model love for our neighbors and respect for the dignity of all.

EVENT UPDATES (Subject to change in accordance with regulations at the time)

- ❖ **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** will have a "limited" meeting for officers and trustees only on Tuesday, **May 19** at 6:30 p.m. We will meet at the pavilion to keep social distancing. Other members may join in on a phone conference. To join, call 1-800-917-900-1022. When prompted for a code, enter "2809355#." Joe Lamer will be the moderator of the phone conference.
- ❖ **CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS** will have their monthly meeting on Thursday, **May 28** at 6:30 p.m.
- ❖ **K.J.Z.T., SOCIETY #10, ST. ANNE** meeting scheduled for May 19 has been canceled. Meetings will possibly resume in August.



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS who will be ordained to the transitional diaconate on Saturday, May 30 and our deacons who will be ordained to the priesthood on Saturday, June 27.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

Continuing Education & Level 2 Certification Classes- Online

The following 16-hour courses will be offered online Monday through Thursday from 9:30-1:30 p.m.

- Catholic Social Teaching** – June 1-4
- Old Testament/Sacred Scripture** – June 8-11
- New Testament/Christology** – June 15-18
- Sacramental Theology** – June 22-25

Please visit <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=9p7hde> to register for a course.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF CENTRAL TEXAS works to eliminate poverty in our community. We offer financial stability services to help prevent homelessness and achieve financial security through case management, education, and emergency financial assistance. For more information, call 512-651-6100 (Austin) or 979-822-9340 (Brazos Valley).

WE ARE CALLED TO SERVE! Keep in mind, especially in this time of need, we are called to serve. Many people are feeling isolated and are experiencing a lack of joy. "As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Peter 4:10). Consider sending a card or giving a call to someone living alone. Donate food to Amen Food Pantry in La Grange. And then, hopefully in the near future, we will be able to volunteer at Vacation Bible School, the annual Garage Sale, and Mobile Food Pantry. There are lots of opportunities, if we think outside the box, to serve others.

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS can be dropped off or mailed to the parish office. Or you can sign up for **ONLINE GIVING**. Visit the parish website's "[Make a Donation](#)" page. If you need any help, please call the parish office. We really appreciate your support of our parishes in these troubled times.

BEWARE OF SCAMS! Please note that Fr. Nock, 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!

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 17, AD 2020

SAINTS CYRIL & METHODIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SHINER will host their annual picnic on Sunday, **May 24** with a number of substitute activities planned. They include Picnic stew (with pre-orders), regular raffle, a Country Store, Shiner Picnic burgers to-go and an on-line Auction. Contact their parish office for more information (361)-594-3836.

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH OF CORN HILL will have their annual June Fundraiser – CURRENTLY DRIVE-THRU ONLY – on Sunday, **June 7**. A meal of Corn Hill Fried Chicken & Sausage with homemade dressing, noodles and all the trimmings, will be sold for \$10/plate from 11 am – 1 pm.

THE SUMMER SILENCE, PRIVATE RETREAT will be held **June 5-10** at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Temple. This retreat includes daily Mass, spiritual direction and confession. The cost for the retreat is \$55 per night for a private room. Meals will not be included, but the lounge/kitchenette will be made available on a staggered basis to respect the social distance guidelines. For more information, call (254) 780-2436.

HOW TO REPORT AN INCIDENT OF CONCERN

The Diocese of Austin is committed to preventing harm from happening to any of our children or vulnerable adults. If you are aware of sexual or physical abuse and/or neglect of a child or vulnerable adult, state law requires you to report that information to local law enforcement or the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services at [\(800\) 252-5400](tel:8002525400) or www.dfps.state.tx.us. Additionally, if the suspected abuse is by clergy or an employee or volunteer of any diocesan parish, school or agency, a Notice of Concern should be submitted to the diocesan Ethics and Integrity in Ministry Office at [\(512\) 949-2400](tel:5129492400). The Notice of Concern can be found at www.austindiocese.org (click on REPORT ABUSE OR AN EIM CONCERN). Reports may be made anonymously.

Catholic Social Teaching Corner

May 16-17 -- Sixth Sunday of Easter

Through the Risen Christ, we are given the gift of the Holy Spirit. It is the Spirit that fills us with hope and joy, even in the face of suffering. This same Spirit showers us with a love and truth that is beyond “worldly” standards and wisdom. It is God’s Spirit that transforms us from a mere collection of isolated individuals or strangers into a community of brothers and sisters. This solidarity, the fruit of the Spirit, “presumes the creation of a new mindset which thinks in terms of community and the priority of life of all over the appropriation of goods by a few.” (The Joy of the Gospel, 188)

Mayo 16-17 -- Sexto Domingo de Pascua

A través del Cristo Resucitado, se nos da el don del Espíritu Santo. Es el Espíritu el que nos llena de esperanza y gozo, incluso enfrente del sufrimiento. Este mismo Espíritu nos baña con un amor y verdad que están más allá de los estándares y la sabiduría “terrenal”. Es el Espíritu de Dios el que nos transforma, de un grupo de individuos solos o extraños, en una comunidad de hermanos y hermanas. Esta solidaridad, el fruto del Espíritu, “presume la creación de una nueva mentalidad la cual piensa en términos de comunidad y de la prioridad de la vida sobre la apropiación de bienes por unos pocos”. (El Gozo del Evangelio, 188).

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St. John the Baptist
Catholic Church

2020

Celebrating 150 Years

AFTER THE CHURCH WAS BUILT IN 1870, but before a pastor was assigned, parishioners used to come together on Sundays to say the rosary, sing hymns, and read the Scriptures.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DECREE OF BISHOP OF AUSTIN DATED APRIL 30

We are having public Masses, however, we will have to abide by the following safety guidelines:

o We encourage parishioners who over the age of 65, those with a heart condition or diabetes, or have other underlying at-risk conditions, or those who are sick, not to attend Mass and continue their participation from home.

o The dispensation to attend Mass remains in effect, for all those who are encouraged to stay home (see above), and with respect to people who may be considered physically well to attend, yet believe it best to stay at home.

o Concerning the celebration of Sunday Mass, the following accommodations will be made:

- Social Distancing of at least 6 feet should be maintained at all times.
- Parishioners should be seated in the pews designated by signage or by an Usher.
- Those of the same household may be seated together in a pew.
- Masks should be worn by everyone attending Mass.
- Due to this limitation, our parish will be having an additional Sunday liturgy. In addition to our normal weekend schedule, we will have a 4:00 p.m. Saturday Vigil at St. Mary.

To read the Bishop’s decree in full please, visit www.austindiocese.org.

ST. JOHN’S NEWS

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

BANNS OF MARRIAGE are announced for the first time for *Karley Kasmiersky & Tim Gaytan*, who will be united in the bonds of Holy Matrimony at St. John Catholic Church, on Saturday, **June 6, 2020**.

ST. JOHN’S ALTAR SOCIETY will have their next meeting on Tuesday, **June 2**, at 2:00 p.m. We will be discussing the postponed fundraiser.

ST. MARY’S NEWS

A COMBINED FINANCIAL AND PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING is scheduled for Tuesday, **June 2** at 6:45 p.m. in the parish hall to discuss upcoming events.

ST. MARY BAZAAR & RAFFLE preparations have begun. If you would like to make a monetary donation toward a prize for the raffle, please contact Mark or Lisa Matocha at (979) 378-2701.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
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ST. JOHN LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTOR

Saturday – Mary Keilers
Sunday – Cindy Garwood

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday – Tiffany Nigh, Joan Malota
Sunday – Pat Geistmann, John Spiess

ALTAR DUTY FOR MAY: Yvonne Smith, Wanda Fritsch, Addie Dybala, Cheryl Bauer

USHERS FOR MAY

Saturday – Jonathan Noska, David Stastny Ronnie Kramr, Christopher Stastny
Sunday – John Cufir, Joe Babin, David Holub, Amy Babin

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

FAMILY CONNECTION

Sixth Sunday of Easter

John 14:15-21

Jesus promises his disciples that he will send them another advocate, the Spirit of truth.

The mystery of the Trinity can be difficult for us to grasp. Today's Gospel invites us to consider how the three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—work together so that God's salvation is made known to us. Jesus' mission is continued through the activity of the Holy Spirit in the lives of his disciples. We have received this same Spirit through our Baptisms. The Spirit, living and working within us, reveals the mystery of God's love for us. Just as the first disciples were not left orphaned, we are not orphaned; we remain in God's embrace through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Gather your family and invite each family member to say what he or she knows about the Holy Spirit. Read aloud today's Gospel, John 14:15-21. What does Jesus say the Holy Spirit will do for the disciples? Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we come to share in the love of God made known to us in Jesus. Pray together, thanking God for this gift of the Holy Spirit by praying the Prayer to the Holy Spirit.



“We must be willing to let go of the life we have planned, so as to have the life that is waiting for us.”

– Joseph Campbell

ST. MARY LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTOR

Saturday – Ashely Havel
Sunday – Jo Ann Divin

USHERS FOR MAY

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

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St. Rita

**Patron Saint of Impossible Cases,
Difficult Marriages & Parenthood
May 22**

St. Rita was born in Italy in 1381 AD. At an early age, she begged her parents to allow her to enter a convent but was instead arranged to be married to a cruel man named Paolo Mancini. Young Rita became a wife and mother at only twelve years of age and her husband was a man of violent temper. In anger, he often mistreated Rita verbally and physically. He was also known to have had many enemies.

Through St. Rita's perseverance and example, her husband's temper subsided – he even renounced a violent family feud before his death. Unfortunately, the feud between the Mancini and Cascia family grew turbulent and one of her husband's allies betrayed and killed him. Following her husband's death, Rita gave his murderers a public pardon, but her husband's brother, Bernardo, was still angry and encouraged Rita's two sons, Giovanni Antonio and Paulo Maria, to join the feud. Under their uncle's leadership, they wanted to avenge their father's murder.

Rita attempted to stop them, but both of her sons were determined to avenge their slain father. Rita prayed to God, asking Him to take her sons before they lost their souls to the mortal sin of murder. One year later, her prayers were answered when both of her sons fell prey to dysentery and died.

Following the deaths of her sons, Rita attempted to enter the monastery, but she was not allowed to join because her husband's association with the family feud was greatly feared. However, she was told she could join if she could find a way to mend the feud. The feud was ended when Bernardo Mancini became infected during the bubonic plague which had been spreading through Italy at that time. St. Rita then entered the monastery at age 36, performing several miracles before her death in 1457 AD.

Dear Heavenly Father,

Though our families may have different values and priorities, Help us, like St. Rita, to show them the Way, the Truth, and the Life. May we set an example for them and not be brought down by negativity. Amen.