

St. Mary Catholic Church

Est. 1855

Mission Parish

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



Weekly Offering: \$ 879.00
Online Giving: \$ 426.19

MASSES

Wednesday at 7:00 a.m.

Laddie Blue Supak †

Friday at 7:00 a.m.

Jeffrey Raska †

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 p.m.

Don Codenys †

Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

Rev. Francis Kolar †

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: \$ 2,568.00
Online Giving: \$ 1,004.95

MASSES

Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.

Albert E. Janish †

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

Raymond & Ann Blackburn †

Thursday at 7:00 a.m.

Daniel Miller †

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Mary & Emil Prasifka Family †

Saturday at 7:30 a.m.

Mass for Life

Saturday Vigil at 6:00 p.m.

For the People

Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

Jasek-Zatopek Family

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday 5:00-6:30 p.m.
Saturday 8:15-9:30 a.m.



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Vatican City State



Bishop Joe S. Vásquez
Diocese of Austin

St. Martin Catholic Church

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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 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 12, AD 2020

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Gilbert Belota, Margie Chovanec, Brian Fruge, Waldine Fruge, Regina Gerik, Hannah Glenn, Dan Hall, Bernita Hlinsky, J.D. Kovar, Evelyn Krenek, Robert Krenek Sr., Johnny Marek, Doris Matocha, Helen Mikus, Leo Miller, Veronica Miller, Dr. Tom Mueller, Garland Polasek, Kaycee Roesler, Alexander Simpson, Larry Sodek, El Gene and Mary Ann Sommerfeld, Elroy Spanihel, Shelley Spears, Martha Staley, Judy Supak, Brenda Templeton, Barbara Tieken, 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.)*

WELCOME OUR NEW PASTOR, *Father Steve Sauser*, who has been appointed as the pastor of St. John's and St. Mary's by Bishop Joe Vásquez as of **July 6**. Father Steve is leaving St. Joseph Parish in Bryan. We want to extend a warm welcome to *Father Steve*.

ARE YOU CALLED TO SERVE THROUGH THE GIFT OF TEACHING? Become a catechist! In answering the call, a catechist becomes a witness to the faith by sharing his/her faith commitment through word, worship, service, experience and prayer. If anyone is interested in becoming a catechist or an aide with our Faith Formation program, please contact the parish office.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES
Continuing Ed., Level 2 & Level 3 Certification Classes- Online
The following courses will be offered online via Zoom:

L3 Intercultural Competence – July 20-21, 9:30-3:30 p.m.

L2 National Directory for Catechesis – July 22, 9:30-1:30 p.m.

L2 New Evangelization & Catechesis – July 29, 9:30-1:30 p.m.

Please visit <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=T9Tfrb> to register.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will have a “limited” meeting for officers only on Tuesday, **July 21** 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 1-917-900-1022. When prompted for a code, enter “2809355#.” Joe Lamer will be the moderator of the phone conference.

GIVE BLOOD: A blood drive will take place from 8:00 a.m. – noon on Saturday, **July 18**, on the Fayetteville square, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 3168. Give the gift of life! Walk-ups welcome. Any questions please call Jonathan Noska (979) 966-9569.

THE ANNUAL RURAL LIFE MASS, sponsored by the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, will be celebrated Tuesday, **July 14**, at 6:00 p.m. at St. Mary of the Visitation in Lockhart. The Rural Life Mass is celebrated annually in thanksgiving for a bountiful harvest. This year there will *not* be a meal afterward.

THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC MEN'S MASS will be celebrated on Saturday, **July 18**, at 9:30 a.m. at St. Albert the Great Parish in Austin.

QUO VADIS: A HIGH SCHOOL MEN'S RETREAT at Eagle's Wings Retreat Center in Burnet will be **July 24-26**. This retreat dives deep into the truth of who they were created to be as men - as Sons of the Father. Visit the Austin Vocations website for more information at <https://qv.godiscalling.me/>.

“WILD GOOSE” SERIES: DISCOVERING A DEEPER RELATIONSHIP WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT: “Wild Goose,” a term that the ancient Celts had for the Holy Spirit, is a 14-part series featuring Fr. Dave Pivonka and various interviews. Shot in a variety of locations from Niagara Falls to the California desert, the series invites viewers to discover, or deepen their relationship with, the Holy Spirit. The entire series is currently available to watch, free, at <https://thewildgooseisloose.com/>.

A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear parishioners of St. Mary's and St. John's,

I was very excited about being assigned back to Ellinger and Fayetteville to serve the people of these communities. Many people I am sure are wondering who this new priest is and where he comes from, although some already know me.

I was born in Denver, Colorado, and the middle child of a family of six children; I have one sister and four brothers. After high school I enlisted in the U.S. Marines Corps and spent a total of four years on active duty and four years in the reserves. I served on the East Coast, Okinawa, Japan, and on the West Coast from 1975 to 1979. When my tour of duty was complete, I came to Texas where my family now lived in order to go to college and work. I fell in love, got married and started a family. During that time, I went back into the reserves and was stationed in Waco, Texas another four years. Military life is hard on families, so I did not re-enlist but concentrated on working close to home. I have three daughters and nine grandchildren, the oldest grandson died two years ago.

I worked construction work as a welder, and then took on a job at an electric power plant as a boiler and pressure vessel inspector from 1982 until 2004 for the *Texas Municipal Power Agency* in Carlos, Texas. Several years after the annulment, I felt God tugging at my heart to come serve Him through vocations. Even though I felt God calling me to the religious vocations, I struggled to understand what it all meant for me. It was a long journey spending almost five years studying in the permanent deacon program before entering the Seminary in 2004. Through many years of discernment, I knew that the only way to know where God was asking me to go was to let loose of the material things in life and surrender to God's will. I quit my job at the electric power plant, where I worked for 23 years, and sold everything to pursue a priestly vocation and I have never looked back or regretted saying yes to God's invitation.

God has blessed me a great deal over my short life time and I believe our experiences in life make us who we are today. The many different roads that life has taken me on have given me the opportunity to serve God's people with great joy and love. Life is full of many trials and opportunities to grow from. I thank God for the trials in my life, good and bad, because they have taught me to be compassionate and loving in serving God's people. I enjoy hunting and fishing and just being outdoors. I have always enjoyed working on old cars and still find it to be a great hobby. But above all I love my vocation as a priest and have had the pleasure of serving in many different parishes throughout the diocese, and I am excited about coming back to Fayetteville and Ellinger to serve this heartwarming community. You all have been in my prayers since I was first asked to consider coming to St. Mary's and St. John's and will continue to be in my prayers every day.

*Your Servant In Christ,
Father Steve*

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

FOR THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND MASS, please visit the "Useful Links" page on our parish website for specific Mass 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*.

CURRENT PROCEDURAL GUIDELINES FOR MASS ATTENDANCE:

- Though everyone is always welcome at Mass, we encourage those that are 65 years of age or older, or who have compromised immune systems or underlying health conditions to stay home and view the Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass on our Facebook page. Those who choose to stay home for health reasons are still dispensed from the obligation of attending Sunday Mass.

- We will follow all regulatory capacity limits – distancing seating to accommodate as many parishioners as possible.

- Without exception, those who are ill should not attend.

- A face mask is required to enter the church. Please keep the covering on throughout the service.

- Please use hand sanitizer, located at the entrance, when you come in and when you leave.

- A basket is located at the entrance for those wanting to make their offering in person. The offertory collection will not be taken up during Mass. Opportunities to set up a recurring financial gift are also available on our website.

- An usher will guide you to a designated seating. Once seated, please stay in your area as much as possible. The cry room is closed.

- At communion, while wearing a face mask, please maintain the 6-foot distancing from others. When you are two or three people away from receiving, pull down the mask below the chin to consume the host, then immediately recover the mouth and nose.

- At the conclusion of Mass, an usher will dismiss your family from the pew.

Catholic Social Teaching Corner

July 11-12 -- 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Sunday we hear the familiar story of the sower and the seed. In the end this parable is about abundance. God makes the seed bear fruit many times over. Mother Teresa once said, "If you cannot feed 100 people, feed just one." If we are fruitful recipients of the Word of God, how much will God multiply that good in the world? How does God's word move us to share abundantly through a simple gesture of offering a package of crackers to the homeless or bringing food to a local pantry?

Julio 11-12 -- 15to Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Este domingo escuchamos la historia familiar del sembrador y la semilla. Al final, esta parábola es sobre abundancia. Dios hace que la semilla dé fruto muchas veces. La Madre Teresa dijo una vez "si no puedes alimentar a 100 personas, alimenta solo a una". Si somos receptores fructíferos de la Palabra de Dios ¿cuánto más multiplicará Dios la bondad en el mundo? ¿Cómo nos mueve la palabra de Dios a compartir abundantemente a través del simple gesto de ofrecer un paquete de galletas a los que no tienen hogar o de llevar comida a la despensa de alimentos local gratuita?

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St. John the Baptist
Catholic Church

2020

Celebrating 150 Years

THE PAINTINGS that hang in St. John Church were done by Ignatz Johann Berger from Neutischein, Mähren, Austria, which today is the city of Nový Jičín (Moravia), Czech Republic. It is believed that all six paintings were done by Berger sometime from 1850-1870. He painted numerous altarpieces and is well-known for his religious paintings. His works are still found today in many Moravian churches and in churches across Poland and Hungary.

MARRIED COUPLES INVITED TO ONLINE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: Don't miss the opportunity to give your marriage the gift of a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) experience this summer! WWME is designed to deepen and enrich the joys a couple shares together, whether they have been married for only a short time or for many years. In these unprecedented times of isolation and social distancing, the need for a healthy marriage relationship is more important than ever, and WWME is here to come to you! Sessions are available online for you to experience from the comfort of your own homes, with one coming up **July 31-August 2**. For more information and to apply online, visit wwme10.org/Virtual, or email wwmeaustin@gmail.com.

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!

FOLLOW THE DIOCESE OF AUSTIN on social media for up-to-date information at www.austindiocese.org or find them on Twitter at @AustinDiocese.

HAVE YOU, OR HAS SOMEONE YOU KNOW, EXPERIENCED ABUSE? Bishop Joe S. Vásquez and the Diocese of Austin are committed to providing compassionate care to persons who have experienced abuse, particularly if committed by clergy or a church representative. If you or someone you know have experienced such abuse, contact the diocesan Coordinator of Victim Assistance and Pastoral Support at ileana-hinojosa@austindioce.org or (512) 949-2400.

ST. JOHN'S NEWS

IN MEMORIAM: The Parish Family extends sympathies and prayers towards the family of *Don Codenys*, 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 FINANCE COUNCIL will meet on Tuesday, **July 28**, at 6:45 p.m.

ST. MARY'S NEWS

ST MARY'S COUNCIL MEETINGS: The Pastoral Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, **July 23**, at 6:30 p.m. All parishioners are welcome to attend. The Finance Council will meet Thursday, **July 30**, at 6:30 p.m.

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ST. JOHN LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTOR

Saturday – Annette Little

Sunday – Janell Warschak

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday – Addie Dybala, Sharon Martinek

Sunday – Jeanne Schilling, Michelle Bertsch

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday – Gregory Huebner, Lydia Huebner, Emma Jurecka

Sunday – Logan Poncik, Mackenzie Poncik, Luke Beseda

ALTAR DUTY FOR JULY: Anna Kovar, Pat Stastny,
 Cathleen Noska, Jeanne Schilling

USHERS FOR JULY

Saturday – Ronald Malota, Leonard Malota, Wesley Gaertner,
 Leslie Little

Sunday – Allan Minarcik, Christopher Kaspar, Emil Sodolak,
 Arlis Keilers

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

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha
July 14



When Kateri Tekakwitha was proclaimed Saint Kateri Tekakwitha on October 21, she became the first member of a North American tribe to be declared a saint. “The Lily of the Mohawks,” Kateri was born in 1656 in a village along the Mohawk River, now known as Auriesville, New York. Her father was a Mohawk chief, her mother a Christian Algonquin raised among the French. When Kateri was 4, a smallpox epidemic claimed her parents and baby brother. She survived, but her face was disfigured and her vision impaired.

Following her Baptism in 1676 at age 20, Kateri’s family and village ostracized and ridiculed her. She fled the next year to Canada, taking refuge at St. Francis Xavier Mission. Kateri took a private vow of virginity and devoted herself to teaching prayers to the children and helping the sick and elderly.

She died in 1680 at age 24. According to eyewitnesses, the scars on her face suddenly disappeared after her death. Soon after, Catholics started to claim that favors and miracles had been obtained through her intercession.

Records for the final miracle needed for her canonization involved the full recovery of a young boy in Seattle whose face had been disfigured by flesh-eating bacteria and who almost died from the disease. His family, who is part Native American, had prayed for Kateri’s intercession. On December 19, 2011, Pope Benedict XVI signed the decree recognizing the miracle, clearing the way for Kateri’s canonization.

ST. MARY LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTOR

Saturday – Ashely Havel

Sunday – Aimee Korenek

ALTAR SERVERS

Sunday – Kole Schmitt, Klayten Schmitt

USHERS FOR JULY

Saturday – Mark Schmitt, Mark Matocha, Bruce Kubena,
 Eduardo Alvarado

Sunday – Luke Orsak, Donnie Becka, Bradley Divin,
 James Korenek

ALTAR FLOWERS: **July 19** – Lisa Gerik
July 26 – Sherri Schmitt **August 2** – Donna Shula

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Hall Rental	Parish Office	979-378-2277
Cemetery	Vlasta Korenek	979-732-2836

FAMILY CONNECTION

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 13:1-23

Jesus teaches that the kingdom of heaven is like seed that has been sown on good soil.



Today’s Gospel marks the beginning of the third long discourse given by Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew. Over the next few weeks, the Gospel readings will consist of the entire 13th Chapter of Matthew’s Gospel, a lengthy teaching discourse.

Throughout this discourse, Jesus will offer several parables to illustrate for his listeners what he means by the kingdom of heaven. He begins with the parable of the sower, which appears rather straightforward—of course seeds grow best in good soil. Seeds that miss the soil, are sown on rocky ground, or are sown among other plants will not grow. The surprise in the parable is the enormous yield of the seed that is sown on good soil.

Jesus then explains his use of parables. Jesus seems to suggest that he uses parables to teach because the meanings of parables are not self-evident. The hearer must engage in some degree of reflection in order to comprehend the message of a parable. In this way, the medium—the parable—models the point of the parable of the sower. Those who are willing to engage themselves in the effort to understand will be rewarded by the discovery of the message and will bear fruit.

To bring home the point, Jesus interprets the parable of the sower to his disciples. The different types of soil in which the seeds are sown are metaphors for the disposition with which each individual hears the teaching about the kingdom of heaven. Some will be easily swayed away from the kingdom of heaven. Some will receive it for a time but will lose it when faced with difficulties. Some will hear the word but will then permit other cares to choke it out. Yet some will receive it well, and the seed will produce abundant fruit.