

# St. Mary Catholic Church

*Est. 1855*

**Mission Parish**

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



**Weekly Offering:** \$ 848.00  
**Online Giving:** \$ 524.68

## MASSES

**Wednesday at 7:00 a.m.**

*Lad Becka & Emma Rose Marek †*

**Friday at 7:00 a.m.**

*Leander Minar and Leonard Supak †*

**Saturday Vigil at 4:00 p.m.**

*Randy Hoelscher †*

**Sunday at 8:00 a.m.**

*Marie Hrachovy †*

**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:** \$ 3,727.00  
**Online Giving:** \$ 765.00

## MASSES

**Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.**

*Sister Marie Sophie*

**Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.**

*Frank & Margaret Bilek †*

**Thursday at 7:00 a.m.**

*Charles Adams †*

**Saturday at 7:30 a.m.**

*Dec'd of the John & Annie*

*Rainosek Family †*

**Saturday Vigil at 6:00 p.m.**

*For the People*

**Sunday at 10:00 a.m.**

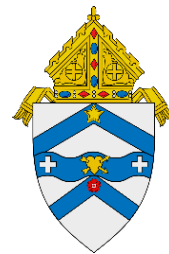
*Rudie & Sharon Jurecka †*

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

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

## Mailing Address and Contact Information

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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 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**July 19, AD 2020**

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

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Gilbert Belota, Judy Chovanec, 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, Mary Lee Prihoda, 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.)*

**REGISTRATION FOR FAITH FORMATION** for the upcoming school year is now open. Contact information forms of returning students have been mailed out. Please place the completed forms in the "Faith Formation Registration" box at Church or return it to the parish office by Friday, **August 14**. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office. **To register a new student**, please come by the parish office.

**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.

**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/>.

**ST. MARY CHURCH IN ELLINGER** is open for visitation from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sundays.

**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 will be used only for overflow at this time.

- 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, please maintain social distancing of 6 feet as you exit the Church.

**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*.

**AT CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF CENTRAL TEXAS,** we

respect and uphold the dignity of every human person, beginning at the moment of conception. Our Gabriel Project Life Center offers free education, case management and material assistance to new or expectant mothers and fathers so they can give their children the best possible start to life. Our classes are currently being offered virtually to ensure safety to our clients. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (512) 651-6100 (Austin) or (979) 822-9340 (Brazos Valley) or email kimberly-mcgrath@ccctx.org.

**THE ROSARY IS ONLINE** at [www.comepraytherosary.org!](http://www.comepraytherosary.org!)

This website is available 24/7. The site audio is in English with English subtitles. You can choose how to pray it – in either "worldwide" mode or "individual" mode, and you can also choose to submit your own prayer intentions. At the bottom of the site, there is a counter that shows how many people are currently praying the Rosary along with you, so you know you're never alone while praying.

**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!

## THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 19, AD 2020

**ETHICS IN MINISTRY:** All clergy, staff, members of ALL organizations, and ALL volunteers are required to complete an Application for Ministry AND attend an EIM workshop every three years. **If you are due for a refresher course, you should have received a notice to take a workshop.** If you didn't receive the notice or have any questions, contact the parish office.

**CIVILIZE IT: A divided country. Fights at the dinner table. Political hostility. What does it mean to love our neighbors in the midst of such a climate?**

As Catholics, we have a long tradition of engagement in the political process as a means of putting our faith into action. We are called to bring the best of ourselves and our faith to the public square—and yet today, many shy away from such involvement because our national and local conversations are filled with hostility and harsh language, often directed at people themselves.

When personal attacks replace honest debate, no one wins. This kind of attack, no matter the reason, only serves to further divide our communities. As Catholics, we must model a better way. We invite you to join the *Civilize It* campaign by taking the pledge as a way to promote civility, love our neighbors, and build community.

*Civilize It* is about making room in your heart for those with whom you disagree. We are called to recognize that each one of us is a beloved child of God and to respond in love to that reality. *Civilize It* is a non-partisan call to focus on the dignity of all people, even when we disagree, and to put faith in action by bearing witness to a better way forward. Visit <https://www.wearesaltandlight.org/civilize-it> to take the pledge!

### **SUPPORT THE PARISH WHEN YOU SHOP!**

The parish of St. John the Baptist has teamed up with the Amazon Smile program. This means that Amazon will donate 0.5% of your Amazon purchase to the parish **at no cost to you**. Any donation is greatly appreciated. Simply visit <http://smile.amazon.com>, sign in to your Amazon account, search “St. John Catholic Church Fayetteville” or choose an organization you would like to sponsor and shop! For help or more information, visit [org.amazon.com](http://org.amazon.com).

## Catholic Social Teaching Corner

July 18-19, 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Gospel this Sunday reminds us that sin and virtue co-exist in our world. How do we sow seeds of virtue and nurture them in ourselves and others? We do it through our actions: love and forgiveness rather than anger and retribution; peace rather than violence; sharing rather than hoarding. One great need is to help those coming out of jails and prisons to re-enter society. How can your parish help our sisters and brothers grow in virtue?

Julio 18-19, 16to Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

El Evangelio de este domingo nos recuerda que el pecado y la virtud coexisten en nuestro mundo ¿Cómo sembramos las semillas de virtud y las nutrimos en nosotros mismos y en otros? Lo hacemos a través de nuestras acciones: amor y perdón en lugar de con enojo y venganza; paz en lugar de violencia; compartiendo en lugar de acumulando. Una gran necesidad es ayudar a aquellos que están saliendo de las cárceles y prisiones para que se reintegren a la sociedad ¿Cómo puede su parroquia ayudar a nuestros hermanos y hermanas a crecer en la virtud?

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St. John the Baptist  
Catholic Church

2020

Celebrating 150 Years

**FIVE OF THE SIX PAINTINGS** in the current St. John Church hung in the original 1870s Church. In 2002, after they were rediscovered stored in the Rectory and in other places around town, the paintings were restored to their original glory, framed in hand-gilded 24-karat gold molding, and hung in a row above the altar in the same arrangement as they were in the 1870s Church.

**WE ARE CALLED TO SERVE!** During this time, many people are feeling isolated and are experiencing a lack of joy. Consider sending a card or giving a call to someone living alone. Donate food to Amen Food Pantry in La Grange. There are lots of opportunities, if we think outside the box, to serve others.

### **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](http://wwme10.org/Virtual), or email [wwmeaustin@gmail.com](mailto:wwmeaustin@gmail.com).

## ST. JOHN'S NEWS

### **BISHOP JOE SENDS HIS APPRECIATION**

*Dear Father Steve,*

*I enjoyed celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary Mass at St. John parish on June 28. Though it was a small celebration, we know the Eucharist is the most powerful prayer of the Church, which I hope will bring abundant blessings to the people of the parish.*

*I want to express my gratitude for the generous stipend from St. John parish. Please be assured of my continual prayers for you and your pastoral family.*

*Fraternally in Christ,  
Most Reverend Joe S. Vásquez  
Bishop of Austin*

**ST. JOHN'S ANNUAL FEAST:** In prayerful consideration of the health and safety of our community, the 2020 St. John's Annual Feast planned for Labor Day weekend has been **cancelled**.

**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. The Finance Council will meet Thursday, **July 30**, at 6:30 p.m.

**ST. MARY'S BAZAAR AND RAFFLE** for this year has been **cancelled**. We appreciate all of the support we have received for our event and hope we will be able to gather together soon.

**THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
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**ST. JOHN LITURGICAL DUTIES**

**LECTOR**

**Saturday** – Herman Schramm

**Sunday** – Kathy Kneblík

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

**Saturday** – Joan Malota, Karley Gaytan

**Sunday** – Paulette Keilers, Lee Matocha

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Saturday** – Paige Jurecka, Peyton Jurecka, Kara Jurecka

**Sunday** – Scotti Beseda, Ricky Schilling, Cole Brackman

**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

**ST. JOHN CONTACTS**

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K.J.Z.T.	Rose Rohde	979-249-3635
K.J.T.	Emil Sodolak	979-249-3952
Hall Rental	Parish Office	979-378-2277
Cemetery	Ronald Kramr	979-249-6152

**Saint Mary Magdalene**  
**July 22**



Except for the mother of Jesus, few women are more honored in the Bible than Mary Magdalene. Yet she could well be the patron of the slandered, since there has been a persistent legend in the Church that she is the unnamed sinful woman who anointed the feet of Jesus in Luke 7:36-50.

Most Scripture scholars today point out that there is no scriptural basis for confusing the two women. Mary Magdalene, that is, “of Magdala,” was the one from whom Christ cast out “seven demons” (Luke 8:2)—an indication at the worst, of extreme demonic possession or possibly, severe illness.

Writing in the New Catholic Commentary, Father Wilfrid J. Harrington, O.P., says that “seven demons” “does not mean that Mary had lived an immoral life—a conclusion reached only by means of a mistaken identification with the anonymous woman of Luke 7:36.” In the Jerome Biblical Commentary, Father Edward Mally, SJ, agrees that she “is not...the same as the sinner of Luke 7:37, despite the later Western romantic tradition about her.”

Mary Magdalene was one of the many “who were assisting them [Jesus and the Twelve] out of their means.” She was one of those who stood by the cross of Jesus with his mother. And, of all the “official” witnesses who might have been chosen for the first awareness of the Resurrection, she was the one to whom that privilege was given. She is known as the “Apostle to the Apostles.”

**ST. MARY LITURGICAL DUTIES**

**LECTOR**

**Saturday** – Rose Urban

**Sunday** – L.J. Korenek

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Sunday** – Rylee Fritsch, Luke Korenek

**USHERS FOR JULY**

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

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

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** **July 26** – Sherri Schmitt  
**August 2** – Donna Shula **August 9** – Rosemary Ermis

**ST. MARY CONTACTS**

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

**FAMILY CONNECTION**

**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Matthew 13:24-43

*Jesus offers parables about the Kingdom of Heaven and explains them to his disciples.*



Taken together, the parables found in today’s Gospel offer both a sobering reminder about the Kingdom of God and words of encouragement. As the wheat and the weeds must grow together until the harvest, so we may not know whether our actions contribute to God’s Kingdom until God’s final judgment. With this word of caution in mind, we act always in prayer that our actions will be consistent with God’s plans. In the parables of the mustard seed and the yeast, we hear words of encouragement. God can bring the Kingdom of Heaven from even the smallest of beginnings. Thus, we ask God to work through us for the sake of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Set aside some time this week to make bread with your family. Show the amount of yeast that is required to raise an entire batch of bread. Observe that little things can go a long way. After the bread has been baked, gather together as a family. Read together today’s Gospel and reflect together on what Jesus means when he teaches that the Kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed and like yeast. In these parables, Jesus is teaching us that God can work wonders from even the smallest beginnings of the Kingdom of God. This means that even the little things that we do can make a big difference in the lives of others. What are some of the little things that we can do in our family that help to make things better for others? Decide on one action to take together. Pray that God will use your action to make a difference in the world. Pray together the Lord’s Prayer.

**“Life is about moving on, accepting changes and looking forward to what makes you stronger and more complete.”**  
 – Anonymous