

St. Mary Catholic Church

Est. 1855

Mission Parish

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



Weekly Offering: \$ 798.00
Online Giving: \$ 294.13

MASSES

Wednesday at 7:00 a.m.
Larry Polasek †

Friday at 7:00 a.m.
Patrick Supak †

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 p.m.
Vivian Marie

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: \$ 4,588.00
Online Giving: \$ 360.00

MASSES

Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.
*Living & Dec'd Members of
KJTZ, St. Anne's #10*

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
Dr. Bernard Morrey & Family

Thursday at 7:00 a.m.
Ruddie Kaderka †

Saturday at 7:30 a.m.
Jack & Lavine Kubala †

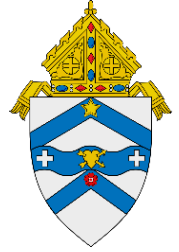
Saturday Vigil at 6:00 p.m.
Lee Roy Matocha †

Sunday at 10:00 a.m.
James Stephen Smith †

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)

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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 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 26, 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, Kaycee Roesler, 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 OPPORTUNITY

Continuing Ed., Level 2 Certification Class- Online

The following course will be offered online via Zoom:

L2 New Evangelization & Catechesis – July 29, 9:30-1:30 p.m. Please visit <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=T9Tfrb> to register.

"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.

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!

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.

EVERYONE IS ALWAYS WELCOME AT MASS!

However, those that are 65 years of age or older with pre-existing health conditions that place them at higher risk, or those who are younger who have compromised immune systems or underlying health conditions are encouraged to participate in the service remotely by viewing the Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass on our Facebook page.

We have made changes aimed at keeping parishioners safe at Mass. Social distancing is practiced, hand sanitizers are used, and masks are required. We are also providing additional cleaning of the Church. We hope these accommodations will make all feel comfortable coming to worship again. Please ask the ushers if you need help finding a seat, if you forget to bring a mask, or if you need other assistance.

Note: We do ask that anyone who has been exposed to or tests positive for COVID-19 to stay home and abide by CDC guidelines.

FOR THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND MASS, please visit the "Useful Links" page on our parish website, found under the "Events and News" tab, 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 is live streamed **at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday.**

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF CENTRAL TEXAS

is still providing services to our communities during this time of uncertainty. Our Counseling Services program is utilizing our virtual therapy platform and continuing to aid anyone struggling with the challenges of these current times. Did you know we also help seniors that are struggling with aging, loss of independence, and many other issues they may be facing? For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (512) 651-6150 (Austin) or (979) 822-9340 (Brazos Valley).

THE MOBILE FOOD PANTRY: The next distribution will be **August 7 from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.** This will be a Drive –Thru, so all clients are to stay in their vehicles and volunteers will load the food in your vehicle.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Second Chance in La Grange is looking for volunteers on **August 4-8**. St. John Parish teams with Sacred Heart in La Grange every six weeks beginning on a Tuesday and finishing on the following Monday. If you are able to help or need additional information please call one of the new coordinators from our parish, Suzanne Mattair (832-465-2383) and Sara Vandel (979-966-7693). Any and all assistance is appreciated.

THE ROSARY IS ONLINE

at www.comepraytherosary.org. This website is available 24/7. You can pray in either "worldwide" mode (with others) or "individual" mode, and you can choose to submit your own prayer intentions. Pictures from the Holy Land are displayed to complement the Mysteries. There is also a Rosary on the side of the page that illuminates the beads as you pray through them, so you don't have to have your own beads in hand.

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" and shop! For more info, visit org.amazon.com.

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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ST. MICHAEL'S HARVEST FEAST in Weimar, although not in person this year, will proceed on Sunday, **August 9**, with several activities including a Drive-Thru Meal, Raffle, Cake Race, Online Auction, and Polka Masses. The online auction will begin on Thursday, **August 7**, at 12:00 p.m. and end on Sunday, **August 9**, at 10:00 p.m. Details on how to bid will be available soon.

BECOME A MOVING BILLBOARD FOR LIFE! Promote the loving option of infant adoption wherever you drive by purchasing the Choose Life specialty license plate on sale for cars, light trucks, motorcycles, and mopeds! Texas Choose Life specialty license plates cost only \$30 per year, of which \$22 goes to promoting adoption as a compassionate alternative to abortion. The remaining \$8 covers state and local administrative costs. For more info, visit <https://www.texasallianceforlife.org/choose-life-license-plate/>.

WHAT IS THE DIOCESAN PRO-LIFE HELPLINE?

The number for the Diocesan Pro-Life Helpline – 1-877-WE-CARE2 – is advertised throughout the diocese for those who are experiencing a difficult pregnancy and are in need of assistance (Gabriel Project) as well as for those suffering from a past abortion (Project Rachel). Trained volunteers, called Helpline Angels, provide a listening ear to the callers and offer referrals to meet their needs. Referrals may be for physical, spiritual, or practical (material) assistance & include referrals to Parish Gabriel Projects, Gabriel Project Life Centers of Catholic Charities, and Project Rachel.

“God’s love—individual, real, unchanging—is the true source of our worth, identity, and dignity. It really is not a question of who we are, but rather whose we are. Because his love will never change, nothing can reduce our God-given dignity, and nothing can diminish the immeasurable worth of our lives.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
“How to Build a Culture of Life”

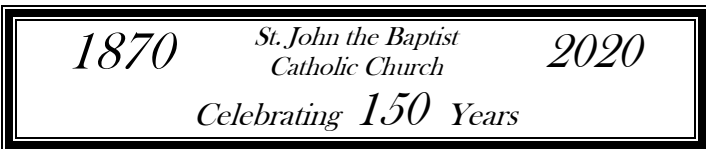
Catholic Social Teaching Corner

July 25-26 -- 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

God has created each of us with gifts – treasures – like the pearl in today’s Gospel. How are we being called to give back? We all have something to give, because God has been generous with us. Some have more time, some more talents, some have more monetary resources. How can you share what God has given you this week? Can you be present to someone in need? Can you look at those who are begging on street corners? How can you share the treasure of yourself this week?

Julio 25-26 -- 7mo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Dios nos ha creado a cada uno de nosotros con dones—tesoros como la perla del Evangelio de hoy ¿Cómo estamos siendo llamados a actuar con gratitud por esos dones? Todos tenemos algo que dar, por que Dios ha sido generoso con nosotros. Algunos tienen más tiempo, algunos más talentos, algunos tienen recursos monetarios ¿Cómo puede usted compartir lo que Dios le ha dado esta semana? ¿Puede usted estar presente para alguien necesitado? ¿Puede usted mirar a aquellos que están pidiendo ayuda en las esquinas? ¿Cómo puede usted compartir el tesoro de usted mismo esta semana?



THE FIVE PAINTINGS that hang above the altar include (left to right): Our Lady Queen of Heaven; Sts. Peter and Paul (Peter is holding the keys to heaven.); St. John the Baptist; Sts. Cyril and Methodius; and Our Lady Queen of the Most Holy Rosary giving a rosary to St. Dominic.

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.

THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

is a non-profit organization established in 2007 to provide a means for individuals and organizations to provide long-term financial stability for the diocese and its churches, schools, agencies and organizations. Through the creation of individual endowments, the Foundation provides a means to generate income to help sustain the long-term strength and viability of Catholic institutions in Central Texas. For more information about how to include the Foundation in your will or estate plan please visit www.catholicfdn.org or contact Scott Whitaker at scott-whitaker@austindiocese.org or (512) 949-2441.

ST. JOHN'S NEWS

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. in the parish hall.

ST. MARY'S NEWS

ST MARY'S FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING:
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.

A Prayer for Rain

O God, the earth is thirsty for rain and we wait for you to refresh the land and all its creatures, the rivers and lakes, the crops and gardens.

Send abundant rain, we pray, and teach us to be better stewards of all the blessings you provide, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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ST. JOHN LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTOR

Saturday – Kathleen Kramr

Sunday – Nikki Beseda

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday – Daniel Zika, Lexxus Zika

Sunday – Kayla Kaspar, Pat Geistmann

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday – Gregory Huebner, Lydia Huebner, Jacob Nigh

Sunday – Marissa Halamicek, Wade Halamicek, Luke Beseda

ALTAR DUTY FOR AUGUST: Betty Kovar, Sue Ann Socha, Mary Schley, Margaret Alford

USHERS FOR AUGUST

Saturday – Jonathan Noska, Ronnie Kramr, David Stastny, Christopher Stastny

Sunday – Joe Babin, John H. Cufu, David Holub, Kory Kaspar

ST. JOHN CONTACTS

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

ST. MARY LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTOR

Saturday – Ashley Havel

Sunday – Jo Ann Divin

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday – Kole Schmitt

Sunday – Stephen Korenek

USHERS FOR AUGUST

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

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

ALTAR FLOWERS: **August 2** – Donna Shula
August 9 – Rosemary Ermis **August 16** – Vicki Childress

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K.J.Z.T.	Mildred Walla	979-378-4202
K.J.T.	James Korenek	amskorenek@yahoo.com
Hall Rental	Parish Office	979-378-2277
Cemetery	Vlasta Korenek	979-732-2836

Saint Martha
July 29

"Jesus loved Martha and Mary and Lazarus." This unique statement in John's gospel tells us of the special relationship Jesus had with Martha, her sister, and her brother. We read of three visits to Martha's home in Luke 10:38-42, John 11:1-53, and John 12:1-9.



Many of us find it easy to identify with Martha in the story Luke tells, as she welcomes Jesus and his disciples into her home and immediately goes to work to serve them. Hospitality is paramount in the Middle East, and Martha believed in its importance. Her sister, Mary, ignores the rule of hospitality and Martha's work in order to sit and listen to Jesus. Instead of speaking to her sister, Martha asks Jesus to intervene. Jesus' response is not unkind, which gives us an idea of his affection for her. He observes that Martha is worried about many things that distract her from really being present to him. He reminds her that there is only one thing that is truly important -- listening to him. And, that is what Mary has done.

The next visit shows how well Martha learned this lesson. She is grieving the death of her brother when she hears that Jesus has just come from afar to console the family. Martha goes out to meet him: "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." The ensuing conversation is compact, powerful, and saturated with faith. "Yes, Lord," Martha says, foreshadowing the promises at Baptism, "I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world."

Saint Martha, your profession of faith in the Son of God, to the Son of God, is an inspiration to all believers. You expressed in a few words the fundamentals of our faith and combined this belief with generous service to Christ's practical needs. May we do the same.

FAMILY CONNECTION

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 13:44-52

Jesus teaches about the Kingdom of Heaven.

Like the person who found the buried treasure and the merchant who acquired the pearl of great price, we seek to find the signs of the kingdom of heaven in our lives. In fact, we even work to bring about God's kingdom in our actions and in our words. We pray that our family values reflect our pursuit of the kingdom of heaven. As Jesus' disciples, we place everything we value in the service of the pursuit of the Kingdom of God.

As you gather as a family, talk about what your family values. Make a list together of those things that your family considers most important, such as family, friends, faith, trust, and love. Place this list before you as you read today's Gospel in its shorter form, Matthew 13:44-46. In these parables, Jesus teaches us that it is worth giving up even valuable things in order to possess the kingdom of heaven. Look at the list your family made and talk about how these things are important to the kingdom of heaven. What has your family given up to make these values important in your life? As Jesus' disciples, we place everything we value in the service of the pursuit of the Kingdom of God. Pray together for God's kingdom by praying the Lord's Prayer.



"If you judge people, you have no time to love them."
 –Saint Teresa of Calcutta