

# St. Mary Catholic Church

*Est. 1855*

**Mission Parish**

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



**Weekly Offering:** \$ 1,228.00  
**Online Giving:** \$ 261.38  
**\$ 1,489.38**

*Average Weekly Operating Expenses*  
\$ 2,492

## MASSES

**Wednesday at 7:00 a.m.**  
*Mass for Life*

**Friday at 7:00 a.m.**  
*Robert & Mary Kasmiersky †*

**Saturday Vigil at 4:00 p.m.**  
*Jackie Troutman †*

**Sunday at 8:00 a.m.**  
*Claudia Bronikowski †*

# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

*Est. 1870*

207 E. Bell St.  
Fayetteville

www.stjohnfayetteville.com



**Weekly Offering:** \$ 3,098.00  
**Online Giving:** \$ 1,076.65  
**\$ 4,174.65**

*Average Weekly Operating Expenses*  
\$ 5,011

## MASSES

**Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.**  
*Jeffrey Raska †*

**Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.**  
*Charles Vasek †*

**Thursday at 7:00 a.m.**  
*Charlene Dvorak †*

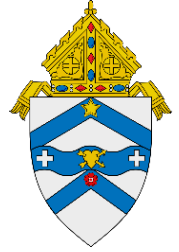
**Saturday at 7:30 a.m.**  
*Annie Mae Janish †*

**Saturday Vigil at 6:00 p.m.**  
*For the People*

**Sunday at 10:00 a.m.**  
*Living & Dec'd of the Kulhanek Families*



**Pope Francis**  
**Vatican City State**



**Bishop Joe S. Vásquez**  
**Diocese of Austin**



# St. Martin Catholic Church

**Historic Chapel**

3490 State Hwy 237

Round Top (near Warrenton)

## MONTHLY MASS

**Tuesday, October 12, at 8:00 a.m.**  
*For the intentions left on the altar*

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

**St. John:** Wednesday 5:30-6:30 p.m.  
Saturday 8:00-9:00 a.m.

First Fridays 4:00-5:30 p.m.

**St. Mary:** Available before every Mass

## Mailing Address and Contact Information

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**Deacon Robert Jasek**

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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.

## **Administrative Staff**

Lexus Zika

Sheryl Malinowski

Sue Zapalac

THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
SEPTEMBER 19, AD 2021

PARISH LIFE

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Dan Castillo, Margie Chovanec, Adell Coufal, Brian Fruge, Waldine Fruge, Dan Hall, Bernita Hlinsky, Christine Kaspar, Kathy Knebl, Justin Malota, Jr., Helen Mikus, Leo Miller, Cynthia Niesner, Kaycee Roesler, Barbara Ticken, Nancy Klawinsky Till, Rick Vandel, B.J. Vasek, 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:** St. Mary's parish family would like to congratulate the family of *Ben Elton Wunderlich* who was born into Our Lord's life through Baptism last week. May the Lord be with him and his family with all His blessings.

**ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL FEAST!**

Thank you so much for all of your efforts! There are a few items outstanding, but the net income for St. John's Feast should be approximately \$80,000. Thank God for His abundant blessings!

**CONFIRMATION RETREAT 2021**

This year's Confirmation retreat, for all Confirmation Candidates, will be held at Queen of the Holy Rosary Parish near La Grange next Saturday, **September 25 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.** Please keep all of our Confirmation candidates in your prayers.

**FAITH FORMATION 2020-2021**

- Grades K-1 meets **Wednesday at 6:00-6:50 p.m.**
- Grades 2-6 meets **Wednesday from 6:00-7:30 p.m.**
- Grades 7-12 meets **Wednesday from 7:00-8:30 p.m.**

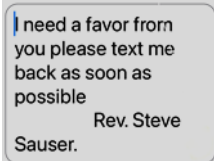
Children should arrive no earlier than 5:45 p.m. No one will be available to supervise your child prior to this time.



**A SPECIAL THANK YOU** to those who answered Our Lord's call to serve as catechists this year. Today, Catechetical Sunday, is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. May the Lord bless all our catechists with compassion and strength.

**EMBRACE:** A women's evening of prayer and adoration will be this Friday, **September 24**, from 6-8 p.m. in St. John Church. Join us for an evening of prayer as we reflect on what it means to embrace our vocation, circumstances, and our identity as daughters of God. Please contact Kyla Goebel at (979) 203-0418 or the parish office for any questions.

**BEWARE OF SCAMS!** Recently some parishioners have received a text similar to what is shown. Messages like this do NOT come from Father Steve, and you are advised to simply delete them. If you are in doubt about an unsolicited communication from the Church, please call the office for verification.



**UPCOMING PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETINGS**

- St. John's meets Thursday, **October 7** at 6:30 p.m.
- St. Mary's meets Thursday, **October 21** at 6:30 p.m. St. Mary parishioners will soon be selecting new members for the parish council. Do you know someone who could benefit our parish with their knowledge and ideas?

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES**

- **Marriage Issues and the Tribunal** online class will take place on Thursday, **September 23** at 6:30-8:30 PM. Topics discussed include: What is an annulment? What is the role of the Tribunal? What is the Church's teaching on marriage? When is an annulment needed? To register, or for more information please email [maryrae-stein@austindiocese.org](mailto:maryrae-stein@austindiocese.org).
- **Basic Teachings of the Catholic Church** is presented in five sessions--all online this fall--and are all on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Cost is \$50. The first class will be *Introduction to Sacred Scripture-September 25*. To register for a course please visit <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=iUFJKQ>.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Monthly Meeting** will be on Tuesday, **September 21**, at 7:00 p.m.



**BABY BANKS ARE COMING!**

Baby Banks will be distributed after Mass next Sunday! Our parishes host this campaign to foster a greater respect for the sanctity of human life. Your donation will help pro-life efforts in our parishes and throughout the diocese. The Gabriel Project, Project Rachel, Sidewalk Ministry, Pro-Life Help Line, and much more will receive funds from this campaign. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Aimee Korenek at [amskorenek@yahoo.com](mailto:amskorenek@yahoo.com) or Nikki Beseda at [nbeseda@gmail.com](mailto:nbeseda@gmail.com).

**SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND**

Bishop Vásquez has asked that we have a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection this weekend to help those affected by the recent natural disasters. He has decided that 50% of this collection will go to helping the people of South Louisiana, specifically the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux, and 50% will be sent to the US Bishops' Emergency Disaster Fund, to benefit the people of Haiti. Let our collection be a sign of our solidarity in Christ with and for our brothers and sisters of Haiti and Louisiana. May God bless you for your generosity.

**AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA ROSARY CRUSADE 2021**

October 13 of this year is the 104<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun at Fatima. As human efforts fail to solve America's key problems, we turn to God through His Holy Mother asking for His urgent help. Join us Saturday, **October 9**, at noon on the Fayetteville Courthouse Square as we mark this anniversary by praying a public Rosary. For details, contact Madeline Kovar at (979) 378-2361

**OLIVE WOOD NATIVITY CARVINGS**

made in Bethlehem will be available for purchase the weekend of **October 9-10**. Christians living in the Holy Land have very few opportunities to make a living, but they continue to struggle to remain there, a people devoted to our most cherished holy places. Many of these families have become talented carvers in olive wood, passing the skills down through the generations. By purchasing their products, we can help ensure their future as a Christian presence in the Holy Land. What a great idea for Christmas gifts!



**WONDERING HOW YOU CAN HELP WITH THE WORLD'S PROBLEMS?**

Prayer is powerful! Bring your intentions and come pray the Rosary at St. Mary on **Mondays at 6:00 p.m.** and/or at St. John on **Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m.**

THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
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**YEAR OF THE DOMESTIC CHURCH**

**September Theme: Family of Families**

The beauty of being a part of a community of faith is that in addition to our immediate family, we also have our church family. Each of our parishes is a family of families. When a family attends Mass, they are one family of many – some parishes have several thousand registered families. Those many families are all one family – together we are the Body of Christ.

As a family of faith, we are collectively and individually called to deepen our relationship with God. Every time we celebrate a sacrament, we strengthen and build our family. As a family of faith, we accompany each other as we baptize our babies, celebrate the Eucharist, witness the sacrament of matrimony or bury those who have died.

When we lose a loved one, we find support from our immediate families, but we are also surrounded by our family of faith. It is in moments like these that we live the Gospel. When we bury our dead, we comfort those who mourn. When we become sick, we can receive the sacrament of anointing of the sick, and we know our parish community is praying for our healing and supporting us in faith. As we find the love of our life, we share this love with our parish family as we profess our vows in the presence of God the Father. As we are blessed with children, we bring them to church, and our parish welcomes them at their baptism. It is truly a gift to be a part of the family of Christ!

--Gustavo Rodriguez in *Spiritus*



**ST. ROCH PARISH OF MENTZ'S** 167<sup>th</sup> Annual Picnic is Sunday, **October 3**. Mass is at 10:30 a.m. followed by a BBQ meal of beef, pork and sausage at 11:00 a.m. (\$14/plate) The live auction starts at 1:00 p.m. Also enjoy bingo, a country store, the raffle, a silent auction, kids' activities, and live music.

**THOSE IN THE LEGAL PROFESSION ARE INVITED TO**

**RED MASS:** The 30th annual diocesan Red Mass will be celebrated Thursday, **September 30**, at 6 p.m. at St. Mary Cathedral in Austin. Father Doug Jeffers, associate pastor of St. John Neumann Parish in Austin, will be the homilist. Red Mass is a Mass of the Holy Spirit celebrated annually at the opening of the judicial year. This 13th century European custom marked the opening of the parliament and received its name from the red color of the vestments worn by the celebrant and the scarlet robes worn by the Lord High Justices. Today, many cities around the U.S. hold the Red Mass annually in celebration of the legal profession.

**TOGETHER IN HOLINESS MARRIAGE CONFERENCE**

The St. John Paul II Foundation invites all married and engaged couples in the Diocese of Austin to the first "Together in Holiness" Marriage Conference on Saturday, **November 6**, from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at St. William Catholic Church in Round Rock. The conference includes dynamic presentations, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, and Reconciliation. Child care is available. Registration is \$59 per couple (*only \$49 if you register by September 20*). Visit [togetherinholiness.org](http://togetherinholiness.org) for more information.

**ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE** for your weekly, monthly or one-time donations. No need to write checks or remember your envelope... Just complete an authorization form found at the Church entrance and return it to the parish office, or sign yourself up on the parishes websites' "Make a Donation" page.

**FOR THOSE PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE:** Couples planning to marry should contact their priest or deacon at least nine months prior to their wedding date in order to begin the marriage preparation process. Your parish is always the best choice for your marriage preparation. Your parish priest is part of your spiritual lives. Schedule an appointment with a priest in your parish.

**OTHER NEWS**

**HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH OF CORN HILL**

invites everyone to their annual Bazaar TODAY, **September 19**. Holy Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. BBQ and Fried Chicken will be served from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., with Adult plates for \$12 and Child plates for \$6. Come enjoy the polka music, children's games, live and silent auctions, bingo, and kolaches!

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH**

in Sealy will have their annual Bazaar and Homecoming on Sunday, **September 26**, at Sealy KC Hall on Hwy. 90 West. A 3-meat BBQ dinner (\$12/plate) will be served at 10:30 a.m., dine in or drive through. Mexican food will also be available. The rest of the day will consist of a live auction, raffle, booths, and live music by Kovanda's Czech Band--all under the pavilion. An online auction will also be held, with bidding open from 6 p.m., September 24, to 6 p.m., October 3. Access it at [icc-Sealy.org](http://icc-Sealy.org). For more information, call 979-885-3868.

**COLUMBUS KCs**

will have a Fried Chicken Drive Thru meal with buttered potatoes and coleslaw on Sunday, **September 26**, at the Columbus KC Hall, starting at 11:00 a.m. Plates are \$11/ea. Proceeds benefit the St. Anthony School Equipment Fund. CDA will have desserts available for sale. Call 979-732-5505 for tickets.

**QUEEN OF THE HOLY ROSARY PARISH OF HOSTYN**

will have their Annual Festival on Sunday, **October 3**. There will be a Mass with lively Polka music at 10:00 a.m., followed by a fried chicken and sausage meal (\$12/plate) starting at 11:00 a.m. The auction will begin at 1:00 p.m., bingo at 1:30 p.m., a magic show at 3:00 p.m. and live music will go all day. Other activities will include cake and plant wheels, a country store, a silent auction, and a balloon artist.

**Catholic Social Teaching Corner**

**Sept. 18-19 – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Christ reminds us, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me." Considering the various justice issues that affect children in our country — particularly the children of immigrants and the marginalized and the unborn — we must stand up for their rights, as they possess an inherent dignity deserving the basic necessities to grow up as joyful children of God.

**Septiembre 18-19 - Vigésimo Quinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario**

Cristo nos recuerda que "el que recibe a un niño como éste en mi nombre, me recibe a mí". Considerando los distintos temas que afectan a los niños en nuestro país - particularmente a los niños de los inmigrantes, los marginados y los no-natos- debemos alzarnos por sus derechos ya que ellos poseen una dignidad inherente y merecen cubrir sus necesidades básicas para crecer como hijos gozosos de Dios.

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**ST. JOHN LITURGICAL DUTIES**

**LECTOR**

**Saturday** – Annette Little  
**Sunday** – Christine Wied

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

**Saturday** – Annette Little, Leslie Little  
**Sunday** – Christine Wied, Pat Geistmann

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Saturday** – Paige Jurecka, Peyton Jurecka, Jacob Nigh  
**Sunday** – Wade Halamicek, Mackenzie Poncik, Logan Poncik

**GIFT BEARERS**

**Saturday** – Justin Huebner Family  
**Sunday** – Brian Warschak Family

**ALTAR DUTY FOR SEPTEMBER**

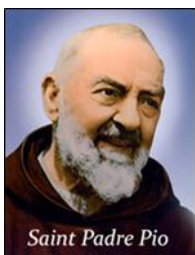
Nancy Gaertner, Angie Pavlicek, Suzanne Mattair,  
Veronica Ryza

**USHERS FOR SEPTEMBER**

**Saturday** – Robert Janish, Erwin Kovar, Betty Kovar,  
Ronnie Chernosky  
**Sunday** – Kenneth Noska, John Spiess, David Bertsch,  
Lee Matocha

**ST. JOHN CONTACTS**

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



**St. Pio of Pietrelcina  
(Padré Pio)  
September 23**

Born as Francesco Forgione in 1887, Padre Pio grew up in a family of farmers in southern Italy. At the age of 15, Francesco joined the Capuchins and took the name of Pio. He was ordained in 1910 and was drafted during World War I. After he was discovered to have tuberculosis, he was discharged.

In 1917, he was assigned to the friary in San Giovanni Rotondo. On September 20, 1918, as he was making his thanksgiving after Mass, Padre Pio had a vision of Jesus. When the vision ended, he had the stigmata in his hands, feet, and side.

During World War II, as soldiers returned home with stories of Padre Pio, he became internationally known. Many came to see him out of curiosity, yet left with their lives changed forever because of him. He famously advised, “Pray, hope and don’t worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayer.”

Padré Pio is remembered for his devout priestly life, his charity, and the quality of his preaching. He often heard confessions for 10 hours at a time. Pope John Paul II canonized Padre Pio in June 2002. He is the patron of civil defense volunteers and adolescents.

*“Prayer is the best weapon we have; it is the key to God’s heart.”  
-- Padre Pio*

**ST. MARY LITURGICAL DUTIES**

**LECTOR**

**Saturday** – Jan Jurecka  
**Sunday** – Ashley Havel

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Saturday** – Kole Schmitt  
**Sunday** – Luke Korenek

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

**September 25/26** – Paulette Urban  
**October 2/3** – Paula Urban  
**October 9/10** – Diane Marusik

**USHERS FOR SEPTEMBER**

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

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Cemetery	Vlasta Korenek	979-732-2836

***A Note from the Pastor***



My dear Brothers and Sisters,

We all can recall the familiar account of the Parable of Prodigal Son. Sometimes with a story that we know so well, we can easily say that we've heard it all before. But, as you hear this tale of God's generous love and forgiveness, try to listen for a new and deeper detail that you may have not noticed before. Put yourself in the place of one or each of the characters. What would it feel like to be the father in this story? What would it feel like to be the younger son? What would it feel like to be the older son? What new insights into God's love can you discover by placing yourself as each of these characters and looking through their eyes? Often, we say we are searching for God. In a sense such a search is futile because we are expecting to find God in our own way and time. However, God is the One who reveals Himself to us.

As a rejected yet loving father, God patiently waits until we have come to our senses. What is it about us that makes us so desirable? The answer, of course, is that it has less to do with us, than with the magnanimous character of God. This magnanimous act is to make sacrifices for worthy ends. It is almost as if unconditional love is not simply a characteristic of God, but God's very essence; and no human frailty or depravity can change this. To be children of God, we too are called to imitate this unconditional love towards all. It is easy to love those who love us, after all even Satan can do that. We are challenged to love even those who have offended us; we are called to love our enemies. The great joy is that we are a work in progress, and in this progress of reaching toward perfection, God continues to love us unconditionally. May God continue to bless you all with His love.

*-Fr. Steve*