

# St. Mary Catholic Church

*Est. 1855*

**Mission Parish**

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



**Weekly Offering:** \$ 1,372.00  
**Online Giving:** \$ 256.38  
\$ 1,628.38

*Average Weekly Operating Expenses*  
\$ 2,492

## MASSES

**Wednesday at 7:00 a.m.**  
*No Mass*

**Friday at 7:00 a.m.**  
*No Mass*

**Saturday Vigil at 4:00 p.m.**  
*Mark Gerik †*

**Sunday at 8:00 a.m.**  
*Garland C., Garland W.,  
and Juanita Polasek †*

# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

*Est. 1870*

207 E. Bell St.  
Fayetteville

www.stjohnfayetteville.com



**Weekly Offering:** \$ 3,578.00  
**Online Giving:** \$ 655.00  
\$ 4,233.00

*Average Weekly Operating Expenses*  
\$ 5,011

## MASSES

**Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.**  
*No Mass*

**Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.**  
*No Mass*

**Thursday at 7:00 a.m.**  
*No Mass*

**Friday at 6:00 p.m.**  
*Willie Mae Jasek †*

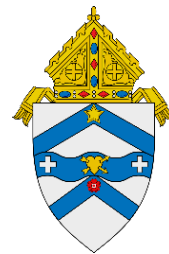
**Saturday at 7:30 a.m.**  
*Loretta Peschel †*

**Saturday Vigil at 6:00 p.m.**  
*David Kulhanek †*

**Sunday at 10:00 a.m.**  
*For the People*



**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, February 8, 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:** 30-15 minutes before every  
Mass (excluding Holy Days)

## Mailing Address and Contact Information

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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.

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PARISH LIFE

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Judy Burklund, Ron Conley, Carolyn Countryman, Dan Castillo, Brian Fruge, Waldine Fruge, Dan Hall, Bernita Hlinsky, Calvin Hlinsky, Christine Kaspar, Kathy Kneblak, Betty Jean Kulhanek, Rosalie Lopez, Helen Mikus, Leo Miller, Richard Mueller, Cynthia Niesner, Kaycee Roesler, Jim Sula, Nancy Klawinsky Till, Ben Tucker, Rick Vandell, 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.)*



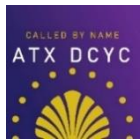
**The PARISH extends CONGRATULATIONS** to *Cole Fenhaus, John Fritz, Peyton Jurecka, Jake Kubala, Payton LeBlue, Skylar Neumann, Kimberly Rohde, Maggie Salinas, Kayme Schley, Keagan Supak, and Melissa Weishuhn* who are

receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation today. May they always be open to the Holy Spirit working in and leading them in their lives of faith.

**IN MEMORIAM:** The parish family of St. John & St. Mary extends sympathies and prayers towards the families of *Margaret Chovanec and Steve Janish* who died last week. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

**FAITH FORMATION 2021-2022:**

- Grades K-1 meets **Wednesday from 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.**



**DIOCESAN CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE**, *Called By Name* will be the weekend of **February 5-6** at the Waco Convention Center. **Our group of participants going to DCYC will meet on Saturday, February 5 at 5:45 a.m. and return Sunday afternoon.**

**MARK YOUR NEW CALENDARS** for Vacation Bible School this summer to be held **July 18 – 22, 2022!** Remember, all adult volunteers must be EIM compliant.

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITY**

Ecclesiology will be offered online via Microsoft Teams on Tuesdays from 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. on: **February 1, 8, 15, 22.** This course examines key documents presenting the major themes about how the Church is understood, both theologically and in human experience. Visit: <https://www.givecentral.org/appeals-form-registration/acp61a66e7b6eaf6/user/guest> to register.

**ST. MARY'S ALTAR SOCIETY** will meet on Wednesday, **February 2**, at 1:00 p.m.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Officer's Meeting** will be on Monday, **February 7**, at 6:30 p.m.

**ST. JOHN'S ALTAR SOCIETY** meeting is Tuesday, **February 8**, at 1:00 p.m. in the parish hall.

**KJZT #41, THE ANNUNCIATION** will meet on Saturday, **February 12**, after the 4:00 p.m. Mass in St. Mary's Hall. All are welcome. For further information, call Mildred at (979) 270-1705.

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS**

- **MONTHLY MEETING** will be Tuesday, **February 1**, at 6:30 p.m. at St. John's Parish Hall.
- **CDA SCHOLARSHIPS are due tomorrow, January 31.**
- **QUILTING** of the CDA raffle prize quilt will be at St. Mary's Parish Hall beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, **February 14** through **February 18.** The quilt will be set up after the 4 p.m. Mass on Saturday, **February 12.** If you don't quilt, you can help by bringing refreshments. For more information, please call Mildred at (979) 270-1705.

**CALLED BY NAME SUNDAY**

Called By Name Sunday is **February 5-6** in the Diocese of Austin. Called By Name Sunday is an opportunity for us as individuals to be open to God's calling in our lives and it is also a time for us to allow God to call others through our invitation. Is there someone you know who may be called to the priesthood or religious life? Help us to encourage them by sharing their name and contact information. There are two ways to do so: online or by mail.

- To share their information online, go to the diocesan Vocations website at [godiscalling.me](http://godiscalling.me).
- To share their information by mail, fill out the form on the envelope we have provided. Tear off the top and save it as a prayer card. Seal the envelope. Put a stamp on it and drop it in the mail.

Those whose names are provided will receive a communication from Bishop Vásquez and the Vocations Office with encouragement and resources to hear and respond to God's call for their life - no matter what it is.

Thank you for your generous participation in Called By Name Sunday. With your help, this initiative will bear fruit for our diocese for generations to come.

**ETHICS AND INTEGRITY IN MINISTRY WORKSHOPS**

All clergy, staff, members of ALL organizations, (Choir, Councils, CDA, Altar Society, KC's, KJZT, KJT, etc.) and ALL volunteers of any event at the parish or diocesan location are required to complete an Application for Ministry AND attend an EIM workshop every three years. **Preregistration is required for all workshops.**

Upcoming workshops in our area include:

- **Sacred Heart Parish, La Grange**  
Monday, **February 21**, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., English
- **St. Mary of the Assumption, String Prairie**  
Sunday, **March 6**, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., English
- **St. John, Fayetteville**  
Monday, **March 21**, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., English

**FAITHFUL ENCOURAGED PARTICIPATE IN SYNOD**



Bishop Joe Vásquez, in communion with Pope Francis, invites all the faithful to have their voices heard, leading up to the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, by completing the survey linked at [www.austindiocese.org/synod-for-a-synodal-church](http://www.austindiocese.org/synod-for-a-synodal-church). The survey will be available until the extended date of **February 15, 2022.** The questions center around the theme "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission." Your participation is important!

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS NEXT WEEKEND** will be for the Cemetery at St. Mary and Faith Formation at St. John.

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OTHER NEWS

**SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL – LA GRANGE** will celebrate National Catholic Schools Week **January 30 – February 5, 2022**. The theme for 2022 is *Faith, Excellence, Service*. Sacred Heart Catholic School will begin the week with an opening Mass on Sunday, January 30, and will have activities each day of the week for students and families. Through these events, we focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities and our nation. Please contact us at 979-968-3223 to find out more about our school. We would love to show you our school/campus and talk to you about enrolling your child(ren).



**THE MOBILE FOOD PANTRY** will be at St. John on **Friday, February 3, from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.** This distribution will be a Drive-Thru, so all clients are to stay in their vehicles and open the trunk. Volunteers will load the food in your vehicle.

**KJT SOCIETY #28, GRANGER** is sponsoring a Sausage & Sauerkraut Dinner on Sunday, **February 13** at the SSCM Hall in Granger. This is a Drive-Thru only meal. Serving will be from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (or until Sold Out). Plates will be \$12. Proceeds benefit the KJT Society, which donates to the Church as well as other community organizations.

**CATHOLIC CHURCH IN DUBINA AS PILGRIMAGE SITE**  
On Monday, **February 14, 2022**, Bishop Branden Cahill of the Diocese of Victoria will celebrate Mass at 10:30 a.m. inaugurating Saints Cyril and Methodius Church as a diocesan pilgrimage site. Lunch will follow in the parish hall. Everyone is invited, especially those with an affection for the first of seven parishes in Texas having the Apostles to the Slavs, Saints Cyril, and Methodius as their patrons. Those attending and having lunch are asked to RSVP to (832) 437-4077 or to mmarek1212@gmail.com by February 10.

**CZECH MASS - VÍTAME VÁS NA CORN HILL:**

In February we celebrate the Feast Day of Sts. Cyril and Methodius, patron saints of the Czech Republic and patron saints of Slavic peoples. In honor of them, a Czech Mass will be celebrated on, Sunday, **February 20**, at 5:00 pm, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Corn Hill. All prayers, readings and hymns will be in the Czech language. After Mass, a Dinner will be served in the Parish Activity Center. Everyone is welcome to come and celebrate this special feast day of Sts. Cyril and Methodius.

**CALLING ALL PASTORAL MUSICIANS!** Pastoral musicians are invited to join the NPM Austin Chapter for a social and networking gathering at the diocesan Pastoral Center in Austin **Feb. 21** at 6 p.m. Father James Misko, vicar general of the diocese, and Camille Garcia, communications director for the diocese, will join us to share about the synodal process, the 75th anniversary of the diocese, and other exciting things happening in our diocese in the coming months. This will be followed by trivia, so come ready to have a good time! This event is for NPM members. You can sign up for membership at [www.npm.org](http://www.npm.org) or on-site the day of the event. Please register for this event by Feb. 16 at [www.npmaustin.org](http://www.npmaustin.org). Social distancing and face masks will be required.

**ANNUAL TURKEY AND DRESSING DINNER** will be served at St. Roch Catholic Church in Mentz on Sunday, **February 6**, starting at 11:00 a.m. Tickets are \$12 per plate, Drive Thru Only. Desserts available for a free-will donation. Enjoy the raffle, too!

**MEN: DO YOU FEEL A CALL TO SERVE AS A DEACON?**



Men between 30 and 59 sensing God's call to the permanent diaconate are invited to attend, with their wives, an Inquiry Session offered by the Office of Diaconal Formation. The next meeting opportunity is on **February 13** at St. John the Evangelist Parish in Marble Falls – 105 Highway 1431 East, Marble Falls, TX 78654

**CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE IS FEBRUARY 19**

The 10<sup>th</sup> annual Catholic Men's Conference will be held **February 19** from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at San José Parish in Austin. The conference will feature three guest speakers as well as Mass with Bishop Joe Vásquez. Speakers include Chris Stefanick, the president and founder of Real Life Catholic; Dr. Ansel Augustine, the New Orleans Area Director of Vagabond Missions; and Kevin Cotter, author and executive director of the Vine Foundation. There are in-person and livestream options for the event. Details are available at [centexcatholic.com](http://centexcatholic.com)

**A QUILTERS RETREAT: STITCHING FAITH AND CREATIVITY TOGETHER!**

Making a quilt is a creative experience and can help us grow in our relationship with God. In this retreat, to take place on **February 18-20**, there will be two options for quilt making: one piecing a simple quilt and one machine quilting. Prayer, quiet reflection and Mass will be offered as well. The retreat will be led by Teri Lucas. Teri is a wife, author on quilting and a member of St. Helen Parish in Georgetown. A list of supplies will be available upon registration. The cost is \$270 for a private room, \$230 for a shared room and \$130 for commuters.

**HOLY ROSARY MEN'S ACTS RETREAT**

is scheduled for **March 17 – 20** at Cathedral Oaks Retreat Center in Weimar. Applications are available online at [www.holyrosaryacts.com](http://www.holyrosaryacts.com), at the church entrance, or from any team member. Call Alvin Minarcik at (979) 249-7449 or Brandon Theut at (832) 421-8333 with any questions. Prayerfully consider giving yourself the gift of some time spent on Holy Ground.

**Catholic Social Teaching Corner**

**Jan. 29-30, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Considering the decadence of this contemporary age in secular society, there is a critical need to stand up for what is right and just. We are reminded by Jeremiah that taking the hard right, as opposed to the easy wrong, is the correct moral and ethical choice. As long as we stand on the promises of Christ, God will provide us the fortitude and strength to speak the truth.

**Enero 29-30, Cuarto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario**

*Considerando la decadencia de esta época contemporánea en la sociedad secular, existe una necesidad crítica de pronunciarnos por lo que es justo y correcto. Jeremías nos recuerda que optar por lo correcto y difícil, en lugar de optar por lo fácil y equivocado es la decisión correcta moral y ética. Mientras nos apoyemos en las promesas de Cristo, Dios nos dará fortaleza y fuerza para decir la verdad.*



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**ST. JOHN LITURGICAL DUTIES**

**LECTOR**

**Wednesday** – Grade 7  
**Saturday** – Herman Schramm  
**Sunday** – Cindy Garwood

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

**Wednesday** – Lexus Zika, Paulette Keilers  
**Saturday** – Annette Little, Leslie Little  
**Sunday** – Nikki Beseda, Cindy Garwood

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Saturday** – Lydia Huebner, Gregory Huebner, Luke Huebner  
**Sunday** – Mackayla Griffin, Scotti Beseda, Luke Beseda

**GIFT BEARERS**

**Wednesday** – Grade 3  
**Saturday** – Vincent Orsak Family  
**Sunday** – Arlis Keilers Family

**ALTAR DUTY FOR FEBRUARY**

Ruth Beseda, Michelle Bertsch, Sandra Janish, Kathy Chovanec

**USHERS FOR FEBRUARY**

**Saturday** – Joseph Munsch, David Stastny, Christopher Stastny, Ronnie Kramr  
**Sunday** – David Holub, John H. Cufur, Rick Schilling, Joe Babin

**ST. JOHN CONTACTS**

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K.J.Z.T.	Mary Jane Toddy	979-249-6231
Hall Rental	Parish Office	979-378-2277
Cemetery	Ronald Kramr	979-249-6152



**St. Blaise – February 3**

According to the legendary *Acts of St. Blaise*, which were written 400 years after his death, St. Blaise was a good bishop who worked hard to encourage the spiritual and physical health of his people. He was forced to flee to the country because of Christian persecution. There he lived as a hermit in solitude and prayer, but he made friends with the wild animals. One day a group of hunters seeking wild animals for the amphitheater stumbled upon Blaise’s cave. They were first surprised and then frightened. The bishop was kneeling in prayer surrounded by patiently waiting wolves, lions and bears. The legend has it that as the hunters hauled Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise’s command the child was able to cough up the bone. St. Blaise was martyred in his episcopal city of Sebastea, Armenia, in 316.



**BLESSING OF THE THROATS & CANDLES**

This Feast of the Presentation of the Lord celebrates the presentation of Jesus in the Temple and His manifestation as the light of revelation to the world. In honor of this feast, candles will be blessed at all Masses on the weekend of **February 6**. The blessing of the throats in honor of St. Blaise Feast Day will also be on the weekend of February 6.

**ST. MARY LITURGICAL DUTIES**

**LECTOR**

**Saturday** – Rose Urban  
**Sunday** – Ashley Havel

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Saturday** – Kole Schmitt  
**Sunday** – Julie Korenek

**USHERS FOR JANUARY**

**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***



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Our parishes have always been strong supporters of Vocations, but have we ever thought about how supporting Catholic Schools supports Vocations, too? There is certainly no shortage of research on how Catholic Schools perform academically, and few would question the ability of Catholic Schools to educate students. However, the top reason parents chose to enroll children in Catholic Schools is not for academics but for “quality religious education” followed by a “safe environment”. Parents cite tuition costs as their biggest problem in enrolling their children followed by “insufficient tuition assistance.” This is where we can help our local Catholic School.

Generally, those who attended a Catholic school go to Mass more frequently as compared to those who did not attend a Catholic School. If Catholic Schools disappeared, the Church might expect future Mass attendance levels to be well below 10% (outside of Christmas, Easter, and Ash Wednesday services.) Without Catholic Schools the Church might also expect to have fewer Catholics in the United States overall.

Another key area where Catholic Schools have a strong impact is on Vocations. If fewer and fewer Catholics enroll in Catholic Schools in the future, it will become more challenging for the Catholic Church to foster vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Catholic Schools are a major part of a pipeline that provides a source of vocations and ministers. Without Catholic Schools the next generation of Church leaders would be more difficult to recruit. Therefore, the Catholic Church would be weakened significantly by continued losses of Catholic Schools. Our commitment of supporting vocations needs to start with our support of Catholic Schools so that we will have men and women to support in the vocations of priests and religious. -Fr. Steve

**February 1**

**Happy Birthday Father Steve!**

