

# St. Mary Catholic Church

*Est. 1855*  
Mission Parish  
815 St. Mary's Church Rd.  
Fayetteville (near Ellinger)  
www.stmaryellinger.com



Weekly Offering: \$ 1,474.00  
Online Giving: \$ 305.00  
CCHD: \$ 367.00

Average Weekly Operating Expenses  
\$ 2,635

## MASSES

Wednesday at 7:00 a.m.  
Cynthia Niesner †

Friday at 7:00 a.m.  
Doris Kubicek †

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 p.m.  
Living & Dec'd of the Petty Family

Sunday at 8:00 a.m.  
Madeline Ferreri †

# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

*Est. 1870*  
207 E. Bell St.  
Fayetteville  
www.stjohnfayetteville.com



Weekly Offering: \$ 6,441.22  
Online Giving: \$ 970.00  
CCHD: \$ 737.00

Average Weekly Operating Expenses  
\$ 5,087

## MASSES

Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.  
Frank & Albina Malota †

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.  
Clem W. Gully †

Thursday at 7:00 a.m.  
Bonnie & Adela Kulhanek †

Friday at 6:00 p.m.  
Loretta Peschel †

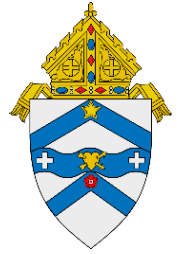
Saturday at 7:30 a.m.  
Dec'd of the  
Robert & Isabella Fellman Family †

Saturday Vigil at 6:00 p.m.  
Craig Coufal †

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, December 6 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 3:00-5:30 p.m.  
**St. Mary:** 30-15 minutes before every  
Mass (excluding Holy Days)

## Mailing Address and Contact Information

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pastor@stjohnfayetteville.com

Deacon Robert Jasek

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## Administrative Staff

Lexus Zika  
Sheryl Malinowski  
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## Faith Formation

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## Knights of Columbus

Jim Sula kofc3168@gmail.com

## Catholic Daughters of the Americas

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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 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
NOVEMBER 27, AD 2022**

**PARISH LIFE**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Judy Burkland, Dan Castillo, Rhonda Edwards, Dwight, Sherri, and Waldine Fruge, Dan Hall, Courtney Hare, Bernita Hlinsky, Christine Kaspar, Joyce Keller, Kathy Kneblak, Betty Jean Kulhanek, Alice Malota, Doris Matocha, Helen Mikus, Leo Miller, Avery Nelson, Frank Potts, Kaycee Roesler, Aaron Svrcek, B.J. Vasek, Genelle Wied, 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.)*

**FAITH FORMATION 2022-2023**

- **Grades K-1** meets every **Wednesday at 6:00-6:50 p.m.**
- **Grades 2-6** meets every **Wednesday from 6:00-7:30 p.m.**
- **Grades 7-12** meets every **Wednesday from 7:00 until 8:30 p.m.** These students will attend the 7:00 p.m. Mass.

Children should arrive no earlier than 5:45 p.m.

**FIRST FRIDAY** occurs this week. There will be First Friday Mass at St. Mary at 7:00 a.m.

Part of our preparation for the birth of Christ should be to **spend more time with Our Lord in Adoration as well as receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation.** Here's an opportunity! This Friday at St. John, we will have the Exposition of the Eucharist at 3:00 p.m., closing with Benediction at 5:30 p.m. (followed by Mass at 6:00 p.m.) Confessions will be available from 3:00 – 5:30 p.m.

**CALLING ALL YOUNG VOICES!** All youth in grades 2-12 are invited to sing at the St. John Christmas Eve Mass which will be at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, **December 24.** Practices are scheduled for TODAY, Sunday, **November 27,** and Sunday, **December 18** after 10 a.m. Mass. There will be one more practice during the week before Christmas. Please call or text Rachel Schley at (979) 249-7501 for more information.

**CONFIRMATION** has been set for Sunday, **January 29, 2023** at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Bishop Vásquez will officiate.

**CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY**

- **CHRISTMAS DECORATING:** CYM youth will be decorating St. John Church on Sunday, **December 18,** after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. All high school students are asked to participate as we set up the mangers and decorate the church for Christmas. Parents are welcome to join; your help will be appreciated.
- **DIOCESAN CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE (DCYC) 2023:** All High School students are invited to celebrate their faith at the 2023 DCYC, **February 4-5,** at the Waco Convention Center. Hundreds of young Catholics from across the diocese will gather for a dynamic weekend packed with keynote speakers, smaller workshops, praise & worship, and fun free-time activities. DCYC also offers many sacramental opportunities such as Reconciliation, Adoration, daily Mass and Sunday Mass. Registration forms are on the parish website or at the church entrance. Please turn them in by **December 9.**

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:** To donate toward the purchase of flowers for the Altar at Christmas, you may use the Christmas Flower envelope provided at the entrance of the church. Please put the donation in the collection by **December 11.**

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

**THANK YOU KOLACHE BAKERS** for all you time, effort and dedication for the Diocesan 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration!

**2023 CALENDARS** are available at the entrance of Church. This year the calendars were donated by our Fayetteville/Ellinger K.C. council and K.C. Field Agent, Jody Supak. **Thank you, Knights!**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

- **RED ROOSTER** will be Tuesday, **November 29,** at the La Grange KC Hall, with the social starting at 6:30 p.m. followed by a meal. All members and potential members are welcome to attend.
- **OFFICER'S MEETING** is on Monday, **December 5,** at 6:30 p.m. in St. John Parish Hall.

**K.J.Z.T. #41 ELLINGER** will hold a meeting on Monday, **December 5** at the home of Doris Hechler, 1146 Ehlinger Church Lane. Any questions? Call Mildred Walla at (979) 270-1705.

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA**

- **CDA EDUCATION CONTEST:** This year's topics are "We Walk by Faith, Not by Sight" and "When do I have to Lean on My Faith More than Sight?" Students in grades 4-12 and CDA members may enter. Entry forms can be obtained at the entrance of the church. **December 31, 2022** is the deadline for entries. For more info, please contact Suzanne Mattair at 979-249-3901.
- **CDA MEMORIAL MASS AND ADVENT SOCIAL:** All ladies of the parish, young and old, are invited to the Annual CDA Advent Social and potluck dinner on Tuesday, **December 6,** following the 6:00 p.m. Memorial Mass, at St. John's Parish Hall. Bring a friend to share the fun! If you wish to exchange gifts, bring a gift valued at \$7.00 - \$10.00.
- **COOKIES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS:** Each CDA member is asked to bring 5 to 6 dozen cookies to be delivered to senior citizens. You may bring them to the parish hall at the Advent Social or the morning of Wednesday, **December 7.** The packing of cookies will begin at 1:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed for this activity.



**ST. MARY'S ALTAR SOCIETY** has their annual Christmas Candy and Bake Sale fundraiser on Saturday, **December 17,** at St. Mary's Hall beginning at 8:00 a.m. Homemade candies, baked goods, and other gift items will be available for purchase. Hotdogs and sandwich sales start at 10:30 a.m. Tickets for the raffle of a handmade quilt and 28 other nice prizes are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Drawing will be at 11:30 a.m. Raffle tickets are available from Altar Society members or the church office.

**ST. JOHN'S PARISH ADVENT DINNER** will be at the parish hall on Sunday, **December 11.** Social hour will begin at 11:00 a.m., followed by a meal of lasagna, salad and bread.

- Please RSVP to the church office by **TODAY.** Please specify if you need to bring a meal to any parishioners who are homebound.
- If you plan to attend, please bring the following: If your last name begins with **A – M,** bring an **appetizer,** and those with last names **N – Z,** bring a **dessert.**
- All parishioners are invited to donate to the *St. John's Cares Fund* that will be used to purchase HEB and other local merchant gift cards for those in need in our community.

# THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## NOVEMBER 27, AD 2022

**ST. MARY'S PARISH ADVENT DINNER** will be held on Sunday, **December 18**. The parish will provide a side of potatoes and a choice of two meats. Parishioners are asked to bring either a dessert or an additional type of side dish. The meal will be served at 12:00 noon with social time beginning at 11:00 a.m. If you plan to attend, sign up on the sheet at the church entrance or call the office. Please specify if you need to bring a meal to any homebound parishioners. RSVPs should be made by Sunday, **December 11**.

**ANGEL TREE:** Sponsored by the CDA, each "angel" on the tree at the church represents a child or adult in a desperate family situation. If you are able to fulfill one of the gift requests, please return the gift by **December 11**. Wrap in gift bags, put the "angel" tag on it, and leave the present near or under the tree. Thank you!

**CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL:** Thank you to everyone who has already pledged a gift. We are still working toward both parish's goals of 100% participation. If you have yet to make your gift, please prayerfully consider how you can best support the CSA and the vital programs and ministries it funds in our diocese. Please complete and return your pledge card—even if you can only pray for the appeal this year—in the collection basket or the mail. You can also make a secure gift online at [austindiocese.org/csa](http://austindiocese.org/csa).

**THANK YOU** for your generous support last week to the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections).

**#IGIVECATHOLIC** is a Giving Day for the faithful across the nation to come together and raise as many charitable dollars as possible for Catholic parishes, schools, and ministries in participating arch/diocese. Both of our parishes are included in this effort. **#iGiveCatholic** takes place on **#GivingTuesday, November 29**. To participate, visit [www.igivecatholic.org](http://www.igivecatholic.org), select Diocese of Austin (Partner), and type in "St. John" or "St. Mary." This allows you to view St. John's and St. Mary's profile pages and make a donation towards our projects! You can also give offline via a cash or check donation given directly to the parish.



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**COME PRAY WITH US!** 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.**

### Catholic Social Teaching Corner

Nov. 26-27 First Sunday of Advent

"Active waiting for the Lord means not allowing ourselves to be lulled into purely private interests in our homes and apartments, but donating our attention, time and talents. It implies sharing our strengths and accepting our weaknesses in our parishes, schools, community work, and in society at large," said Cardinal Joseph Bernardin. How can we "actively wait" for Christ this Advent?

Nov. 26-27, Primer Domingo de Adviento

"Esperar activamente al Señor significa no dejarnos adormecer por puros intereses privados en nuestras casas y apartamentos, pero donar nuestra atención, tiempo y talentos. Esto implica compartir nuestras fortalezas y aceptar nuestras debilidades en nuestras parroquias, escuelas, comunidades de trabajo y en la sociedad," dijo el Cardenal Joseph Bernardin ¿Cómo podemos "esperar activamente" la llegada de Cristo durante este Adviento?



**CLERICAL ENDOWMENT FUND CHRISTMAS CARDS** are a good way to remember someone at Christmas and support the CEF. Purchase cards at the parish office, at Fayetteville Bank, or after Mass at St. Mary's every second Sunday. For more info, call Donna Shula (979) 378-2749, or Margaret Kubala (979) 378-2877.

**MIGHT GOD BE CALLING YOU TO THE PRIESTHOOD?** Join Father Greg Gerhart, vocation director, along with other priests and seminarians for Heart of Jesus -- a discernment retreat with Mass, prayer, talks and small group sharing with other single men, 18-35 years old, who are also discerning their vocation. The retreat will take place **December 14-16** at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Temple. Register today at [austinvocations.com](http://austinvocations.com).

### OTHER NEWS

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** at Second Chance Emporium the days of **November 29-December 1** (stocking the store); **December 2-3** (sale days); and **December 5** (straighten store). We request that you work 3 hrs in order to shop. For questions, please contact Suzanne Mattair at (832) 465-2383 or Sara Vandel at (979) 966-7693.

**THE CENTRAL TEXAS FOOD BANK MOBILE FOOD PANTRY distribution process is changing!** The Pantry will be here Wednesday, **December 14**, from **10:00 – 11:00 a.m.**



- **Clients** must be present and at least 18 years old. They will need to bring their own bags, and park and walk up to the distribution tables.
- **Volunteers**, we need you! Please arrive by 9:30 a.m. to help.

**SENIOR CITIZEN SOCIAL** will be on Thursday, **December 1**, from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. at St. John's Parish Hall. All senior citizens are invited for an afternoon of games, fellowship and refreshments.

**FREE VIRTUAL WORKSHOP: 3 Secrets Catholic Families Use to Successfully Manage Their Money Even in Uncertain Times** – Join us online on Wednesday, **December 7, 2022** from 1-2 p.m. for this free and informative workshop hosted by Dan Wierzbowski, Associate Director of Planned Giving for the Diocese of Austin, and presented by Jonathan and Amanda Teixeira, co-founders of WalletWin. In this workshop you'll learn real-life, practical advice drawn from Scripture, Church teaching, the lives of the Saints, and common financial sense. Register at [www.austindiocese.org/3-secrets-catholic-families-use-to-manage-money](http://www.austindiocese.org/3-secrets-catholic-families-use-to-manage-money).

**10TH ANNUAL DIOCESAN CELEBRATION HONORING OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE:** On **December 3**, Bishop Vásquez will lead a procession from St. Mary Cathedral to San José Parish followed by Mass at San José. For more information please visit [www.austindiocese.org/olg-celebration](http://www.austindiocese.org/olg-celebration).

**SUPPORT OUR PARISHES WITH YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING ON AMAZON!** Visit [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com), sign in to your Amazon account, and select **St. John Catholic Church, Fayetteville** or **St. Mary Catholic Church, Ellinger** as your organization of choice. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the parish you choose at no cost to you. For help or more info, visit [org.amazon.com](http://org.amazon.com).



**THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
NOVEMBER 27, AD 2022**

**ST. JOHN LITURGICAL DUTIES**

**LECTOR**

**Wednesday**- Grade 11 & 12  
**Saturday** – Addie Dybala  
**Sunday** – John Spiess

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

**Wednesday** –Lori Spiess, Nikki Beseda, Michelle Bertsch  
**Saturday** – Joan Malota(H), Wanda Fritsch(H),  
 Addie Dybala(C), Sharon Martinek(C)  
**Sunday** – Rick Schilling(H), Jeanne Schilling(H),  
 Lori Spiess(C), Nikki Beseda(C)

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Wednesday** – Grade 3 (3) & Grade 5 (1)  
**Saturday** – Kloey Noska, Trace Chovanec, Jacob Nigh  
**Sunday** – Luke Beseda, Scotti Beseda, Mackayla Griffin

**GIFT BEARERS**

**Wednesday** – Grade 2  
**Saturday** – Jonathan Noska Family  
**Sunday** – Marcus Sodek Family

**ALTAR DUTY FOR DECEMBER:** Sara Vandel,  
 Rachel Kubala, Dawn Supak, Madeline Kovar

**USHERS FOR DECEMBER**

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

**ST. JOHN CONTACTS**

Pastoral Council Chair	Leslie Little
Finance Council Chair	Steve Pavlicek
St. John Altar Society	Madeline Kovar
Pro-Life Coordinator	Nikki Beseda
K.J.Z.T.	Mary Jane Toddy
Hall Rental	Parish Office
Cemetery	Ronald Kramr

**ST. MARY LITURGICAL DUTIES**

**LECTOR**

**Saturday** – Jan Jurecka  
**Sunday** – Aimee Korenek

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

**Saturday** – Jan Jurecka, Rose Urban  
**Sunday** – Aimee Korenek, Robert Balzer

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Saturday** – Ethan Keilers  
**Sunday** – Luke Korenek

**USHERS FOR DECEMBER**

**Saturday** – James Wunderlich, Anton Becka, Lee Roy Shula,  
 Alfred Ermis  
**Sunday** – Jim Sula, Bradley Divin, Donnie Becka, James Korenek

**ST. MARY CONTACTS**

Pastoral Council Chair	Joe Lamer
Finance Council Chair	Ed Alvarado
St. Mary Altar Society	Donna Shula
Pro-Life Coordinator	Aimee Korenek
K.J.Z.T.	Mary Vrazel
Hall Rental	James Korenek
Cemetery	Parish Office
	Vlasta Korenek



**Immaculate Conception of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary  
A Holy Day of Obligation**

**MASS SCHEDULE**

Wednesday (Vigil), December 7	7:00 p.m. – St. John
Thursday, December 8	7:00 a.m. – St. Mary
	12:15 p.m. – St. John
	6:00 p.m. – St. Mary

**ADVENT RECONCILIATION OPPORTUNITIES**

<b>Fayetteville</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>December 2</b>	<b>3-5:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Ellinger</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>December 16</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>La Grange</b>	Tuesday	December 6	6:00 p.m.
<b>Dime Box</b>	Friday	December 9	7:00 p.m.
<b>Lexington</b>	Thursday	December 15	7:00 p.m.
<b>Rockdale</b>	Monday	December 19	6:00 p.m.
<b>Giddings</b>	Fridays	Dec. 9, 16, 23	6:00 p.m.
<b>Giddings</b>	Saturday	Dec. 3, 10, 27	1:00 p.m.

**VOCATIONS.....DID YOU KNOW?**

*In the United States, the average age of priests is 67 years old, and by 2025, 1/2 of the priests in the U.S. will reach retirement age.*

“They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks....” If you feel that God is calling you to serve the Lord of the harvest as a priest, deacon, sister or brother, contact the Vocation Office at (512) 949-2430 or via email at vocations@austindiocese.org.

*First Sunday of Advent*



**Get Ready! Be Prepared!**

Preparations for Christmas often involve putting up decorations, purchasing gifts, and making food. But these are not the only things we need to do to prepare for the coming of Jesus Christ. We need to prepare our hearts also.

The gospel tells us that we must think ahead. Eating and celebrating and being with families are not bad things. But if our hearts are not turned toward God, then we have missed the point.

So as we prepare our homes and our hearts for Christmas, we must remember that the Lord is in our midst. He is in the child who doesn't have any Christmas presents. He is in the homeless man who has nowhere to go for Christmas. So to prepare for Christ, we need to make preparations for him in all of the places where we will encounter him during this holy season.

---young-catholics.com