

# St. Mary Catholic Church

Mission Parish  
815 St. Mary's Church Rd.  
Fayetteville (near Ellinger)



## MASSES

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

*Bernice Zapalac †*

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

*Whitney Blair †*

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

*Margaret Mary Treybig †*

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

*Edwin & Irma Kovar †*

**Midnight Mass at 12:00 a.m.**

*For the People*

**Christmas Mass at 8:00 a.m.**

*For the People*

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

60 to 20 minutes before Mass

# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

207 E. Bell St.  
Fayetteville  
www.stjohnfayetteville.com



## MASSES

**Tuesday at 5:00 p.m.**

*Laddie Vasek †*

**Wednesday at 5:00 p.m.**

*Joe & Sophie Kaspar †*

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

*Vaclavik & Kramr Families †*

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

*Bernard Dybala, Sr. †*

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

*Mabel Knippel †*

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

*Annette & Robert Kovar †*

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

*For the People*

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

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**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

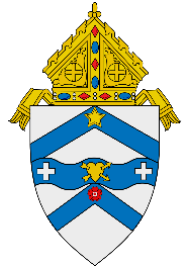
Saturday 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Wednesday 6:00-6:30 p.m.

First Friday 4:00-5:30 p.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)

## MONTHLY MASS

**Tuesday, January 20, at 9:00 a.m.**

*For the intentions left on the altar*

## Mailing Address and Contact Information for all three Churches

Rev. Nock Russell, Pastor  
pastor@stjohnfayetteville.com

Deacon Robert Jasek

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## Administrative Staff

Amy Babin

Lexus Mayorga

## Knights of Columbus

Jim Mattair 979-249-3901

## Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Donna Shula 713-818-1470

## Faith Formation

Lexus Mayorga 979-732-4420

**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 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**December 17, AD 2017**

**ST. MARY'S NEWS**

**Sunday Offering:** \$1,441.00  
**Retired Clergy:** \$ 610.00

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE** are announced for the second time for *Jacob Henderson & Shea Cook*, who will be united in the bonds of Holy Matrimony at St. Mary Catholic Church, on Saturday, **December 30, 2017**.

**ST. MARY'S ALTAR SOCIETY CANDY/BAKE SALE**

Thank you to all who participated and helped make the bake sale and raffle a success. A list of the raffle winners can be found at the entrance of the church.

**ST. MARY ROSARY GROUP** invites everyone to pray the rosary every Monday evening in the Church at **6:00 p.m.**

**ST. JOHN'S NEWS**

**Sunday Offering:** \$4,971.00  
**Retired Clergy:** \$1,109.75

**ST. JOHN ROSARY GROUP** invites everyone to pray the rosary every Tuesday evening in the Church at **5:30 p.m.**

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

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Paula Canik, Hannah Glenn, Ralph Hackemack, Evelyn Ilse, Andy Jasek, Deacon Robert Jasek, Anthony Karas, Kendall Kurtz, Anita & Johnny Marek, Leo Miller, Doris Nesrsta, Saber Pace, Dr. Jimmy Sladek, Donna Schielack, Bob Streiff, Pat Sury, Bennie Volcik. *(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. John's parish family would like to congratulate the family of *Maisie Mae Muske* who was born into Our Lord's life through baptism. Maisie is the daughter of Dusten and Natasha Muske. May the Lord be with Maisie and her family with all His blessings.

**ADVENT DINNER** will be at St. John's Parish Hall in Fayetteville **today, December 17** after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. The social hour, with Christmas Caroling will begin at 11:00 a.m., followed by a catered meal. All are invited to come together in food and fellowship as we prepare for the coming of our Lord.



**THANK YOU:** CDA would like to thank all who took part in supporting our Veterans and Angel Tree projects. Both were very successful and your generosity is greatly appreciated.

**CDA SCHOLARSHIPS:** Graduating seniors related to a living CDA member in good standing are eligible to apply for the State Scholarship. Local Scholarships are offered to graduating seniors whose mother is a CDA member of Court 1440. Applications are available by contacting Donna Shula at (713) 818-1470. All applications are due by **January 31**.

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY** for members of both Knights of Columbus & Catholic Daughters of America will be held in conjunction on Friday, **December 29**, with the social beginning at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7:30 p.m. at St. John's Hall.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** monthly meeting will be on Tuesday, **December 19**, at 7:00 p.m.

**ETHICS AND INTEGRITY IN MINISTRY WORKSHOP**

All clergy, paid staff and volunteers at any parish or diocesan location, are required to complete an Application for Ministry AND are required to attend an EIM workshop every three years. Anyone needing an EIM workshop must sign up on-line through their EIM account.

There will be a workshop at **St. John, Fayetteville** on Thursday, **January 18**, from 6:15 – 8:30 p.m. For assistance or more information, call the office at (979) 378-2277.

**SOCKS OF LOVE:** The CYM has put together 150 *Socks of Love* care kits for the homeless, with the help of Cornerstone Dental, St. John Altar Society, and Fayette Realty. The socks are available at the entrance of the church. The care kits include socks, a bottle of water, a couple of snacks, a toothbrush, floss and toothpaste. **We need your help distributing them to those in need!** Many of you will be traveling during this holiday season. There is a good possibility you will come across a person in need. Please offer one of the *Socks of Love* to them. It is as easy as that to spread a little kindness. Please take as many as you think you can distribute. Thank you for your help.



**2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES** with your name on them are on the tables at the entrance of the church. The boxes have been placed in alphabetical order. Anyone not having an assigned box is asked to pick up a blank set. **EVERYONE using envelopes should place their name on the first few envelopes**, so we can be sure all information is accurate.

**MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY CERTIFICATES** will be distributed at the weekend Masses on **December 30 & 31**.

**CLERICAL ENDOWMENT FUND CHRISTMAS CARDS** are a good way to remember someone at Christmas and support the CEF. The cards are available at the parish office. For more information, contact Margaret Kubala at (979) 378-2877.

**SECOND COLLECTION - FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY**

A collection will be taken up the weekend of, **December 30-31**, to support family and pro-life activities in the Diocese of Austin. Please be generous in your support of this pertinent and most worthy cause.

**PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED** Thursday & Friday, December 28 & 29. We will be open for our regular business hours beginning Tuesday, January 2. The deadline for the bulletins of Dec. 24 and Dec. 31 is Wednesday, December 20.



**AMAZON SMILE PROGRAM**

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).



THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
December 17, AD 2017

## Upcoming Events

**SENIOR CITIZEN** Christmas Party will be on Thursday, **December 21**, starting at 12:00 p.m., noon, at St. John's Parish Hall. All senior citizens are invited for a catered meal and games.

**THE MOBILE FOOD PANTRY** from the Central Texas Food Bank will be here Thursday, **January 4**, from **10:00 - 11:00 a.m.** Clients must be present and at least 18 years old. Please bring your own bag. Volunteers are asked to arrive by 9:45 a.m.



**"STRESS-BUSTING" PROGRAM OFFERED FOR FAMILY CAREGIVERS:** The County Extension office will be offering classes for 9 weeks on Wednesdays to caregivers, beginning **January 10** through March 7. This series emphasizes stress management and coping techniques. Participants will learn to take time for themselves, how to deal with chronic conditions, positive thinking and choosing a path to wellness. The classes are free to the public and will be 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Fayette County Agriculture Building, Room 104 in La Grange. Registration is required and is limited to the first 12 registrants. Contact Sally Garrett at 979-968-5831 or [s-garrett@tamu.edu](mailto:s-garrett@tamu.edu) to register.

**BENEDICTINE SPIRITUALITY 101 RETREAT** will be held **January 13** from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton. Learn how St. Benedict's rule and way of life are just as relevant today as they were in the sixth century. Beverly Collin, assistant director and 3rd order oblate, will present this day. The cost is \$40 and includes lunch. To register, call (254) 780-2436 or visit [www.cedarbrake.org](http://www.cedarbrake.org).



### HOW TO REPORT AN INCIDENT OF CONCERN

The Diocese of Austin is committed to preventing harm from happening to any of our children or vulnerable adults. Go to [www.austindiocese.org/reporting](http://www.austindiocese.org/reporting) (or call the EIM Office at 512-949-2447) to learn what to do, and how to report, if you suspect sexual or physical abuse and/or neglect of a child or vulnerable adult; and what to do if the suspected abuse is by clergy, or an employee or volunteer of any diocesan parish, school or agency.

## Catholic Social Teaching Corner

### Third Sunday of Advent

You might notice that John does not use Jesus' name in this Gospel, but only refers to him as "one whom you do not recognize." Although they knew the text of Isaiah the Pharisees were not really prepared to find the promised Messiah among the broken-hearted, the lonely, those held in captivity or those lacking justice and peace. Do we know where to look for Jesus? Will we recognize him among those most ignored and forgotten in our world?

### Tercer Domingo de Adviento

Puede que usted note que Juan no usa el nombre de Jesús en el Evangelio, sino que solo se refiere a Él como "el que ustedes no reconocen". A pesar de que conocían el texto de Isaías, los Fariseos no estaban realmente preparados para encontrar al Mesías prometido entre los rotos de corazón, los solitarios, los cautivos o aquellos que no tenían justicia y paz ¿Sabemos nosotros dónde buscar a Jesús? ¿Lo reconoceremos entre aquellos los más ignorados y olvidados en el mundo?

## Life Issues & Events

**TEXAS CATHOLIC PRO-LIFE DAY 2018** will take place on Saturday, **January 27**, in Austin. Celebrate Texas Catholic Pro Life Day and give thanks for the gift of human life through prayer and bringing our faith to the public square. May the life of every human person, from conception to natural death, be enshrined and protected in our laws. For more information and a list of events in Austin, visit <https://austindiocese.org/texas-catholic-pro-life-day>.

## "Share the Journey" Campaign



Share the  
Journey #  
#sharejourney

### ANSWERING THE CALL FOR ROOM AT THE INN

For Christians around the world, Advent means anticipation. Advent reminds us of the Holy Family's journey to Bethlehem, and what Pope Francis says is our journey to "the horizon of hope." But for the millions of refugees and displaced people around the world, it can be difficult to find the hope in their journey. They need our help along the way. It's really in our DNA as Catholics to serve these members in very troubled communities. Every day, families leave their homes in places like Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan, driven by conflict, violence or poverty, and desperately seeking safety. Since 2014, more than 15,000 refugees and asylum seekers drowned in the Mediterranean Sea attempting to reach European shores. One young Syrian woman, Zaynab, reached the shores of Greece at 9 months pregnant. Exhausted, and with the early signs of labor, she was greeted by staff of Caritas Macedonia. She soon gave birth to a healthy baby girl. They found shelter in a Catholic Relief Services supported transit camp. The response to the refugee crisis, carried out by a compassionate and strong network of Catholic organizations, exemplifies Pope Francis' reminder of our moral obligation to increase assistance to vulnerable people, old and young, who suddenly find themselves without a home or a room.

## Faith Formation

*The catechetical mission of St. John's Faith Formation Program is to attract, engage and inspire young people to deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ.*

Classes have been dismissed for the Christmas holidays and will resume on Wednesday, **January 10**.

## Catholic Youth Ministry

**Christmas Decorating:** CYM will be decorating St. John Church on Sunday, **December 24**, 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** will be the weekend of **February 2-4** at the Waco Convention Center. For 59 years, youth and chaperones of our diocese have gathered annually for Austin DCYC. In 2018, the conference leaders are excited to celebrate 60 years of faith and vitality that young people bring to the Diocese of Austin.



**THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**December 17, AD 2017**

**ST. JOHN LITURGICAL DUTIES**

**LECTORS**

**Saturday** – Mary Keilers  
**Sunday** – John Spiess  
**Sunday-Christmas Vigil (6:00 p.m.)** – Lexxus Mayorga  
**Monday-Christmas (10:00 a.m.)** – Christine Wied

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

**Saturday** – Pat Geistmann(H), Leslie Little(H), Kathleen Kramr(H), Andrew Keilers\*(C), Theresa Keilers(C), Carrol Hollimon(C), Wanda Fritsch(C)  
**Sunday** – Lori Spiess(H), Kathy Kneblak(H), John Spiess(C), Paulette Keilers(C), Jim Mattair\*(C), Jeanne Schilling(C)  
**Sunday (6:00 p.m. Vigil)** – Amy Babin(H), Tiffany Nigh(H), Lexxus Mayorga(C), Sharon Martinek(C), Betty Kovar(C), Joe Babin\*(C)  
**Monday (10:00 a.m.)** – Paulette Keilers(H), Mary Quiros(H), Janell Warschak(H), Christine Wied(C), Michelle Bertsch(C), Holly Krebs(C), David Bertsch\*(C)

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Saturday** – Amber Canik, Dustin Canik, Amanda Little  
**Sunday** – Cole Brackman, Wade Halamicek, Kimberly Rohde  
**Sunday(6:00 p.m. Vigil)** – Skylar Kasmiersky, Chelsie Toddy, Evan Blazek, Stormy Kasmiersky  
**Monday (10:00 a.m.)** – Raquel Castillo, Lydia Huebner, Marissa Halamicek, Wade Halamicek

**GIFT BEARERS**

**Saturday** – Ed Sulak Family  
**Sunday** – Rick Schilling Family  
**Sunday (6:00 p.m. Vigil)** – Willie Socha Family  
**Monday (10:00 a.m.)** – Dusten Muske Family

**CCW ROSARY:** Kathleen Kramr & Cathleen Noska will lead the Rosary for the intention of religious vocations.

**ALTAR DUTY FOR DECEMBER:** Carrol Hollimon, Lisa Hollimon, Heather Jurecka, Madeline Kovar

**USHERS FOR DECEMBER**

**Saturday** – Leonard Malota, Ronnie Kramr, Leonard Kaspar, Betty Kovar  
**Sunday** – Joe Babin, Christopher Kaspar, Kenneth Noska, Vernon Hohensee

**ST. JOHN CONTACTS**

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|---------------------------------|----------------|--------------|
| Pastoral Council Chairman       | Justin Huebner | 979-357-2533 |
| Finance Council President       | John Cufu      | 979-966-9068 |
| St. John Altar Society          | Madeline Kovar | 979-378-2361 |
| Pro-Life Ministries Coordinator | Nikki Beseda   | 713-875-8009 |
| K.J.Z.T.                        | Rose Rohde     | 979-249-3635 |
| K.J.T.                          | Emil Sodolak   | 979-249-3952 |
| Hall Rental                     | Parish Office  | 979-378-2277 |
| St. John Catholic Cemetery      | Ronald Kramr   | 979-249-6152 |

**ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE SCHEDULE**

|                      |           |             |           |
|----------------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| <b>Rockdale</b>      | Monday    | December 18 | 7:00 p.m. |
| <b>La Grange</b>     | Tuesday   | December 19 | 7:00 p.m. |
| <b>Giddings</b>      | Wednesday | December 20 | 7:00 p.m. |
| <b>Chappell Hill</b> | Thursday  | December 21 | 7:00 p.m. |
| <b>Lexington</b>     | Thursday  | December 21 | 7:00 p.m. |

**ST. MARY LITURGICAL DUTIES**

**LECTOR**

**Sunday** – Aimee Korenek  
**Sunday (Midnight Mass)** – Jo Ann Divin  
**Monday - Christmas** – Ashley Havel

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

**Sunday** – Ruth Beseda, L.J. Korenek, Luke Orsak  
**Sunday(Midnight Mass)** – Jan Jurecka, Jo Ann Divin, Rose Urban  
**Monday - Christmas** – Robert Balzer, Donna Shula, Paulette Urban

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Sunday** – Emily Polasek, Luke Korenek  
**Sunday(Midnight Mass)** – Ryan Becka, Stephen Korenek  
**Monday - Christmas** – Julie Korenek, Rylee Fritsch

**GIFT BEARERS**

**Sunday** – Dan Kuehn Family  
**Sunday(Midnight Mass)** – James Korenek Family  
**Monday - Christmas** – Garland Polasek Family

**ROSARY LEADER**

**Sunday** – Ann Minar  
**Sunday(Midnight Mass)** – Vlasta Korenek  
**Monday - Christmas** – Garland Polasek

**USHERS FOR DECEMBER**

Anton Becka, Lee Roy Shula, Mark Matocha, Dennis Orsak

**ST. MARY CONTACTS**

|                                 |                  |              |
|---------------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| Pastoral Council Chairman       | James Wunderlich | 281-723-1999 |
| Finance Council President       | Robert Balzer    | 979-249-3076 |
| St. Mary Altar Society          | Lolly Balzer     | 979-249-3076 |
| Pro-Life Ministries Coordinator | Aimee Korenek    | 979-966-8496 |
| K.J.Z.T.                        | Mildred Walla    | 979-378-4202 |
| K.J.T.                          | James Korenek    | 979-966-9170 |
| Hall Rental                     | Parish Office    | 979-378-2277 |
| St. Mary Catholic Cemetery      | Lawrence Korenek | 979-732-2836 |

**Iglesias que ofrecen Misas en Español**

**Dom. 11:00 AM** St. Margaret Giddings  
**Dom. 11:30 AM** Sacred Heart La Grange  
**Dom. 12:30 PM** St. Mary Immaculate Conception Brenham



***NATIVITY OF THE LORD***

**DECEMBER 25, 2017**

*A Holy Day of Obligation*

**DECEMBER 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE**

Vigil Mass - 6:00 p.m. - St. John  
 Midnight Mass - 12:00 a.m. - St. Mary

**DECEMBER 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY**

8:00 a.m. - St. Mary 10:00 a.m. - St. John

**MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**  
**JANUARY 1, 2018**

**JANUARY 1 - NEW YEAR'S DAY**

8:00 a.m. - St. Mary  
 10:00 a.m. - St. John

