

St. Mary Catholic Church

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



MASSES

Wednesday at 7:00 a.m.

*For the souls of Tomas Francisco Alfau &
Luisa Arranz Acero*

Thursday at 6:00 p.m.

*For the souls of
Emil & Albina Kolenovsky*

Friday at 7:00 a.m.

*For the souls of
Rudolph & Emilie Cervenka*

Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

*For the souls of the
John & Johanna Krenek Family*

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Before every Mass

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

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



MASSES

Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.

*For the souls of the
Emil & Mary Prasifka Family*

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

*The living and dec'd members of
KJZT, St. Anne's #10*

Thursday at 7:00 a.m.

For the soul of Genevieve Socha

Friday at 6:00 p.m.

For the soul of Ruddle Kaderka

Saturday at 7:30 a.m.

For the soul of Suzanne Schielack Burger

Saturday Vigil at 6:00 p.m.

For the People

Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

*For the souls of Evelyn, Robert Sr. &
Annette Kovar*

Sacrament of Reconciliation

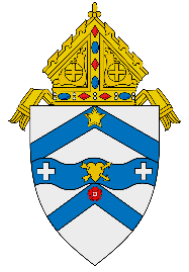
Saturday 4:30-5:30 p.m.

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

3490 S. Hwy 237

Round Top
(near Warrenton)

MONTHLY MASS

Tuesday, September 12, at 9:00 a.m.

For the intentions left on the altar

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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 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 23, AD 2017

ST. MARY'S NEWS

Sunday Offering: \$1,504.00

ST. MARY'S ANNUAL BAZAAR is Sunday, **August 27**.

- **THE ARTS & CRAFTS BOOTH AND COUNTRY STORE NEED YOUR SPECIALTIES!** The items needed for the country store are farm produce, canned goods, yard eggs, noodles, baked items, plants and yard art. We are also taking paperback books and hardback books. All arts & crafts, plants and homemade/homegrown items are welcome!
- **RAFFLE TICKETS** are now available from St. Mary parishioners, after Sunday Masses or at the parish office. Remember, raffle ticket sales are the biggest part of our fundraiser. The grand prize is a **\$5,000 Visa gift card**, plus over 30 other valuable prizes! Raffle tickets are \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20.
- **FEAST POSTERS** are now available at the Church entrance. Please take one to share at your place of business or with friends.



ST. MARY FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING will be on Tuesday, **August 1** at 7:00 p.m.

ST. JOHN'S NEWS

Sunday Offering: \$3,525.50

ST. JOHN PASTORAL COUNCIL met on Thursday, **July 13** and discussed the following:

- Ordering name tags for Pastoral Council members and Ushers to wear at Mass;
- Parking lot in front of hall and under pavilion will soon be reconstructed;
- Early planning for St. John's Parish 150 year anniversary celebration;
- Upcoming parish feast and several minor changes being made.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, **September 26**, at 7:00 p.m.

ST. JOHN ANNUAL CHURCH FEAST will be held Labor Day weekend, Sunday, **September 3**. We will be looking for your homegrown, homemade and canned items for the Country Store.

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Paula Canik, Nolan Eckeberger, Hannah Glenn, Melissa Hahn, James Kovar, Anita & Johnny Marek, Jeanette Michalsky, Alvin Minarcik, Doris Nesrsta, Saber Pace, Donna Schielack, Sue Ann Socha, Pat Sury, Bennie Volcik and Joyce Terrell. *(Though they will remain in our prayers, names will only remain on the prayer list for two months, unless a new request is received.)*

YOUR FEEDBACK IS REQUESTED by Pope Francis in a survey of all Catholics and non-Catholics ages 16-30s, parents, and those who work with young people in parishes and communities. The survey can be found at www.austindiocese.org/synod and closes on Tuesday, **August 1**.

BECOME A CATECHIST!

Our Faith Formation program needs your help to share your faith commitment through word, worship, service, experience and prayer. If you are interested in becoming a teacher or an aide, please contact the parish office.



RURAL LIFE MASS will be held at St. John Catholic Church in Fayetteville on Thursday, **August 3**, at 6:00 p.m.

- **Volunteers are Still Needed** for Rural Life Mass preparations. If you are an adult or youth that would like to help with the event, a volunteer sign-up list is located at the entrance of the Church.
- **Join the Music Ministry** for the Rural Life Mass. Choir practices are set for **today, July 23** and **July 30** at 5:00 p.m. at St. John. All musicians and singers are welcome! If you are interested, contact Wendy Becka at (979) 966-2587.
- **Homemade Goods Needed:** If anyone wishes to donate a small homemade item or canned good, there is a donation box located at the entrance of the Church. Baked goods will be accepted the day of the Rural Life Mass. For more information, please contact Donna Shula at (979) 378-2749.

JOIN OUR ROSARY GROUPS Monday evenings at **6:00 p.m.** at St. Mary, and Tuesday evenings at **5:30 p.m.** at St. John.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

- **INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS** is on Tuesday, **July 25**, at 6:00 p.m., followed by a catered meal. Family members, as well as scholarship recipients and their families are invited to attend.
- **CORPORATE COMMUNION** is at the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, **July 30** at St. John.

DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN of the Brenham/La Grange deanery will hold its quarterly meeting on Tuesday, **July 25**, at St. Mary in Brenham at 10:00 a.m. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend and are asked to bring a non-perishable food item for their local food pantry.

PRO-LIFE REFLECTIONS: CARING FOR THE ELDERLY AND SICK



In "Maggie's Story: Living Like Dad," Maggie recounts how accompanying her father in his final days helped her face her own terminal illness years later.

She shared, "God loved us enough to allow those moments—even and especially moments of suffering—in order to teach us lessons which helped us to grow spiritually and emotionally. Dad left a legacy. He taught me how to live and die with faith and with dignity marked by patience and grace. He taught me that dignity can't be diminished by pain or loss of personal control. Dad taught me that Jesus was walking along with him through 'the valley of the shadow of death' (Psalm 23:4)."

Maggie Karner was diagnosed with terminal illness at the age of 50, but did not give up hope. She embraced a "new normal," cherishing each moment of life given to her. Maggie passed away shortly after writing this article, but her story of hope and courage continue to bear witness to the truth that *every life is worth living*.

Read more of Maggie's Story by visiting the Respect Life Program on the USCCB website.

For ideas on how you can care for the elderly and sick, visit our parish Facebook page, www.facebook.com/sjmfayetteville/notes.

ONLINE GIVING IS NOW AVAILABLE for your weekly, monthly or one-time donations to the parish! To get started, you may fill out an authorization form found at the entrance of the Church and return it to the parish office, or sign yourself up on the parish website on the "Make a Donation" page.

LITURGICAL DUTIES for August and September are now available at the entrance of the Church and on the parish website's "Bulletin" page.

Upcoming Events



GIVE BLOOD: A blood drive will take place from 8:00 a.m. – noon on Saturday, **July 29**, on the Fayetteville square, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 3168. Give the gift of life!

BIBLE STUDY: There are two classes left of the Sunday bible study, from 11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. in St. John's Hall in the back room. With the aid of "Does the Bible Really Say That: Discovering Catholic Teaching in Scripture" by Patrick Madrid, you will dive into how Catholic teachings and Scripture can be applied to our daily lives.

Below are the topics to be discussed:

- **Today, July 23:** "Do Catholics 'keep Jesus on the cross?'"
- **July 30:** "Do Christians have absolute assurance of salvation?"

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP meets every 4th Tuesday of the month at 11:30 a.m. at Hospice Brazos Valley in La Grange. The next meeting will be on Thursday, **July 27**. For more information, contact Cindy Fanning at (979) 968-6913.

CATHOLIC NIGHT AT DELL DIAMOND with the Round Rock Express will be held Saturday, **August 5**, at 7:00 p.m. at the Dell Diamond in Round Rock. Discounted baseball game tickets are available at <https://goo.gl/ortNKY>, with the coupon code: **catholic**. For more information, contact Alyssa at (512) 238-2207.

ETHICS AND INTEGRITY IN MINISTRY WORKSHOPS All clergy, staff, members of organizations, (Choir, CDA, KC, Altar Society, K.J.Z.T, K.J.T., etc.) and volunteers of any event at the parish or any diocesan location are required to complete an Application for Ministry AND attend an EIM workshop every three years. Anyone considering volunteering for any ministry must be EIM compliant. Upcoming workshops in our area include:

- **Sacred Heart Parish, La Grange**

Tuesday, **August 8**, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m., English

Saturday, **August 26**, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m., English

For a complete listing of all upcoming workshops, or to register, visit the Diocese' website, www.austindiocese.org/eim-workshop.

For assistance or more information, contact the parish office.

Catholic Social Teaching Corner

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Gospel this Sunday reminds us that sin and virtue co-exist in our world. How do we sow seeds of virtue and nurture them in ourselves and others? We do it through our actions: love and forgiveness rather than anger and retribution; peace rather than violence; sharing rather than hoarding. One great need is to help those coming out of jails and prisons to re-enter society. How can your parish help our sisters and brothers grow in virtue?

16to Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

El Evangelio de este domingo nos recuerda que el pecado y la virtud coexisten en nuestro mundo ¿Cómo sembramos las semillas de virtud y las nutrimos en nosotros mismos y en otros? Lo hacemos a través de nuestras acciones: amor y perdón en lugar de con enojo y venganza; paz en lugar de violencia; compartiendo en lugar de acumulando. Una gran necesidad es ayudar a aquellos que están saliendo de las cárceles y prisiones para que se reintegren a la sociedad ¿Cómo puede su parroquia ayudar a nuestros hermanos y hermanas a crecer en la virtud?

Faith Formation

ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

- **Basic Teachings of the Catholic Church – Summer/Fall St. John Parish in Fayetteville** on Saturdays; *August 19, September 9, September 30, October 21, and November 11*, from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Registration forms may be found at the entrance of the Church.

- **Old Testament – Fall/Winter (Sacred Heart Parish)** Saturdays; *September 16, October 7, November 4, and December 2*, from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

For a complete list of Adult Faith Formation opportunities, or to register for a course, visit www.austindiocese.org/aff2017.

CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY

- ✚ **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:** Volunteers are needed to help with the Rural Life Mass on Thursday, **August 3**. For more information, contact Donna Shula at (979) 378-2749.

- ✚ **INSPIRATION SAN ANTONIO** at Six Flags Fiesta Texas is **November 11**. Along with exciting rides, there will be adoration, worship, Mass and fellowship with other teens from around the state. Registration forms are located at the entrance of the Church and on our website under "Faith Formation Opportunities." Registration forms should be returned, along with the \$50 refundable deposit, **no later than August 1**. *Note: If there is not sufficient interest by August 1, the trip will be cancelled and your deposit will be returned.*

INTRODUCTORY CATECHIST WORKSHOPS will be held at Sacred Heart Parish in La Grange. The workshops will be offered in the Religious Education office as follows:

- **August 14**, 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. *Getting Started as a Catechist*
- **August 14**, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. *Role of the Catechist*
- **August 14**, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. *Person of the Catechist*
- **August 16**, 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. *Introduction to the Learner*
- **August 16**, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. *Grade Level Methodology*

All catechists, new and experienced, are invited to attend. The workshops will count toward the Level 1 catechist certification. For more information, or to register, please contact the Sacred Heart parish office at (979) 968-3201.

"TOGETHER IN GOD'S LOVE" MARRIAGE RETREAT

This preparation retreat will be on Saturday, **August 5**, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Parish in La Grange. This includes the required 1 hour Natural Family Planning introduction. Couples should already be working with a pastor. For more information, or to register, contact Sacred Heart parish office at (979) 968-3201.

HOLY ROSARY WOMEN'S ACTS RETREAT is scheduled for **September 14-17** at Cathedral Oaks Retreat Center in Weimar. This is an opportunity for spiritual renewal and making new friends. Its aim is to enhance your relationship with Our Lord and with other Christian women who accompany us on this journey of faith. Applications are available at the Church entrance or online at www.holyrosaryacts.com. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Kozelsky at (361) 772-1615.

REGISTRATION FOR FAITH FORMATION (Religious Education) for the upcoming year is now open. If you have any questions about registration, or would like to register a new student, please come by the parish office.

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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ST. JOHN LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTORS

Wednesday – Yvonne Smith
Saturday – Yvonne Smith
Sunday – Cindy Bertsch

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday – Betty Kovar(H), Andrew Keilers*(H), Tiffany Nigh(H), Kayla Kaspar(C), Annette Little(C), Yvonne Smith(C), Theresa Keilers(C)
Sunday – Holly Krebs(H), Cindy Bertsch(H), Lee Matocha(C), Paulette Keilers(C), Tompo Kuhn*(C), Becky Matocha(C)

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday – Evan Blazek, Kayme Schley, Stormy Kasmiersky
Sunday – Marissa Halamicek, Ricky Schilling, Cole Brackman

GIFT BEARERS

Saturday – Gary Toddy Family
Sunday – John Magera Family

CCW ROSARY: Cathleen Noska & Margaret Alford will lead the Rosary for the intention of religious vocations.

ALTAR DUTY FOR JULY Anna Kovar, Anne Beran Verline Fellman, Violet Krenek,

USHERS FOR JULY

Saturday – David Stastny, Jerry Chovanec, Lois Kaspar, Vincent Orsak
Sunday – Christopher Kaspar, Arlis Keilers, John Spiess, Rick Schilling

ST. JOHN CONTACTS

Pastoral Council Chairman	Justin Huebner	979-357-2533
Finance Council President	John Cufir	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 Sodalak	979-249-3952
Hall Rental	Parish Office	979-378-2277
St. John Catholic Cemetery	Ronald Kramr	979-249-6152



St. Bridget of Sweden

Sunday, July 23

St. Bridget of Sweden was born in 1303 to a family who was related to the royal house of Sweden. When she was only ten, she saw Jesus on the cross and asked Him, "Who has treated you like this?" "They who despise me and refuse my love for them," answered Jesus. The memory of this dream never left Bridget. From then on, Bridget tried to stop

people from offending Jesus. She even renounced her title as princess. Bridget received visions of Christ's suffering many times throughout her life. She founded a religious order known as the Bridgettines, and is now a patron of Europe and Sweden.

*Dear Lord, may we, too, renounce anything that offends You.
 As we gaze at the cross, may we remember Your love for us.
 Even when we are mocked for following You, may we persevere,
 uniting our pains with Your holy suffering. Amen.*

ST. MARY LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTOR

Sunday – Rose Urban

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Sunday – Rose Urban, Jo Ann Divin, Luke Orsak

ALTAR SERVERS

Sunday – Lilly Alvarado, Klayten Schmitt

GIFT BEARERS

Sunday – Garland Polasek

ROSARY LEADER

Sunday – Garland Polasek

ALTAR FLOWERS: July 30 – Waldine Skutca;
 August 6– Lolly Balzer August 13 – Dorothy Orsak

USHERS FOR JULY

Sunday – Donnie Becka, James Korenek, Bradley Divin, Robert Balzer

ST. MARY CONTACTS

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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

Sab. 7:30 PM	St. Mary Our Lady of Lourdes	Caldwell
Dom. 8:00 AM	Parish of the Nativity	Eagle Lake
Dom. 11:00 AM	St. Margaret	Giddings
Dom. 11:30 AM	Sacred Heart	La Grange
Dom. 12:00 PM	St. Rosa de Lima	Schulenburg
Dom. 12:30 PM	St. Mary Immaculate Conception	Brenham

Gospel Mediation



A parable is an interesting literary form that throws together or compares familiar events or items, while also providing a spiritual teaching. The parable of the grain and the weeds involves a concern about non-believers who are part of the early community of followers of Jesus. The disciples are restrained from removing them. How quick are we to try to root out someone we perceive as less perfect or less desirable than ourselves? Do we make room for God's greatness and counterintuitive ways?

Mediación Evangélica

Una parábola es una forma literaria interesante que junta o compara eventos o temas familiares, mientras que provee también de una enseñanza espiritual. La parábola de la semilla y la mala hierba aborda la preocupación sobre los que no creen que son parte de una comunidad temprana de seguidores de Jesús. A los discípulos se les prohíbe removerlos ¿Qué tan ansiosos estamos por remover a alguien a quien percibimos como menos perfectos o menos deseables que otros? ¿Hacemos espacio para la grandeza de Dios y sus maneras ajenas a la intuición?