

St. Mary Catholic Church

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



MASSES

Wednesday at 7:00 a.m.

Paula Canik †

Thursday at 6:00 p.m.

D. & Y. Janacek

Friday at 7:00 a.m.

Msgr. Arthur M. Michalka †

Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

The Smidovec Family †

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 6:00 p.m.

No Mass

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

Sylvester & Alma Schmitt †

Thursday at 7:00 a.m.

Lucille Chilek †

Friday at 6:00 p.m.

Rev. Harold Hughes †

Saturday at 7:30 a.m.

For World Peace

Saturday Vigil at 6:00 p.m.

F.C. & Mabel Knippel †

Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

For the People

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 23, at 9:00 a.m.

For the intentions left on the altar

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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 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 7, AD 2018

ST. MARY'S NEWS

Sunday Offering:	\$2,292.00
Feast of the Holy Family:	\$528.00
Solemnity of Mary:	\$435.00

ST MARY'S COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Pastoral Council meeting will be on Thursday, **January 11**, at 6:45 p.m. in the parish hall. All parishioners are welcome to attend. St. Mary's Finance Council will meet on **January 25**.

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:	\$3,218.00
Feast of the Holy Family:	\$1,243.00
Solemnity of Mary:	\$823.00

ST. JOHN'S ALTAR SOCIETY

- **MONTHLY MEETING** will be held on Tuesday, **January 9**, at 2:00 p.m. at the parish hall.
- **QUARTERLY DEANERY MEETING** will be on Tuesday, **January 23** at 10:00 a.m. with fellowship beginning at 9:30 a.m. A worksheet will be in next week's bulletin. Make plans to attend to meet ladies from other parishes. Please call Madeline Kovar with any questions.

ST JOHN'S COUNCIL MEETINGS: The Pastoral Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, **January 23**, at 6:45 p.m. We will be selecting three new members at this time. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

The Finance Council will meet Tuesday, **January 30** at 6:45 p.m.

ST. JOHN'S PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS: It is time, once again, to select new members to our Pastoral Council. The three-year terms for members Justin Huebner, Annette Little, and Jeanne Schilling will be expiring after the first calendar quarter of 2018. Please submit your nominations for the council by Sunday, **January 14** in order to have your nomination entered into the selection that will take place at the council meeting on Tuesday, **January 23**. Nomination forms are inserted in last week's bulletin and also can be found at the entrance of the church.

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Hannah Glenn, Ralph Hackemack, Evelyn Ilse, Andy Jasek, Deacon Robert Jasek, Anthony Karas, Kendall Kurtz, Anita & Johnny Marek, Leo Miller, Doris Nesrsta, Saber Pace, Garland Polasek, Joann Rudolph, Dr. Jimmy Sladek, Donna Schielack, Bob Streiff, Pat Sury, Mary Till, 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.)*

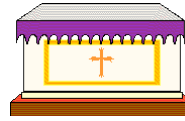
ST. JOHN ROSARY GROUP invites everyone to pray the rosary every Tuesday evening in the Church at **5:30 p.m.**

MASS INTENTIONS

There are Mass openings for 2018. Please come by the church office if you would like to have a Mass said for the intention of a deceased relative or friend.



EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING: It is the tradition that on the Feast of the Epiphany that we bless our homes by marking them with blessed chalk with the current year and the initials of the Three Wise Men - Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. Inserted in this bulletin you will find the blessing prayer and instructions on how to mark your homes.



ALTAR SERVER TRAINING will be held at St. John Church on Saturday, **January 20** from **10:30-noon** followed by lunch, for Altar Servers of both parishes. We invite any student 4th grade or older to join us. **ALL current Altar Servers and those students wishing to begin serving are asked to attend.**

THANK YOU! St. John & St. Mary Catholic Youth Ministry would like to thank the Knights of Columbus, Council 3168, for the donation of the "Keep Christ in Christmas" Magnets. We raised \$610! The magnets are still available at the parish office, for those who would like them for next year.

FIRST CONFESSION for those students preparing for their First Communion will be Saturday, **February 10**, at 8:30 a.m. at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. Parents will also have the opportunity to go to Confession at this time. After Confessions, breakfast will be served for the students and their families at the parish hall. The breakfast is sponsored by the CDA. First Communion is scheduled for April 22, 2018.



CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

- **SPIRITUAL RETREAT:** There will be a spiritual retreat on Saturday, **January 27** at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Columbus from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. If you would like to attend contact Donna Shula.
- **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. Information and applications are available from Donna Shula at (713)818-1470. All applications are due by **January 31**.
- **CDA EDUCATION CONTEST:** This year's topics are "The Lord has done great things for us, we are filled with Joy," and "Finding Joy in my Life." **January 31** is the deadline to return all entries. Contact Barbara Castillo at (832) 661-2063.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

- **OFFICERS MEETING** will be held on Monday, **January 8**, at 6:30 p.m., in St. John's Parish Hall.
- **BAR-B-Q** chicken, sausage and ribs to go will be served on Sunday, **January 14**, at 10:30 a.m. at the St. John Hall pits. K.C. members to work starting at 5:00 a.m. are Kenneth Noska's crew. **The CDA will have side dishes available.**
- **REGULAR MEETING** will be on Tuesday, **January 16**, at 7:00 p.m. at St. John's parish hall.
- **FOURTH DEGREE MEETING**, with the *Renewal of Obligations*, will be Sunday, **January 21**, after the 9:30 a.m. Mass in Giddings. Wives are invited to lunch afterwards.
- **RED ROOSTER** will be Tuesday, **January 30** at St. Rose in Schulenburg. The social will begin at 6:00 p.m., followed by a meal at 7:00 p.m.

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.

FAITH FORMATION – Wednesday, January 10

- ✓ **Grades K-6** will meet at 6:00 p.m. and attend the 7:00 p.m. Mass. Parents pick up in front of the church following Mass.
- ✓ **Grades 7-12** will meet in the church prepared for 7:00 p.m. Mass. Classes will be dismissed at 8:30 p.m.

Catholic Youth Ministry

Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference will be the weekend of **February 2-4** at the Waco Convention Center. For 59 years, youth 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.

World Youth Day 2019, January 22 – January 29, "I am the servant of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." (Lk 1:38). Keep all of the pilgrims in your prayers as they begin to prepare for this pilgrimage to Panama City, Panama.



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. The day begins with Mass celebrated by Bishop Joe Vásquez at 10 a.m. at San José Parish in Austin and Mass celebrated by Bishop Daniel Garcia at 10:30 a.m. at St. Louis Parish in Austin. The March and Rally for Life will follow in downtown Austin. Proceeding the Mass, March, and Rally, there will be a Prayer Vigil for Life at 7 a.m. at Planned Parenthood (201 E. Ben White Blvd.) and the Divine Mercy Chaplet led by young people (San José Parish 2435 Oak Crest, Austin). For more information and a list of events in Austin, visit <https://austindiocese.org/texas-catholic-pro-life-day>.

Catholic Social Teaching Corner

Feast of the Epiphany

As we continue the Christmas season this feast helps us to understand that Jesus is the Light of the whole world and his salvation is given to all people. The magi from afar trusted that God would lead them to the new King, whom they found in very humble, non-royal circumstances. Do we allow God to help us to recognize Christ in the face of the migrant women and children crossing our borders? In the lives of the poor? In the tiny unborn child? In the prisoner on death row? Where can we look for Jesus this week?

Fiesta de la Epifanía

Mientras continuamos con la Temporada Navideña, esta festividad nos ayuda a entender que Jesús es la Luz del mundo entero y su salvación es dada a toda la gente. Los magos de lugares lejanos confiaron en que Dios los guiaría hacia el nuevo Rey, a quien encontraron en muy humildes circunstancias, no en las de un Rey ¿Permitimos que Dios nos ayude a reconocer a Cristo en el rostro de las mujeres emigrantes y de los niños cruzando nuestras fronteras? ¿en la vida de los pobres? ¿en los pequeños niños no-natos? ¿en el prisionero condenado a muerte? ¿Dónde podemos buscar a Jesús esta semana?

Upcoming Events

HOPE-HEALTHY OPTIONS PROGRAM: On the second Friday of each month, between 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. clients will receive a bag of groceries. The next distribution is Friday, **January 12**.

FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP IN LA GRANGE for those affected by the flood will be Thursday, **January 30** (note the date change). Volunteers are needed for cooking, serving and cleaning up. Any parishioners willing to donate desserts please bring them to the hall during the afternoon.

ETHICS AND INTEGRITY IN MINISTRY WORKSHOPS

All clergy, staff, members of ALL organizations, (Choir, CDA, Altar Society, KC's, KJZT, KJT, Rosary Leaders, 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. Anyone considering volunteering for any ministry or assisting with VBS must be EIM compliant.

Upcoming workshops in our area include:

- **St. John, Fayetteville**
Thursday, **January 18**, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
- **St. Mary Parish, Brenham**
Saturday, **January 20**, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

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

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH invites you to their Annual Fundraiser on Sunday, **January 28**. Join them for a delicious, BBQ Pork Dinner with all the trimmings, served from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. To-go plates will be available at the Drive-Thru. Proceeds will benefit the Cemetery Fund.

HOLY ROSARY WOMEN'S ACTS RETREAT is scheduled for **February 15-18** at Cathedral Oaks Retreat Center in Weimar. This retreat 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 entrance of the Church or online at www.holyrosaryacts.com. If you have any questions, please contact Stacy Oeding at (979) 743-1147.

"Share the Journey" Campaign



Share the Journey
#sharejourney

NATIONAL MIGRATION WEEK

The Catholic Church in the United States will celebrate National Migration Week from January 7-14, 2018. National Migration Week has been celebrated in the United States for nearly 50 years. This week is an opportunity for us to reflect on the circumstances confronting migrants, including immigrants, refugees and survivors of human trafficking. National Migration Week culminates on the Vatican's World Day of Migrants and Refugees, January 14. The theme for National Migration Week 2018 is "Many Journeys, One Family." This theme invites us to remember that each of our families has a migration story—some recent and others in the distant past. Regardless of where we are and where we came from, we remain part of the human family and are called to live in solidarity with one another. We celebrate this theme during the Share the Journey campaign, a global effort by the Church to show love to our migrant and refugee neighbors.

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
January 7, AD 2018**

ST. JOHN LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTORS

Wednesday – Grade 10
Saturday – Yvonne Smith
Sunday – Kathy Kneblík

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Wednesday – Pat Geistmann, Lexxus Mayorga, Paulette Keilers
Saturday – Pat Geistmann(H), Lois Kaspar(H),
Wanda Fritsch(H), Karley Kasmiersky(C), Joan Malota(C),
Madeline Kovar(C), Yvonne Smith*(C)
Sunday – Amy Babin(H), Kathy Kneblík(H),
Jeanne Schilling(C), Joe Babin*(C), Becky Matocha(C),
Rick Schilling(C)

ALTAR SERVERS

Wednesday – Grade 5 (2), Grade 10 (1)
Saturday –Evan Blazek, Stormy Kasmierksy, Peyton Jurecka
Sunday – Lydia Huebner, Marissa Halamicek, Ricky Schilling

GIFT BEARERS

Wednesday – Grade 1
Saturday – Jimmie Schmitt Family
Sunday – Joe Babin Family

CCW ROSARY: Clara Gerik & Peggy Canik will lead the Rosary for the intention of religious vocations.

ALTAR DUTY FOR JANUARY: Theresa Keilers, Mary Georig, Lexxus Mayorga, Kathleen Kramr

USHERS FOR JANUARY

Saturday – Ronald Malota, Lois Kaspar, Leslie Little, Ed Sulak
Sunday – Allan Minarcik, Arlis Keilers, Jim Mattair, Lee Matocha

ST. JOHN CONTACTS

Pastoral Council Chairman	Justin Huebner	979-357-2533
Finance Council President	John Cufr	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

**BAPTISM OF THE LORD
JANUARY 8, 2018**

Christ, you humbled yourself and received baptism from your servant to show us the way of humility, grant us the spirit of humble service to our fellow men.

Christ, through your baptism you cleansed us of every blemish and made us children of your Father, bestow your spirit of adoption on all who seek you.



Christ, through your baptism you revealed to us the Holy Trinity when the Father called you his beloved Son and the Holy Spirit came down upon you, renew the spirit of adoption among the royal priesthood of the baptized.

ST. MARY LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTOR

Sunday – Jo Ann Divin

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Sunday – Jan Jurecka, Jo Ann Divin, Rose Urban

ALTAR SERVERS

Sunday – Rylee Fritsch, Julie Korenek

GIFT BEARERS

Sunday – Gladys Polasek Family

ROSARY LEADER

Sunday – Vlasta Korenek

USHERS FOR JANUARY

Donnie Becka, Bennie Skutca, Bradley Divin, Robert Balzer

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

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

Silence as an Important Component of the Liturgy

–Cardinal Robert Sarah “...silence is both a form of prayer in itself and it is also the opening one needs in order to pray.”

All parishes should allow for silence in the Church as soon as one enters into it for to enter into a Catholic Church is to pull back the door into heaven itself.

In his article, *Silence at Mass*, David Philppart describes silence as “akin to these: the silence that gestates between people who know and love each other so well that words are not always necessary; the awe-filled silence evoked by an encounter with beauty; the calm quiet that befalls those who gaze, listen or touch with their hearts as well as with their eyes, ears and hands.”

Further in the same article he says “The liturgy’s silence is communal. The assembly keeps a communion of quiet. Each one tries to the best of his or her ability to be still, but it is more than just a bunch of individuals not saying or doing anything coincidentally. It is the Body of Christ listening for and attending to the voice of God.” And again, “Silence in the liturgy is silence kept on *purpose*.” It is deliberate and therefore active. It’s not an interlude, not an intermission, not an interruption of the action. At its time, it is the action: We keep the silence. “Be still and know that I am God,” the psalmist sings. Silence in the liturgy is the active attending to God that Samuel showed when, upon being awakened from his sleep by the voice of God, he replied, “Here I am: I come to do your will,” and then stood quietly before the Divine.”