

# St. Mary Catholic Church

## Mission Parish

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



### MASSES

*Midnight Mass*

*For the People*

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

*For the People*

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

*No Mass*

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

*Victor, Ottillia, Janet Kulhanek †*

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

*Patrick Kramr*

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

*Edgar & Gregory Baur and*

*Edwin & Irma Kovar †*

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

60 to 20 minutes before Mass

# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

207 E. Bell St.

Fayetteville

www.stjohnfayetteville.com



### MASSES

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

*For the People*

**Christmas Day at 10:00 a.m.**

*For the People*

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

*No Mass*

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

*Alvin Krenek Jr. †*

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

*Vaclavik & Kramr Families †*

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

*Albina & Sylvester Pavlicek †*

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

*For the People*

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

*Hugo & Irene Maschek †*

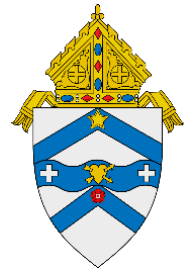
**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday 4:30-5:30 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

**Wednesday, December 19, at 9:00 a.m.**

*For the intentions left on the altar*

## Mailing Address and Contact Information

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**Deacon Robert Jasek**

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**Administrative Staff**

Amy Babin

Lexxus Mayorga

Sue Zapalac

### **Faith Formation**

Lexxus Mayorga 979-732-4420

### **Knights of Columbus**

Jim Mattair 979-249-3901

### **Catholic Daughters of the Americas**

Donna Shula 713-818-1470

**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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**December 23, AD 2018**

**ST. MARY'S NEWS**

**Sunday Offering:** \$1,449.00

**IN MEMORIAM:** The Parish Family extends sympathies and prayers towards the family of *Bernard Michalsky*, who died last week. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

**WELCOME:** St. Mary's parish family would like to congratulate the family of *Kathryn Harper Gibson* who was born into Our Lord's life through baptism last week. May the Lord be with her and her family with all His blessings.

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE** are announced for the third time for *Madison Becka & Aaron Perez*, who will be united in the bonds of Holy Matrimony at St. Mary Catholic Church, on Saturday, **December 29, 2018**.

**ST. MARY'S ALTAR SOCIETY**

- **MEETING** will be on Wednesday, **January 2**, at 1:00 p.m. at the parish hall.
- **COFFEE/TEA SOCIAL** will follow the **January 2** meeting. All ladies of the parish are welcome.
- **CANDY/BAKE SALE** was a success! Thank you to all who participated, supported, and helped with the bake sale and raffle. A list of the raffle winners can be found at the entrance of the church.

*thank  
you!*

**ST MARY'S COUNCIL MEETINGS**

The Pastoral Council meeting will be on Thursday, **January 17**, at 6:45 p.m. in the parish hall. All parishioners are welcome to attend. St. Mary's Finance Council will meet on **January 24**.

**ST. JOHN'S NEWS**

**Sunday Offering:** \$3,877.50

**IN MEMORIAM:** The Parish Family extends sympathies and prayers towards the family of *Lorena Canik*, who died last week. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.

**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 Rodney Beseda, Deborah Canik, and Kathy Kneblak will be expiring after the first calendar quarter of 2019. The other current members are: Paul Estrada, Emil Sodolak, John Spiess, Pat Geistmann, Lee Matocha, and Robert Kasmiersky. Please submit your nominations for the council by Sunday, **January 6** in order to have your nomination entered into the selection that will take place at the council meeting on Thursday, **January 10**. Nomination forms can be found at the entrance of the church.

**ST. JOHN'S CEMETERY NOTICE:** Now that the November observation of our deceased loved ones is over, we need your help. *Please remove ornaments and breakable items. We ask all to consistently maintain the gravesites according to the cemetery rules and regulations.* Copies of the "Rules, Regulations and Specifications of St. John's Cemetery Association" can be found at the entrance of the Church. Please email or call the office with any questions or concerns. Your help is appreciated!

**ST JOHN'S COUNCIL MEETINGS:** The Pastoral Council meeting will take place on Thursday, **January 10**, at 7:00 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 22** at 6:45 p.m.

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

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Regina Gerik, Hannah Glenn, Ed Halcom, Woody Hiebert, Annie V. Janish, Deacon Robert Jasek, J.D. Kovar, Lillian Kramr, Kendall Kurtz, Cindy McCowen, John Meehan, Veronica Miller, Jonathon Moss, Vickie Neutzler, Garland Polasek, Donna Shula, Dr. Jimmy Sladek, Larry Sodek, Barbara Sulak, Barbara Tieken, Mary Till, Mae Till, Bennie Volcik, Gail Warschak. *(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:** Classes have been dismissed for the Christmas holidays and will resume on Wednesday, **January 9**.

**YOUTH CHOIR:** The youth choir will sing for the Christmas Eve Mass at St. John on Monday, December 24. The last practice date is **TODAY, December 23**. If you have any questions, please contact Rachel Schley at 979-249-7501.

**CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY CHRISTMAS**

**DECORATING:** The CYM youth will be decorating St. John Church **TODAY, December 23**, 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, your help will be appreciated.

**FIRST CONFESSION** was celebrated last weekend by the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Faith Formation students. May these students continue to receive the Lord's grace and blessings as they continue to prepare for their First Communion to be celebrated on April 28.

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS**

- **MONTHLY MEETING** will be on Tuesday, **January 8**, at 6:30 p.m. in St. John's Parish Hall.
- **CDA EDUCATION CONTEST:** This year's topics are "Here I am Lord I Come to Do Your Will," and "Doing my best to do good." Students in grades 4-12 and adult CDA members are encouraged to enter. Entry forms are available at Fayetteville ISD and at the entrance of the church. **January 23, 2019** is the deadline to return all entries.
- **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. Contact Donna Shula at (713) 818-1470 for information. Applications are due by **January 31**.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

- **CORPORATE COMMUNION** will be observed Sunday, **December 30**, at the 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. John, preceded by the Rosary.
- **OFFICERS MEETING** will be held on Monday, **January 7**, at 6:30 p.m., in St. John's Parish Hall.
- **BAR-B-Q** chicken, sausage and ribs to go will be served Sunday, **January 13**, at 10:30 a.m. at the St. John Hall pits. You may call to place orders at (979) 249-6003. K.C. members to work starting at 5:00 a.m. are the Kenneth Noska crew.

# THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## December 23, AD 2018

**A SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND** will be to support family and pro-life activities in the Diocese of Austin. These include: Annunciation Maternity Home in Georgetown, Our Lady of the Angels Maternity Shelter in Temple and the diocesan Office of Pro-life Activities. Please be generous in your support of this cause.

**The KC & CDA CHRISTMAS PARTY** for members of *both* Knights of Columbus and Catholic Daughters of America will be on Sunday, **December 30**, with the social beginning at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7:30 p.m. at St. John's Parish Hall. Each person is asked to bring a canned food item for the AMEN Food Pantry.

**THANK YOU TO THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** for the generous \$1,000 donation from the gumbo fundraiser! The Faith Formation program will use the funds to purchase new media technology to better engage our students. *We appreciate it!!*

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED** on Christmas Eve & Christmas Day, December 24 & 25 and on New Year's Eve & New Year's Day, December 31 & January 1.

**CLERICAL ENDOWMENT FUND CHRISTMAS CARDS** are a good way to remember someone at Christmas and support those studying for the priesthood. The \$2 cards are available at the parish office, at Fayetteville Bank, from Margaret Kubala at (979) 378-2877 or Donna Shula at (713) 818-1470.

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

There are Mass openings for 2019. Please come by the church office if you would like to have a Mass said for the intention of a deceased relative or friend.

**FAITH FORMATION CATECHITICAL RETREAT** will be Saturday, **January 12**, at St. Mary in Ellinger from 9-12 noon, with breakfast and coffee from 8:30-9:00 a.m. All Catechists, Aides, RCIA leaders, and anyone currently involved in or interested in serving in the Faith Formation Program are asked to attend. Please join us as we focus on the practical ways to evangelize in the classroom. Father Matthew Kinney, of Sacred Heart Parish in La Grange, will lead us in this prayerful morning.

### **ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES**

#### **"Catechizing for a Just World"—La Grange**

Sacred Heart is hosting this 8-hour course on Saturday, **January 5** from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart parish.

#### **"Church"—La Grange**

This 16-hour course will be taught over four Saturdays—*February 9, March 9, April 6, and May 11*—from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. each day. To register, call the Sacred Heart Church Office at (979) 968-5740.

**LITURGICAL DUTIES LISTS** are available at the entrance of the church. The Liturgical Duties lists are also available on the parish websites on the "Mass Times" page.

**2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES** with your name on them are at the entrance of the church. 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 next weekend's Masses on **December 29 & 30**.

### **YEAR OF REPARATION: Ideas for Acts of Reparation**

Doing something in reparation for our own sins and the sins of others does not have to be hard. You just need to make the time to do it! Try these ideas this week:

1. Spend an hour with the Blessed Sacrament in adoration.
2. Research a Church teaching in the catechism to clarify it for you.
3. Visit a cemetery, and pray for those who have died.

For resources that further aid in the understanding of the process of reparation, as well as give more options for acts of reparation, visit <https://austindiocese.org/year-of-reparation>.

### **HOLY ROSARY WOMEN'S ACTS RETREAT** is scheduled



for **February 21-24** at Cathedral Oaks Retreat Center in Weimar. This retreat is an opportunity for spiritual renewal and making new friends. Applications are available at the entrance of the church. If you have any questions, please contact Becca Edmiston at (979) 732-1710.

## **"Share the Journey"**

### **RESPONDING TO THE CRY**

As we share the stories of migrants and refugees in transit through the year, we look for analogies in our lives, in our heritage, in our scripture and theology – something that says that these lives are not so different from ours, that the meaning and opportunity migrants and refugees seek is tied up inextricably with the meaning and opportunities we seek. In addition, it calls us as brothers and sisters to live in solidarity with each other.



**Share the Journey #**  
#sharejourney

With the season of Advent upon us, we don't have to look far for such a story. The Gospel of Luke tells us of an oppressive government, an unjust law, displaced populations, and a single family among them, on the road and vulnerable, asking for acceptance, settling into a makeshift shelter. It's a story reflected in the lives of families all around the world right now, just as much as it forms the bedrock of faith for Christians everywhere. This is where, and this is how, God chose to be born into the world.

We can hear the cry of the Holy Family. *Is there room for us? Will you let us in? Please, my wife is with child and her time has come.* A cry for solidarity from a family in transit. And we, the ones who have waited so long for God, are called to respond to that cry. Advent begins with a journey, a journey of faith and purpose. A journey that culminates with the coming of God. Make a place for Him. Make a place, if only in your heart, for the strangers on the road. Share the journey.

## **Catholic Social Teaching Corner**

*December 22-23 Fourth Sunday of Advent*

Especially appropriate for these days of suffering in our nation is the responsorial psalm for the Fourth Sunday of Advent, "**Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved**" (cf. Psalm 80). In a world that is becoming increasingly secular, not only must we invoke the remembrances of the mighty deeds of God as we implore his intervention to save the world, but also we must remember to bring about the plan of salvation through the work of our own hands. Let us be Christ for one another.

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**December 23, AD 2018**

**ST. JOHN'S LITURGICAL DUTIES**

**LECTORS**

**Christmas Vigil** – Monday (6:00 p.m.) – Herman Schramm  
**Christmas** – Tuesday (10:00 a.m.) – Kathy Kneblak  
**Saturday** – Kathleen Kramr  
**Sunday** – Janell Warschak

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

**Christmas Vigil** – Monday (6:00 p.m.) – Betty Kovar(H),  
 Carrol Hollimon(H), Annette Little(H), Karley Kasmiersky(C),  
 Waldine Fruge(C), Leslie Little\*(C), Kayla Kaspar(C)  
**Christmas** – Tuesday (10:00 a.m.) – Cindy Bertsch(H),  
 Michelle Bertsch(H), David Bertsch\*(H), Madeline Kovar(C),  
 Rick Schilling(C), Jeanne Schilling(C), Kathy Kneblak(C)  
**Saturday** – Kathleen Kramr(H), Yvonne Smith(H),  
 Tiffany Nigh(H), Ronnie Kramr\*(C), Lexxus Mayorga(C),  
 Addie Dybala(C), Lois Kaspar(C)  
**Sunday** – Becky Matocha(H), Amy Babin(H), Joe Babin\*(H),  
 Lee Matocha(C), Paulette Keilers(C), Mary Quiros(C),  
 Pat Geistmann(C)

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Christmas Vigil** – Monday (6:00 p.m.) – Amanda Little,  
 Skylar Kasmiersky, Peyton Jurecka, Chelsie Toddy  
**Christmas** – Tuesday (10:00 a.m.) – Cole Brackman,  
 Ricky Schilling, Lydia Huebner, Braden Kubala  
**Saturday** – Dustin Canik, Amber Canik, Evan Blazek  
**Sunday** – Emma Jurecka, Wade Halamicek, Marissa Halamicek

**GIFT BEARERS**

**Christmas Vigil** – Monday (6:00 p.m.) – Waldine Fruge and  
 Debbie Canik  
**Christmas** – Tuesday (10:00 a.m.) – Gary Toddy Family  
**Saturday** – Vincent Orsak Family  
**Sunday** – Brian Warschak Family

**CCW ROSARY:** Janice Kasmiersky & Paulette Keilers will  
 lead the Rosary for the intention of religious vocations.

**ALTAR DUTY FOR DECEMBER:** Carrol Hollimon,  
 Lisa Hollimon, Pat Sury, Madeline Kovar

**USHERS FOR DECEMBER**

**Saturday** – Leonard Malota, Peter Chovanec, Gary Toddy,  
 Ronnie Kramr  
**Sunday** – Christopher Kaspar, Kenneth Noska, Lee Matocha,  
 Vernon Hohensee

**ST. JOHN CONTACTS**

Pastoral Council Chairman	Rodney Beseda	281-802-7482
Finance Council President	Steve Pavlicek	409-739-4410
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. MARY'S LITURGICAL DUTIES**

**LECTOR**

**Christmas** – Monday (Midnight) – Aimee Korenek  
**Christmas** – Tuesday (8:00 a.m.) – Ashley Havel  
**Sunday** – Jan Jurecka

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

**Christmas** – Monday (Midnight) – Jo Ann Divin, Luke Orsak,  
 Jan Jurecka, Paulette Urban  
**Christmas** – Tuesday (8:00 a.m.) – Robert Balzer, Lee Roy Shula,  
 L.J. Korenek, Ruth Beseda  
**Sunday** – Luke Orsak, Paulette Urban, Rose Urban, Jan Jurecka

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Christmas** – Monday (Midnight) – Luke Korenek,  
 Stephen Korenek, Julie Korenek  
**Christmas** – Tuesday (8:00 a.m.) – Klayten Schmitt,  
 Kole Schmitt, Rylee Fritsch  
**Sunday** – Ryan Becka, Lilly Alvarado

**GIFT BEARERS**

**Christmas** – Monday (Midnight) – Dan Kuehn Family  
**Christmas** – Tuesday (8:00 a.m.) – Bradley Divin Family  
**Sunday** – Vernon Jurecka Family

**ROSARY LEADER**

**Christmas** – Monday (Midnight) – Vlasta Korenek  
**Christmas** – Tuesday (8:00 a.m.) – Garland Polasek  
**Sunday** – Ann Minar

**USHERS FOR DECEMBER**

Donnie Becka, Alfred Ermis, Eduardo Alvarado, Dennis Orsak

**ST. MARY CONTACTS**

Pastoral Council Chairman	James Wunderlich	281-723-1999
Finance Council President	Bruce Kubena	979-249-6592
St. Mary Altar Society	Lolly Balzer	979-249-3076
Pro-Life Ministries Coordinator	Aimee Korenek	979-966-7051
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

*Masses for The Nativity of the Lord*

**DECEMBER 24 – CHRISTMAS EVE**

VIGIL MASS – 6:00 p.m. at St. John  
 MASS DURING THE NIGHT – 12:00 midnight at St. Mary

**DECEMBER 25 – CHRISTMAS**

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



*Peace on earth  
 and in your hearts this Christmas*