

St. Mary Catholic Church

Est. 1855

Mission Parish

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



Weekly Offering: \$ 2,495.00
Cemetery Fund: \$ 227.00
Online Giving: \$ 449.13

MASSES

Wednesday at 7:00 a.m.
Mass for Life

Friday at 7:00 a.m.
Henry & Marie Hrachovy †

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 p.m.
Mabel Knippel †

Sunday at 8:00 a.m.
Marianne Untermeyer †

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Available before every Mass
(in parish hall)

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Est. 1870

207 E. Bell St.
Fayetteville

www.stjohnfayetteville.com



Weekly Offering: \$ 5,114.00
Faith Formation: \$ 292.00
Online Giving: \$ 620.00

MASSES

Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.
Jerry A. Rek †

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
John, Albina and Jim Urban †

Thursday at 7:00 a.m.
*Deceased of the
Anna & Peter Chovanec Family †*

Saturday at 7:30 a.m.
Angeline Janish †

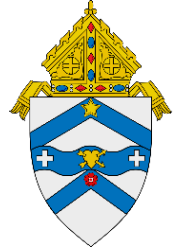
Saturday Vigil at 6:00 p.m.
Living & deceased members of the CDA

Sunday at 10:00 a.m.
For the People

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Wednesday 6:00 p.m.
Saturday 8:00-9:00 a.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)

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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 TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
October 11, AD 2020

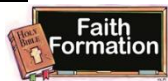
ST. JOHN'S & ST. MARY'S NEWS

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Dianne Allen, Judy Chovanec, Margie Chovanec, Cherie Coufal, Bennie Daricek, John Dennis, Paul Estrada, Brian Fruge, Waldine Fruge, Hannah Glenn, Dan Hall, Bernita Hlinsky, Christine Kaspar, J.D. Kovar, Robert Krenek, Sr., Doris Matocha, Jeanette Michalsky, Dr. Tom Mueller, Garland Polasek, Kaycee Roesler, El Gene and Mary Ann Sommerfeld, Shelley Spears, Martha Staley, Barbara Tieken, Kathy Vasek, Larry Vitek, 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 – Wednesday, October 14

- Grades K-1 will meet at 6:00 – 6:50 p.m.
- Grades 2-6 will meet at 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
- Grades 7-12 will meet at 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.



If you have not already done so, please sign and return the Ministry Waiver that was sent to all parents as soon as possible. Questions? Please call the office at 979-378-2277.

CONFIRMATION will be celebrated on Sunday, **November 8**, during the 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. John Catholic Church. A rehearsal for candidates and sponsors will be **Saturday, November 7, at 9:00 a.m.** Please keep all of our Confirmands in prayer, that they will be open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

CYM “DRIVE-THRU ONLY” CHICKEN STEW WILL BE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1:

All high school students should refer to the worksheet to make sure and attend at their scheduled time.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES-ONLINE

Basic Teachings of the Catholic Church will be offered online via Zoom—all from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.—on the following dates: The Sacraments on **October 24**, Morality on **November 7**, and Prayer & Spirituality on **November 21**. You can register at <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=GTWPGH>.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: Next week is World Mission Sunday! Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. We are called through our baptism to be part of the Church's missionary efforts, through prayer, self-sacrifice and support of missionary vocations through material aid. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous in next week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

MARRIAGE RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES will be given this year to couples celebrating anniversaries in **2020** for 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60 years and over. All couples receiving certificates shall be in good standing with the Catholic Church and attend Mass, regularly, in the parish. Please enter your full names, anniversary date, and name of parish where your wedding took place on the sign-up sheet at the entrance of the church by Sunday, **November 22**.

SAVE THE DATE! We are excited to welcome Father Bill Casey of the Fathers of Mercy. Father Bill will present a **parish mission** from **November 2** through **November 5**. Please make plans to attend this parish event.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

- **TRASH PICK UP** will be on Thursday, **October 15**. Members are asked to meet at the pavilion at 5:30 p.m.
- **MONTHLY MEETING** is Tuesday, **October 20**, at 7:00 p.m. Individually wrapped meals will be served and social distancing will be observed. We look forward to seeing you.

GATHERING FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST IS A BLESSING, indeed. The Holy Eucharist is the source and summit of our Catholic faith. Everyone is welcome, but fulfilling our Sunday Obligation may feel a bit difficult as we navigate these times of a pandemic. With the increased attendance, we are constantly adjusting our seating arrangements to welcome all while still maintaining safe social distancing.

Social distancing is practiced, masks are required, and hand sanitizer is used. We continue to have additional cleaning of the Church done regularly.

Remember, the ushers are there to help! Please ask them if you need a mask, assistance finding a seat, or anything else.

NOTE: We ask that those who are showing symptoms of COVID-19, those who have an underlying health condition making them vulnerable to COVID-19, or those who live with or care for anyone in the previous two categories to please *remotely participate* via viewing the **livestreamed Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass** on our Facebook page. You can access it by visiting our parish websites and clicking the Facebook emblem “f” in the upper right hand corner.

THANK YOU to all who attended the “America Needs Fatima” rosary crusade on the courthouse square yesterday. Our Lady and Our Lord were looking down on us as many gathered to pray in a public place asking for many intentions to be answered.

WORD OF LIFE: A PERFECT GIFT

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“Many parents want perfect children...but God calls us to seek perfection not in appearance or abilities, but in love.”

People often say, “I could never handle a child with a disability.” But the beauty of parenting is that you aren't given a child with a disability. You are given *your* child with a disability. Your child enters into the world in a relationship with you, and that changes everything.

Our love for our children has nothing to do with their abilities. We love them simply because of who they *are*, and understanding this teaches us how to truly love everyone. We also begin to understand our own worth, which depends not on our skills, but solely on the fact that we are created in the image and likeness of God and loved by Him. Our lives – *all* our lives – are worth living.

Please read this week's bulletin insert titled, “A Perfect Gift” written by the USCCB.

OCTOBER IS NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH.

To learn more about the Catholic response, visit the U.S. Bishop's website for their Pastoral Letter, “When I Call for Help.” If you, a family member or friend needs help now, contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline, 800-799-7233 (24 hours); 800-787-3224 (TTY), www.thehotline.org. If you are in immediate danger, call 911.



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CIVILIZE IT: SCRIPTURE

"Week after week, day after day, the lectionary calls the community to reflect on the scriptural message of justice and peace." –U.S. Catholic Bishops, Communities of Salt and Light

The Word of God inspires and challenges us as we strive to love God and neighbor. By reflecting on Scripture and guided by the Church and God's grace, we are better able to discern God's revelation to us today. It is not enough to discern and reflect on this revelation, however. Such discernment and reflection help us to hear God's call in Scripture, but we must take the final step and carry out that call in our own lives and communities. Visit <https://www.wearsaltandlight.org> for resources that can help you consider many ways to pray, listen, reflect, and discern together.

NOTICE TO ALL PARISH ORGANIZATIONS: As meetings and events are starting to be held again, let us know any information or announcements you would like in the bulletin. Contact the parish office at 979-378-2277 or email stsjm@stjohnfayetteville.com. Tuesday afternoon is the deadline for the following weekend's bulletin.

PROJECT MIRIAM, A DISCERNMENT EVENT FOR SINGLE YOUNG WOMEN up to 35 years old, will be held **October 17** from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Mary Cathedral in Austin. This is an opportunity to encounter joyful sisters from various religious communities, hear their discernment stories and learn about their communities. Their sharing and guidance will shed light on each participant's discernment journey. Mass will be celebrated and there will be time spent in prayer and adoration. Adjustments to format may be made due to changing circumstances related to COVID-19. Visit www.godiscalling.me for more information and to register.

Catholic Social Teaching Corner

Oct. 10-11 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel we see that God continues to invite, but that the first on the list did not accept the invitation. The second tier invitees did come, but we see in the parable that it is possible to be asked to leave if we are not ready to accept all that God has to offer, both the banquet and the wedding garment. When we accept being in a relationship with God we are called to embrace whole new ways of being and thinking which are determined by God's will, not ours. Some invited by God might not be on our list, who is it that God is calling us to accept that might be difficult right now?

Octubre 10-11 28vo. Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

En el Evangelio de hoy vemos que Dios continúa invitando, pero que el primero en la lista no aceptó la invitación. El segundo de los invitados vino, pero vemos en la parábola que es posible que se nos pida irnos si no estamos listos para aceptar lo que Dios tiene que ofrecer, ambas cosas, el banquete y el traje de boda. Cuando aceptamos estar en una relación con Dios, somos llamados a aceptar totalmente nuevas maneras de ser y pensar las cuales están determinadas por la voluntad de Dios, no la nuestra. Algunos invitados por Dios puede que no estén en nuestra lista, ¿A quién nos está llamando Dios a aceptar que puede que nos resulte difícil en este momento?

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St. John the Baptist
Catholic Church

2020

Celebrating 150 Years

THROUGHOUT THE LATE 1950S AND INTO THE EARLY 1960S, almost 300 children attended the St. John Catholic School each year. They came from the Fayetteville, Ellinger, and even the Frelsburg area.

THE 19TH ANNUAL WHITE MASS will take place on **October 15** at 6 p.m. at St. Theresa Parish in Austin honoring doctors, nurses, administrators, emergency responders and all who work in health care. Those who plan to attend in person are asked to register at this link: <http://evite.me/S3uMBJchNk>. Join online at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCS2PgMnv9LDqFs613QZ14Rg/live>.

Come Gather in Prayer with Us!

***Saturday** night – pray the Rosary for the intention of religious vocations before the 6:00 p.m. Mass
at **St. John Church**

***Monday** evening – pray the Angelus, the Rosary, the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and other prayers at 6:00 p.m.
at **St. Mary Church**

***Tuesday** evening – pray the Rosary at 5:30 p.m.
at **St. John Church**

ST. JOHN'S NEWS

WELCOME: St. John's parish family would like to congratulate the family of *Alexander Vincent Simpson* who was born into Our Lord's life through Baptism last week. May the Lord be with him and his family with all His blessings.

ST. JOHN'S ALTAR SOCIETY monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, **October 13**, at 2:00 p.m. at the parish hall.

ST. JOHN'S CEMETERY: During the month of October, the cemetery gates will be unlocked so that you may take care of your loved one's graves.

ST. JOHN'S FINANCIAL COUNCIL will meet Tuesday, **October 27**, at 6:45 p.m.

ST. MARY'S NEWS

PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS: Inserted in last week's bulletin was a nomination form for St. Mary's Pastoral Council members. The criteria for members are listed on the form. Please submit your nominations by Sunday, **October 18**.

ST. MARY'S UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

- St. Mary's Pastoral Council will meet Thursday, **October 22**, at 6:30 p.m.
- St. Mary's Financial Council will meet Thursday, **October 29**, at 6:30 p.m.

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ST. JOHN LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTOR

Wednesday – Grade 6
Saturday – Annette Little
Sunday – Nikki Beseda

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Wednesday – Nikki Beseda
Saturday – Ronnie Kramr, Kathleen Kramr
Sunday – Lee Matocha, Christine Wied

ALTAR SERVERS

Wednesday – Grade 3 (3), Grade 6 (1)
Saturday – Jacob Nigh, Paige Jurecka, Peyton Jurecka
Sunday – Mackenzie Poncik, Logan Poncik, Cole Brackman

ALTAR DUTY FOR OCTOBER: Kathy Kneblak, Janet Hall, Margie Svrcek, Halissa Toddy

USHERS FOR OCTOBER

Saturday – Leonard Malota, Ronald Malota, Wesley Gaertner, Leslie Little
Sunday – Allan Minarcik, Christopher Kaspar, Arlis Keilers, Emil Sodolak

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Hall Rental	Parish Office	979-378-2277
Cemetery	Ronald Kramr	979-249-6152

FAMILY CONNECTION

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus compares the kingdom of heaven to a wedding feast.



Today's Gospel reminds us that God invites all of us to his kingdom. How do we respond to this invitation? In theological terms, God has granted us free will to accept or reject salvation. The parable of the wedding feast reminds us that God desires our wholehearted acceptance of his invitation to salvation.

As you gather as a family, discuss what you consider appropriate attire for various occasions. For example, if your family were invited to a neighbor's barbecue, what would you wear? If you were planning to attend the symphony, what might you wear? If invited to an evening wedding, what might you wear? Discuss how our preparations for an event and our choice of attire indicates the importance and value we place on the occasion.

In today's Gospel Jesus uses this metaphor to talk about the kingdom of heaven. Read Matthew 22:1-14. Discuss why the guest was thrown out of the wedding feast. What does Jesus expect of those who accept his invitation of salvation? What would be the evidence of our conversion to God's salvation? Pray together as a family that you will respond wholeheartedly to God's invitation to salvation. Pray together today's psalm, Psalm 23.

ST. MARY LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTOR

Saturday – Rose Urban
Sunday – Ashley Havel

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday – Rylee Fritsch
Sunday – Luke Korenek

USHERS FOR OCTOBER

Saturday – Mark Schmitt, Mark Matocha, Bruce Kubena, Eduardo Alvarado
Sunday – Luke Orsak, Donnie Becka, Bradley Divin, James Korenek

ALTAR FLOWERS Oct. 10/11 – Cecilia Smidovec
 Oct. 17/18 – Leonora Zapalac Oct. 24/25 – Janet Bradley

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Hall Rental	Parish Office	979-378-2277
Cemetery	Vlasta Korenek	979-732-2836

Mark your Calendars...

CEMETERY SERVICES will be on Sunday, **November 1** at St. Mary's Cemetery - 2:00 p.m.
Blessing of the Graves at St. Martin's Cemetery – 3:00 p.m.
 at St. John's Cemetery - 4:00 p.m. - Mass

CYM "DRIVE-THRU ONLY" CHICKEN STEW will be on Sunday, **November 1**, immediately following the St. John's Cemetery Services. This year the stew will be served in containers, so do not bring individual pots to be filled.

TIME CHANGE

Daylight Saving Time ends at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, **November 1**. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour before you go to sleep on Saturday night (October 31).

**St. Teresa of Avila
 October 15**



*"Let nothing disturb you,
 Let nothing frighten you,
 All things are passing away:
 God never changes.
 Patience obtains all things
 Whoever has God lacks
 nothing; God alone is
 enough."
 -St. Teresa of Avila*