

St. Mary Catholic Church

Est. 1855

Mission Parish

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



Weekly Offering: \$ 692.00
Peter's Pence: \$ 150.22
Online Giving: \$ 501.74

MASSES

Wednesday at 7:00 a.m.

Doris, Leonard, & Lennie Svrcek †

Friday at 7:00 a.m.

*Edmund, Lillian, & Jeanette Becker †
John R. & Betty Zapalac †*

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 p.m.

Larry Polasek †

Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

Johnnie & Estrella Svrcek †

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: \$ 5,348.00
Peter's Pence: \$ 143.00
Online Giving: \$ 1,515.55

MASSES

Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.

No Mass

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

Rosalie Malota †

Thursday at 7:00 a.m.

Leroy Peschel †

Saturday at 7:30 a.m.

*Dec'd Members of the
John & Annie Rainosek Family †
The Gerald & Wendy Beaver Family*

Saturday Vigil at 6:00 p.m.

For the People

Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

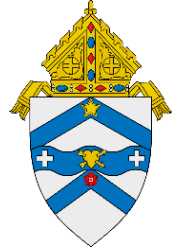
Agnes Miller †

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-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
October 18, AD 2020

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Dianne Allen, Judy Chovanec, Margie Chovanec, Cherie Coufal, Bennie Daricek, John Dennis, Bradley Divin, Paul Estrada, Brian Fruge, Waldine Fruge, Hannah Glenn, Dan Hall, Bernita Hlinsky, Dcn. Robert Jasek, Christine Kaspar, J.D. Kovar, Robert Krenek, Sr., Doris Matocha, Dr. Tom Mueller, Rose Novosad, 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 21

- 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.



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.



SAVE THE DATE FOR DCYC 2021, January 30 at Dell Diamond in Round Rock, Texas. More information to come!

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>.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MONTHLY MEETING will be 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!

ALL SOULS ENVELOPES are available at the entrance of the church. You may have Masses offered for deceased family and friends during the month of November. These souls will be prayed for at each Mass during November. Write the names of the souls on the envelope & **drop it in the collection no later than Oct. 25**.

A PARISH MISSION will be presented by Father Bill Casey of the Fathers of Mercy. Father Bill's presentation will be at St. John at 7:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, **November 2-5**. Make plans to attend this parish event!

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**.



NOVEMBER 7-8 WEEKEND MASSES: Bishop Vásquez will Celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at Mass at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 8. Due to the COVID-19 protocol and limited seating in Church, we ask that anyone not planning to attend Mass specifically to celebrate this sacrament with the Confirmation candidates *please consider attending one of the other weekend Masses: Saturday evening Mass at 4 p.m. at St. Mary or 6 p.m. at St. John, or 8 a.m. Sunday morning Mass at St. Mary.* Your consideration will help insure that families of the candidates will be able to celebrate this special day with their loved ones.

SPECIAL COLLECTION TODAY: Today, World Mission Sunday, we respond, “Here I Am, Send Me,” to our baptismal call to mission, and we offer, at the Eucharistic celebration, our prayers and our generous financial support, through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, to continue the mission of Jesus. At the end of every Mass, we are sent out to spread the good news of the Gospel. On this World Mission Sunday, we are “sent out” to witness to mission, through our prayers and sacrifices, for our brothers and sisters around the world.

As little as...

- \$25 helps support a catechist for a month in remote Latin America
 - \$75 provides for the work of religious Sisters caring for orphaned children in Africa
 - \$100 assists families in sending their children to schools in Asia
- As always, your prayers are your most treasured gift to the Missions. May God bless you for your generous missionary spirit!

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.

CIVILIZE IT: CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

“Our social doctrine is an integral part of our faith; we need to pass it on clearly, creatively, and consistently.”—U.S. Catholic Bishops, Communities of Salt and Light

The Church's social teaching shines the light of our faith on the issues and problems facing our communities and world. All Catholics—lay and ordained—are invited to witness to Catholic social teaching in their daily lives and in their communities. Catholic social teaching is a rich treasure of wisdom about building a just society and living lives of holiness amidst the challenges of today's world. Visit <https://www.wearesaltandlight.org> for more information or to better understand Catholic social teaching.

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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.



ANNUAL DIOCESAN CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL



Each year, our bishop asks each of us to make a commitment to support the work of our diocesan programs and ministries. When Bishop Joe Vasquez chose the theme for this year's Catholic Services Appeal, we were just beginning to learn the impact the pandemic would have on our world. Given the overwhelming generosity and kindness we have witnessed during these troublesome months, the theme "Hearts Filled with Gratitude" is incredibly fitting. If you have not already, you will soon receive information about the 2020-2021 appeal. Please take time to review how your gift to the CSA can benefit tens of thousands of our brothers and sisters in Central Texas. Then, prayerfully consider how you can share your blessings in gratitude to God for all he has given you. It is amazing what we can accomplish when we join together in Christ's name!

JOIN AREA MEN AND WOMEN FOR AN HOUR OF PRAYER on Thursdays at the La Grange KC Hall. A scripture passage, prayerful reflection and discussion occur to help keep God's word alive during the week. Men meet at 6:30 a.m. (coffee provided); women meet at noon (bring your lunch). Come and grow in our beautiful Catholic faith!

Catholic Social Teaching Corner

Oct. 17-18 -- 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus knows that the Pharisees were seeking to entrap him and he does not allow it. Government has a role to play, but God's role is always more central and important. A question that arises from this Gospel is: Do we live in a way that reflects the primacy of God in our lives? Do our lives show God's values regarding sharing our gifts and resources in the world? Do the poor have a place of primacy in our consciousness, as they do for God? What is one thing we can do this week to let the poor have a privileged place in our life and consciousness?

Octubre 17-18 -- 29no. Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Jesús sabe que los Fariseos estaban tratando de hacerlo caer en una trampa y no lo permite. El gobierno tiene un rol que cumplir, pero el rol de Dios es siempre más central e importante. Una pregunta que surge de este Evangelio es: ¿Vivimos en una manera que refleja la prioridad de Dios en nuestras vidas? ¿Nuestras vidas muestran los valores de Dios respecto al compartir nuestros dones y recursos con el mundo? ¿Los pobres tienen un lugar primordial en nuestras conciencias, tal como en la de Dios? ¿Qué es algo que podemos hacer esta semana para dar a los pobres un lugar privilegiado en nuestra vida y conciencia?

1870 St. John the Baptist Catholic Church 2020
Celebrating 150 Years

THE PRESENT ST. JOHN EDUCATIONAL CENTER was built in 1975 and houses multiple classrooms, two restrooms, and a kitchen.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Second Chance in La Grange is looking for volunteers on **October 27-31** and **November 2**. (Tuesday-Thursday are for stocking, Friday-Saturday are for sales day, Monday is for straightening.) For additional information, please call one of our parish coordinators, either Suzanne Mattair (832-465-2383) or Sara Vandel (979-966-7693).

GABRIEL ANGEL TRAINING: The Gabriel Project is a parish-based ministry helping women in need during pregnancy or motherhood. Those interested in learning how to help moms in need in the parish community are invited to an online training Saturday, **October 31**, from 9 a.m. to noon. Participants will learn skills to help mentor and accompany mothers who are struggling. Visit <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=aa739d> to register for the training. For more information, contact the Gabriel Project Coordinator at your parish or [Luisa de Poo](mailto:Luisa.dePoo@stjohnlaGrange.org) at (512) 949-2487.

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 in Response to Abortion, 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

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, and prepare for next month's Cemetery Service and blessing of the graves.

ST. JOHN'S UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

- St. John's Financial Council will meet Tuesday, **October 27**, at 6:45 p.m.
- St. John's Pastoral Council will meet Thursday, **November 12**, at 6:30 p.m.

ST. MARY'S NEWS

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 5
Saturday – Theresa Keilers
Sunday – Lee Matocha

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Wednesday – Carrol Hollimon
Saturday – Sharon Martinek, Addie Dybala
Sunday – Joe Babin, Amy Babin

ALTAR SERVERS

Wednesday – Grade 4 (3), Grade 5 (1)
Saturday – Gregory Huebner, Lydia Huebner, Emma Jurecka
Sunday – Scotti Beseda, Luke Beseda, Ricky Schilling

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

ST. JOHN CONTACTS

Pastoral Council Chair	John Spiess	979-836-8702
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K.J.Z.T.	Rose Rohde	979-249-3635
K.J.T.	Emil Sodolak	979-249-3952
Hall Rental	Parish Office	979-378-2277
Cemetery	Ronald Kramr	979-249-6152



FAMILY CONNECTION

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 22:15-21

The Pharisees send their disciples to test Jesus with a question about taxes.

Payment of taxes is unlikely to be a disputed issue in your family. Yet families can still learn something from this Gospel reading. Jesus' answer to the Herodians and Pharisees redirects their question to focus on the issue of greatest importance: loving and honoring God. Taking this perspective can help us make good judgments about the competing issues of importance in our lives.

As your family gathers, make a list of the activities that your family spends time doing together, such as household tasks, jobs, academics, and recreational activities. Talk about the importance of each of these activities. Ask what would happen if there were an imbalance in our attention to these activities and we spent too much time on one activity at the expense of another.

In today's Gospel Jesus reminds us of the necessity of giving things their proper importance. Read Matthew 22:15-21. The Herodians and Pharisees were giving too much importance to the issue of the payment of taxes. Jesus reminds them that loving and honoring God is of greater importance. In family life we do many important things, but we remember that God is of the greatest importance in our lives. Pray together that your family will learn to keep things in proper perspective, remembering to keep God first in your lives. Pray together today's psalm, Psalm 96.

ST. MARY LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTOR

Saturday – L.J. Korenek
Sunday – Jo Ann Divin

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday – Kole Schmitt
Sunday – Stephen Korenek

USHERS FOR OCTOBER

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

ALTAR FLOWERS Oct. 24/25 – Janet Bradley
 Oct. 31/Nov. 1 – Beatrice Polasek Nov. 7/8 – Patricia Brune

ST. MARY CONTACTS

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K.J.Z.T.	Mildred Walla	979-378-4202
K.J.T.	James Korenek	amskorenek@yahoo.com
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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).

Merciful Father,

Thank you for inviting each of us to join in your work of building the kingdom of love, justice, and peace.

Draw us close to you in prayer as we discern your call in our families and communities. Send us forth to encounter all whom you love: those not yet born, those in poverty, those in need of welcome. Inspire us to respond to the call of faithful citizenship, during election season and beyond.

Help us to imitate your charity and compassion and to serve as models of loving dialogue.

Teach us to treat other with respect, even when we disagree, and seek to share your love and mercy. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.