

# St. Mary Catholic Church

*Est. 1855*

**Mission Parish**

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



**Weekly Offering** \$ 1,164.60  
**Online Giving:** \$ 450.51

### MASSES

**Wednesday at 7:00 a.m.**  
*Living & Dec'd members of  
K.J.T., St. Wenceslaus*

**Friday at 7:00 a.m.**  
*Joseph Lukas &  
Joseph Cervenka Families †*

**Saturday Vigil at 4:00 p.m.**  
*Paul & Betty Malota Family †*

**Sunday at 8:00 a.m.**  
*Living & Dec'd members of  
St. Mary's Altar Society*

**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:** \$ 2,966.00  
**Online Giving:** \$ 334.68

### MASSES

**Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.**  
*Arnold & Julia Ryza †*

**Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.**  
*Anton & Rosie Petter Family †*

**Thursday at 7:00 a.m.**  
*Frank Holub Family †*

**Friday at 6:00 p.m.**  
*Sam & Amy White †*

**Saturday at 7:30 a.m.**  
*Jeffrey Raska †*

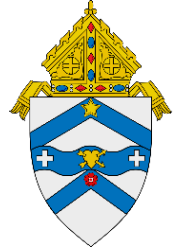
**Saturday Vigil at 6:00 p.m.**  
*For the People*

**Sunday at 10:00 a.m.**  
*Dottie Lyssy †*

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
Wednesday 6:00 p.m.  
Saturday 8:15-9:30 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-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
September 27, AD 2020

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

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Judy Chovanec, Margie Chovanec, Cherie Coufal, Bennie Daricek, John Dennis, Brian Fruge, Waldine Fruge, Hannah Glenn, Dan Hall, Robert Krenek, Sr., J.D. Kovar, 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, September 30**

- 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.

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES-ONLINE**

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

**Level 3 Church/Ecclesiology:** October 6, 13, 20, 27 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Visit <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=m7hto3> to register for Church/Ecclesiology.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

On **October 10-11**, we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, originally scheduled for June 28. This collection provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous.

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

**WE'RE GLAD TO SEE YOU AT MASS AGAIN!**

We are pleased so many parishioners are returning to Mass in person! With the increased attendance, we are constantly adjusting our seating arrangements to welcome all while still maintaining safe social distancing. Please look at the signs anew—they may have changed—and allow the ushers to assist you in getting to a seat. Welcome back!

**Cautions for returning parishioners:** 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 live Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass on our Facebook page.

**Changes made to keep all safe:** Social distancing is practiced, masks are required, and hand sanitizer is used. Additional cleaning of the Church is being done.

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

**FOR THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND MASS:** The Sunday, 10:00 a.m. Mass from St. John the Baptist is **livestreamed** on Facebook. You can access it by visiting our parish websites and clicking the Facebook emblem "f" in the upper right hand corner. Participating in the Mass via livestream is to be done concurrent and together with the parish community. It will not be available to view at a later time, so please join us **at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday.**

**AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA ROSARY CRUSADE 2020**

October 13 of this year is the 103<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun at Fatima. As human efforts fail to solve America's key problems, we turn to God through His Holy Mother asking for His urgent help. Join us Saturday, **October 10**, at noon on the Fayetteville Courthouse Square as we mark this anniversary by praying a public Rosary. For details, contact Madeline Kovar.

**OLIVE WOOD NATIVITY CARVINGS**

made in Bethlehem will be available for purchase the weekend of **October 3-4**. Christians living in the Holy Land have very few opportunities to make a living, but they continue to struggle to remain there, a people devoted to our most cherished holy places. Many of these families have become talented carvers in olive wood, passing the skills down through the generations. By purchasing their products, we can help ensure their future as a Christian presence in the Holy Land. What a great idea for Christmas gifts!

**THE MOBILE FOOD PANTRY:**

The next distribution will be **October 2**, from **10:00 – 11:00 a.m.** This will be a Drive-Thru, so all clients are to stay in their vehicles and open the trunk. Volunteers will load the food in your vehicle.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Father Bill Casey of the Fathers of Mercy will be here to present a **parish mission** from **November 2** through **November 5**. More information will be forthcoming.

**A WORD OF LIFE: ADDRESSING RACISM IN OUR HEARTS AND COMMUNITIES**

*"By our Baptism, we are members of Christ's body and sharers in his mission. Imitating Christ, we must care for all members of our communities, honoring each person as unique, sacred, and created in the image of God."* - USCCB

Some among us may want to believe that our country has moved beyond the reality of racism that has so profoundly stained its past, or that racism does not involve us. However, racism continues to impact the lives of many Americans, many of them Catholic – particularly those who belong to the African American, Hispanic/Latino, or Native American communities. We must not remain silent about racial injustice. The bishops implore us to find ways to actively work against the evil of racism.

**How Can I Respond?**

**Listen** to and know the stories of our brothers and sisters who have suffered from racism in history, and in the present.

**Commit to learn** about racism in employment, housing, wealth, education, criminal justice, and voting – and then get involved in diocesan, parish or community efforts to pray and work for conversion of both hearts and systems.

**Think about what you can do, wherever you are.** Commit to raising your awareness in your family, at school or at work.

**Examine your conscience.** We all must ask ourselves: Where have my attitudes or perceptions caused me to devalue persons of other cultures or ethnicities?

Please read this week's bulletin insert titled, "Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring call to Love" written by the USCCB.

THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
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**NOTICE TO ALL PARISH ORGANIZATIONS:** As meetings and events are starting to be held again, please make sure you contact the office with any information or announcements you would like in the bulletin. Contact the office by Tuesday afternoon for the following weekend's bulletin.

**ST. ROCH PARISH OF MENTZ** will have their 166<sup>th</sup> Annual "Modified" Picnic on Sunday, **October 4**. Activities include a raffle drawing, a live auction in the pavilion, and a BBQ meal served in pre-packaged plates beginning at 11:00 a.m. All plates are \$13.00. Visit <https://saintrochparish.org/> for more information.

**QUEEN OF THE HOLY ROSARY PARISH OF HOSTYN** will have a Virtual Festival including a raffle and online auction. The online auction runs Friday, **October 2**, to Friday, **October 9**. Go to <https://www.charityauction.bid/hostynpicnic> to purchase raffle tickets, make a donation, or view auction items.

**CIVILIZE IT: ECUMENISM**

*"Christian Communities join together in taking a stand in the name of Christ on important problems concerning man's calling and on freedom, justice, peace, and the future of the world. . . The united voice of Christians has more impact than any one isolated voice."* – St. John Paul II, *Ut Unum Sint*, no. 43

Reaching out involves encounter with the "other" in faith traditions besides our own. We are called to seek understanding and then cooperate together on "bold projects aimed at changing the world by instilling respect for the rights and needs of everyone, especially the poor, the lowly and the defenseless" (*Ut Unum Sint*, no. 43). This is a witness to our unity as children of God and members of one human family.

**FOLLOW THE DIOCESE OF AUSTIN** on social media for up-to-date information at [www.austindiocese.org](http://www.austindiocese.org) or find them on Twitter at @AustinDiocese.

**Catholic Social Teaching Corner**

Sept. 26-27 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the Gospels, Jesus is always challenging the boxes we like to create: like the boxes for "good" and "bad". It is human to create such boxes, but Jesus wants us to realize that we are always called to see as God sees and not as human beings see. That is not easy, and it takes great humility and constant conversion to see every person, even those whose lives are a contradiction to our values as loved by God, and even as potential saints. Jesus was able to do this, and calls us to do the same.

Sept. 26-27 26to. Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

En el Evangelio, Jesús siempre está retando los paradigmas que nos gusta crear: tales como los paradigmas para lo que es "bueno" y lo que es "malo". Es humano el crear esos paradigmas, pero Jesús quiere que nos demos cuenta de que siempre estamos llamados a ver tal como Dios ve y no como los humanos ven. Eso no es fácil y requiere gran humildad y una constante conversión para ver a cada persona, incluso a aquellas cuyas vidas son una contradicción a nuestros valores como seres amados por Dios, e incluso como santos potenciales. Jesús pudo hacer esto y nos llama a hacer lo mismo.

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

**AS YOU ENTER ST. JOHN CHURCH** and look to the left above the sacristy doorway, you see the painting of St. Martin of Tours. This painting was originally located at the St. Martin Mission Church in Warrenton. A canvas print of actual size of the St. Martin painting now hangs in that little Church.

**REPORT UNETHICAL BEHAVIOR** by a person serving in ministry to the diocese at [www.austindiocese.org/other-concerns](http://www.austindiocese.org/other-concerns) or (512) 949-2447.

*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**

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

**FIRST FRIDAY:** We will have the Exposition of the Eucharist at 3:00 p.m. closing with Benediction, followed by 6:00 p.m. First Friday Mass. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND** will be for the Faith Formation program.

**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**

**FIRST FRIDAY** occurs this week. Mass will be at 7:00 a.m. on Friday.

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND** will be for the maintenance of St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery.

**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.

**THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**September 27, AD 2020**

**ST. JOHN LITURGICAL DUTIES**

**LECTOR**

**Wednesday** – Grade 5  
**Saturday** – Mary Keilers  
**Sunday** – Janet Hall

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

**Wednesday** – Lori Spiess  
**Saturday** – Tiffany Nigh, Betty Kovar  
**Sunday** – Pat Geistmann, Kayla Kaspar

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Wednesday** – Grade 4 (3), Grade 5 (1)  
**Saturday** – Peyton Jurecka, Emma Jurecka, Paige Jurecka  
**Sunday** – Luke Beseda, Scotti Beseda, 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

**ST. JOHN CONTACTS**

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



**FAMILY CONNECTION**

**Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Matthew 21:28-32

*Jesus poses a question to the chief priests and elders on the meaning of obedience.*

The example Jesus poses in today's Gospel could have been taken directly from family experience. Each of us can recall instances in which family members spoke one thing but then did another. The point of Jesus' story is to show that our actions speak louder than words, even with God.

As you gather as a family, talk about times when a family member said one thing and then did another. Acknowledge that sometimes the action taken displays a true change of heart. Then read today's Gospel, Matthew 21:28-32. Observe that Jesus faulted the religious leaders for not allowing John the Baptist's message of repentance to change their hearts and actions. The word we sometimes use for this change of heart is conversion. Jesus wants us to do more than pay lip service to the Gospel; he wants us to be transformed by his word.

Pray together that your family will experience a conversion to God and show evidence of this in both actions and words. Pray together today's second reading, Philippians 2:1-5.

*Holiness consists simply in doing God's will, and being just what God wants us to be.*  
 – St. Thérèse of Lisieux

**ST. MARY LITURGICAL DUTIES**

**LECTOR**

**Saturday** – Rose Urban  
**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, Bradley Divin, James Korenek

**ALTAR FLOWERS** Oct. 3/4 – Martha Matura  
 Oct. 10/11 – Cecilia Smidovec Oct. 17/18 – Leonora Zapalac

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**St. Thérèse of Lisieux**  
**October 1**



St. Thérèse Martin was born in Alençon, France in 1873. She had a happy early childhood, but the death of her mother when Thérèse was four had a profound effect on her. Increasingly, she began to long for Heaven and desire to follow her sisters into the Carmelite convent in Lisieux. At age 15, after making a trip to Rome to make a personal request of Pope Leo XIII for special permission, Thérèse entered the Carmelite monastery of Lisieux.

St. Thérèse saw herself as "the Little Flower of Jesus". She felt she was just like the ordinary wild flowers in the forests, unnoticed by the greater population, yet growing and giving glory to God, and blooming where planted. She liked to keep things simple and focused. She called her spirituality her "little way". Thérèse believed and taught that everyday life presents enough challenges and opportunities for grace. God is right there in every situation and person. Her "little way" teaches us to do the ordinary things of life with extraordinary love. A smile, a note of encouragement, a phone call, suffering in silence, always having a positive word, simple deeds done with love - these are examples of her spirituality. She felt that the smallest action, done with love, is more important than great deeds done for one's glory, gratification or out of obedience.

Thérèse's spiritual life was hidden. To many she seemed like just an average, ordinary person. Her greatness stemmed from the constancy of her love for others, revealed in the simplest ways.

St. Thérèse passed away from tuberculosis on Sept. 30, 1897. She was declared a saint on May 17, 1925 by Pope Pius XI and a Doctor of the Church by Pope John Paul II on Oct. 19, 1997.