

St. Mary Catholic Church

Est. 1855
Mission Parish
815 St. Mary's Church Rd.
Fayetteville (near Ellinger)
www.stmaryellinger.com



Weekly Offering: \$ 1,729.00
Online Giving: \$ 261.38
\$ 1,990.38

Average Weekly Operating Expenses
\$ 2,492

MASSES

Wednesday at 7:00 a.m.
All Souls †

Thursday at 8:00 a.m.
In Thanksgiving

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 p.m.
Mark Sladek & David Vasek †

Sunday at 8:00 a.m.
Mollie & Jerry Smidovec †

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Est. 1870
207 E. Bell St.
Fayetteville
www.stjohnfayetteville.com



Weekly Offering: \$ 3,447.27
Online Giving: \$ 855.28
\$ 4,302.55

Average Weekly Operating Expenses
\$ 5,011

MASSES

Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.
*Deceased members of the
Jacob & Marie Novak Families †*

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
In Thanksgiving

Thursday at 7:00 a.m.
No Mass

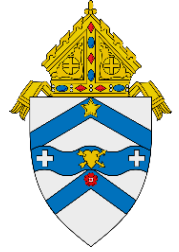
Saturday at 7:30 a.m.
Kenneth Svrcek †

Saturday Vigil at 6:00 p.m.
Lee Edward & Lee Edward Baca, Jr. †

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



Pope Francis
Vatican City State



Bishop Joe S. Vásquez
Diocese of Austin



St. Martin Catholic Church

Historic Chapel
3490 State Hwy 237
Round Top (near Warrenton)

MONTHLY MASS
Tuesday, December 7, at 8:30 a.m.
For the intentions left on the altar

Sacrament of Reconciliation

St. John: Wednesday 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Saturday 8:00-9:00 a.m.
First Fridays 4:00-5:30 p.m.
St. Mary: Available before every Mass

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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.

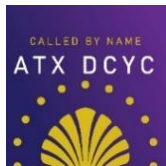
Parish Registration forms available at the entrance of the Church and online.

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NOVEMBER 21, AD 2021

PARISH LIFE

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Dan Castillo, Margie Chovanec, Brian Fruge, Waldine Fruge, Dan Hall, Bernita Hlinsky, Christine Kaspar, Kathy Kneblak, Betty Jean Kulhanek, Helen Mikus, Leo Miller, Richard Mueller, Cynthia Niesner, Kaycee Roesler, Barbara Tieken, Nancy Klawinsky Till, Ben Tucker, Rick Vandel, B.J. Vasek, 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 CLASSES: There will be no classes Wednesday, **November 24**, due to the Thanksgiving holidays. All students are reminded to attend Mass to give thanks for their many blessings.



DIOCESAN CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE (DCYC) 2022: All High School students are invited to celebrate their faith at the 2022 DCYC, **February 5-6**, where hundreds of young Catholics from across the diocese will gather for a dynamic weekend.

DCYC is packed with keynote speakers, smaller workshops, praise & worship, and fun free-time activities. DCYC also offers many sacramental opportunities such as Reconciliation, Adoration, daily Mass and Sunday Mass. This year's theme is "Called by Name." Registration forms can be found on the parish website or at the church entrance, and must be returned by **December 10**.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING: CYM youth will be decorating St. John Church on Sunday, **December 19**, 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 are welcome to join; your help will be appreciated.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: To donate toward the purchase of flowers for the Altar at Christmas, you may use the Christmas Flower envelope provided at the entrance of the church. Please put the donation in the collection between now and **December 12**.



LECTORS please pick up your new Lector Workbook from the sacristy for the new Church year, which begins in two weeks.

THE PARISH OFFICE will be closed for Thanksgiving on Thursday and Friday, **November 26-27**.

ST. JOHN'S PARISH ADVENT DINNER will be at the parish hall on Sunday, **November 28**. Social hour begins at 11:00 a.m., followed by a meal of lasagna, salad and bread.

- If you plan to attend, please bring the following: If your last name begins with **A – M**, bring an **appetizer**, and those with last names **N – Z**, bring a **dessert**.
- All parishioners are invited to donate to the *St. John's Cares Fund* that will be used to purchase HEB and other local merchant gift cards for those in need in our community.

ST. MARY'S PARISH ADVENT DINNER will be held on Sunday, **December 19**. A catered dinner will be served at 12:00 noon with social time beginning at 11:00 a.m. If you plan to attend, sign up on the sheet at the church entrance or call the office. Please specify if you need to bring a meal to any homebound parishioners. RSVPs should be made by Sunday, **December 12**.

**Important
Holiday Mass Change**

MASSES ON CHRISTMAS DAY must be the Christmas Masses and NOT the Anticipatory Mass for Feast of the Holy Family. Therefore, **we will not have the 4PM or 6 PM Vigil Masses for Feast of the Holy Family on December 25 as originally scheduled.** If you were scheduled to serve as a liturgical minister, please disregard those assignments.



ANGEL TREE: The CDA will have their "Angel Tree" up on the Friday after Thanksgiving. This annual project supports both children and adults who are in desperate family situations. You have an opportunity to choose an angel off the tree and provide a Christmas gift for someone who may not receive any other gifts.

CDA ADVENT SOCIAL AND POTLUCK DINNER: All ladies of the parish, young and old, are invited to the Annual CDA Advent Social and potluck dinner on Tuesday, **December 7**, at 6:30 p.m. at St. John's Parish Hall. Add this enjoyable Advent event to your calendar and bring a friend to share the fun! If you wish to exchange gifts, bring a gift valued at \$7.00 - \$10.00.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

- **COOKIES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS:** Each CDA member is asked to bring 5 to 6 dozen cookies to be delivered to senior citizens. You may bring them to the parish hall at the Advent Social or the morning of Wednesday, **December 8**. The packing of cookies will begin at 1:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed for this activity.
- **CDA EDUCATION CONTEST:** This year's topics are "With God All Things are Possible" and "Where is God in My Life When I am Struggling?" Students in grades 4-12 and CDA members may enter. Entry forms can be obtained at the entrance of the church. **December 31**, 2021 is the deadline to for entries. For more info, please contact Suzanne Mattair at 979-249-3901.



ADORATION AND CONFESSION TIMES DURING THE ADVENT SEASON: Part of our preparation for the birth of Christ should be to spend more time with Our Lord in Adoration as well as receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The additional opportunities during the Season of Advent are below:

ST. JOHN

- **Friday, December 3:** 3:00 – 5:30 p.m. and 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- **Thursday, December 9:** 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- **Thursday, December 16:** 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

ST. MARY

- **Thursday, December 2:** 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- **Friday, December 10:** 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

MARRIAGE RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES will be given this year to couples celebrating anniversaries in **2021** for 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60 years and over. Please enter your full names, anniversary date, and name of the parish where your wedding took place on the sign-up sheet at the entrance of the church by Sunday, **November 21**.

SENIOR CITIZEN SOCIAL WILL BEGIN AGAIN in January on the first and third Thursdays of the month from 1:00-5:00 p.m. at St. John's Parish Hall. All senior citizens are invited for an afternoon of games, fellowship and refreshments. New faces are always welcome!

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2021-2022 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Thank you to all who have given to the Catholic Services Appeal already! Our goal is 100% participation. If you haven't given yet, you may complete and return your pledge card via mail, by putting it in the collection basket or by making a secure gift online at austindiocese.org/csa. May you be blessed for your generosity!



#iGIVECATHOLIC is a Giving Day for the faithful across the nation to come together and raise as many charitable dollars as possible for Catholic parishes, schools, and ministries in participating arch/dioceses. **#iGiveCatholic** takes place on #GivingTuesday, **November 30**, this year.

Visit www.igivecatholic.org, select Diocese of Austin (Partner), and type in either "St. John" or "St. Mary." This will allow you to view St. John's and St. Mary's profile pages and make a donation towards our projects! You can also give offline via a cash or check donation given directly to the parish.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Please be generous in this week's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in eight people lives in poverty. With this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and those working on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd.

CLERICAL ENDOWMENT FUND CHRISTMAS CARDS

are a good way to remember someone at Christmas and support the CEF. Purchase cards at the parish office, at Fayetteville Bank, or after Mass at St. Mary's every second Sunday. For more info, call Donna Shula (979) 378-2749, or Margaret Kubala (979) 378-2877.

NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH:

5 FACTS ABOUT ADOPTION

1. Adoption statistic in U.S. families

One out of every 25 families with children have an adopted child.

2. Adopted Americans

Around 7 million Americans are adopted.

3. Average waiting time for getting adopted

The time an average child waits for an adoptive family is more than three years.

4. Adoption agencies in the U.S.

The U.S. has more adoption agencies than any other country.

5. International adoptions

Americans adopt children globally, although the numbers have declined since 2018.

ONLINE EIM TRAINING WILL END ON JANUARY 2

Everyone who is due to renew EIM compliance, or whose compliance is coming due soon, is strongly encouraged to update your compliance now online – otherwise, after January 2, you will have to attend an in-person EIM Workshop in order to update your training status. Go to www.austindiocese.org/workshop to complete the online training today!

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE: The St. John and St. Mary Altar Societies will sponsor a food drive to help people in need during the holiday season. Everyone is asked to donate canned and non-perishable food items for the AMEN pantry in La Grange. A collection box will be at both churches' entrances during the Thanksgiving Masses.

YEAR OF THE DOMESTIC CHURCH

November Theme: Season of Stewardship

For many people, the word "stewardship" triggers a unique cluster of thoughts and feelings – some of them downright confusing. This fuzziness has only increased now that the secular world has adopted the term, which was once only prominent in the religious and spiritual worlds.

I believe understanding stewardship starts in the family – in our homes, the "domestic church." We start with sharing with our children that God is the source of all that we have, that God owns everything, and that his generosity allows us to use and hold in trust these possessions during our life here on Earth. Our normal human response to receiving something from someone who freely shares his or her possessions is a feeling of gratitude. To be sure, God doesn't need our thanks. However, as human beings, people of faith and disciples of Christ, we need to express our gratefulness for the many gifts and blessings we have received.

--Scott Whitaker in *The Catholic Spirit*



OTHER NEWS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED at Second Chance Emporium the week of **December 7-11** (Tues-Sat) and **December 13** (Mon). For work times or questions, please contact either Anna Boyd at 281-687-4217 or Carol Svreck at 979-966-2920.

HELP FEED A FAMILY with the John Paul II Life Center's Thanksgiving meal initiative. Make sure Austin JPII clients are able to purchase a Thanksgiving meal by making a donation today. Your donation will be used to buy HEB gift cards for JPII clients. Thanks to an exclusive holiday match, your donation will be doubled, ensuring twice as many families receive a meal during this holiday season! Please visit their website at jpiilifecenter.org for more information."

Catholic Social Teaching Corner

Nov. 20-21, Solemnity of Christ the King

Accomplishing the mysteries of human redemption, Christ presents an eternal and universal kingdom that is a kingdom of truth, life, holiness, grace, justice, love and peace. The love of Christ impels us to help facilitate the reorienting of this contemporary society to God by mercifully working for these very principles in our daily lives.

Noviembre 20-21, Solemnidad de Cristo Rey

Realizando los misterios de la redención humana, Cristo presenta un reino eterno y universal que es un reino de verdad, vida, santidad, gracia, justicia, amor y paz. El amor de Cristo nos impulse a participar en el facilitar la reorientación de esta sociedad contemporánea hacia dios al trabajar misericordiosamente por estos principios en nuestras vidas diarias.

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ST. JOHN LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTOR

Thanksgiving (Vigil) – Janet Hall
Saturday – Herman Schramm
Sunday – Lee Matocha

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Thanksgiving (Vigil) – Joan Malota, Addie Dybala
Saturday – Tiffany Nigh, Wanda Fritsch
Sunday – Amy Babin, Paulette Keilers

ALTAR SERVERS

Thanksgiving (Vigil) – Luke Huebner, Gregory Huebner, Lydia Huebner
Saturday – Peyton Jurecka, Paige Jurecka, Jacob Nigh
Sunday – Luke Beseda, Mackayla Griffin, Scotti Beseda

GIFT BEARERS

Thanksgiving (Vigil) – Kenneth Noska Family
Saturday – Joe Dybala Family
Sunday – Marcus Sodek Family

ALTAR DUTY FOR NOVEMBER

Madeline Kovar, Margaret Kubala, Susan Pauler, Woody Hiebert

USHERS FOR NOVEMBER

Saturday – Joseph Munsch, David Stastny, Christopher Stastny, Ronnie Kramr
Sunday – Rick Schilling, David Holub, John H. Cufur, Joe Babin

ST. JOHN CONTACTS

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K.J.Z.T.	Mary Jane Toddy	979-249-6231
Hall Rental	Parish Office	979-378-2277
Cemetery	Ronald Kramr	979-249-6152

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



Jesus' kingship is unlike any we have ever seen. Instead of exerting power over his people, he submitted himself to their power – even if it meant letting them put him to death. Jesus, King of the Universe, has come to overthrow sin through love, violence through peace, and injustice through mercy. This kingdom is not of this world. It's far more glorious!

“Jesus, you are my King! Come reign in my heart.”

“And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful.” –Colossians 3:15



HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Upcoming Holiday Masses For Thanksgiving

Wednesday, November 24	7:00 p.m. – St. John
Thursday, November 25	8:00 a.m. – St. Mary

ST. MARY LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTOR

Thanksgiving Day – Donna Shula
Saturday – Rose Urban
Sunday – Ashely Havel

ALTAR SERVERS

Thanksgiving Day – Briana Dybala
Saturday – Kole Schmitt
Sunday – Luke Korenek

ALTAR FLOWERS

November 27/28 – Waldine Skutca

USHERS FOR NOVEMBER

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

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Cemetery	Vlasta Korenek	979-732-2836

A Note from the Pastor



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

With this Advent season, the Church's liturgical life moves into **Cycle C**; which is the year of the Gospel of Luke. Luke's Gospel tells us the path of holiness is truth, justice, humility, kindness, and consistency.

We are encouraged to grow in love, to strengthen our hearts, and to conduct ourselves in ways that are pleasing to God. We are reminded to stay alert, be vigilant, and pray for strength because our redemption is at hand.

The Advent season is marked with a spirit of reconciliation, promise and hope. It is a season of prayerful watch as we prepare ourselves to receive Christ in our lives.

The liturgical color of the Advent season is purple. It is a Blue-purple which is in contrast to the red-purple used for Lent. Purple not only represents penance and fasting (Lent); it also expresses royalty as we welcome the Advent of our King. The use of purple during the Advent and Lenten seasons show the connection between Christ's birth and death.

Advent is a season filled with anticipation and hope. Allow the season to be an opportunity for your family to come together and pray. When the Advent Wreath is used in the home, the opening prayer of the Sunday Mass is recited when the candles are lit.

The lighting of the candles may be preceded or followed by an Advent hymn and a Scripture reading. The lighting of the Advent Wreath may fittingly be included as a part of the evening meal. I pray that your Advent season will be filled with God's Blessing.

-Fr. Steve