

St. Mary Catholic Church

Est. 1855

Mission Parish

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



Weekly Offering: \$ 2,976.70
Online Giving: \$ 251.38
Christmas: \$ 2,108.00
Feast of the Holy Family \$ 697.00

MASSES

Wednesday at 7:00 a.m.

Alois Janish †

Friday at 7:00 a.m.

J. Long & J. Moore

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 p.m.

F. C. Knippel †

Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

For the People

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Est. 1870

207 E. Bell St.
Fayetteville

www.stjohnfayetteville.com



Weekly Offering: \$ 12,991.00
Online Giving: \$ 390.00
Christmas: \$ 4,939.00
Feast of the Holy Family \$ 1,001.00

MASSES

Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.

James Hollimon †

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

Dec'd of the

Jacob & Marie Novak Families †

Thursday at 7:00 a.m.

*Living and Dec'd of the
Svrcek & Knippel Families*

Friday at 6:00 p.m.

Sewall Wilde †

Saturday at 7:30 a.m.

Richard Mueller

Saturday Vigil at 6:00 p.m.

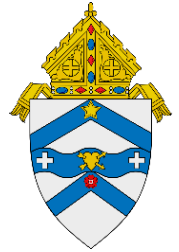
Emil & Leonard Sodolak †

Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

Cyril & Jeannette Kulhanek †



**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, January 4, at 8:00 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: 30-15 minutes before every

Mass (excluding Holy Days)

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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.

Administrative Staff

Lexus Zika

Sheryl Malinowski

Sue Zapalac

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 2, AD 2022

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 2021-2022: Classes resume this week on January 5.

- **Grades K-1** meets **Wednesday from 6:00-6:50 p.m.**
- **Grades 2-6** meets **Wednesday from 6:00-7:30 p.m.**
- **Grades 7-12** meets **Wednesday from 7:00-8:30 p.m.**

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES: Confirmation will be celebrated on Sunday, **January 30**, during the 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. John Catholic Church. **Rehearsal will be held for candidates and sponsors on Sunday, January 23, immediately after the 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. John.**

1. The Education Building will be open at 9:00 a.m. on the day of Confirmation for all candidates and sponsors. Candidates should be at the Education Building no later than 9:30 a.m.

2. There will be reserved seating in church for the candidates, sponsors, and parents of candidates.

3. A small reception of cake and punch will be held at the St. John Parish Hall after Mass for the candidates, sponsors, and families.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

Basic Teachings of the Catholic Church will be offered online via Microsoft Teams on Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the following dates: January 29, February 19, March 12, April 2 & 30.

The Basic Teachings of the Catholic Faith Program offers a general introduction to the theological principles found in the Catechism of the Catholic Church. This program serves as the first step in basic adult formation for all ministry groups that seek evangelization and catechetical certification.

Topics include Introduction to Scripture, Creed, Liturgy and Sacraments, Christian Morality and Prayer/Spirituality.

Church History will be offered online via Microsoft Teams on Tuesdays from 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. on the following dates: January 4, 11, 18, 25 This course organizes the church's 2000-year story in identifiable periods, and shows how the people of God have endeavored to live out the Gospel.

To register please visit: <https://www.givecentral.org/appeals-form-registration/acp61a66e7b6eaf6/user/guest>.

ANNUAL CATECHETICAL RETREAT is this coming Saturday, **January 8**, at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in College Station from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The theme of the retreat is "Say the Word and my soul shall be Healed." All Catechists, Aides, substitute instructors, and anyone interested in serving in the Faith Formation of children or adults can attend.

FIRST FRIDAY occurs this week. There will be First Friday Mass at **St. Mary** at 7:00 a.m. At **St. John**, we will have the Exposition of the Eucharist at 3:00 p.m., closing with Benediction at 5:30 p.m. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 3:00 – 5:30 p.m. Mass will be at 6:00 p.m.

ST. MARY'S ALTAR SOCIETY will meet on Wednesday, **January 5**, at 1:00 p.m.

ST. JOHN ALTAR SOCIETY meeting is Tuesday, **January 11**, at 2:00 p.m. in the parish hall.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS at St. John will be removed after the 10:00 a.m. Mass of *the Baptism of the Lord* on Sunday, **January 9**. All high school students and anyone wishing to help should be at the church by 11:00 a.m.

ST JOHN'S COUNCIL MEETINGS: The Pastoral Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, **January 6**, at 6:30 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 18**, at 6:45 p.m.

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 Jeanne Schilling, Karley Gaytan, and Priscilla Malota will be expiring after the first calendar quarter of 2022. The other current members are Leslie Little, Jonathan Noska, Wanda Fritsch, John Kovar, Richard Calloway, and Betty Kovar.

Please submit your nominations for the council by **TODAY, January 2**, in order to have your nomination entered into the selection that will take place at the council meeting on this Thursday, **January 6**.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

- **OFFICER'S MEETING** is Monday, **January 3**, at 6:30 p.m.
- **BAR-B-Q:** The Knights of Columbus will be serving BAR-B-Q chicken, sausage, and ribs to-go on Sunday, **January 9**, at 10:30 a.m. at the pits at St. John Hall. Early orders *are encouraged*, and may be placed by calling (979) 249-6003. K.C. members of Kenneth Noska's crew are to work, starting at 5:00 a.m.
- **REGULAR MEETING** will be Tuesday, **January 18**, at 7:00 p.m. in St. John's Parish Hall.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

- **MONTHLY MEETING** will be on Tuesday, **January 4**, at 6:30 p.m. in St. John's Parish Hall.
- **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 applications and for more information. Applications are due by **January 31**.

ST MARY'S COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Pastoral Council meeting will be on Thursday, **January 20**, at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall. All parishioners are welcome to attend. St. Mary's Finance Council will meet on **January 27** at 6:30 p.m.



EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING: It is tradition on the Feast of the Epiphany that we bless our homes by marking them with blessed chalk with the current year and the initials of the Three Wise Men - Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. Inserted in this bulletin you will find the blessing prayer and instructions on how to mark your homes.

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ST. JOHN'S CEMETERY NOTICE: We need your help in picking up ornaments and breakable items that may have been left on graves during the holiday season, as well as in consistently maintaining the gravesites according to the cemetery rules and regulations. Please email or call the office with any questions or concerns. Your help is appreciated!

SYNOD LISTENING SESSION: The entire Catholic Church is called to participate in the upcoming Synod of Bishops! In preparation for the international Synod of Bishops in 2023, Pope Francis wants your input on the topic of "For a Synodal Church, Communion, Participation, and Mission." You are invited to join Fr. Steve for



a combined parish listening session on Thursday, **January 13**, at 6:00 p.m. at St. John's Hall. Invite family and friends — Bishop Vásquez wants everyone to participate in this listening session. If you can't make the parish listening session, please take the time to share your opinion online at www.austindioocese.org/synod.

MASS INTENTIONS: We have Mass intentions available in January and February. Please contact the church office if you would like to have a Mass said for the intention of a living or deceased relative or friend.

SECOND COLLECTION - FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY
Thank you for your support of the family and pro-life activities in the Diocese of Austin. May your generosity be greatly blessed!

TIME IS RUNNING OUT: Online EIM Training ends TODAY! Everyone who is due to renew EIM compliance, or whose compliance is coming due soon, is strongly encouraged to update your compliance TODAY online – otherwise, after today, you will have to attend an in-person EIM Workshop in order to update your training status. To complete the online training, go to www.austindioocese.org/workshop.

WORRIED? Make time to bring your cares to our Blessed Mother and her Son! Come pray the **Rosary** at St. Mary every **Monday** at **6:00 p.m.** and at St. John every **Tuesday** at **5:30 p.m.**

Catholic Social Teaching Corner

January 2 Solemnity of the Epiphany of Our Lord

In Christ there is no east or west, north or south. There is no distinction of Jew or Greek, slave or freedom, male or female. We are all one in the Lord. The commitment to life, charity and justice by the church is rooted in Christ who came for each of us. The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord helps us to focus on the reality that we are all called to sit around the table without regard to distinction.

Enero 2 Solemnidad de la Epifanía de Nuestro Señor

En Cristo no hay este, oeste, norte o sur. No hay distinción entre Judío o Griego, esclavitud o libertad, hombre o mujer. Todos somos uno en el Señor. El compromiso con la vida, la caridad y la justicia de la Iglesia está enraizado en Cristo quien vino por cada uno de nosotros. La Solemnidad de la Epifanía del Señor nos ayuda a enfocarnos en la realidad de que todos estamos llamados a sentarnos en la Mesa sin distinción.

SENIOR CITIZEN SOCIALS BEGIN AGAIN IN JANUARY!

We meet on the first and third Thursdays of the month from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at St. John's Parish Hall. Our first social is this Thursday, **January 6!** Come for an afternoon of games, fellowship and refreshments. New faces are always welcome!

TOTAL CONSECRATION TO JESUS THROUGH MARY

The 33 days of preparation prayer for Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary begins on **February 20**. At Fatima, Our Lady said, "My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God." Please join thousands of faithful throughout the Diocese of Austin for 33 days of preparation prayer for Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary. Prayers begin on February 20 and are done privately in our homes using the consecration preparation book. Visit www.TexasToJesusThroughMary.org by **January 18** to receive your FREE Montfort preparation prayer book by mail and for more information.

OTHER NEWS



THE MOBILE FOOD PANTRY will be at St. John on **Thursday, January 6**, from **10:00 – 11:00 a.m.**

This distribution is a Drive-Thru, so all clients are to stay in their vehicles and open the trunk. Volunteers will load the food in your vehicle.

HOPE-HEALTHY OPTIONS PROGRAM: St. John's Hall is a distribution site for Central Texas Food Bank's HOPE program. HOPE is for persons 55 years and up. On the second Friday of each month, from 2:00-3:00 p.m., clients will receive a 15-20 lb. bag of groceries. The next distribution is Friday, **January 14**.

SAVE THE DATE for the Texas Catholic Pro-Life Day in Austin! On **January 22, 2022**, join the Diocese of Austin for these Pro-Life Activities: Sidewalk Prayer Vigil, Rosary for Life, Diocesan Pro-Life Mass, March for Life, and Texas Rally for Life.

COUPLES INVITED TO EXPERIENCE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience is a weekend opportunity for married couples to focus on their marriage, improve communication, deepen intimacy and spend quality time together, free of distractions. Come and experience the beauty of the sacrament of matrimony in a whole new way! The weekend retreat is **January 7-9** at the Wyndham Hotel in Round Rock. Early registration is recommended. Details: austinme.org or contact wwmeaustin@gmail.com or call 512-677-WWME (9963).

ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO SERVE? Men between 30 and 59 sensing God's call to the permanent diaconate are invited to attend, with their wives, the next Inquiry Session on Sunday, **January 9**, at St. Elizabeth of Hungary in Pflugerville.

CEDARBRAKE RETREAT: Hurdles of the Soul: Challenges along the Spiritual Journey: In this weekend workshop **January 28-30**, through lectures and DVD presentations, Franciscan Father Albert Haase will address six hurdles that must be negotiated on the spiritual journey. Topics include dying to self, discernment, suffering, darkness, temptations, and inner healing. Time will be allowed for questions, optional discussion, and Mass on Sunday. Cost is \$270 for a private room, \$230 for a shared room and \$130 for commuters. Register at www.austindioocese.org/cedarbrake or call (254) 780-2436.

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ST. JOHN LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTOR

Wednesday – Grade 11/12

Saturday – Yvonne Smith

Sunday – Lee Matocha

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Wednesday – Lexxus Zika, Paulette Keilers

Saturday – Addie Dybala, Wanda Fritsch

Sunday – David Bertsch, Lee Matocha

ALTAR SERVERS

Wednesday – Grade 7 (3), Grade 5 (1)

Saturday – Luke Huebner, Gregory Huebner, Lydia Huebner

Sunday – Wade Halamicek, Logan Poncik, Mackenzie Poncik

GIFT BEARERS

Wednesday – Grade 2

Saturday – Ronnie Kramr Family

Sunday – John Spiess Family

ALTAR DUTY FOR JANUARY

Theresa Keilers, Mary Goerig, Lexxus Zika, Kathleen Kramr

USHERS FOR JANUARY

Saturday – Ronald Malota, Wesley Gaertner, Leonard Malota, Leslie Little

Sunday – Vernon Hohensee, Arlis Keilers, Jim Mattair, Willie Socha

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**EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
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The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Savior of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (*magi*) from the East, together with his baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee.



In the magi, representatives of the neighboring pagan religions, the Gospel sees the first-fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation. The magi's coming to Jerusalem in order to pay homage to the king of the Jews shows that they seek in Israel, in the messianic light of the star of David, the one who will be king of the nations. Their coming means that pagans can discover Jesus and worship him as Son of God and Savior of the world only by turning towards the Jews and receiving from them the messianic promise as contained in the Old Testament. The Epiphany shows that “the full number of the nations” now takes its “place in the family of the patriarchs”, and acquires *Israelitica dignitas* (is made “worthy of the heritage of Israel”) [CCC 528].

ST. MARY LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTOR

Saturday – Rose Urban

Sunday – Ashley Havel

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday – Ethan Keilers

Sunday – Luke Korenek

USHERS FOR JANUARY

Saturday – Mark Schmitt, Mark Matocha, Bruce Kubena, Eduardo Alvarado

Sunday – Luke Orsak, Donnie Becka, James Korenek, Bradley Divin

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A Note from the Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

When the angel announced to Mary that God had chosen her to become the mother of Jesus, Mary had a choice. She could have said “no”. Instead, in humility and perfect fidelity, Mary responded freely – giving consent to the will of God. In her cooperation with God’s grace, God sent his Son so that we all might become sons and daughters of God. God sent the spirit of his Son into our hearts. However, it is up to us to open our hearts to the Holy Spirit, and to respond to the Holy Spirit’s promptings. Like Mary, we too have a choice. We can allow the Holy Spirit within us to guide and direct us, or we can say “no”.

At the beginning of the New Year, we review our goals and make resolutions to discipline ourselves by losing weight, exercising more, or other similar efforts. What if we take some quiet time to listen to what God’s plan for us might be in the year ahead? What if we reflect on whatever we hear in that silence? What might happen if we chose to act on God’s plan for us as the days, weeks and months of this New Year unfold? Very simply, our lives would be changed so that more and more we would come to share Christ’s light, love and peace with all those we encounter. May the Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace. -Fr. Steve

Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus – January 3

“The entire month of January is devoted to the Holy Name of Jesus. St. Paul tells us that because of Jesus’ obedience to the will of the Father, “Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father” (Phil 2:9-11). Something to consider doing today—and from now on!—is avoiding taking the Lord's name in vain in all forms including alternates like oh my gosh, or jeez. A fun meal for this day is alphabet soup. As a family we talk about how special each of our names is, how we got them, and see what names we can find in our soup.” – Catholic All Year Compendium