

# St. Mary Catholic Church

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



**Weekly Offering:** \$ 1,815.00  
**Online Giving:** \$ 423.44  
**Cemetery:** \$ 310.00

## MASSES

*Ash Wednesday*  
**Wednesday at 7:00 a.m.**  
*Ed Tobias †*  
**Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.**  
*Leander Minar & Leonard Supak †*

**Friday at 7:00 a.m.**  
*Leo & Elizabeth Till †*

**Saturday Vigil at 4:00 p.m.**  
*Garland Polasek †*

**Sunday at 8:00 a.m.**  
*Larry Polasek †*

# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

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



**Weekly Offering:** \$ 4,565.00  
**Online Giving:** \$ 1,035.00  
**Faith Formation:** \$ 469.00

## MASSES

**Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.**  
*For Priests*

*Ash Wednesday*  
**Wednesday at 12:15 p.m.**  
*Mass for Life*  
**Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.**  
*Jack Mitchell †*

**Thursday at 7:00 a.m.**  
*Anton & Rosie Petter Family †*

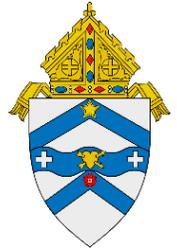
**Saturday at 7:30 a.m.**  
*Melissa Hahn †*

**Saturday Vigil at 6:00 p.m.**  
*Joe & Sophie Kaspar †*

**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 S. Hwy 237  
Round Top (near Warrenton)

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

**St. John:** Wednesday 6:00-6:45 p.m.  
Saturday 8:00-9:00 a.m.

**St. Mary:** Available before every Mass  
(in parish hall)

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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 SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

February 14, AD 2021

## PARISH LIFE

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Dianne Allen, Beth Babin, Scott Bayless, Dan Castillo, Margie Chovanec, Gilbert Gerik, Janet Sladek-Grayson, Dan Hall, Alois Janish, Dcn. Robert Jasek, Christine Kaspar, J.D. Kovar, Betty Jean Kulhanek, Kathy Mabry, Nina Mascheck, Leo Miller, Ed Muras, Loretta Naumann, Rose Novosad, Jeanette Orsak, Harold Peikert, Kaycee Roesler, Bill Shock, Shirley Sodek, El Gene and Mary Ann Sommerfeld, Shelley Spears, Margie Stancik, Barbara Tieken, 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.)

**CONGRATULATIONS** and best wishes to *Kyle & Heather (Schoppe) Novosad*, who were united in the bonds of Holy Matrimony this weekend. May the Lord bless them with many happy years of marriage.

**FAITH FORMATION CLASSES:** There will be no classes on Ash Wednesday, **February 17**. Please attend Mass with your families.

**CALLED TO PROTECT FOR YOUTH** will be held on Wednesday, **February 24**, at 6:00 p.m. at the parish hall. **All 9<sup>th</sup> graders, as well as those 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students who have not previously attended this workshop, should attend.**

### **ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITY**

**“Sacramental Theology”**- This 16-hour course will be offered, virtually, over four Tuesdays—on **March 2, 9, 16, and 23**—from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. This course explores the history, theology and pastoral practice of the Sacramental System of the Catholic Church and the liturgical celebrations in which it is expressed. Register at <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=ZWgzDL>.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** monthly meeting scheduled for Tuesday, **February 16**, at 7:00 p.m. **HAS BEEN CANCELED.**

**ETHICS IN MINISTRY:** All clergy, staff, members of organizations, and ALL volunteers are required to attend an EIM workshop every three years. Temporary online EIM training is available at [www.austindiocese.org/workshop](http://www.austindiocese.org/workshop). If you have any questions or are a new volunteer, please contact Amy Babin at the church office at (979) 378-2277.



### **CRS RICE BOWL: WE ARE CALLED**

Join our faith community—and more than 12,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family’s CRS Rice Bowl from the church entrance. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on how hunger and malnutrition affect our human family, and on the need to take action to end this global injustice. Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to learn more.

### **SPECIAL COLLECTION – Ash Wednesday**

Each Ash Wednesday every parish in our diocese takes up a special collection for World and Home Missions. This special appeal helps Black and Indian missions in the U.S, as well as Catholic communities in Latin America, Africa and Central and Eastern Europe, by underwriting evangelization, religious education, education for future priests, and training for lay ministers. Thank you for your support.

**“THE WORD AMONG US”** booklets with the daily meditations and complete Catholic Mass for **Lent** are available at the entrance of the church. Please take one to use this season.



**LENTEN SMALL GROUP:** Join a small group as we journey through Lent with the guidance of Fr. Mark Toups and his program, *The Ascension Lenten Companion, Year B: A Personal Encounter with the Power of the Gospel*. Using the *Lenten Companion* book, participants will work through daily entries – each offering a word, a scripture passage, a short meditation, and a prayer prompt. Then, once a week, the group will meet for a short video, discussion, and prayer.

The group sessions will start Thursday, **February 18**, and continue on the following five Thursdays, **through March 25**. They will start at 7:00 p.m. in St. John’s Parish Hall, and will last about one hour. All CDC guidelines will be followed. A limited supply of the books, donated by a parishioner, will be available at the parish office, free, for group participants.

### **YEAR OF THE DOMESTIC CHURCH**

**February Theme: Prayer at Home**

Tips on praying a Family Rosary

- **Create a habit:** Set a time that is comfortable for your family and that works without adding stress. When it doesn’t happen, don’t give up entirely, just pick it up again the next day.
- **Create a space:** Set the tone for prayer so young children understand this is different than other family activities. If possible, light a candle and play some soft, background, instrumental music.
- **Start small:** Be patient. Don’t try to complete an entire Rosary the first time you gather together in prayer, particularly if you have young children. Start with a decade and build over time.
- **Involve all family members:** If children have a role, they will participate more fully and be more attentive. Let them lead a reflection or the prayers depending on their age.
- **Just start:** There’s no time like the present and no place like home.



**MARK YOUR NEW CALENDARS** for *Vacation Bible School 2021* to be held **July 19 – 23!** All adult volunteers must be EIM compliant. For those who have already taken an in-person EIM workshop, an online “refresher” workshop is available at <https://austindiocese.org/workshop>. Planning for VBS has started, but is subject to change with any increased COVID-19 concerns.

**THE CATHOLIC HIGHER EDUCATION** special collection will be taken-up this weekend, **February 13-14**, in all parishes in the diocese. This collection supports campus ministries in our diocese. Please be generous in your support! Go to <https://www.austindiocese.org/special-collections> for more info.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!** Our parishes depend on your generosity to fund our ministries and maintain our facilities.

Also, **ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE** for your weekly, monthly or one-time donations. No need to write checks or remember your envelope... Just complete an authorization form found at the Church entrance and return it to the parish office, or sign yourself up on the parishes websites’ “Make a Donation” page.

## THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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**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 pandemic.

Social distancing is practiced, masks are required, and hand sanitizer is available for use.

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

**NOTE:** We ask that those who have been exposed to or 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 categories to please abide by CDC guidelines and *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 corner.

### OTHER NEWS

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** at Second Chance Emporium in La Grange on Monday morning, **February 15**, for straightening. Any help is greatly appreciated. For info, please contact Suzanne Mattair at (832) 465-2383 or Anna Boyd at (281) 687-4217.

**ASH WEDNESDAY DAY OF REFLECTION:** Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Temple will host its annual Ash Wednesday Day of Reflection **February 17**, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The day will include Mass and the distribution of ashes. Register online at [www.cedarbrake.org](http://www.cedarbrake.org) or call (254) 780-2436.



**NINTH ANNUAL CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE**, entitled “Come Follow Me”, will be held Saturday, **February 20**, 7 a.m. – 2 p.m. at St. William Catholic Church in Round Rock. It will feature Mass with Bishop Joe Vásquez, and presentations by Dr. Tim Gray, Father Basil Aguzie, Matt Birk and more! In person tickets are \$55; virtual tickets are \$25. Visit <https://centexcatholic.com/mens-conference> for more information.

**THE 33 DAYS OF PREPARATION PRAYER** for Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary begins on **February 20**. In Fatima, Our Lady said, “My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God.” Join thousands of faithful throughout the diocese for 33 days of preparation prayer for Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary. Prayers begin on February 20 and are done privately in homes using the consecration preparation book. Visit [www.TexasToJesusThroughMary.org](http://www.TexasToJesusThroughMary.org) for information.

#### **YOUNG MEN INVITED TO PROJECT ANDREW**

Single men between the ages of 15 and 45 are invited to Project Andrew on **February 27** from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at St. Mary Cathedral in Austin. Come and learn more about the abundant and joyful life of the priesthood, and explore whether God may be calling you to be a priest. Location is somewhat tentative, final details are pending due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This event is free, but please register at [godiscalling.me](http://godiscalling.me) or call (512) 949-2430.

**FRIED FISH DRIVE THRU MEAL** hosted by the Columbus KCs will be on Ash Wednesday, **February 17**, and Friday, **February 19**, at the Columbus Hall. Plate cost is \$10. Serving will start at 5:00 pm until sold out. Tickets are not necessary.

**LENTEN SILENT RETREAT:** Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Temple will host a Lenten Silent Retreat **March 5-7**. The retreat will include Mass, reconciliation and Eucharistic Adoration. Register online at [cedarbrake.org](http://cedarbrake.org) or call (254) 780-2436.

#### **OVERCOMING SPIRITUAL DISCOURAGEMENT**

**RETREAT:** St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in College Station will host a virtual event entitled “Overcoming Spiritual Discouragement - The Wisdom and Spiritual Power of Venerable Bruno Lanteri” on **March 6** from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Father Timothy Gallagher, a member of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary, will provide a hopeful invitation to all who struggle to overcome the greatest obstacle of all in the spiritual life – discouragement. This is a call to hope, a call to solace in time of suffering and a call to stand tall in times of affliction. Father Gallagher will help participants learn how to enter into the sublime peace and joy that our Lord promises. The retreat will consist of live and pre-recorded talks, and opportunities to ask questions of Father Gallagher and to discuss your struggles in small groups. Registration is required. Visit <https://stabcs.org/spiritual-retreat> to register. *Early registration is \$20 through February 26 at noon. The cost is \$25 to register February 26 - March 4.*

**ENGAGED COUPLES** who are planning to marry in the church are invited to the “Together in God's Love” retreat, which focuses on Catholic marriage as a visible sign of the Holy Trinity and the relationship of Christ to the church. The weekend includes talks on faith, communication, sexuality, stewardship and natural family planning in the context of a Catholic marriage. The next retreat will be **March 26-28** at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Temple. See <https://www.austindiocese.org/marriage-prep-retreats> for info.

### Catholic Social Teaching Corner

#### February 13-14 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the Gospel today, Jesus continues his healing ministry by curing a leper. Who are those who are considered “unclean” in our society today? Who are those that must remain separated from the community? They might be those coming out of jails, or those suffering from mental illness. They might be suffering from a disease that we fear – like Ebola or AIDS. They might be undocumented immigrants who fear that their families might be deported and torn apart. They might be the poor just struggling to keep their lives together. How can we continue the ministry of Jesus today by reaching out to those who feel rejected and cast out of society?

#### Febrero 13-14 Sexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús continúa su ministerio sanador curando a un leproso ¿Quiénes son aquellos que en nuestra sociedad consideramos “impuros” en la actualidad? ¿Quiénes son aquellos que deben permanecer separados de la comunidad? Puede que sea aquellos que están saliendo de la cárcel, o aquellos sufriendo por una enfermedad mental. Puede que estén sufriendo por una enfermedad que nosotros tememos – como el Ébola o el SIDA. Puede que sean inmigrantes indocumentados que temen que sus familias puedan ser deportadas y rotas. Puede que sean los pobres luchando por salir adelante ¿Cómo podemos continuar con el ministerio de Jesús hoy acercándonos a aquellos que se sienten rechazados y alejados de la sociedad?

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**ST. JOHN LITURGICAL DUTIES**

**LECTOR**

**Wednesday (12:15 p.m.)** – Addie Dybala  
**Wednesday (7:00 p.m.)** – Cindy Garwood  
**Saturday** – Theresa Keilers  
**Sunday** – Janet Hall

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

**Wednesday (12:15 p.m.)** – Pat Geistmann, Amy Babin, Joe Babin  
**Wednesday (7:00 p.m.)** – Michelle Bertsch, Tiffany Nigh, David Bertsch  
**Saturday** – Annette Little, Leslie Little  
**Sunday** – John Spiess, Lori Spiess

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Wednesday (7:00 p.m.)** – Jacob Nigh, Paige Jurecka, Peyton Jurecka  
**Saturday** – Kara Jurecka, Gregory Huebner, Lydia Huebner  
**Sunday** – Wade Halamicek, Marissa Halamicek, Mackenzie Poncik

**ALTAR DUTY FOR FEBRUARY**

Ruth Beseda, Michelle Bertsch, Sandra Janish, Kathy Chovanec

**USHERS FOR FEBRUARY**

**Saturday** – Jonathan Noska, David Stastny, Ronnie Kramr, Christopher Stastny  
**Sunday** – David Holub, Kory Kaspar, John Cufu, Joe Babin

**ST. JOHN CONTACTS**

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**ASH WEDNESDAY** will look a little different this year in the midst of our current pandemic. This Ash Wednesday priests and ministers will distribute ashes on the tops of heads, rather than using the ashes to make a cross on people's foreheads. The practice of sprinkling the ashes on the top of people's heads is the customary practice at the Vatican in Italy. Given the spread of the coronavirus, the practice has the advantage of not requiring the priest to touch multiple people.

**ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE**



**February 17, 2021**

**St. Mary 7:00 a.m.**  
**5:30 p.m.**  
**St. John 12:15 p.m.**  
**7:00 p.m.**



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS—NO MASS**

**St. John – Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.**  
**St. Mary – Fridays at 6:30 p.m.**

**ALL FRIDAYS IN LENT ARE DAYS OF ABSTINENCE**  
 (This means you do not eat meat on Fridays.)

**ST. MARY LITURGICAL DUTIES**

**LECTOR**

**Wednesday (7:00 a.m.)** – L.J. Korenek  
**Wednesday (5:30 p.m.)** – Jan Jurecka  
**Saturday** – Rose Urban  
**Sunday** – Ashley Havel

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Wednesday (5:30 p.m.)** – Klayten Schmitt  
**Friday (Stations)** – Julie Korenek  
**Saturday** – Rylee Fritsch  
**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,

It seems that there was a time when being a Catholic was easier, when rules seemed better spelled out and roles more clearly delineated. But, being a member of the Church is not solely about rules and fulfilling requirements; it is about taking a spiritual journey of growing in our relationship with God.

Lent challenges us to examine our approach to God. To come to know God better implies that we are asking questions and learning. Luke gives us today's story of the fig tree because his readers were content with what they knew of God. The words of Jesus are a warning that, if we ever let ourselves believe that we have done enough or learned enough, then our deaths might be as meaningless as those to whom Jesus refers in the Gospel. We must continually be reforming our lives.

Lent reminds us that time is short. God is willing to help us grow and mature, but He expects us to bear fruit. The Father will help us grow, but God remains the Judge who has high expectations. We must also be making a critical assessment of our lives and our journey to God. We have time to grow, but how much time do we have? How might we till around the tree that is our life? A powerful way to grow during Lent is to use the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confession helps us confront our spiritual laziness and to see how we are spending the time we have been given. Confession gives us the opportunity to reform, but the question remains: When? May we continue to grow, mature and bear fruit for God.

*Fr. Steve*

**February 14**

*Feast of Sts. Cyril and Methodius*  
*Pray for us!*