

St. Mary Catholic Church

Est. 1855

Mission Parish

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



Weekly Offering: \$ 1,376.00
Online Giving: \$ 191.38

MASSES

Wednesday at 7:00 a.m.
Mass for Life

Friday at 7:00 a.m.
Larry Marusik †

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 p.m.
Patrick Supak †

Sunday at 8:00 a.m.
Nola & Edwin Marusik †

✠ **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**
Friday at 6:30 p.m.

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Est. 1870

207 E. Bell St.
Fayetteville

www.stjohnfayetteville.com



Weekly Offering: \$ 9,053.00
Online Giving: \$ 1,610.55

MASSES

Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.
Willie Mae Jasek †

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
No Mass – Stations of the Cross only

Thursday at 7:00 a.m.
Tom Pearson †

Saturday at 7:30 a.m.
Carol Frenzel †

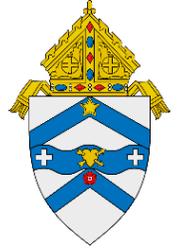
Saturday Vigil at 6:00 p.m.
Melissa Hahn †

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

✠ **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**
Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.



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)

MONTHLY MASS

Tuesday, March 9, at 8:00 a.m.
For the intentions left on the altar

Sacrament of Reconciliation

During Lent

St. John: Tuesday 4:30-5:30 p.m.**
and 6:30-7:00 p.m.

Wednesday 5:00-6:30 p.m.
Saturday 8:00-9:00 a.m.

St. Mary: Thursday 5:00-6:00 p.m.**
Saturday 3:00-3:45 p.m.

**with Adoration

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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

Amy Babin

Lexus Zika

Sue Zapalac

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 7, AD 2021

PARISH LIFE

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Dianne Allen, Beth Babin, Scott Bayless, LeRoy Canik, Dan Castillo, Margie Chovanec, Gilbert Gerik, Janet Sladek-Grayson, Dan Hall, Bernita Hlinsky, Alois Janish, 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, Dorothy Selzer, Bill Shock, Shirley Sodek, El Gene and Mary Ann Sommerfeld, Shelley Spears, Martha Staley, 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.)

IN MEMORIAM: St. John's parish family extends sympathies and prayers towards the family of *Russell Janish*, who died recently. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

WELCOME: St. John's parish family would like to congratulate the family of *Tesian James Matocha* who was born into Our Lord's life through baptism last week. May the Lord be with him and his family with all His blessings.

FAITH FORMATION – Wednesday, March 10

- **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.

We will notify you via email and the website if any changes to the schedule are necessary.

ST. JOHN'S ALTAR SOCIETY meeting is Tuesday, **March 9**, at 2:00 p.m. in the parish hall.

ST. JOHN CEMETERY ASSOCIATION meeting will be Thursday, **March 11**, at 6:30 p.m.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS Members, please do not forget to mail your annual dues to Lisa Simpson.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will be serving BAR-B-Q chicken, sausage, and ribs to-go on Sunday, **March 14**, at 10:30 a.m. at the pits at St. John Hall. Call (979) 249-6003 to place your order. K.C. members of Arlis Keilers' crew are to work, starting at 5:00 a.m. In accordance with CDC guidelines, please wear your mask and practice social distancing when you come.

YEAR OF THE DOMESTIC CHURCH

March Theme: Lent in the Domestic Church

This month we experience the season of Lent, where we are reminded of the sacrifices and prayer that we offer for our families. Often, we pray for members of our family during challenging times, or offer prayers of gratitude for each other when things go well, but **does your family pray together?** As we enter the Lenten season and consider what personal sacrifice that we would like to "give up", consider a way in which you can add, or increase prayer in the life of your family.

Parents, do you pray with your spouse and set an example of prayer for your family? **Does your family attend Mass together?** Do you pray together daily or share prayer traditions? Wherever you are in your prayer life, consider increasing the time that you spend together with the Lord.



ACTION REQUESTED! Everyone deserves to be treated with respect and dignity. The **Equality Act (H.R.5)**, which will be voted on in the U.S. Senate soon, in many ways does the opposite, and needs to be opposed. Instead of respecting differences in beliefs about marriage and sexuality, this act would discriminate against people of faith. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has conveyed their opposition to this bill to Congress.

Visit our [parish websites](#) to read our bishop's letter and find your senators' contact info. Learn more on the USCCB website at <https://www.usccb.org/equality-act>.

CRS RICE BOWL: SUSTAINABILITY IN EL SALVADOR

Drought is a big problem across El Salvador, making it difficult for farmers to produce enough crops to support their families. But new farming techniques— and a new generation of young farmers—are making a difference. What would you do if your livelihood was threatened? How can you support young people in your community and around the world? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more. **Keep putting that change in your Rice Bowl!**



ARE CATHOLICS OBLIGATED TO ATTEND MASS?

Canon law states, "On Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are obliged to participate in the Mass." The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states, "The faithful are obliged to participate in the Eucharist on days of obligation, unless excused for a serious reason or dispensed by their own pastor. Those who deliberately fail in this obligation commit a grave sin."

Are there times when it is not a grave sin to miss Mass?

Yes. There are circumstances when Catholics are not obligated to attend Mass, but beyond the three examples cited in official church teaching –lack of a priest, illness and caring for infants – the specifics regarding what qualifies as a serious reason for missing Mass are left to individual believers.

As we Catholics consider returning to Mass in person, Bishop James Conley, of Lincoln, Nebraska, asked us to look at our lives right now. "Are you meeting with groups of people, perhaps attending sporting events and participating in other forms of entertainment, but not attending Mass? The Holy Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith, but are we making other things a priority in our lives? Are we making dispensation an excuse? **It is important to note that dispensation "should not be abused."**

The Archdiocese of Detroit has praised livestreamed Masses that have kept Catholics connected to the sacraments in many places during the pandemic, but added they "**cannot become the norm. God did not come to us virtually.**"

-- www.americamagazine.org

ATTENDING MASS WITH US?

At our parishes, 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. You do not have to create an account to see the Facebook page.

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EASTER FLOWERS: You can make a donation toward flowers for the altar in memory of a loved one. Use the Easter Flower envelopes provided at the entrance of the Church. *For St. Mary's flowers, make your checks payable to St. Mary Altar Society. For flowers at St. John, make your checks payable to St. John Altar Society.* Please drop your donation in the collection by **March 21**.

ROSARY GROUPS pray the Rosary at St. Mary on **Mondays** at **6:00 p.m.** and at St. John on **Tuesdays** at **5:30 p.m.**

OTHER NEWS

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, **March 12**.

ST. JOSEPH NOVENA: The USCCB has composed a novena to be prayed yearly on **March 10-18**, the nine days that precede the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, which is on March 19. Prayer pamphlets are at the entrance of the Church, or you can download your own at [Novena to St. Joseph \(usccb.org\)](http://Novena to St. Joseph (usccb.org)).

DRIVE THRU MEAL of Chicken Fried Steak, hosted by the KCs in Columbus, will be Wednesday, **March 10**, at their Columbus Hall. Plate cost is \$10. Serving goes from 5:00 pm until sold out.

YOUNG ADULTS INVITED TO RETREAT: "The Father's Heart," a 5-day retreat for young adults, will be held **March 13-17**. Based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola, this retreat starts with teaching on prayer and discernment of spirits, then has three days of silence, with individual spiritual direction and daily conferences. The Father's Heart is open to young adults ages 18-35 and will take place at Eagle's Wings Retreat Center in Burnet. For more information, visit www.austindiocese.org/tfh.

MEN ON FIRE RETREAT IS MARCH 20: A one-day retreat entitled "Men on Fire: Become Who You Are" will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on **March 20** at St. Albert the Great Parish in Austin. The retreat will be led by Bart Schuchts of the John Paul II Healing Institute. On **March 19**, all are invited to a pre-retreat that includes the Stations of the Cross from 7:00 to 7:45 p.m. and Solemnity of St. Joseph Mass with Consecration to St. Joseph. Tickets are on sale now. For more information, visit www.saintalbert.org.



FOR THOSE PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE

Couples planning to marry should contact their priest or deacon at least nine months prior to their wedding date in order to begin the marriage preparation process. Your parish is always the best choice for your marriage preparation. Your parish priest is part of your spiritual lives. Schedule an appointment with a priest in your parish.

ENGAGED COUPLES, who have already met with their parish priest, are invited to the "Together in God's Love" retreat. It 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 <http://www.austindiocese.org/marriage-prep-retreats> for info.

TOTAL CONSECRATION ROSARY AND MASS: Please join thousands of Faithful throughout our Diocese to collectively make or renew our "**Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary**" at a special Holy Mass on the Annunciation of the Lord. Rosary and Mass will be offered on Thursday, **March 25**, at 6 p.m. at St. Mary Cathedral (Austin), and at 6:25 p.m. at Santa Cruz Church (Buda). Please visit <http://www.TexasToJesusThroughMary.org> for more information and links to live-stream. Due to COVID, in-person seating will be limited.

COUPLES INVITED TO MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER



A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a chance for married couples to focus on their marriage, improve their communication, deepen their intimacy and spend quality time together, free of distractions. Every marriage deserves such tender, loving care – in a private setting where couples share only with each other. Come and experience the beauty of this sacrament in a whole new way and see how couples all over the world have benefited from this life-giving weekend! Sign up today to attend the upcoming WWME Experience on **April 9-11**. Early registration is highly recommended. For more dates, information and to apply go to austinme.org or contact wwmeaustin@gmail.com or call (512) 677-WWME (9963).



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME IS NEXT WEEK

Daylight Savings will begin Sunday, **March 14**, so don't forget to set your clocks **AHEAD** one hour before going to sleep on Saturday night!

Catholic Social Teaching Corner

March 6-7 Third Sunday of Lent

The second reading for this Sunday reminds us that the power of Jesus, our Crucified Lord, is greater than what every culture of that time or any time has to offer. God's power and wisdom go beyond what we can even imagine. As we listen to the "wisdom" and "power" of the political voices that rule the news airwaves, Paul's letter to the Corinthians can help us to remember to pay attention to "God's folly and God's weakness". We have much to learn from Christ who looked so foolish and weak, and yet all true power was his and is his. How can we confront the false powers of today with God's folly and weakness, which is true power?

Marzo 6-7 Tercer Domingo de Cuaresma

La segunda lectura de este domingo nos recuerda que el poder de Jesús, nuestro Señor Crucificado, es mayor que cualquier cosa que la cultura de la época o del momento tenga que ofrecer. El poder de Dios y su sabiduría van más allá de lo que podemos imaginar. Mientras escuchamos a la "sabiduría" y el "poder" de las voces políticas que rigen nuestras ondas de transmisión, la carta de Pablo a los Corintios nos puede ayudar a recordar que debemos prestar atención a "la insensatez y la debilidad de Dios". Tenemos mucho que aprender de Cristo quien pareció insensato y débil y aún así todo el verdadero poder era y es suyo. ¿Cómo podemos enfrentar los poderes falsos de hoy con la insensatez y la debilidad de Dios que son verdadero poder?

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ST. JOHN LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTOR

Saturday – Mary Keilers
Sunday – Janell Warschak

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday – Addie Dybala, Sharon Martinek
Sunday – Nikki Beseda, Janell Warschak

ALTAR SERVERS

Wednesday – Grade 6 (1)
Saturday – Mackayla Griffin, Paige Jurecka, Peyton Jurecka
Sunday – Marissa Halamicek, Luke Beseda, Scotti Beseda

ALTAR DUTY FOR MARCH

Lois Kaspar, Lisa Simpson, Susan Schramm, Amy Babin

USHERS FOR MARCH

Saturday – Betty Kovar, Robert Janish, Ronnie Chernosky, Eddie Gaertner
Sunday – David Bertsch, Kenneth Noska, John Spiess, Lee Matocha

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

ST. MARY LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTOR

Saturday – Jan Jurecka
Sunday – L.J. Korenek

ALTAR SERVERS

Friday (Stations) – Klayten Schmitt
Saturday – Rylee Fritsch
Sunday – Luke Korenek

USHERS FOR MARCH

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,

A few decades ago it would have seemed strange to see bottles of water for sale. However, today people can buy bottled water practically everywhere. It has become a billion dollar industry. That is because we all need water. We all must drink water to strengthen us and to maintain life. We also need Christ to strengthen us and to maintain life. Remember the Gospel story of a Samaritan woman coming to the well to get water to satisfy her physical thirst? Little did she know that she would come in contact with the Fountain of living water, **Jesus Christ**. Jesus satisfies our thirst for salvation and for a meaningful relationship with God. These are truths that are clearly conveyed through today's account of Jesus overturning the moneychangers and ejecting vendors from the temple area.

It is Jesus who instills in the hearts of all men and woman the desire to embrace eternal life. As we enter into this third week of Lent, we are not to give up hope, even if we may find that we have not done all that we were hoping to accomplish this year for Lent. Jesus is inviting us to sweep out of our heart all those things that distract us from spending time with God. It is not too late. God greatly desires to spend time with you. Allow Him into your heart, your temple, for your thirst will be quenched. With confident hope in God's love for us may the door of our hearts always be open to receive Christ with expectant hope.

As faithful followers of Christ, we know a basic spiritual fact: our souls need Christ to bring us to salvation and eternal life. We can be grateful that the Church leads us into the desert of Lent in order that we may remember and contemplate that it is Jesus, who provides for us a fountain of love, a way to salvation. It is in Him that we come to know just how much God loves us.

Fr. Steve

Lent—40 Days or More? You have always learned that Lent commemorates the 40 days that Jesus spent praying in the desert before his public ministry. If, however, you actually count the days from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday, you'll realize there are actually 46 days! What? Yes, there are 46 days between Ash Wednesday and Easter. Because each Sunday of the year, however, is a grand celebration and commemoration of the Resurrection of Jesus, we don't count them in the 40 days of penance. There are six Sundays between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday. So, by subtraction, we are left with 40 days. -- *Originally appeared in Knowing Our Catholic Faith*



Why No Meat on Fridays During Lent?

On Fridays during Lent, we refrain from eating meat because Jesus sacrificed his flesh on Good Friday.

What is Considered "Flesh Meat"?

Flesh Meat is any meat from poultry or mammals, such as beef, chicken and pork. *Products* that come from these animals can be consumed on Fridays, such as milk and eggs.

Why is Fish Permitted on Fridays?

Fish does not belong to the "flesh meats." The Latin word "caro," from which words like 'carnivorous' and 'carne' came, applies to flesh meat only, and does not include fish.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

St. John – Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

St. Mary – Fridays at 6:30 p.m.

ALL FRIDAYS IN LENT ARE DAYS OF ABSTINENCE