

St. Mary Catholic Church

Est. 1855

Mission Parish

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



Weekly Offering: \$ 1,563.00
Online Giving: \$ 378.44

MASSES

Wednesday at 7:00 a.m.
Melissa Hahn †

Friday at 7:00 a.m.
Isabel Knippel †

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 p.m.
Fred, Otilia & John A. Becka †

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: \$ 5,108.20
Online Giving: \$ 775.00

MASSES

Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.
Hermína Svreck †

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
Lawrence Krenek †

Thursday at 7:00 a.m.
*Dec'd of the
Walter & Helen Machinsky Family. †*

Saturday at 7:30 a.m.
Otis Maertz †

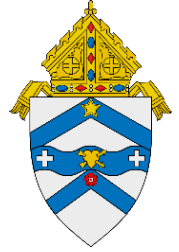
Saturday Vigil at 6:00 p.m.
Joe & Sophie Kaspar †

Sunday at 10:00 a.m.
*Dec'd of the
Frank & Pauline Holub Family †*

Sunday at 1:00 p.m.
First Communicants



**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 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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 18, AD 2021

PARISH LIFE

PLEASE PRAY FOR: LeRoy Canik, Dan Castillo, Margie Chovanec, Brian Fruge, Gilbert Gerik, Dennis Gruwell, Dan Hall, Bernita Hlinsky, Alois Janish, Ray Jurecka, Christine Kaspar, Kathy Kneblak, Nina Mascheck, Tim Meinardus, Leo Miller, Ed Muras, Harold Peikert, Randy Popp, Kaycee Roesler, Shirley Sodek, Shelley Spears, Martha Staley, 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.)*

FAITH FORMATION – Wednesday, April 21

- **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.

ATTENTION STUDENTS IN GRADES 7-12: On Wednesday, April 28, all Junior High & High School students will meet in the parish hall at **6:00 p.m.** to watch the movie *Paul, Apostle of Christ*. The Executive Producer of the film, Eric Groth, will be here *in person* to facilitate a reflection and discussion of the movie. Parents are invited to attend!

CROWNING OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY will take place at all Masses on **Mother's Day weekend, May 8-9**. All students in the Faith Formation program, as well as any children in the parish who would like to participate, are to bring a flower to Mass to honor the Blessed Mother. All children should arrive 15 minutes before Mass to line up for the procession. Children at St. John should meet in the Religious Education building prior to Mass, and those at St. Mary should meet in St. Mary hall prior to Mass.



ST. JOHN'S PASTORAL COUNCIL met on April 8. Items discussed included:

- Welcome of newly selected members: Richard Calloway, Betty Kovar, John Kovar
- Selection of New Officers: Chairperson – Leslie Little, Recorder – Karley Gaytan
- Facilities Update
- The upcoming Lumen Gentium Award
- First Communion on April 25
- Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the Masses during Mother's Day weekend
- Graduating Altar Servers
- Vacation Bible School (July 19-23) planning has begun
- The Parish Feast preparations have started
- The next meeting will be Thursday, July 8

ST. MARY BAZAAR & RAFFLE preparations have begun. If you would like to make a monetary donation toward a prize for the raffle, please contact Mark Matocha at (979) 378-2701. The deadline to donate is Sunday, **May 2**.

UPCOMING FINANCE COUNCIL MEETINGS:

St. John's Finance Council will meet in the parish hall on Tuesday, **April 27**, at 6:45 p.m.

St. Mary's Finance Council meeting will be held on Thursday, **April 29**, at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall.

FIRST COMMUNION: We will celebrate, with our second grade Faith Formation students, the Sacrament of First Eucharist at a Mass to be offered at 1:00 p.m. at St. John Catholic Church on Sunday, **April 25**. Please keep these students in your prayers!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

- **ALL MEMBERS:** Please send an email with your full name to kofc@gmail.com. Future dues notices and follow-up dues notices will be sent by email. If you do not have an email address, you will continue to receive dues notices by mail.
- **MONTHLY MEETING** will be Tuesday, **April 20**, at 7 p.m., in St. John's Parish Hall.
- **SCHOLARSHIPS:** Knights of Columbus members' children who are graduating from high school this year are eligible. For an application and information explaining the requirements, contact Alvin Minarcik at (979) 249-7449. The submission deadline is **April 30**.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS members please remember to mail your dues to Lisa Simpson, if you have not already done so. Thank you!

YEAR OF THE DOMESTIC CHURCH

April Theme: Love your Neighbors

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.” The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these (Mark 12: 30-31).”

Ideas for children and young people

- Create a map of their neighborhood.
- Identify a neighbor they would like to get to know better. Make a list of questions they could ask that neighbor.
- Have age-appropriate conversations about being safe in their neighborhood.
- Make a list of service opportunities in their neighborhood or make a commitment to organize a neighborhood clean-up day.



THE SEMINARIANS AND PRIEST EDUCATION AND FORMATION SPECIAL COLLECTION

will be collected in our parishes on Good Shepherd Sunday (celebrated April 24-25). The cost of forming one seminarian is about \$55,000 per year. Financial reasons should never prevent men from responding to God's call to the priesthood. Your contribution to this special collection ensures that our future priests will have excellent formation. May God bless your generosity and may we all continue to pray for our seminarians. Click here for more information.

SPRING CLEANING? Don't forget to start collecting items you might like to donate to the Youth Ministry's spot in this year's city-wide garage sale, scheduled for Saturday, **July 10**. Proceeds from the garage sale will be used to support activities of the Youth Ministry in our parishes.

NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH: Join us throughout this month, as we continue to pray for the healing of victims of abuse. If you suffered abuse, it was not your fault. If you are a victim of sexual abuse by a priest, deacon, or individual representing the Catholic Church, contact a diocesan victim assistance coordinator who is available to help victims/survivors make a formal complaint of abuse. Please visit www.usccb.org/offices/child-and-youth-protection/victim-assistance for more information.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 18, AD 2021

PRAY THE ROSARY! *“Cling to the Rosary as the creeper clings to the tree - for without Our Lady we cannot stand.”* – Saint Teresa of Calcutta

In addition to praying the Rosary during our day, we are given the opportunity to pray with our Rosary groups at St. Mary every Monday evening in the Church at **6:00 p.m.** and at St. John every Tuesday evening in the Church at **5:30 p.m.**



OTHER NEWS

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IN INDUSTRY are hosting their annual fried chicken fundraiser **TODAY, April 18**, starting at 11:00 a.m., at the Industry Fireman’s Hall. The meal will be served Drive-Thru only for \$12 a plate.

ATTENTION YOUNG ADULTS! **Ascend** is an initiative of the Diocese of Austin that identifies and develops **young adult leaders** under the age of 40. Each year, the Ascend program gives a cohort of young adults the tools and training they need to grow professionally, personally and spiritually. Applications will be accepted through **April 19**. Visit www.austindiocese.org/ascend for more information about the Ascend program.

EVENT AT SCHOENSTATT SHRINE IN AUSTIN

Young adults are invited to Adoration on Tuesday, **April 20**, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Marian Shrine of Our Lady of Schoenstatt in Austin. For more details please visit www.facebook.com/SchoenstattAustin.

THE ELLINGER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FUNDRAISER takes place at the Ellinger C of C Hall on Sunday, **April 25**. The Drive-Thru only BBQ chicken and sausage meal starts at 10:30 a.m. Cost is \$12/plate. A live auction, held outdoors under the pavilion, begins at 1:30 p.m. Currently, firemen are selling tickets for the raffle, and winners will be announced during the auction. Call Dave Weishuhn at (979) 966-2875 for more info.

THE UPPER ROOM, A WEEKEND RETREAT, will be presented **April 23-25** at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Temple. The Upper Room in the Old City of Jerusalem marks the site where Jesus gave his final marching orders to his apostles. On Holy Thursday night, the Lord called the apostles to change the world, and for most of them it would require their life. The words of Jesus continue to call his followers today to do their part to change their world by loving one another and fighting for the good. Chuck Neff, a talk show host for Relevant Radio for 16 years and the Executive Producer for The Salt River Production Group, leads the retreat. For more information and to register visit www.cedarbrake.org or call (254) 780-2436.

ST. MICHAEL’S ANNUAL SPRING FESTIVAL Drive-Thru Only Fried Chicken meal will be held on Sunday, **April 25**, at the Weimar Veterans Hall beginning at 11:00 a.m. There will also be an online auction and a raffle.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL ANNUAL SPRING FESTIVAL will be held on Wednesday, **April 28**, at the La Grange KC Hall. A Drive-Thru Barbecue chicken meal and bake sale will be from 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., for \$10 per plate. Sacred Heart Catholic School is also selling raffle tickets with prizes to be drawn on Facebook Live at Noon on Friday, April 30. To reserve your plates or purchase raffle tickets, call (979) 968-5117.

THE LISTENING TO THE VOICE OF GOD RETREAT will be held **April 29** from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at St. Louis Parish in Waco. Franciscan Father Albert Haase will present this day based on his bestselling book, “Saying Yes: Discovering and Responding to God’s Will in Your Life.” The cost is \$40 and includes lunch. Details are available at www.cedarbrake.org or (254) 780-2436.

QUEEN OF THE HOLY ROSARY CHURCH in Hostyn will have their annual Mayfest on Sunday, **May 2**. A barbecue pork and sausage Drive-Thru Only Meal will be from 11:00-12:30 p.m. (or until sold out). Sausage and BBQ Pork by the pound will also be available. Go online to [Hostyn Mayfest \(auctria.com\)](http://HostynMayfest(auctria.com)) to see the Mayfest auction. Bidding begins on April 23 at 8:00 am and ends on April 30 at 7:00 pm. Raffle tickets can be purchased by calling the parish office at (979) 247-4441. The drawing will take place on Saturday, May 1, at 1:00 p.m.



MASS OF ORDINATION TO THE TRANSITIONAL DIACONATE will be celebrated on Saturday, **May 15**, at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Austin at 10:30 a.m. The Mass will be livestreamed. Join us in celebrating the ordination of this year’s candidates – Samuel Bass, Jakob Hurlmann, and Fernando Ricaud – to the Order of Deacon as they continue their formation and preparation for the priesthood.

FAMILY SCOUT RETREAT: The Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting will host a Family Scout Retreat on Saturday, **May 8**, at Eagle’s Wings Retreat Center in Burnet. The retreat, themed “Living Our Story,” will focus on how God is calling us to strengthen our domestic church. More information on the retreat can be found at www.austindiocese.org/scoutingevents.

Catholic Social Teaching Corner

April 17-18 Third Sunday of Easter

After the resurrection, Jesus appeared to his disciples many times, often sharing food with them. Jesus was not just making a point about his bodily resurrection; he was also making a point about community. The risen Jesus brings people together and they become the Body of Christ. We do not choose the members of the Body of Christ, we have been chosen, by the grace of God to belong. Like the disciples of the past, we are called to give witness to this by our lives. Is our love, our mercy and compassion – especially to the poor and vulnerable – credible enough that everyone who sees us could tell that we are members of Christ’s body?

Abril 17-18 Tercer Domingo de Pascua

Después de la resurrección, Jesús se apareció a sus discípulos muchas veces, con frecuencia compartiendo comida con ellos. Jesús no estaba únicamente aludiendo a su resurrección corporal; él estaba también hablando sobre comunidad. El Jesús resucitado hace que la gente se junte y se convierta en el Cuerpo de Cristo. Nosotros no escogemos a los miembros del Cuerpo de Cristo, hemos sido escogidos, por la gracia de Dios, para pertenecer a él. Como los discípulos del pasado, estamos llamados a dar testimonio de esto con nuestras vidas ¿Es nuestro amor, nuestra misericordia y compasión, especialmente por los pobres y vulnerables suficientemente creíbles de manera que todos los que nos miren sepan que somos miembros del Cuerpo de Cristo?

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
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ST. JOHN LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTOR

Wednesday – Grade 6
Saturday – Mary Keilers
Sunday – Cindy Garwood

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Wednesday – Lori Spiess
Saturday – Betty Kovar, Karley Gaytan
Sunday – Nikki Beseda, Cindy Garwood

ALTAR SERVERS

Wednesday – Grade 3 (3), Grade 6 (1)
Saturday – Peyton Jurecka, Paige Jurecka, Mackayla Griffin
Sunday – Wade Halamicek, Marissa Halamicek, Mackenzie Poncik

ALTAR DUTY FOR APRIL

Paulette Keilers, Rachel Schley, Brenda Minarcik, Betty Fritsch

USHERS FOR APRIL

Saturday – Leslie Little, Ronald Malota, Wesley Gaertner, Leonard Malota
Sunday – Allan Minarcik, Christopher Kaspar, Emil Sodolak, Arlis Keilers

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

St. Anselm, Archbishop
April 21



After Anselm's father forbade him to enter a monastery, he left home at age 15. Twelve years later he finally became a monk. As the fame of his sanctity spread, the king of Canterbury named him Archbishop. However, soon the king plundered the Church lands and forbade St. Anselm to go to Rome. When Anselm went anyway, a bitter conflict arose between him and the king's successor, Henry I. The King called St. Anselm a traitor for defending the authority of the Holy See of Rome. To the king's disappointment, the English authorities sided with the saint. Not yielding, the king exiled Anselm for many years. During his exile, St. Anselm wrote prolifically, which led him to be celebrated as the father of scholastic theology. He is more famous for his devotion to our blessed Lady, whose Feast of the Immaculate Conception he was the first to establish in the West. He died in 1109.

A Prayer for Rain

O God, the earth is thirsty for rain, and we wait for you to refresh the land and all its creatures, the rivers and lakes, the crops and gardens. Send abundant rain, we pray, and teach us to be better stewards of all the blessings you provide, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ST. MARY LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTOR

Saturday – Rose Urban
Sunday – Aimee Korenek

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday – Klayten Schmitt
Sunday – Stephen Korenek

USHERS FOR APRIL

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,

The first sentence of the Gospel reading on this third Sunday of Easter sets the context for the themes today: They recognized him “in the breaking of the bread.” And, in this experience and encounter, their lives would never be the same. Like the first disciples, we too recognize him in the breaking of the bread. But, who is it that we recognize? And, what does this recognition require of us? When we encounter Christ in Sacred Scripture and in the Breaking of the bread as the disciples, are our eyes opened? Do we recognize the risen Lord?

When we gather around the table for the same sacramental meal, we too encounter the risen Lord. Jesus is present to us at each and every Mass, just as he was present to his disciples then. Jesus did not turn away from those who were closest to him, yet who did not understand him. Instead, he invited them to an even more intimate communion.

The commandment of love requires nothing less from us. Jesus invites us into this intimate communion, and he commands us – just as He commanded the first disciples – to love those who are distant and those who are close, those who might reject us and those who misunderstand us. We must love totally, as God loves.

May our faith give us strength to love, even in times when it is difficult, as we trust in Jesus' Mercy.

Fr. Steve

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*You must remember to love people and use things, rather than to love things and use people.* - Venerable Fulton J. Sheen  
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