

# St. Mary Catholic Church

*Est. 1855*

**Mission Parish**

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



**Weekly Offering:** \$ 2,269.00  
**Online Giving:** \$ 151.38  
**Solemnity of Mary:** \$ 427.00  
**Cemetery:** \$ 263.00

## MASSES

**Wednesday at 7:00 a.m.**  
*Loretta Peschel †*  
**Friday at 7:00 a.m.**  
*Patrick & Lisa Fagan †*

**Saturday Vigil at 4:00 p.m.**  
*Clovis Heimsath †*  
**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:** \$ 4,802.00  
**Online Giving:** \$ 495.00  
**Solemnity of Mary:** \$ 802.00  
**Faith Formation:** \$ 914.00

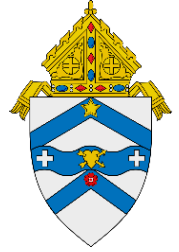
## MASSES

**Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.**  
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*Paul & Betty Malota Family †*  
**Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.**  
*Modesto Mayorga †*  
**Thursday at 7:00 a.m.**  
*Paul Nguyen Duy Tan †*  
**Saturday at 7:30 a.m.**  
*Mary Ann Sommerfeld †*

**Saturday Vigil at 6:00 p.m.**  
*Jean Stadek †*  
**Sunday at 10:00 a.m.**  
*Emmett R. Coufal †*



**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, February 8, 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.

# THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

## JANUARY 9, AD 2022

### PARISH LIFE

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Carolyn Countryman, 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.*)

**IN MEMORIAM:** Our parish families extend sympathies and prayers towards the family of *Loretta Peschel* who was buried last week. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.

#### **FAITH FORMATION 2021-2022:**

- 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.**

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

**A CALLED TO PROTECT FOR YOUTH** session will be held on Wednesday, **January 19**, at 6:00 p.m. at the parish hall. All 6<sup>th</sup> graders, as well as those 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who have not previously attended this workshop, are asked to attend. Additional information on the CTPY program has been mailed to the parents of the students.

**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.** These classes offer 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.
- **Ecclesiology** will be offered online via Microsoft Teams on Tuesdays from 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. on: **February 1, 8, 15, 22.** This course examines key documents presenting the major themes about how the Church is understood, both theologically and in human experience. Visit: <https://www.givecentral.org/appeals-form-registration/acp61a66e7b6eaf6/user/guest> to register.

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

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** regular meeting will be Tuesday, **January 18**, at 7:00 p.m. in St. John's Parish Hall.

#### **CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS**

- **PLEASE REMEMBER** to bring sides for this month's Knights of Columbus BBQ.
- **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. JOHN'S FINANCE COUNCIL** meets Tuesday, **January 25**, at 6:45 p.m. in the parish office.

#### **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.

**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 this 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.austindiocese.org/synod](http://www.austindiocese.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.

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:** We are receiving some offertory envelopes containing cash that have no names on them. **Please be sure** to put your name on your envelopes the first few times you use them so that we may correctly document your donations. Remember that your number may have changed due to our database being updated.

**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.**

**SENIOR CITIZEN SOCIAL** will be on Thursday, **January 20**, 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.

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**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**.

### OTHER NEWS

**THE ANNUAL MASS FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE** commemorating the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. will be celebrated **January 15** at 11 a.m. at Holy Cross Parish in Austin. All are invited to come together to pray for life, charity and peace.

### **CZECH CATHOLIC FOUNDATION OF TEXAS (CCFT)**

All interested parishioners are invited to attend the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual membership meeting of the recently established Czech Catholic Foundation of Texas (CCFT). The meeting will be held at St. Michael Catholic Church in Needville, Texas in the Family Life Center on Saturday, **January 15, 2022**, starting at 10:30 am. A stew lunch will follow the meeting. Learn about the work of the CCFT to preserve, celebrate and perpetuate the Faith of Texas Czech immigrants. A pilgrimage and tour of Saints Cyril and Methodius Church (1925) in Damon, Texas will be after lunch. A headcount is needed for the meal: Call or email Bradley Stavinoha at (979)703-7411 or [Bradley@Needvilleinsurance.com](mailto:Bradley@Needvilleinsurance.com).

### **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](http://www.TexasToJesusThroughMary.org) by **January 18** to receive your FREE Montfort preparation prayer book by mail and for more information.

**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.



**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. Register at [www.austindiocese.org/cedarbrake](http://www.austindiocese.org/cedarbrake) or call (254) 780-2436. Cost is \$270 for a private room, \$230 for a shared room and \$130 for commuters.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES** of Central Texas' Immigration Legal Services offers legal assistance to individuals and families eligible to apply for immigration benefits, including: Family Reunification, Humanitarian Relief, Temporary Protected Status, Removal Defense, as well as services for victims of Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking. If you or someone you know needs services, call (512) 651-6125 (Austin) or (979) 822-9340 (Brazos Valley).

### **MEN: DO YOU FEEL A CALL TO SERVE AS A DEACON?**

Men between 30 and 59 sensing God's call to the permanent diaconate are invited to attend, with their wives, an Inquiry Session offered by the Office of Diaconal Formation. The next two meeting opportunities scheduled are:

**February 13** – St. John the Evangelist Parish in Marble Falls – 105 Highway 1431 East, Marble Falls, TX 78654

**March 13** – St. Joseph Parish in Killeen – 2903 E. Rancier Ave, Killeen, TX

### **NEW EIM COMPLIANCE POLICIES FOR 2022**

EIM Policies require all clergy, religious, seminarians, employees and adult volunteers serving in any EIM compliance-required ministry to submit an EIM Application for Ministry (one-time only at [www.austindiocese.org/application](http://www.austindiocese.org/application)) prior to service. New applicants must attend an in-person EIM Workshop within 60 days of application submission and all applicants must update/renew compliance at [www.austindiocese.org/eim-compliance-status](http://www.austindiocese.org/eim-compliance-status) at least once every three years at. NOTE: starting February 1, 2022, new applicants must attend an in-person EIM Workshop within 30 days of application submission.

### **HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH OF CORN HILL**

invites you to a BBQ Pork meal with all the trimmings on Sunday, **January 23**. The meal will be served from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. in their Parish Activity Center. Adults \$12 / Children \$6. Adult to-go plates available in the drive-thru (11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.). All proceeds benefit the Holy Trinity Cemetery Fund.



**PRAY FOR LIFE!** Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Life novena, 9 Days for Life, **Wednesday, January 19 – Thursday, January 27**. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more. Sign up at [9daysforlife.com](http://9daysforlife.com)! "A society will be judged on the basis of how it treats its weakest members; and among the most vulnerable are surely the unborn and the dying." –St. John Paul II, May 25, 2000

## Catholic Social Teaching Corner

### Jan. 8-9, Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Christ was sent into the world to bring glad tidings to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives, to give sight to the blind, and to free the oppressed (Lk 4:18). Christ came to effect a great reconciliation, bringing about the salvation all. In Christ, through baptism, we are born again and made a royal priesthood, a holy people set apart. As a result, we, the common priesthood of the faithful, have a part in the mission of the whole body — bringing glad tidings, proclaiming liberty, giving sight to the blind and freeing the oppressed.

### Enero 8-9, Festividad del Bautismo del Señor

Cristo fue enviado al mundo para llevar buenas nuevas a los pobres, proclamar la libertad de los cautivos, dar la vista a los ciegos y liberar a los oprimidos (Lucas 4:18). Cristo vino para realizar una gran reconciliación, trayendo salvación a todos. En Cristo, a través del santo bautismo, renacemos y realizamos un sacerdocio real, somos gente santa. Como resultado, nosotros, -que formamos- el sacerdocio de los fieles, formamos parte del cuerpo entero – llevando buenas noticias, proclamando libertad, dando la vista a los ciegos y liberando a los oprimidos.

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**ST. JOHN LITURGICAL DUTIES**

**LECTOR**

**Wednesday** – Grade 10  
**Saturday** – Addie Dybala  
**Sunday** – Janell Warschak

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

**Wednesday** – Nikki Beseda, Lori Spiess  
**Saturday** – Joan Malota, Tiffany Nigh  
**Sunday** – Janell Warschak, Christine Wied

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Wednesday** – Grade 4 (3), Grade 6 (2)  
**Saturday** – Abigail Taylor, Jacob Nigh, Kara Jurecka  
**Sunday** – Kandon Kaspar, Luke Beseda, Scotti Beseda

**GIFT BEARERS**

**Wednesday** – Grade 3  
**Saturday** – Joe Dybala Family  
**Sunday** – David Bertsch Family

**ALTAR DUTY FOR JANUARY**

Theresa Keilers, Mary Goerig, Lexxus Zika, Kathleen Kramr

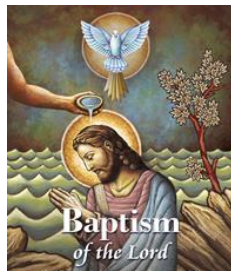
**USHERS FOR JANUARY**

**Saturday** – Ronald Malota, Wesley Gaertner, Leonard Malota, Leslie Little  
**Sunday** – Vernon Hohensee, Arlis Keilers, Jim Mattair, Willie Socha

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**BAPTISM OF THE LORD  
JANUARY 9, 2022**



Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. This brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation, or epiphany, which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes.

Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ's baptism are symbolical of what happened at our Baptism. At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted sons of God. At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us. At His baptism Jesus prayed; after our Baptism we must pray to avoid actual sin.

— Excerpted from Msgr. Rudolph G. Bandas

**ST. MARY LITURGICAL DUTIES**

**LECTOR**

**Saturday** – Robert Balzer  
**Sunday** – Aimee Korenek

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Saturday** – Briana Dybala  
**Sunday** – Julie 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,

The baptism of Jesus in the Jordan marked the beginning of his public ministry and mission: to reveal God the Father to the people, and invite them to accept a way of life that would last forever. Jesus fortified himself with forty days of prayer in the desert as he accepted his mission.

Only then did He begin to invite others to join him in the work of spreading the good news of salvation in God. Our mission as baptized Catholics is to share in the mission that Jesus accepted. We are to pass on the good news that we have received: Jesus is the way to eternal life in union with the Father and the Spirit.

Just as prayer was essential in the ministry of Jesus, it is essential in our own lives, too. And just as Jesus formed a community of believers around himself, we need community as well. It is with these things in place that we can live the commandments to love God first and love neighbor as we love ourselves. We, too, can accomplish the mission we have accepted and reap the reward of eternal life. This is what Jesus promised to those who are faithful. This is what we believe and embrace each day as Christians. As disciples of Jesus Christ, let each of us reach out and invite someone who has been away from Church to come home and share this great gift. May God bless your new year.

—Fr. Steve

***Prayer for Those Suffering from the Coronavirus***

*Merciful God, hear our fervent prayer for all who suffer from the coronavirus. May those who are infected receive the proper treatment and the comfort of your healing presence. May their caregivers, families and neighbors be shielded from the onslaught of the virus. Give solace to those who grieve the loss of loved ones. Protect and guide those who strive to find a cure, that their work may conquer the disease and restore communities to wholeness and health. Help us to rise above fear. We ask all this through the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes, and in the name of your Son, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.*