

# St. Mary Catholic Church

Mission Parish  
815 St. Mary's Church Rd.  
Fayetteville (near Ellinger)



## MASSES

**Wednesday at 7:00 a.m.**  
*Rudolph & Emilie Cervenka †*  
**Thursday at 6:00 p.m.**  
*Lydia Ruzicka †*  
**Friday at 7:00 a.m.**  
*Steve Kramr*

*Feast of the Immaculate Conception  
A Holy Day of Obligation  
Saturday at 8:00 a.m.  
C.J. & Chuck Walla †*

**Sunday at 8:00 a.m.**  
*Frank & Lillie Moeller †*

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
60 to 20 minutes before Mass

# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

207 E. Bell St.  
Fayetteville  
www.stjohnfayetteville.com



## MASSES

**Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.**  
*NO MASS*  
**Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.**  
*Arnold Kneblík †*  
**Thursday at 7:00 a.m.**  
*Lupe Estrada †*

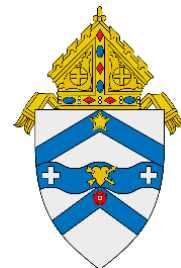
*Feast of the Immaculate Conception  
A Holy Day of Obligation  
Friday at 6:00 p.m.  
Living & deceased of the Sladek Family  
Saturday at 10:00 a.m.  
For the People*

**Saturday at 6:00 p.m.**  
*Leo & Josephine Noska †*  
**Sunday at 10:00 a.m.**  
*For the People*

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
Saturday 4:30-5:30 p.m.  
Wednesday 6:00-6:30 p.m.  
First Friday 4:00-5:30 p.m.



Pope Francis  
Vatican City State



Bishop Joe S. Vásquez  
Diocese of Austin



# St. Martin Catholic Church

World's Smallest Catholic Church  
Historic Chapel  
3490 S. Hwy 237  
Round Top  
(near Warrenton)

**MONTHLY MASS**  
**Wednesday, December 19, at 9:00 a.m.**  
*For the intentions left on the altar*

## Mailing Address and Contact Information

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## Administrative Staff

Amy Babin  
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## Faith Formation

Lexus Mayorga 979-732-4420

## Knights of Columbus

Jim Mattair 979-249-3901

## Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Donna Shula 713-818-1470

**Marriage preparation:** Contact the priest before setting the date and at least nine 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 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**December 2, AD 2018**

**ST. MARY'S NEWS**

**Sunday Offering:** \$1,045.00

**FIRST FRIDAY** occurs this week. Mass will be at 7:00 a.m. on Friday. Benediction will be Thursday evening after Mass.

**KJZT #41, THE ANNUNCIATION** will meet on Monday, **December 10**, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will take place at Mildred Walla's house. All members are welcome. For further information, call Mildred at (979) 270-1750.

**ST. MARY'S ALTAR SOCIETY Christmas Social** will be Wednesday, **December 12**, at 12:30 p.m. in the parish hall. A potluck meal will be followed by bingo and a \$7.00 gift exchange. Guests are invited.

**ST. MARY'S PARISH ADVENT DINNER** will be held on Sunday, **December 16**. Social time begins at 11:00 a.m. followed by a catered dinner to be served at 12:00 noon. If you plan to attend, please sign up at the entrance of the church and bring a dessert.

**ST. JOHN'S NEWS**

**Sunday Offering:** \$4,943.00

**FIRST FRIDAY** occurs this week. We will have the Exposition of the Eucharist at 3:00 p.m. closing with Benediction at 5:40 p.m. and followed by the Vigil Mass for Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Reconciliation will be available from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR: St. John's Parish Advent Dinner** will be at the parish hall on Sunday, **December 9**, immediately after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Social hour will begin at 11:00 a.m., followed by a catered meal. All are invited to come together in food and fellowship as we prepare for the coming of our Lord. Dessert donations are welcome!

**ST. JOHN'S CEMETERY NOTICE:** Now that the November observation of our deceased loved ones is over, we need your help in picking up ornaments and breakable items, as well as in consistently maintaining the gravesites according to the cemetery rules and regulations. Copies of the "Rules, Regulations and Specifications of St. John's Cemetery Association" can be found at the entrance of the Church. Please email or call the office with any questions or concerns. Your help is appreciated!

**ST. JOHN'S & ST. MARY'S NEWS**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Bennie Daricek, Regina Gerik, Hannah Glenn, Melissa Hahn, Woody Hiebert, Annie Mae Janish, Deacon Robert Jasek, J.D. Kovar, Lillian Kramr, Kendall Kurtz, Cindy McCowen, Bernard Michalsky, Veronica Miller, Jonathon Moss, Vickie Neutzler, Saber Pace, Madeline Petrofsky, Doris Polasek, Garland Polasek, Donna Shula, Dr. Jimmy Sladek, Louis Smith, Larry Sodek, Barbara Sulak, Dan Supak, Barbara Tieken, Bennie Volcik, 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.)*

**ALL ARE INVITED** to St. Mary's Altar Society's Annual Candy/Bake Sale on Saturday, **December 15**, at the St. Mary Parish Hall, starting at 8:00 a.m. Raffle tickets are available from any member. Hotdogs, sandwiches, and many Christmas items will be available. See you there!

**FAITH FORMATION – Wednesday, December 5**

- ✓ **Grades K-6** will meet at 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
- ✓ **Grades 7-12** will meet at 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. (Meet at Church)

**CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY**

- **SAVE THE DATES FOR DCYC** on **February 2-3** in Waco! This year's theme is, "To the Heights," based on Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati's quote, "The higher we go, the better we shall hear the voice of Christ." Registration and consent forms are due Friday, **December 14**.
- **CHRISTMAS DECORATING:** CYM youth will be decorating St. John Church on Sunday, **December 23**, after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. All high school students are asked to participate as we set up the manglers and decorate the church for Christmas. Parents, your help will be appreciated.

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS**

- **MONTHLY MEETING & ADVENT SOCIAL** will be Tuesday, **December 4**, at 6:30 p.m. at St. John's Parish Hall. The meeting will be followed by a potluck meal. If you wish to exchange gifts, bring a gift valued at \$7.00 - \$10.00.
- **COOKIES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS:** Each CDA member is asked to bring 5 to 7 dozen cookies to be delivered to senior citizens. You may bring them to the parish hall at the Advent Social or on the morning of Wednesday, **December 5**.
- **CDA EDUCATION CONTEST:** This year's topics are "Here I am Lord I Come to Do Your Will," and "Doing my best to do good." Students in grades 4-12 and adult CDA members are encouraged to enter. Entry forms are available at Fayetteville ISD and at the entrance of the church. **January 23, 2019** is the deadline to return all entries.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

- **OFFICER MEETING** will be held on Monday, **December 3**, at 6:30 p.m., in St. John's Parish Hall.
- **MONTHLY MEETING** will be on Tuesday, **December 18** at 7:00 p.m.
- **NO KC BARBECUE** will be held this month.

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY** for members of *both* Knights of Columbus and Catholic Daughters of America will be held on Sunday, **December 30**, with the social beginning at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7:30 p.m. at St. John's Parish Hall.



**YOUTH CHOIR - PRACTICE TODAY:** The youth choir will sing for the Christmas Eve Mass at St. John on Monday, December 24. Practices are being held after the St. John 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. Practice dates are: **December 2 (NOT December 9), 16, & 23**. If you have any questions please contact Rachel Schley at 979-249-7501.

**"THE WORD AMONG US"** booklets with the Daily meditations and Catholic Mass for Advent are available at the church entrance.

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

**ANGEL TREE:** Sponsored by the CDA, each "angel" on the tree represents a child or adult in a desperate family situation. If you are able to fulfill one of the gift requests, please return the gift by **December 12**. Wrap in gift bags, put the 'angel' name on it, and leave the present near or under the tree. Thank you!

# THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## December 2, AD 2018

**WANT TO DONATE TOWARDS CHRISTMAS FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR?** Pick up a Christmas Flower envelope at the entrance of the church, fill it out, and drop it in the collection by Sunday, **December 9**.



**SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND:** Aging religious need your help! Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests ministered for years for little to no pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate retirement savings. Your gift next week, **December 9**, for the Retirement Fund for Religious will help to provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. Please be generous.

**HELP NEEDED:** St. John's Cemetery Association is in need of maintenance personnel for St. John's Catholic Cemetery. The job consists primarily of lawn care, weeding, and grounds maintenance. Please contact Ronnie Kramr at (979) 249-6152 or the parish office if you are interested.

**LECTORS** please pick up your new Lector Workbook from the sacristy for the new Church year, which begins this weekend.

**CLERICAL ENDOWMENT FUND CHRISTMAS CARDS** are a good way to remember someone at Christmas and support those studying for the priesthood. Both the donor and recipient are remembered in The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass offered for them by Bishop Vásquez and the Director of Seminarians. These cards may be for living or deceased friends and loved ones. The \$2 cards are available at the parish office, at Fayetteville Bank, from Margaret Kubala at (979) 378-2877 or Donna Shula at (713) 818-1470. What a special Christmas gift!

**ENCOUNTERING CHRIST CAMPAIGN STATISTICS** as of November 28:

- St. Mary has pledges of **\$48,750**, which is 45% of the parish goal of \$110,000.
- St. John has pledges of **\$233,620**, which is 83% of the parish goal of \$280,000.

If you have not already done so, please prayerfully consider making a contribution to the campaign. Pledge cards are available at the entrance of Church. Please return them as soon as possible.

**YEAR OF REPARATION:** *Ideas for Acts of Reparation*

As children of God, we each have an opportunity to help satisfy the justice of God by making reparation for our own sins and the sins of others. Here are some simple acts we could do this week:

1. We can sometimes forget how blessed we are to have many of our daily comforts. Give up sleeping with a pillow a few nights.
2. Ignore your sweet tooth for a day or two.
3. Make a "quiet hour" one day, turning off all electronic devices (cell phone, computer, television, video games, etc.). Spend some time in prayer or prayerful reading.

For resources that further aid in the understanding of the process of reparation, as well as give more options for actual acts of reparation, visit <https://austindiocese.org/year-of-reparation>.

**THE MOBILE FOOD PANTRY** from the Central Texas Food Bank will be here Thursday, **December 6**, from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Clients must be present and 18 years old. Please bring your own bag. Volunteers are asked to arrive by 9:45 a.m.



**SENIOR CITIZEN SOCIAL** will be on Thursday, **December 6**, 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.

**HOPE-HEALTHY OPTIONS PROGRAM:** On the second Friday of each month, from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m., clients will receive a bag of groceries. The next distribution is Friday, **December 14**.

**ST. ANN PARISH ENCHILADA FUNDRAISER** is in Somerville next Sunday, **December 9**, starting at 11:00 a.m. Meal tickets are \$10, dine-in or take-out. Enjoy the raffle, auctions, and the county store while you are there!

## “Share the Journey” Campaign

### **SEEKING HUMANE ACTION**

On October 28, 2018, Bishop Joe S. Vásquez of Austin, and executives of Catholic Relief Services and Catholic Charities USA issued the following statement urging all people of goodwill to speak and act with compassion towards those migrating north and seeking refuge from violence and poverty.



Selected portions of the statement follow:

“As Catholic agencies assisting poor and vulnerable migrants in the United States and around the world, we are deeply saddened by the violence, injustice, and deteriorating economic conditions forcing many people to flee their homes in Central America. **While nations have the right to protect their borders, this right comes with responsibilities: governments must enforce laws proportionately, treat all people humanely, and provide due process.** We affirm that seeking asylum is not a crime. We urge all governments to abide by international law and existing domestic laws that protect those seeking safe haven and ensure that all those who are returned to their home country are protected and repatriated safely.

As Christians, we must answer the call to act with compassion towards those in need and to work together to find humane solutions that honor the rule of law and respect the dignity of human life.”

## Catholic Social Teaching Corner

*December 1-2 First Sunday of Advent*

“Listening to the cry of those who suffer violence and are oppressed by unjust systems and structures, and hearing the appeal of a world that by its perversity contradicts the plan of its Creator, we have shared our awareness of the Church's vocation to be present in the heart of the world by proclaiming the Good News to the poor, freedom to the oppressed, and joy to the afflicted” (1971 World Synod of Bishops, Justice in the World, 5).

*December 1-2 Primer Domingo de Adviento*

“Escuchando los gritos de aquellos que sufren a causa de la violencia y son oprimidos por sistemas y estructuras injustos, y escuchando el llamado de un mundo que por su perversidad contradice el plan de su Creador, hemos compartido nuestra conciencia de la vocación de la Iglesia de estar presente en el corazón del mundo al proclamar la Buena Nueva a los pobres, libertad a los oprimidos, y gozo a los afligidos” (Sínodo Mundial de Obispos de 1971, Justicia en el Mundo, 5)



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**ST. JOHN'S LITURGICAL DUTIES**

**LECTORS**

**Wednesday** – Grade 5  
**Friday (6:00 p.m.)** – Kathy Kneblik  
**Saturday (10:00 a.m.)** – Cindy Bertsch  
**Saturday (6:00 p.m.)** – Annette Little  
**Sunday** – Lee Matocha

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

**Wednesday** – Paulette Keilers, Amy Babin, Annette Little  
**Friday (6:00 p.m.)** – Sharon Martinek(H), Addie Dybala(H), Joe Babin\*(H), Lexxus Mayorga(C), Madeline Kovar(C), Kathy Kneblik(C), Amy Babin(C)  
**Saturday (10:00 a.m.)** – John Spiess\*(H), Jeanne Schilling(H), Christine Wied(H), Cindy Bertsch(C), Lori Spiess(C), Rick Schilling(C), Janell Warschak(C)  
**Saturday (6:00 p.m.)** – Kathleen Kramr(H), Tiffany Nigh(H), Joan Malota(H), Ronnie Kramr\*(C), Wanda Fritsch(C), Waldine Fruge(C), Annette Little(C)  
**Sunday** – David Bertsch\*(H), Pat Geistmann(H), Nikki Beseda(H), Paulette Keilers(C), Michelle Bertsch(C), Becky Matocha(C), Lee Matocha(C)

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Wednesday** – Grade 4 (3), Grade 6 (1)  
**Friday (6:00 p.m.)** – Peyton Jurecka, Amber Canik, Dustin Canik  
**Saturday (10:00 a.m.)** – Logan Poncik, Dal Brackman, Cole Brackman  
**Saturday (6:00 p.m.)** – Chelsie Toddy, Evan Blazek, Skylar Kasmiersky  
**Sunday** – Ricky Schilling, Lydia Huebner, Braden Kubala

**GIFT BEARERS**

**Wednesday** – Grade K  
**Friday (6:00 p.m.)** – Joe Babin Family  
**Saturday (10:00 a.m.)** – Rick Schilling Family  
**Saturday (6:00 p.m.)** – Erwin Kovar Family  
**Sunday** – Emil Sodolak Family

**SATURDAY EVENING:** Prior to Mass the **Chaplet of Divine Mercy** will be led by the Men's Choir, for the intention of vocations.

**ALTAR DUTY FOR DECEMBER:** Carrol Hollimon, Lisa Hollimon, Pat Sury, Madeline Kovar

**USHERS FOR DECEMBER**

**Saturday** – Leonard Malota, Peter Chovanec, Gary Toddy, Ronnie Kramr  
**Sunday** – Christopher Kaspar, Kenneth Noska, Lee Matocha, Vernon Hohensee

**ST. JOHN CONTACTS**

Pastoral Council Chairman	Rodney Beseda	281-802-7482
Finance Council President	Steve Pavlicek	409-739-4410
St. John Altar Society	Madeline Kovar	979-378-2361
Pro-Life Ministries Coordinator	Nikki Beseda	713-875-8009
K.J.Z.T.	Rose Rohde	979-249-3635
K.J.T.	Emil Sodolak	979-249-3952
Hall Rental	Parish Office	979-378-2277
St. John Catholic Cemetery	Ronald Kramr	979-249-6152

**ST. MARY'S LITURGICAL DUTIES**

**LECTOR**

**Saturday (8:00 a.m.)** – Ashley Havel  
**Sunday** – Rose Urban

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

**Saturday (8:00 a.m.)** – Jo Ann Divin, L.J. Korenek, Jan Jurecka, Paulette Urban  
**Sunday** – Ruth Beseda, Luke Orsak, Lee Roy Shula, Rose Urban

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Saturday (8:00 a.m.)** – Luke Korenek, Lilly Alvarado  
**Sunday** – Klayten Schmitt, Kole Schmitt

**GIFT BEARERS**

**Saturday (8:00 a.m.)** – Lad Krenek Family  
**Sunday** – Bennie Skutca Family

**ROSARY LEADER**

**Saturday (8:00 a.m.)** – Ann Minar  
**Sunday** – Garland Polasek

**USHERS FOR DECEMBER**

Donnie Becka, Alfred Ermis, Eduardo Alvarado, Dennis Orsak

**ST. MARY CONTACTS**

Pastoral Council Chairman	James Wunderlich	281-723-1999
Finance Council President	Bruce Kubena	979-249-6592
St. Mary Altar Society	Lolly Balzer	979-249-3076
Pro-Life Ministries Coordinator	Aimee Korenek	979-966-7051
K.J.Z.T.	Mildred Walla	979-378-4202
K.J.T.	James Korenek	979-966-9170
Hall Rental	Parish Office	979-378-2277
St. Mary Catholic Cemetery	Lawrence Korenek	979-732-2836

**Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION:**

Friday, December 7	6:00 p.m. – St. John
Saturday, December 8	8:00 a.m. – St. Mary
Saturday, December 8	10:00 a.m. – St. John



**ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE SCHEDULE**

<b>La Grange</b>	Monday	December 10	7:00 p.m.
<b>Rockdale</b>	Tuesday	December 11	6:00 p.m.
<b>Ellinger</b>	Sunday	<b>December 16</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Fayetteville</b>	Sunday	<b>December 16</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Somerville</b>	Tuesday	December 18	7:00 p.m.
<b>Lexington</b>	Tuesday	December 18	7:00 p.m.
<b>Chappell Hill</b>	Wednesday	December 19	7:00 p.m.
<b>Giddings</b>	Thursday	December 20	7:00 p.m.
<b>Brenham</b>	Friday	December 21	7:00 p.m.



**St. Nicholas, Patron Saint of Children**

*December 6*

*Father, we ask that you guide us in St. Nicholas' path. In loving the poor, he showed us your kindness. In caring for your children, he revealed your love. Make us thoughtful without need of reward so that we may serve you through loving our brothers and sisters. Amen.*