

St. Mary Catholic Church

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



MASSES

Wednesday at 7:00 a.m.
All Souls †

Thursday at 6:00 p.m.
Jim & Ruby Burrough †

Friday at 7:00 a.m.
Benjamin & Una Mae Krenek †

Sunday at 8:00 a.m.
Garland C. Polasek †

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.
Hazel, Judy and Nock Russell, Sr. †

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
All Souls †

Thursday at 7:00 a.m.
Clem W. Gully †

Friday at 6:00 p.m.
Mabel Schielack †

Saturday at 7:30 a.m.
Albina & Sylvester Pavlicek †

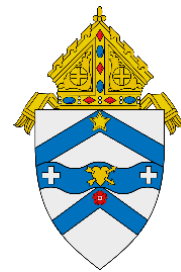
Saturday at 6:00 p.m.
For the People

Sunday at 10:00 a.m.
Matthew Geistmann †

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

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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.

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ST. MARY'S NEWS

Sunday Offering: \$1,229.00
CCHD: \$ 248.00

ST. MARY'S ALTAR SOCIETY



• **Annual Candy/Bake Sale** will be on Saturday, **December 15**, at the St. Mary Parish Hall, starting at 8:00 a.m. Raffle tickets are available from any member or after Mass. Hotdogs, sandwiches, and many Christmas items will be available. See you there!

- **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.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND will be for the maintenance of St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery.

ST. JOHN'S NEWS

Sunday Offering: \$3,293.00
CCHD: \$ 534.00

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!

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND will be for the Faith Formation program.

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, Lillian Kramr, Kendall Kurtz, Bernard Michalsky, Veronica Miller, 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.)*

THE CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL, which usually takes place at this time in our parishes, will instead be taken up in February 2019.

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!

THANK YOU for your generous support last week to the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

FAITH FORMATION – Wednesday, November 28

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

CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY

- **GET READY FOR STEUBENVILLE ON THE BAYOU 2019!** CYM is planning a trip to the youth conference, Steubenville on the Bayou on the weekend of **June 14-16**. Steubenville Youth Conferences are weekends of prayer, praise, and reflection. This year's conference theme is "Belong." It comes from John 1:31, "See what love the Father has bestowed on us, that we may be called children of God." *All high school students interested should turn in their commitment form no later than Friday, November 30.*
- **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 mangers and decorate the church for Christmas. Parents are welcome to join; 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 the 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 the morning of Wednesday, **December 5**.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS officers meeting will be on Monday, **December 3**, at 6:30 p.m. at St. John's parish hall.

COMFORT ITEMS FOR VETERANS: CDA is collecting items for our veterans in VA hospitals through the month of **November**. Items such as toothpaste, razors, deodorants, socks, paperback books, etc. will be collected. No magazines please. A box is available for these items at the entrance of the church.

YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE: Youth in grades 2-12 are invited to participate in singing in the youth choir 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: **November 25, December 9, 16, & 23**. New participants are always welcome! If you have any questions please contact Rachel Schley at 979-249-7501.

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 **December 9**.



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.

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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!

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

LECTORS please pick up your new Lector Workbook from the sacristy for the new Church year, which begins in one week.

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.**

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.

ENCOUNTERING CHRIST CAMPAIGN
If you have not already done so, please prayerfully consider making a contribution to the campaign. If you need a pledge card or more information, campaign materials are available on the web at www.encounteringchristcampaign.org and at the entrance of Church. Please turn in pledge cards by Sunday, **December 2**.

YEAR OF REPARATION: *What does “reparation” mean?*
Reparation is a word we do not hear often, but its meaning is commonly known. The word comes from the Latin *reparare* meaning to make ready again, to restore or to repair. As related to justice, reparation is restitution given to someone against whom a wrong has occurred to repair the damage caused. For many offenses there can be no exact reparation.

In theology, reparation refers to actions we undertake to make amends to God for having offended God through sin. It is important to note while reparation may be a response to having sinned, reparation is not a means of earning God’s grace. Rather, reparation is an attempt to *repair the damage in our relationship with God caused by our sin or the sin of others*. Our acts of reparation are already a response to God’s grace. Traditional practices of prayer, fasting and works of charity or almsgiving strengthen us individually as well as communally in the Body of Christ. As each of us becomes more attuned to God’s presence, our world is transformed by God’s action through us.

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

CHICKEN FRIED STEAK SUPPER - DRIVE THRU ONLY
Simplify your day! Come pick up supper at the La Grange KC Community Center on Thursday, **November 29**. Drive thru will be from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$10 per plate. Bake sale items will also be available. For presale tickets, please call the following: either (979) 966-2145, (979) 249-6808, or (979) 966-2997. To reserve plates in advance call (979) 968-5117. Sponsored by CDA Court Annunciation #1962 La Grange.

26th ANNUAL POLKA FEST will be Sunday, **December 2**, at the Ellinger C of C Hall. **Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m.** There will be a fried chicken & sausage dinner (Adult/To Go - \$10, Child - \$5) and then a dance (\$10).

SUPPORT THE PARISH WHEN YOU SHOP AMAZON!
Visit smile.amazon.com, sign in to your Amazon account and select St. John Catholic Church, Fayetteville TX, as your organization of choice. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to St. John at no cost to you.

“Share the Journey” Campaign

MAKE A HOME FOR A STRANGER

The days surrounding Thanksgiving are the busiest travel times of the year. We fill roads and trains and planes crowded with individuals and families, putting ourselves through the strain, the long hours of travel and congestion to express thanks surrounded by loved ones. We go home. But not all can make it home. Often, we find among us neighbors, workmates, classmates, sometimes people we scarcely know, fellow travelers whose flight got canceled or who missed a transfer—folks we don't always particularly understand—and we do something profound and distinctly biblical. **We make a home for the stranger.** We clear a space at the table and honor the blessings we've known by blessing another. We have shared a journey, as a nation, and for one day a year, the message gets through to us. We *get it*. "Come! My family's table is your family's table!" Indeed, many of us have *been* that stranger.

There is a population in our world who *cannot* make it home—who perhaps may *never* make it back to the home they have known, because home has become something alien and hostile. Do we hear the call of Thanksgiving? To make a home for the stranger? To share the bounties, we have known? Because as we travel this month, as we wade through long lines, as we shuffle through our papers at checkpoints, as we lose each other in crowds, as we are eyed suspiciously and patted down and scanned and treated as a security risk, as the children grow hungry and cranky, as we are sitting and sleeping and eating where so many have walked, let us remember that for tens of millions of our migrant and refugee sisters and brothers... *this is every day*.

Please take a moment to pray for the migrant and refugee as you gather together this season.



Catholic Social Teaching Corner

Nov. 24-25 Solemnity of Christ the King

Accomplishing the mysteries of human redemption, Christ presents an eternal and universal kingdom that is a kingdom of truth, life, holiness, grace, justice, love and peace. The love of Christ impels us to help facilitate the reorienting of this contemporary society to God by mercifully working for these very principles in our daily lives.

Nov. 24-25 Solemnidad de Cristo Rey

Realizando los misterios de la redención humana, Cristo presenta un reino eterno y universal que es un reino de verdad, vida, santidad, gracia, justicia, amor y paz. El amor de Cristo nos impulse a participar en el facilitar la reorientación de esta sociedad contemporánea hacia dios al trabajar misericordiosamente por estos principios en nuestras vidas diarias.

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ST. JOHN'S LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTORS

Wednesday – Grade 6
Saturday – Herman Schramm
Sunday – John Spiess

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Wednesday – Cindy Bertsch, Karley Kasmiersky, Pat Geistmann
Saturday – Leslie Little*(H), Pat Geistmann(H), Kayla Kaspar(H), Betty Kovar(C), Lois Kaspar(C), Yvonne Smith(C), Karley Kasmiersky(C)
Sunday – John Spiess*(H), Jim Mattair(H), Christine Wied(H), Cindy Bertsch(C), Mary Quiros(C), Lori Spiess(C), Lee Matocha(C)

ALTAR SERVERS

Wednesday – Grade 3 (3), Grade 6 (1)
Saturday – Evan Blazek, Skylar Kasmiersky, Amanda Little
Sunday – Braden Kubala, Emma Jurecka, Mackenzie Poncik

GIFT BEARERS

Wednesday – Grade 3
Saturday – Debbie Canik & Waldine Fruge
Sunday – Dusten Muske Family

CCW ROSARY: Pat Sury & Carrol Hollimon will lead the Rosary for the intention of religious 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, Vernon Hohensee, Lee Matocha

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

Sunday – Aimee Korenek

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Sunday – Ruth Beseda, Robert Balzer, Lee Roy Shula, Rose Urban

ALTAR SERVERS

Sunday – Rylee Fritsch, Stephen Korenek

GIFT BEARERS

Sunday – Mark Matocha Family

ROSARY LEADER

Sunday – Vlasta Korenek

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

Iglesias que ofrecen Misas en Español

Sab.	7:30 PM	St. Mary Our Lady of Lourdes	Caldwell
Dom.	11:00 AM	St. Margaret	Giddings
Dom.	11:30 AM	Sacred Heart	La Grange
Dom.	12:00 PM	Saint Anthony	Columbus
Dom.	12:30 PM	Sts Peter & Paul	Frelsburg

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE SCHEDULE

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

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November 25



Jesus' kingship is unlike any we have ever seen. Instead of exerting power over his people, he submitted himself to their power – even if it meant letting them put him to death. Jesus, King of the Universe, has come to overthrow sin through love, violence through peace, and injustice through mercy. This kingdom is not of this world. It's far more glorious!
“Jesus, you are my King! Come reign in my heart.”

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY FATHER NOCK!!
NOVEMBER 26

We wish you God's blessings as you celebrate your birthday.