

St. Mary Catholic Church

Est. 1855

Mission Parish

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



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Est. 1870

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

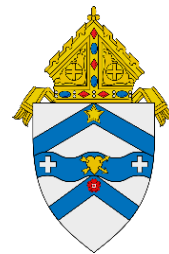


Weekly Offering: \$ 4,504.00
Online Giving: \$ 1,732.90
Faith Formation: \$ 657.00

*Average Weekly Operating Expenses
\$ 5,087*



**Pope Francis
Vatican City State**



**Bishop Joe S. Vásquez
Diocese of Austin**

Weekly Offering: \$ 1,698.00
Online Giving: \$ 787.06
Cemetery: \$ 339.00

*Average Weekly Operating Expenses
\$ 2,635*

MASSES

Wednesday at 7:00 a.m.
Lennie Higgins †

Friday at 7:00 a.m.
Steve Janish †

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 p.m.
Lawrence & Bea Baron †

Sunday at 8:00 a.m.
Richard Mueller †

MASSES

Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.
Frank & Chris Vitek †

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
Barbara Tieken †

Thursday at 7:00 a.m.
Frank & Agnes Stastny †

Saturday at 7:30 a.m.
Rose Johnson †

Saturday Vigil at 6:00 p.m.
*Russell Janish †
Sylvester & Alma Schmitt †*

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



St. Martin Catholic Church

Historic Chapel

3490 State Hwy 237
Round Top (near Warrenton)

MONTHLY MASS

Tuesday, February 7 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 3:00-5:30 p.m.

St. Mary: 30-15 minutes before every
Mass (excluding Holy Days)

Mailing Address and Contact Information

Rev. Steve Sauser, Pastor
pastor@stjohnfayetteville.com

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P.O. Box 57

Fayetteville, Texas 78940

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Office Hours: Tues-Fri, 8:30-4:30 (closed 12 to 1 for lunch)

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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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 15, AD 2023

PARISH LIFE

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Judy Burklund, Dan Castillo, Rhonda Edwards, Dwight and Sherri Fruge, Dan Hall, Courtney Hare, Bernita Hlinsky, Christine Kaspar, Joyce Keller, Kathy Kneblak, Marilyn Kocurek, Betty Jean Kulhanek, Alice Malota, Doris Matocha, Helen Mikus, Leo Miller, Avery Nelson, Frank Potts, Linda Reuther, Kaycee Roesler, Aaron Svrcek, B.J. Vasek, Genelle Wied, 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 2022-2023

- **Grades K-1** meets every Wednesday at 6:00-6:50 p.m.
- **Grades 2-6** meets every Wednesday from 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- **Grades 7-12** meets every Wednesday from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Children should arrive no earlier than 5:45 p.m.



CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES: Confirmation will be celebrated on Sunday, **January 29**, during the 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. John Catholic Church. **Rehearsal will be held for candidates and sponsors next Sunday, January 22, 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.

AS PART OF OUR FAITH FORMATION CLASSES,

there will be a **Family Adoration Night** on Wednesday, **February 15**. This will include a program of praise, worship, and adoration, and will conclude with a meal served by the Knights of Columbus. All parishioners are welcome to join in, so please mark your calendars!



ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

- **Basic Teachings of the Catholic Church Classes** will be offered online via Microsoft Teams on Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the following dates: **January 21, February 25, March 11, and April 1**. 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 in these sessions include Introduction to Scripture, Creed, Liturgy and Sacraments, and Christian Morality.
- **Ecclesiology** will be offered online via Microsoft Teams on Tuesdays from 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. on: **February 7, 14, 21, 28**. 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.



BISHOP JOE'S FATHER, Juan Vásquez, entered eternal life this past week. *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.* Please keep him and the bishop's family in your prayers.

SAVE THE DATE for *Vacation Bible School* this summer, to be held **July 17 – 21, 2023!** Remember, all adult volunteers must be EIM compliant.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

- **MONTHLY MEETING** will be held on Tuesday, **January 17**, at 7:00 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend.
- **COLUMBUS CLUB MEETING** is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on **January 17**, immediately prior to the monthly meeting. The discussion topic is the termination of the Columbus Club.



- **BLOOD DRIVE** is scheduled for Saturday, **January 21** from 8:00 a.m. to noon on the Fayetteville square. To book a specific time slot, contact Jim Sula at 832-260-3631.
- **NEW MEMBER INITIATION** will be Sunday, **January 22** at 1:00 p.m. in St. John Church.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA

- **RAFFLE PRIZES NEEDED:** The CDA will have their fundraiser meal and raffle in March. If you wish to donate a raffle prize, please contact Jeanne Schilling at (979) 966-7358. Prizes should be turned in the day of fundraiser.
- **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 **January 31**.

ST MARY'S COUNCIL MEETINGS: The Pastoral Council meeting will be on Thursday, **January 19** at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall. All parishioners are welcome to attend. St. Mary's Finance Council will meet on Thursday, **January 26**.

ST JOHN'S FINANCE COUNCIL will meet on Tuesday, **January 24**, at 6:45 p.m.



ST. MARY OFFERING ENVELOPES: We are receiving envelopes of cash *that have no name or number on them*, making it impossible to correctly document the donations. Please **write your name and envelope number (if you know it) on the envelopes** you are using.

VIRTUS SAFE ENVIRONMENT PLATFORM: The EIM Office would like to thank you for your support during the transition of our website and curriculum to VIRTUS.org. If you had an EIM account in the past, your data has been transferred to VIRTUS and you'll receive a welcome email with your VIRTUS login information. If you are new to the EIM process, please go to www.austindiocese.org/eim-virtus-intro to learn how to create an account and sign up for a workshop. If you have any questions, please reach out to the EIM Office at eim@austindiocese.org or (512) 949-2447.

THE ST. JOHN CARES FUND was able to help eight families in the area, providing a Christmas for twenty children! May you be blessed for your kind spirit of giving!



MASS INTENTIONS are available for February and March Masses at both churches. Please call the office if you would like to book them for your loved ones.

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 15, AD 2023**



NEXT WEEKEND IS 'CALLED BY NAME' SUNDAY when we not only take a look at ourselves as individuals, listening for God's calling in our lives, but also take the opportunity for us to participate in God's call to others through our invitation. **Is there someone**

you know who may be called to the priesthood or religious life? Help us to encourage them by sharing their name and contact information. There are two ways to do so – online or by mail.

To share their information online, go to austininvocations.com. You can find that web address on the envelopes we have provided as well as via a QR code that you can scan with your phone's camera. To share their information by mail, fill out the form on the envelope we have provided at the church entrance. Stamp it. Seal it, and drop it in the mail. Those whose names are provided will receive a communication from Bishop Vásquez and the Vocations Office with encouragement and resources to hear and respond to God's call for their life - no matter what it is.

Thank you in advance for your generous participation in *Called By Name* Sunday. With your help, this initiative will bear fruit for our diocese for generations to come.

ST. JOHN & ST. MARY 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!

COMMEMORATIVE BOOK: *Treasures of the Diocese of Austin* Did you buy your copy of the Diocese of Austin Commemorative Book yet? It's a beautiful keepsake for your family with almost 400 pages of history and photos of our diocese! From its earliest days – when residents, settlers, and newly arrived migrants came to Texas, building towns and living their Catholic faith – to the present day, this book tells the story in text and images. Pictures of all parishes, missions, convents, schools, hospitals and more live in this compilation. *Treasures of the Diocese of Austin* is a keepsake book and will be a wonderful addition to every home. You may purchase one at the parish office, Tuesday through Friday. Cost is \$40.00 each.

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.**

OTHER NEWS

SENIOR CITIZEN SOCIAL will be on Thursday, **January 19**, 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. New faces are always welcome!

9 DAYS FOR LIFE! Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Life novena, 9 Days for Life, from Thursday, **January 19** to Friday, **January 27**. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more. Sign up at 9daysforlife.com!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED at Second Chance Emporium the days of **January 24-26** (stocking); and **January 27-28** (sales); and January 30 (clean/prep). Any help, regardless of amount, is greatly appreciated. Questions? Call Suzanne Mattair at (832) 465-2383.

Catholic Social Teaching Corner

Jan. 14-15, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's psalm, we respond "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will." How is the Lord calling us to respond to him this week? May the Holy Spirit guide our thoughts and actions as we listen for the Lord.

Enero 14-15, Segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

En el salmo de hoy, respondemos "Aquí estoy Señor, para hacer tu voluntad". ¿Cómo está el Señor llamándonos a responderle esta semana? Que el Espíritu Santo guíe nuestros pensamientos y acciones mientras escuchamos al Señor.

TEXAS RALLY FOR LIFE: Since the U.S. Supreme Court in *Dobbs v. Jackson* overturned its *Roe* decision the Diocese of Austin is strongly emphasizing local efforts to build a culture of life -- to expand outreach to families facing crisis pregnancies and to families who are in need. **Masses for Life** will be said on **January 28** at 10 a.m. at 3 parishes in Austin: San Jose, St. Louis, and University Catholic Center. After Mass, you are invited to participate in the Texas Rally for Life at the Texas State Capitol at 1:00 p.m. For more info, visit [Texas Rally for Life](http://TexasRallyforLife.com).

PROJECT RACHEL is a healing ministry for those who suffer as a result of a previous abortion experience. Suffering is the untold story of abortion. Grief after abortion is normal — it is the grief of a mother who has lost a child in a traumatic way; it is the grief of lost fatherhood. We are here to help you experience the hope and healing of Christ through Project Rachel.

If you or anyone you know is grieving from experiencing an abortion and would be interested in a weekend of healing and peace at a confidential Project Rachel retreat, please consider attending The Post Abortion Healing Retreat the weekend of **February 17 to 19**. The registration deadline is Wednesday, **January 25**. To register and/or for more information, please contact Luisa de Poo at project-rachel@austindiocese.org or call 1-877-WeCare2.

TOTAL CONSECRATION TO JESUS THROUGH MARY

In Fatima, Our Lady said, "*My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God.*" Join thousands of faithful across the Diocese of Austin for 33 days of preparation prayer for Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary. Prayers begin **February 20** and are done privately at home using the consecration preparation book. Visit www.TexasToJesusThroughMary.org by to obtain more information.

HOLY ROSARY WOMEN'S ACTS RETREAT is scheduled for **February 16-19** at Cathedral Oaks Retreat Center in Weimar. This retreat is an opportunity for spiritual renewal and making new friends. Applications are available at the entrance of the church or online at www.holyrosaryacts.com. If you have any questions, please contact Melanie Ulrich at 979-561-6367.

MARRIED COUPLES: Valentine's Day is coming soon! Need a special gift for your spouse? Why not take them away for a weekend that will make a difference in your marriage – **Marriage Encounter**. Upcoming weekends are scheduled for **February 10 to 12** at the Wingate Hotel in Round Rock or on **April 21-23** at Cedarbrake Renewal Center. To apply online visit: austinme.org or contact Zeb and Geraldine Evans via phone at 512-677-WWME (9963) or email at wwmeaustin@gmail.com.

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ST. JOHN LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTOR

Wednesday – Grade 9

Saturday – Yvonne Smith

Sunday – Nikki Beseda

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Wednesday – Annette Little, Nikki Beseda, (1) 11/12 grader

Saturday – Yvonne Smith(H), Betty Kovar(H),
Ronnie Kramr(C), Kathleen Kramr(C)

Sunday – Kayla Kaspar(H), Jim Mattair(H),
Paulette Keilers(C), Nikki Beseda(C)

ALTAR SERVERS

Wednesday – Grade 3 (3), Grade 5 (1)

Saturday – Gregory Huebner, Luke Huebner, Lydia Huebner

Sunday – Weston Alberthal, Wade Halamicek, Kash Alberthal

GIFT BEARERS

Wednesday – Grade 2

Saturday – Tiffany Nigh Family

Sunday – Joe Babin 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 – Kory Kaspar, Arlis Keilers, Willie Socha, Jim Mattair

ST. JOHN CONTACTS

Pastoral Council Chair
Finance Council Chair
St. John Altar Society
Pro-Life Coordinator
K.J.Z.T.
Hall Rental
Cemetery

Leslie Little
Steve Pavlicek
Madeline Kovar
Nikki Beseda
Mary Jane Toddy
Parish Office
Ronald Kramr

ST. MARY LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTOR

Saturday – Alfred Ermis

Sunday – L.J. Korenek

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday – Lee Roy Shula, Donna Shula

Sunday – Jo Ann Divin, L.J. Korenek

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday – Mickaela Snowden

Sunday – Briana Dybala

USHERS FOR JANUARY

Saturday – Bruce Kubena, Mark Schmitt, Mark Matocha,
Ed Alvarado

Sunday – Jim Sula, Bradley Divin, Donnie Becka, Luke Orsak

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Donna Shula
Aimee Korenek
Mary Vrazel
James Korenek
Parish Office
Vlasta Korenek

**A WALK THROUGH THE MASS – by Fr. Luke Spannagel
PART 1: HOLY WATER AND SACRAMENTALS**

What is the Mass?

- The Mass is our participation in the one perfect Sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross.
- The Mass is our participation in true communion with God and one another.
- And the Mass is our taste on this earth of the full perfection we will experience in the Kingdom of Heaven.

The Mass is the perfect worship of the Father in heaven, and it is an inestimable source of gifts and blessings for us as well.

Holy Water

As you enter the body of the church, you bless yourself with holy water. Why? To recall the sacrament of Baptism through which you entered into God's family, the Church. By blessing ourselves with holy water, we recommit ourselves to living holy lives in fidelity to Christ, and we prepare ourselves to participate fruitfully in the Holy Mass.

Sacramentals

Holy water is water blessed by a bishop, priest, or deacon and is among holy things that fall into the category called "sacramentals." The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says that sacramentals "are sacred signs which bear a resemblance to the sacraments" (CCC, no. 1667). That means that these holy things or actions remind us of sacraments in some way. They help us recall the graces of the sacraments. They don't confer grace, but prepare us to receive grace and help us be ready to cooperate with those graces so we can grow in faith and holiness.

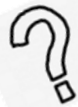
As we prepare to join together with Christ in his perfect offering to the Father, this first gesture as we enter the body of the church helps us to know that we belong and that we have been invited to take part in the Sacrifice of Christ.

What is Discernment?

Discernment is the process of discovery through prayer, reflection, and discussion, by which an individual discovers how God calls him or her to love and serve him.

What is a Vocation?

The word "vocation" is derived from the Latin word "vocare," which means a calling or summoning. A vocation is God's invitation to love and serve him and his Church in a particular state or way of life, leading to holiness.



NEW!!! A HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS will be held every 2nd Thursday of the month in St. John Church, from 6-7p.m. The first date will be **February 9**.

*"To you who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus
and called to be a holy people."*

Could it be that you or someone in your family is being called to consider priesthood or consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (512) 949-2430 or via email at vocations@austindiocese.org.