

St. Mary Catholic Church

Est. 1855

Mission Parish

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



Weekly Offering: \$ 2,265.00
Online Giving: \$ 100.00

Average Weekly Operating Expenses
\$ 2,635

MASSES

Wednesday at 7:00 a.m.

Agnes Miller †

Friday at 7:00 a.m.

Alois Janish †

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 p.m.

John R. & Betty Zapalac †

Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

Adolph & Emilie Volcik †

✠ **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Friday at 6:30 p.m.

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Est. 1870

207 E. Bell St.

Fayetteville

www.stjohnfayetteville.com



Weekly Offering: \$ 4,942.00
Online Giving: \$ 308.86

Average Weekly Operating Expenses
\$ 5,087

MASSES

Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.

Dec'd of the Joe & Mary Janish Family †

Thursday at 7:00 a.m.

Dec'd of the Anton & Rosie Petter Family †

Friday 6:00 p.m.

Richard Hornak †

Saturday at 7:30 a.m.

Annie Mae Janish †

Saturday Vigil at 6:00 p.m.

For the People

Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. & Mrs. Johnny Svrcek †

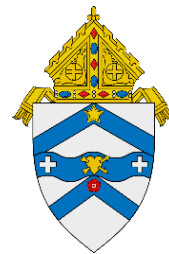
Betty Jean Dominey Kulhanek †

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Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.



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 28 at 8:00 a.m.

For the intentions left on the altar

This will be the Mass for March

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

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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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 26, AD 2023

PARISH LIFE

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Dan Castillo, Rhonda Edwards, Dwight and Sherri Fruge, Dan Hall, Courtney Hare, Bernita Hlinsky, Evelyn Janish, Christine Kaspar, Kathy Kneblak, Marilyn Kocurek, Alice Malota, Helen Mikus, Leo Miller, Avery Nelson, Dennis and Dorothy Orsak, Frank Potts, Kloe Pucek, Linda Reuther, Kaycee Roesler, Amanda Russ, Aaron Svrcek, Francis Sula, 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 **Wednesday at 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.**

A CALLED TO PROTECT FOR YOUTH session will be held on Wednesday, **March 8**, at 6:00 p.m. at the Religious Ed Bldg. All 9th graders, as well as those 10th, 11th, and 12th 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.

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

ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

- **Christian Morality: March 7, 14, 21, 28** Virtual class, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. weekly. To live a Christian moral life is to respond to the gift of God's love. This course will explore the nature of that response by examining key themes and dimensions of Christian morality, both from a personal and a social/communal perspective.
- **Catholic Social Teaching: April 4, 11, 18, 25** Virtual class, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. weekly. This overview of the history and theological development of Catholic Social Teaching uses Biblical texts and modern Church documents to focus on key themes and how the teachings can be applied to contemporary social situations.

Visit: austindiocese.org/classes to register for these classes.

FIRST FRIDAY occurs this week. There will be First Friday Mass at St. Mary at 7:00 a.m. At St. John, we will have the Exposition of the Eucharist at 3:00 p.m., closing with Benediction at 5:30 p.m. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 3:00 – 5:30 p.m. Mass will be at 6:00 p.m.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA

- **FUNDRAISER** – meal to go, bake sale, and raffle – will be Sunday, **March 5**, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at St. John's Parish Hall. Raffle tickets and a limited number of meal tickets can be purchased before and after Masses, from CDA members, or at the parish office. All members are asked to help!
- **MONTHLY MEETING** is Tuesday, **March 7**, at 6:30 p.m.
- **BBQ SIDES** – Ladies to supply sides for the March KC BBQ are Donna Shula, Jan Jurecka, Nikki Beseda, Mary Goerig, Madeline Kovar, Ruth Beseda, and Lucy Lamer.

THANK YOU for your generous support of the **World & Home Missions** collection and the **Catholic Higher Education** collection.

ST. MARY'S ALTAR SOCIETY will meet on Wednesday, **March 1**, at 1:00 p.m.

ST. JOHN'S ALTAR SOCIETY meeting is Tuesday, **March 7**, at 1:00 p.m. in the parish hall.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

- **OFFICER MEETING** is Monday, **March 6**, at 6:30 p.m.
- **BAR-B-Q** chicken, sausage and ribs-to-go will be served on Sunday, **March 12**, at 10:30 a.m. at the St. John Hall pits. K.C. members to work starting at 5:00 a.m. are Arlis Keiler's crew. You may place orders at 249-6003. The CDA will have side dishes available.



- **NEW WEBSITE:** Go to www.kc3168.com for all the news, calendar of events, and contact information for our council!

A FEW SPOTS ARE STILL OPEN in the Lenten small group study with *The Ascension Lenten Companion!* This book uses Scripture, contemplative meditations, journal prompts, sacred art, and inspirational prayer exercise to create a unique retreat experience to take you deeper into your relationship with Jesus and help you experience Lent as never before. Come by the parish office to get your copy of the book, and then meet with the group for lively discussions **every Thursday** through March 30 at St. John Hall. Sessions will begin at 6:00 p.m. and last about one hour.



A SEASON FOR SLOWING DOWN:

During this sacred season, we will intentionally slow down so that we can pay closer attention to our relationship with God, our neighbors and our planet. Reflect on how the pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving can guide your journey for a more enriching Lenten experience. How can practicing these pillars help you to live in solidarity with our sisters and brothers around the world? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

2023 PARISH DIRECTORIES for St. John and St. Mary have arrived! If you took pictures *and* attended a viewing of the proofs, you can pick up your free book at the parish office. A limited number of copies are also available for purchase. Cost is \$20.

ST. JOHN & ST. MARY CEMETERY PLOT PRICES will be going up, effective **February 28, 2023**. For Parishioners, the price is increasing from \$400 to \$550 per plot. For non-parishioners, the price is increasing from \$900 to \$1,500 per plot. To be considered a parishioner, one must have been registered *and* have been a regular contributor to the church for at least one full year.



PARENTS, HERE'S A RESOURCE FOR

YOU to engage your young children at Mass. Pick up a copy of *MagnifiKid!* when you enter for Sunday Mass. It's a weekly missalette just for kids. Use it during Mass to

help them follow along with the prayers and better understand the readings. Please give it a try!

THE VOCATIONS MINISTRY, a ministry of our parish that seeks to raise awareness and support vocations in our community, will meet on Sunday, **March 5**, at 3:00 p.m. at the Keilers' home.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT FEBRUARY 26, AD 2023

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: The position of a part-time **Front Office Administrator** is available at St. John Catholic Parish in Fayetteville. This individual reports directly to and operates under the supervision of the Parish Business Administrator. The Front Office Administrator is responsible for the general operation of the Parish Office and administrative duties of parish records, letters, and various forms of parish communication. If interested, please send your resume to St. John Catholic Parish.

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Email: stsjm@stjohnfayetteville.com



WEEKLY ROSARY: “The decades of the Rosary are like the belt of a machine gun: every bead is a shot, every affection of the soul is as an explosion of faith that frightens off Satan, and Mary once more crushes his head.”

- *Servant of God, Dolindo Ruotolo* The Rosary groups meet 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.** Consider joining a group as part of your Lenten devotion!

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS NEXT WEEKEND will be for the Cemetery at St. Mary and Faith Formation at St. John.

LITURGICAL DUTIES LISTS are available at the entrance of the church. The Liturgical Duties lists are also available on the parish websites on the “Mass Times” page.



THE MARCH HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

will be held the 2nd Thursday of the month – **March 9** – in St. John Church, from 6-7 p.m. Come and join your prayer with others’ as we petition God to send more workers for His vineyard.

OTHER NEWS

RELICS COMING TO THE DIOCESE OF AUSTIN: The Diocese of Austin will host the relics of **Blessed Carlo Acutis** and **St. Manuel Gonzalez** at the following times and locations:

- University Catholic Center in Austin on Sunday, **February 26**. Details: <https://utcatholic.org/>.
- St. Paul Chong Hasang Parish in Harker Heights on Monday, **February 27**. Details: <https://stpaulchonghasang.org/>.
- St. Peter Catholic Center in Waco on Tuesday, **February 28**. Details: <https://baylorcatholic.org/>.
- St. Mary Catholic Center in College Station on Wednesday, **March 1**. Details: <https://www.aggieatholic.org/>.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, as part of our National Eucharistic Revival, is offering the relics to dioceses throughout the country. Blessed Carlo Acutis and St. Manuel González García are special intercessors for the revival. For more information, visit www.austindiocese.org/eucharistic-revival.

SENIOR CITIZEN SOCIAL will be on Thursday, **March 2**, 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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED at Second Chance Emporium the days of **March 7-9** (stocking); and **March 10-11** (sales); and **March 13** (clean/prep). Any help, regardless of amount, is greatly appreciated. Questions? Call Suzanne Mattair at (832-465-2383), Anna Boyd (281-687-4217), or Carol Svrcek at (979-966-2920).

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting.

Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the state in life God has prepared for you? If you are considering a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office at (512) 949-2430 or via email at vocations@austindiocese.org.

SACRED HEART PARISH IN LA GRANGE will be having a Parish Lenten Mission, *Healing through the Heart of Jesus*, on March 4-6 presented by Father Charlie Garza, pastor of St. Albert the Great Parish (Austin). **March 4** will be at 6:15 p.m. (English) in the church, and **March 5** will be at 4 p.m. (Spanish) and 5 p.m. (English) in the church. **March 6** will be at 6:30 p.m. (Spanish).

THE CDA OF ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION CHURCH IN TAYLOR invites all women to join them for “*Reflections on the Gospels from Ash Wednesday to Easter*” Saturday, **March 4**, at 9:00 a.m. in the School Cafeteria, followed by a luncheon. RSVP to jackievrana@gmail.com or call 512-352-2175.

A SILENT LENTEN RETREAT will be held **March 17-19** at Cedarbrake Retreat Center. Come and listen to God inviting you into the desert of silence. Mass, Eucharistic Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation are included. Cost: \$280/private room, \$230/shared room. Register at austindiocese.org/cedarbrake or call (254) 780-2436.



DO YOU HAVE YOUR COPY of the 75th Anniversary Commemorative Book on your table? This beautiful book contains almost 400 pages of history, archival photos, and images of all parishes, schools, convents and more that comprise the Diocese of Austin. Pick up one at the parish office. Cost is \$40.

REPORT UNETHICAL BEHAVIOR by a person serving in ministry to the diocese at <https://www.austindiocese.org/report-other-concerns> or (512) 949-2447.

Catholic Social Teaching Corner

Feb. 25-26 First Sunday of Lent

We begin the season of Lent with Jesus going into the desert. We need to follow him into the desert of fasting, prayer and self-denial in order to re-learn the covenant way of life, which comes with our Baptism. Now is the time to turn from distractions. Now is the time to remember and reverence our own dignity and the life and dignity of each person as God’s beloved. Now is the time to set aside anything that diverts us from our true hunger and thirst for God alone. What is the fasting God desires for us this Lent?

Feb. 25-26 Primer Domingo de Cuaresma

Comenzamos la temporada de Cuaresma con Jesús yendo al desierto. Necesitamos seguirlo en el desierto del ayuno, la oración y la abstención para poder aprender de nuevo el modo de vida convenido que viene con nuestro bautismo. Ahora es el momento de dejar las distracciones. Ahora es el tiempo de recordar y reverenciar nuestra propia dignidad y la vida y dignidad de cada persona como amada del Señor. Ahora es el tiempo de dejar de lado cualquier cosa que nos distraiga de nuestra verdadera hambre y sed de Dios y su convenio de amor con toda la humanidad ¿Cuál es el ayuno que Dios desea de todos nosotros para esta Cuaresma?

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT FEBRUARY 26, AD 2023

ST. JOHN LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTOR

Saturday – Herman Schramm

Sunday – Nikki Beseda

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday – Addie Dybala(H), Yvonne Smith(H),

Annette Little(C), Leslie Little(C)

Sunday – Jeanne Schilling(H), Rick Schilling(H),

Kayla Kaspar(C), Jim Mattair(C)

ALTAR SERVERS

Wednesday (Stations) – Grade 9 (1)

Saturday – Gregory Huebner, Luke Huebner, Lydia Huebner

Sunday – Weston Alberthal, Wade Halamicek, Kash Alberthal

GIFT BEARERS

Saturday – Matt Taylor Family

Sunday – Arlis Keilers Family

ALTAR DUTY FOR MARCH

Lois Kasper, Lisa Simpson, Susan Schramm, Any Babin

USHERS FOR MARCH

Saturday – Robert Janish, Betty Kovar, Erwin Kovar,
Ronnie Chernosky

Sunday – Kenneth Noska, John Spiess, David Bertsch,
Lee Matocha

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 – Jan Jurecka

Sunday – Robert Balzer

ALTAR SERVERS

Friday (Stations) – Savannah Rex

Saturday – Kole Schmitt

Sunday – Luke Korenek

USHERS FOR MARCH

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

Sunday – Jim Sula, James Korenek, Bradley Divin, Luke Orsak

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

7 Ways to Pray During Lent ---Loyola Press

When we have an upcoming big event, we prepare for it. Holy Week and Easter are “big events” in the liturgical year of the Church and in the spiritual life of a Christian. So we prepare spiritually for these through the forty days of Lent, when we rededicate ourselves to prayer.

Here are a few prayer method ideas to jump-start this:

1. **Make your fasting a prayer-in-action.** We are called to give up something for Lent. Make what you’re giving up for Lent a prayer as well. When you encounter the thing you are abstaining from or the time of day that you would normally enjoy it, say a prayer in recognition of your wholeness in God even without the thing you have given up, and thank God for the freedom to be wholly yourself without this.

2. **Pray the Stations of the Cross.** This prayer helps us reflect on the passion and death of Christ.

3. **Meditate on Holy Scripture with *Lectio Divina*.** *Lectio Divina* is rooted in the belief that the scriptural word speaks in the human heart as the word of God and can reveal the thoughts of our hearts in response to God.

4. **Reflect deeper on your liturgical prayer.** When you attend Mass during Lent, be conscious of and meditate on the words you pray in the liturgy.

5. **Join or start a prayer group.** There are many benefits to praying with others!

6. **Pray with children or as a family.** Share your faith by letting others see and hear you pray, and by praying together.

7. **Use Lent as a time to instill a daily prayer habit that will last long after Lent has concluded.**

Just try one or two of these prayer methods to concentrate on—and then you can more fully experience the pilgrim journey toward Easter that is Lent.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE SCHEDULE

March 20	St. Joseph, Rockdale	6:00 p.m.
March 21	St. John, Fayetteville	6:30 p.m.
March 22	Sacred Heart, La Grange	6:00 p.m.
March 23	St. Mary, Ellinger	6:30 p.m.
March 23	Holy Family, Lexington	7:00 p.m.
March 24	St. Joseph, Dime Box	7:00 p.m.
March 27	St. Margaret, Giddings	6:00 p.m.
March 28	St. Mary, Somerville	6:00 p.m.
March 30	St. Mary, Brenham	6:15 p.m.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS—NO MASS

St. John –Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

St. Mary – Fridays at 6:30 p.m.

**ALL FRIDAYS IN LENT ARE DAYS OF
ABSTINENCE**

(This means you do not eat meat on Fridays.)

