

# St. Mary Catholic Church

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



## MASSES

**Solemnity of Mary**  
**Monday at 8:00 a.m.**

*Elenora & Clemens Brokmeyer †*

**Wednesday at 7:00 a.m.**

*No Mass*

**Thursday at 6:00 p.m.**

*Living & Dec'd of the Petty Family*

**Friday at 7:00 a.m.**

*Fred & Anna Zapalac †*

**Sunday at 8:00 a.m.**

*For the People*

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

60 to 20 minutes before Mass

# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

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



## MASSES

**Solemnity of Mary**  
**Monday at 10:00 a.m.**

*The Mascheck Family †*

**Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.**

*No Mass*

**Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.**

*Edgar Bauer †*

**Thursday at 7:00 a.m.**

*Frank & Mary Kaspar †*

**Friday at 6:00 p.m.**

*Mary & Charlie Ruether. †*

**Saturday at 7:30 a.m.**

*Dorothy Krenek †*

**Saturday Vigil at 6:00 p.m.**

*Annie & Lad Cmajdalka & Annette Kovar †*

**Sunday at 10:00 a.m.**

*Laddie Vasek †*

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

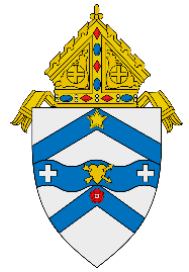
Saturday 4:30-5:30 p.m.

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

**Tuesday, January 23, at 9:00 a.m.**

*For the intentions left on the altar*

## Mailing Address and Contact Information for all three Churches

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## Administrative Staff

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## Faith Formation

Lexus Mayorga 979-732-4420

**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 HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH  
December 31, AD 2017

**ST. MARY'S NEWS**

**Sunday Offering:** \$1,883.00  
**Christmas Masses:** \$1,946.00

**CONGRATULATIONS** and best wishes to *Jacob & Shea (Cook) Henderson* who were united in the bonds of Holy Matrimony at St. Mary's this weekend. May the Lord bless them with many years of a happy marriage.

**MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES:** Congratulations to the couples of St. Mary's Parish who are receiving certificates in the year 2017 for fulfilling their commitment to the Sacrament of Marriage. May the Lord's blessings of love, peace, and unity continue to dwell in their homes and hearts.

Ray & Nemo Meraz – 65 years  
Robert & Lorene Balzer – 60 years  
Robert & Barbara Polasek – 55 years  
Dennis & Cynthia Niesner – 45 years  
James & Ruth Wunderlich – 45 years  
Lad & Janet Krenek – 45 years  
Lucas & Pamela Orsak – 35 years  
Mark & Lisa Matocha – 30 years  
Seth & Erin Fritsch – 15 years



**ST. MARY'S ALTAR SOCIETY**

- **MEETING** will be on Wednesday, **January 3**, at 1:00 p.m. at the parish hall.
- **COFFEE/TEA SOCIAL** will follow the **January 3** meeting. All ladies of the parish are welcome.

**ST MARY'S COUNCIL MEETINGS**

The Pastoral Council meeting will be on Thursday, **January 11**, at 6:45 p.m. in the parish hall. All parishioners are welcome to attend. St. Mary's Finance Council will meet on **January 25**.

**WELCOMING & HOSPITALITY** will be in the parish hall, following the 8:00 a.m. Mass next Sunday, **January 7**. Please plan to join us for fellowship and refreshments.

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

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

**ST. JOHN'S NEWS**

**Sunday Offering:** \$4,069.00  
**Christmas Masses:** \$5,120.00

**FIRST FRIDAY:** We will have the Exposition of the Eucharist at 3:00 p.m. closing with Benediction, followed by First Friday Mass. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

**ST JOHN'S COUNCIL MEETINGS:** The Pastoral Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, **January 23**, at 6:45 p.m. We will also be selecting three new members at this time. All parishioners are welcome to attend. The Finance Council will meet Tuesday, **January 30** at 6:45 p.m.

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

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Raphael & Verline Fellman – 61 years  
Vernon & Barbara Hohensee – 60 years  
Ignac & Geraldine Orsak – 55 years  
Michael & Dianne Allen – 55 years  
Kirby & Dorothy Keilers – 55 years  
Steve & Angie Pavlicek – 50 years  
Edward & Shirley Kolenovsky – 45 years  
James & Margie Svrcek – 45 years  
Edward & Nancy Gaertner – 40 years  
Emil & Cecilia Vasicek – 40 years  
Leonard & Joan Malota – 35 years  
Paul & Anna Kovar – 35 years  
Robert & Sandra Janish – 30 years  
Leslie & Annette Little – 25 years  
Vincent & Shelly Orsak – 25 years  
John & Bonny Karstedt – 20 years  
Clinton & Jennifer Jaeger – 15 years

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

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Paula Canik, Hannah Glenn, Ralph Hackemack, Evelyn Ilse, Andy Jasek, Deacon Robert Jasek, Anthony Karas, Kendall Kurtz, Anita & Johnny Marek, Leo Miller, Doris Nesrsta, Saber Pace, Joann Rudolph, Dr. Jimmy Sladek, Donna Schielack, Bob Streiff, Pat Sury, Bennie Volcik. *(Though they will remain in our prayers, names will only remain on the prayer list for two months, unless a new request is received.)*

**ALTAR SERVER TRAINING** will be held at St. John Church on Saturday, **January 20 from 10:30-noon** followed by lunch, for Altar Servers of both parishes. We invite any student 4<sup>th</sup> grade or older to join us. **ALL current Altar Servers and those students wishing to begin serving are asked to attend.**

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS**

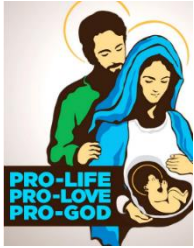
- **MONTHLY MEETING** will be on Tuesday, **January 2**, at 6:30 p.m. in St. John's Parish Hall.
- **CDA SCHOLARSHIPS:** Graduating seniors related to a living CDA member in good standing are eligible to apply for the State Scholarship. Local Scholarships are offered to graduating seniors whose mother is a CDA member of Court 1440. Applications are available by contacting Donna Shula at (713) 818-1470. All applications are due by **January 31**.
- **CDA EDUCATION CONTEST:** This year's topics are "The Lord has done great things for us, we are filled with Joy," and "Finding Joy in my Life." **January 31** is the deadline to return all entries. Contact Barbara Castillo at (832) 661-2063.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

- **OFFICERS MEETING** will be held on Monday, **January 8**, at 6:30 p.m., in St. John's Parish Hall.
- **BAR-B-Q** chicken, sausage and ribs to go will be served on Sunday, **January 14**, at 10:30 a.m. at the St. John Hall pits. K.C. members to work starting at 5:00 a.m. are Kenneth Noska's crew. **The CDA will have side dishes available.**
- **REGULAR MEETING** will be on Tuesday, **January 16**, at 7:00 p.m. at St. John's parish hall.

## Life Issues & Events

**TEXAS CATHOLIC PRO-LIFE DAY 2018** will take place on Saturday, **January 27**, in Austin. Celebrate Texas Catholic Pro Life Day and give thanks for the gift of human life through prayer and bringing our faith to the public square. The day begins with Mass celebrated by Bishop Joe Vásquez at 10 a.m. at San José Parish in Austin and Mass celebrated by Bishop Daniel Garcia at 10:30 a.m. at St. Louis Parish in Austin. The March and Rally for Life will follow in downtown Austin. For more information and a list of events in Austin, visit <https://austindiocese.org/texas-catholic-pro-life-day>.



## Catholic Youth Ministry



**Christmas Decorations** at St. John will be removed after the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, **January 7**. All high school students and anyone wishing to help should be at the church by 11:00 a.m.

**Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference** will be the weekend of **February 2-4** at the Waco Convention Center. For 59 years, youth and chaperones of our diocese have gathered annually for Austin DCYC. In 2018, the conference leaders are excited to celebrate 60 years of faith and vitality that young people bring to the Diocese of Austin.



## Faith Formation

*The catechetical mission of St. John's Faith Formation Program is to attract, engage and inspire young people to deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ.*

Classes have been dismissed for the Christmas holidays and will resume on Wednesday, **January 10**.

## Catholic Social Teaching Corner

### *Feast of the Holy Family*

Today we celebrate that God is redeeming us and the world through Christ's birth, life, death and resurrection in a real human family. God is incarnate in the midst of our chaotic world because he desires to free us from sin, fear and death. As we meditate with gratitude this great gift of love, our minds and hearts must remember our brothers and sisters whose need may overcome any sense of gratitude. This day pray for those who are alone and without the love of family around them, for families living in cars or on streets, for those who will starve this day. God is saving them, but are we being neighbor and family to them?

### *Festividad de la Sagrada Familia*

Hoy celebramos que Dios nos redime a nosotros y al mundo a través del nacimiento de Cristo, su vida, muerte y resurrección dentro de una familia humana real. Dios es encarnado en medio de nuestro mundo caótico por que desea liberarnos del pecado, del miedo y la muerte. Mientras meditamos con gratitud sobre este gran don de amor, nuestras mentes y corazones deben recordar a nuestros hermanos y hermanas cuya necesidad supera cualquier sentido de gratitud. Este día ore por aquellos que están solos y sin amor familiar a su alrededor, por familias que se encuentran viviendo en autos o en las calles, por aquellos que pasan hambre hoy. Dios los salva, pero ¿estamos siendo buen prójimo para ellos?

## “Share the Journey” Campaign



Share the Journey #sharejourney

### **IMMIGRATION IS A PRO-LIFE ISSUE**

“I firmly believe immigration is a pro-life issue. Certainly the bishops' pro-life activities regarding abortion and euthanasia are well known. We are called to defend and protect the lives of the unborn – the tiniest and most vulnerable in our society – but we are also called to defend and protect the immigrants who are at risk of being abused and mistreated. We must work to make sure their human dignity is upheld as well. We are called to speak for those who have no voice, so we must be a voice for the unborn, the children, the elderly and the immigrants. We must respond with compassion and love to those whose lives are threatened; this speaks to the heart of who we are as Catholics.” –Bishop Joe Vasquez

## Upcoming Events

**SENIOR CITIZEN SOCIAL** is on Thursday, **January 4**, from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. at St. John's Parish Hall.

**THE MOBILE FOOD PANTRY** from the Central Texas Food Bank will be here Thursday, **January 4**, from **10:00 - 11:00 a.m.** Clients must be present and at least 18 years old. Please bring your own bag. Volunteers are asked to arrive by 9:45 a.m.



**FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP IN LA GRANGE** for those affected by the flood will be Thursday, **January 30** (note the date change). Volunteers are needed for cooking, serving and cleaning up. Any parishioners willing to donate desserts please bring them to the hall during the afternoon

**ETHICS AND INTEGRITY IN MINISTRY WORKSHOPS** All clergy, staff, members of ALL organizations, (Choir, CDA, Altar Society, KC's, KJZT, KJT, Rosary Leaders, etc.) and ALL volunteers of any event at the parish or diocesan location are required to complete an Application for Ministry AND attend an EIM workshop every three years. Anyone considering volunteering for any ministry or assisting with VBS must be EIM compliant.

Upcoming workshops in our area include:

- **St. John, Fayetteville**  
Thursday, **January 18**, 6:15 – 8:30 p.m.
- **St. Mary Parish, Brenham**  
Saturday, **January 20**, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

For a complete listing of all upcoming workshops, or to register, visit the Diocese' website, [www.austindiocese.org](http://www.austindiocese.org).

### **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.” Please join thousands of Faithful throughout our Diocese for 33 days of preparation prayer for **Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary**. The prayers begin on **February 20** or **March 7** and may be done privately in your own home using the preparation book. Please visit [www.TexasToJesusThroughMary.org](http://www.TexasToJesusThroughMary.org) by **January 24** to receive your **FREE** mailed copy of the Montfort preparation prayer book. On the Solemnity of the Annunciation, **April 9**, all are invited to collectively make or renew our consecration at a special Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop Joe Vasquez at St. Mary Cathedral in Austin.



**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**  
**December 31, AD 2017**

**ST. JOHN LITURGICAL DUTIES**

**LECTORS**

**Monday (10:00 a.m.)** – Margaret Alford  
**Saturday** – Theresa Keilers  
**Sunday** – Cindy Bertsch

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

**Monday (10:00 a.m.)** – Janell Warschak(H), Pat Geistmann(H), Wanda Fritsch(C), Lexxus Mayorga\*(C), Kathy Knebl(C), Paulette Keilers(C)  
**Saturday** – Betty Kovar(H), Tiffany Nigh(H), Andrew Keilers\*(H), Leslie Little(C), Kathleen Kramr(C), Sharon Martinek(C), Theresa Keilers(C)  
**Sunday** – John Spiess\*(H), Lori Spiess(H), Holly Krebs(C), Michelle Bertsch(C), Jim Mattair(C), Cindy Bertsch(C)

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Monday (10:00 a.m.)** – Emma Jurecka, Braden Kubala, Cole Brackman  
**Saturday** – Chelsie Toddy, Skylar Kasmiersky, Dustin Canik  
**Sunday** – Wade Halamiczek, Kimberly Rohde, Raquel Castillo

**GIFT BEARERS**

**Monday (10:00 a.m.)** – Arlis Keilers Family  
**Saturday** – Joe Dybala Family  
**Sunday** – David Bertsch Family

**CCW ROSARY:** Pat Sury & Carrol Hollimon will lead the Rosary for the intention of religious vocations.

**ALTAR DUTY FOR JANUARY:** Theresa Keilers, Mary Georig, Lexxus Mayorga, Kathleen Kramr

**USHERS FOR JANUARY**

**Saturday** – Ronald Malota, Lois Kaspar, Leslie Little, Ed Sulak  
**Sunday** – Allan Minarcik, Arlis Keilers, Jim Mattair, Lee Matocha

**ST. JOHN CONTACTS**

Pastoral Council Chairman	Justin Huebner	979-357-2533
Finance Council President	John Cufur	979-966-9068
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 Sodalak	979-249-3952
Hall Rental	Parish Office	979-378-2277
St. John Catholic Cemetery	Ronald Kramr	979-249-6152

**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.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

There are Mass openings for 2018. Please come by the church office if you would like to have a Mass said for the intention of a deceased relative or friend.



**ST. MARY LITURGICAL DUTIES**

**LECTOR**

**Monday (8:00 a.m.)** – L.J. Korenek  
**Sunday** – Robert Balzer

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

**Monday (8:00 a.m.)** – Ruth Beseda, L.J. Korenek, Luke Orsak  
**Sunday** – Lee Roy Shula, Donna Shula, Paulette Urban

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Monday (8:00 a.m.)** – Ryan Becka, Luke Korenek  
**Sunday** – Emily Polasek, Stephen Korenek

**GIFT BEARERS**

**Monday (8:00 a.m.)** – Bennie Skutca Family  
**Sunday** – Jimmy Supak Family

**ROSARY LEADER**

**Monday** – Ann Minar  
**Sunday** – Garland Polasek

**USHERS FOR JANUARY**

Donnie Becka, Bennie Skutca, Bradley Divin, Robert Balzer

**ST. MARY CONTACTS**

Pastoral Council Chairman	James Wunderlich	281-723-1999
Finance Council President	Robert Balzer	979-249-3076
St. Mary Altar Society	Lolly Balzer	979-249-3076
Pro-Life Ministries Coordinator	Aimee Korenek	979-966-8496
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**

<b>Sab.</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>	St. Mary Our Lady of Lourdes	Caldwell
<b>Dom.</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	Parish of the Nativity	Eagle Lake
<b>Dom.</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>	St. Margaret	Giddings
<b>Dom.</b>	<b>11:30 AM</b>	Sacred Heart	La Grange
<b>Dom.</b>	<b>12:00 PM</b>	St. Rosa de Lima	Schulenburg
<b>Dom.</b>	<b>12:30 PM</b>	St. Mary Immaculate Conception	Brenham

**MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**  
**JANUARY 1, 2018**

**JANUARY 1 - NEW YEAR'S DAY**

8:00 a.m. - St. Mary  
 10:00 a.m. - St. John

The title "Mother of God" goes back to the third or fourth century, but the Greek term *Theotokos* ("The God-bearer") was officially consecrated as Catholic doctrine at the Council of Ephesus in 431, thus becoming the first Marian dogma. The feast is a celebration of Mary's motherhood of Jesus. On this day, we are reminded of the role that the Blessed Virgin played in the plan of our salvation. Through the Holy Spirit, God the Father prepared Mary to be the dwelling place where His Son and His Spirit could dwell among men. Christ's birth was made possible by Mary's fiat, or sanctioning of God's plan with her words, "Be it done to me according to thy word". Calling Mary "Mother of God" is the highest honor we can give to her. Just as Christmas honors Jesus as the "Prince of Peace", the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God honors Mary as the "Queen of Peace". New Year's Day is also designated as the "World Day of Peace", further acknowledging the role of Mary in our hearts and in our world. *Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us.*

