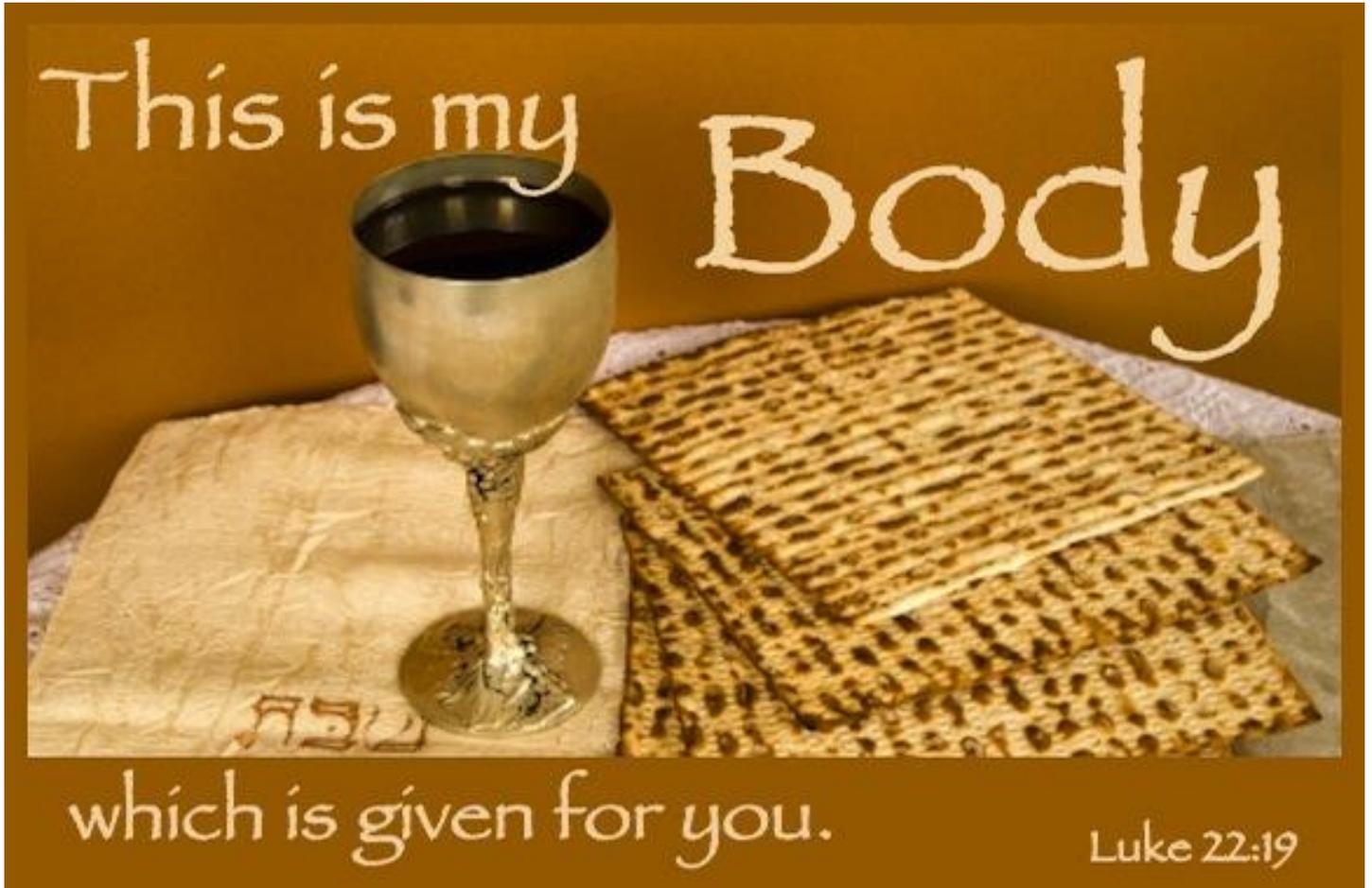




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ST. FERDINAND, BLANCO MASS TIMES:
SATURDAY, 5:00 P.M.
SATURDAY (ESPAÑOL) 7:00 P.M.
SUNDAY, 11:00 A.M.
GOOD SHEPHERD, JOHNSON CITY MASS TIMES:
SUNDAY, 9:00 A.M.

FOR A COMPLETE WEEKDAY
MASS SCHEDULE AND MASS INTENTIONS,
PLEASE SEE THE NEXT PAGE

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
SATURDAY, 4:00 P.M., ST. FERDINAND
SUNDAY, 8:30 A.M., GOOD SHEPHERD
OR BY APPOINTMENT

“Christ redeemed us on the hard arms of the Cross, and his knight will not serve him in any other way.”

-SAINT FERDINAND III OF CASTILE



Welcome Visitors & Guests

Thank you for Celebrating the Mass with us. We are glad that you are here. If you have any questions about our parish or joining the Catholic faith, please contact the Church office for information concerning reception of Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, Confirmation, Matrimony and Anointing of the Sick. Parent interviews for Baptism need to be scheduled with the priest six weeks in advance. Marriage Arrangements need to be made with the priest at least six months in advance. Holy Communion can be brought to the sick on request. If you know of anyone in need please call the office.

Parish Ministries & Information

Office Hours

Monday through Friday:

1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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Masses & Intentions

Week of August 18, 2018 – August 25, 2018

Saturday, August 18th (StF) 5:00 p.m.

Repose of the Soul of Tom Trosch and his family by Friends of his Family

Saturday, August 18th (StF) 7:00 p.m.

Parishioners of St. Ferdinand and Good Shepherd

Sunday, August 19th (GS) 9:00 a.m.

Rosary at 8:25 a.m. Health of Jacob Umanzor from the Family

Sunday, August 19th (StF) 11:00 a.m.

Parishioners of St. Ferdinand and Good Shepherd

Tuesday, August 21st (StF) 8:00 a.m.

Repose of the Soul of Will Sullivan by Jenny Donovan

Wednesday, August 22nd (StF) 8:00 a.m.

Repose of the Soul of David Walker, Sr. by Carolyn Walker

Thursday, August 23rd (StF) 8:00 a.m.

Repose of the Soul of Gabby Clemente by Sandy & Hal Switzer

Thursday, August 23rd (GS) 6:00 p.m.

Repose of the Soul of Rev. Wade Russell by the Carbary Family

Friday, August 24th (StF) 8:00 a.m.

Repose of the Soul of Becky Marie Fjestad by Jenny Donovan

Saturday, August 25th (StF) 5:00 p.m.

Repose of the Soul of Richard Nevarez

Saturday, August 25th (StF) 7:00 p.m.

Parishioners of St. Ferdinand and Good Shepherd

For Mass intention inquiries, please stop by the St. Ferdinand Parish Office during regular business hours or call (830) 833-5227.

Sunday Connection: Eternal Life

On this Sunday, we continue to read from the sixth chapter of the Gospel of John. Today's Gospel elaborates further on the teaching that Jesus began in our liturgy last week. In that reading, the crowds wondered about how Jesus could say that he had come down from heaven because they knew Jesus to be the son of Joseph. In this Gospel, some have difficulty with Jesus' teaching that he is the living bread sent from God. Recall that Jesus had told them that just as God gave the Israelites manna to sustain them in the desert, so now God has sent new manna that will give eternal life. We hear the concluding verse of last week's Gospel repeated in today's reading: Jesus himself is the bread sent by God; Jesus' flesh is the bread that is given for the life of the world.

Among the stumbling blocks for those who heard but did not understand Jesus is the teaching that the bread that Jesus will give is his own flesh. In response to the people who quarreled over his words, Jesus teaches with even greater

emphasis that salvation comes to those who eat his Body and Blood. Jesus doesn't seem to answer the question posed about how salvation will come about, perhaps because this reality can only be understood after his death and Resurrection. Instead, Jesus teaches about the life that he will give to the world.

To many ears, Jesus' words are jarring and difficult to hear. Many who heard Jesus could not accept what he said. Many today continue to struggle to accept these words. But they are important words because they reveal our intimate connection with Jesus.

This is the mystery that is at the heart of our eucharistic theology. In the elements of bread and wine, Jesus' Body and Blood are made truly present. When we share in the Body and Blood of Christ, Jesus himself comes to dwell within us. This communion with the Lord makes us one body, brings us eternal life, and sends us forth to be Christ's body for the life of the world.

este domingo: Vida Iterna

Este domingo seguimos el capítulo sexto del Evangelio de Juan. El Evangelio de hoy profundiza más la enseñanza de Jesús comenzando con nuestra liturgia de la semana pasada. En esa lectura, la multitud se preguntaba acerca de cómo Jesús podrían decir que él había descendido del cielo porque sabía que Jesús era el hijo de José. En este evangelio, Jesús nos enseña que él es el pan de vida enviado por Dios. Recordemos que Jesús les habían dicho que así como Dios dio a los israelitas maná para sostenerlos en el desierto, así Dios ha enviado nuevamente el maná que dará para la vida eterna. Escuchamos los versos finales del Evangelio de la semana pasada: Jesús es el pan enviado por Dios; Jesús es el pan que se da para la vida del mundo.

Para aquellos que oyeron pero no entendía Jesús es la enseñanza del pan que dará es su propia carne. En respuesta a las palabras, Jesús enseña con mayor énfasis que la salvación viene a aquellos que comen su cuerpo y su sangre.

Jesús no parecen responder a la pregunta sobre cómo la salvación vendrá, quizás porque esta realidad sólo puede ser entendida después de su muerte y resurrección. Por el contrario, Jesús enseña acerca de la vida que dará al mundo.

A muchos oídos, las palabras de Jesús son discordantes y difícil de oír. Muchos de los que oían a Jesús no podían aceptar lo que dijo. Hoy en día muchos siguen luchando en aceptar estas palabras. Pero son palabras importantes porque revelan nuestra conexión íntima con Jesús.

Este es el misterio que está en el centro de nuestra teología eucarística. En los elementos del pan y el vino, cuerpo y sangre de Jesús se hace realmente presente. Cuando compartimos el cuerpo y sangre de Cristo, Jesús viene a morar dentro de nosotros. En la comunión con el Señor se hace un solo cuerpo, que nos trae la vida eterna y nos envía a ser cuerpo de Cristo para la vida del mundo.

Saint of the Week: St. Rose of Lima

The first canonized saint of the New World has one characteristic of all saints—the suffering of opposition—and another characteristic which is more for admiration than for imitation—excessive practice of mortification. She was born to parents of Spanish descent in Lima, Peru, at a time when South America was in its first century of evangelization. She seems to have taken Catherine of Siena as a model, in spite of the objections and ridicule of parents and friends.

The saints have so great a love of God that what seems bizarre to us, and is indeed sometimes imprudent, is simply a logical carrying out of a conviction that anything that might endanger a loving relationship with God must be rooted out. So, because her beauty was so often admired, Rose used to rub her face with pepper to produce disfiguring blotches. Later, she wore a thick circlet of silver on her head, studded on the inside, like a crown of thorns.

During the last few years of her life, Rose set up a room in the house where she cared for homeless children, the elderly, and the sick. This was a beginning of social services in Peru. Though secluded

in life and activity, she was brought to the attention of Inquisition interrogators, who could only say that she was influenced by grace.

What might have been a merely eccentric life was transfigured from the inside. If we remember some unusual penances, we should also remember the greatest thing about Rose: a love of God so ardent that it withstood ridicule from without, violent temptation, and lengthy periods of sickness. When she died at 31, the city turned out for her funeral. Prominent men took turns carrying her coffin.



Prayer List

Please pray for parishioners' spiritual, mental and physical needs.

Cynthia Ford, Ralph Moss, George Richey, Charles McKinney, Nellie Upshaw, Naomi Michalsky, Charles Reinert, Joanne Bodine, Clara Jo Bindseil, Wyatt Ledesma, Lucille Scharnhorst, Joe D. Riba Sr., Ruben Gonzales, Clifford Lane, Polo Zamora, Roselle Wagner Fischler, Dylan Gonzales, Fred- dy Salazar, Francis Hartmann, Toni Burns, Jacob Umanzor, Lydia Segura, Teresa Harris, and Lee Durci.

If you or someone you know needs prayer in a special way, please email: bulletin@stferdinandblanco.org. Prayer intentions will be listed here for two weeks at a time unless extenuating circumstances warrant further publication.

Good Shepherd Vocations Chalice

If your family feels called to pray with the Chalice, please contact Warren Davis before or after Mass or by calling him directly at 713-569-9491.

Collections Statement

Week of August 12, 2018

Thank you for your generosity!

St. Ferdinand:

Regular Collection	\$3,751.01
Feast of the Assumption, Aug. 15	\$560.99

Good Shepherd

Regular Collection	\$1,225.00
Building Fund	\$106.50

*Honor the LORD with your wealth,
with first fruits of all your produce
Then will your barns be filled with plenty,
with new wine your vats will overflow.*

- Proverbs 3:10

August 19 Second Collections

StF: N/A

GS: N/A

Parish Organizations & Meeting Times

St. Anne's Altar Society

Meets the 1st Thursday of the month immediately following 8 a.m. Mass in the parish hall.

Good Shepherd Men's Club

Meets the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall.

Knights of Columbus

Meets the 3rd Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Ferdinand parish hall.

Catholic Daughters Of The Americas

Meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Ferdinand parish hall.

ACTS Core Team:

Meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the St. Ferdinand Parish Hall.

St. Ferdinand's Parish Choir

Meets Wednesday nights at 5:30 p.m. Call 830-833-4939 for more information.

Good Shepherd Children's Choir:

Meets Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Meets Thursday nights from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. in the St. Ferdinand RE Building.

Women's Bible Study:

Meets every Thursday at 1 p.m. If you're interested in joining please contact Karen Gebhardt at 210-414-7301 or kgebhardt52@gmail.com.

Websites

For a complete list of ministries, contacts, and other resources, please visit our websites:

www.stferdinandblanco.org

www.goodshepherdjctx.org

***Know that the LORD is God, he made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the flock he shepherds.***

"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me."

-JOHN 10:27



Special Events and Announcements



Young Adult Preparation for Confirmation

Young adults who have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation are encouraged to attend Confirmation Preparation classes specifically designed for them. Classes meet every other Wednesday at 6 p.m. in the RE Building. Next class will be August 22nd.

ETHICS AND INTEGRITY IN MINISTRY (EIM) TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Several EIM workshops are being held in the local area: **English EIM workshops will be conducted on:**

Saturday, August 18th, 2:00-4:00 PM at St. John's Parish in Marble Falls

Thursday, August 30th, 7:00-9:00 PM at St. Martin de Porres Parish in Dripping Springs

Monday, September 17th, 7:00-9:00pm in the St Ferdinand Parish Hall

Additionally, a Spanish EIM class will be conducted on Thursday, August 30th, 6:30-8:30 PM at St. John's Parish in Marble Falls.

Please arrive promptly, as late arrivals will not be permitted entrance. Anyone new to EIM (employees, newly-appointed ministers, etc.) and any parishioners due for a 3-year update must attend a workshop in order to serve in any parish ministry, including serving on teams for upcoming ACTS retreats and assisting with RE classes or youth ministry. You can register for a class directly on the site below after creating your own EIM account logon. Please do not bring children to an EIM workshop. Contact Liza or Carl Struck at castruck@aol.com with any issues registering or with any questions about EIM training. Thank you for answering the call to serve!

https://www.eappsdb.com/Login.asp?ORGZ_KEY=4

TALLER DE ACTUALIZACIÓN de EIM

Un taller de actualización de Ética e Integridad en el Ministerio (EIM por sus siglas en inglés) en **español**, se llevará a cabo **jueves, 30 de Agosto 2018, 6:30-8:30 PM, St. John Parish, Marble Falls, TX. Por favor llegue puntualmente ya que a quienes lleguen tarde no se les permitirá la entrada.** Todos los miembros del clero, personal pagado y voluntarios que trabajan con jóvenes y adultos vulnerables de cualquier parroquia o área de la diócesis, están requeridos a asistir a un taller de EIM cada 3 años. Por favor entre a su cuenta de EIM (use la opción alterna -Alternate Login en inglés- para entrar en caso necesario) para pre-inscribirse a un taller de EIM. Por favor no traiga a sus niños a este taller de EIM. En caso de que tenga usted alguna inquietud relacionada con su asistencia al taller, por favor comuníquese con Emily Hurlimann al (512) 949-2447, a fin de acordar la forma en que usted pueda recibir su capacitación. Tal información se mantendrá de manera confidencial.

St. Ferdinand Men's ACTS

2018 Retreat: September 20-23



Calling all MEN: An ACTS retreat is a three day and three night retreat presented by laymen like yourself, men who are committed to the idea that we can make our faith more a part of our daily lives. An ACTS weekend provides an opportunity for you to put everyday worries aside and concentrate on your spiritual needs. All men of the community are invited to attend!

The cost is \$100 and a \$50 deposit is required to save your spot. Scholarship opportunities are available. Please don't let cost keep you from joining us. Stop by the parish office for information and registration forms.

Faith Formation & Religious Education

Religious Education

St. Ferdinand

Susan Moore, Director of RE

830-833-0444 or susan@stferdinandblanco.org

RE Office Hours: Wed. 12:00-6:00

Calendar:

Sunday, September 16 - Catechetical Sunday - 9:00-10:40 a.m. - PreK-6th grade Religious Education classes begin

Wednesday, September 19 6:00-7:15 p.m. - 7th & 8th grade Religious Education classes begin

Sunday, October 28, 3:00-4:00 p.m. - Rehearsal for Rite of Confirmation

Tuesday, October 30, 6:30 p.m. - Rite of Confirmation

Registration for Religious Education classes is currently available on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from noon to 6:00 p.m. in the Religious Education Building.

Classes begin on September 16th (PreK-6th) and September 19th (7th&8th)

Materials Fees - Early Bird Price through October 15th: PreK-8th grade \$30 First Communion \$45; 5% discount for 2 or more children ; Maximum per family in one year: \$100

After October 15th: PreK-8th grade \$40, First Communion \$55

Catechist Discount: \$25 total for entire family (flat fee)

First Holy Communion

Classes in preparation for First Holy Communion begin in September. Students in the Diocese of Austin usually attend an initial year in First Grade and prepare for First Holy Communion in Second Grade, with the sacrament celebrated in the Spring of Second Grade. If your child is in First Grade or older and you would like to register them for classes, please call the Office of Religious Education at 830-833-0444 to make an appointment. Plan to bring a sealed copy of your child's baptismal certificate to the appointment, if it is not already on file at St Ferdinand. You will be given materials to help you to prepare as a family, and will be advised of important dates to mark on your calendar.

Good Shepherd

Margie Vasquez, Coordinator of RE

margie@stferdinandblanco.org

Religious Education Classes:

(tentative start date: Sept. 26, 2018)

Pre-K thru 5th Grade: Wednesday's 6:00 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. (Classes to start Sept. 19th)

Middle School EDGE Youth Ministry: (Calendar Schedule Pending)

High School RICH Youth Ministry: Sunday's 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. (Classes to start Sept. 30th)

Confirmation Preparation:

Sunday's 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (During RICH Youth Nights). Current class for Confirmation in 2018 is closed. Confirmation for 2018 will be celebrated on October 30th, 2018 (6:30 p.m.) at St. Ferdinand Catholic church. Confirmation Class for 2019 will begin registration on Sept. 2nd, with Parent Meeting on Dec. 9th. All Teens seeking Confirmation in 2019 must sign-up and be attending RICH Youth Ministry Classes on Sunday nights. If you would prefer to register online, please visit stferdinandblanco.org/richyouth to register. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Margie Vasquez.

Basic Teachings of the Catholic Church

Do you want to know more about our Catholic Faith? Come to these very informative summer sessions at **St John the Evangelist** in San Marcos! The sessions are highly recommended for people active in parish ministries, and also serve toward Level I certification for catechists.

If you attended Basic Teachings at St Ferdinand in 2015-16, this is an ideal opportunity to make up any classes you may have missed so that you can complete the series and receive your certificate. *You do not need to pay a second fee.* Registration forms are available in the narthex or through the church office or RE Office. Please pre-register so that they can have materials for you!

Classes will take place on Mondays 6:00-9:00 p.m. in Claretian Hall at **St John the Evangelist** in San Marcos on these dates:

August 20 & 27	Creed
September 10 & 17	Liturgy & Sacraments
September 24 & October 1	Christian Morality
October 8 & 15	Prayer and Spirituality

If you can't make any particular class check the diocesan website for other locations.

Women's Bible Study at Good Shepherd

Our Fall study is a Little Rock Scripture Study "Women In the Old Testament" by Sr. Irene Nowell, O.S.B. We will begin on Thursday September 20 at 1:00 PM in the RE Building.

Sr. Irene shares stories of many but not all of the women in the Old Testament. "Biblical stories help us imagine the relationship of God with human beings. They give us words to describe our own relationship with God."

If you would like to know some of these women and what part they played in God's plan, come and join us. No prior knowledge is needed. We all come with hearts eager to know our God and how we can serve His Kingdom.

Please contact Karen Gebhardt 210-414-7301 (kgebhardt52@gmail.com) if you have any questions or would like to join us. Prior contact will allow a book to be ready for you at our September 20th meeting.

Looking for Altar Servers!

Is your child interested in serving as an Altar Server?

If you are a young student who has received First Communion and normally receive Eucharist whenever you participate in the liturgy, this invitation is for you! Fourth or fifth grade is the recommended time for servers to begin this ministry. Middle school and high school students are also encouraged to serve at the altar. We ask that altar servers be willing to be properly prepared and formed to assist the priest and deacon at liturgies. Altar servers should be mature enough to understand their responsibilities and to carry them out well and with appropriate reverence. Students and their parents are asked to give this ministry and responsibility prayerful consideration.

Please contact Nieves Rodriguez, if you are interested or have any questions.
Cell Phone Number (830-798-5502)
Home Phone Number (830-868-5230)

Estamos Buscando Servidores Del Altar! Esta Su Hijo (Hija) Interesado En Servir Como Monaguillo?

Si tu eres un estudiante joven , has recibido la Primera Comunion y recibes la Eucaristia cuando tu participas en la Liturgia (MISA), entonces esta invitacion es para ti! Cuarto o quinto grado es el tiempo recomendado para servidores que quieran empezar en este ministerio. Estudiantes en la escuela intermedia (Middle School) y Escuela secundaria (High School) son animados a servir en el Altar. Les pedimos a los Servidores del Altar que esten dispuestos a ser preparados y formados correctamente para poder ayudar al Sacerdote y Diacono durante la Liturgia. Servidores del Altar deberian ser suficiente maduros para entender sus responsabilidades y llevarlas a cabo con la apropiada reverencia. Les pedimos a los estudiantes y a sus padres dar a este ministerio y sus responsabilidades una consideracion en oracion. Gracias!

Por favor llame a Nieves Rodriguez si esta interesado o si tiene alguna pregunta.
Telefono Celular 830-798-5502
Telefono de Casa 830-868-5230

Prayer & Faith Resources



Mass Preparation

August 26, 2018, The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B

First Reading: Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Joshua and the people declare that they will serve the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21

The Lord hears the cries of the just.

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:21-32

Husbands and wives should love one another as Christ loves the Church.

Gospel Reading: John 6:60-69

Simon Peter confesses his faith that Jesus alone has the words of the eternal life.

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St. Anne, Pray for Us!

St. Anne's Altar Society

Join us the first Thursday of each month after 8:00
 a.m. Mass in the Parish Hall for fellowship &
 prayer as we work in support of our church family!



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