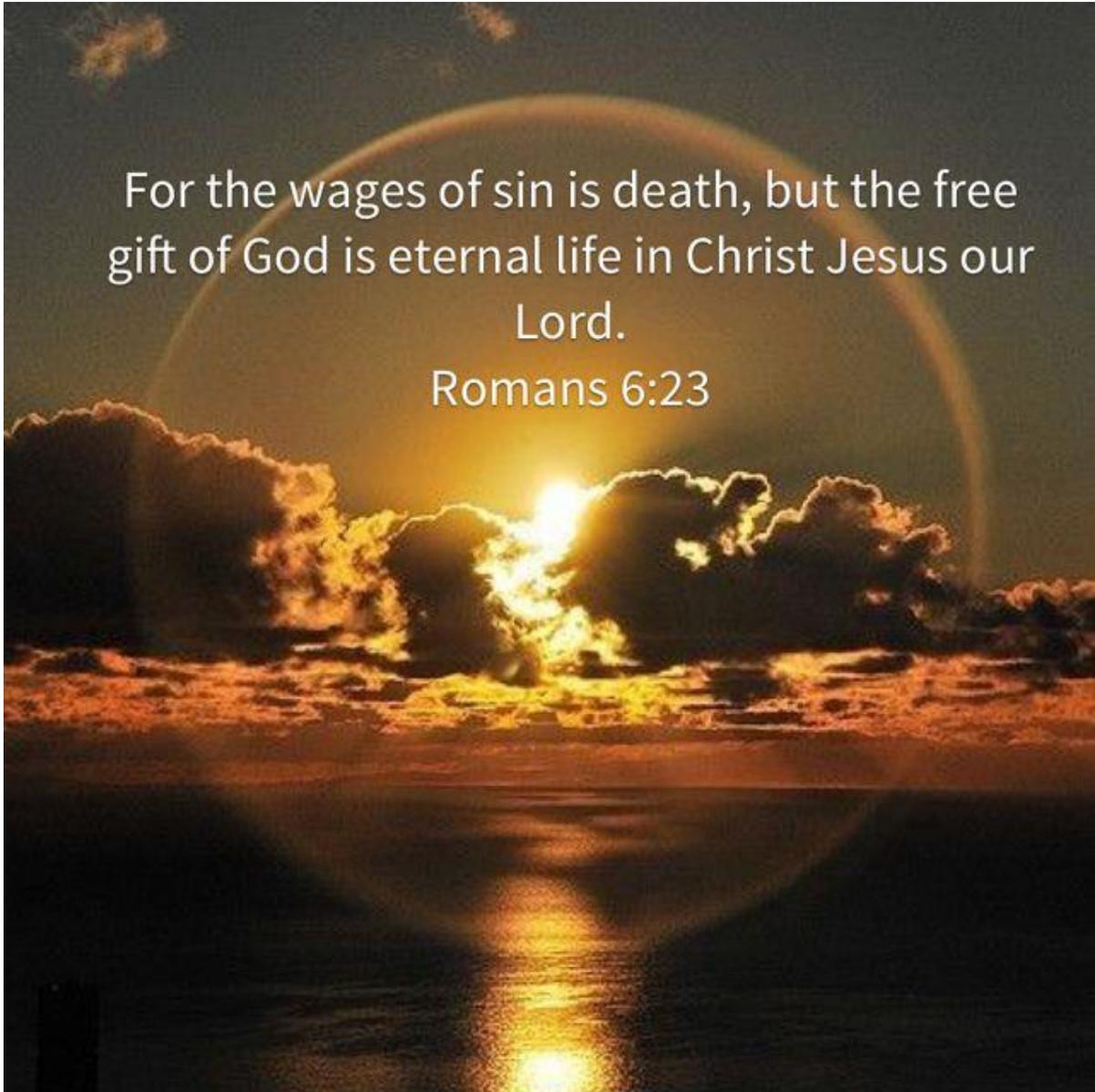




SAINT FERDINAND & GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC CHURCHES

PARISH BULLETIN | AUGUST 26, 2018 | THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



For the wages of sin is death, but the free
gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our
Lord.

Romans 6:23

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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

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Monday through Friday:

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

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Masses & Intentions

Week of August 25, 2018 – September 1, 2018

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

Sunday, August 26th (GS) 9:00 a.m.
Rosary at 8:25 a.m. Parishioners of Good Shepherd
and St. Ferdinand

Sunday, August 26th (StF) 11:00 a.m.
Repose of the Soul of Esther Seidel

Tuesday, August 28th (StF) 8:00 a.m.
No Mass

Wednesday, August 29th (StF) 8:00 a.m.
No Mass

Thursday, August 30th (StF) 8:00 a.m.
Communion Service

Thursday, August 30th (GS) 6:00 p.m.
Communion Service

Friday, August 31st (StF) 8:00 a.m.
No Mass

Saturday, September 1st (StF) 5:00 p.m.
Repose of the Soul of Delman Barker by Lucille Scharnhorst
and Family

Saturday, September 1st (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: Faith

We have heard Jesus explain that he is the Bread of Life, given so that those who believe may have eternal life. This discourse follows the miracle in which Jesus fed more than five thousand people with five barley loaves and two fish. As Jesus has been teaching these things, John's Gospel describes a murmuring crowd unable to accept Jesus' words. In today's Gospel, the crowd has dwindled in number, and John no longer references them, or the Jews. Instead John describes the questioning of those considered to be Jesus' own disciples.

Today's Gospel first records the response of those in the crowd who are described as Jesus' disciples. Just as the larger crowd had struggled with Jesus' teaching, these disciples also cannot accept Jesus' words. Jesus is said to know about their murmuring. He responds by acknowledging their unbelief and by reiterating that only those chosen by the Father will follow Jesus to the end.

John's Gospel reports that many of those who had been Jesus' disciples ceased to follow him at this point. The number of people following Jesus dwindled from a crowd of more than 5,000 to only 12 people. And it is to these Twelve that Jesus now turns his attention.

This conclusion of the Bread of Life discourse focuses on personal faith in the life of Christian discipleship. Each person must make his or her own judgment about who Jesus is and in doing so determine the way of life that he or she will follow. God's grace invites us to be Jesus' disciples, but each person must respond to the grace of God and confess as his or her own belief that Jesus is the one from God. This faith then commits us to the path of life, leading us to eternal life.

este domingo: Fe

Hemos escuchado que Jesús explica que él es el pan de vida, para los que creen pueden tener la vida eterna. En el discurso sigue el milagro de Jesús alimentaron a más de 5 mil personas con cinco panes de cebada y dos peces. Como Jesús ha enseñando el Evangelio de Juan describe una multitud incapaz de aceptar las palabras de Jesús. En el Evangelio de hoy, la multitud ha disminuido. Juan no hace referencia a ellos, o los judíos. En cambio Juan describe el cuestionamiento a ser discípulos de Jesús.

En el evangelio de hoy esta primero la respuesta de las personas que en la multitud se describen como discípulos de Jesús. Tal y como la muchedumbre más grande había luchado con la enseñanza de Jesús, los discípulos también no pueden aceptar las palabras de Jesús.

Jesús dice acerca de la murmuración. Responde reconociendo la incredulidad y reiterando que sólo los elegidos por el padre seguirán a Jesús hasta el final. En el Evangelio de Juan dice que muchos de los que habían sido discípulos de Jesús dejaron de seguirlo en este punto. Las de personas que siguieron a Jesús se redujo de una multitud de 5.000 a sólo 12 personas. Y es que estos doce pusieron su atención en Jesús.

En la conclusión del discurso del pan de vida se centra en la fe en la vida del discipulado cristiano. Cada persona debe hacer su propio juicio acerca de quién es Jesús y con ello determinar la forma de vida que él o ella seguirá. Invita a la gracia de Dios a ser discípulos de Jesús, pero cada persona debemos responder a la gracia de Dios y confesar como su propia creencia que Jesús es Dios. Esta fe nos compromete en el camino de la vida, que nos lleva a la vida eterna.

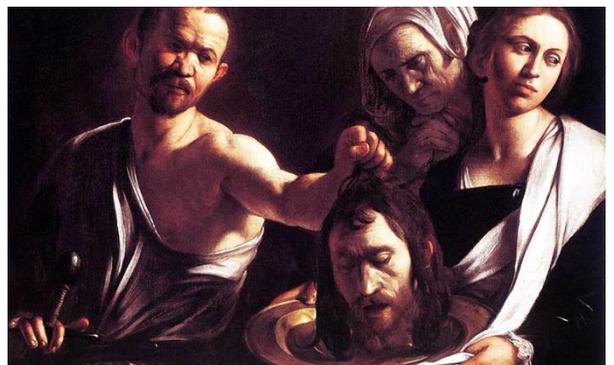
The Martyrdom of John the Baptist

The drunken oath of a king with a shallow sense of honor, a seductive dance and the hateful heart of a queen combined to bring about the martyrdom of John the Baptist. The greatest of prophets suffered the fate of so many Old Testament prophets before him: rejection and martyrdom. The "voice crying in the desert" did not hesitate to accuse the guilty, did not hesitate to speak the truth. But why? What possesses a man that he would give up his very life?

This great religious reformer was sent by God to prepare the people for the Messiah. His vocation was one of selfless giving. The only power that he claimed was the Spirit of Yahweh. "I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire" (Matthew 3:11).

Scripture tells us that many people followed John looking to him for hope, perhaps in anticipation of some great messianic power. John never allowed himself the false honor of receiving these people for his own glory. He knew his calling was one of preparation. When the time came, he led his disciples to Jesus: "The next day John was there again with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God.' The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus" (John 1:35-37).

It is John the Baptist who has pointed the way to Christ. John's life and death were a giving over of self for God and other people. His simple style of life was one of complete detachment from earthly possessions. His heart was centered on God and the call that he heard from the Spirit of God speaking to his heart. Confident of God's grace, he had the courage to speak words of condemnation, repentance, and salvation.



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, Freddy 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 19, 2018

Thank you for your generosity!

St. Ferdinand:

Regular Collection **\$4,782.28**

Good Shepherd

Regular Collection **\$766.00**

Feast of the Assumption, Aug. 15 **\$185.00**

*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 26 Second Collections

StF: Black Bag

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 September 5th.

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:**

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.

Faith Formation & Religious Education, Cont'd

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.

Good Shepherd Mexican Dinner

It's that time of the year to start preparing for Good Shepherd's Annual Mexican Dinner and Raffle. A brief meeting will be held in the Good Shepherd Parish Hall after 9 a.m. Mass this morning (8/26). Meeting topics will include preparation goals as well as proposed date for the fundraiser.

Please see Rita Summy after Mass if you are interested in volunteering for the Mexican Dinner or you can call her at 830-385-5324 or 830-868-4536.

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.

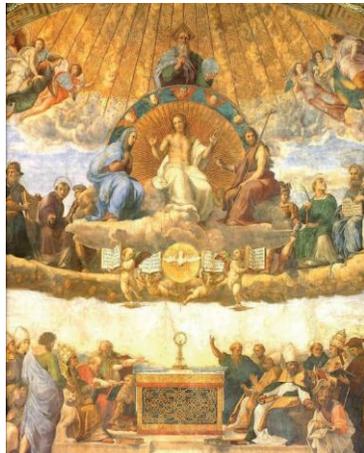
Please contact Nieves Rodriguez, if you are interested or have any questions.
Cell Phone Number (830-798-5502)
Home Phone Number (830-868-5230)

**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

September 2, 2018, The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8

Moses tells the Israelites to observe the commandments that God gave them.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 15:2-3,3-4,4-5

Those who do justice will find favor with God.

Second Reading: James 1:17-18,21b-22,27

James teaches that Christians should be doers of the Word.

Gospel Reading: Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

Jesus teaches that it is that which comes from our hearts that defiles us.

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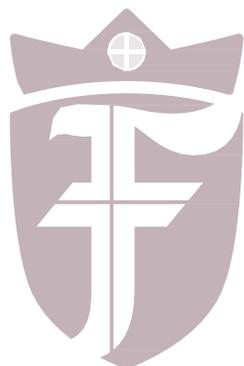
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St. Anne, Pray for Us!

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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