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Parish Bulletin | January 19, 2020 | The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

WEEKEND MASSES:

St. Ferdinand

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.; 7:00 p.m. (Español)

Sunday: 11:00 a.m.

Good Shepherd

Sunday: 9 a.m.

For a Complete weekday Mass Schedule and Mass Intentions, please see the next page

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):

St. Ferdinand

Saturday: 4 p.m.

Good Shepherd

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. (or by appointment)

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday through Friday 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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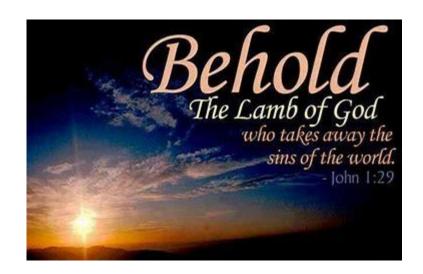
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Welcome Visitors & Guests

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.

Masses & Intentions

Week of January 18 - January 25, 2020

Saturday, January 18th (StF)

5:00 p.m.

Repose of the Souls of Walter Heffner by family and Alfred Lindemann by Anna Barker and family

Saturday, January 18th (StF)

7:00 p.m.

Parishioners of St. Ferdinand and Good Shepherd

Sunday, January 19th (GS)

9:00 a.m.

Rosary at 8:25 a.m., Repose of the Souls of Anita & Reuben Portugal by Dorothy Lowden

Sunday, January 19th (StF)

11:00 a.m.

Repose of the Soul of Lonnie Humrichouse

Tuesday, January 21st (SF)

9:00 a.m.

Parishioners of St. Ferdinand and Good Shepherd

Wednesday, January 22nd (StF)

Legal Protection of Unborn Children

9:00 a.m.

Thursday, January 23rd (SF)

Souls in Purgatory

9:00 a.m.

Thursday, January 23rd (GS)

6:00 p.m.

Souls in Purgatory

Friday, January 24th (StF)

9:00 a.m.

Repose of the Soul of Rev. Richard Hudson

Saturday, January 25th (StF)

5:00 p.m.

Repose of the Soul of Lonnie Humrichouse

7:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 25th (StF) Parishioners of St. Ferdinand and Good Shepherd

Prayer List

Please continue to pray for comfort and healing for the sick in our parish community. In addition, please ask the Lord for wisdom for their doctors and nurses, rest for their caregivers, and peace and strength for their family and friends.

Bobby Bindseil Joyce (Edge) Bishop Joanne Bodine Michelle Campbell Vanessa Castillo Richard Cole Barbara Crowley Lee Durci Jesse Estrada Natalie Hernandez Anna Lee Jones Randall Jones Mike Kleiss Clifford Lane Abby and Judy Lantier

Charlie Lechow Segunda Martinez Charles McKinney Naomi Michalsky Ivan Nelson Charles Reinert Sid Reinert Lupe Ruvalcaba Joan Sauerhoff Lucille Scharnhorst Gay Schuler James Slaughter Jacob Umanzor Polo Zamora



We are proud of all those in our parish who are serving and protecting our country.

Thank you and God bless all of you.

If you or someone you know needs prayer in a special way, please email: cathy@stferdinandblanco.org.

Mass Preparation

January 26, 2020, The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 8:23-9:3

The people in darkness have seen a great light.

Psalm 27:1,4,13-14

The Lord is our refuge, our light, our salvation.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17

Paul urges the community at Corinth to be united as people baptized in Christ's name.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:12-23

Jesus begins to preach in Galilee and calls his first disciples.



Week of January 12, 2020

Thank you for your generosity!

St. Ferdinand:

Regular Collection

\$5,701.19

Good Shepherd:

Regular Collection Building Fund

\$1,972.00 \$183.00

Second Collection for Today:

SF and GS: N/A

Calendar of Events

St. Ferdinand

January 19 - Altar Server Training, 8:30 am

January 21 – Full of Grace Seminar, 9:45 am and 6:30 pm Main Church

January 26 - Altar Server Training, 8:30 am

January 28 – Full of Grace Seminar, 9:45 am and 6:30 pm Main Church

Good Shepherd

January 19 – Men's Club Breakfast Tacos following 9:00 am Mass in GS Parish Hall



If you know of someone who is unable to get to Mass but would like to receive Communion, call the parish office at 830-833-5227. We will contact an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion who will bring Communion to the parishioner's home.

Parish Organizations & Meeting Times

Altar Server Training, St. Ferdinand

Meets every Sunday of the month at St. Ferdinand at 8:30 a.m. (following school schedule)

Catholic Daughters Of The Americas

Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Ferdinand Parish Hall.

Good Shepherd Youth Choir

Practice 3rd Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. in Good Shepherd Church

Good Shepherd Contemplative Prayer

Every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Church, Contact George and Karen Gebhardt (210-216-6771 or 210-427-3060)

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 Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Ferdinand Parish Hall.

St. Ferdinand's Parish Choir

Meets Wednesday nights at 5:00 p.m. Call 830-833-4939 for more information.

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 210-427-3060 or kgebhardt52@gmail.com.

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.



We would like to welcome our new parishioner to St. Ferdinand Church:

Kathleen Karczewski

Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

We hear these words at every Mass as the Host and Chalice are raised for all to see. They are so familiar that perhaps they have lost some of their force. So let's take a closer look at this marvelous invitation.

Behold. Don't just glance. Behold. Look deeply, carefully, and prayerfully. Look with the expectation that you will discover something important. Trust that Jesus wants to reveal himself to you.

Behold, the Lamb of God. What are you beholding? God's greatest gift to the world—to you. You are beholding Jesus, the one true sacrifice sent from heaven. He is the spotless Lamb, innocent of all sin and meek and gentle of heart. He is the fulfillment of ancient Israel's Passover celebration. He has come so that you can pass over from death to life, from slavery to freedom.

Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away sin. Look closely. See in this Host the promise of forgiveness. See Jesus, who surrendered his body and blood on a cross for you. See Jesus,

who has taken your very sin upon himself and brought it into the grave with him. See him rising again, leaving your sin behind in that grave, where it remains today, dead and buried. You are no longer bound by it. Jesus has borne it away, and you can walk away from it too—step by halting step as you continue to place your faith in him.

Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world. Not just your sin, but the sin of every single person on earth, past, present, and future. No one is beyond his reach. No one is devoid of hope. Everyone can know forgiveness and freedom. Even the people you are struggling to forgive. Behold him, and believe that he can bring reconciliation and healing to all people.

Behold, the Lamb of God! And receive him with joy and an open heart.

"Lord, I am not worthy. Only say the word, and my soul shall be healed."

He aquí, el Cordero de Dios, que quita el pecado del mundo.

Escuchamos estas palabras en cada misa mientras el Anfitrión eleva el Cáliz para que todos las vean. Son tan familiares que tal vez han perdido algo de su fuerza. Así que echemos un vistazo más de cerca a esta maravillosa invitación.

Contemplar. No sólo mire. Contemplar. Mira profundamente, con cuidado y con oración. Mira con la expectativa de que descubrirás algo importante. Confía en que Jesús quiere revelarse a nosotros.

He aquí, el Cordero de Dios. ¿Qué estás sosteniendo? El mayor don de Dios al mundo, a ti. Estás sosteniendo a Jesús, el único sacrificio verdadero enviado desde el cielo. Es el Cordero impecable, inocente de todo pecado y manso y gentil de corazón. Es el cumplimiento de la celebración de la Pascua del antiguo Israel. Ha venido para que puedas pasar de la muerte a la vida, de la esclavitud a la libertad.

He aquí, el Cordero de Dios, que quita el pecado. Mira atentamente. Mira en esta Hostia la promesa de perdón. Mira a Jesús, que entregó su cuerpo y sangre en una cruz por ti. Mira a Jesús, que ha tomado tu propio pecado sobre sí mismo y lo ha traído a la tumba con él. Véalo levantarse de nuevo, dejando tu pecado en esa tumba, donde permanece hoy, muerto y enterrado. Ya no estás atado por ella. Jesús se lo llevo y tu tambien puedes alejarte,paso deteniendo el paso mientras continuas depositando tu fe en el.

He aquí, el Cordero de Dios, que quita el pecado del mundo. No sólo tu pecado, sino el pecado de cada persona en la tierra, pasado, presente y futuro. Nadie está fuera de su alcance. Nadie carece de esperanza. Todo el mundo puede conocer el perdón y la libertad. Incluso a las personas que estas luchando por perdonar. Miralo y cree que puede traer la reconciliacion y sanacion a todas las personas.

¡He aquí, el Cordero de Dios! Y recibirlo con alegría y un corazón abierto.

"Señor, no soy digno. Sólo di la palabra, y mi alma será sanada."

QUE SON LOS TALLERES DE ORACION Y VIDA?

Talleres de Oracion y Vida son un servicio eclesial que el Padre Ignacio Larranaga inicio en 1984. El taller consta de quince sesiones, cada sesion dura dos horas y la sesion es semanal. El trabajo principal se realiza durante la semana, en la vida diaria.

Los Talleres son dirigidos por un Guia, el cual recibe de antemano una preparacion intensiva, llamada "Escuela de Preparacion para Guias" durante un ano. Al frente de los Guias hay un Equipo Local, cuya funcion es organizar y controlar la marcha de los Talleres. Tambien existen los Equipos Nacionales, Zonales (varios paises) e Internacionales.

EL TALLER ES:

- **a. Una Escuela de Oracion**: se aprende y profundiza en el arte de orar con un caracter experimental y practico, desde los primeros pasos hasta la altura de la contemplacion.
- **b. Una Escuela de Vida**: El asistente va superando paso a paso, el mundo interior de angustias y ansiedades, miedos y tristezas e inundandose de paz, a travez del conocimiento de **DIOS** y de uno mismo.
- c. Una Escuela Apostolica: Se quiere que el Taller sea una fuente de vocaciones apostolicas.

En suma, los **TALLERES DE ORACION Y VIDA** son un eficaz programa de **NUEVA EVANGELIZACION** El taller compromete al asistente en tres dimensiones: Con **DIOS**, consigo mismo y con los demas.

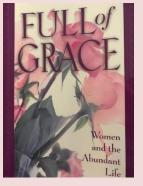
Vengan - Los esperamos!!

Iniciaremos
el 10 de Febrero 2020
de las 7:00 PM a las 9:00 PM
en la Iglesia Catolica
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Para mas informacion llame a Maria Rodriguez 830-613-0291



Beginning Tuesday, January 21st, and ending Tuesday, March 10th, we will be offering eight weekly sessions called Women of Faith, once in the morning at 9:45 AM and again in the evening at 6:30 PM. The sessions will be about 1.25 hours. Morning and evening sessions will cover the same material so you don't have to attend both sessions (unless you want to!).

material so you don't have to attend both sessions (unless you want to!). During this eight-week journey, you will meet some of the great women saints, from the perspective



of the church and sacred scripture. The goal is to enhance your spiritual path that leads to the heart of God through the abundant life of Jesus Christ. These sessions will be facilitated by Kathy Cain. All sessions will be held at St. Ferdinand in the Main Church.

Even if you didn't sign up already, all are welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Cathy Cudd in the office 830-833-5227 between 1-6 PM.

January 22 is the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. As members of Christ's body, we are called to protect and promote the dignity of the human person in all places and circumstances. Join us in learning more about protecting life by watching "Symbolon – Protecting the Dignity of the Human Person" on formed.org.

Texas Catholic Pro-Life Day is Jan. 25



Join thousands of Catholics to pray for an end to abortion on Jan. 25. We will start the day with a prayer vigil at 8 a.m. in front of an abortion facility at 501 E. Ben White in Austin. Then two Masses will be offered at 10 a.m. at San José Parish in Austin (2345 Oak Crest Ave.) and St. Louis King of France Parish in Austin (7601 Burnet Rd.). The Divine Mercy Chaplet will begin at 9:15 a.m. before each Mass. Then join us for the March for Life at 1 p.m. at 14th Street and San Jacinto in downtown Austin. We will march to the Rally for Life, which begins at 2 p.m. on the south steps of the State Capitol. For more information, visit www.austindiocese.org/texascatholic-pro-life-day.

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PICK OF THE WEEK

Symbolon: Living the Faith

Protecting the Dignity of the Human Person



January 22 is the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. In an age when life itself seems disposable, how can we follow God's call to protect and promote the dignity of the human person in all places and circumstances?

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Upcoming Retreats at Cedarbrake Retreat Center, Belton

An Evening for Married Couples Saturday, February 8, 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

An Evening for Married Couples will be offered Feb. 8 from 4 to 7:30 p.m. at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Temple. This is time for celebrating the sacrament of marriage. The day begins with a talk, followed by Mass with Franciscan Father Albert Haase and then dinner. The cost is \$50 per couple. Details: www.cedarbrake.org or (254) 780-2436.

Day Retreat: Live Big, Love Bigger with Kathryn Whitaker Saturday, February 15, 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

"Live Big, Love Bigger with Kathryn Whitaker" will be offered Feb. 15 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Temple. If you are feeling overwhelmed, anxious, in over your head and looking for a way out, join us for a day with laughter, truth, tools to live an intentional life and a "whole lotta Jesus." Whitaker is a Catholic speaker and author of "Live Big, Love Bigger." Cost is \$40. Details: www.cedarbrake.org or (254) 780-2436.

Married Couples are Invited to Marriage Encounter

Married couples are invited to strengthen, renew and rekindle their sacrament of matrimony by attending the upcoming Marriage Encounter weekend Feb. 7-9. The emphasis of the Marriage Encounter ministry is on communication between husband and wife, who spend a weekend together away from the distractions and the tensions of everyday life, to concentrate on each other. For more information, visit www.austinme.org/apply or call (512) 677-9963 or e-mail wwm.austin@gmail.com.

Religious Education

St. Ferdinand

Class Times:

PreK-6th: Sundays 9:30-10:40 a.m. Classes resumed January 12th

7th-8th: Wednesdays 6:30-7:45 p.m. Classes resumed January 15^{th}

Please contact the DRE if you can help to provide light snacks.



Good Shepherd

Religious Education Classes:

Pre-K thru 5th Grade: Wednesday's 6:00 pm - 7:15 pm

Middle School EDGE Youth Ministry: Once a month on the 4^{th} Sunday of each month, from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm. Classes will resume on January 26, 2020.

High School RICH Youth Ministry: Every Sunday, from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm. Classes are held in the St. Ferdinand Parish Hall.

Pre-Confirmation Classes: Classes are held once a month on Saturdays from 9:30 am – 11:30 am at the Good Shepherd RE building. This class is for 8^{th} grade – 12^{th} grade. If you need information about Pre-confirmation or confirmation requirements, please contact Margie Vasquez. **Next scheduled class is on February 8^{th}, 2020.**

Volunteers/Teachers: If anyone is interested in helping in our RE program, or would like to make donations – Please contact Margie Vasquez or call the Parish office. Remember to volunteer you must be EIM compliant. Please refer to the bulletin or the Diocese Website for upcoming EIM workshops in our area.

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High School: $(9^{th} - 12^{th})$

Blanco and Johnson City High School Teens can join RICH (Resting in Christ's Hands). We utilize the Life Teen Program. Life Teen is an environment in which high school youth can come into a relationship with God through spiritual, educational, emotional and social experiences. Our Youth Ministry follows the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USSCB) guidelines for comprehensive youth ministry

programs. Our classes are held every Sunday at St. Ferdinand Parish Hall. We start the evening at 5:30 pm with a light meal and move into the lesson and discussion for the evening. **Come celebrate with us!!**

Middle School: 6th - 8th)

Blanco and Johnson City Middle School Students can join EDGE Youth Ministry. EDGE is a part of the Life Teen middle school youth ministry. We meet once a month on the 4th Sunday of each month, from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm. Classes will resume on January 26th, 2020 at St. Ferdinand Parish Hall.

Confirmation:

Classes for 2020 Confirmation are to begin this Sunday, January 19th, 2020. Please plan on attending to receive a schedule of dates, service hour information, requirement information for Confirmation as well as Program information. Classes to be held once a month during the RICH nights from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm in the St. Ferdinand RE Building.

PULSE: (Prayer, Unity, Leadership, Service, Evangelization)

Any youth **(high school or middle school)** wanting to participate can be a part of the **PULSE TEAM.** We will meet to discuss and plan – lessons, retreats, lock-ins, service talks, service projects, and learning how to promote spiritual growth in self and in others! Please contact Margie Vasquez if you would like to start attending.



Youth Ministry Volunteers:

If anyone is interested in helping in our program or would like to make donations – Please contact Margie Vasquez or call the Parish office. Remember to volunteer you must be EIM compliant. Please refer to the bulletin or the Diocese Website for upcoming EIM workshops in our area.

For all Youth Ministry inquiries or to learn more about all the events, activities and retreats planned for this year or to register for any of our programs, please contact the parish office during regular business hours or email: margie@stferdinandblanco.org

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