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WEEKEND MASSES:

St. Ferdinand

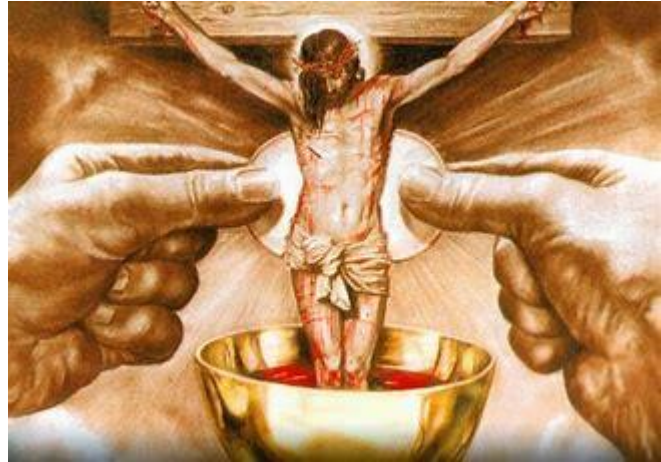
Saturday: 5:00 p.m. ; 7:00 p.m. (Español)

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



*"Whoever eats my flesh and
drinks my blood has eternal
life, and I will raise him on the
last day." John 6:54*

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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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 for June 13 – June 20, 2020

Saturday, June 13th (SF) 5:00 p.m.

Repose of the Souls of Delman Barker by Anna Barker and family and of John Geldorf by family

Sunday, June 14th (GS) 9:00 a.m.

Birthday Blessings for Dorothy Lowden

Sunday, June 14th (SF) 11:00 a.m.

Parishioners of St. Ferdinand and Good Shepherd

Tuesday, June 16th (SF) 9:00 a.m.

For the conversion and repentance of sinners

Wednesday, June 17th (SF) 9:00 a.m.

Repose of the Soul of Louis Zarsky

Thursday, June 18th (SF) 9:00 a.m.

Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, June 18th (GS) 6:00 p.m.

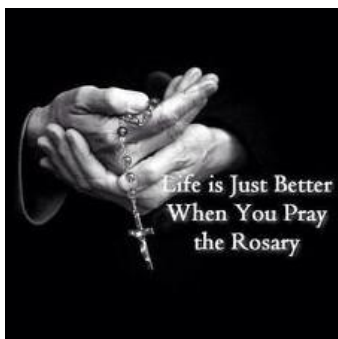
Souls in Purgatory

Friday, June 19th (SF) 9:00 a.m.

Repose of the Soul of Fr. Wade Russell

Saturday, June 20th (SF) 5:00 p.m.

Repose of the Soul of Herman Uballe Sr. by his wife and children



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.

Patricia Althaus
Maggie Atkinson
Bobby Bindseil
Clara Jo Bindseil
Joyce (Edge) Bishop
Joanne Bodine
Michelle Campbell
Vanessa Castillo
Richard Cole
Barbara Crowley
Callie Dieter
Lee Durci
Jesse Estrada
Natalie Hernandez
Anna Lee Jones
Randall Jones
Mike Kleiss
Clifford Lane
Abby and Judy Lantier
Charlie Lechow

Raul Martinez Jr.
Segunda Martinez
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Elsie Meurer
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Lucille Scharnhorst
Gay Schuler
James Slaughter
Claudia Kay Smith
Jacob Umanzor
Polo Zamora
Susie 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.





Week of June 7, 2020

Thank you for your generosity!

St. Ferdinand:

Regular Collection	\$4,278.00
Building Fund	\$1,160.00

Good Shepherd:

Regular Collection	\$1,270.00
Black Bag	\$223.00

Second Collection for Today:

SF: N/A
GS: Building Fund

Calendar of Events

St. Ferdinand

June 17 – Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7 pm Parish Hall

Mass On the Air

Visit St. Ferdinand's website at
<https://www.stferdinandblanco.org>
or

Visit the Diocese of Austin website at
<https://www.austindiocese.org/mass-on-the-air> to find
the Masses that are available.

Ashes to Easter Boxes

Please return your Ashes to Easter boxes by the end of June to the parish office or with an usher before or after any Mass. Ashes to Easter boxes benefit local missionary efforts in and outside of the Diocese of Austin

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)

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. Anne's Altar Society

Meets the 1st Wednesday of the month following the 9:00 am Mass 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.

Mass Preparation

June 21, 2020, The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:10-13

Jeremiah expresses confidence that the Lord will protect him.

Psalms 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35

God responds to the prayer of those in need.

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-15

Sin came into the world through one person; so salvation came through one person for many.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 10:26-33

Jesus assures the Twelve that God cares about them.

My flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink! (John 6:55)

Have you ever had to go without food for an extended period of time? It wasn't a pleasant experience, was it? The longer we go without nourishment, the weaker we become. It feels as if our life is slowly draining from us—and in one sense, it is.

Jesus' words in today's Gospel make it clear that his Body and Blood are just as vital to us as food and drink are. Without the nourishment of the Eucharist, God's life in us can slowly start to drain away.

Here's an extreme example of how life-giving the Eucharist is. In his book *He Leadeth Me*, Fr. Walter Ciszek described the risks he took each day to offer Mass at the Siberian labor camp where he was imprisoned: "I would go to any length, suffer any inconvenience, run any risk to make the bread of life available to these men."

The men worked long hours in frigid temperatures. Yet at noon, Ciszek would celebrate Mass wherever he could say it undetected, whether in a storage shack or huddled in a building foundation. "Distractions caused by the fear of discovery . . . took nothing away from the effect that the tiny bit of bread and few drops of consecrated wine produced upon the soul," he wrote.

These prisoners were just as dependent on Jesus' Body and Blood to keep them alive as they were on the meager food they received from their captors. The Eucharist had become their true food and true drink.

Ciszek wrote that he was "occasionally overcome with emotion . . . as I thought of how [God] had found a way to follow and to feed these lost and straying sheep in this most desolate land." Today, may we too be filled with gratitude as we reflect on the generosity of a God who offers his life—and his very self—to us in the Eucharist.

"Jesus, thank you for the life you give me in your Body and Blood."



*Mi carne es comida verdadera, y mi sangre es verdadera
bebida (Juan 6:55)*

¿Alguna vez has tenido que pasar sin comida durante un periodo de tiempo? No fue una experiencia agradable, ¿verdad? Cuanto más tiempo pasemos sin alimento mas débiles nos volveremos. Se siente como si nuestra vida se estuviera agotando lentamente y en cierto sentido, lo es.

Las palabras de Jesús en el Evangelio de hoy dejan claro que su Cuerpo y Su Sangre son tan vitales para nosotros como la comida y la bebida. Sin el alimento del Dios de la Eucaristía la vida en nosotros puede comenzar lentamente a desaparecer.

Este es un ejemplo extremo de cómo es la Eucaristía que da vida. En su libro *Me llevó*, el P. Walter Ciszek describió los riesgos que tomaba cada día para ofrecer misa en el campo de trabajo siberiano donde estaba encarcelado: "Haria todo lo posible por sufrir cualquier riesgo, de poner el pan de vida a disposición de estos hombres".

Los hombres trabajaron largas horas en temperaturas frías. Sin embargo, al mediodía, Ciszek celebraba la Misa donde pudiera hacerlo sin ser detectado, ya sea en una choza de almacenamiento o acurrucado en una base de construcción. "Distracciones causadas por el miedo al descubrimiento... no le quitó nada al efecto que el pequeño trozo de pan y las pocas gotas de vino consagrado producían sobre el alma", escribió.

Estos prisioneros eran tan dependientes del Cuerpo y la Sangre de Jesús para mantenerlos vivos como de la escasa comida que recibían de sus captores. La Eucaristía se había convertido en su verdadero alimento y verdadera bebida.

Ciszek escribió que era "de vez en cuando superado por la emoción... al pensar en cómo [Dios] había encontrado una manera de seguir y alimentar a estas ovejas perdidas y perdidas en esta tierra más desolada". Hoy, que también nosotros también estemos llenos de gratitud al reflexionar sobre la generosidad de un Dios que nos ofrece su vida —su propio yo— en la Eucaristía.

"Jesús, gracias por la vida que me das en tu Cuerpo y Sangre."

***O Lord Jesus Christ, You who have given us your precious body and blood to be our meat and drink,
grant that through frequent reception of You in Holy Eucharist,
I may be strengthened in mind and body to do your holy will Amen.***

**Attention St. Ferdinand and Good Shepherd Seniors
Knights of Columbus Scholarships
for Academic Year 2019-2020**



The Knights of Columbus St. Ferdinand's Council 14844 will be awarding tuition assistance scholarships to students from St. Ferdinand and Good Shepherd for the academic year 2019-2020. The scholarships will be awarded for one (1) year only. There are academic and service requirements for awarding the scholarships. Affiliation with the Knights of Columbus is not required. Awards will be made on the basis of academic excellence and personal qualifications.

Applications are available at the parish office or on the parish website at <https://stferdinandblanco.org/knights-of-Columbus-Scholarship>. The applications are due to the Parish Office by June 30, 2020.

If you have any questions, please contact Carl Struck at 805-315-4683.



12th Annual Men's Mass

Bishop Joe Vasquez will celebrate the 12th annual Men's Mass July 18th at 9:30 am at St. Albert the Great Parish in Austin.

Join us via live stream or in person. The

Mass is hosted by the Central Texas Fellowship of Catholic Men.

For more information, visit www.centexcatholic.com.

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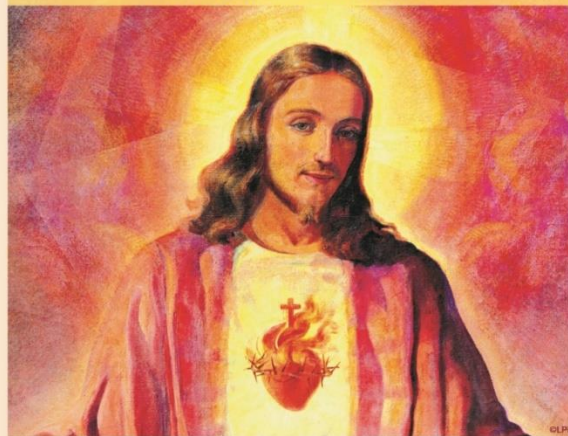
Jesus' teachings and actions throughout his ministry prepare for the moment he offers himself for, and to, each of us, fulfilling his promise that "My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed" (John 6:55).

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Remember in Your Prayers

**ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY THE CORONAVIRUS
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD**



Compassionate and Loving Father,

*In the face of confusion and concern
impart to us the calm of Your presence.*

In You allow us to find hope and healing.

*Be with those who serve the sick and
give them Your caring hands.*

*Be with those who lead and give them
Your spirit of wisdom.*

*Be with those who have fallen ill and
give them Your comforting heart.*

*Wrap Your arms around our world
and hold us in Your love.*

*Allow us at this time of trial to then
serve as instruments of that love
to all we meet.*

*We ask this in Your Name.
Amen*

**And they
were all
filled
with the
Holy Spirit.**

ACTS 2:4

Religious Education

St. Ferdinand

Class Times:

PreK-6th: Sundays 9:30-10:40 a.m.

7th-8th: Wednesdays 6:30-7:45 p.m.

St Ferdinand Religious Education Classes will follow the BISD schedule for closures for classes held in the RE Building. Most grade levels have now completed the calendar year. Have a blessed, safe summer!

Praying Together

Enrich your family's faith life, draw encouragement, and stay connected to the church through several different publications containing the Daily readings, Order of the Mass, and information about saints. The publications below are currently offering *free* digital access, apps, or digital downloads of their June issues:

Magnificat <https://us.magnificat.net/free>

Offers online access or app format of beautiful prayers for both morning and evening drawn from the treasures of the Liturgy of the Hours, the official texts of daily Mass, meditations written by spiritual giants of the Church and more contemporary authors, essays on the lives of the saints of today and yesterday, and articles giving valuable spiritual insight into masterpieces of sacred art. Magnificat is currently offering 3 months of the print edition, or 6 months of their online format for \$5.

MagnifiKid for children

<https://us.magnificat.net/flipbook/KID/sample/84/> includes the order of mass and readings for each Sunday in a colorful child friendly format

Give Us This Day <https://offers.giveusthisday.org/free-resources>

Morning prayer, profiles of saintly witnesses, Mass texts, reflections, evening prayer available as a pdf download or app.

Only by praying together with their children can a father and mother – exercising their royal priesthood – penetrate the innermost depths of their children's hearts and leave an impression that the future events in their lives will not be able to efface.

Pope St John Paul II, *Familiaris Consortio*



Good Shepherd

Religious Education Classes:

Due to the COVID-19, the Diocese of Austin has instructed us to follow suit with our local school districts. **All Classes are cancelled until further notice.**

We will send out emails to parents that have students in Sacramental classes so students will be continuing certain lessons at home. Catechist's and Youth Minister's will be in contact with parents as to resources and online home-base lessons that will be available for them to access.

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

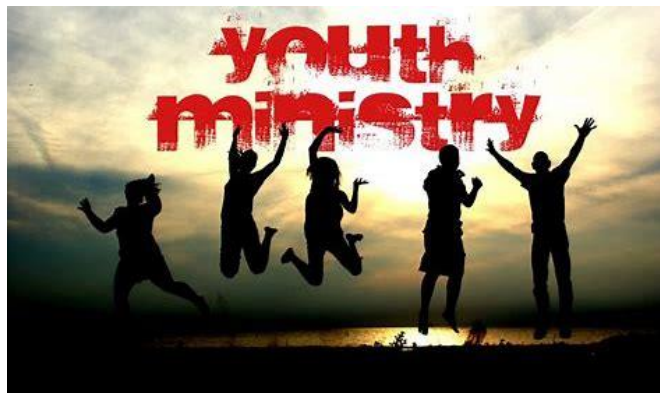
Middle School EDGE Youth Ministry: Once a month on the 4th Sunday of each month, from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm.

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 8th grade – 12th grade. If you need information about Pre-confirmation or confirmation requirements, please contact Margie Vasquez.

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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We will send out emails to parents that have students in Confirmation classes to keep parents informed as to plan for lessons and any additional assignments or instructions. Students have online assignments that have already been assigned and will continue with this online program. Youth Minister's will be in contact with students and parents as to resources and other online home-base lessons that will be available for them to access.



High School: (9th – 12th)

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 (USCCB) 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.

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.

Confirmation:

Please plan on completing the scheduled modules online before our next gathering session. If you need more information on dates, program schedule, or service hour requirements, please email me at margie@stferdinandblanco.org. Classes will be held once a month during 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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