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 $Parish\ Bulletin\ |\ November\ 21,\ 2021,\ The\ Solemnity\ of\ Our\ Lord\ Jesus\ Christ\ the$ King of the Universe

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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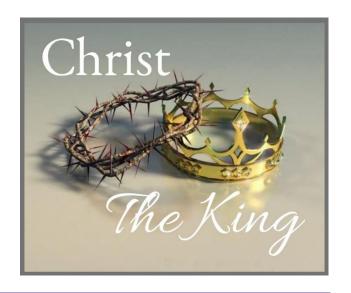
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Welcome Visitors & Guests

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, contact the Church office. 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 November 20, 2021 - November 27, 2021

Saturday, November 20th (SF)

5:00 p.m.

Repose of the Souls of Ben and Frances Leal by Joe and Dora Alegria

Saturday, November 20th (SF)

7:00 p.m.

Repose of the Souls of Luis Leon and Jesus Alvarez by Yolanda Leon and Miguel Alvarez

Sunday, November 21st (GS)

9:00 a.m.

13th Wedding Anniversary of Nieves and Maria Rodriguez

Sunday, November 21st (SF)

11:00 a.m. 58th Wedding Anniversary of John L. and Linda Dechert

Tuesday, November 23rd (SF)

9:00 a.m.

No Mass

Wednesday, November 24th (SF)

9:00 a.m.

No Mass

Thursday, November 25th (SF)

9:00 a.m.

No Mass

Thursday, November 25th (GS)

6:00 p.m.

No Mass

Friday, November 26th (SF)

9:00 a.m.

No Mass

Saturday, November 27th (SF)

5:00 p.m.

Repose of the Soul of Eddye Beth Struck by Bill and Janie Cain

Saturday, November 27th (SF)

Repose of the Soul of Marissa Vargas by Juan and Rosa Vargas

THANKSOWIN

Come join us! Blanco Ministerial Alliance Annual Thanksgiving Dinner Sunday, November 21st, 6:00 pm Blanco United Methodist Church



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 Llano Baumgartner Chris Berryhill Don Blanton Gaelynn Brown Vanessa Castillo Barbara Crowley Jack Cudd Roselle Fischler Jane Foegelle Pete Garcia Jim Gronke Myles Harris Charles Jenninas Charles Michael Jones Randall Jones Virginia Kainer Robert Kratky Mike Kleiss David Laumer Jeanette Lavelle Jane Martin

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

Polo Zamora

Susie Zamora

country. Thank you and God bless all of you.

If you or someone you know needs prayer in a special way, please email: admin@stferdinandblanco.org. Unless you are an immediate family member, please obtain permission from the person whose name is being placed on the list prior to submission.





Week of November 14, 2021

Thank you for your generosity!

St. Ferdinand:

Regular Collection \$5,718.75 Building Fund \$45.00

Good Shepherd:

Regular Collection \$683.00 Building Fund \$25.00

The Second Collection for today is for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Calendar of Events

St. Ferdinand

November 23-26 – No 9am Masses

November 24-26 - Parish Office Closed

Calendar of Events Good Shepherd

November 24-26 - Parish Office Closed

November 25 - No 6pm Mass



Blanco Tots Need Toys Angel Tree



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with several area churches during the month of November. A tree with gift request ornaments will be available before and after Masses on the 14th, 20th & 21st of November. All parishioners are invited to select an angel ornament with an age and a wish list for an individual boy or girl. Gifts will be collected before Mass on November 27th and 28th, or gifts may be delivered to the church office by Monday, November 29th. Gifts will be distributed to parents in early December.

If you miss the deadline for Tots Need Toys applications at Blanco Elementary, please contact Susan in the RE Office at 833-0444.

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 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.

St. Ferdinand Men's Club

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 830-833-3210 for more information.

Practices are currently suspended due to COVID.

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

November 28, 2021, First Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

The Lord will fulfill his promises to Israel and Judah.

Psalm 25:4-5,8-10,14

The Lord will teach us his paths.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12 - 4:2

Paul encourages the Thessalonians to be holy and to please God.

Gospel Reading: Luke 21:25-28,34-36

Jesus teaches his disciples to be vigilant so that they will be ready when the Son of Man comes in glory.

Good Shepherd Vocations Chalice

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

CHRIST THE KING

My kingdom does not belong to this world. (John 18:36)

Pilate must have been confused. He had asked Jesus point-blank, "Are you the King of the Jews?" (John 18:33). Jesus didn't

answer him directly, but he made it clear that his kingdom wasn't what Pilate had been envisioning. Instead, he said this kingdom "is not here" and "does not belong to this world" (18:36).

So where is Jesus' kingdom, and what's it like? On today's feast of Christ the King, let's reflect on God's kingdom and how it compares with the kingdom of the world.

The kingdom of the world values power, wealth, honor, and pleasure. These things are not bad in themselves, but we can easily make them idols. We can even fool ourselves into thinking that we are not going after them. But if they are the primary reason we get out of bed in the morning, and if we spend most of our time seeking them out, then we are probably too immersed in the kingdom of the world. The kingdom of God, on the other hand, values sacrificial love, forgiveness, humility, and service. Such things are not always attractive because they come with a cost. Yet the reward is always greater—not only in this life, as we experience Jesus' abundant love and mercy, but also in the next, when we will see him face-to-face and live in his joyful embrace forever.

Today as you worship the King of kings at Mass, think about what you most value and what you are most anxious to achieve. Then see if these things are more in line with God's kingdom or with the kingdom of the world. We are all tempted at times to straddle both kingdoms at the same time. But over and over again, we are faced with choices to serve one or the other. May we always choose to serve Jesus, our King and Lord!

"Praise you, King of kings and Lord of lords!"

Mi reino no pertenece a este mundo.
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pero dejó en claro que su reino no era lo que Pilato había estado imaginando. En cambio, dijo que este reino "no está aquí" y "no pertenece a este mundo" (18:36).

Entonces, ¿dónde está el reino de Jesús y cómo es? En la fiesta de cristo rey de hoy, reflexionemos sobre el reino de Dios y cómo se compara con el reino del mundo.

El reino del mundo valora el poder, la riqueza, el honor y el placer. Estas cosas no son malas en sí mismas, pero podemos fácilmente hacerlas ídolos. Incluso podemos engañarnos a nosotros mismos pensando que no vamos tras ellos. Pero si son la razón principal por la que nos levantaremos de la cama por la mañana, y si pasamos la mayor parte de nuestro tiempo buscándolos, entonces probablemente estemos demasiado inmersos en el reino del mundo. El reino de Dios, por otro lado, valora el amor sacrificial, el perdón, la humildad y el servicio. Tales cosas no siempre son atractivas porque tienen un costo. Sin embargo, la recompensa es siempre mayor, no solo en esta vida, a medida que experimentamos el abundante amor y misericordia de Jesús, sino también en la próxima, cuando lo veremos cara a cara y viviremos en su abrazo gozoso para siempre.

Hoy, mientras adoras al Rey de reyes en la Misa, piensa en lo que más valoras y lo que estás más ansioso por lograr. Luego vea si estas cosas están más en línea con el reino de Dios o con el reino del mundo. Todos estamos tentados a veces a cruzar ambos reinos al mismo tiempo. Pero una y otra vez, nos enfrentamos a opciones para servir a uno u otro. ¡Que siempre elijamos servir a Jesús, nuestro Rey y Señor!

"¡Alabado seas, Rey de reyes y Señor de señores!"

God of patience, thank you for bearing with my tendency to ignore you amid the busyness of my life. Today I begin to clear a bigger space for you. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

Dios de paciencia, gracias por soportar mi tendencia a ignorarte en medio del ajetreo de mi vida. Hoy empiezo a despejar un espacio más grande para ti. Ven, Señor Jesús.



Cross Catholic Safe Homes in Guatemala

Angels will also be available on the Angel Tree for Cross Catholic Safe Homes for Guatemala. Nothing brings dignity to a poor family more than having a safe, sturdy home. Sadly, most poor families in Santa Rosa, Guatemala must settle for much less. Mired in poverty, they are forced to live in unsafe shacks fashioned from mud, scrap wood and plastic sheeting. You can provide the life-changing gift of a safe new home.

This year, a Cross Catholic donor has made a challenge gift in hopes that fellow Catholics will join to support *Safe Homes in Guatemala*. Thanks to their generous gift, we can double the impact of your donation! Join Cross Catholic outreach in providing the life-changing gift of a safe new home that includes a cement foundation and cement-block walls that can withstand earthquakes.



Youth Fundraiser November 26th - November 27th, 2021



We will have a booth at Light Spectacular in Johnson City to help us raise funds for DCYC 2022 (Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference) in Waco.

The Light Spectacular event is the weekend right after Thanksgiving. Our booth will have drinks (Sodas, Water, and juice pouches), Hot Homemade Cider, and

Fresh Popcorn.

This is a request for donations -Can Sodas (any kind) or Juice Pouch drinks (Capri Suns, etc.) or Bottled water. We will also take cash donations to purchase the items needed.



Items or donations can be delivered to the church office. For more information, please contact:

MaryJane Hill (Maryjane@stferdinandblanco.org) or Margie Vasquez (Margie@stferdinandblanco.org).

Thank you ahead of time for helping make this year's vouth fundraiser a success.

Make this your best Advent & Christmas ever!

You are invited to join the Advent Retreat at St. Joseph Catholic Church Honey Creek on Nov. 29-Dec. 1.

> Fr. Ken Geraci, Fathers of Mercy, will be leading "Why Be Catholic?"

Confession starts at 5:30 pm Mass and conference starts at 6:30 pm

Discussion topics are:

Monday, Nov. 29, What did Jesus Do-Church or Spirituality?

Tuesday, Nov. 30, Why do we do that as Catholics? Wednesday, Dec. 1, How to Pray the Mass

Bring your family and friends and share community Want to know more? Visit https://stjoseph-honeycreek.org



The Little Blue Book 2021 For the Advent and Christmas Seasons

St. Anne's Altar Society has once again purchased books for the Advent Season for all our parishioners. This year we have "The Little Blue Book" for the Advent and Christmas Seasons. The Little Blue Book has been carefully crafted to help you explore the depths of Scripture and deepen your relationship with Christ during the Advent and Christmas Season. It includes six-minute reflections on the Sunday Gospels. As you leave Church, pick up a copy from one of the ushers. Copies are limited so please take one copy per family.

El pequeño libro azul 2020 para las temporadas de Adviento y Navidad

St. Anne's Altar Society ha comprado una vez más libros para el Tiempo de Adviento para todos nuestros feligreses. Este año tenemos "El Pequeño Libro Azul" para las temporadas de Adviento y Navidad. El Pequeño Libro Azul ha sido cuidadosamente elaborado para ayudarte a explorar las profundidades de las Escrituras y profundizar tu relación con Cristo durante el Adviento y la temporada de Navidad. Incluye reflexiones de seis minutos sobre los Evangelios dominicales. Al salir de la Iglesia, recoja una copia de uno de los ujieres. Las copias son limitadas, así que por favor tome una copia por familia.

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PICK OF THE WEEK November 21, 2021

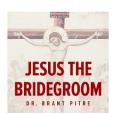
33 DAYS TO MORNING GLORY Ever considered consecrating yourself or your family to the Mother of God? Follow Fr. Michael Gaitley this Advent in order to draw nearer to Mary-the Mother of God-and

her Son and to prepare yourself for a

PRESENCE

This week we celebrate Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Ring in this great feast by diving deeper into the mystery of Christ's greatest gift to His Church—the Holy Eucharist.





JESUS THE BRIDEGROOM: THE GREATEST LOVE STORY EVER TOLD BY BRANT PITRE

Listen in as Dr. Brant Pitre examines what it really means to have a "personal relationship" with Jesus Christ as Lord, Savior, and Bridegroom.

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Religious Education

St. Ferdinand

Director of Religious Education – Susan Moore susan@stferdinandblanco.org or 830-833-0444

"Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song." Pope John Paul II

Wednesday, November 24th & Sunday, November 28th – Holidays Thanksgiving

Sunday, December 12th & Wednesday, December 15th - RE Christmas parties

Sundays, December 19 & 26, & Jan 2 – Christmas holidays; classes resume January 9th

Wednesdays, December 22 & 29th, Jan 5th & 12th - Christmas holidays; classes resume January 19

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parents in early December.

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FINDING JOY - SAN MARCOS DEANERY CATECHIST RETREAT,



inspired by the book *Living Joy* by Chris Stefanick, will be held at St Ferdinand on Saturday, March 5, 2022. The retreat is designed with catechists in mind. Anyone is welcome to attend. Bring your

spouses and friends. We hope to see everyone there! Parishes in the deanery include:

Santa Cruz in Buda St Anthony Marie de Claret in Kyle St John the Evangelist in San Marcos St Mary in Wimberley Good Shepherd in Johnson City St Martin de Porres in Dripping Springs St Ferdinand in Blanco

The day will begin with mass celebrated by Father Brion, followed by breakfast, a keynote presentation, workshops, and vendor exhibits. Sessions will be available in English and Spanish. Lunch will be provided.

Good Shepherd

Religious Education Classes:

PreK – 5^{th} **Grade:** Classes will be on Wednesdays from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm.

1st Communion Class: Classes are every other Wednesday from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm (schedule posted at building).

 6^{th} – 8^{th} Grade: Classes will be a summer school program and Retreat from <u>June 19^{th} – July 1^{st} , 2022.</u>

8th **Grade (or Pre-Confirmation):** Classes will be once a month on a Saturday from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. **Next Class will be Dec 19th**. All young adults from 8th grade and up must complete one year of pre-confirmation formation before signing up for Confirmation classes.

High School RICH Youth Ministry: Classes for November will be on **Nov. 21st from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm**. Classes will be held every other Sunday at St. Ferdinand in Blanco. (see Youth Ministry Bulletin Information)

RICH Youth Ministry will be having a fundraising booth at Light Spectacular on Nov. 26 & 27. Please help us raise money to attend the Diocesan Youth Conference in Waco.

RCIA Classes: The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults and Adapted for Children is offered at Good Shepherd. Please schedule an appointment with Margie Vasquez to discuss the process and class times. Classes are offered in Spanish or English.

2021 Confirmation Classes

The Celebration of Confirmation will be held this year on November 13, 2021 at 5:00 pm in Blanco at St. Ferdinand Catholic Church.

2022 Confirmation Classes: Classes will begin in January of 2022. Students must be enrolled in RICH Youth Ministry Classes. Students must have completed 1 year of preconfirmation or 8th grade classes. Students must be at least 14 years of age at time class starts. We will be using the Call to Mercy Online Program by St. Mary's Press. There will be a Confirmation Retreat offered in the summer of 2022.

If you would like to register your child for Religious Education please contact Margie Vasquez at margie@stferdinandblanco.org or the parish office at (830) 833-5227.

Volunteers/Catechist: If anyone is interested in helping in our RE program or would like to make donations of supplies for the classroom, please contact Margie Vasquez or call the parish office during regular business hours. Remember, to volunteer you must be EIM compliant. Pease refer to the bulletin or the Diocese Website for upcoming EIM workshops in our area.









RICH Class on Nov. 21st. Class will be from 5:50 pm - 7:30 pm

Rich Youth Ministry will be having a fundraising booth at Light Spectacular on Nov. 26 & 27, Please help us raise money to attend the Diocesan Youth Conference in Waco.



High School RICH Youth Ministry: Classes will be held on every other Sunday in the St. Ferdinand Parish Hall. All classes will include a meal from 5:30 pm to 6:00 pm. RICH (Resting in Christ Hands) Youth Ministry utilizes the Life Teen Program – High School Classes are combined with Blanco and Johnson City students.

Life Teen is an environment in which high school youth can come into a deeper 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.

Middle School EDGE Youth Ministry: There will be a Summer School program from June 19th – July 1st, 2022. There will be scheduled events for middle school throughout the school year – check bulletin for upcoming events.

Blanco and Johnson City middle school students participate in EDGE Youth Ministry, EDGE is part of the LIFE TEEN Middle School youth ministry. We focus on Leadership, Prayer, Service and Unity.

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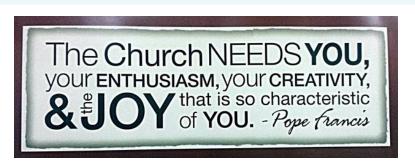
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All Blessings come to us through our Lord. He will teach us, for in beholding His life we find that He is the best example. - Saint Teresa of Avila

If you would like to register your Student or need any information for any of the Youth Ministry events, classes or Confirmation, please contact Margie Vasquez at margie@stferdinandblanco.org, MaryJane@stferdinandblanco.org, or the parish office at (830) 833-5227.

Youth Ministry Volunteers/Catechist: If anyone is interested in helping in our program donating supplies or to provide Meals for the RICH YM nights, please contact the parish office during regular business hours or email margie@stferdinandblanco.org. Remember, to volunteer you must be EIM compliant. Pease refer to the bulletin or the Diocese Website for upcoming EIM workshops in our area.



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