

SAINT FERDINAND & GOOD SHEPHERD Catholic Churches

Saint Mary's Help of Christians Cemetery



 $Parish\ Bulletin\ |\ August\ 28,\ 2022,\ Twenty-Second\ Sunday\ in\ Ordinary\ Time$

WEEKEND MASSES:

St. Ferdinand

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. (Español) Sunday: 11:00 a.m.

Last weekend of each month:

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 11:00 a.m. (Bilingual Mass)

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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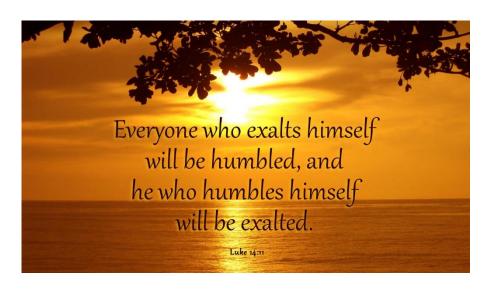
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Welcome Visitors & Guests

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. Church Office: 830-833-5227.



Due to unforeseen circumstances, when a mass is subject to cancelation, the mass intentions will be reset accordingly.

Masses for August 27, 2022 - September 4, 2022

Saturday, August 27th (SF) 5:00 p.m.

Repose of the Soul of Charles McKinney by Family

Saturday, August 27th (SF) 7:00 p.m. No 7:00 pm Mass

Sunday, August 28th (GS) 9:00 a.m.

Parishioners of Good Shepherd and St. Ferdinand

Sunday, August 28th (SF) 11:00 a.m.

Repose of the Soul of Edgar Weber by Charlotte Grobe and the Soul of Donald Boumans by Debra Dupont; Birthday blessings for Torrance Uballe by her Family

Tuesday, August 30th (SF) 9:00 a.m. Health of Megan Land by Bill and Janie Cain

Wednesday, August 31st (SF) 9:00 a.m.

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Thursday, September 1st (SF) 9:00 a.m.

Repose of the Soul of Elvis Presley

Thursday, September 1st (GS) 6:00 p.m.

Repose of the Soul of Louis Zarsky

Friday, September 2nd (SF) 9:00 a.m.

Repose of the Soul of Dan Kubin

Saturday, September 3rd (SF) 5:00 p.m.

Repose of the Soul of G.O. Braden by Stephen Hartmann Family

Saturday, September 3rd (SF) 7:00 p.m.

Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, September 4th (GS) 9:00 a.m.

For all People Suffering with Cancer

11:00 a.m. Sunday, September 4th (SF)

Repose of the Souls of Lucille and Noe Rodriguez by Yolanda Davila and the Soul of Lucille Scharnhorst by her children



Friday, September 2, 2022 9:30 am to 6:00 pm in the Chapel at St. Ferdinand



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.

Maggie Atkinson Tim Polster Chris Berryhill Gloria Preiss Charles Reinert Gene Beyer Gaelynn Brown Sid Reinert Joe and Barbara Crowley Brenda Robinette Jack Cudd Buddy Roessler Roselle Fischler Miguel Ruiz, Jr. John Frazier Lupe Ruvalcaba Pete Garcia Josie Salazar Jim Gronke Margareta Schaeffner Margaret Scholfield Derek Haltom Myles Harris Josh Strodtbeck Pete Hartley Teresa Tamez **Charles Jennings** Antonio Tapia Charles Michael Jones Barbara Turley Randall Jones Jacob Umanzor Mike Kleiss Eva Vargas (Martinez) Jeanette Lavelle Kippi Versluis Jane Martin Pedro Villegas Segunda Martinez Dora Weaner Elsie Meurer Daniel Zamora Tim Nance Polo Zamora Devin Newsome 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: 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.

Healing Prayer

Heavenly Father, we pray that You will lay your healing Hands upon all those who are sick. We beg You to have compassion on all those who are suffering so that they may be delivered from their pitiful circumstances. In Jesus, we pray.

Amen.



Week of August 21, 2022

Thank you for your generosity!

St. Ferdinand:

Regular Collection \$4,313.00 Building Fund \$16.00

Good Shepherd:

Regular Collection \$456.00 Building Fund \$25.00

There is no Second Collection for today.

Calendar of Events

St. Ferdinand

September 5 – Parish Office Closed

September 6-9 – No 9am Masses

September 22-25 – Men's RENEWAL Retreat

September 23 - No 9am Mass

September 24 - No 7pm Mass

September 25 – Bilingual 11am Mass

Calendar of Events Good Shepherd

September 5 - Parish Office Closed

September 8 – No 6pm Mass

September 22 - No 6pm Mass

With Heartfelt Sympathy

Our condolences go out to the family of Mary Huser. Mary left this world to be with her beloved husband, Hilary, on Wednesday, August 24th. Services are pending.





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: Karen Gordesky at 512-917-8069.

Good Shepherd Men's Club

Meets the 1st Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Contact: Gary Reeves, 281-387-9547.

Good Shepherd Women's Bible Study

Meets every Thursday at 4:30 p.m. If you're interested in joining please contact Jan Harry at 936-293-0064 or edharry1946@gmail.com.

St. Ferdinand Men's Club

Meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the St. Ferdinand Parish Hall.

St. Anne's Altar Society

Meets the 1st Wednesday of the month following the 9:00 a.m. Mass and the evening meeting is the following Monday at 7pm. Both meetings are in the St. Ferdinand Parish Hall. It is not necessary to attend both meetings.

Attn: There will be no meetings during the summer, next Wednesday meeting will be September 7^{th} .

St. Ferdinand's Parish Choir

Meets Wednesday nights at 5:00 p.m. Call 830-833-3210 for more information.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

If you are interested in RCIA, please contact the parish office at 830-833-5227.

Mass Preparation

September 4, Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18b

Knowledge alone has limits. We also need wisdom to understand the ways of God.

Psalm 90:3-6,12-17

God's power has no boundaries; it is not limited by space and time.

Second Reading: Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Paul encourages one of his converts to consider his former slave a brother in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Reading: Luke 14:25-33

Jesus teaches about the demands of discipleship.



True humility requires great strength.

Take the lowest place. (Luke 14:10)

A wise man once said that humility isn't thinking less of yourself; it's thinking of yourself less. That's what both Sirach and Jesus tell us in today's readings. Humility helps us take the spotlight off ourselves. And when we stop putting ourselves first, we become more open to the people around us.

That's what makes humility a key to healthy relationships. It helps us in two ways: we see people differently, and they see us differently. In our first reading, Sirach noticed this link (see 3:17-18). That's why he counseled his son to conduct his affairs with humility. Humble people are better able to see the needs, desires, and struggles of the people around them. Not only that, but there's something attractive about a person who doesn't put himself first. It makes people want to try to connect with them.

Jesus said something similar in his parable about taking the lowest place at a banquet. As we take our attention off what we think we deserve or what we think will make us look good, we stop trying to claim recognition for ourselves. That makes us better able to treat other people with respect and honor. And that opens us to the love that God wants to flow between us.

Perhaps you are tempted to think that a humble person is someone who lets other people walk all over them. And who wants to be like that? The truth is, true humility requires great strength. Choosing to put other people ahead of yourself goes against a lot of ingrained habits and self-interest. But it will make you free to love the people around you. And you'll find that this kind of love opens up a curious dynamic: the more you give it away, the more it comes back to you.

Jesus, help me be humble as you were. I want to be free to choose the lowest place. Amen.



Toma el lugar más bajo. (Lucas 14:10)

Un hombre sabio dijo una vez que la humildad no es pensar menos en uno mismo; es pensar menos sobre ti mismo. Eso es lo que tanto Sirac como Jesús nos dicen en las lecturas de hoy. La humildad nos ayuda a no ser el centro de atención de nosotros mismos. Y cuando dejamos de ponernos a nosotros mismos en primer lugar, nos volvemos más abiertos a las personas que nos rodean.

Eso es lo que hace que la humildad sea una clave para las relaciones saludables. Nos ayuda de dos maneras: vemos a las personas de manera diferente y ellos nos ven de manera diferente. En nuestra primera lectura, Sirac notó este vínculo (ver 3:17-18). Es por eso que aconsejó a su hijo que condujera sus asuntos con humildad. Las personas humildes son más capaces de ver las necesidades, deseos y luchas de las personas que los rodean. No solo eso, sino que hay algo atractivo en una persona que no se pone a sí misma en primer lugar. Hace que la gente quiera tratar de conectarse con ellos.

Jesús dijo algo similar en su parábola acerca de tomar el lugar más bajo en un banquete. A medida que quitamos nuestra atención de lo que creemos que merecemos o lo que creemos que nos hará ver bien, dejamos de tratar de reclamar reconocimiento para nosotros mismos. Eso nos hace más capaces de tratar a otras personas con respeto y honor. Y eso nos abre al amor que Dios quiere que fluya entre nosotros.

Tal vez estés tentado a pensar que una persona humilde es alguien que deja que otras personas hagan lo que quieran con el, o ella.. ¿Y quién quiere ser así? La verdad es que una sincera humildad requiere una gran fortaleza. Elegir poner a otras personas por delante de ti mismo va en contra de muchos hábitos arraigados e interés propio. Pero te hará libre para amar a las personas que te rodean. Y descubrirás que este tipo de amor abre una dinámica curiosa: cuanto más lo das, mucho mas regresa a ti.

Jesús, ayúdame a ser humilde como tú. Quiero ser libre de elegir el lugar más bajo. Amén.

St. Ferdinand Men's RENEWAL Retreat - September 22-25, 2022

Calling all Men: The RENEWAL retreat is a three day and three night retreat presented by laymen like yourself, who are committed to the idea that we can make our faith more a part of our daily lives. A RENEWAL Retreat 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.

For more information on the 2022 Men's Retreat, please contact one of the following coordinators: Chris Hogan at 210-737-4009 (chris@hoganusa.com), Michael Rios at 830-330-1063, or Joe Hernandez at 210-386-1276.



Catholic Charities Weekend August 27-28

Catholic Charities of Central Texas is thrilled to celebrate Catholic Charities Weekend! We are here to serve YOU as the social service arm of the Diocese of Austin. Did you know? CCCTX serves anyone in need, regardless of faith tradition, in all 25 counties in our Diocese! We have six programs that promote human dignity and life:

- · Counseling Services
- Disaster Response
- Financial Stability
- · Immigration Legal Services
- · St. Gabriel's Pregnancy and Parenting Program
- St. Michael's Veteran Services

Learn more and get involved at www.ccctx.org.

¡Catholic Charities of Central Texas está emocionado de celebrar el Fin de Semana de Catholic Charities! Estamos aquí para servirle a USTED como el brazo del servicio social de la Diócesis de Austin. ¿Sabía usted? Los servicios de CCCTX sirven a cualquier persona necesitada, sin importar su tradición de fe, ¡en todos los 25 condados de nuestra diócesis! Tenemos seis programas que promueven la vida y la dignidad humana:

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- Servicios Legales de Migración
- St. Gabriel's Pregnancy and Parenting Program
- St. Michael's Veteran Services

Obtenga más información y participe en www.ccctx.org.

ETHICS AND INTEGRITY IN MINISTRY (EIM) TRAINING

We will conduct an English EIM workshop here at **St. Ferdinand in the Parish Hall on Wednesday, September 7**th **from 7-9 PM.** Register for the workshop by creating an account and signing up at the link below. You can attend any workshop listed that's most convenient for you (you don't have to attend our local workshop). You MUST PRE-REGISTER for any workshop 24-hours prior to the class—walk-ins are not permitted. For the Workshop: 1) please arrive promptly, as late arrivals will not be allowed to attend, 2) children should not be brought to EIM workshops, due to the sensitive subject matter.

https://www.eappsdb.com/Login.asp

The US Conference of Catholic Bishops and Austin Diocese policies require all employees and volunteers within the Catholic Church to undergo a background check and receive Ethics and Integrity in Ministry (EIM) training every 3 years. All new employees and volunteers must attend a workshop in person. Those who are due for the 3-year update may compete the training by logging into their existing account to access the on-line training (available for only a limited time).

If you are a victim of sexual abuse and have concerns regarding your attendance at a workshop, please contact the Austin Diocese Office of Ethics & Ministry at (512) 949-2447 or us, to discuss an alternative training arrangement.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



Friday, September 2, 2022 9:30 am to 6:00 pm, St. Ferdinand Chapel

There is nothing like the atmosphere of a quiet chapel or church or the splendor of the monstrance to help you understand the truth of what is happening in Adoration. We are truly before Jesus Christ, His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. The more you sink into that silence in front of the Host, the more you'll realize that the only response is awe and wonder at the greatness of our God.

You are invited Friday, **September 2**, to come and receive the graces promised from the source of ultimate love, Jesus Christ.



Religious Education

St. Ferdinand

Director of Religious Education Susan Moore

<u>susan@stferdinandblanco.org</u> or 830-833-0444 (T-W)

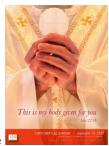
Sunday, September 18th

Catechetical Sunday, Sunday Faith Formation classes begin **Wednesday**, **September 21**

Wednesday Faith Formation classes begin

September 18th is Catechetical Sunday! The theme for 2022-23 is *This is my body given for you. Luke 22:19*

The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life. The term "Eucharist" originates from the Greek word *eucharistia*, meaning thanksgiving. In the celebration of the Eucharist, bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ through the



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power of the Holy Spirit and the instrumentality of the priest. The whole Christ is truly present -- body, blood, soul, and divinity -- under the appearances of bread and wine, the glorified Christ who rose from the dead. This is what the Church means when she speaks of the "Real Presence" of Christ in the Eucharist.

https://www.usccb.org/eucharist



Help our children grow in relationship with Jesus and the Church.

Volunteer with Faith Formation!

Serve as a catechist, assistant, or substitute for Grades PreK-8th. Contact the DRE at susan@stferdinandblanco.org.

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:

PreK – **5**th **Grade:** Classes have ended for this school year; we will resume classes in Sept.

6th – 8th Grade: Middle School EDGE Youth Ministry: Middle School classes are held in the summer for middle school. Classes have ended for this school year; we will resume classes in June.

8th Grade (or Pre-Confirmation): Classes have ended for this school year; we will resume classes in Sept.

High School RICH Youth Ministry: Classes have ended for this school year; we will resume classes in Sept.

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.

2022 Confirmation Classes:

Confirmation Nov. 5th (5:00 PM Mass) at St. Ferdinand

2023 Confirmation Classes: Students must be enrolled in RICH Youth Ministry Classes. Students must have completed 1 year of pre-confirmation or 8th grade classes. Students must be at least 14 years of age at time class starts. We will be registering at next year's Confirmation Class in September of 2022.

If you would like to register your child for Religious Education, please contact Margie Vasquez at <u>Margie@stferdinandblanco.org</u> 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.





"Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in What you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity". 1 Timothy 4:12









High School RICH Youth Ministry: Regular Classes have ended for this school year; we will resume classes in Sept. Classes are 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's 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.

High School (RICH) Teachers/Helpers

If you are interested in helping this coming year with our St. Ferdinand and Good Shepherd High School Youth Ministry. There will be a teacher/planning meeting on Aug. 15 (Monday) at 6:30 pm at the RICH Youth House (Trailer).

Middle School EDGE Youth Ministry: Regular Classes have ended for this school year.

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.

Middle School Youth Ministry classes are held in the summer at Good Shepherd RE building. Classes have ended for this school year; we will resume classes in June.



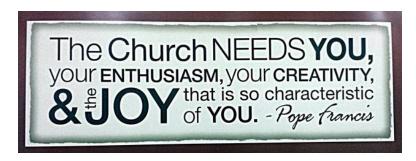
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If you would like to register your Student or need any information for any of the Youth Ministry events, classes or Confirmation - Please contact Margie Vasquez at Margie@stferdinandblanco.org, Mary Jane Hill at MaryJane@stferdinandblanco.org or the 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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O Mighty God, Your fingerprints are scattered across all of reation. Through each thing You have created, You show Your glory. Your caring and gentle nature are on display Yor all to see and experience. You open the heavens and pring the waters down from above. Lord, this very day we ask that You open the flood gates. Bring down nourishing rains, that the land may be quenched and bring forth much fruit. Amen.