

SAINT FERDINAND & GOOD SHEPHERD Catholic Churches

Saint Mary's Help of Christians Cemetery



PARISH BULLETIN | September 4, 2022, Twenty-Third 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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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 September 3, 2022 – September 11, 2022

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

Sunday, September 4th (SF) 11:00 a.m.
Repose of the Souls of Lucille and Noe Rodriguez by Yolanda Davila and the Soul of Lucille Scharnhorst by her children

Tuesday, September 6th (SF) 9:00 a.m.
No Mass

Wednesday, September 7th (SF) 9:00 a.m.
No Mass

Thursday, September 8th (SF) 9:00 a.m.
No Mass

Thursday, September 8th (GS) 6:00 p.m.
No Mass

Friday, September 9th (SF) 9:00 a.m.
No Mass

Saturday, September 10th (SF) 5:00 p.m.
Repose of the Souls of Melissa Johns, Catherine Miller, and Stewart Campbell by Jenny Donovan

Saturday, September 10th (SF) 7:00 p.m.
Parishioners of St. Ferdinand and Good Shepherd

Sunday, September 11th (GS) 9:00 a.m.
Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, September 11th (SF) 11:00 a.m.
Repose of the Soul of Charles McKinney by Family



Prayer Requests

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
Gene Beyer	Charles Reinert
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
Derek Haltom	Margaret Scholfield
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 28, 2022

Thank you for your generosity!

St. Ferdinand:

Regular Collection **\$3,371.00**

Good Shepherd:

Regular Collection **\$814.00**

**The Second Collection for today
is for the Building Fund**

Calendar of Events

St. Ferdinand

September 4 – SF Men's Club Communal Rosary following
11am Mass

September 5 – Parish Office Closed

September 6-9 – **No 9am Masses**

September 7 – St. Anne's Altar Society Meeting, 9:30am

September 13 – St. Anne's Altar Society Meeting, 7:00pm

September 16 – **No 9am Mass**

September 16 – Hilary and Mary Huser Funeral at 11am

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**

MEETINGS RESUME FOR ST. ANNE'S ALTAR SOCIETY!!

Hopefully everyone enjoyed the summer break and is ready for meetings to resume in September! The morning meeting will be Wednesday, September 7th, immediately following the 9am daily mass. The evening meeting will be Tuesday, September 13th at 7pm (note that the evening meeting is on Tuesday instead of the regular Monday evening meeting this month, due to a scheduling conflict in the parish hall). Members need only attend one of the two meetings. Interested women of the parish are welcome to attend!

*Stay tuned for more details about the upcoming
St. Anne's Altar Society Tea party in October!*

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 7th.***

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 11, Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Exodus 32:7-11,13-14

Moses stands up to God, recalling all of God's great promises.

Psalms 51:3-4,12-13,17,19

Once we are forgiven, we can hope for a new heart and a fresh start.

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Paul proves it's never too late to repent and serve God.

Gospel Reading: Luke 15:1-32

Jesus responds to those who criticize him for keeping company with the unworthy.



We are all works in progress.

Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost? (Luke 14:28)

Have you heard of the National Monument of Scotland? If not, that's not surprising. It was never finished. Planned as a replica of the Parthenon in Athens, the project ran out of funds shortly after its six-ton foundation stone was laid. It's now known as "Edinburgh's Disgrace." Its unfinished pillars stand as a sobering tribute to poor planning.

That sounds a lot like the builders Jesus describes in today's Gospel. *Who would build a tower without first calculating the money needed to complete it?* Jesus asks. It seems obvious. But Jesus wasn't talking only about the cost of construction. He was talking about the cost of discipleship.

Jesus wanted the people to understand what following him would mean. Becoming his disciple would change how they prayed, where they lived, and what their future held. Following Jesus would require them to take up their cross,

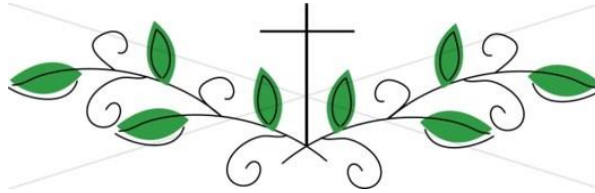
and he wanted them to choose it with eyes wide-open. Jesus loved them. He didn't want them to end up like those Edinburgh builders, unable to finish what they had started.

In some ways, we're all a bit like that unfinished monument: works in progress. But the good news is that we *can* finish. We just need to keep on choosing to follow Jesus. Jesus tells us that our journey will require more than our own natural resources—not to discourage us, but to point us to God, the finisher of our faith (Hebrews 12:2).

Jesus says, "Come, follow me." He knows the challenges you will face, and he doesn't want you to give up when you realize it costs you more than you expected. He has all the grace you need to resist temptation. His love will strengthen you on your path toward heaven. And he has deep pockets, overflowing with mercy, to help you choose him day after day.

"Lord, I need the riches of your grace today!"

Jesus, you said that you are the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Help us to know the way to you and to be the way for others. Amen.



¿Quien de ustedes que desea construir una torre no se sienta primero y calcula el costo? (Lucas 14:28)

¿Has oído hablar del Monumento Nacional de Escocia? Si no, eso no es sorprendente. Nunca se terminó. Fue planeado como una réplica del Partenón en Atenas, el proyecto se quedó sin fondos poco después de que se colocara su primera piedra de seis toneladas. Ahora se conoce como "La desgracia de Edimburgo." Sus pilares no terminados se erigen como un soberano tributo a una mala planificación.

Eso suena muy parecido a los constructores que Jesús describe en el Evangelio de hoy. ¿Quién construiría una torre sin calcular primero el dinero necesario para completarla? Jesús pregunta. Parece obvio. Pero Jesús no estaba hablando sólo del costo de la construcción. Él estaba hablando sobre el costo del discipulado.

Jesús quería que la gente entendiera lo que significaría seguirlo. Convertirse en su discípulo cambiaría la forma en que oraban, dónde vivían y lo que les deparaba el futuro. Seguir a Jesús requeriría que tomaran su cruz, y él quería

que la eligieran con los ojos bien abiertos. Jesús los amaba. No quería que terminaran como esos constructores de Edimburgo, incapaces de terminar lo que habían comenzado.

De alguna manera, todos somos un poco como ese monumento no terminado: obras en progreso. Pero la buena noticia es que podemos terminar. Sólo tenemos que mantenernos seguir eligiéndolo. Jesús nos dice que nuestro viaje requerirá más que nuestros propios recursos naturales, no para desanimarnos, sino para señalarnos a Dios, el consumidor de nuestra fe (Hebreos 12:2).

Jesús dice: "Ven, sígueme." Él conoce los desafíos que enfrentarás, y no quiere que te rindas cuando te des cuenta de que te costará más de lo que esperabas. Él tiene toda la gracia que necesitas para resistir la tentación. Su amor te fortalecerá en tu camino hacia el cielo. Y tiene bolsillos profundos, rebosantes de misericordia, para ayudarte a elegirlo día tras día.

"¡Señor, hoy necesito las riquezas de tu gracia! "

Jesús, dijiste que tú eres el Camino, la Verdad y la Vida. Ayúdanos a conocer el camino hacia ti y a ser el camino para los demás. 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.



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 7th 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 complete 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.

Cedarbrake Retreats

St. Ignatius, Spiritual Exercises will be offered Sept. 16-18 at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Temple. Join us for this introductory retreat to learn about St. Ignatius of Loyola and the Spiritual Exercises he taught to help each person know, love and serve Christ more deeply. The retreat will be led by Larry and Linda McKay, very experienced teachers of the Ignatian exercises and parishioners at St. John Vianney Parish in Round Rock. The cost is \$270 for a private room and \$230 for a shared room. For more information, contact Cedarbrake at (254) 780-2436 or visit www.austindiocese.org/cedarbrake.



A Grief Retreat will be offered Oct. 1 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Temple. This retreat, led by Louis Gamino, will look at various ways grief can cripple us and more importantly, how we can move forward and honor the loss of our loved one at the same time. Gamino is a Catholic author and licensed psychologist in Temple. The cost is \$45, which includes lunch. For more information, contact Cedarbrake at (254) 780-2436 or visit www.austindiocese.org/cedarbrake.



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PICK OF THE WEEK

Sept 4, 2021

WATCH NETWORK OF FREEDOM

Set in France at the beginning of World War II, this inspiring film narrates the heroic work of Sister Helene Studler, the Daughter of Charity who saved the lives of thousands of French refugees by preventing them from becoming prisoners of the Nazi forces, or freeing those who were captured. Among those she saved were many illustrious characters including the future Prime Minister of France, François de Mitterrand.



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FORMED NOW: THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

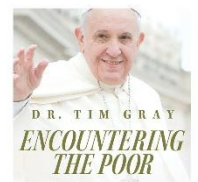
As we celebrate the birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary this week, listen as Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn discuss the traditions surrounding Mary's life and how her life is a model of humility for Christians.



LISTEN

ENCOUNTERING THE POOR: BIBLICAL ROOTS FOR CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING BY TIM GRAY

Dr. Gray expounds upon the teachings of the Catholic Church surrounding social justice in light of Sacred Scripture. Discover how social justice in regards to the poor is not one small piece in the puzzle, but instead frames the entire mosaic of Scripture.



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St. Ferdinand's Men's Club Monthly Communal Rosary Sunday, September 4

The St. Ferdinand Men's Club would like to invite all members of our parish to a communal reciting of the Holy Rosary after the 11am Mass on Sunday, September 4th. The Rosary will take place in the area between the Parish Hall and the Chapel. Several members of the men's club will take turns leading the different decades of the Rosary. Our goal is to eventually have enough families participating that each Hail Mary and Our Father would be led by a different member of the parish.

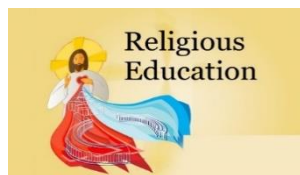
If you would like to volunteer to help lead a portion of the Rosary, or would like more information, contact John Duran at 830-431-8088.



Religious Education

St. Ferdinand

Director of Religious Education
Susan Moore
susan@stferdinandblanco.org
or 830-833-0444 (T-W)



Sunday, September 18th

Catechetical Sunday, Sunday Faith Formation classes begin

Wednesday, September 21

Wednesday Faith Formation classes begin

Registration is now open for St Ferdinand Religious Education classes, grades PreK-8th. Stop by the Religious Education office on Tuesdays or Wednesdays, from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.

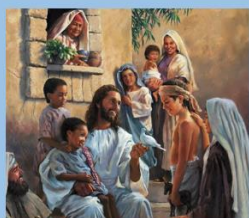
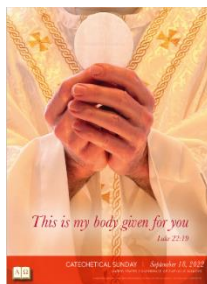
Sept 18th 9:30 a.m. Sunday classes begin

Sept 21st 6:30 p.m. Wednesday 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 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: Classes to Start Sept. 25th and Sept 28th

Good Shepherd

Pre-K thru 5th - \$30.00 (\$100.00 cap per family)

Weds at 6:00 pm - Sept. 28th

Sacrament (1st Communion) - \$45.00

Weds at 6:00 pm - Sept. 28th

Middle School (6th - 8th) - \$40.00 (\$100 cap per family)

Classes start June 2023

Pre-Confirmation (8th grade) - \$35.00

Sundays at 10:00 am - Oct. 9th

(SF & GS) High School Youth Ministry - \$35.00

Sundays at 5:30 pm - Sept. 25th

(SF & GS) Sacrament (Confirmation) - \$45.00

Classes start Jan 2023 / 2- Retreats (Jan & Aug)

PreK – 5th Grade: Classes to start Wednesday Sept 28th at 6:00 pm. Register now through Sept 25th. After Sunday Masses. Or contact Margie Vasquez for registration forms.

6th – 8th Grade: Middle School EDGE Youth Ministry: Middle School classes are held in the summer for middle school. Curriculum includes Call to Protect for the Youth, RE Curriculum, Morality, Sacrament teachings, Praise and Worship, Bible Study, Fun and Games. Classes have ended for this school year; we will resume classes in June 2023.

8th Grade (or Pre-Confirmation): Classes to start Sunday Oct. 9th at 10:00 am (After mass). Register now through Oct. 1st. After Sunday Masses.

High School RICH Youth Ministry: Classes to start Sunday Sept. 25th at 5:30 pm at the St. Ferdinand/Good Shepherd Youth Building (Trailer). Curriculum includes Call to Protect for Youth, Morality, Sacramental Prep, Liturgical Celebrations, Theology of the Body, Bible Study, and Praise and Worship as well as lots of Fun and Games. Register now through Sept. 18th. After Sunday Masses or Contact Margie Vasquez for Registration forms.

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:

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. Registration for next years confirmation class has started. Please contact Margie Vasquez for registration forms and information. 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/Helpers: 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. Please refer to the bulletin or the Diocese Website for upcoming EIM workshops in our area.

YOUTH MINISTRY

"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



Registration has started! – Register now through Sept. 25th

(SF & GS) High School Youth Ministry - \$35.00 - Sundays at 5:30 pm - Sept. 25th

(SF & GS) Sacrament (Confirmation) - \$45.00 - Classes start Jan 2023 / 2- Retreats (Jan & Aug)



High School RICH Youth Ministry: Classes are held on every other Sunday. 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 – as well as Diocesan approved curriculum. Curriculum includes Call to Protect the Youth, Morality, Sacramental Prep, Liturgical Celebrations, Theology of the Body, Bible Study, Praise and Worship as well as lots of Fun/Games. High School Classes are combined with Blanco and Johnson City students. We meet at the St. Ferdinand Youth Building (Trailer).

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 High School (RICH) Teachers/Helpers/Volunteers

If you are interested in helping this coming year with our St. Ferdinand and Good Shepherd High School Youth Ministry or Confirmation, please contact the office or Margie Vasquez for more information.

Middle School EDGE Youth Ministry: Middle School classes are held in the summer for middle school. Curriculum includes Call to Protect for Youth, Morality, Sacrament teachings, Praise and Worship, Bible Study, Fun & Games. Classes have ended for this school year; we will resume classes in June 2023.

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.



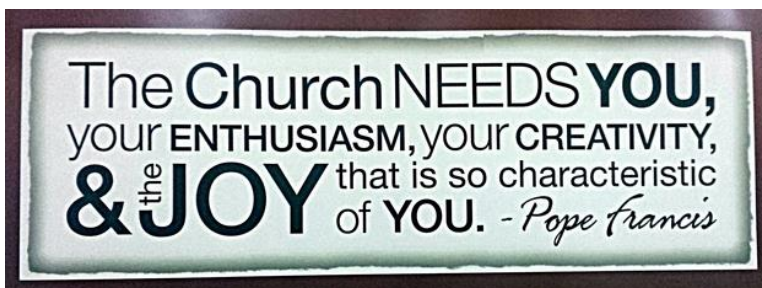
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If you need any information for any of the Youth Ministry events, classes or Confirmation - Please contact Margie Vasquez at Margie@stferdinandblanco.org, Mary Jane Hill at MaryJane@stferdinandblanco.org or the parish office at (830) 833-5227.

Youth Ministry Volunteers/Catechist/Helpers: 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. Please refer to the bulletin or the Diocese Website for upcoming EIM workshops in our area.



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Dear Lord, we are facing a severe drought and we plead with You to open the heavens and send rain on this dry and thirsty land. Lord, we know that You are the one that sends the rain and You are the one that can withhold the rain, but we pray that You would look down in pity on our waterless land and send the rain to water the land, reviving the land and the people. Amen.

