

SAINT FERDINAND & GOOD SHEPHERD Catholic Churches

Saint Mary's Help of Christians Cemetery



PARISH BULLETIN | March 31, 2024, Easter Sunday

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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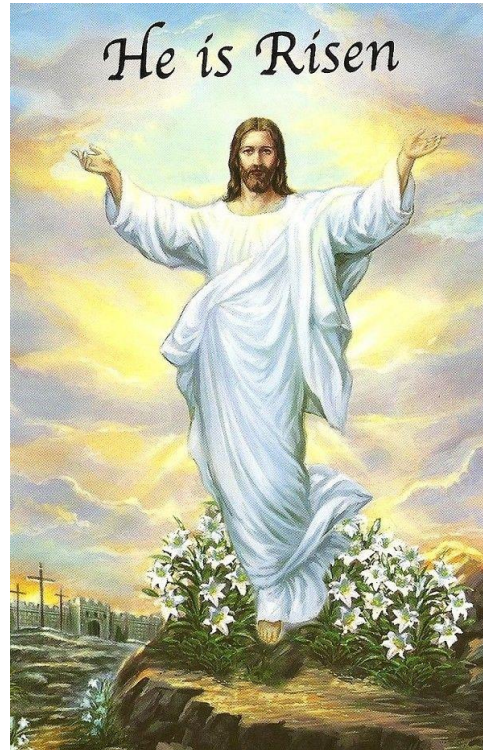
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Welcome Visitors & Guests

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 March 30, 2024 – April 7, 2024

Easter Vigil, Saturday, March 30th (SF)	8:30 p.m.
Easter Vigil, Saturday, March 30th (GS)	8:30 p.m.
Easter Sunday, March 31st (GS) Parishioners of Good Shepherd and St. Ferdinand	9:00 a.m.
Easter Sunday, March 31st (SF) Repose of the Soul of John Geldorf by Gelforf Family	11:00 a.m.
Tuesday, April 2nd (SF) Repose of the Souls of Bill and Norma Matheny	9:00 a.m.
Wednesday, April 3rd (SF) For the Ladies of St. Anne's Altar Society and for the Repose of the Soul of Kathleen Willett by Tim and Frances Willett	9:00 a.m.
Thursday, April 4th (SF) Repose of the Soul of Clifford Zarsky	9:00 a.m.
Thursday, April 4th (GS) Souls in Purgatory	6:00 p.m.
Friday, April 5th (SF) Health of Sandra Rodriguez by Dora Alegria	9:00 a.m.
Saturday, April 6th (SF) Repose of the Soul of John Zarsky	5:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 4th (SF) Repose of the Soul of Lucia Avila by Vicky Gonzalez	7:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 7th (GS) Parishioners of Good Shepherd and St. Ferdinand	9:00 a.m.
Sunday, April 7th (SF) Repose of the Souls of Lucille and Noe Rodriguez by Yolanda Davila	11:00 a.m.



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
Chris Berryhill
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Ben Boyer
Gaelynn Brown
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Jack Cudd
Julia Dechert
Gunner Deeds
Roselle Fischler
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Jim Gronke
Derek Halton
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Tim Ivy
Charles Jennings
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Jeanette Lavelle
Homer Lowden
Jane Martin

Segunda Martinez
Keith McClellan
Elsie Meurer
Tim Nance
Coleman Nelson
Devin Newsome
Ruth Nieto
Tim Polster
Charles Reinert
Sid Reinert
Brenda Robinette
Buddy Roessler
Lupe Ruvalcaba
Sandra Rodriguez
Josie Salazar
Geneva Sepeda
Josh Strodbeck
Antonio Tapia
Olivia Tapia
Barbara Turley
Jacob Umanzor
Kippi Versluis
Pedro Villegas
Daniel Zamora
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: 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.



TITHES & OFFERING

Weekend of March 24

Thank you for your generosity!

St. Ferdinand:

Regular Collection	\$4,497.00
Building Fund	\$100.00

Good Shepherd:

Regular Collection	\$1,062.00
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**There is no Second Collection
today.**

Calendar of Events St. Ferdinand

March 30 – No 5pm or 7pm Masses
 March 30 – Saturday Easter Vigil, 8:30 pm
 March 31 – Easter Sunday, 11:00 am
 March 31 – Easter Egg Hunt following the 11:00 am Mass
 April 1 – Parish Office Closed
 April 5 – Adoration
 April 8 – Parish Office Closed

Calendar of Events Good Shepherd

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Easter Sunday, March 31st



The St. Ferdinand Men's Club will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt for the kids on Easter Sunday, March 31st. It will take place in the area between the Parish Hall and the Chapel following the 11am Mass. Don't forget to bring their Easter basket!

Parish Organizations & Meeting Times

Altar Server Training, St. Ferdinand

Meets the last 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 for April through October at 6:00 p.m. in the Church, Contact: Katie Shafford at 512 925-4472 .

Good Shepherd Men's Club

Meets the 1st Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Contact: Gary Reeves, 281-387-9547.

Good Shepherd Women's Circle

Meets the 1st Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the Education Center. Contact: Cindy Wiggins, 830-290-3033.

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 6:30 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 in the St. Ferdinand Parish Hall. **Next meeting will be on April 3rd.**

St. Ferdinand's Parish Choir

Meets Wednesday nights at 4:00 p.m. Call 713-562-0228 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.

Estudio Biblico

Todos los martes de 6-8:30pm en el RICH house (trailer Juvenil) de la iglesia de San Fernando. llama al 512-563-3146 para mas informacion.

Mass Preparation

April 7, Second Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35

The first Christian community shared their possessions, and no one was needy.

Psalm: 118:2-4,13-15,22-24

The Lord's mercy endures forever.

Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

Those who love God keep his commandments.

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31

Thomas believes because he sees Jesus.

Think of what is above. (Colossians 3:2)

Today is a day of great joy and celebration. That's because Jesus Christ, who suffered a cruel death and rose from his tomb, is now risen in glory. And now that you are "raised with Christ," he invites you to enter into his joy (Colossians 3:1).

You may feel full of joy today. But what if you don't? What if you feel weighed down by worries and burdens? There is still a way that you can experience Easter joy.

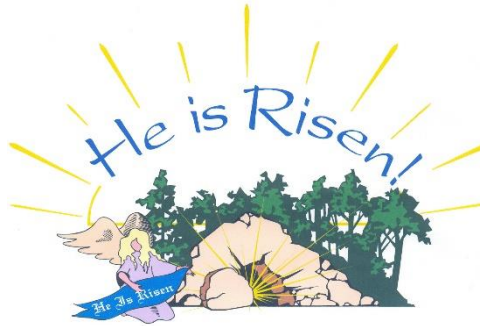
How? By faith.

As St. Paul writes in today's second reading, "Think of what is above" (Colossians 3:2). By faith, you can recall that God loves you, that he is with you, and that he has won the victory over death and sin—including all of your own sins! Scripture promises that "there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus" (Romans 8:1). That's you! "When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory" (Colossians 3:4). That's you!

Recalling these truths can lead you into another experience of Easter joy: the joy of serving the Lord and his people. Peter must have been overjoyed when Jesus told him, "Feed my lambs" (John 21:15). His failures and sins—even his denial of the Lord—had been washed away! Now he could participate in the mission of the risen Christ. As you serve Jesus today—by loving others, by sharing your faith, or by joyfully preparing a family meal—believe that, just like Peter, you are also participating in Jesus' mission. And that is a true and certain path to joy.

Easter joy is not just about gathering for Mass or enjoying a feast or wearing a special outfit—you know that! It comes about through faith and service, and it can last all year long. So set your heart on "what is above" today (Colossians 3:2). Then hear Jesus say, "Come and share in my joy!"

"Jesus, I rejoice in your resurrection!"



"Busquen las cosas de arriba" (Colosenses 3:2.)

Hoy es un día de gran alegría y celebración. Esto se debe a que Jesucristo, quien sufrió una muerte cruel y resucitó de su tumba, ahora ha resucitado en gloria. Y ahora que has "resucitado con Cristo", él te invita a entrar en su gozo (Colosenses 3:1).

Es posible que hoy te sientas lleno de alegría. Pero, ¿y si no lo estas? ¿Qué pasa si te sientes agobiado por preocupaciones y cargas? Todavía hay una manera de experimentar la alegría de la Pascua.

¿Cómo? Por fe.

Como escribe San Pablo en la segunda lectura de hoy: "Busquen las cosas de arriba" (Colosenses 3:2). Por fe, puedes recordar que Dios te ama, que está contigo y que ha ganado la victoria sobre la muerte y el pecado, ¡incluyendo todos tus propios pecados! Las Escrituras prometen que "no hay condenación para los que están unidos a Cristo Jesús" (Romanos 8:1). ¡Ese eres tú! "Cuando Cristo se manifieste el que es nuestra vida, entonces también ustedes se verán con él en gloria" (Colosenses 3:4). ¡Ese eres tú!

Recordar estas verdades puede llevarte a otra experiencia de la alegría de la Pascua: la alegría de servir al Señor y a su pueblo. Pedro debe haberse regocijado mucho cuando Jesús le dijo: "Apacienta mis corderos" (Juan 21:15). ¡Sus fracasos y pecados, incluso su negación del Señor, habían sido lavados! Ahora podía participar en la misión de Cristo resucitado. Al servir a Jesús hoy, amando a los demás, compartiendo su fe o preparando con alegría una comida familiar, cree que, al igual que Pedro, también estás participando en la misión de Jesús. Y ese es un camino verdadero y seguro hacia la alegría.

La alegría de la Pascua no se trata solo de reunirse para la Misa o disfrutar de una fiesta o usar un atuendo especial, ¡lo sabes! Se produce a través de la fe y el servicio, y puede durar todo el año. Así que pon hoy tu corazón en "las cosas de arriba" (Colosenses 3:2). Luego escucha a Jesús decir: "¡Ven y comparte mi alegría!"

"¡Jesús, me regocijo en tu resurrección!"

Risen Jesus, give us the courage to live with joy even when we are afraid, to know you are with us even when we feel alone, to take your message out into the world where it can heal, comfort, strengthen, save. Amen.

Live the Liturgy

Inspiration for the week

Alleluia! Christ is risen! About today's feast, Augustine writes: "And he departed from our sight that we might return to our hearts and find him there. For he left us, and behold, he is here." Christ's resurrected presence lives not only in the highest heaven but in the fragile human heart. Christ's life inspires us and moves us to see a future for every human being and discover our true purpose and meaning. Every human being has a desire to live, and this cry can be heard within. There is a longing for a connection with Someone greater than ourselves that gives an import to our existence that we cannot supply. Today, our deepest questions find answers.

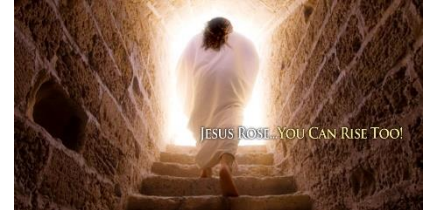
Holy Saturday is a paradox, an “already but not yet” moment: our Lord has died, but he is not yet risen. There is no celebration of morning Mass. Instead, the Church waits in silence for the Easter Vigil. As the women kept watch for the dawn to anoint Jesus’ body, we keep watch for the first light of the Easter fire. We wait with the entire Christian people for the light of Christ to overcome the darkness of sin, for our crucified Messiah to defeat death.

Mary Magdalene and the other women were immersed in the “not yet.” They didn’t have the benefit of two thousand years of faith in the resurrection; they only knew that Jesus was dead. The horror of his crucifixion still fresh, they went expecting to find his dead body. “Who will roll back the stone for us?” they wondered (Mark 16:3). They couldn’t foresee that instead of a corpse, they would find an empty tomb. They couldn’t imagine that God would not only roll away the heavy stone, but he would also overpower the immovable weight of sin. They never dreamed that Jesus would trample death and resurrect their shattered faith.

Jesus did all of this and so much more. And he didn’t only do it for these women—he did it for us as well. By his death and resurrection, he conquered sin and death, doubt, and despair—for everyone. We are freed from the darkness of fear, where the “stones” in our lives appear impossible to move. In the light of the Easter candle, we can see clearly that Jesus has already demolished every obstacle that prevents us from knowing God. As an early Christian hymn proclaims, “The banquet is ready, the eternal dwelling places are prepared, the treasure houses of all good things lie open. The kingdom of heaven has been prepared for you from all eternity.”

So rejoice as you keep vigil with the women. Christ is risen! And you, too, will rise!

“Thank you, Jesus, for opening the treasures of heaven!”



Father,

*I thank you for Jesus, your only begotten son. I
appreciate the sacrifice that has given me eternal life.
I am grateful for the knowledge that my departed
loved ones are with you and
I have hope in the midst of despair.
Help me, Lord, to live my life in a way that honors
you. Give me the strength to
model Christ to all I encounter.
I ask you to bless my family.
Help us to guard our hearts, minds, and bodies.
You alone are worthy of all our praise.
Thank you for this Easter Sunday
and what it represents.
In Jesus' Holy Name
Amen*



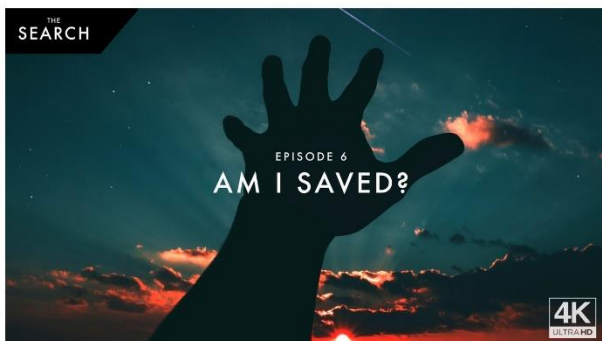
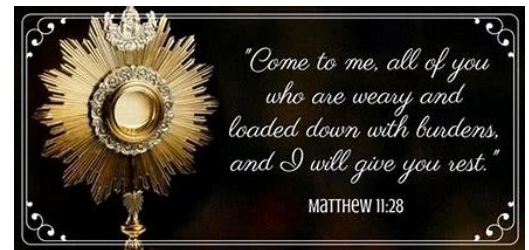
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday, April 5, 2024

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, **April 5**, to come and receive the graces promised from the source of ultimate love, Jesus Christ.



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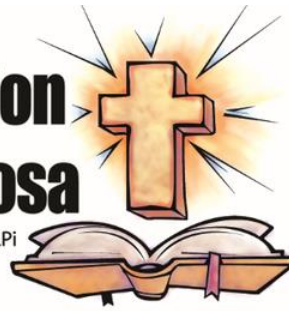
In this episode of The Search, explore how Jesus' profound act of love, revealed through his life, death, and resurrection, is a personal salvation for each of us. Despite feeling unworthy or burdened, God enters our messy human condition to transform us from within. His generous love, beyond what we deserve, reflects the amazing reality of God's mercy, shaping a relationship that forever changes our lives.

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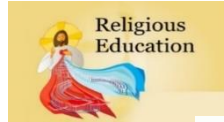
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When the Word says This is My Body, be convinced of it and believe it. St John Chrysostom



Calendar:

Sunday, March 31 Easter Sunday – no class.

May you be blessed with hope and joy on Easter Sunday and throughout the Easter season!



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The most important thing you can do to encourage and bolster the faith of your family is to attend Mass. Catholics have a duty to participate at the Sacrifice of the Mass on Sundays.

The Sunday celebration of the Eucharist is at the heart of the Church's life. We Christians go to Sunday Mass to encounter the Risen Lord, or better still to allow ourselves to be encountered by him, to hear his Word, to nourish ourselves at his table, and thus to become the Church, that is, his mystical living Body in the world.... Without Christ we are condemned to be dominated by everyday weariness, with its worries, and by fear of the future. The Sunday encounter with the Lord gives us the strength to experience the present with confidence and courage, and to go forth with hope. For this reason, we Christians go to encounter the Lord on Sunday, in the Eucharistic celebration.

- Pope Francis, Wednesday Audience of December 13, 2017



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Good Shepherd Johnson City

Religious Education Classes:

PreK – 5th Grade: Wednesdays from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm in the RE Building.

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, Catholic Social Teachings, Morality, Sacrament teachings, Praise and Worship, Bible Study, Fun and Games. Classes have ended for this school year; we will resume classes in June 2024.

8th Grade (or Pre-Confirmation): Classes are held once a month on the second Sunday of each month from 10:00am to 11:30am. Please Call the parish office to register or get more information.

High School RICH Youth Ministry: Classes are held every other Sunday from 5:30 pm to 7:30 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.

RCIA Classes: The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults and Adapted for Children is offered at Good Shepherd. If someone is needing to discuss Sacrament preparation for adult or child, please schedule an appointment with Margie Vasquez to discuss the process and class times. Classes are offered in Spanish or English.

2024 Confirmation Classes: Confirmation is schedule October 26, 2024. Classes are underway – If you have not picked up your packet to register for the online classes – Please get with Margie Vasquez. Students interested in registering for next years Confirmation class must be enrolled in RICH Youth Ministry Classes. Students must have completed 1 year of pre-confirmation or 8th grade classes prior to enrolling. Students must be at least 14 years of age at time class starts

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



Classes will be on April 7th and April 21st



High School RICH Youth Ministry: Classes are held on every other Sunday from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. 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.*

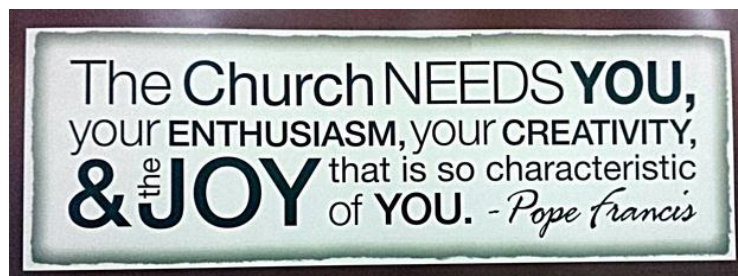
Middle School EDGE Youth Ministry: Middle School classes are held in the summer for middle school. Curriculum includes Call to Protect for Youth, Catholic Social Teachings, Morality, Sacrament teachings, Praise and Worship, Bible Study, Fun & Games. *Blanco and Johnson City middle school students participate 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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