

# SAINT FERDINAND & GOOD SHEPHERD Catholic Churches

Saint Mary's Help of Christians Cemetery



PARISH BULLETIN | June 9, 2024, Tenth 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.

## WEBSITES:

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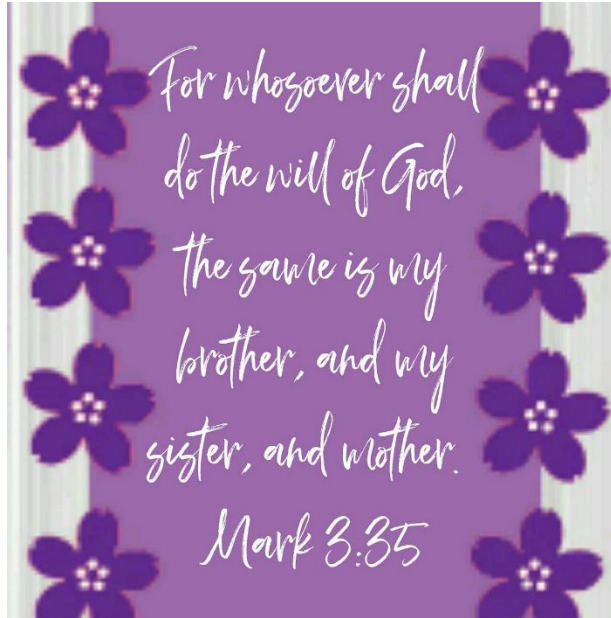
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## Welcome Visitors & Guests

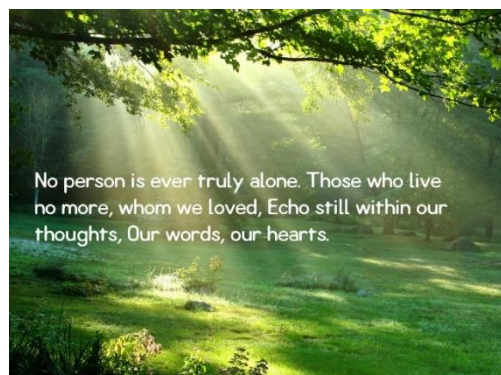
Thank you for Celebrating the Mass with us. We are glad that you are here. If you have any questions about our parish or joining the Catholic faith, please contact the Church office. For information concerning reception of Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, Confirmation, Matrimony and Anointing 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 June 8, 2024 – June 16, 2024

<b>Saturday, June 8th (SF)</b> Repose of the Soul of John Craig Parchman by Bernice Zaiantz	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Saturday, June 8th (SF)</b> Repose of the Soul of Eduardo Alba	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Sunday, June 9th (GS)</b> Parishioners of Good Shepherd and St. Ferdinand	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Sunday, June 9th (SF)</b> Parishioners of St. Ferdinand and Good Shepherd	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday, June 11th (SF)</b> Spiritual Well Being of Jurgin Joseph and Regino Alexander Hutzler by Melvin Hutzler	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Wednesday, June 12th (SF)</b> Repose of the Souls of Guy and Denise Campbell	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Thursday, June 13th (SF)</b> Souls in Purgatory	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Thursday, June 13th (GS)</b> Souls in Purgatory	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Friday, June 14th (SF)</b> Health of Sandra Rodriguez by Dora Alegria	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Saturday, June 15th (SF)</b> Repose of the Souls of John Geldorf by Geldorf Family and Delman Barker by Anna Barker and Family	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Saturday, June 15th (SF)</b> Health of Juan Vargas	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Sunday, June 16th (GS)</b> Parishioners of Good Shepherd and St. Ferdinand	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Sunday, June 16th (SF)</b> Parishioners of St. Ferdinand and Good Shepherd	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>



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**

**Gene Beyer**

**Lucia Carbary**

**Jack Cudd**

**Julia Dechert**

**Roselle Fischler**

**Pete Garcia**

**Jim Gronke**

**Derek Haltom**

**Joe Hancock**

**Vernon Hancock**

**Myles Harris**

**Tim Ivy**

**Charles Jennings**

**Randall Jones**

**Jeanette Lavelle**

**Margarita Ledesma**

**Homer Lowden**

**Jane Martin**

**Segunda Martinez**

**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**

**Juan Vargas**

**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](mailto: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.





**Weekend of June 2**

*Thank you for your generosity!*

**St. Ferdinand:**

Regular Collection **\$5,877.00**  
Building Fund **\$1,346.00**

**Good Shepherd:**

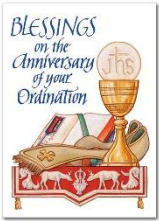
Regular Collection **\$847.00**  
Building Fund **\$194.00**

**The Second Collection today is for the Black Bag.**

**Calendar of Events  
St. Ferdinand**  
  
June 16 – Father’s Day  
June 22 – **No 7pm Mass**  
June 23 – Bilingual Mass  
June 28 – **No 9am Mass**  
June 27-30 – Teen RENEWAL Retreat

**Calendar of Events  
Good Shepherd**  
  
June 16 – Father’s Day  
June 27 – **No 6pm Mass**

*Congratulations to Fr. Brion on the 17<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his Ordination on June 9<sup>th</sup>!*



*With our sincere appreciation for your dedicated service! You are a blessing to this congregation!*



**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 **3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month** at 6:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Contact: Gary Reeves, 281-387-9547. **Next meeting will be June 19<sup>th</sup>.**



**Good Shepherd Women’s Circle**

Meets the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Ferdinand Parish Hall.

**St. Anne’s Altar Society**

Meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month following the 9:00 a.m. Mass in the St. Ferdinand Parish Hall. **Next meeting will be on September 4<sup>th</sup>.**

**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**  
June 16, Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24**  
*I, the Lord, bring low the high tree and lift high the lowly tree.*

**Psalm: 92:2-3,13-16**  
*They that are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God.*

**Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10**  
*The lives of all are to be revealed before the tribunal of Christ.*

**Gospel Reading: Mark 4:26-34**  
*The reign of God is like a mustard seed.*

*We look not to what is seen but to what is unseen. (2 Corinthians 4:18)*

St. Paul must have been a marvel! Not only was he a passionate apostle and evangelist, but he was also a skilled theologian and writer. He founded some of the most important churches in the ancient world. More than one-quarter of the New Testament was either written by him, written about him, or attributed to him. What's more, Paul accomplished all of this while enduring ongoing persecution and suffering!

What kept Paul going? Today's second reading gives us the answer: his heart was filled with a heavenly vision. Paul could consider beatings and shipwrecks as "light affliction" because he had received glimpses of the "eternal weight of glory" that awaited him (2 Corinthians 4:17.) He could make light of how his "outer self" was "wasting away" because the Lord kept renewing his "inner self" (4:16). And he was able to keep his focus off the hardships staring him in the face because he kept

seeking insight into "what is unseen," the eternal truths of a loving, faithful God (4:18).

All of this may sound hopelessly out of reach, but the truth is, the kind of heavenly vision St. Paul describes is open to everyone. That's because it doesn't depend on our talents but on the Spirit's grace. All he asks of us is faithfulness to prayer, an open and humble heart, and a promise to be patient as he slowly opens our eyes.

God wants to give you a heavenly vision! Even in the midst of any "light afflictions" you may be experiencing, he can give you his consolation and strength. Even when you can't seem to see the way ahead, he will bring the path to heaven into sharper focus. So keep fixing your heart on "what is unseen." Keep asking the Spirit to help you look at "what is seen" with new eyes (2 Corinthians 4:18). This is one prayer he loves to answer!

*"Lord, open my eyes! Fill me with a vision of heaven!"*



*Nosotros pues no nos fijamos en lo que se ve, sino en lo que no se ve. (2 Corintios 4:18.)*

¡San Pablo debe haber sido una maravilla! No solo fue un apasionado apóstol y evangelista, sino que también fue un hábil teólogo y escritor. Fundó algunas de las iglesias más importantes del mundo antiguo. Más de una cuarta parte del Nuevo Testamento fue escrito por él, escrito sobre él, o atribuido a él. Lo que es más, ¡Pablo logró todo esto mientras soportaba la persecución y el sufrimiento continuos!

¿Qué hizo que Pablo siguiera adelante? La segunda lectura de hoy nos da la respuesta: su corazón estaba lleno de una visión celestial. Pablo podía considerar las palizas y los naufragios como una "leve aflicción" porque había recibido vislumbres del "eterno peso de gloria" que le esperaba (2 Corintios 4:17). Podía tomar a la ligera cómo su "yo exterior" se estaba "consumiendo" porque el Señor seguía renovando su "yo interior" (4:16). Y fue capaz de mantener su enfoque fuera de las dificultades que lo miraban a la

cara porque siguió buscando la comprensión de "lo que no se ve," las verdades eternas de un Dios amoroso y fiel (4:18).

Todo esto puede sonar irremediamente fuera de nuestro alcance, pero la verdad es que el tipo de visión celestial que describe San Pablo está abierta a todos. Esto se debe a que no depende de nuestros talentos, sino de la gracia del Espíritu. Todo lo que nos pide es fidelidad a la oración, un corazón abierto y humilde, y la promesa de ser pacientes mientras nos abre lentamente los ojos.

¡Dios quiere darte una visión celestial! Incluso en medio de cualquier "aflicción leve" que puedas estar experimentando, él puede darte su consuelo y fortaleza. Incluso cuando parezca que no puedes ver el camino a seguir, él hará que el camino al cielo se enfoque con mayor nitidez. Así que sigue fijando tu corazón en "lo que no se ve." Sigue pidiéndole al Espíritu que te ayude a mirar "lo que se ve" con nuevos ojos (2 Corintios 4:18). ¡Esta es una oración que le encanta responder!

*"¡Señor, abre mis ojos! ¡Lléname con una visión del cielo!"*

## **Saint of the Week: St. Anthony de Padua**

Saint Anthony was born Fernando Martins in 1195 in Lisbon, Portugal. At the age of 15 he asked to be sent to the Abbey of Santa Cruz in Coimbra, where he studied for the priesthood. Following his ordination he was named guestmaster and was responsible for the abbey's hospitality. When Franciscan friars settled a small hermitage outside Coimbra dedicated to Saint Anthony of Egypt, Fernando joined the new Franciscan Order established there.

He soon changed his name to Anthony. When Dominican friars came to visit the Franciscans, there was confusion over who would present the homily. The Abbot asked Anthony to provide the homily. Though he tried to object, Anthony delivered a moving sermon that impressed both groups. News of his abilities reached Francis of Assisi, and the two became colleagues and friends.

In 1224, Francis entrusted his friars' pursuits of studies to Anthony. So simple and resounding was his teaching of the Catholic Faith, even the illiterate and unchurched could understand him. It is for this reason he was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Pius XII in 1946. He was only 36-years-old when he died and was canonized less than one year afterward by Pope Gregory IX. He is typically depicted with a book and the Infant Child Jesus and is commonly referred to today as the "finder of lost articles."

Anthony should be the patron of those who find their lives completely uprooted and set in a new and unexpected direction. Like all saints, he is a perfect example of turning one's life completely over to Christ. God did with Anthony as God pleased—and what God pleased was a life of spiritual power and brilliance that still attracts admiration today. He whom popular devotion has nominated as finder of lost objects found himself by losing himself totally to the providence of God.



*Climb up and look out to sea. (1 Kings 18:43)*

Elijah had just summoned fire from heaven and routed the prophets of the pagan god Baal. But instead of fleeing immediately so as to avoid the wrath of the wicked Queen Jezebel, he knelt down and waited. And as he waited, he repeatedly told his servant to check the sky for signs of rain. Was God about to prove himself once more by bringing an end to the drought that had plagued Israel for so long?

Again and again, the servant peered out toward the sea, and again and again, he returned with the same news: not a cloud in the sky. But Elijah kept sending him back. The servant must have wondered if his master had lost his mind! Imagine how relieved he felt when he finally spotted a cloud "as small as a man's hand" (1 Kings 18:44). Rain was on the way, and now they could make their escape.

How often have you felt like Elijah's servant? You know God is trustworthy. You believe he wants to give you healing or restore your marriage or protect a wayward child. Yet no matter how many times you look for signs that he is answering your prayer, you see nothing. Do you keep looking and believing? Or do you give up?

Don't give up! Keep looking—a hundred times if you have to! It's not easy to wait on the Lord. Especially when you are facing hardship or suffering, you want to see him come through right away. But sometimes having to wait is the best thing that could happen to you. It forces you to dig deeper into your faith. It helps you face any doubts or fears that might be lurking in the back of your mind. And it keeps sending you back to the Lord in prayer.

The kind of patient waiting that Elijah showed, coupled with the persistent seeking that he asked of his servant, is the perfect response to God's apparent silence. Because sooner or later, the Lord will answer you. Sooner or later, he will shower you with his blessings—maybe in ways you aren't expecting. And along the way, he will produce in you the kind of stubborn, trusting faith that will sustain you in feast or famine, in drought or downpour, in success or failure.

TRUST  
in the  
Lord  
with  
ALL  
your  
HEART

*"Lord, help me to keep looking for your coming, no matter how long it takes!"*



## **Boots & Buckles Bonanza Gala** **August 3, 2024** **Gala June News**

There are diverse ways to serve our Lord for the Gala. Do you have a hobby & can create something for the Silent Auction or donate cash? Do you have the means to donate something for the Live Auction? We need you!

If you choose to serve with your time, there are opportunities to sign up for this, too. Even those who do not want to buy a ticket may serve food & drinks, hand out purchased items, set up, and clean up.

This is for the body of Christ, our church. We praise God for this opportunity to serve you by organizing this fundraiser but we need you, too. We still have three (3) sponsor tables for sale and about 120 tickets to purchase. Prices are \$1200 for Sponsor Table and \$150 per ticket for 2 adults. Tickets are for sale in the church office or before and after weekend Masses in the narthex.

If you have questions or want to discuss donations, contact Rhonda Stein at 210-347-5299 or you may email me at [rstein3737@gmail.com](mailto:rstein3737@gmail.com).

*To God be the glory for what He will do through us, his body.*



## **SIGN OF THE CROSS IN THE EARLY CHURCH**

In the early Church, the sign of the cross was seen as the brand mark on the body of a Christian that indicated that he or she was now the property of a new master and under the protection of that master. The blood of the lamb on the doorposts of the Israelites protected them from the Angel of Death who "passed over" their homes. The sign of the cross on the Christian says "hands off!" to the power of Darkness. Note that Jesus says to his disciples "I have given you power to tread on snakes and scorpions and all the forces of the enemy, and nothing shall ever injure you" (Lk. 10:19). The sign of the cross is the sign of this power.

### **SIGN OF THE CROSS AS RE-DEDICATION**

But this sign means even more than belonging to the triune God. It indicates how and why we've come to belong to God and to be entitled to his protection. It means that for my standing with God, I do not trust in the good deeds that I've done or the "good person" that I am. Rather, I stake my claim to heaven on what Jesus did for me on Calvary. It means that I am saved by a pure gift of His love, by grace. "May I never boast of anything but the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ!" (Gal 6:14).

Each time I make this sign, it is a renewal of my "decision for Christ," my intimate relationship of love with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit which comes as a pure gift of God's grace through faith, baptism and confirmation. In this simple little sign is contained the very essence of the gospel.

The good news is that everything in the Catholic heritage is like this – full of rich meaning that we've forgotten. But we can recover the meaning and reactivate the power. Let's get busy exploring and unpacking the amazing Catholic tradition!

*Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio, Crossroads initiative*

## **St. Ferdinand Teen's RENEWAL Retreat – June 27-30, 2024**

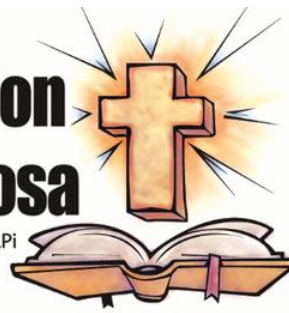
**Calling all TEENS:** The RENEWAL retreat is a three-day and three-night retreat presented by laymen like yourself, who are committed to the idea that we can make our faith more a part of our daily lives. A RENEWAL Retreat weekend provides an opportunity for you to put everyday worries aside and concentrate on your spiritual needs. Incoming freshmen to recently graduated teens 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 2024 Teen's Retreat, please contact one of the following adult coordinators:  
Michael Rios 830-330-1063 or Scott Nunn 512-264-4567

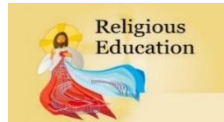
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When the Word says *This is My Body*, be convinced of it and believe it. *St John Chrysostom*



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An offering from the

### STELLAR - Shine Jesus' Light Vacation Bible School July 15-19 9:00-Noon

Parents, get ready to launch your PreK-5th grade kids into adventure this summer! Middle & High school students are needed to help navigate! Stellar VBS will feature awesome Bible learning experiences, team-building games, and unforgettable Bible songs that help faith flow into real life.



#### Adult VBS Volunteers Needed

Would you be able to help launch kids to a faith filled week and return them safely to earth? Adult helpers are needed. If you can help at registration, or would enjoy leading a group of children, please contact the DRE at 830-833-0444 or [susan@stferdinandblanco.org](mailto:susan@stferdinandblanco.org)



Help your children meet their best friend. Sign up for Religious Education.



## Good Shepherd Johnson City

### Religious Education Classes:

**PreK – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Wednesdays from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm in the RE Building.

**6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> 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, Sacramental teachings, Praise and Worship, Bible Study, Fun and Games. Classes have ended for this school year; we will resume classes in June 2024.

**8<sup>th</sup> 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 classes are underway  
Confirmation scheduled for October 26, 2024  
Contact Margie Vasquez for more information.**

**Confirmation Retreat Aug. 11th, 2024 at  
Good Shepherd in Johnson City  
Retreat will start after Mass (10:00am-4:30pm).**

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](mailto: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



**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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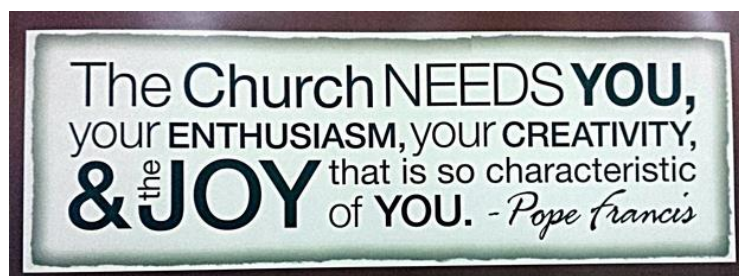
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Students interested in registering for next year's Confirmation class must be enrolled in RICH Youth Ministry Classes. Students must have completed 1 year of pre-confirmation or 8th grade classes prior to enrolling. Students must be at least 14 years of age at time class starts.

*If you need any information for any of the Youth Ministry events, classes or Confirmation - Please contact Margie Vasquez at [Margie@stferdinandblanco.org](mailto:Margie@stferdinandblanco.org), Mary Jane Hill at [MaryJane@stferdinandblanco.org](mailto: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](mailto: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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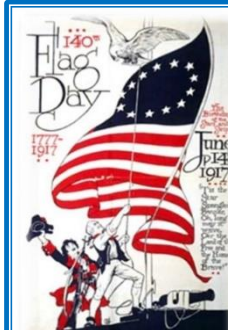
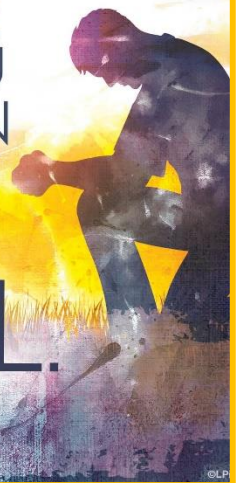
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