

SAINT FERDINAND & GOOD SHEPHERD
Catholic Churches
Saint Mary's Help of Christians Cemetery



PARISH BULLETIN | June 16, 2024, Eleventh 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 June 15, 2024 – June 23, 2024

Saturday, June 15th (SF)	5:00 p.m.
Repose of the Souls of John Geldorf by Geldorf Family and Delman Barker by Anna Barker and Family	
Saturday, June 15th (SF)	7:00 p.m.
Health of Juan Vargas	
Sunday, June 16th (GS)	9:00 a.m.
Repose of the Soul of William McDaniel by Vern and Sherry Metzger	
Sunday, June 16th (SF)	11:00 a.m.
Parishioners of St. Ferdinand and Good Shepherd	
Tuesday, June 18th (SF)	9:00 a.m.
Repose of the Souls of Hillary and Mary Huser	
Wednesday, June 19th (SF)	9:00 a.m.
Repose of the Soul of Joe Crowley	
Thursday, June 20th (SF)	9:00 a.m.
Repose of the Soul of Joan Eyeington by Jim Eyeington	
Thursday, June 20th (GS)	6:00 p.m.
For all who care for the homebound and nursing home individuals by Patti Marx	
Friday, June 21st (SF)	9:00 a.m.
Souls in Purgatory	
Saturday, June 22nd (SF)	5:00 p.m.
Repose of the Soul of John Craig Parchman by Paul and Iris Tam	
Saturday, June 22nd (SF)	7:00 p.m.
No 7pm Mass	
Sunday, June 23rd (GS)	9:00 a.m.
Repose of the Soul of Dorothy Lowden by Patti Marx	
Sunday, June 23rd (SF)	11:00 a.m.
Parishioners of St. Ferdinand and Good Shepherd	



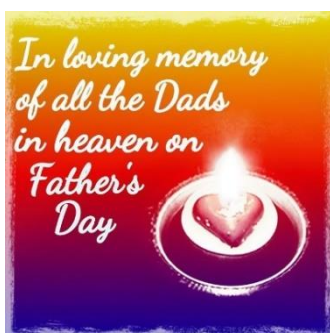
Please continue to pray for comfort and healing for the sick in our parish community. In addition, please ask the Lord for wisdom for their doctors and nurses, rest for their caregivers, and peace and strength for their family and friends.

Maggie Atkinson	Coleman Nelson
Chris Berryhill	Devin Newsome
Gene Beyer	Ruth Nieto
Lucia Carbary	Tim Polster
Jack Cudd	Charles Reinert
Julia Dechert	Sid Reinert
Roselle Fischler	Brenda Robinette
Pete Garcia	Buddy Roessler
Jim Gronke	Lupe Ruvalcaba
Derek Haltom	Sandra Rodriguez
Joe Hancock	Josie Salazar
Vernon Hancock	Geneva Sepeda
Myles Harris	Josh Strodbeck
Tim Ivy	Antonio Tapia
Charles Jennings	Olivia Tapia
Randall Jones	Barbara Turley
Jeanette Lavelle	Jacob Umanzor
Margarita Ledesma	Juan Vargas
Homer Lowden	Kippi Versluis
Jane Martin	Pedro Villegas
Segunda Martinez	Daniel Zamora
Elsie Meurer	Polo Zamora
Tim Nance	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.





Weekend of June 9

Thank you for your generosity!

St. Ferdinand:

Regular Collection	\$4,237.60
Black Bag	\$628.31
Building Fund	\$475.00

Good Shepherd:

Regular Collection	\$936.00
Black Bag	\$175.00

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



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 September 4th.**

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.

There is no Second Collection today.

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**



Potluck Lunch for Fr. Brion

Fr. Brion is leaving St. Ferdinand after 6 years of being our Pastor. Please join us on Sunday, June 23rd, following the 11am Mass to thank him for his leadership and for all he has done for our church. Also, we would like to express our best wishes for his future at his new parish in San Marcos.

We will be having a potluck lunch. Bring your best dish to share. No desserts will be needed as there will be a large cake supplied.

If you are available to help set up and/or serve, contact Maria Villegas at 830-609-8541 or Sharon Robbins at 361-449-7591.

goodbye and Good luck!

Mass Preparation
June 23, Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Job 38:1,8-11
The Lord answers Job's complaints.

Psalm: 107:23-26,28-31
A song of praise to God for rescue.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:14-17
Those in Christ are a new creation.

Gospel Reading: Mark 4:35-41
Jesus calms the storm.

We walk by faith, not by sight. (2 Corinthians 5:7)

Ruth was struggling with her teenage children. She loved them and prayed for them and set healthy boundaries for them, but their irritability and poor choices made her feel that she wasn't doing enough. Some days she even wondered if she was failing as a parent.

Then one morning she read this verse from St. Paul during her prayer time: "We walk by faith, not by sight" (2 Corinthians 5:7). As she read it, she felt a nudge from God to read it again. As she reflected on the things she was viewing "by sight," especially her children's struggles and her own doubts about herself, she felt God prompting her to see them "by faith" instead.

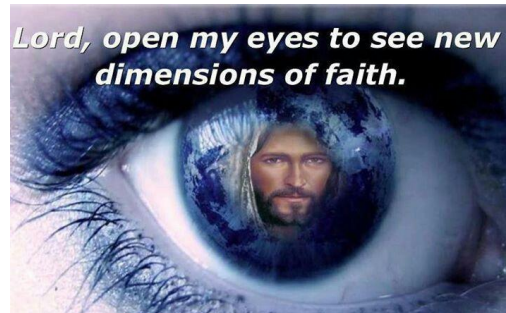
Ruth thought about how often she had reminded her children that she loved them and that God loved them. She thought about how she brought them to Mass every week, where they received Jesus' Body and Blood in Communion.

She thought about how she had taught them to apologize and offer forgiveness to one another, and how they did it, even if it was begrudging at times!

Ruth also reflected on the passages from God's word that had meant so much to her, verses like Isaiah 54:13: "All your children shall be taught by the Lord; great shall be the peace of your children." And Matthew 13:31-32, where Jesus describes how the smallest seed can produce the largest of plants. Closing her Bible, Ruth's heart felt lighter and her mind felt clearer.

Think about a burden you are carrying today. Now, ponder today's words from St. Paul: "We walk by faith, not by sight." How is the Lord inviting you to view that situation by faith? Perhaps you could search out or recall Scripture passages that give you a renewed perspective. God has given you the gift of faith, and he is so pleased when you use it!

"Lord, open my eyes to see your presence and your faithfulness."



Caminamos por fe, no por vista. (2 Corintios 5:7.)

Ruth estaba luchando con sus hijos adolescentes. Ella los amaba y oraba por ellos y establecía límites saludables para ellos, pero su irritabilidad y sus malas decisiones le hacían sentir que no estaba haciendo lo suficiente. Algunos días incluso se preguntaba si estaba fallando como madre.

Entonces, una mañana, leyó este versículo de San Pablo durante su tiempo de oración: "Por fe caminamos, no por vista" (2 Corintios 5:7). Mientras lo leía, sintió un empujón de Dios para leerlo de nuevo. Al reflexionar sobre las cosas que estaba viendo "a simple vista", especialmente las luchas de sus hijos y sus propias dudas sobre sí misma, sintió que Dios la impulsaba a verlas "por fe".

Rut pensó en las pocas veces que les había recordado a sus hijos que los amaba y que Dios los amaba. Pensó en cómo los llevaba a misa todas las semanas, donde recibían el Cuerpo y la Sangre de Jesús en la Comunión. Pensó en cómo les había enseñado a

disculparse y a perdonarse unos a otros, y cómo lo hacían, ¡aunque a veces fuera a regañadientes!

Rut también reflexionó sobre los pasajes de la palabra de Dios que habían significado tanto para ella, versículos como Isaías 54:13: "Todos tus hijos serán enseñados por el Señor; Grande será la paz de tus hijos". Y Mateo 13:31-32, donde Jesús describe cómo la semilla más pequeña puede producir la más grande de las plantas. Al cerrar su Biblia, el corazón de Rut se sintió más ligero y su mente se sintió más clara.

Piensa en una carga que llevas hoy. Ahora, reflexiona sobre las palabras de San Pablo de hoy: "Caminamos por fe, no por vista". ¿De qué manera te invita el Señor a ver esa situación por fe? Tal vez podrías buscar o recordar pasajes de las Escrituras que te den una perspectiva renovada. Dios te ha dado el don de la fe, ¡y está tan complacido cuando lo usas!

"Señor, abre mis ojos para ver tu presencia y tu fidelidad".

Live the Liturgy
Inspiration for the week

Jesus compares the Kingdom of God to a mustard seed, the tiniest of seeds. When planted, the tiny mustard seed grows into a tremendous tree with large branches. So too in each of our lives small things can have profound effects. God can use one of our more insignificant gestures to radically change another person's life. It may be the kindness of a smile, our willingness to accommodate someone, listening to someone's story, helping someone who is hurting, standing up for someone who is right or complimenting someone on something they did. We all have God given gifts and talents. What are some of yours? Our task is to use our talents creatively, consistently, lovingly, and generously. Because we are always guided by the Holy Spirit, things that may be insignificant or unnoticed to us can profoundly change the life of someone else. While we may think we are small and insignificant, God can make us large and magnificent. All we have to do is open ourselves to being used. We trust that God will take care of the rest.

This is how you are to pray. (Matthew 6:9)

Think about how many great saints have prayed the Lord's prayer! Imagine all the consolation and wisdom that people like Catherine of Siena, Ignatius of Loyola, and Thérèse of Lisieux have derived from offering these simple but profound words to our heavenly Father.

It can be easy to feel inadequate when you hold yourself up to such shining examples of prayer. You might wonder how you could ever hope to even come close to the insights they received—not to mention the courage that so many martyrs found as they offered this prayer at the hour of their deaths! Yet for all their heroism and holiness, they had one thing in common with the rest of us: they prayed. Specifically, they prayed this prayer!

Think about that the next time you say, "Our Father, who art in heaven . . ." You are reciting the same prayer that these great saints did—the same prayer that Jesus himself taught his very first disciples. And they prayed with the same simplicity and sincerity that Jesus recommends to every disciple.

All God wants is for you to come to him with an open heart. He already "knows what you need," so you don't have to worry too much about getting everything right as you pray (Matthew 6:8). In fact, by saying, "Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done," you are already entrusting yourself and your loved ones to God's care (6:10). And when you ask for your "daily bread," you are confessing that he alone can give you what you need—and that he will provide (6:11). Every part of this prayer, in fact, can bring you closer to the Lord.

Prayer is the foundation on which all other spiritual growth is built. It is the spring from which works of mercy flow. Most importantly, it is the source of your ability to love as Jesus loves and to forgive as he forgives. This is the path of holiness that the saints themselves walked—and Jesus is inviting you to walk the same path!

So as you pray the Lord's Prayer today, let the saints encourage you. Trust that the Holy Spirit wants to lead you into your Father's presence. Then quiet your heart so you can sense how close he is to you. Holiness is far more accessible than you thought!



"Lord, teach me to pray!"

Grief Support Ministry

This grief support Book Study is available for anyone who has lost a loved one. Participants will be led on a journey that encourages them to grow in faith and to deepen their spirituality through the difficult experience of grieving. This will be a bible-centered approach for processing grief with a support group and with God's guidance.

12-week Book Study

Starting Tuesday June 25. (will meet each week at 6:30 pm) at the Good Shepherd RE building.

Fee will be cost of Workbook (Please sign up so books can be ordered)

If you are interested, Please sign up through the parish office or through email at margie@stferdinandblanco.org



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.

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

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

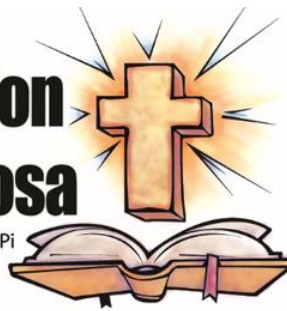
Calling all TEENS: The RENEWAL retreat is a three-day and three-night retreat presented by laymen like yourself, who are committed to the idea that we can make our faith more a part of our daily lives. A RENEWAL Retreat weekend provides an opportunity for you to put everyday worries aside and concentrate 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

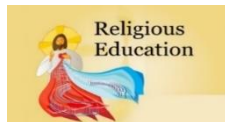
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When the Word says *This is My Body*, be convinced of it and believe it. *St John Chrysostom*



FORMED THE CATHOLIC PATH, OR BEHIND.
The Ballad of Barnabus Bundle | Benjamin Cello | Episode 1

When Aunt Rhody loses Old Gray Goose and her potato crop too, Benjamin Cello breaks into his savings to help his friend in her time of need. Along the way, Aunt Rhody recalls the tragic tale of greedy Barnabus Bundle who tore down his barns to build bigger ones.

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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.



Baptismal Gown and Baptismal Suit available

If you or someone you know needs a girls' baptismal gown size 0-3 or a boys' baptismal suit (infant), please contact Susan in the RE Office at 830-833-0444.



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

Good Shepherd Johnson City

Religious Education Classes:

**RE CLASSES TO START BACK UP ON
SEPTEMBER 18, 2024**

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.

8th Grade (or Pre-Confirmation): Classes are held once a month on the second Sunday of each month from 10:00am to 11:30am.

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).

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 scheduled for October 26, 2024
at St. Ferdinand – 5:00 PM Mass**

**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 or the parish office at (830) 833-5227.



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



**YOUTH MINISTRY CLASSES TO START BACK UP ON
SEPTEMBER 22, 2024**



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.

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.

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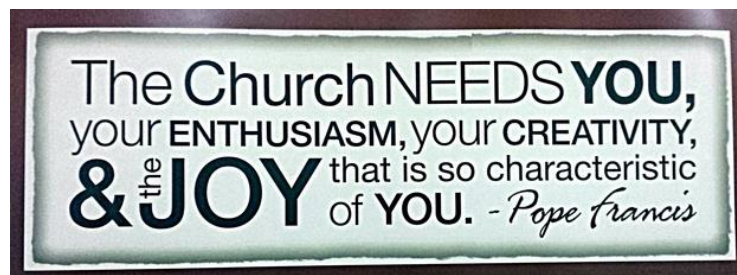


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If you need any information for any of the Youth Ministry events, classes or Confirmation - Please contact Margie Vasquez at Margie@stferdinandblanco.org, Mary Jane Hill at MaryJane@stferdinandblanco.org or the parish office at (830) 833-5227.



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HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

A PRAYER OF GRATITUDE FOR THE FATHERS IN OUR LIVES

We give our thanks, Creator God, for the fathers in our lives. Fatherhood does not come with a manual, and reality teaches us that some fathers excel while others fail. We ask for Your blessings for them all and forgiveness where it is needed.

This Father's Day we remember the many sacrifices fathers make for their children and families, and the ways--both big and small--they lift children to achieve dreams thought beyond reach.

So too, we remember all those who have helped fill the void when fathers pass early or are absent; grandfathers and uncles, brothers and cousins, teachers, pastors and coaches and the women of our families.

For those who are fathers, we ask for wisdom and humility in the face of the task of parenting. Give them the strength to do well by their children and by You.

In Your Holy name, O God, we pray.
+Amen.

THE CHURCHES OF ST. FERDINAND & GOOD SHEPHERD WISH ALL OF OUR FATHERS AND SPIRITUAL FATHERS A BLESSED AND HAPPY FATHER'S DAY! THANK YOU FOR YOUR LOVE AND SACRIFICE!