

# SAINT FERDINAND & GOOD SHEPHERD Catholic Churches

Saint Mary Help of Christians Chapel & Cemetery



PARISH BULLETIN | August 18, 2024, Twentieth 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  
12 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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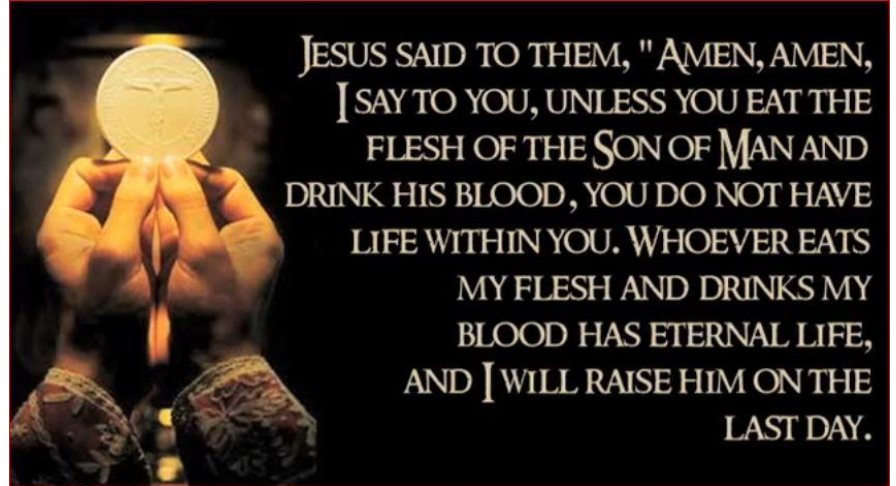
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Dana Wagner



## 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 nine 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.*

(For other Mass and Confession Times in the area, visit [masstimes.org](http://masstimes.org).)

### Masses for August 17, 2024 – August 25, 2024

<b>Saturday, August 17th (SF)</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>
†Repose of the Soul of John Craig Parchman by Paul and Iris Tam	
<b>Saturday, August 17th (SF)</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
†Souls in Purgatory	
<b>Sunday, August 18th (GS)</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
Parishioners of Good Shepherd and St. Ferdinand	
<b>Sunday, August 18th (SF)</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>
†Repose of the Soul of Joe D. Riba by Bill and Janie Cain	
<b>Tuesday, August 20th (SF)</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
†Repose of the Soul of Belinda Delgado by Bill and Janie Cain	
<b>Wednesday, August 21st (SF)</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
†Repose of the Souls of Bill and Norma Matheny	
<b>Thursday, August 22nd (SF)</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
†Repose of the Soul of Claudio Blanco by Bill and Janie Cain	
<b>Thursday, August 22nd (GS)</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
†Souls in Purgatory by Patti Marx	
<b>Friday, August 23rd (SF)</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
†Repose of the Soul of Julia Faye Dechert by Bill and Janie Cain	
<b>Saturday, August 24th (SF)</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>
†Repose of the Soul of Julia Faye Dechert by Ellie Statler	
<b>Saturday, August 24th (SF)</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>No 7pm Mass</b>	
<b>Sunday, August 25th (GS)</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
Parishioners of Good Shepherd and St. Ferdinand	
<b>Sunday, August 25th (SF)</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>
KJT Memorial Foundation	



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**  
**Maribel Chapa**  
**Jack Cudd**  
**Roselle Fischler**  
**Pete Garcia**  
**Jim Gronke**  
**Derek Haltom**  
**Joe Hancock**  
**Vernon Hancock**  
**Myles Harris**  
**Tim Ivy**  
**Charles Jennings**  
**Randall Jones**  
**Jeanette Lavelle**  
**Homer Lowden**  
**Jane Martin**  
**Camila Martinez**  
**Segunda Martinez**  
**Elsie Meurer**  
**Tim Nance**

**Coleman Nelson**  
**Devin Newsome**  
**Ruth Nieto**  
**Tim Polster**  
**Charles Reinert**  
**Sid Reinert**  
**Mary Reyes**  
**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**



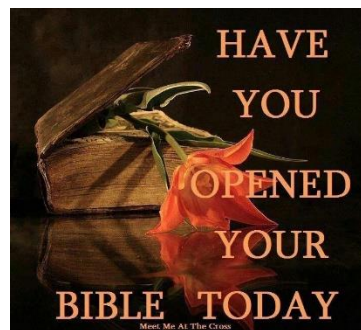
*We are proud of all those in our parish who are serving and protecting our country. Thank you and God bless all of you.*

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.

**WELCOME  
NEW MEMBERS**

*We would like to welcome  
our new parishioners to  
St. Ferdinand Church:*

*Christopher and Kachine San Miguel  
Andrew and Kelly Binz*





**Weekend of August 11**  
*Thank you for your generosity!*

<b>St. Ferdinand:</b>	
Regular Collection	<b>\$4,343.00</b>
Mission Appeal	<b>\$2,861.00</b>
Building Fund	<b>\$55.00</b>
<b>Good Shepherd:</b>	
Regular Collection	<b>\$793.00</b>
Mission Appeal	<b>\$633.00</b>

**The Second Collection today is for the Black Bag which is used for people in need in our community.**

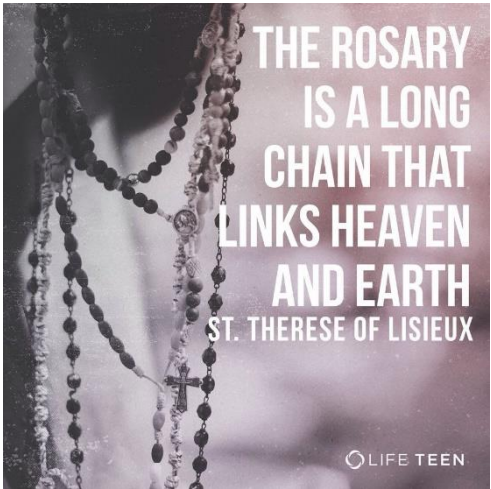
**Calendar of Events**  
**St. Ferdinand**

August 21 – SF Men’s Club Meeting, 6:00 pm  
 August 24 – EIM Training, SF Parish Hall, 9am to 12noon  
 August 24 – **No 7pm Mass**  
 August 25 – Bilingual Mass, 11am  
 August 27-28 – **No 9am Masses**

**ETHICS AND INTEGRITY IN MINISTRY (EIM) TRAINING**

We will conduct an English EIM workshop here at **St. Ferdinand in the Parish Hall on August 24<sup>th</sup> and September 7<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 12pm.** 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.austindiocese.org/eim>



**Parish Organizations & Meeting Times**

**Altar Server Training, St. Ferdinand**  
 Meets the third 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.

**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.

**Grief Support Ministry**  
 If you have lost a loved one or are going through a sickness or ailment and are having a hard time processing or feeling supported through this difficult time, we have services and resources to help you both process and heal spiritually and mentally. Please contact the parish office or through email at [margie@stferdinandblanco.org](mailto:margie@stferdinandblanco.org).

**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**  
 August 25, Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading: Joshua 24:1-2a,15-17,18b**  
*Joshua and the people declare that they will serve the Lord.*

**Psalm: 34:2-3,16-21**  
*The Lord hears the cries of the just.*

**Second Reading: Ephesians 5:21-32**  
*Husbands and wives should love one another as Christ loves the Church.*

**Gospel Reading: John 6:60-69**  
*Simon Peter confesses his faith that Jesus alone has the words of the eternal life.*



*My flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. (John 6:55)*

In 1975, while traveling to Saigon, Vietnamese Bishop Francis Xavier Nguyen Van Thuan was arrested and thrown into prison. His family sent him a bottle labeled "medicine," which was actually wine, as well as some hosts broken into small pieces. With these essentials, he shared the power of Jesus in the Eucharist with his fellow prisoners:

"The six Catholics in my group of fifty prisoners . . . slept close together in order to be able to pray during the night. At nine-thirty every evening . . . , I bent over my wooden board and celebrated Mass, by heart of course, and distributed Communion to my neighbors under their mosquito nets. We made tiny bags from cigarette paper to protect the Blessed Sacrament.

"Every week there was an indoctrination session. . . . My Catholic companions took advantage of the break to pass around the Blessed Sacrament to other groups. Jesus Christ

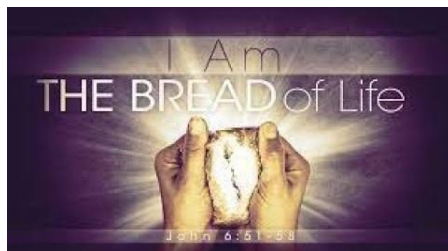
was at work, curing physical and mental suffering. Many of the others who had lost their faith came back during those days.

"At night, the prisoners took turns and spent time in Adoration. The Blessed Sacrament helped tremendously. Even Buddhists and other non-Christians were converted. The strength of the love of Jesus is irresistible. The darkness of the prison turned into light, the seed germinated silently in the storm.

"I spent nine years in solitary confinement, and during that time I said Mass every day at three o'clock, the hour of Jesus' death on the cross. . . . They were the most beautiful Masses of my life." (The Road to Hope)

After thirteen years in prison, Bishop Nguyen Van Thuan was released. Named a cardinal in 2001, he died a year later. All his life, Jesus in the Eucharist was his "true food" and "true drink" (John 6:55). May the Eucharistic Lord always be ours as well!

*"Jesus, Bread from Heaven, nourish and sustain me all the days of my life!"*



*Mi carne es verdadera comida, y mi sangre es verdadera bebida. (Juan 6:55)*

En 1975, mientras viajaba a Saigón, el obispo vietnamita Francis Xavier Nguyen Van Thuan fue arrestado y encarcelado. Su familia le envió una botella etiquetada como "medicina", que en realidad era vino, así como algunas hostias rotas en pedazos pequeños. Con estos elementos esenciales, compartió el poder de Jesús en la Eucaristía con sus compañeros de prisión:

"Los seis católicos de mi grupo de cincuenta prisioneros... dormían juntos para poder rezar durante la noche. Todas las noches, a las nueve y media, me inclinaba sobre mi tabla de madera y celebraba la misa, de memoria, por supuesto, y distribuía la comunión a mis vecinos bajo sus mosquiteros. Hicimos bolsitas de papel de fumar para proteger el Santísimo Sacramento.

"Cada semana había una sesión de adoctrinamiento. . . . Mis compañeros católicos aprovecharon el descanso para repartir el Santísimo Sacramento a otros grupos. Jesucristo estaba obrando,

curando el sufrimiento físico y mental. Muchos de los otros que habían perdido su fe regresaron durante esos días.

"Por la noche, los prisioneros se turnaban y pasaban el tiempo en Adoración. El Santísimo Sacramento ayudó enormemente. Incluso los budistas y otros no cristianos se convirtieron. La fuerza del amor de Jesús es irresistible. La oscuridad de la prisión se convirtió en luz, la semilla germinó silenciosamente en la tormenta.

"Pasé nueve años en confinamiento solitario, y durante ese tiempo celebre dije misa todos los días a las tres en punto, la hora de la muerte de Jesús en la cruz. . . . Fueron las misas más hermosas de mi vida". (El Camino a la Esperanza)

Después de trece años en prisión, el obispo Nguyen Van Thuan fue liberado. Nombrado cardenal en 2001, murió un año después. Durante toda su vida, Jesús en la Eucaristía fue su "verdadero alimento" y su "verdadera bebida" (Juan 6:55). ¡Que el Señor Eucarístico sea siempre también nuestro!

*"¡Jesús, Pan del Cielo, aliméntame y sostenme todos los días de mi vida!"*

## **St. Ferdinand Men's RENEWAL Retreat, September 19-22, 2024**

**Calling all MEN:** The RENEWAL retreat is a three day and three night retreat presented by laymen like yourself, men 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 2024 Men's and Women's retreats, please contact one of the following coordinators:**

**Men's Retreat**  
September 19-22  
Bill Cain 210-788-0709  
Jim Eyeington 713-501-0094  
Joe David Riba 210-872-5412

**Women's Retreat**  
October 17-20  
Veronica Jones  
210-262-5624



... each one according to his ways. (Ezekiel 18:30)

The reading from the Book of Ezekiel 1-32 is all about personal responsibility. Each person, the prophet says, will be held accountable for their own actions. Our deeds, for good or ill, are ours alone, and God will judge us based on them. There is no room for excuses or for blaming someone else for our own conduct.

This might sound frightening, but the story doesn't end there—and it doesn't need to be frightening. Yes, each of us is responsible for our lives. But that also means that each of us can choose to "return and live" (Ezekiel 18:32). After all, as the Lord says, he takes no pleasure when someone dies in sin. He wants everyone to live! He offers us the opportunity to take responsibility for our sins, turn away from them, and turn back to him. He will always give us his forgiveness and the grace to live a righteous life.

Repentance is the key to this righteous life that Ezekiel talks about. It's the way that we can turn from unrighteousness and be converted and cleansed of guilt. It's how we can open ourselves to the Lord's grace and "make for [ourselves] a new heart and a new spirit" (Ezekiel 18:31)!

The place we receive this forgiveness and grace, first and foremost, is in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It's there that we take responsibility before God in a special way for our thoughts and our words, for what we have done and what we have failed to do. We honestly acknowledge our motivations. And we meet our merciful God, who is eager to pour out his grace to help us sin no more—to help us begin a new life.

Many parishes offer Confession on Saturdays. If yours does, consider going on a Saturday. Experience for yourself the freedom of casting off your sins and starting fresh. Return to the Lord, and live!



*"Lord, thank you for this sacrament of healing!"*

## St. John the Evangelist in Marble Falls Presents An Evening of Healing Holy Mass, Talk, Eucharistic Adoration and Reconciliation! Friday, September 13, 2024 @ 6:30pm



St. John the Evangelist will host a Healing Service with Alan Ames. Alan Ames travels globally with his gifts of healing. He shares his "Saul to Paul" story, which begins with his life in a motorcycle gang filled with violence and alcohol abuse immersed in sin against God. Alan accepted forgiveness from Jesus and has been given an incomprehensible gift of grace for healing by God! All are invited!

*No Reservation*

*No Charge*

*Optional Love Offering*

## Plenary Indulgences

As I mentioned awhile back, Holy Mother Church often gives us the opportunity to remit time in Purgatory (punishment due to our sins) for ourselves or for a departed loved one, which we call "indulgences". Due to our Protestant neighbors, indulgences have become sort of a bad word, but are in fact greatly beneficial to us!

In particular, we may also obtain a "plenary indulgence" - meaning that all time in Purgatory may be remitted for you or a departed loved one, under the "usual conditions":

- ❖ Confession (within 2 weeks before or after; this also includes detachment from sin)
- ❖ Holy Communion (usually on the same day as the work/devotion)
- ❖ Prayers for the Holy Father, the Pope (usually an Our Father and Hail Mary, though other prayers may work).

If any conditions are lacking, the indulgence will still be "partial", meaning that some time in Purgatory will be remitted (which is still good).

There are many ways that these can be obtained, including those from this list:

Obtainable any time any place

- Reading of Sacred Scripture
- Recitation of the Marian Rosary
- Exercise of the Way of the Cross
- Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Obtainable on special occasions

- Papal Blessing - even by radio
- Closing Mass of a Eucharistic Congress
- During a Diocesan Synod
- During a Pastoral Visitation

Obtainable on special days at special places

- Visit to the Patriarchal Basilicas in Rome
- Visit to the Stational Churches of Rome

Obtainable on special occasions in one's life

- First Communion
- Attending a mission
- Spiritual Exercises
- First Mass of newly-ordained Priests
- Jubilees of Sacerdotal Ordination
- The Moment of Death

Obtainable on special days

- 1st January
- Each Friday of Lent and Passiontide after Communion
- Holy Thursday
- Good Friday
- Paschal Vigil
- Feast of Pentecost
- Feast of Corpus Christi - 2nd Thursday after Pentecost (2nd Sunday in USA)
- Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus - 3rd Friday after Pentecost
- Feast of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul - 29 June
- "Portiuncula" - 2 August
- November 1-8
- All Souls Day - 2 November
- Last Day of the Year
- Visit to a Church or Oratory of Religious on the Feast of the Holy Founder
- Titular Feast of the Parochial Church
- Visit to a Church or an Altar on the day of its consecration

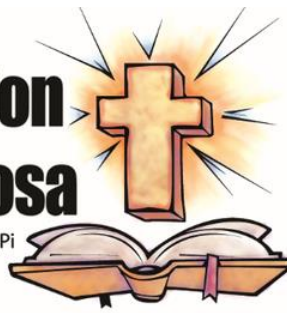
Feel free to look up the details on your own! I'll also try to remind you about these as they come up, but no promises...

Setting captives free,  
Fr. Kyle



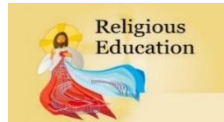
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or 830-833-0444 (T-W)



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



### Calendar

**Sun Sept 15th** Sunday Faith Formation classes begin  
**Wed Sept 18th** Wednesday Faith Formation classes begin  
**Sat Oct 26th 5:00 Mass** – Rite of Confirmation



**Registration for PreK-8th Grade Faith Formation** is available in the Religious Education Building on Tuesdays and Wednesdays Noon-6:00. An Early Bird discount of \$5 per child is available through Wednesday, September 11th.

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



### Pass It Forward!

Over 70 children and young people, preschool through grade 8, will sign up this fall to learn more about Jesus and the Catholic faith through St. Ferdinand Religious Education. You can help them learn and grow by becoming a catechist for Faith Formation for 3rd or 4th grades. Classes are offered on Sunday mornings. As you nurture the faith of our young, you will learn and grow as well! As one long-time catechist put it, "I learn so much from the children and they are a joyful blessing!"

We provide you with training, materials, and support. Classes begin September 15. If interested or for more information, contact the DRE at [susan@stferdinandblanco.org](mailto:susan@stferdinandblanco.org) or 830-833-0444. (Catechists need to have current Ethics and Integrity in Ministry training and if married, be in a sacramental marriage.)

### Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

Classes in preparation for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion begin September 15. Students in the Diocese of Austin attend an initial year in First Grade and prepare for Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in Second Grade.



If your child is in First Grade or older and you would like to register them for classes, please call the Office of Religious Education at 830-833-0444 or stop by the RE Office between noon and 6:00 p.m. on Tuesdays or Wednesdays in August beginning August 6th.



## Good Shepherd Johnson City

### Religious Education Classes:

**RE Classes to Start Sept 18th (RE classes) and Sept. 15th (Pre-Confirmation Classes)**

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

Pre-K thru 5th - \$30.00 (\$100.00 cap per family)  
Sacrament (1st Communion) - \$45.00

**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.

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

**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.

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

**Youth Ministry Classes to Start September 22, 2024**

Registration starts Sept. 1st - Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>

**(SF & GS) High School Youth Ministry Classes - \$35.00**  
**(SF & GS) Sacrament (Confirmation) - \$45.00**

**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.

**2024-2024 Confirmation Classes:** Students interested in registering for 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.

**2023-2024 Confirmation Classes: scheduled for October 26, 2024 - Contact Margie Vasquez for more information.**

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



**Classes to Start September 22, 2024**

**Registration starts Sept. 1st - Sept. 22nd**

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

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



**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's 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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**2024-2025 Confirmation Classes:** Students interested in registering for 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.

**2024 Confirmation Retreat:** Students participated in St. Ferdinand/Good Shepherd Confirmation Retreat this past Sunday (Aug. 11th). It was a great time of reflection, prayer, and lots of teaching packed into the day. We are grateful for Father Kyle joining us on this day to help prepare everyone to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on October 26. Students participating in the retreat are (standing) Gabby Travieso, Brailee Snow, Isabella McComack, Bridgett Dolores, Selena Ramirez, Maria Martinez, Jasmine Martinez-Hernandez, Perla Galvan, (on Tree) Xaiver Ayala, Maria Alvarado, Jonathon Hernandez, Lizeth Alvarado, Osvaldo Alvarado, Herman Ubalde. Teachers were Margie Vasquez, Mary Jane Hill, Bernie McDaid, Maria Rodriguez, Jenna Vasquez, and Father Kyle Nestrta.



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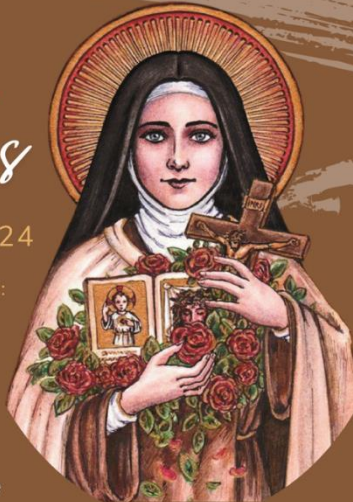
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