



# SAINT FERDINAND & GOOD SHEPHERD Catholic Churches

Saint Mary Help of Christians Chapel & Cemetery



PARISH BULLETIN | September 15, 2024, Twenty-Fourth 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.

## WEBSITES:

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### St. Ferdinand

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## St. Ferdinand and Good Shepherd

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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.*

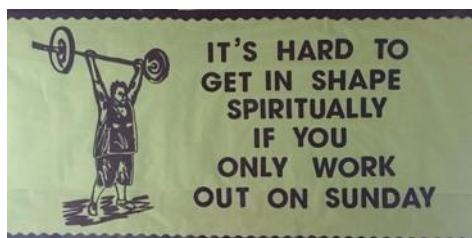


*Due to unforeseen circumstances, when a mass is subject to cancelation, the mass intentions will be reset accordingly.*

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

## Masses for September 14, 2024 – September 22, 2024

- Saturday, September 14th (SF) 5:00 p.m.**  
†Repose of the Soul of Maria Serrano by Teresa Serrano
- Saturday, September 14th (SF) 7:00 p.m.**  
†Repose of the Soul of Maria De Jesus Franco Ayala by her children
- Sunday, September 15th (GS) 9:00 a.m.**  
†Repose of the Soul of Gina Morales
- Sunday, September 15th (SF) 11:00 a.m.**  
†Repose of the Soul of Julia Faye Dechert by Vicki and Joe Guidry
- Tuesday, September 17th (SF) 9:00 a.m.**  
Spiritual Well Being of Jurgin Joseph and Regino Alexander Hutzler by Melvin Hutzler
- Wednesday, September 18th (SF) 9:00 a.m.**  
†Repose of the Soul of Santos Serrano by Teresa Serrano
- Thursday, September 19th (SF) 9:00 a.m.**  
†Repose of the Souls of Bill and Norma Matheny
- Thursday, September 19th (GS) 6:00 p.m.**  
**No 6pm Mass**
- Friday, September 20th (SF) 9:00 a.m.**  
**No 9am Mass**
- Saturday, September 21st (SF) 5:00 p.m.**  
Parishioners of St. Ferdinand and Good Shepherd
- Saturday, September 21st (SF) 7:00 p.m.**  
†Repose of the Soul of Lucina Serrano by Teresa Serrano
- Sunday, September 22nd (GS) 9:00 a.m.**  
†Repose of the Souls of Pauline Thompson and Melquiales Tellez by Marg and Victor Tellez
- Sunday, September 22nd (SF) 11:00 a.m.**  
†Repose of the Soul of Edgar S. Weber by the Weber Family and the Soul of Raul Martinez, Sr. by Veronica Jones



## 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**  
**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**  
**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.

### Healing Prayer

*Heavenly Father, we pray that You will lay your healing Hands upon all those who are sick. We beg You to have compassion on all those who are suffering so that they may be delivered from their pitiful circumstances. In Jesus, we pray. Amen.*



**Weekend of September 8**

*Thank you for your generosity!*

**St. Ferdinand:**

|                    |                   |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| Regular Collection | <b>\$5,997.00</b> |
| Building Fund      | <b>\$205.00</b>   |
| Black Bag          | <b>\$676.00</b>   |

**Good Shepherd:**

|                    |                   |
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| Regular Collection | <b>\$1,145.00</b> |
| Black Bag          | <b>\$228.00</b>   |

**There is no Second Collection today.**

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

September 19-22 – Men’s RENEWAL Retreat  
 September 20 – **No 9am Mass**  
 September 28 – **No 7pm Mass**  
 September 29 – 11am, Bilingual Mass

**Calendar of Events**  
**Good Shepherd**

September 19 – **No 6pm Mass**



If you know of someone who is unable to get to Mass but would like to receive Communion, call the parish office at 830-833-5227. We will contact an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion who will bring Communion to the parishioner’s home.

**Good Shepherd Catholic Church**  
**Mexican Dinner**  
**Sunday, October 6, 11am till 2pm**

Meal by Donation  
Homemade Cheese Enchiladas, Tamales, Taco, Rice  
Beans, Salsa, Dessert, and Drink  
Dine In or To Go



**Raffle**  
\$5 each/5 for \$20  
Drawing at 2pm on October 6  
Need not be present to win



**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.

**Good Shepherd Rosary**

The Holy Rosary is recited every Wednesday in the Church at 11:00 a.m. If you have any questions, please contact Ed Harry at 936-293-0064.

**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 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.

**Mass Preparation**  
September 22, Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading: Wisdom 2:12,17-20**  
*The just one is put to the test.*

**Psalm: 54:3-6 & 8**  
*A prayer for God’s protection*

**Second Reading: James 3:16–4:3**  
*James teaches about the wisdom from above.*

**Gospel Reading: Mark 9:30-37**  
*Jesus teaches his disciples that the greatest are those who serve all.*

***The Son of Man must suffer greatly . . . and be killed. (Mark 8:31)***

How did Jesus know that he would die? Was it because, as God, he could see his future? Was it because, as a man, he saw his disciples' weak faith as a hint of what would happen when they faced opposition in Jerusalem? Most likely, it was a combination of both—we won't know the full answer this side of heaven.

But what we do know is that, fully aware of what would happen to him, Jesus kept going. He kept preaching the unlimited mercy of God—a message that somehow provoked many of his listeners to anger and confounded even his closest followers. He kept teaching and forming them—the very people he knew would betray, deny, and abandon him in his hour of need. He knew how it would end, but he didn't turn aside from his mission.

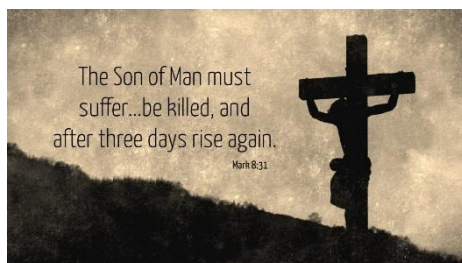
This is the measure of Jesus' love. Even though he knew he would die a lonely and agonizing death, he still chose to walk

the path of self-giving love. He knew that if he stayed on that path all the way to the cross, the revelation of that love would ultimately pierce his disciples' hearts and transform them.

And it did. Seeing the risen Jesus on Easter Sunday changed everything for them. After all the ways they had failed him, he still came back and offered them the same love he had shown them all along. He still came back with the assurance of his forgiveness despite their sin. He still came back and entrusted them with the mission of sharing this love with the whole world. He even gave them his own Holy Spirit to empower them for this mission!

Jesus wants to do for you everything he did for his disciples. No matter what you have done or failed to do—no matter what you will do or fail to do—his love continues to flow out to you. Gaze at his cross today and receive that love!

***"Jesus, I praise you for the victory—and steadfastness—of your love for me!"***



***El Hijo del Hombre tiene que sufrir mucho... y ser asesinado. (Marcos 8:31)***

¿Cómo supo Jesús que iba a morir? ¿Era porque, como Dios, podía ver su futuro? ¿Fue porque, como hombre, vio la débil fe de sus discípulos como un indicio de lo que sucedería cuando se enfrentaran a la oposición en Jerusalén? Lo más probable es que haya sido una combinación de ambos, no sabremos la respuesta completa de este lado del cielo.

Pero lo que sí sabemos es que, plenamente consciente de lo que le sucedería, Jesús siguió adelante. Siguió predicando la misericordia ilimitada de Dios, un mensaje que de alguna manera provocó la ira de muchos de sus oyentes y confundió incluso a sus seguidores más cercanos. Siguió enseñándoles y formándolos, a las mismas personas que sabía que lo traicionarían, negarían y abandonarían en su hora de necesidad. Sabía cómo terminaría, pero no se apartó de su misión.

Esta es la medida del amor de Jesús. A pesar de que sabía que

moriría de una muerte solitaria y agonizante, eligió caminar por el camino del amor que se da a sí mismo. Sabía que si permanecía en ese camino hasta la cruz, la revelación de ese amor finalmente perforaría el corazón de sus discípulos y los transformaría.

Y así fue. Ver a Jesús resucitado el Domingo de Pascua lo cambió todo para ellos. Después de todas las formas en que le habían fallado, él regresó y les ofreció el mismo amor que les había mostrado todo el tiempo. Aun así, regresó con la seguridad de su perdón a pesar de su pecado. Aun así, regresó y les confió la misión de compartir este amor con el mundo entero. ¡Incluso les dio su propio Espíritu Santo para empoderarlos para esta misión!

Jesús quiere hacer por ti todo lo que hizo por sus discípulos. No importa lo que hayas hecho o dejado de hacer, no importa lo que hagas o dejes de hacer, su amor continúa fluyendo hacia ti. ¡Mira su cruz hoy y recibe ese amor!

***"¡Jesús, te alabo por la victoria y la firmeza de tu amor por mí!"***



**St. Ferdinand Women's RENEWAL Retreat, October 17-20, 2024**

**Calling all WOMEN:** The RENEWAL retreat is a three day and three night retreat presented by laymen like yourself, women 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 women 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 Women's retreat, please contact Veronica Jones at 210-262-5624.



## The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

**The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**, celebrated every year on September 14, recalls three historical events: the finding of the True Cross by Saint Helena, the mother of the emperor Constantine; the dedication of churches built by Constantine on the site of the Holy Sepulchre and Mount Calvary; and the restoration of the True Cross to Jerusalem by the emperor Heraclius II. But in a deeper sense, the feast also celebrates the Holy Cross as the instrument of our salvation. This instrument of torture, designed to degrade the worst of criminals, became the life-giving tree that reversed Adam's Original Sin when he ate from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil in the Garden of Eden.

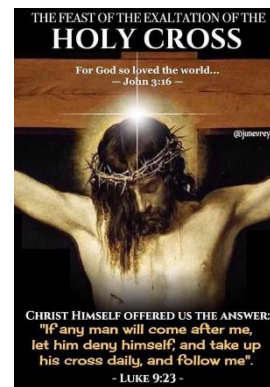
It's easy to understand that the Cross is special because Christ used it as the instrument of our salvation. But after His Resurrection, why would Christians continue to look to the Cross?

Christ Himself offered us the answer: "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me" (Luke 9:23). The point of taking up our own cross is not simply self-sacrifice; in doing so, we unite ourselves to the sacrifice of Christ on His Cross.

When we participate in the Mass, the Cross is there, too. The "unbloody sacrifice" offered on the altar is the representation of Christ's Sacrifice on the Cross. When we receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion, we do not simply unite ourselves to Christ; we nail ourselves to the Cross, dying with Christ so that we might rise with Him.

"For the Jews require signs, and the Greeks seek after wisdom: But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews indeed a stumbling block, and unto the Gentiles foolishness . . ." (1 Corinthians 1:22-23). Today, more than ever, non-Christians see the Cross as foolishness. What kind of Savior triumphs through death?

For Christians, however, the Cross is the crossroads of history and the Tree of Life. Christianity without the Cross is meaningless: Only by uniting ourselves to Christ's Sacrifice on the Cross can we enter into eternal life.



### A St. Michael's Day Salute to Our First Responders & Vets



All First Responders & Vets are invited to participate!  
Community encouraged to come and honor our local heroes!

#### Featuring

- Parade & Blessing of First Responders, Service Vehicles, & Veterans
- St. Michael's Day Fun Run

For more details visit:

[www.runsignup.com/Race/TX/Blanco/StMichaelsDay5kBlanco](http://www.runsignup.com/Race/TX/Blanco/StMichaelsDay5kBlanco)

- Light Refreshments (Hot Dogs & Chips)
- Good Company

St. Michael and All Angels  
218 Pittsburg St., Blanco  
September 30 at 6:30

Visit [www.stmichaelsblanco.org](http://www.stmichaelsblanco.org) for more details.

## RETRouvaille

Have you lost that loving feeling?  
Want to feel like saying "I do" all over again,  
or just rekindle your marriage?

Come join us **October 4-6, 2024** in Austin, TX for a weekend that will heal old wounds, help you learn to communicate more effectively and bring your marriage back to life.

We can help put your marriage on the right path!

- Is your marriage cold and distant?
- Do you want to communicate better with your spouse?
- Would you like to rekindle and strengthen your relationship?

Retrouvaille has helped thousands of marriages worldwide.

For more information on our program and to sign up for the upcoming weekend visit our website at:

[www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org)

or call (512) 550-3202

✉ [AustinRetrouvaille@gmail.com](mailto:AustinRetrouvaille@gmail.com)



Love is a Decision

## 1st Friday Terms



A parishioner asked me about explaining some of the "Church words" that I use when promoting our 1st Friday devotions, so I thought it would be helpful to define them! (See? I listen to you!)

First of all, the 1st Friday devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus originates with the private revelations (visions) of Jesus to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque in France in 1673-1675. (Similarly, the 1st Saturday devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary originates in the visions of Our Lady of Fatima to the three shepherd children in Portugal in 1917.)

For simplicity's sake, I'll do this in a pseudo-glossary style:

**Penance** – Sacrifices we make for our sins and those of the whole world in...

**Reparation** – "Paying God back" and repairing the damage for the outrages against Him. One such method is...

**Adoration** – Worship of our Lord, especially in the Blessed Sacrament. There are two chief ways that this is done, the first being in a...

**Tabernacle** – The glorious golden box that holds and protects the reserved Blessed Sacrament, for adoration and bringing Communion to the sick (this is the adoration that fueled my discernment of the Priesthood, by the way). The other way is...

**Exposition** – Commonly known as "adoration", but this is the more proper term; it is when the Blessed Sacrament is "exposed" to us in a...

**Monstrance (Ostensorium)** – From the Latin monstrare, meaning "to show", this beautiful golden vessel holds the Blessed Sacrament high for all to see. It is often accompanied by a...

**Thurible (Censer)** – The "holy smoker" that burns the delightfully smelling incense over hot coals, as our prayers rise to God with it and the fire of God's love is kindled within us. It is used in both exposition and...

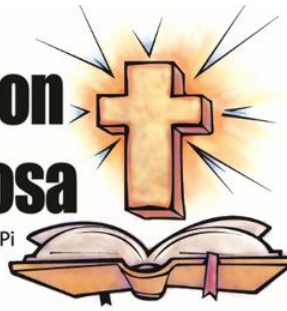
**Benediction** – The liturgical rite that concludes a period of exposition in which our Lord Himself gives the blessing, through a Priest or Deacon making the Sign of the Cross with the monstrance.

I hope that this is enlightening, and I hope even more that you will join us next 1st Friday!

In humble adoration,  
Fr. Kyle

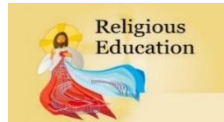
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When the Word says *This is My Body*, be convinced of it and believe it. St John Chrysostom



### 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

**Welcome back! PreK-8th Grade Faith Formation classes begin this week!** Registration forms are in the RE building or are available for download at <https://stferdinandblanco.org/re-registration>. Be sure to pick up your calendar and other resources available in the RE building.

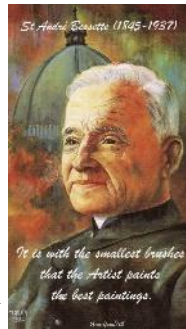


Help your children meet their best friend. Sign up for Religious Education!

### Pass It Forward!

Would you like to serve, but can't commit to serving as a catechist? You can help as a St. Andre Bessette doorkeeper. Brother Andre was given the humble job of doorkeeper at Notre Dame College in Montreal. He had a special devotion to St. Joseph and asked his intercession for many people who came to the door seeking his prayers. At his canonization, Pope Benedict XVI said that St. Andre lived the beatitude of the pure of heart.

As a St. Andre Bessette doorkeeper, your responsibilities include watching over the children in front of the RE Building beginning at 10:30, as they leave class until their parents pick them up, and offering prayers for the children in your heart. Volunteers should have current Ethics and Integrity certification. For more information contact the DRE at 830-833-0444. The generous donation of your time would be greatly appreciated.



### 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. 22nd  
(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 ([austindiocese.org](http://austindiocese.org)) 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.*



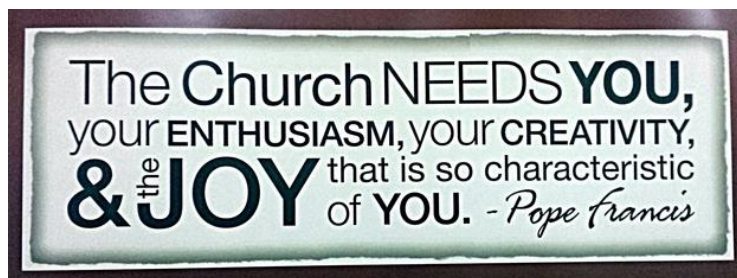
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**2024-2025 Confirmation Classes:** Students interested in registering for Confirmation class must be enrolled in RICH Youth Ministry Classes. Students must have completed 1 year of pre-confirmation or 8th grade classes prior to enrolling. Students 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 ([austindiocese.org](http://austindiocese.org)) for upcoming EIM workshops in our area.



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