

**SAINT FERDINAND & GOOD SHEPHERD**  
**Catholic Churches**  
 Saint Mary Help of Christians Chapel & Cemetery



PARISH BULLETIN | July 13, 2025, Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**WEEKEND MASSES:**

**St. Ferdinand**

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.  
 7:00 p.m. (Español)  
 Sunday: 11:00 a.m.

**First full 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**

Wednesday: 7:15 a.m.-7:40 a.m. (Chapel)  
 Saturday: 3:45 p.m.-4:40 p.m. (Church)

**Good Shepherd**

Thursday: 5:15 p.m.-5:40 p.m.  
 Sunday: 8:15 a.m.-8:40 a.m.

(or by appointment)

**OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday through Friday  
 12 p.m. to 6 p.m.

**CHAPEL HOURS:**

Monday: 12 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
 Tuesday/Thursday/Friday: 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
 Wednesday: 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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[WWW.GOODSHEPHERDICTX.ORG](http://WWW.GOODSHEPHERDICTX.ORG)

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**St. Ferdinand**

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**Good Shepherd**

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**St. Ferdinand and Good Shepherd**

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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 and Quinceañera 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 July 12, 2025 – July 20, 2025

<b>Saturday, July 12th (SF)</b> Parishioners of St. Ferdinand and Good Shepherd	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Saturday, July 12th (SF)</b> †Repose of the Soul of Carolina Mora, Pablo Pernia, and Julia Peña by John Pernia	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Sunday, July 13th (GS)</b> Spiritual Health of Lisa Falcone by Cheryl and Steve Todd	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Sunday, July 13th (SF)</b> †Repose of the Souls of John Anthony and Harold W. Stein by Rhonda and Kevon Stein	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday, July 15th (SF)</b> †Repose of the Soul of Joseph Robert Cudd	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Wednesday, July 16th (SF)</b> †Repose of the Soul of Sandi Immel	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Thursday, July 17th (SF)</b> †Souls in Purgatory	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Thursday, July 17th (GS)</b> For students and staff during summer vacations by Patti Marx	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Friday, July 18th (SF)</b> †Repose of the Soul of Donald Van Eynde	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Saturday, July 19th (SF)</b> †Repose of the Soul of Betty Oldenberg by James and Anne Seymour	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Saturday, July 19th (SF)</b> †Repose of the Soul of Maria Alvarez de Muñiz by the Tejada Family	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Sunday, July 20th (GS)</b> †Repose of the Soul of Della La Fleur by Cindy Wiggins	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Sunday, July 20th (SF)</b> Birthday Blessings for Gennis Hauck by Linda Duplissey	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>

### Masses at St. Mary Help of Christians Chapel, Twin Sisters

Friday, August 22nd, 8:00 am  
 Sunday, November 2nd, 3:00 pm  
 Tuesday, February 17, 2026, 8:00 am  
 Saturday, May 23, 2026, 8:00 am



If you know of someone who is in need of Anointing of the Sick (Last Rites), call the parish office at 830-833-5227. If you are out of the area, find the closest Catholic Church and ask for a Priest. Asking the hospital chaplain's office is not recommended.

### Communion for the Homebound

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.



## 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.

**Esperanza Amezcua**  
**Chris Berryhill**  
**Brady Burch**  
**Lucia Carbary**  
**Gloria C. Cardenas**  
**Maribel Chapa**  
**Jack Cudd**  
**Paul Deringer**  
**Roselle Fischler**  
**Pete Garcia**  
**Jim Gronke**  
**Derek Haltom**  
**Joe Hancock**  
**Vernon Hancock**  
**Myles Harris**  
**Tim Ivy**  
**Charles Jennings**  
**Randall Jones**  
**Robbie Llanos**  
**Homer Lowden**  
**Jane Martin**  
**Camila Martinez**  
**Jonah Martinez**  
**Juan Martinez**  
**Segunda Martinez**

**Tim Nance**  
**Coleman Nelson**  
**Devin Newsome**  
**Ruth Nieto**  
**Tim Polster**  
**Charles Reinert**  
**Sid Reinert**  
**Brenda Robinette**  
**Buddy Roessler**  
**Lupe Ruvalcaba**  
**Sandra Rodriguez**  
**Josie Salazar**  
**Darryl Seidel**  
**Geneva Sepeda**  
**Josh Strodbeck**  
**Tracy Strube**  
**Antonio Tapia**  
**Olivia Tapia**  
**Barbara Turley**  
**Jacob Umazor**  
**Leona Van De Velde**  
**Juan Vargas**  
**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:*

*Liam and Brooklyn Zeitler*



# TITHES & OFFERING

## Weekend of July 6

Thank you for your generosity!

<b>St. Ferdinand:</b>	<b>\$6,971.40</b>
Regular Collection	<b>\$1,547.00</b>
Building Fund	
<b>Good Shepherd:</b>	<b>\$2,076.00</b>
Regular Collection	<b>\$374.00</b>
Building Fund	

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

## Calendar of Events

### St. Ferdinand

July 10-13 – Teen's RENEWAL Retreat

July 21-25 – Vacation Bible School at St. Ferdinand

## Prayer for those affected by flooding

Dear Friends in Christ, as a Diocese of Austin family, let us join in prayer with our brothers and sisters across Central Texas and especially in the Archdiocese of San Antonio for those affected by the devastating flooding. May those lost to the raging waters rest in peace, through the mercy of God, and may their families know God's presence during this time of sorrow and uncertainty. We also pray for the first responders and volunteers who are helping with recovery efforts. Invoking the watchful intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, under her title of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, patroness of people seeking protection during natural disasters and strong storms, we pray God will bring to a calm the rushing rivers and protect those working to recover the lost.

While our prayers are essential at this time of uncertainty, we also know that our action is needed. In union with Bishop-designate Daniel E. Garcia, I invite you to consider supporting those in need of immediate assistance by giving to **Catholic Charities of San Antonio (donate at <https://ccaosa.org/flood-crisis-response/>)** and our own **Catholic Charities of Central Texas (donate at <https://ccctx.org/donate/>)**, both of which stand ready to assist those displaced and in need of immediate support during this time of distress.

Invoking the intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, patroness of those affected by storms and floods, that through our generosity, God will bring healing and peace to those most in need.

*Very Reverend James A. Misko, Diocesan Administrator*

## With Heartfelt Sympathy

Our condolences go out to the family of Don Van Eynde. Don passed away on Thursday, July 3rd. Funeral Services were held at Good Shepherd on Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup>. Please pray for Don, Dixie, and their family.



## Parish Organizations & Meeting Times

### GS and SF 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).

### Good Shepherd Bible Study

Meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. If you're interested in joining, please contact Cheryl Todd at 630-294-0230 or email at [crozy@icloud.com](mailto:crozy@icloud.com).

### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Contact: Gary Reeves, 281-387-9547.

### 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.

### Good Shepherd Women's Circle

Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the Education Center. Contact: Cindy Wiggins, 830-290-3033.

### Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)

If you are interested in becoming Catholic or helping out, please contact the parish office at 830-833-5227.

### St. Anne's Altar Society

Meets the 1st Wednesday of the month following the 8:00 a.m. Mass in the St. Ferdinand Parish Hall. **The next meeting will be on September 3rd (9am).**

### St. Ferdinand Altar Server Training

Meets the third Sunday of the month at St. Ferdinand at 8:30 a.m. (following school schedule).

### St. Ferdinand Men's Club

Meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the St. Ferdinand Parish Hall.

### St. Ferdinand Parish Choir

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

### St. Ferdinand RENEWAL Retreats

If you would like information about our RENEWAL Retreats, please email [Renewal.St.Ferd@gmail.com](mailto:Renewal.St.Ferd@gmail.com).

### 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.

### Santo Rosario

Primer lunes de cada mes a las 6pm en la Capilla. Llama al Rosa Vargas 210-800-3453 para mas informacion.

### Mass Preparation

July 20, Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### First Reading: Genesis 18:1-10a

*Abraham entertains three strangers and is promised a son.*

#### Psalm: 15:2-5

*Those who do justice will live in the presence of the Lord.*

#### Second Reading: Colossians 1:24-28

*The mystery hidden from ages past has now been revealed in Christ.*

#### Gospel Reading: Luke 10:38-42

*Jesus visits the house of Martha and Mary.*

## Bulletin Archives

Are you looking for information from a past bulletin? Visit our website for a complete list of all past bulletins. for St. Ferdinand: [www.stferdinandblanco.org](http://www.stferdinandblanco.org) or for Good Shepherd: [www.goodshepherdjctx.org](http://www.goodshepherdjctx.org)

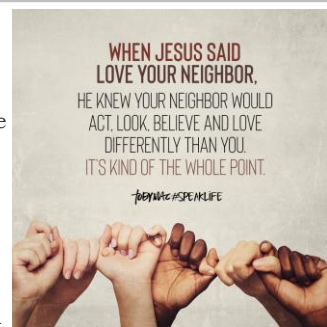
When we read Jesus' parable of the good Samaritan, we might overlook this seemingly innocent question from the scribe. But Luke tells us that this man asked the question "because he wished to justify himself" (10:29). Whom did he not have to love? Whom could he ignore? Was there anyone he could dismiss or who didn't have a claim on his compassion? Essentially, he wanted to know how far he could go and still be "justified."

In response, Jesus told a parable that featured the one character this scribe would have found most difficult to love a Samaritan (Luke 10:33). Samaritans were descendants of the people the Assyrians brought in to intermarry with the Israelites after a devastating war. They worshipped the Lord, but they did so according to a version of the Law that scribes like the man in today's Gospel rejected. They had even built their own temple instead of worshipping in the Temple in Jerusalem. Yet despite this history, Jesus presents two Jews who fail miserably while a Samaritan shows extravagant love.

It's this Samaritan whom Jesus told this scribe to love as his "neighbor" (Luke 10:36). And if he were to love the Samaritan, then he had to love everyone. No one was off-limits; everyone was his neighbor.

Who do you think Jesus might feature if he were to tell you this parable? Who do you have the hardest time accepting or loving? That person is your neighbor. Every person whom God created has a claim on you. Even the ones who look and think and act differently than you. Even the ones you find hard to love. Even the ones you consider "enemies." Especially them!

If this sounds too hard, know that Jesus is on your side. He wants to help you become more loving and more kind and forgiving toward everyone. So ask him, the One who loved his enemies perfectly, to soften your heart and move you to love just as he does.



"Jesus, teach me how to love all of my neighbors!"

### Cedarbrake Retreats

The **Life-Giving Wounds Retreat** will be held **July 25-27** at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Temple. This three-day retreat for young adults and adults with divorced or separated parents invites participants to move through the broken image of love in their parents' relationship to their deepest identity found in God. The retreat gives participants a greater understanding of the wound of divorce and how it affects their lives, offers advice about the difficulties concerning love and trust of others, and explains how the Catholic faith, spiritual practices, and the sacraments are essential to self-knowledge and healing. The retreat is led by the Co-Founder of Life-Giving Wounds, Dr. Daniel Meola and trained volunteers. The cost is \$310 for a private room, \$265 for a shared room and \$165 for commuters. For more information, visit [www.austindiocese.org/cedarbrake](http://www.austindiocese.org/cedarbrake) or call (254) 780-2436.



### Calling all young adults!

Central Texas Catholic (CTXC) is a new resource for young adults in the Diocese of Austin. Offering opportunities for community building and spiritual growth, CTXC strives to connect Catholic young adults, inviting them into a deeper relationship with Christ and His Church. If you are in your 20s or 30s, regional young adult CTXC representatives are ready to meet you! To learn more, visit [www.centraltexascatholic.org](http://www.centraltexascatholic.org).



## 16TH ANNUAL CATHOLIC MEN'S MASS



St. Mary's Catholic Center is a Diocese Pilgrimage site. Join in the Jubilee prayer after Mass and go to confession in the next 30 days to receive a plenary indulgence!



**Celebrant:**  
**Rev. Kyle Nesrsta**  
CTFCM Chaplain

# JOIN US

St. Mary's Catholic Center  
603 Church Ave  
College Station, TX 77840

# JULY 26 2025



MASS AT 9:00 AM WITH A RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

### Peter's Pence Collection, Next Weekend, July 19-20



Leo P.P. XIV

The Peter's Pence Collection is taken up worldwide to support the most disadvantaged – victims of war, oppression, natural disasters and others in need of emergency assistance. We are asked to "care for those who are in need of attention, understanding and help, to bring them the warm closeness of God's love through tangible actions of sensitivity, of sincere affection and of love." The Holy Father uses the Peter's Pence Collection to strengthen dioceses, religious orders and struggling communities of faith when they need it most.



### In Honor of Father Kyle's 5th Ordination Anniversary...

You're invited to participate in our Good Samaritan Center Food Pantry "Breakfast Toppings" Food Drive

Now through Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup>

Food Pantry Volunteers' Suggested Items:  
Peanut Butter & Nutella, Jellies & Jams, Syrup & Honey  
There will be a box in the narthex of the Church for your donations.





# Vacation Bible School

## St. Ferdinand Catholic Church

July 21st through July 25th  
9:00 a.m. – Noon  
"SCUBA!"



Come join us for a fun filled week of music, crafts, and learning more about God.

Early registration is online. VBS Registration link: <https://forms.gle/T17Zm45XhqDMtRuL9>

For more information, please contact VBS director, Mary Jane Hill at (830) 385-9384 or [maryjane@stferdinandblanco.org](mailto:maryjane@stferdinandblanco.org)

God is a friend we can Trust!

*"Peace I leave you, My peace I give you; not as the world gives, do I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, nor fearful." John 14:27*

*Whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. (Matthew 10:38)*

So many of the crosses we bear in this life are not ones we would voluntarily choose. Sickness, the loss of a loved one, a ruptured relationship: they are all part of life in a fallen world. In Matthew, 10:39, Jesus is asking his disciples to take up their crosses—and he promises that everyone who "loses his life for my sake will find it."

What does it look like for us to take up our cross and follow Jesus? We can find the answer by looking at Jesus himself. When he walked the earth, he laid down his life each day so that he could preach the good news and heal the sick. Then he took up his cross—literally—and offered his life out of love so that we could be redeemed and reconciled with our Father. Jesus' whole mission was the way of the cross!

Self-offering; that's the key for our mission as well. We take up our cross when we lay down our lives out of love for the Lord and our brothers and sisters. That is how we "follow after" Jesus—by following in his footsteps (Matthew 10:38).

This doesn't usually involve grand gestures. It happens day by day through small sacrifices. Like reaching out to someone who is lonely, even though we have a lot on our agenda that day. Or giving more to a local charity, even if it means not being able to satisfy some of our material wants right away. Or spending an hour before the Blessed Sacrament, even if it means forgoing lunch. Or being patient with a child when we are short on sleep.

Every day we face a myriad of opportunities to take up our cross and follow Jesus. Some days these crosses might seem small and insignificant. But the more we "lose" our lives for others, the more we will "find" Jesus. And finding him more, we'll be filled with more of his self-giving love, and we'll become more like him. Then we will be able to joyfully embrace the unavoidable crosses that will come our way.

This is how Jesus invites you to follow him. He is the way and the reward! Ask him for the grace to offer yourself for others today, just as he so willingly offered himself for you!

*"Jesus, I want to follow you. Help me to take up my cross!"*



## FORMED Time to renew our FORMED subscription

FORMED has been called a "Catholic Netflix," and offers inspiring movies and video-based studies, audio talks, and e-books from the Church's most compelling speakers and authors, in English and in Spanish. Speakers like Vinny Flynn, Peter Kreeft, Fr Mike Schmitz, Mike Aquilina, Dr Brant Pitre and Dr Scott Hahn. A variety of programs on FORMED are featured in the bulletin and on our parish website.

St. Ferdinand and Good Shepherd have subscribed to FORMED for the past six years so that each of us might grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ and in our desire and ability to share that faith with others, especially those closest to us. Our current parish-wide subscription will expire on August 7<sup>th</sup>. The cost to renew the subscription is \$1099. A parish-wide subscription can be shared with anyone within our parish boundaries, including our neighbors and guests from other faiths.

If you would be willing to make a donation toward the cost of a parish-wide subscription available to all residents within both the St. Ferdinand and Good Shepherd parish boundaries, please contact the parish office at 830-833-5227.

**DONATIONS NEEDED**  
Can you help??

## FOSTER A CONTEMPLATIVE OUTLOOK BY ST. POPE JOHN PAUL THE GREAT

What we need to foster, in ourselves and in others, is a contemplative outlook. Such an outlook arises from faith in the God of life, who has created every individual as a wonder. It is the outlook of those who see life in its deeper meaning, who grasp its utter gratuitousness, its beauty, and its invitation to freedom and responsibility. It is the outlook of those who do not presume to take possession of reality, but instead accept it as a gift, discovering in all things the reflection of the Creator and seeing in every person their own living image.

Prayer not only opens up to a meeting with the Most High, but also disposes us to a meeting with our neighbors, helping us to establish with everyone—without discrimination—relationships of respect, understanding, esteem, and love. Prayer is the bond that most effectively unites us all. It is through prayer that believers meet one another at a level where inequalities, misunderstandings, bitterness, and hostility are

overcome; namely, before God. Prayer is the authentic expression of a right relationship with God and with others.

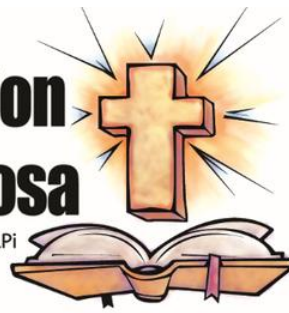
We need to reaffirm our need for intense, humble, confident, and persevering prayer, if the world is finally to become a dwelling place of peace.

So, to take time to pray and to nourish prayer and activities through biblical, theological, and doctrinal study; and to live by Christ and His grace by receiving assiduously the sacraments of reconciliation and the Eucharist: such are the fundamental requirements of every deeply Christian life. Thus, the Holy Spirit will be the source both of our action and of our contemplation, which will then interpenetrate each other, support each other, and yield abundant fruit.

This deep unity between prayer and action is at the basis of all spiritual renewal. It is at the basis of the great enterprises of evangelization and construction of the world according to God's plan.

# Religious Education Educación Religiosa

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## St. Ferdinand Blanco

### Children's Programs on FORMED:



Learn the Catholic Faith through MUSIC!



### Suscipe by St. Ignatius

Join Christine as she sings the famous prayer called the Suscipe, written by the founder of the Jesuits, St. Ignatius of Loyla.

Our parish has a Formed subscription.  
Visit [formed.org/signup](https://formed.org/signup) and select our parish.  
Scan the QR code to download the Formed app to your phone.



An offering from the Catholic Education Institute

### Catholic Podcasts and Websites:

**Spiritjuicekids.com – Juice Box** is an online children's show and YouTube channel developed to entertain kids and grown-ups while teaching the Catholic faith. The series utilizes stories, games, crafts, and more to present faith-based topics young children will understand, engage with, enjoy and remember.

<https://www.spiritjuicekids.com/> This is a great website for kids!!!

**Poco a Poco Podcast – Franciscan Friars of the Renewal** - join Fr Innocent, Fr Angelus, Fr Pierre Toussaint, and Fr Mark-Mary each week to discuss authentic faith in today's world. The Poco a Poco Podcast offers "Practical Spirituality." The friars break open the Gospel in light of their years of prayer, communal life, and work with the poor.

<https://www.franciscanfriars.com/pocoapoco>

## Find Your Home in Christ

LISTEN TO THE ABIDING TOGETHER PODCAST

Looking for a space to deepen your faith, find encouragement, and walk in friendship with Christ?

Join the Abiding Together Podcast, where hosts **Sr. Miriam James Heidland**, **Michelle Benzinger**, and **Heather Khym** dive into honest conversations about prayer, healing, and what it means to abide in God's love.



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## Good Shepherd Johnson City

### Religious Education Classes:

**PreK – 5th Grade:** Registration to begin in the fall.

**First Communion Class:** Registration to begin in the fall.

### Middle School Youth Ministry:

*Classes are currently going on – Space is still available for next Week (July 14-18, 2025)*

*Join us next week at Good Shepherd to continue our Summer Camp Activities!!*



**8th Grade/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: No Classes during the summer – Registration to begin in the fall.**

**OCIA 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 classes, please schedule an appointment with Margie Vasquez to discuss the process and class times. Classes are offered in Spanish or English.

**2025 Confirmation Classes: Current classes will continue through the summer.**

**2025 Confirmation Retreat – Aug 10th – Good Shepherd RE Bldg.**

**2025 Confirmation Celebration Mass – October 11th, 5:00 PM**

**2025-2026 Confirmation Classes:** Students interested in registering for Confirmation class for next year's classes must be enrolled in RICH Youth Ministry Classes. Students must also have completed 1 year of pre-confirmation or 8th grade classes prior to enrolling. Students must be at least 14 years of age at the time class starts.

*If you would like to register your child for Religious Education, Please contact the parish office at (830) 833-5227.*

**Volunteers/Catechist/Helpers Needed:** If anyone is interested in helping the RE program or would like to make donations of supplies for the classroom – Please 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

## RICH

BLANCO & JOHNSON CITY CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY



**High School RICH Youth Ministry: No Classes during the summer – Registration to begin in the fall.**

**RICH (Resting in Christ Hands)** Youth Ministry classes utilizing curriculum which 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 meet at the St. Ferdinand Youth Building (Trailer). *Youth Ministry follows the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) guidelines for comprehensive youth ministry programs.*

**Middle School 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 are invited to participate in these unique Middle School youth ministry classes. We focus on Leadership, Prayer, Service and Unity.*

*Classes are currently going on – Space is still available for next Week (July 14-18, 2025)  
Join us next week at Good Shepherd to continue our Summer Camp Activities!!*



**2025 Confirmation Classes: Current classes will continue through the summer.**

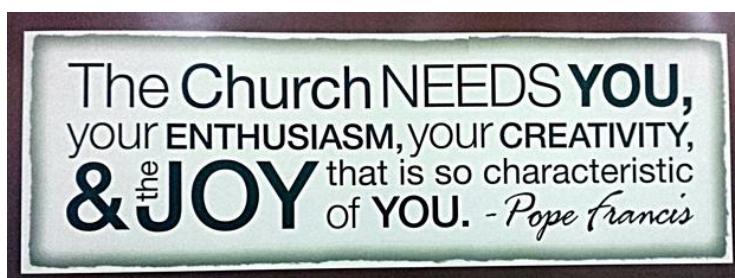
**2025 Confirmation Retreat – Aug 10th – Good Shepherd RE Bldg.**

**2025 Confirmation Celebration Mass – October 11th, 5:00 PM**

**2025-2026 Confirmation Classes:** Students interested in registering for Confirmation class for next year's classes must be enrolled in RICH Youth Ministry Classes. Students must also have completed 1 year of pre-confirmation or 8th grade classes prior to enrolling. Students must be at least 14 years of age at the time class starts.

*If you need any information for any of the Youth Ministry events, classes or Confirmation - Please contact parish office at (830) 833-5227.*

**Youth Ministry Volunteers/Catechist/Helpers Needed: If anyone is interested in helping in our program or donating supplies** – Please contact 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.



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