

SAINT FERDINAND & GOOD SHEPHERD Catholic Churches

Saint Mary Help of Christians Chapel & Cemetery



PARISH BULLETIN | August 9, 2026, Nineteenth 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.
Saturday hours temporarily suspended.

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.

WEBSITES:

WWW.STFERDINANDBLANCO.ORG
WWW.GOODSHEPHERDJCTX.ORG

PHYSICAL ADDRESSES:

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BLANCO, TEXAS 78606
Good Shepherd
285 US 281 LOOP ROAD
JOHNSON CITY, TEXAS 78636

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Good Shepherd:
c/o ST. FERDINAND CATHOLIC CHURCH
25 MAIN ST.
BLANCO, TEXAS 78606

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Sábado 8:00am-12:00pm; Domingo 8:00am-11:00am

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Pete Powell

Paul Case

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 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.)

Masses for August 8 – August 16, 2026

Saturday, August 8th (SF) †Repose of the Soul of Sandra Rodriguez by Family	5:00 p.m.
Saturday, August 8th (SF) Spiritual Well Being of Michael Serrano by Teresa Rosales	7:00 p.m.
Sunday, August 9th (GS) Parishioners of Good Shepherd and St. Ferdinand	9:00 a.m.
Sunday, August 9th †Repose of the Soul of Tim Ivy by Cheryl Pierce and Ruby Fey	11:00 a.m.
Tuesday, August 11th (SF) Health of Beatrice Garcia by Cheryl Todd	8:00 a.m.
Wednesday, August 12th (SF) Health of Tommye Lysaght by Tom and Nicole Reininger	8:00 a.m.
Thursday, August 13th (SF) †Repose of the Soul of Tim Ivy by Liz Foster	8:00 a.m.
Thursday, August 13th (GS) †Repose of the Soul of Rev. Scott Mikkleson	6:00 p.m.
Friday, August 14th (SF) †Repose of the Soul of Charles Eyeington by Jim Eyeington	8:00 a.m.
Saturday, August 15th (SF) Feast of the Assumption †Repose of the Soul of Edward Nesrsta	9:00 a.m.
Saturday, August 15th (SF) †Repose of the Soul of Waldo Blanchette by Paula and Michael Lundy	5:00 p.m.
Saturday, August 15th (SF) †Repose of the Soul of Jose Cuevas by Juan and Rosa Vargas	7:00 p.m.
Sunday, August 16th (GS) †Repose of the Soul of Edward Nesrsta by Vern and Sherry Metzger	9:00 a.m.
Sunday, August 16th †Repose of the Souls of the Galvan Family (Francisco, Carmen, Fernando, Armando, and Francisco, Jr.) by Carmen Galvan	11:00 a.m.

Back-to-School Blessing & Guardian Angel Medals

Join us next weekend, **August 15–16**, for a special Back-to-School Blessing following all Masses. As our students prepare for a new school year, we invite all children—from preschool through college—to receive a blessing for a safe, successful, and faith-filled year.

Each school age child will also receive a Guardian Angel backpack medal as a reminder that God and their guardian angel are always with them.

We look forward to celebrating this special blessing with you and your family!



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
Rosa Bravo
Lucia Carbary
Maribel Chapa
Betty Deringer
Paul Deringer
Jim Eyeington
Roselle Fischler
Pete Garcia
Sharon Glosson
Keito Gorum
Jim Gronke
Derek Haltom
Janice Hambright
Joe Hancock
Myles Harris
Levi James Hayford
Charles Jennings
Grant Jones
Randall Jones
Diane Kainer
Robbie Llanos
Jane Martin
Camila Martinez
Jonah Martinez
Juan Martinez
Tim Nance

Coleman Nelson
Devin Newsome
Maureen O'Hagan
Lacy Peterson
Tim Polster
Charles Reinert
Sid Reinert
Maria G. Rios
Buddy Roessler
Lupe Ruvalcaba
Josie Salazar
Geneva Sepeda
Santiago Sepeda
Josh Strodtbeck
Tracy Strube
Antonio Tapia
Barbara Turley
Jacob Umanzor
Eva Vargas
Juan Vargas
Pedro Villegas
Aleigh Wessels
Daniel Zamora
Polo Zamora
Susie Zamora
Joyce Zarsky



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.

Masses at St. Mary Help of Christians Chapel 1051 RM 473, Twin Sisters

Tuesday, September 8, 2026, 8:00 am
Monday, November 2, 2026, 8:00 am

Cemetery Council: Miller Crawford, John Duran,
Carole George, Gina McKinney, Sara Sweeney



Men's RENEWAL Retreat

This year the Men's RENEWAL Retreat will take place from the evening of **Thursday, Sept. 24th through Sunday, Sept. 27th**. Please use the QR code to register as soon as possible—spots are limited and will fill quickly. We look forward to seeing you there.





Weekend of August 2

Thank you for your generosity!

St. Ferdinand:

Regular Collection
Building Fund

\$7,329.20
\$2,275.00

Good Shepherd:

Regular Collection
Building Fund

\$2,251.00
\$484.00

Please remember us in your will.

The Second Collection today is for the Black Bag which is used for the needy in our community.

Calendar of Events

St. Ferdinand

August 15 – Feast of the Assumption (*not a Holy Day of Obligation*), 9am Mass in the Chapel
August 29 – Women of Faith Vices to Virtue Retreat presented by Fr. Kyle, 8:30am to 2:30pm, Parish Hall

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The Annual St. Ferdinand Gala is Coming!



The upcoming annual St. Ferdinand fundraising Gala will be held on **Saturday, September 12th at 6:30 pm** in the Parish Hall. The theme is “Camo by Candlelight.” Don your favorite camo attire and join your friends for a star-filled evening of food and fellowship!

We are requesting donations for the live auction and item raffle. We ask that all live auction items be valued over \$400 and raffle items be valued at \$50 or more. Bring donations to the parish office after August 24th, or call Kim Bayless at 512-810-0010. To volunteer or donate to the Gala, please scan the QR code below.

Tickets for the Gala are \$150 for two fajita dinner meals and a chance to win \$4000 in the reverse raffle! Attendees can also participate in the live auction and item raffle. Tickets are on sale at weekend Masses or in the parish office.

For more information on donations or volunteering please contact Kim Bayless, 512-810-0010 or Cindy Hayford, 832-443-0926. God bless!

Please help St. Ferdinand thrive and continue to serve the people of Blanco.



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. If you would like to attend, please contact the parish office or email 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.

Good Shepherd Contemplative Prayer

Every **1st 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 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm in the parish hall. Contact: Nieves Rodriguez 830-798-5502.

Good Shepherd Rosary

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

Good Shepherd Women's Circle

Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm in the RE Building. 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 8:00am Mass in the St. Ferdinand Parish Hall. **The next meeting is September 2, 2026.**

St. Ferdinand Altar Server Training

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

St. Ferdinand Men of Faith

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

St. Ferdinand Parish Choir

Meets Wednesday nights at 5:30pm. 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.

St. Ferdinand Women of Faith

Fall Faith Study on Tuesdays, September 8th and October 27th. Mornings 9:00 - 11:00am OR Evenings 6:00 - 8:00pm. St. Ferdinand RE Bldg. All women are welcome! Registration after 5:00pm and 11:00am Masses in August. Email: we.are.women.of.faith@gmail.com for more information.

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

August 16th, Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 56:1,6-7

The Lord reveals his salvation to all.

Psalm: 67:2-3,5-6,8

All the nations will praise God.

Second Reading: Romans 11:13-15,29-32

God's favor to Israel is irrevocable.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus heals the daughter of the Canaanite woman because of her great faith.



Attention, all men! We are considering reviving the Knights of Columbus at St. Ferdinand and Good Shepherd. If you are interested in being part of a revived council, please contact the Parish office at 830-833-5227 so they can add you to the list. Please keep this in your prayers!

The Lord will be passing by. (1 Kings 19:11)

Today's readings seem to have a lot in common: great displays of God's power, natural disturbances, reasons to fear. But the most important thing that happens in them is the fact that God makes his presence known. Whether it's in Jesus' walking on the water or in the tiny whisper that Elijah heard, the Lord comes to his children.

Fleeing a threat to his life, the prophet Elijah was so frustrated that he didn't want to continue his mission. So he sat under a tree and asked to die. But the angel of the Lord fed him and guided him to a mountain where "the Lord [would] be passing by" (1 Kings 19:11). God was not in the strong wind, in the earthquake, or in the fire, however. He was in "a tiny whispering sound" (19:12). In today's Gospel, the disciples were in a boat that was being tossed by the wind and the waves when they saw Jesus coming "toward them walking on the sea" (Matthew 14:25). Of course they were terrified!

You can probably relate. There are moments in life when it can feel as if you are being tossed by the "wind" or shaken by an "earthquake": a serious illness, the loss of a job, a loved one who walks away from the Lord. When unexpected situations happen, you might want to look for "shelter" in "a cave" (1 Kings 19:9). You might be afraid or you might have "little faith" (Matthew 14:31). Because it might feel as if the Lord is absent, as if he doesn't care, or as if you're beyond his help.

But God wants to reassure you. He is passing by! He's inviting you to the "mountain"—a quiet place where you can pray and pour out your heart—to spend time with him. He wants you to remember that he comes to you, he stretches out his hand, and he holds you and keeps you steady. Then he says: "Take courage . . . ; do not be afraid" (Matthew 14:27).

"Lord, I know you come to my aid. Help me to trust in you."



Beyond a Reasonable Doubt

Beholding the Evidence of God

August 21-23, 2026

Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort & Spa
9800 Hyatt Resort Drive, San Antonio, TX 78251



Bishop Gary Janak
Auxiliary Bishop
Archdiocese of San Antonio



Dave & Lauren Moore
Sacred Music by
Catholic Music Initiative



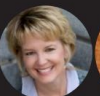
Chris Stefanick
Renown Author,
Speaker
& TV Host/Founder
"Real Life Catholic"



Dr. Edward Sri
Dynamic Author
& Augustine
Institute
Theologian



Fr. Carlos Martins
Sacred Relics
Expert & Exorcist



Patty Schneider
Evangelist, Author
& Podcaster



Fr. Ken Geraci
Missionary
Preacher
& Deliverance
Ministry



Emily Wilson
Author, Social
Media Phenom &
Co-Founder
"SacredSpark"



Fr. David Hust
Houston's
Powerhouse
Preacher

Limited Discounted Rooms Available with Registration | Access to all Water Park/Lagoon features included with Stay | Access to Pools/Lazy River included with Attendance!

San Antonio's 20th Annual CATHOLIC FAMILY SUMMER CONFERENCE

All at a family-friendly resort featuring the brand new "Big Spring Lagoon"!

- Dynamic Catholic Speakers
- Engaging Saturday Youth Track
- Texas' Largest Traveling Catholic Bookstore!

FAMILY FUN NIGHT
August 21, 2026

Included with Conference Registration!

- Music & Dance Lessons with "Buzz & the Blue Cats"
- Kid-Friendly Activities & Games

INTIMATE BENEFIT DINNER
August 22, 2026

Limited Tickets! \$250/person

- Exclusive keynote by Chris Stefanick
- Live and Silent Auctions

www.FullnessofTruth.org/SA26

For tickets, schedule, and more information, visit www.fullnessoftruth.org or call 281-358-9195.



HOPING FOR THE APOCALYPSE WITH ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

SEPTEMBER 18-20

LITTLE FLOWER BASILICA
SAN ANTONIO, TX



SPEAKER
BR. ISAIAH
OF THE HOLY FACE, OCD

Day 1

Friday, September 18
7pm-9pm
Adoration, Confessions, Praise & Worship

Day 2

Saturday, September 19
9am-4pm
Conferences, Mass, lunch, a tour of the Basilica, & more.

Day 3

Sunday, September 20
Vocation Activities



Scan the QR Code for more information and to register!

LittleFlowerBasilica.org/events/cyad26

Admission to CYAD 26 is free, but donations are gratefully accepted.

Grief Support Ministry

Anyone is welcomed to join us...

The Grief Support Ministry group is meeting every other month to come together in fellowship, understanding, and support. Our next meeting will be a social gathering (Potluck Dinner) on **August 17th**, at Good Shepherd Parish Hall starting at 6:00 pm.

If you would like to join us, contact Margie Vasquez or the parish office so we have your contact information for group information updates and resources. Contact the parish office or by email Margie Vasquez at margie@stferdinandblanco.org



CHOIR ACCOMPANIST NEEDED!

A piano player or guitarist is needed to accompany the choir in providing music during our sacred liturgies. A stipend is available. Please contact Debbie for more information, (713) 562-0228.





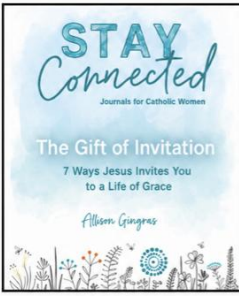
Women of Faith



is a Women's Faith Ministry at St. Ferdinand.

All women at St. Ferdinand and Good Shepherd are invited to join us for a

Fall Faith Study



BOOK \$15.00

9:00 - 11:00 AM OR 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Tuesdays:
Sept. 8 thru Oct. 20
Pot Luck Oct. 27

The Gift of Invitation: 7 ways Jesus Invites You to a Life of Grace

Sign up

After 5:00 PM and 11:00 AM Masses
In AUGUST or email
we.are.women.of.faith@gmail.com

Deliverance Follow-up (part 1 of 2)

Dear sons and daughters,

As I mentioned in my Homily a couple of weeks ago (which is online, if you wish to listen again or pass it on), there are various practices and organizations that we need to renounce and avoid if we are to keep the rocks, thorns, and weeds out of the soil that is our soul!

Here is a brief summary, plus some additional information about each area:

- **Ouija boards, tarot cards, etc.** – these open doors to greater evil, and must be destroyed and removed from our homes.
- **Psychics, seances, witchcraft, etc.** – these cause great spiritual damage, and often form harmful soul ties, and must be renounced.
- **Tattoos** – these are contrary to natural law, and a mutilation of the body God has given us (in general, we should never make permanent modification of our body, unless for important medical purposes); further, many tattoo “artists” add substances to their ink that curses their victims, knowingly or unknowingly.
- **Yoga** – this is based on Hinduism (satan loves using eastern religions); in fact, each pose is based on a Hindu god or goddess, so it cannot be Christianized (if you’re interested in an alternative, check out SoulCore).
- **Harry Potter** – while most works of fiction aren’t necessarily spiritually harmful, this is an exception because it uses *real spells*; and real magic (yes, unfortunately, it exists; check the book of Exodus) is always evil (also interestingly, the J.K. Rowling’s ideas reportedly came to her suddenly at 3am, the “witching hour”).
- **Hypnotism, astrological readings, palm readings, fortune telling, etc.** – anytime we seek spiritual “help” apart from God, it is automatically of the devil.
- **Santeria, curanderos, santa muerte, etc.** – often found in Spanish-speaking communities, these are corruptions of natural or holy things that have been contaminated by evil, and must be renounced.
- **New Age, Wicca, Reiki, transcendental meditation (apart from God), etc.** – a wide category, these are similar to witchcraft and the above, and more subtle, but still dangerous.

Again, I don’t say these things to promote fear nor to shame anyone, but to bring healing and for the truth to set us free. Any good father seeks to protect their children from harm, whether it be physical or spiritual.

Pax et bonum,
Father Kyle, Pastor



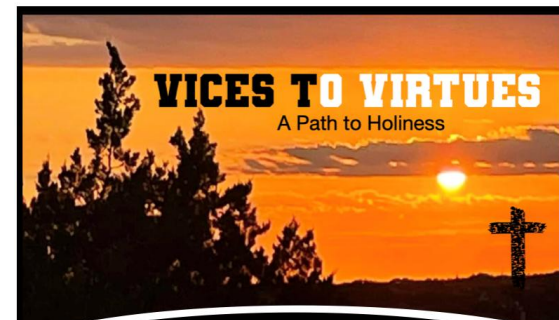


Project Stephen is an opportunity to walk with other men and their wives who are also discerning a deeper relationship with God and whether that includes answering God’s call through service as a deacon. Over the course of eight sessions, attendees will have the opportunity to learn about who the deacon is and how he serves in word, liturgy, and charity; the history and development of the diaconate; and, the four pillars of formation. In addition, one will discover how to discern well, with a focus on prayer as the way God communicates his life and makes his presence known in the soul. This fall, all Project Stephen meetings will occur on the following Sundays from 2 to 4 p.m.:

- **Aug. 16: Diocese of Austin Pastoral Center in Austin**
- Sept. 13: St. Joseph Catholic Church (Bryan)
- Sept. 27: Christ the King Catholic Church Parish Hall (Belton)
- Oct. 18: Diocese of Austin Pastoral Center in Austin
- Nov. 8: St. Jerome Catholic Church Parish Hall (Waco)
- Nov. 15: St. Mary Catholic Center (College Station)

For more information, go to the Austin Diocese website at:
<https://www.austindiocese.org/project-stephen>
Or email diaconateformation@austindiocese.org.

Graphic content: Image of St. Stephen the Protomartyr was one of the early Christians chosen to serve the community and recognized in the Acts of the Apostles as one of the first deacons.



VICES TO VIRTUES

A Path to Holiness

St. Ferdinand Catholic Church

RETREAT

PRESENTED BY PASTOR FR. KYLE NESRSTA

AUGUST 29, 2026

8:30 AM - 2:30 PM

\$25.00 Lunch included

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us.”
Hebrews 12:1

RECONCILIATION OFFERED

✠ Join us as we encounter ways to combat sin with virtues. ✠

ADORATION * PRAYER TEAMS AVAILABLE

The one who supplies seed to the sower . . . will . . . increase the harvest of your righteousness. (2 Corinthians 9:10)

Monday is the feast of St. Lawrence, the third-century deacon who was martyred by the Roman emperor Valerian for distributing the Church’s wealth to the poor rather than handing it over to him. You can imagine Lawrence wondering, when the emperor demanded the Church’s treasures, how he should respond. I’ll likely be killed, no matter what I do. So how can I do the most good right now?

It’s a good question for us, too, whether we’re running a business or just trying to be a good neighbor. What can we do with the gifts that God has given to us? In 2 Corinthians 9:10, St. Paul says that every seed you sow matters. Charitable donations, caring words, humble actions: plant enough of these, and the Lord will “increase the harvest of your righteousness” (2 Corinthians 9:10). You’ll have a bumper crop!

The problem is, those “seeds” are often in short supply. Time, patience, self-control, not to mention material resources—they’re all limited. So it’s understandable that you might reach the point where you feel you have nothing left to give. Where can you find more?

St. Paul tells us that God himself, “the one who supplies seed,” will give you “all you need” (2 Corinthians 9:10, 8). You won’t find it by digging down deep within yourself, hoping to manufacture your own personal supply of strength and peace. Instead, you find it by going back to your Father and asking.

Your Father knows exactly what you need. Like all martyrs, St. Lawrence received seeds of hope from the Lord, which grew into a harvest of heroism and a witness that has inspired millions. Perhaps God will give you the courage to be more generous than you thought possible, which will yield an even more bountiful harvest for those who are poor. Or maybe he will give you a deeper desire to share the gospel, which brings about a harvest of faith for other people.

Don’t think you have to keep scrounging in a dwindling interior silo. Instead, develop the habit of returning to your Creator. He takes joy in giving you all you need for a rich harvest of love and generosity.

“Father, give me all I need so that I am able to give to others!”

FEAST OF

AUG 10

Saint Lawrence

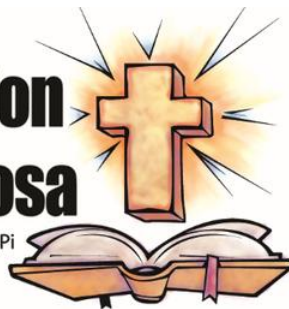
Deacon and Martyr

“Patron Saint of School Children, Poor People, Cooks and Comedians”



Religious Education Educación Religiosa

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St. Ferdinand Blanco

Religious Education Begins Sunday, September 6!

Registration is still open for Pre-K through 8th Grade. Join us as we begin another year of growing in faith, friendship, and discipleship.

Class Schedule: Sundays | 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

OCIA: classes on Wednesday evening starting at 6:00 p.m.

Faith Formation Registration Night Friday, August 14 | 6:00 p.m.

Bring the whole family for an evening of registration, fellowship, and fun! Families will have the opportunity to register for Religious Education, ask questions, and enjoy family-friendly games and activities together. We look forward to welcoming both new and returning families as we prepare for a wonderful year of faith formation. For more information, please contact the Parish Religious Education Office.

Are you interested in volunteering by being a sub or a class assistant in RE Sunday mornings? Please come help with special crafts and activities with RE. If this is something you would like to help in, please contact the DRE. Also, please sign up for an EIM workshop. All volunteers must participate in EIM. For EIM instructions, go to <https://austindiocese.org/eim-instructions>.

***Those receiving the sacraments of 1st Holy Communion or Confirmation please sign in to track Mass attendance at the narthex. Ask the greeters for the sign in log.**

If you have any questions on registration or sacrament preparation or would like to volunteer in RE please contact Monica Villegas at 830-833-0444 or at dre@stferdinandblanco.org.

Good Shepherd Johnson City



Good Shepherd PreK - 5th Grade Religious Education

2026-2027 Registration Open!



PreK-5th Grade Registration



First Holy Communion Registration



Registration Ends July 27th

Contact Elissa Malinovsky at cre@stferdinandblanco.org for questions and more information on Youth Ministry, Confirmation, and OCIA.

Interested in helping with Religious Education?

JOIN US FOR A VOLUNTEER INFO MEETING!



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12
6:00 PM
GOOD SHEPHERD RE
BUILDING

8th Grade Pre-Confirmation classes are held on the third Sunday of each month from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Students must attend Pre-Confirmation classes during their 8th-grade year in order to register for Confirmation classes in 9th grade.

Interested in becoming Catholic? The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is offered at Good Shepherd. Please reach out to cre@stferdinandblanco.org for more information on the process and class schedule.

Contact Elissa Malinovsky at cre@stferdinandblanco.org for any questions about religious education or sacrament preparation.



Blanco & Johnson City Catholic Youth Ministry

RICH Fall 2026

RICH for the 2026/2027 School year will begin Sunday September 6th from 5-7PM in the RICH building. Our theme this year will be TIMES ARE ALWAYS CHANGING BUT OUR FAITH DOES NOT. See us after Masses for registration information or go to this link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf8EZdrERnM_TOfgawWYEnHVqRGU_rJlqV7Opkpv6DJEP6Opw/viewform?usp=dialog

Adult volunteers

Are you passionate about sharing your faith and do you love working with teens? RICH is always looking for Adult volunteers to help lead our teens closer to Christ! If you are interested in volunteering for the upcoming school year, please email us at the address below.

Confirmation

Confirmation Mass

Last year's confirmation prep class will receive their Sacrament on

**Wednesday
October 14th, 2026
6pm at St. Ferdinand**

2026-27 Confirmation

Prep Registration

Early registration is currently open until September 1st. Teens must have attended 8th grade catechisms or RICH last year in order to register. Scan the QR below to register.



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