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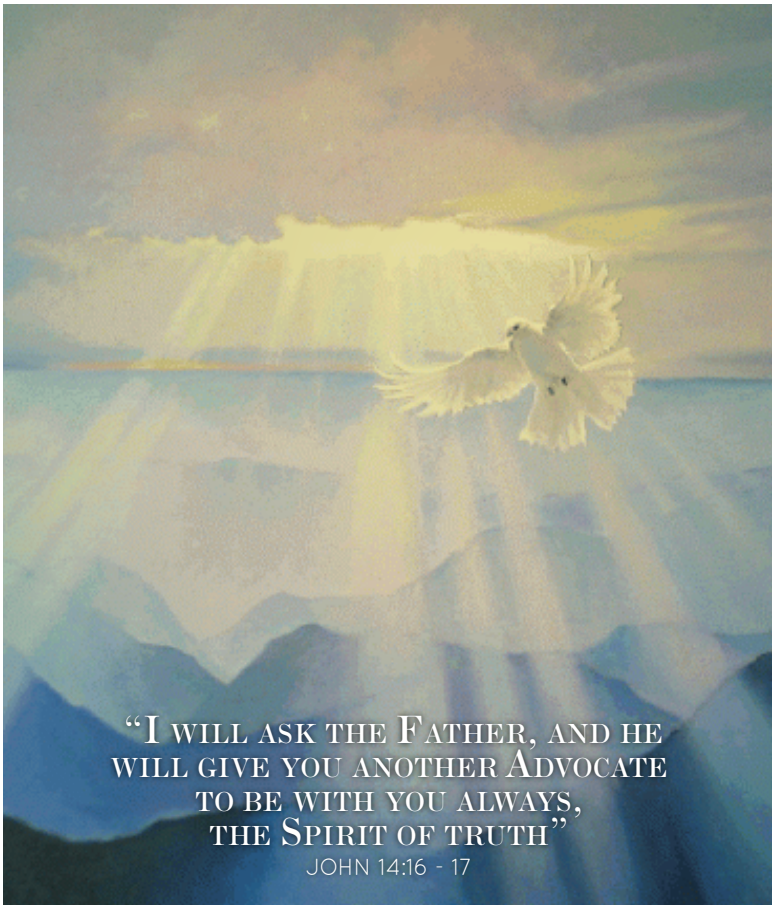
PARISH BULLETIN

MAY 21, 2017
THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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For a complete list of ministries, contacts, and other resources, please visit:
www.goodshepherdjctx.org

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening Masses (Blanco):
5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. (Español)

Sunday Morning Masses:
Good Shepherd: 9:00 a.m.
St. Ferdinand (Blanco): 11:00 a.m.

Weekday Mass:
Thursday, 6:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession
Thursday, 5:00 p.m

First Thursday Healing Mass:
6:00 p.m. with Anointing of the Sick immediately following mass

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"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me."

-JOHN 10:27

Parish Ministries & Information

Masses & Intentions

Week of May 21 - May 28, 2017

Sunday, May 21st
Parishioners of Good Shepherd and St. Ferdinand

Thursday, May 25th
Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, May 28th
Repose of the soul of Rebecca Tobolka offered by Patty Tobolka

Parish Organizations & Meeting Times

Men's Club
Meets the 3rd Sunday of the month after 9:00 a.m. mass.

Knights of Columbus
Meets the 3rd Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall (Blanco)

Catholic Daughters Of The Americas
Meets the 2ndMonday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall (Blanco)
(No meetings June - August)

Children's Choir:
Meets Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m.

Women's Bible Study:
Meets every Thursday at 1:00 pm (RE Building)

Collections Statement

Week of May 14, 2017
Thank you for your generosity!

Regular Collection	**$1,241.15**
Trinity Dome	**$419.55**

Honor the LORD with your wealth,
with first fruits of all your produce
Then will your barns be filled with plenty,
with new wine your vats will overflow.

- Proverbs 3:10

Vocations Chalice

Good Shepherd is happy to continue its tradition of a prayer chalice for vocations. It is given to the receiving family after Mass in a private ceremony with Fr. Wade. If your family feels called to pray with the Chalice, please contact Warren Davis before or after Mass or by contacting him directly at 713-569-9491.

Prayer List

Please pray for parishioners' spiritual, mental and physical needs. ***Cynthia Ford, Patty Marx, Richard & Cayce Syburg, Ashley Fischler, Ralph Moss***

Know that the LORD is God, he made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the flock he shepherds.

-PSALM 100:3

Faith Formation & Religious Education

Religious Education

Margie Vasquez, Coordinator of Religious Ed.
margie@stferdinandblanco.org

Faith Formation Schedule

Pre-K - 8th Grade
Wednesday Evening 6:00 - 7:15 p.m.

CHOSEN
Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation
Sunday Morning 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Women's Bible Study
will formally begin in September. The new study is to be determined. However, check back for the topic of our next study then please call Karen Gebhardt 210-414-7301 if you are interested in attending. We meet on Thursdays at 1:00 PM in the RE Building.

"To one who has faith, no explanation is necessary. To one without faith, no explanation is possible."

-SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS

Youth Ministry

RICH Youth Ministry
High School Religious Education
Sunday Evening 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. (Blanco)

PULSE Teen Leadership Group
Are you looking for ways to grow in your faith? Do you want to put all of those graces you received in Confirmation to work for you and your community? PULSE is hoping to develop effective, holistically Catholic, peer-led ministry leaders among teenagers from ages 14-19 in our community. We need you! ***Please contact james@stferdinandblanco.org if you are interested in joining.***

TONIGHT AT RICH!

Come kick off the summer with burgers, hot dogs, games and P&W as we finish the RE year and unveil the RICH 2017 Summer Calendar! 6 p.m., StF Hall.

LAST DAY OF CLASSES!
RICH Youth Ministry will end the RE year on May 21st. Confirmation will end on May 24. The schedule for 9th-12th Grade Summer Programming is available at stferdinadblanco.org/richsummer

Gospel Meditation: The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Jesus' actions and words are in total harmony with his relationship to God, his Father. Jesus asks us to have the same relationship. Through our initiation, we have been united with Jesus who is one with the Father. Saying "Amen" at communion is an acknowledgement that the consecrated host is the Body of Christ, and a commitment to be the Body of Christ for others. St. Augustine said, "Be a member of Christ so that your 'Amen' may be true." Do we love Christ? Do our actions express this love? Do we reveal through our words and action our unity with Christ? How true is our "Amen?"

Las acciones de Jesús y sus palabras están en total armonía con su relación con Dios, su Padre. Jesús nos pide que tengamos la misma relación. A través de nuestra iniciación hemos estado unidos con Jesús quien es uno con el Padre. Diciendo "Amén" en la comunión reconocemos que la hostia consagrada es el Cuerpo de Cristo, y nos comprometemos a ser el Cuerpo de Cristo para otros. San Agustín dijo, "Sean miembros de Cristo para que su "Amén" sea verdadero" ¿Amamos a Cristo? ¿Expresan este amor nuestras acciones? ¿Revelamos a través de nuestras palabras y acciones nuestra unidad con Cristo? ¿Qué tan verdadero es nuestro "Amén"?

Special Events and Announcements

Thank you for Your Support of ARISE!

A very special THANK YOU! to all of the parishioners and staff who made our first *ARISE!* event such a success last Friday! I am extremely humbled by and grateful for your love for Jesus, exposed in the Eucharist! Thank you for sharing your worship with your parish famiy! Be on the lookout for more *ARISE!* events in the coming months.

-Fr. Wade

EIM Refresher Available
There will be an EIM refresher class at Good Shepherd on Wednesday June 14, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. Please visit the Diocese of Austin website to sign up.

What is TEC?

Together Encounter Christ (TEC) is a Catholic sponsored program that provides an experience in Christian Living. TEC calls forth one's goodness for service in the Church and world. TEC is specifically designed for youth who are at least juniors in high school through young adults in their 20s, however anyone over 17 is welcomed and encouraged to attend.

What happens at TEC?

TEC of Central Texas is a 3-day retreat hosted at Eagles Wings Retreat Center. Retreatants experience a fresh, faith-filled atmosphere away from home, school, and work. Those on the retreat meet, reflect, and share how they see themselves, their ideals, and their hopes/dreams while finding God's presence in their life.

WHO: Anyone in their Junior Year of High School and older
WHAT: 3-day retreat focusing on the Paschal Mystery
WHEN: January 14-16, 2017
WHERE: Eagle's Wings Retreat Center in Burnet
WHY (YOU SHOULD GO): TEC is a great way to deepen your relationship with the living Christ in a friendly and dynamic Catholic community.
COST: $100 (Scholarships Available)

Register by visiting:
tecofctx.wordpress.com

Who leads the weekend?

TEC of Central Texas weekends are conducted by a team of adults and students that may include people from all vocations, who have experienced at least one TEC weekend themselves as a retreatant. The team meets several times before the weekend begins to plan the activities and build a sense of community among team members. They are eager to share this wonderful experience with anyone able to attend.

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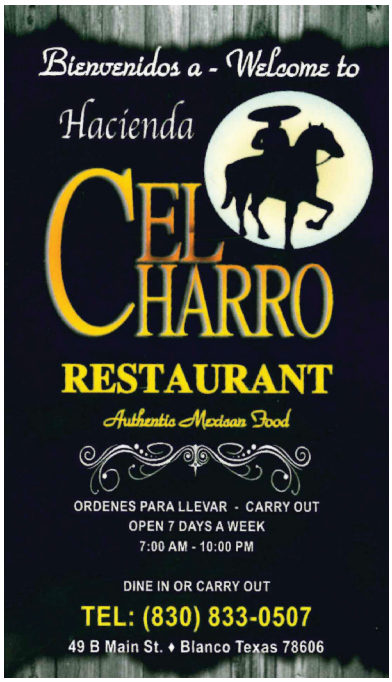

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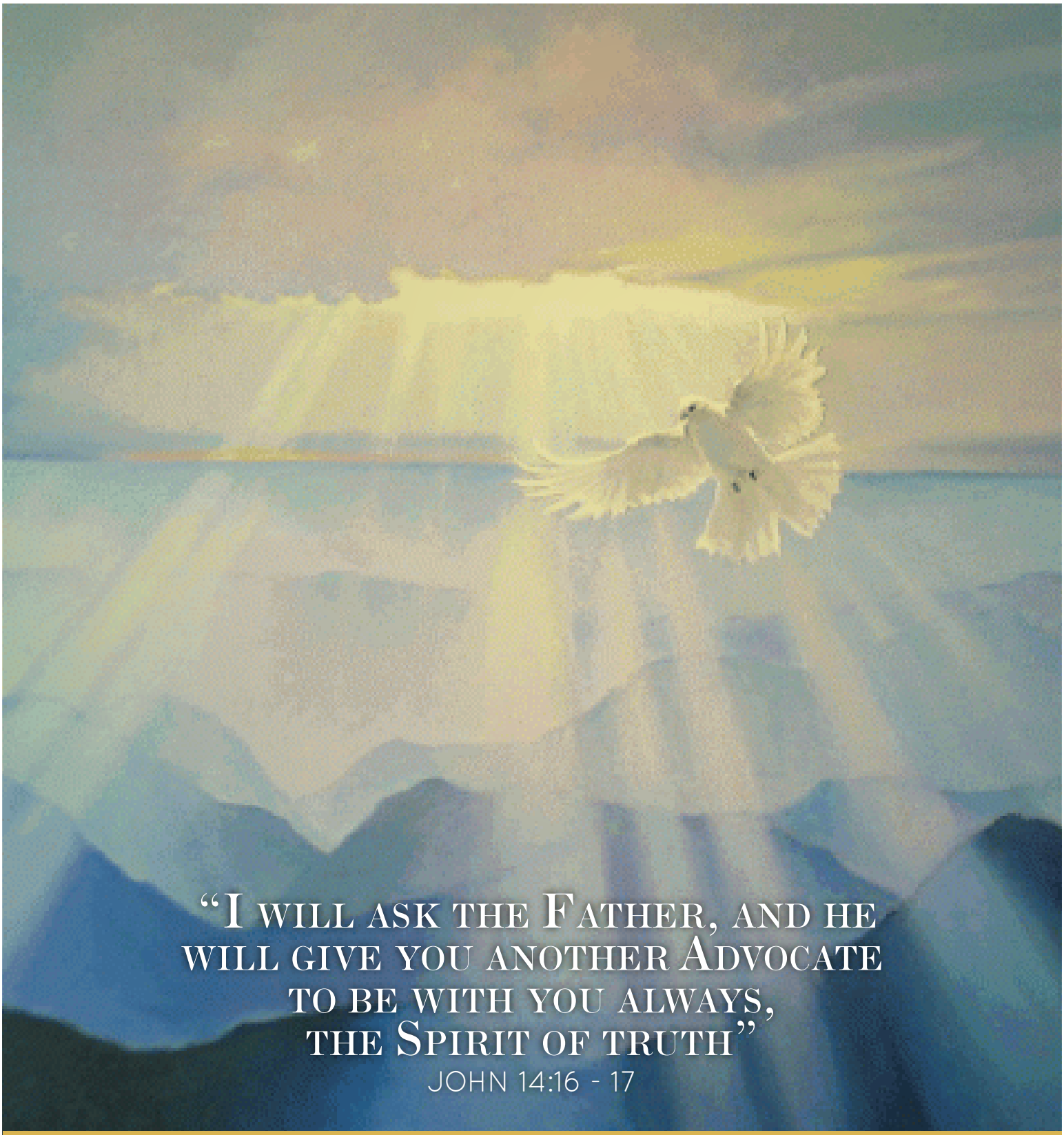
Parish Bulletin

May 21, 2017
The Sixth Sunday of Easter



"I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth"
John 14:16 - 17

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"Christ redeemed us on the hard arms of the Cross, and His knight will not serve Him in any other way."

-SAINT FERDINAND III OF CASTILE

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. Parent interviews for Baptism need to be scheduled with the priest six weeks in advance. Marriage Arrangements need to be made with the priest at least six months in advance. Holy Communion can be brought to the sick on request. If you know of anyone in need please call the office.

Mass Schedule

Saturday Evening Masses:
5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. (Español)

Sunday Morning Masses:
Good Shepherd (Johnson City): 9:00 a.m.
St. Ferdinand: 11:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses:
Tuesday, 12:00 p.m.
Wednesday, 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
Thursday and Friday, 8:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession
Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

First Wednesday Healing Mass:
6:00 p.m. with Anointing of the Sick immediately following

First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart
After 8:00 a.m. Mass

Office Hours

Monday through Friday:
10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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Family Connection: The SIXTH Sunday of Easter

The mystery of the Trinity can be difficult for us to grasp. Today's Gospel invites us to consider how the three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—work together so that God's salvation is made known to us. Jesus' mission is continued through the activity of the Holy Spirit in the lives of his disciples. We have received this same Spirit through our Baptisms. The Spirit, living and working within us, reveals the mystery of God's love for us. Just as the first disciples were not left orphaned, we are not orphaned; we remain in God's embrace through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Gather your family and invite each family member to say what he or she knows about the Holy Spirit. Read aloud today's Gospel, John 14:15-21. What does Jesus say the Holy Spirit will do for the disciples? Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we come to share in the love of God made known to us in Jesus. Pray together, thanking God for this gift of the Holy Spirit by praying the Prayer to the Holy Spirit.

Praying with the Holy Spirit

Chris Sullivan, Loyola Press

The language of prayer is mystery, the mystery of the encounter between the human soul and its Creator, the invisible God. Indeed, we scarcely need St. Paul to remind us that "we do not know how to pray as we ought" (Romans 8:26). So many of the circumstances of our lives can defy our poor power to respond in prayer. How do we sing of God's goodness? How do we lament our deepest sorrows? How do we extoll God's glory? What is the language that can express our love of God and our reception of God's love for us?

The Holy Spirit can speak for us through the Scriptures. The Word of God is alive, because it was written under the inspiration of the Spirit. When we take those words upon our own lips, the Spirit speaks anew through us. Many traditional hymns and contemporary worship songs take their lyrics directly from the Scriptures too. Whether we speak or sing biblical texts, we can offer back to the Father, by the Spirit, God's own perfect words.

Sometimes our prayer is beyond being captured by any words. This is when the prayer of our hearts can be made by the Spirit in language beyond our understanding, "with sighs too deep for words" (Romans 8:26). Try the following exercise that can help us to trust the Holy Spirit to pray in and through us.

Prayer Exercise

Come into a space of quiet. Become present to our ever-present God. Invite God to be with you.

Become aware of your breath. The very act of breathing is an expression of the presence of God, who sustains our lives in this moment and every moment. Remember, in Hebrew, Spirit and breath are the same word, ruah.

At our Baptism and Confirmation, God sends his Spirit to reside in us. As you sit in the quiet, notice how you experience the Spirit residing in you. Where in your body do you come to know the active presence of God? In your heart? Your mind? Your gut? Be aware of this truth: God lives in you by the Spirit, here, now.

Continue for as long as you feel called to be in the stillness, aware that God is with you. What might the Spirit be praying in and through you? Set words completely aside. Listen.

Chris Sullivan is a writer, speaker, and spiritual director-in-training. You can read her blog at *blog.Living the Truth in Love.org*

Saint of the Week: Rita of Cascia

Born at Roccaporena in central Italy, Rita wanted to become a nun but was pressured into marrying a harsh and cruel man. During her 18-year marriage, she had two sons. After her husband was killed and her sons had died, Rita tried to join the Augustinian nuns in Cascia. Unsuccessful at first because she was a widow, Rita eventually succeeded.

Over the years, her austerity, prayerfulness, and charity became legendary. When she developed wounds on her forehead, people quickly associated them with the wounds from Christ's crown of thorns. She meditated frequently on Christ's passion. Her care for the sick nuns was especially loving. She also counseled lay people who came to her monastery.

Beatified in 1626, Rita was not canonized until 1900. She has acquired the reputation, together with Saint Jude, as a saint of impossible cases.

Parish Ministries & Information

Masses & Intentions

Week of May 20 - May 27, 2017

Saturday, May 20th **5:00 p.m.**
Repose of the Soul of Lala Longoria offered by her family

Saturday, May 20th **7:00 p.m.**
Bendiciones para la Comunidad Hispana.

Sunday, May 21st **11:00 a.m.**
In thanksgiving for prayers answered by Jenny Donovan

Tuesday, May 23rd **12:00 p.m.**
Parishioners of St. Ferdinand and Good Shepherd

Wednesday, May 24th **8:00 a.m.**
Health of James Matheny

Wednesday, 24th **6:00 p.m.**
Repose of the soul of Casey Russell

Thursday, May 25th **8:00 a.m.**
Repose of the soul of Dan Kubin offered by his family

Friday, May 26th **8:00 a.m.**
Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, May 27th **5:00 p.m.**
Parishioners of St. Ferdinand and Good Shepherd

Prayer List

Please pray for parishioners' spiritual, mental and physical needs.

Charles McKinney, Jasper Upshaw, Naomi Michalsky, Charles Reinert, Joyce Franklin, Pam Woods, Clara Jo Bindseil, Carolyn Gieringer, Wyatt Ledesma, and Lucille Scharnhorst

If you or someone you know needs prayer in a special way, please email: bulletin@stferdinandblanco.org. Prayer intentions will be listed here for two weeks at a time unless extenuating circumstances warrant further publication.

Collections Statement

Week of May 14, 2017
Thank you for your generosity!

Regular Collection	**$2,972.84**
Trinity Dome	**$316.01**
Ashes to Easter Boxes	**$421.81**

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with first fruits of all your produce
Then will your barns be filled with plenty,
with new wine your vats will overflow.
- Proverbs 3:10

Parish Organizations & Meeting Times

St. Anne's Altar Society
Meets the 1st Thursday of the month at 9:00 a.m. in the parish hall following 8:00 mass. Light brunch served before the meeting starts.

Knights of Columbus
Meets the 3rd Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall

Catholic Daughters Of The Americas
Meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall (No meetings June - August).

St. Ferdinand's Parish Choir
Meets Wednesday nights at 6:00 p.m. Call 830-833-4939 for more information.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)
Meets Thursday nights from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. in the RE Building.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Please see Fr. Wade before or after mass for any birthday, anniversary, or special blessings for you or your family. Fr. Wade is always happy to extend a blessing on your special occasion.

"We, though many, are one body in Christ and individually parts of one another."
-ROMANS 12:5

Faith Formation & Religious Education

Religious Education

Faith Formation Schedule

Pre-K - 5th Grade
Sunday Morning 9:30-10:45 a.m.

6th-8th Grade
Wednesday Evening 6:00-7:15 p.m.

Wednesday, May 17th & Sunday, May 21st
Last days of class

July 17th-21st
SonWest Roundup Vacation Bible School

Please see our list of summer resources and activities found on the next page!

"Prayer is being on terms of friendship with God, frequently conversing in secret with Him who, we know, loves us."

-SAINT TERESA OF AVILA

RE Office Hours: Sundays 9:00-10:45 a.m., Wednesdays 2:00-6:30 p.m., or by appointment.

RE Office: 830-833-0444 or susan@stferdinandblanco.org

If we don't teach our children to follow Christ, the world will teach them not to.

Si no enseñamos a nuestros niños a seguir a Cristo, el mundo les enseñara a no seguirlo.

Please contact Susan in the Religious Education office if you have any questions about RE.

"The parish community must continue to be the prime mover and pre-eminent place for catechesis."

-SAINT POPE JOHN PAUL II

Youth Ministry

RICH Youth Ministry
High School Religious Education
Sunday Evening 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

CHOSEN
Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation
Wednesday Evening 6:45 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Please contact james@stferdinandblanco.org to register or for any questions concerning High School age Religious Education classes and activities.

TONIGHT AT RICH!

Come kick off the summer with burgers, hot dogs, games and P&W as we finish the RE year and unveil the RICH 2017 Summer Calendar! 6 p.m., StF Hall.

LAST DAY OF CLASSES!

RICH Youth Ministry will end the RE year on May 21st. Confirmation will end on May 24. The schedule for 9th-12th Grade Summer Programming is available at stferdinadblanco.org/richsummer

CONFIRMATION 2017

Please save the date for Confirmation Retreat 2017. This year's retreat will take place August 11-13. More info will be available soon.

YOUTH MUSIC REHEARSAL

St. Ferdinand and Good Shepherd are in need of youth and young adults to help lead worship at one Mass per month in the upcoming year. No prior liturgical music experience is necessary.

Rehearsals for Mass Music for Youth will fall on the Wednesday before the third Sunday of each month at 6pm in the Parish Hall.
Next Rehearsal: Wednesday, 5/17

PULSE Teen Leadership Group

PULSE MEETING: *We will continue RICH Confirmation Retreat planning Monday night 5/29, at 5:30 pm at Good Shepherd. Please plan to attend if you are planning on staffing the Confirmation Retreat.*

Special Events and Announcements

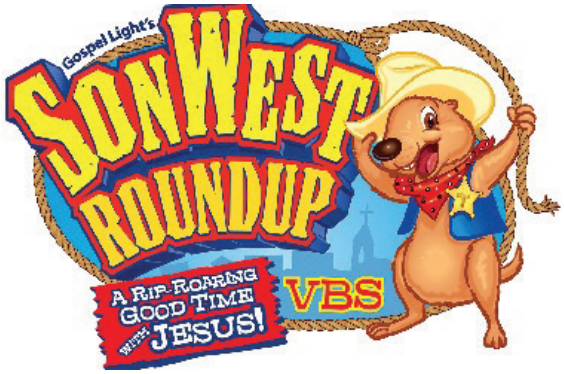
Solemnity of the Ascension of Our Lord
Sunday, May 28

The Solemnity of the Ascension of Our Lord is a Holy day of Obligation observed on the Thursday of the sixth week of Easter. The National Conference of Catholic Bishops of the United States decrees that the Ecclesiastical Provinces of the United States may transfer the Solemnity of the Ascension from Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter to the Seventh Sunday of Easter should the Bishops of Dioceses within those provinces agree to do so.

The Diocese of Austin participates in the abrogation of the Solemnity of the Ascension of Our Lord and so the Holy Day will be observed next Sunday at all parishes within the diocese. In the Diocese of Austin There is no obligation to attend mass in order to observe this solemnity on Thursday, May 25.

Catholic Activities at Home for the Summer
Fun activities and crafts can be found at these websites:

holyheroes.com – scroll down to select from Summer Faith Adventure, Mass Prep, or Spiritual Adoption. Each program regularly sends links to activities. You can also buy inexpensive saint story cds!
reallifeathome.com - practical tips for learning, creating, celebrating, intentional parenting, & simple homemaking; click on the Catholic Life tab for Catholic printables, activities, and packets, or click on the Create tab for easy DIY projects, crafts, and homemade gifts.
catholicplayground.com – biblical and saint themed coloring downloads and activities
catholicmom.com – click on Kids, then Sunday Gospel for coloring sheets, wordsearch and crossword puzzles.
formed.org website or app – for $9.99/mo get access to tons of rock solid Catholic audio, videos, and books including kid's movies like The True Story of Fatima, Ben-hur, Francis the Knight of Assisi and many more!

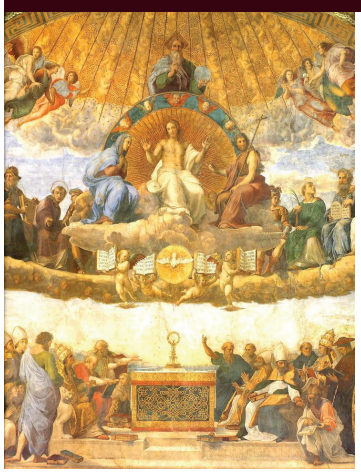


VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!
July 17 - 21

Contact Olivia Nunn to volunteer or for more information:

Text: (830) 237-2010
Email: livi89.mo@gmail.com

Mass Preparation: May 28, 2017, The Ascension of the Lord



First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11
Jesus is taken up to heaven in the presence of the apostles.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 47:2-3,6-9
Sing praise to God as he mounts his throne.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23
God raised Jesus from the dead and seated him at his right hand.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 28:16-20
Jesus charges his disciples to make disciples of all nations and promises to be with them forever.

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