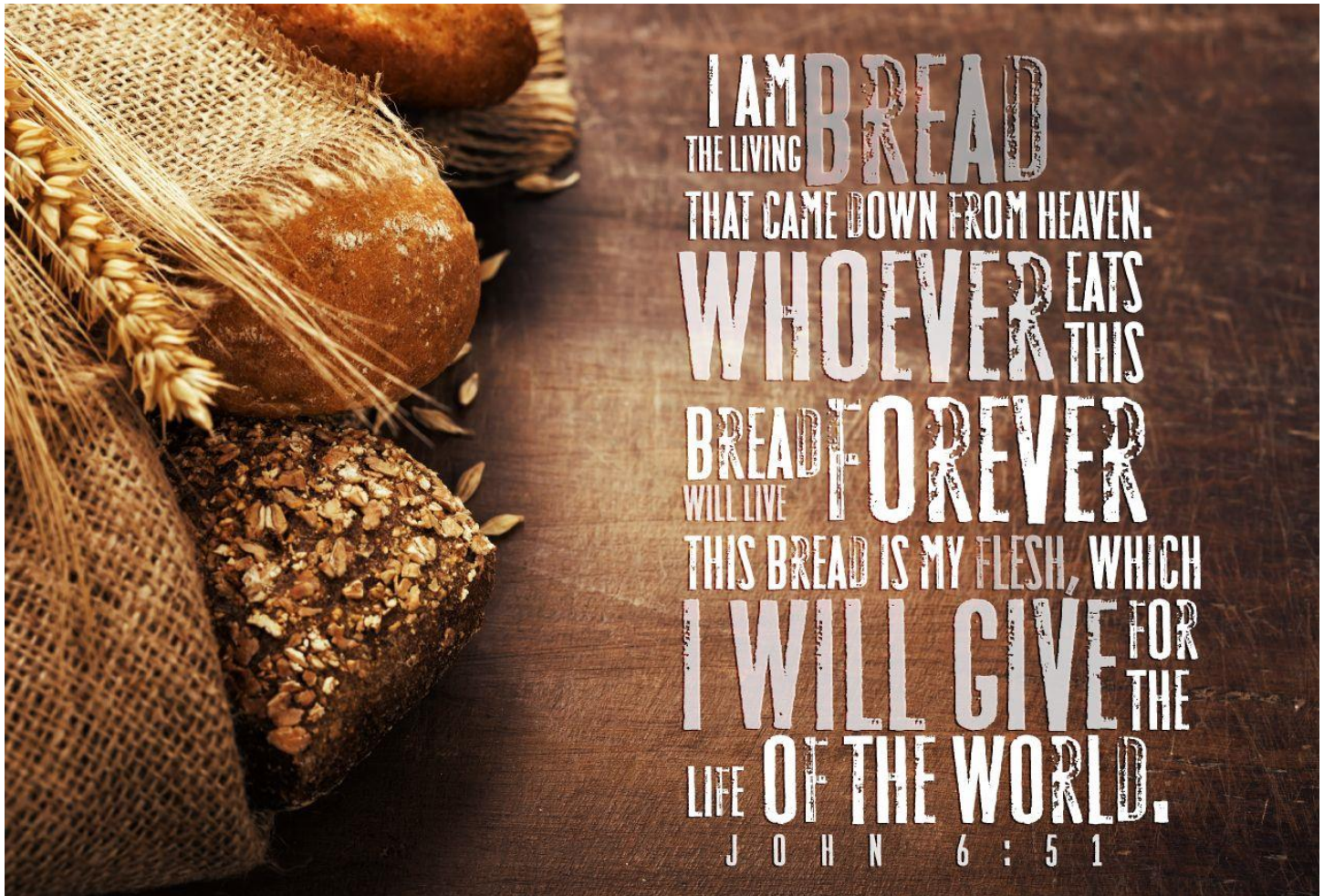


# SAINT FERDINAND & GOOD SHEPHERD

## CATHOLIC CHURCHES

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### ST. FERDINAND, BLANCO MASS TIMES:

SATURDAY, 5:00 P.M.

SATURDAY (ESPAÑOL) 7:00 P.M.

SUNDAY, 11:00 A.M.

### GOOD SHEPHERD, JOHNSON CITY MASS TIMES:

SUNDAY, 9:00 A.M.

FOR A COMPLETE WEEKDAY  
MASS SCHEDULE AND MASS INTENTIONS,  
PLEASE SEE THE NEXT PAGE

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

SATURDAY, 4:00 P.M., ST. FERDINAND

SUNDAY, 8:30 A.M., GOOD SHEPHERD

OR BY APPOINTMENT

*"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.

## Parish Ministries & Information

### Office Hours

**Monday through Friday:**

1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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### Masses & Intentions

**Week of August 11, 2018 – August 18, 2018**

#### Saturday, August 11th (StF)

**5:00 p.m.**

Repose of the Soul of Wilma Ivy by the Ivy Family

#### Saturday, August 11th (StF)

**7:00 p.m.**

Parishioners of St. Ferdinand and Good Shepherd

#### Sunday, August 12th (GS)

**9:00 a.m.**

**Rosary at 8:25 a.m.** Repose of the Soul of Constant Johnson by Vernon and Sherry Metzger

#### Sunday, August 12th (StF)

**11:00 a.m.**

Repose of the Soul of Lorena Taylor by Taylor Family

#### Tuesday, August 14th (StF)

**8:00 a.m.**

Repose of the Soul of Celestine by Jenny Donovan

#### Wednesday, August 15th (StF)

**12:00 p.m.**

Parishioners of St. Ferdinand and Good Shepherd

#### Wednesday, August 15th (GS)

**6:00 p.m.**

Repose of the Souls of Richard & Rusty Parker

#### Thursday, August 16th (StF)

**8:00 a.m.**

Repose of the Soul of Tabea by Jenny Donovan

#### Friday, August 17th (StF)

**8:00 a.m.**

For all the Souls in Purgatory

#### Saturday, August 18th (StF)

**5:00 p.m.**

Repose of the Soul of Tom Trosch and his family by Friends of his Family

#### Saturday, August 18th (StF)

**7:00 p.m.**

Parishioners of St. Ferdinand and Good Shepherd

For Mass intention inquiries, please stop by the St. Ferdinand Parish Office during regular business hours or call (830) 833-5227.

**Wednesday, August 15, 2018**

**Feast of the Assumption**

**Holy Day of Obligation**

**Mass at Sf. Ferdinand in the Main Church at 12:00 Noon**

**Mass at Good Shepherd at 6:00 p.m.**



# *Sunday Connection: Eucharist*

Scripture tells us the Eucharist is the new covenant between God and humanity. It's how Jesus gives himself to us, back 2000 years ago and today, and how he continues to sacrifice himself for us – every day – to come into communion with us and share a little piece of Heaven, if only for a little bit.

However, what does the *Eucharist* mean to you? Do you feel the specialness, the holiness and grace that is God in the form of the bread and wine? We celebrate the significance of Christ in the divine Sacrament, where we continue to re-live the sacrifice He made so many years ago so that we could receive His grace repeatedly, every Mass, until the day we meet Him face to face. Jesus comes to us in this Blessed Sacrament every day if we choose to receive it.

When reflecting on the Eucharist, it seems that we take Jesus for granted. We too often see the Mass as commonplace, as just something we should just do and yes, too often we don't treat it and seek Him with the desire, yearning, and love that He truly requires.

The Eucharist truly is God's grace, His love, His mercy, and His hope, taken from Christ's very being and essence. It is His gift that He continues to share with us, that shows us, if only for a split second we see what Heaven truly is like. That we are all the same, that we are all part of one body in humanity, in our faith, and that everything else is so small and just doesn't really matter.

He shows us a little bit of Heaven when we receive Him and in the moments after, when we pray in silence or while listening to a beautiful hymn.

In the precious Body and Blood of Christ, we receive something truly special and divine – something we can receive every day, and something that can prepare us to spend time with Him for eternity.

## *este domingo: eucaristía*

La Escritura nos dice que la Eucaristía es el nuevo pacto entre Dios y la humanidad. Es cómo Jesús mismo nos da, volver 2000 años atrás, y continúa el sacrificio por nosotros – todos los días en comunión con nosotros y compartir un pedacito de cielo, si fuera sólo por un poco.

Sin embargo, ¿qué significa la Eucaristía para usted? ¿Sientes la peculiaridad, la santidad y la gracia que es Dios en la forma del pan y el vino? Celebramos la importancia de Cristo en el Sacramento divino, donde seguimos re-vivir el sacrificio que hizo hace muchos años para que pudiéramos recibir su gracia repetidamente, cada Misa, hasta el día que nos encontremos cara a cara. Jesús viene a nosotros en este Sacramento todos los días si queremos recibirlo.

Al reflexionar sobre la Eucaristía, es Jesús. A menudo vemos la Misa como lugar común, como algo que sólo deberíamos hacer.

Y tratarla y buscarla con deseo, anhelo y amor que él realmente necesita.

La Eucaristía es verdaderamente la gracia de Dios, su amor, su misericordia y su esperanza, tomado de Cristo mismo ser y esencia. Es su regalo que él sigue compartiendo con nosotros, que nos muestra, en una fracción de segundo podemos ver lo que el cielo es realmente. Que somos todos iguales, que todos somos parte de un cuerpo en la humanidad, en nuestra fe, y que todo lo demás es tan pequeño y no importa.

Nos muestra un pedacito de cielo cuando lo recibimos y en los momentos, cuando oramos en silencio o escuchando un himno hermoso.

En el precioso cuerpo y sangre de Cristo, recibimos algo verdaderamente especial y divino – algo que podemos recibir cada día y algo que puede prepararnos para pasar tiempo con él por la eternidad.

## *The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

On August 15, we celebrate the feast of Mary's Assumption into heaven. The assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven has long been held as an important Catholic belief.

The Gospel for this holy day recalls Mary's actions after the announcement of Jesus' birth by the Angel Gabriel. Mary goes to visit her cousin Elizabeth who is also with child. Elizabeth greets Mary with full recognition of the roles they and their unborn children will play in God's plan for salvation. Mary responds to Elizabeth's greeting with her song of praise, the Magnificat.

Only Mary, who was born without stain of original sin—the Immaculate Conception—could give birth to Christ, who is fully God and fully human. This is called the Immaculate Conception. Because of Mary's role in God's plan of salvation, she does not suffer from the effects of sin, which are death and decay. Mary is the first to receive the fullness of the redemption that her son has won for all of humanity. The Church, therefore, recognizes Mary as the sign of the salvation promised to all.

Mary's faith enabled her to recognize the work of God in her people's history and in her own life. Her openness to God allowed God to work through her so that salvation might come to all. Mary is a model and symbol of the Church. May we be like Mary, open and cooperative in God's plan of salvation.



# Parish Ministries & Information, Cont'd

## Prayer list

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

**Cynthia Ford, Ralph Moss, George Richey, Charles McKinney, Nellie Upshaw, Naomi Michalsky, Charles Reinert, Pam Woods, Clara Jo Bindseil, Wyatt Ledesma, Lucille Scharnhorst, Joe D. Riba Sr., Ruben Gonzales, Clifford Lane, Polo Zamora, Roselle Wagner Fischler, Dylan Gonzales, Freddy Salazar, Francis Hartmann, Toni Burns, Jacob Umanzor, Lydia Segura, Teresa Harris, and Lee Durci.**

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

## Good Shepherd Vocations Chalice

If your family feels called to pray with the Chalice, please contact Warren Davis before or after Mass or by calling him directly at 713-569-9491.

## Collections Statement

### Week of August 5, 2018

*Thank you for your generosity!*

#### St. Ferdinand:

Regular Collection	\$5,716.08
Building Fund	\$1,312.00

#### Good Shepherd

Regular Collection	\$1,332.00
Black Bag	\$166.77

*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*

## August 12 Second Collections

StF: N/A

GS: Building Fund

## Parish Organizations & Meeting Times

### St. Anne's Altar Society

Meets the 1st Thursday of the month immediately following 8 a.m. Mass in the parish hall.

### Good Shepherd Men's Club

Meets the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall.

### Knights of Columbus

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

### Catholic Daughters Of The Americas

Meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Ferdinand parish hall.

### ACTS Core Team:

Meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Ferdinand Parish Hall.

### St. Ferdinand's Parish Choir

Meets Wednesday nights at 5:30 p.m. Call 830-833-4939 for more information.

### Good Shepherd Children's Choir:

Meets Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m.

### Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Meets Thursday nights from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. in the St. Ferdinand RE Building.

### Women's Bible Study:

Meets every Thursday at 1 p.m. If you're interested in joining please contact Karen Gebhardt at 210-414-7301 or [kgebhardt52@gmail.com](mailto:kgebhardt52@gmail.com).

## Websites

For a complete list of ministries, contacts, and other resources, please visit our websites:

[www.stferdinandblanco.org](http://www.stferdinandblanco.org)  
[www.goodshepherdjctx.org](http://www.goodshepherdjctx.org)

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

**-PSALM 100:3**

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

-JOHN 10:27



## *Special Events and Announcements*



### **Young Adult Preparation for Confirmation**

Young adults who have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation are encouraged to attend Confirmation Preparation classes specifically designed for them. Classes meet every other Wednesday at 6 p.m. in the RE Building. Next class will be August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### **EIM-Ethics and Integrity in Ministry**

There will be a basic "EIM" class on August 15 at 7:00PM in the Religious Ed building at Good Shepherd. "Compliance with our EIM program is required of all individuals in the Diocese (paid and volunteer) that serve our youth and those adults considered vulnerable due to age or some incapacity." (Bishop Vasquez)

"Whether the primary focus of your ministry is with minors, or whether you do not directly serve minors, we as members of the Church are called to ensure that we provide safe environments and programs for young people and for vulnerable adults." (Emily Hurliman, Coordinator, Office of EIM)

You can complete an EIM Application for Ministry (one time only) online at [www.austindiocese.org](http://www.austindiocese.org) under "Quick Links." You will also need to register online for this August 15th class.

### **Women's Bible Study at Good Shepherd**

Our Fall study is a Little Rock Scripture Study "Women In the Old Testament" by Sr. Irene Nowell, O.S.B. We will begin on Thursday September 20 at 1:00 PM in the RE Building.

Sr. Irene shares stories of many but not all of the women in the Old Testament. "Biblical stories help us imagine the relationship of God with human beings. They give us words to describe our own relationship with God."

If you would like to know some of these women and what part they played in God's plan, come and join us. No prior knowledge is needed. We all come with hearts eager to know our God and how we can serve His Kingdom.

Please contact Karen Gebhardt 210-414-7301 ([kgebhardt52@gmail.com](mailto:kgebhardt52@gmail.com)) if you have any questions or would like to join us. Prior contact will allow a book to be ready for you at our September 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## *St. Ferdinand Men's ACTS*

**2018 Retreat: September 20-23**



**Calling all MEN:** An ACTS retreat is a three day and three night retreat presented by laymen like yourself, men who are committed to the idea that we can make our faith more a part of our daily lives. An ACTS weekend provides an opportunity for you to put everyday worries aside and concentrate on your spiritual needs. All men of the community are invited to attend!

The cost is \$100 and a \$50 deposit is required to save your spot. Scholarship opportunities are available. Please don't let cost keep you from joining us. Stop by the parish office for information and registration forms.

# Faith Formation & Religious Education

## Religious Education

### St. Ferdinand

**Susan Moore, Director of RE**

830-833-0444 or [susan@stferdinandblanco.org](mailto:susan@stferdinandblanco.org)

**RE Office Hours:** Wed. 12:00-6:00

#### Calendar:

**Sunday, September 16 - Catechetical Sunday, Religious Education classes begin**

**Sunday, October 28, 3:00-4:00 - Rehearsal for Rite of Confirmation**

**Tuesday, October 30, 6:30 – Rite of Confirmation**

**Registration for Religious Education classes is currently available** on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from noon to 6:00 p.m. in the Religious Education Building. Classes begin on September 16th.

### First Holy Communion

Classes in preparation for First Holy Communion begin in September. Students in the Diocese of Austin usually attend an initial year in First Grade and prepare for First Holy Communion in Second Grade, with the sacrament celebrated in the Spring of 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 to make an appointment. Plan to bring a sealed copy of your child's baptismal certificate to the appointment, if it is not already on file at St Ferdinand. You will be given materials to help you to prepare as a family, and will be advised of important dates to mark on your calendar.

### Check Out Summer Reading (and Listening) Here!

Books, cds, and dvds on theology, prayer and spirituality, Mary and the saints, apologetics, scripture, reference, church history, parenting, the popes, and children's books are available for check out in the RE building. Borrowing is by the honor system. Please sign the item out in the checkout journal and scratch your name off when you turn it back in.

**Enliven your faith - listen to a cd in your car. This week's featured cd is:** *The Second Greatest Story Ever Told- Understanding Mary's Role in Your Life*; Fr Michael Gaitley, MIC; Lighthouse Media; a moving and transformative journey into the loving heart of Our Blessed Mother, a powerful, eye-opening account of God's Divine Mercy.

### Good Shepherd

**Margie Vasquez, Coordinator of RE**

[margie@stferdinandblanco.org](mailto:margie@stferdinandblanco.org)

#### Religious Education Classes:

**(tentative start date: Sept. 26, 2018)**

**Pre-K thru 5th grade:** Wednesday's 6:00 pm - 7:15 pm

**Middle School EDGE Youth Ministry:** (Calendar Schedule pending)

**High School RICH Youth Ministry:** (Calendar Schedule pending)

#### Confirmation Preparation:

Sunday's 6:00 - 8:00 pm (During RICH Youth Ministry). All Teens seeking Confirmation in 2019 must sign-up and be attending RICH Youth Ministry Classes on Sunday nights (Calendar Schedule pending). Please visit [stferdinandblanco.org/richyouth](http://stferdinandblanco.org/richyouth) to register. The current Confirmation class will be celebrating the Rite of Confirmation on October 30th, 2018. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Margie Vasquez.

## Basic Teachings of the Catholic Church

Do you want to know more about our Catholic Faith? Come to these very informative summer sessions at **St Mary's** in Wimberley or **St John the Evangelist** in San Marcos! The sessions are highly recommended for people active in parish ministries, and also serve toward Level I certification for catechists.

If you attended Basic Teachings at St Ferdinand in 2015-16, this is an ideal opportunity to make up any classes you may have missed so that you can complete the series and receive your certificate. *You do not need to pay a second fee.* Registration forms are available in the narthex or through the church office or RE Office. Please pre-register so that they can have materials for you!

Classes will be held this summer on Wednesdays 9:30 am to 3:30 pm in the Parish Hall at **St. Mary's in Wimberley** on the following dates:

August 15

Prayer & Spirituality

Deacon Greg Sddereth

Classes will take place on Mondays 6:00-9:00 p.m. in Claretian Hall at **St John the Evangelist** in San Marcos on these dates:

August 6 & 13

Sacred Scripture

August 20 & 27

Creed

September 10 & 17

Liturgy & Sacraments

September 24 & October 1

Christian Morality

October 8 & 15

Prayer and Spirituality

If you can't make any particular class check the diocesan website for other locations.



# Faith Formation & Religious Education, Cont'd

## Confirmation Retreat 2018

St. Ferdinand and Good Shepherd Confirmation Candidates attended their Confirmation retreat this past weekend.



It was a beautiful and amazing weekend, filled with games, lessons, fun and lots of laughter. The ever present Holy Spirit guided us and lead us all closer to God as these students prepare to celebrate the Rite of Confirmation.

Thank you to all the students for coming with great positive energy and an open heart. And Thank you to the volunteers that helped work the retreat. Your love and commitment are very much appreciated.

Please continue praying for these candidates as they continue their preparation for the Rite of Confirmation on Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> at St. Ferdinand. Cami Manriquez, Iliana Chavez, Rachelle Reveley, Anna Beliveau, Marco Miranda, John Hadley-Kainer, Joseph Hernandez, Ryan Reveley, Alexia Lopez, Wyatt Wisdom, and Joshua Vasquez.

### Looking for Altar Servers! Is your child interested in serving as an Altar Server?

If you are a young student who has received First Communion and normally receive Eucharist whenever you participate in the liturgy, this invitation is for you! Fourth or fifth grade is the recommended time for servers to begin this ministry. Middle school and high school students are also encouraged to serve at the altar. We ask that altar servers be willing to be properly prepared and formed to assist the priest and deacon at liturgies. Altar servers should be mature enough to understand their responsibilities and to carry them out well and with appropriate reverence. Students and their parents are asked to give this ministry and responsibility prayerful consideration.

Please contact Nieves Rodriguez, if you are interested or have any questions.  
Cell Phone Number (830-798-5502)  
Home Phone Number (830-868-5230)

### Estamos Buscando Servidores Del Altar! Esta Su Hijo (Hija) Interesado En Servir Como Monaguillo?

Si tu eres un estudiante joven , has recibido la Primera Comunión y recibes la Eucaristía cuando tu participas en la Liturgia (MISA), entonces esta invitación es para ti! Cuarto o quinto grado es el tiempo recomendado para servidores que quieran empezar en este ministerio. Estudiantes en la escuela intermedia (Middle School) y Escuela secundaria (High School) son animados a servir en el Altar. Les pedimos a los Servidores del Altar que estén dispuestos a ser preparados y formados correctamente para poder ayudar al Sacerdote y Diacono durante la Liturgia. Servidores del Altar deberían ser suficiente maduros para entender sus responsabilidades y llevarlas a cabo con la apropiada reverencia. Les pedimos a los estudiantes y a sus padres dar a este ministerio y sus responsabilidades una consideración en oración. Gracias!

Por favor llame a Nieves Rodriguez si esta interesado o si tiene alguna pregunta.  
Telefono Celular 830-798-5502  
Telefono de Casa 830-868-5230

## Prayer & Faith Resources



### Mass Preparation

August 19, 2018, The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B

### First Reading: Proverbs 9:1-6

*Wisdom has set a feast before us.*

### Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7

*A prayer of praise to God for his goodness*

### Second Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20

*Filled with the Spirit, Christians strive to follow the will of the Lord.*

### Gospel Reading: John 6:51-58

*Jesus teaches that whoever eats his flesh and drinks his blood will live forever.*

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St. Anne, Pray for Us!

## St. Anne's Altar Society

Join us the first Thursday of each month after 8:00  
a.m. Mass in the Parish Hall for fellowship &  
prayer as we work in support of our church family!



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