

# SAINT FERDINAND & GOOD SHEPHERD

## Catholic Churches

Saint Mary's Help of Christians Cemetery



Parish Bulletin | February 16, 2020 | Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## WEEKEND MASSES:

#### St. Ferdinand

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.; 7:00 p.m. (Español)

Sunday: 11:00 a.m.

Good Shepherd

Sunday: 9 a.m.

For a Complete weekday Mass Schedule and Mass Intentions, please see the next page



St. Ferdinand

Saturday: 4 p.m.

**Good Shepherd** 

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. (or by appointment)

#### OFFICE HOURS:

Monday through Friday 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

#### WEBSITES:

WWW.STFERDINANDBLANCO.ORG WWW.GOODSHEPHERDJCTX.ORG

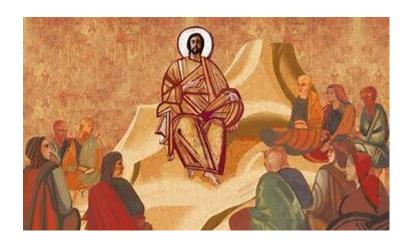
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"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill." Matthew 5:17

## PARISH INFORMATION

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Good Shepherd--Margie Vasquez 830-833-5227 Coordinator of RE & Youth Minister

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To prevent the spread of flu, from now until the end of February, there will be no distribution of the Precious Blood at all Masses at St. Ferdinand and Good Shepherd.

## 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.



## Week of February 15 – February 22, 2020

## Saturday, February 15th (StF)

5:00 p.m.

Repose of the Soul of Blessed Fr. Michael Sopocko by Jenny Donovan and the Soul of John Kubin

### Saturday, February 15th (StF)

7:00 p.m.

Parishioners of St. Ferdinand and Good Shepherd

## Sunday, February 16th (GS)

Rosarv at 8:25 a.m., Repose of the Souls of Deacon Jack Murrell and Joan Shafford by Jane Murrell

## Sunday, February 16th (StF)

11:00 a.m.

Blessings for Hayden Riba by Bill and Janie Cain

## Tuesday, February 18th (SF)

9:00 a.m.

Repose of the Soul of Deanna Pepper by Rhonda Klepac-Uecker

## Wednesday, February 19th (StF)

9:00 a.m.

Repose of the Soul of Adelaide Copeland by Janie Cain

## Thursday, February 20th (SF)

9:00 a.m. Repose of the Soul of Msgr. Joseph Hybner by Bill and

Janie Cain

6:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 20th (GS) Repose of the Soul Kenneth Parker by Dorothy Lowden

## Friday, February 21st (StF)

9:00 a.m.

Repose of the Soul of Lonnie Humrichouse by Rhonda Klepac-Uecker

## Saturday, February 22nd (StF)

5:00 p.m.

Repose of the Soul of Harvey Spinks by Bill and Janie Cain

## Saturday, February 22nd (StF)

7:00 p.m.

Parishioners of St. Ferdinand and Good Shepherd

## Prayer List

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.

Bobby Bindseil Joyce (Edge) Bishop Joanne Bodine Michelle Campbell Vanessa Castillo Richard Cole Barbara Crowley Lee Durci Jesse Estrada Natalie Hernandez Anna Lee Jones Randall Jones Mike Kleiss Clifford Lane Abby and Judy Lantier

Charlie Lechow Segunda Martinez Charles McKinney Elsie Meurer Naomi Michalsky Ivan Nelson Charles Reinert Sid Reinert Lupe Ruvalcaba Joan Sauerhoff Lucille Scharnhorst Gay Schuler James Slaughter Jacob Umanzor Polo 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: cathy@stferdinandblanco.org.

### Mass Preparation

February 23, 2020, Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18 Be holy, for I, the Lord, your God, am holy.

### Psalm 103:1-4,8,10,12-13

Merciful and gracious is the Lord, slow to anger and abounding in kindness.

## Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:16-12

Are you not aware that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

### Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:38-48

My command to you is: love your enemies, pray for your persecutors.





## Week of February 9, 2020

Thank you for your generosity!

#### St. Ferdinand:

Regular Collection \$5,781.15 Catholic Higher Education \$573.00

## Good Shepherd:

Regular Collection \$721.00 Catholic Higher Education \$201.00

## Second Collection for Today:

SF: N/A

GS: Building Fund

## Calendar of Events

### St. Ferdinand

February 16 – Knights of Columbus BBQ Dinner in Parish Hall, following 11:00 am Mass

February 16 – No Altar Server Training

February 17 – Talleres de Oracion y Vida, 7:00-9:00 pm, St. Ferdinand Parish Hall

February 18 – Full of Grace Seminar, 9:45 am and 6:30 pm Main Church

February 19 - Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:00 pm

February 23 - Altar Server Training, 8:30 am

February 24 – Talleres de Oracion y Vida, 7:00-9:00 pm, St. Ferdinand Parish Hall

February 25 – No 9am Mass

February 25 – Full of Grace Seminar, 9:45 am and 6:30 pm Main Church

February 26 – Ash Wednesday—9am Mass w/distribution of Ashes; Noon and 6:00 pm, distribution of Ashes

February 28 – Stations of the Cross (Knights of Columbus Leading), 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel

## **Good Shepherd**

February 26 – Ash Wednesday—6pm Mass w/distribution of Ashes

February 28 - Stations of the Cross, 6pm

## Parish Organizations & Meeting Times

## Altar Server Training, St. Ferdinand

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

### Good Shepherd Youth Choir

Practice 3rd Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. in Good Shepherd Church

### Good Shepherd Contemplative Prayer

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Church, Contact George and Karen Gebhardt (210-216-6771 or 210-427-3060)

## 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 Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Ferdinand Parish Hall.

#### St. Ferdinand's Parish Choir

Meets Wednesday nights at 5:00 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 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 210-427-3060 or kgebhardt52@gmail.com.

## 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.



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.

## Free Will

Before man are life and death, . . . whichever he chooses shall be given him. (Sirach 15:17)

Free will. It's God's greatest gift to us, and it's also our riskiest characteristic. Free will has enabled us to decide for ourselves what kind of people we will be. It has enabled us to create music and art, to build cities and roads, to marry and have children. It has also enabled us to destroy instead of create, to hurt and betray instead of heal and build up. Most important, it's through our free will that we decide whether to follow Jesus or our own thoughts and desires.

Sirach seems keenly aware of how much of a two-edged sword our free will can be. Each of us, he says, is free to choose between "fire and water, . . . life and death, good and evil" (Sirach 15:16, 17). And God will respect whatever we choose.

Of course, our heavenly Father longs for us to choose life in him, but he will never force himself on us. He is not like the petty gods dreamed up by the pagans, who use threats and manipulation to keep their people in line.

God also knows that free will has consequences. And so Sirach teaches, "Whichever he chooses shall be given him" (Sirach 15:17). While God honors our choices, he also respects the results those choices bring.

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives us a real-life illustration: "Whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment" (Matthew 5:22). If you choose to nurture anger, resentment, and condemnation, don't be surprised if other people begin treating you in the same way. But if you build an environment of trust and respect, that's what you will receive.

So choose life today. Use this awesome gift of your free will to choose gentleness, patience, and all the other fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23). Above all, choose Jesus. Welcome him into your life, and let his love soften your heart. It's the best choice you could ever make.

"Jesus, help me to choose you in every situation today."

## Libre Albedrio

Antes del hombre hay vida y muerte, . . . lo que elija se le dará. (Sirach 15:17)

Libre albedrio. Es el mayor regalo de Dios para nosotros, y también es nuestra característica más arriesgante. El libre albedrio nos ha permitido decidir por nosotros mismos qué tipo de personas seremos. Nos ha permitido crear música y arte, construir ciudades y caminos, casarnos y tener hijos. También nos ha permitido destruir en lugar de crear, herir y traicionar en lugar de sanar y edificar. Lo más importante, es a través de nuestro libre albedrio que decidimos si seguir a Jesús o nuestros propios pensamientos y deseos.

Sirach parece muy consciente de lo bien que puede ser una espada de dos filos. Cada uno de nosotros, dice, es libre de elegir entre "fuego y agua, . . . vida y muerte, el bien y el mal" (Sirach 15:16, 17). Y Dios respetará lo que elijamos.

Por supuesto, nuestro Padre celestial anhela que escojamos la vida en él, pero nunca se forzará a nosotros. Él no es como los pequeños dioses sonadores por los paganos, que usan amenazas y manipulación para mantener a su gente en línea.

Dios sabe que el libre albedrio tiene consecuencias. Y así enseña Sirach: "Lo que elija se le dará" (Sirach 15:17). Si bien Dios honra nuestras decisiones, también respeta los resultados que esas decisiones traen.

En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús nos da una ilustración de la vida real: "Quien esté enojado con su hermano será susceptible de juicio" (Matthew 5:22). Si decides nutrir la ira, el resentimiento y la condena, no te sorprendas si otras personas comienzan a tratarte de la misma manera. Pero si construyes un ambiente de confianza y respeto, eso es lo que recibirás.

Así que elige la vida hoy. Usa este increíble don de tu libre albedrio para elegir la dulzura, la paciencia y todos los demás frutos del Espíritu (Gálatians 5:22-23). Sobre todo, elige a Jesús. Dale la bienvenida a tu vida, y deja que su amor ablande tu corazón. Es la mejor elección que podrías tomar.

"Jesús, ayúdame a elegirte en cada situación de hoy."



## BEST **LENT** EVER

Lent comes every year. It's meant to be a time when we invite God to help us become the-best-version-of-ourselves. But for many of us, Lent isn't a transformative experience. It's just a time when we give up chocolate or something else we enjoy, then go back to it at Easter.

This year, you can change that with BEST LENT EVER. You'll receive daily emails with short inspirational videos, practical tips for your everyday life, and real-life stories to encourage you in your journey. All you have to do is sign up at DynamicCatholic.com/Best-Lent-Ever. Information will be available beginning Ash Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>.



## Knights of Columbus BBO Pulled Pork Sandwiches



## February 16th, following 11:00 A.M. Mass

St. Ferdinand Parish Hall
Pulled Pork Sandwich, condiments,
potato salad, chips, tea, and water
\$10.00/plate
(All proceeds go to the Scholarship Fund)

St. Francis Xavier Church, Stonewall 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Parish Festival St. Thomas Hall 390 St. Francis St., Stonewall,TX Sunday, March 1, 2020



Chicken Bar-B-Que Plates with all the trimmings, \$10.00 Eat in the Hall or "Plates to go" at Drive-Thru 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM or sold out Other activities: Silent Auction and Prize Give-Away

## A Thank You note from Cross Catholic Outreach



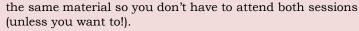
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Yours in Christ, Leeanna Holmes, Development Officer

#### Our Women of Faith

This week we will be talking about Wisdom. The ability to see God working in and through all of life's circumstances, transforming our perspective and revealing the eternal value of all things.

Join us Tuesday mornings at 9:45 and evenings at 6:30 in the main Church. Morning and evening sessions will cover



If you have any questions, please contact Cathy Cudd in the office 830-833-5227 between 1-6 PM.



## ETHICS AND INTEGRITY IN MINISTRY (EIM) TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

An ENGLISH EIM workshop will be conducted on Saturday, February 29<sup>th</sup>, 9-11AM in the St Ferdinand Parish Hall. As of January 1, 2019, Diocese of Austin policy requires all attendees to pre-register NLT 24 hours prior to the workshop—i.e., WALK-INS ARE NO

**LONGER PERMITTED.** Please arrive promptly, as late arrivals and anyone not pre-registered will not be permitted entrance. Anyone new to EIM (employees, newly-appointed ministers, etc.) and any parishioners due for a 3-year update must attend a workshop, in order to serve in any parish ministry, including serving on teams for upcoming ACTS retreats and assisting with RE classes or youth ministry. You can register for a class directly on the site below, after creating your own EIM account logon. Please do not bring children to an EIM workshop. Contact Liza or Carl Struck at <a href="mailto:castruck@aol.com">castruck@aol.com</a> with any issues registering or with any questions about EIM training. Thank you for answering the call to serve! <a href="https://www.eappsdb.com/Login.asp?ORGZ">https://www.eappsdb.com/Login.asp?ORGZ</a> KEY=4

## TALLER DE ACTUALIZACIÓN de EIM

Un taller de actualización de Ética e Integridad en el Ministerio (EIM por sus siglas en inglés) en **espanol**, se llevará a cabo **sabado**, **29 de febrero 2020**, **4-6 PM**. A partir del 1 de enero de **2019**, la política de la Diócesis de Austin requiere que todos los asistentes se inscriban con anticipación NLT **24** horas antes del taller, es decir, los WALK-INS **NO SE PERMITEN MÁS**. Por favor llegue puntualmente ya que a quienes lleguen tarde no se les permitirá la entrada. Todos los miembros del clero, personal pagado y voluntarios que trabajan con jóvenes y adultos vulnerables de cualquier parroquia o área de la diócesis, están requeridos a asistir a un taller de EIM cada 3 años. Por favor entre a su cuenta de EIM (use la opción alterna -Alternate Login en inglés- para entrar en caso necesario) para pre-inscribirse a un taller de EIM. Por favor no traiga a sus niños a este taller de EIM. En caso de que tenga usted alguna inquietud relacionada con su asistencia al taller, por favor comuníquese con Emily Hurlimann al (512) 949-2447, a fin de acordar la forma en que usted pueda recibir su capacitación. Tal información se mantendrá de manera confidencial.

## Religious Education

## St. Ferdinand

#### Class Times:

PreK-6th: Sundays 9:30-10:40 a.m. 7th-8th: Wednesdays 6:30-7:45 p.m. Please contact the DRE if you can help to provide light snacks.

Called to Protect for Children is a sexual abuse education and prevention program that gives our youngest children practical tools, using simple activities, to help them understand a fundamental teaching of our faith: that every human being is created in the image and likeness of God and that this sacredness should be treated with respect.

CTPC is developmentally appropriate and sequential for each age group K-5<sup>th</sup>. The program instructors are the teachers/catechists the students already know. Information about *Called to Protect for Children* may be found at: <a href="www.austindiocese.org/parent">www.austindiocese.org/parent</a> or stop by the RE Office to view information.

Parishes in the Diocese of Austin are required to present *Called to Protect for Children* annually for our K-5<sup>th</sup> grade students. This program will be presented in regularly scheduled classes on **Sunday**, **February 23rd**. **Please be sure your child is in attendance for this important class**.

For more information contact Susan Moore, DRE at 833-0444 or Emily C Hurlimann, LCSW, Coordinator, Office of Ethics and Integrity in Ministry, Diocese of Austin, 512-949-2447.

Parents are welcome to contact Susan to preview the material that will be presented to their child. If you prefer your child not attend the class, please stop by the RE Office to sign a waiver.

#### **Coloring Pages**

Is there a time in your child's day or week when they might enjoy sitting down to color? Faith based coloring pages can help your children learn about Jesus and his parables, the stories of the bible, and the saints. Below are a few free sources to consider:

www.catholicicing.com

www.catholicmom.com

www.catholicplayground.com

www.drawn2bcreative.com

www.holyheroes.com

https://us.magnificat.net/home/colorings/

www.reallifeathome.com

https://www.sitb.org/releducolor.html

http://www.supercoloring.com/coloring-

pages/christianity-bible



## **Good Shepherd**

Religious Education Classes:

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

Middle School EDGE Youth Ministry: Once a month on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month, from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm. Next class on Feb. 23rd in Johnson City at the Parish Hall.

**High School RICH Youth Ministry:** Every Sunday, from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Classes are held in the St. Ferdinand Parish Hall

**Pre-Confirmation Classes:** Classes are held once a month on Saturdays from 9:30 am – 11:30 am at the Good Shepherd RE building. This class is for 8<sup>th</sup> grade – 12<sup>th</sup> grade. If you need information about Pre-confirmation or confirmation requirements, please contact Margie Vasquez. **Next scheduled class is on March 7th, 2020.** 

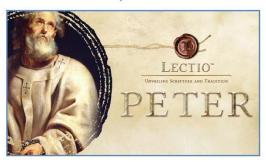
**Volunteers/Teachers:** If anyone is interested in helping in our RE program, or would like to make donations – Please contact Margie Vasquez or call the Parish office. Remember to volunteer you must be EIM compliant. Please refer to the bulletin or the Diocese Website for upcoming EIM workshops in our area.

## **FORMED**°

## PICK OF THE WEEK

## Lectio: Peter

Peter and the Keys -The Primacy of the Church



Dr. Tim Gray takes us back to the Old Testament and the significance of the imagery the keys had in the kingdom of King David. From there we can see how Jesus was restoring and perfecting his Church in giving Peter the "keys of the kingdom."

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## High School: $(9^{th} - 12^{th})$

Blanco and Johnson City High School Teens can join RICH (Resting in Christ's Hands). We utilize the Life Teen Program. Life Teen is an environment in which high school youth can come into a relationship with God through spiritual, educational, emotional and social experiences. Our Youth Ministry follows the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USSCB) guidelines for comprehensive youth ministry

programs. Our classes are held every Sunday at St. Ferdinand Parish Hall. We start the evening at 5:30 pm with a light meal and move into the lesson and discussion for the evening. **Come celebrate with us!!** 

## Middle School: 6th - 8th)

Blanco and Johnson City Middle School Students can join EDGE Youth Ministry. EDGE is a part of the Life Teen middle school youth ministry. We meet once a month on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month, from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm. **Next class on Feb. 23rd in Johnson City at the Parish Hall.** 

#### Confirmation:

The Next Confirmation Gathering Session will be on Feb. 16, 2020. Please plan on completing the scheduled modules online before our next gathering session. If you need more information on dates, program schedule, or service hour requirements, please email me at <a href="margie@stferdinandblanco.org">margie@stferdinandblanco.org</a>. Classes will be held once a month during RICH nights from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm in the St. Ferdinand RE Building.

## PULSE: (Prayer, Unity, Leadership, Service, Evangelization)

Any youth **(high school or middle school)** wanting to participate can be a part of the **PULSE TEAM.** We will meet to discuss and plan – lessons, retreats, lock-ins, service talks, service projects, and learning how to promote spiritual growth in self and in others! Please contact Margie Vasquez if you would like to start attending.

#### Youth Ministry Volunteers:



If anyone is interested in helping in our program or would like to make donations – Please contact Margie Vasquez or call the Parish office. Remember to volunteer you must be EIM compliant. Please refer to the bulletin or the Diocese Website for upcoming EIM workshops in our area.

For all Youth Ministry inquiries or to learn more about all the events, activities and retreats planned for this year or to register for any of our programs, please contact the parish office during regular business hours or email: margie@stferdinandblanco.org



## Godstock 2020 - Thrive

Eagle's Wings 15<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary of Godstock Come join the fun, the fellowship and especially the MUSIC!!

## Date/Time

Saturday, April 18, 2020 10:00am to Sunday, April 19, 2020 12:00pm

### Location

Eagle's Wings Retreat Center



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