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PARISH BULLETIN | March 8, 2020 | Second Sunday of Lent

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):

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.

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*"This is my beloved Son, with
whom I am well pleased; listen
to him."*

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To prevent the spread of flu, from now until
the end of March, 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 March 7 – March 14, 2020

Saturday, March 7th (StF) 5:00 p.m.
Repose of the Soul of Walter Heffner by Helen Heffner

Saturday, March 7th (StF) 7:00 p.m.
Parishioners of St. Ferdinand and Good Shepherd

Sunday, March 8th (GS) 9:00 a.m.
Rosary at 8:25 a.m., Repose of the Soul of Vincent Morales by Dorothy Lowden

Sunday, March 8th (StF) 11:00 a.m.
Repose of the Soul of Kimberly Smith

Tuesday, March 10th (SF) 9:00 a.m.
Repose of the Soul of George Bennett

Wednesday, March 11th (StF) 9:00 a.m.
Repose of the Soul of John Ulcak

Thursday, March 12th (SF) 9:00 a.m.
Repose of the Soul of Clifford Zarsky

Thursday, March 12th (GS) 6:00 p.m.
No 6pm Mass

Friday, March 13th (StF) 9:00 a.m.
Repose of the Soul of Wesley Reid Cudd

Saturday, March 14th (StF) 5:00 p.m.
Repose of the Soul of Wanda Lowe by Marlene Hagesfeld and Lowe Family

Saturday, March 14th (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.

Patricia Althaus
Maggie Atkinson
Bobby Bindseil
Clara Jo Bindseil
Joyce (Edge) Bishop
Joanne Bodine
Michelle Campbell
Vanessa Castillo
Richard Cole
Barbara Crowley
Callie Dieter
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
Tim Nance
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

March 15, 2020, Third Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7
God tells Moses to bring forth water from the rock.

Psalm 95:1-2,6-9
Sing joyfully in the presence of the Lord.

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2,5-8
Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

Gospel Reading: John 4:5-42
Jesus reveals himself to the Samaritan woman at the well.





Week of March 1, 2020

Thank you for your generosity!

St. Ferdinand:

Regular Collection	\$5,086.90
Building Fund	\$1,012.00

Good Shepherd:

Regular Collection	\$1,121.00
Building Fund	\$151.50

Second Collection for Today:

SF: N/A
GS: Black Bag

Calendar of Events

St. Ferdinand

- March 8 – Altar Server Training, 8:30 am
- March 9 – Talleres de Oracion y Vida, 7:00-9:00 pm,
St. Ferdinand Parish Hall
- March 10 – Full of Grace Seminar, 9:45 am and 6:30 pm
Main Church
- March 11 – Adoration, 1:00 – 6:30 pm
- March 11 – Spanish Stations of the Cross, 6:30 pm
- March 12 – Lenten Luncheon at Kendalia Church/St.
Michael/New Hope Lutheran, 12:00 to 1:00 pm
- March 13 – Stations of the Cross (St. Anne's Altar Society),
7:00 pm in the Chapel
- March 15 – Altar Server Training, 8:30 am
- March 16 – Talleres de Oracion y Vida, 7:00-9:00 pm,
St. Ferdinand Parish Hall
- March 17 – **No 9 am Mass**
- March 18 – Adoration, 1:00 – 6:30 pm
- March 18 – Spanish Stations of the Cross, 6:30 pm
- March 19 – Lenten Luncheon at Trinity Lutheran Church,
12:00 to 1:00 pm
- March 20 – Stations of the Cross (St. Ferdinand Choir),
7:00 pm in the Chapel
- March 20 – Knights of Columbus Fish Fry, 5:00 to 7:00 pm
- March 22 – Altar Server Training, 8:30 am

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 2nd 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. Anne's Altar Society

Meets the 1st Wednesday of the month following the 9:00 am Mass 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.

Calendar of Events

Good Shepherd

- March 10 – Good Shepherd Contemplative Prayer, 7:00 pm
- March 12 – **No 6 pm Mass**
- March 13 – Stations of the Cross, 6pm
- March 18 – Good Shepherd Youth Choir Practice, 5:30 pm
- March 19 – **No 6 pm Mass**
- March 20 – Stations of the Cross, 6pm
- March 27 – Stations of the Cross, 6pm
- April 3 – Stations of the Cross, 6pm

Behold the Lamb of God

If you wish, I will make three tents. (Matthew 17:4)

"Three tents? There he goes again," we might think. "It's just Peter making another rash statement and getting it wrong." But *did* Peter get it wrong?

Not really. Remember that Jesus himself brought Peter to the mountaintop with James and John. Now there they were, watching Moses and Elijah talking with Jesus, who was bathed in his Father's glory. It might not have made perfect sense to Peter, but he knew it was something good. He was so delighted that of course he wanted to pitch some tents and stay.

This "mountaintop" experience must have shored up Peter's faith. He saw the glory of God! He heard God say that Jesus is his beloved Son and that he is worth listening to. All of these things were very good. Did Peter need to go back down the mountain and continue to follow Jesus to the cross? Yes, but that didn't take away his need to be on that mountain—his need to be strengthened and filled.

Jesus is calling you to come away with him to a high mountain too. He is asking you to make time for him every day. Pray. Go to Mass. Ponder his word. Sit in his presence, and be filled with awe and wonder at who he is. But don't stop there. God has a message for you today. He wants to touch your heart and speak to you. Just as Peter heard, "This is my beloved Son" (Matthew 17:5), you can listen for the Holy Spirit to say, "Behold the Lamb of God" when you receive Jesus in Communion. Or "Go in peace to love and serve the Lord" when it's time to come down from the mountain.

Remember, it's not selfish to set aside time to be with Jesus. You're not running away from problems when you take time to pray. It's always good to come away with him—as long as you are willing to follow him out into the world as well.

"Lord, I love you and want to make time for you every day!"

He aquí el Cordero de Dios

"Tres tiendas de campaña? Ahí va otra vez", podríamos pensar. "Es sólo Pedro haciendo otra declaración precipitada y haciéndola mal." ¿Pero Pedro se equivocó?

La verdad es que no. Recuerden que Jesús mismo llevó a Pedro a la cima de la montaña con Santiago y Juan. Ahora estaban allí, viendo a Moisés y Elías hablando con Jesús, que estaba bañado en la gloria de su Padre. Puede que no tuviera sentido para Pedro, pero sabía que era algo bueno. Estaba tan encantado que, por supuesto, quería montar algunas tiendas de campaña y quedarse.

Esta experiencia de la "montaña" debe haber apuntalado la fe de Pedro. ¡Vio la gloria de Dios! Oyó a Dios decir que Jesús es su Hijo amado y que vale la pena escuchar. Todas estas cosas eran muy buenas. ¿Tenía Pedro que bajar a la montaña y seguir a Jesús hasta la cruz? Sí, pero eso no le quitó su necesidad de estar en esa montaña, su necesidad de fortalecerse y llenarse.

Jesús te llama a que te vayas con él a una montaña alta también. Te pide que hagas tiempo para él todos los días. Orar. Medita en su palabra. Siéntate en su presencia, y sentirse lleno de asombro y preguntarse quién es. Pero no te detengas ahí. Dios tiene un mensaje para ti hoy. Quiere tocar tu corazón y hablar contigo. Así como Pedro oyó, "Este es mi Hijo amado" (Mateo 17:5), puedes escuchar al Espíritu Santo para decir: "He aquí el Cordero de Dios" cuando recibes a Jesús en la Comunión. O "Ve en paz para amar y servir al Señor" cuando llegue el momento de bajar de la montaña.

Recuerda, no es egoísta reservar tiempo para estar con Jesús. No estás huyendo de los problemas cuando te tomas tiempo para orar. Siempre es bueno salir con él, siempre y cuando estés dispuesto a seguirlo al mundo también.

"Señor, te amo y quiero hacer tiempo para ti todos los días!"

Adoration

of the

Blessed Sacrament



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during Lent

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

1:00 to 6:30 pm in the St. Ferdinand Chapel

During Lent, we will be having Adoration every Wednesday from 1:00 to 6:30 pm. We will not be having Adoration on the first Friday of March or April. Make your Lent special and come and receive the graces promised from the source of ultimate love. Take time out of your day to spend a few moments in quiet prayer with our Lord at HIS House – He's waiting for you.

Volunteers are needed to make sure the church is never empty while the Blessed Sacrament is exposed. The sign-up sheets for each Wednesday will be posted in the entrance of the church every weekend for 1-hour prayer times throughout the day. They will be placed in the entrance to the Chapel during the week.

***God our Savior, bring us back to you and fill our minds with your wisdom.
May we be enriched by our observance of Lent. Amen.***

FISH FRY FRIDAY

Mark your calendars!

Join us for Fish Fry Fridays During Lent

Lent is here and that means the Knights of Columbus will be firing up the fryers! The whole community is invited to the following Fish Fry Fridays during Lent.

March 20th, and April 3rd

Bring the family and friends to St. Ferdinand's for a wonderful celebration of community as we prepare for Easter.

First United Methodist Church Johnson City

It's time to clean out your closet! The First United Methodist Church in Johnson City will be having a clothing drive during Lent. All "gently used clothing" can be dropped off at the Parish Hall at Good Shepherd or the office at St. Ferdinand. If you have any questions, call Warren Davis or the parish office at 830-833-5227.



Don't forget to pick up an Ashes to Easter Box!



Ashes to Easter is an annual Lenten mission project that affirms and encourages local missionary groups and other mission activities of the Diocese of Austin. This mission project of placing alms into small coin boxes became a project of the Diocesan Mission Advisory Council. The funds collected from the Ashes to Easter are used to provide grants to groups and organizations to aid in their mission efforts.

Penance Services of the San Marcos Deanery

7:00 p.m. English and Spanish

Monday, March 9	Our Lady of Wisdom in San Marcos
Tuesday, March 10	Saint John the Evangelist in San Marcos
Thursday, March 12	Santa Cruz in Buda
Thursday, March 19	St. Mary in Wimberley
Tuesday, March 31	Saint Martin de Porres in Dripping Springs
Wednesday, April 1	Saint Anthony Marie de Claret in Kyle

Penance Services in the Surrounding Area

Monday, March 23	St. Thomas the Apostle, Canyon Lake 10:00 am and 6:30 pm
Wednesday, April 1	St. John the Evangelist, Marble Falls, 7:00 pm
Thursday, April 2	St. John the Evangelist, Marble Falls, 10:00 am
Thursday, April 2	St. Joseph, Honey Creek, 6:30 pm

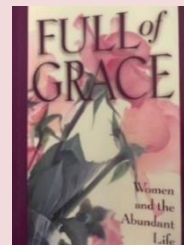
*Happy the sinner whose fault is removed, whose sin is forgiven.
Happy those to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, in whose spirit is no deceit.
Psalm 32:1*

Our Women of Faith

Following in the footsteps of the Blessed Virgin Mary we are called to aid humanity in following Christ showing the love of God. Our last week in sharing our faith together.

Join us Tuesday mornings at 9:45 and evenings at 6:30 in the main Church. Morning and evening sessions will cover the same material so you don't have to attend both sessions (unless you want to!).

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



FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK



Ready Reasons

Was Jesus' Sacrifice Enough?

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Religious Education

St. Ferdinand

Class Times:

PreK-6th: Sundays 9:30-10:40 a.m.

No Class Sunday, March 15th and 22nd Spring Break

7th-8th: Wednesdays 6:30-7:45 p.m.

No Class Wednesday, March 18th Spring Break

Please contact the DRE if you can help to provide light snacks.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults – Period of Purification and Enlightenment

The days of Lent are the final Period of Purification and Enlightenment leading up to the Easter Vigil for catechumens seeking baptism who participated in the Rite of Election on the first Sunday of Lent. They are now referred to as the Elect.

Lent is a period of preparation for the Elect, marked by prayer, study, and spiritual direction, and by prayers for them in their parish communities. The Celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation takes place during the Easter Vigil Liturgy on Holy Saturday when the Elect receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist, and become fully initiated into the Catholic Church.

Candidates already baptized in other Christian faiths may be received into the full communion of the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil, or at another Sunday during the year, depending on pastoral circumstances and readiness of the Candidate. They will make a Profession of Faith, and will receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

Holy Heroes Lenten Adventure

Lenten Adventure is free and includes activities that are appropriate for ages 5 - 12 -- a fun learning experience for the whole family! Sign up at www.holyheroes.com. Lenten Adventure includes the below (and more!):

- Daily coloring pages
- Daily activities, games, codes, and puzzles--and our "Saint Smarts" quizzes!
- A weekly Mass quiz to help them pay closer attention and get more out of Mass each Sunday
- Catholic Lenten customs and prayers
- Fun and bite-sized preparation for the readings you'll hear in Mass on Sunday

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God Hears and Answers Prayer

Coloring page from:

<https://www.bestcoloringpagesforkids.com/lent-coloring-pages.html>

Good Shepherd

Religious Education Classes:

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

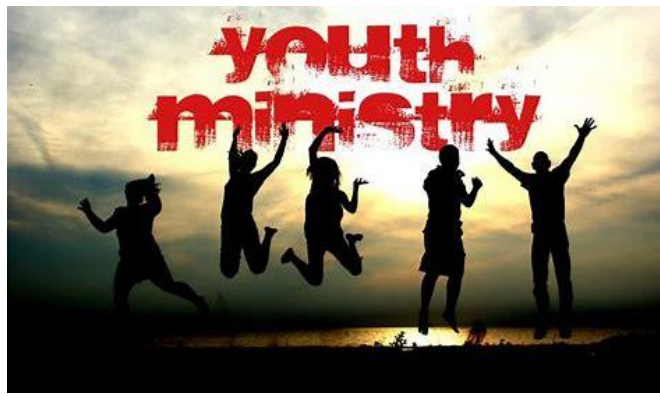
Middle School EDGE Youth Ministry: Once a month on the 4th Sunday of each month, from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm. On Saturday, March 7th, EDGE will have EDGE/Service Training—Lector and Altar Server Training from 9:00 to 11:30 am at Good Shepherd. EDGE will meet on March 29th at St. Ferdinand Parish Hall from 1:00 to 3:00 pm.

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 8th grade – 12th 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.





High School: (9th – 12th)

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 (USCCB) 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. **No classes on March 15th for Spring Break.**

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 4th Sunday of each month, from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm. On Saturday, March 7th, EDGE will have EDGE/Service Training—Lector and Altar Server Training from 9:00 to 11:30 am at Good Shepherd. EDGE will meet on March 29th at St. Ferdinand Parish Hall from 1:00 to 3:00 pm.

Confirmation:

The Next Confirmation Gathering Session will be on March 22, 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 margie@stferdinandblanco.org. 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



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