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PARISH BULLETIN | July 12, 2020 | The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

WEEKEND MASSES:

St. Ferdinand

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m. (Español) (temporarily cancelled)

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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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 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.



Masses for July 11 – July 18, 2020

Saturday, July 11th (SF) 5:00 p.m.
Repose of the Soul of Lucille Scharnhorst by Tim and Kathy Ivy

Sunday, July 12th (GS) 9:00 a.m.
Parishioners of Good Shepherd and St. Ferdinand

Sunday, July 12th (SF) 11:00 a.m.
Repose of the Soul of Lucille G. Rodriguez by Yolanda Davila

Tuesday, July 14th (SF) 9:00 a.m.
Repose of the Soul of Lucille Scharnhorst

Wednesday, July 15th (SF) 9:00 a.m.
Repose of the Soul of John Ulcak

Thursday, July 16th (SF) 9:00 a.m.
Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, July 16th (GS) 6:00 p.m.
Souls in Purgatory

Friday, July 17th (SF) 9:00 a.m.
For all parishioners of St. Ferdinand and Good Shepherd who died during the past year and for those who mourn them

Saturday, July 18th (SF) 5:00 p.m.
Repose of the Soul of Lucille Scharnhorst by Tim and Kathy Ivy



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
Vincent Lee Fischler
Vicki Gonzales & Mariana
Natalie Hernandez
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Susie Zamora



We are proud of all those in our parish who are serving and protecting our country.

I 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.





Week of July 5, 2020

Thank you for your generosity!

St. Ferdinand:

Regular Collection	\$4,707.00
Building Fund	\$430.00

Good Shepherd:

Regular Collection	\$685.00
Black Bag	\$65.00
Building Fund	\$10.00

Second Collection for Today:

SF: N/A
GS: Building Fund

Calendar of Events

St. Ferdinand

July 15 – Knights of Columbus Meeting, St. Ferdinand
Parish Hall, 7:00 pm

Calendar of Events

Good Shepherd

August 5 – Good Shepherd Men's Club, 7:00 pm Parish Hall



Mass Preparation

July 19, 2020, The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Wisdom 12:13,16-19

God has shown himself to be a God of justice and mercy.

Psalm 86:5-6,9-10,15-16

A prayer to God for mercy.

Second Reading: Romans 8:26-27

The Spirit intercedes for us with God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:24-43

Jesus offers parables about the Kingdom of Heaven and explains them to his disciples.

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.

Mass On the Air

Visit St. Ferdinand's website at
<https://www.stferdinandblanco.org>
or

Visit the Diocese of Austin website at
<https://www.austindiocese.org/mass-on-the-air> to find
the Masses that are available.



You shall indeed hear but not understand. (Matthew 13:14)

Any parent can tell you what it's like to be heard but not understood: "In one ear and out the other" or "It's like talking to a brick wall." This is how it feels when they can't seem to connect with their children.

Jesus had a similar experience. Despite all his time teaching and performing miracles in Galilee, he had little to show for it. Of course, disciples like Peter and Mary Magdalene and the others had left everything to follow him. They were trying to listen closely and put his teachings into practice. But what about the "large crowds" that he always attracted (Matthew 13:2)? They had seen the same miracles, but many of them didn't see his compassion as something worth imitating. They had heard him talk about his Father's mercy, but many didn't seem to hear his words about loving their enemies.

Jesus' words make it clear that discipleship involves both receiving his miracles *and* following his teachings. It involves the excitement of experiencing his power and love, *and* it involves choosing to love him back by trying to become more like him. It involves making sure that our hearts are like the good soil in today's parable—listening intently and prayerfully to his words so that they can change our hearts.

Try to do just that today. Either before or after Mass, carve out fifteen minutes and focus on *hearing* Jesus speak to you. Find a quiet spot, choose one of the readings from today's Mass, and read it. Really read it. Ask the Holy Spirit to be with you and help you understand what God is saying. When a word or phrase leaps out at you, let it sink into your heart like seed in good soil. Ask Jesus what he wants you to do about it. Then do it. Let his word bear fruit in your life.

"Thank you, Jesus, for sowing your word into my heart. Help me to nurture it so that I can become more like you."



De hecho, oirás pero no entenderás. (Mateo 13:14)

Cualquier padre puede decirle como es ser escuchado pero no entendido: "En un oído y fuera del otro" o "Es como hablar con una pared de ladrillos". Así es como se siente cuando no pueden conectarse con sus hijos.

Jesús tuvo una experiencia similar. A pesar de todo este tiempo enseñando y realizando milagros en Galilea, tenía poco que mostrar. Por supuesto, discípulos como Pedro y María Magdalena y los demás habían dejado todo para seguirlo. Trataban de escuchar atentamente y poner en práctica sus enseñanzas. Pero, ¿qué pasa con las "grandes multitudes" que siempre atrajo (Mateo 13:2)? Habían visto los mismos milagros, pero muchos de ellos no veían su compasión como algo que valía la pena imitar. Lo habían oído hablar de la misericordia de su Padre, pero muchos no parecían oír sus palabras acerca de amar a sus enemigos.

Las palabras de Jesús aclaran que el discipulado implica tanto recibir sus milagros como seguir sus enseñanzas. Implica la emoción de experimentar su poder y amor, e implica elegir amarlo de nuevo tratando de llegar a ser más como él. Implica asegurarnos de que nuestro corazón sea como la buena tierra de la parábola de hoy, escuchando atentamente y con oración sus palabras para que puedan cambiar nuestro corazón.

Trata de hacer eso hoy. Antes o después de la misa, separa quince minutos y concéntrate en escuchar a Jesús hablar con usted. Encuentre un lugar tranquilo, elija una de las lecturas de la misa de hoy y léelo. Realmente léelo. Pídele al Espíritu Santo que esté contigo y te ayude a entender lo que Dios está diciendo. Cuando una palabra o frase salta hacia ti, deja que se hunda en tu corazón como semilla en buena tierra. Pregúntale a Jesús qué quiere que hagas al respecto. Entonces hazlo. Deja que su palabra dé fruto en tu vida.

"Gracias, Jesús, por sembrar tu palabra en mi corazón. Ayúdame a nutrirlo para que pueda llegar a ser más como tú."

Speak to us, Lord, even when we refuse to listen. Speak to us in the quiet of our hearts where your voice brings peace and rest to our weary souls. Amen.

GOOD SOIL GROWS GOOD SEED

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Using the best seeds doesn't always guarantee the best plants. An older Italian gentleman straight from Italy gave me these amazing tomato seeds that he claimed produced the best tomatoes ever grown. Without doubt, the fruit he shared with me was a testament to that fact. These tomatoes were amazing! I couldn't wait until the next growing season to plant these seeds and harvest my own tomatoes. The whole experiment ended up a failure. I did everything the gentleman said, but my fruit didn't even come close. What happened? At first I was perplexed, then some years later the light dawned. The problem wasn't the seeds, it was the soil!

You cannot sow seeds in any old place and in a haphazard way and expect them to be at their best. It doesn't work that way. Planting the seeds is the easiest part. Preparing the soil is the challenge. Tilling, mulching, enriching, and building up the nutrients are all required for good fruit. Then after the seeds are planted, more care is required in order to maintain that healthy, nutrient rich environment for those seeds to sprout, grow, and flourish. God happily sows the seeds of his Word. What do we do with them?

If we expect to be a passive bystander and have good fruit magically grow, we are mistaken. Bearing the good fruit of God's Word requires preparation and work. We have to cultivate the soil of our lives so that those seeds can find a proper home. This one thing alone takes a great deal of patience, time, and effort. What kind of preparation have we put into our lives so that we can be a recipient of God's seed? It takes a great deal of soul-searching and ego-checking to properly prepare. God is the ever faithful and persistent sower. If the seeds do not bear fruit the first time, God will come back time and time again, giving it another try.

If we have created a suitable bed for sowing, then once the seed is sown, we must properly maintain them. What is our maintenance plan for the seeds of God's Word? We need not only a source for water but a watering schedule. We need to weed, aerate the soil, nurture the young plants, protect them, and provide proper nutrients. What does our spiritual maintenance plan look like? If we have done all things well, imagine what the seeds of God's Word could produce in us!



Don't miss the opportunity to give your sacrament the gift of a Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience this summer! WWME is designed to deepen and enrich the joys a couple shares together, whether they have been married for only a short time or many years. In these unprecedented times of isolation and social distancing, the need for

a healthy marriage relationship is more important than ever, and WWME is here to come to you! Experiences are available online for you to participate in from the comfort of your own homes in two formats: Traditional Friday-Sunday Weekend (June 26-28 & July 31-August 2) or the 7-session 3RE enrichment on Monday/Thursday evenings over 4 weeks (June 29-July 20). For more information and to apply online, visit wwme10.org/Virtual, call 512-677-WWME (9963), or email wwmeaustin@gmail.com.

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PICK OF THE WEEK



Saint Maria Goretti: Fourteen Flowers of Pardon

Shot on location in Italy, this moving account takes you on a historic and poignant journey through the life, martyrdom, and canonization of the Roman Catholic Church's youngest saint, Maria Goretti.

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Devote Yourself to Prayer

by Joseph Durepos, Loyola Press

***Devote yourselves to prayer,
keeping alert in it with thanksgiving.***

Colossians 4:2

Paul writes about prayer constantly in his letters, and he undoubtedly spent a lot of time praying. For Paul the life in Christ begins with prayer. Prayer means making the mind attentive to God; prayer includes gratitude for what's been given. This passage is like Paul's mantra: pray always, pay attention, be grateful. This is crucial to understanding how Paul proceeded in the world.

Ignatius of Loyola was greatly inspired by Paul. He is credited with having written "Pray as if everything depended on God. Work as if everything depended on you." The Ignatian form of spirituality that I follow involves a mindfulness that calls me to always be aware of where God is in my life. I do this by seeking God in the moments and activities of my days and nights, by reflecting on how I've experienced God, and learning from my experience and moving forward with the trust and understanding that comes from being in relationship with God. It is a way of processing that serves a plodder like me.

I believe all of us can find great strength in walking the path that Paul and Ignatius have set before us. It's often said that others can tell a lot about us by the company we keep. In prayer, we begin to close the gap between the greatest of these saints and ourselves, we enter their company, and we're blessed to be among them.

Religious Education

St. Ferdinand

Class Times:

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

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

St Ferdinand Religious Education

Have a blessed, safe summer!

Roar! Life is Wild. God is Good. Home Based Vacation Bible School July 20-23!

We are getting creative about how we can bring VBS to you this year. Drive by pick-up for Roar VBS materials will be Monday, July 20th, 3:30-6:30.

Meet the seminarians who will be presenting *Roar Wild Bible Adventures!*



Daniel Mani is serving at St. William Catholic Church in Round Rock and Christian Stelly serves at St. Louis in Austin. They are looking forward to meeting you!

Keep watching this space next week for more information.

Praying Together

Enrich your family's faith life, draw encouragement, and stay connected to the church.

<https://www.holyheroes.com/> offers a coloring page, a copy of the readings, and a mass quiz for Sunday masses through Sunday Mass Prep.

Magnificat is currently offering 3 mos print copy or 6 mos digital for \$5 at <https://us.magnificat.net/free>

Give Us This Day is currently offering 1 month free access to their App or 1 free print copy at <https://offers.giveusthisday.org/free-resources>

Only by praying together with their children can a father and mother – exercising their royal priesthood – penetrate the innermost depths of their children's hearts and leave an impression that the future events in their lives will not be able to efface.

Pope St John Paul II, *Familiaris Consortio*

Good Shepherd

Religious Education Classes:

Due to the COVID-19, the Diocese of Austin has instructed us to follow suit with our local school districts. **All Classes are cancelled until further notice.**

We will send out emails to parents that have students in Sacramental classes so students will be continuing certain lessons at home. Catechist's and Youth Minister's will be in contact with parents as to resources and online home-base lessons that will be available for them to access.

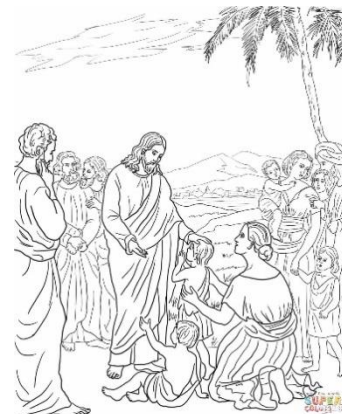
Pre-K thru 5th Grade: Wednesday's 6:00 pm – 7:15 pm

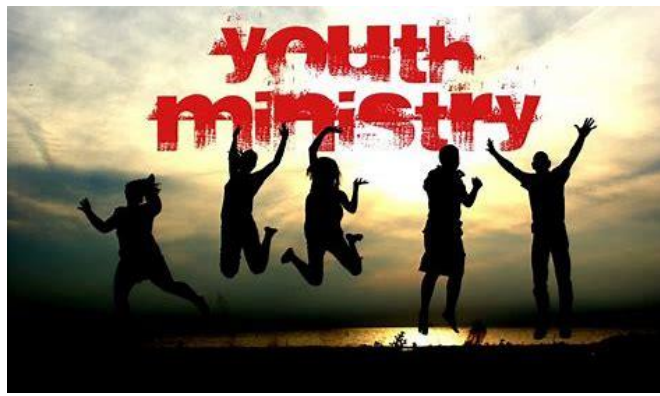
Middle School EDGE Youth Ministry: Once a month on the 4th Sunday of each month, from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm.

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.

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.





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We will send out emails to parents that have students in Confirmation classes to keep parents informed as to plan for lessons and any additional assignments or instructions. Students have online assignments that have already been assigned and will continue with this online program. Youth Minister's will be in contact with students and parents as to resources and other online home-base lessons that will be available for them to access.



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.

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.

Confirmation:

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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