

SAINT FERDINAND & GOOD SHEPHERD

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PARISH BULLETIN | January 1, 2023, The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

WEEKEND MASSES:

St. Ferdinand

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m. (Español)

Sunday: 11:00 a.m.

Last weekend of each month:

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 11:00 a.m. (Bilingual Mass)

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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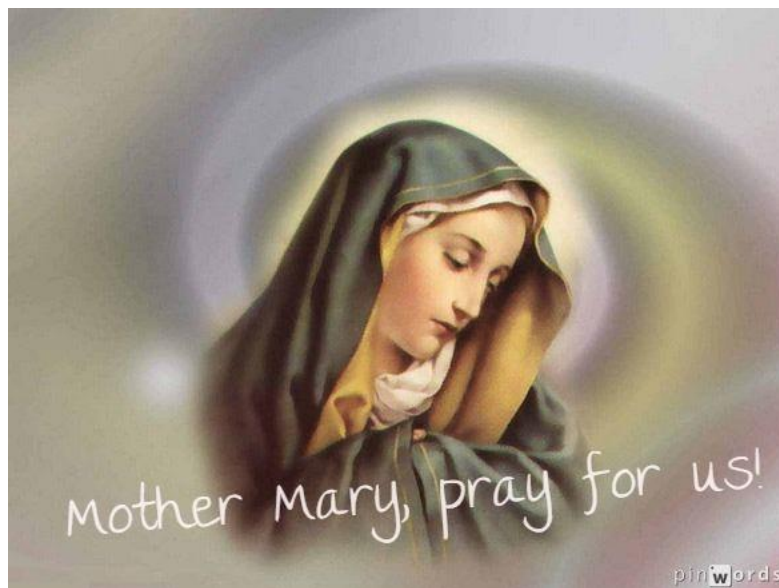
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Welcome Visitors & Guests

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. *Church Office: 830-833-5227.*



Due to unforeseen circumstances, when a mass is subject to cancelation, the mass intentions will be reset accordingly.

Masses for December 31, 2022 – January 8, 2023

Saturday, December 31st (SF) Parishioners of St. Ferdinand and Good Shepherd	5:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 31st (SF) Souls in Purgatory	7:00 p.m.
Sunday, January 1st (GS) Parishioners of Good Shepherd and St. Ferdinand	9:00 p.m.
Sunday, January 1st (SF) Parishioners of St. Ferdinand and Good Shepherd	11:00 a.m.
Tuesday, January 3rd (SF) Repose of the Soul of Kimberly Smith	9:00 a.m.
Wednesday, January 4th (SF) Repose of the Soul of Rev. Leonard Leddy	9:00 a.m.
Thursday, January 5th (SF) Repose of the Soul of Robert Kratky	9:00 a.m.
Thursday, January 5th (GS) Souls in Purgatory	6:00 p.m.
Friday, January 6th (SF) Repose of the Soul of Dan Kubin	9:00 a.m.
Saturday, January 7th (SF) Repose of the Soul of Walter Heffner by Helen Heffner	5:00 p.m.
Saturday, January 7th (SF) Souls in Purgatory	7:00 p.m.
Sunday, January 7th (GS) Parishioners of Good Shepherd and St. Ferdinand	9:00 p.m.
Sunday, January 8th (SF) Parishioners of St. Ferdinand and Good Shepherd	11:00 a.m.

**WELCOME
NEW MEMBERS**

*We would like to welcome
our new parishioner to
St. Ferdinand Church:*

John and Marianne Chamberlain

Prayer Requests

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.

Maggie Atkinson
Chris Berryhill
Gene Beyer
Gaelynn Brown
Lucia Carbary
Jack Cudd
Roselle Fischler
John Frazier
Pete Garcia
Herlinda Gonzales
Jim Gronke
Derek Haltom
Joe Hancock
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Barbara Turley
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Eva Vargas (Martinez)
Kippi Versluis
Pedro Villegas
Dora Weaner
Daniel Zamora
Polo Zamora
Susie 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: admin@stferdinandblanco.org. Unless you are an immediate family member, please obtain permission from the person whose name is being placed on the list prior to submission.



TITHES & OFFERING

Week of December 25, 2022

Thank you for your generosity!

St. Ferdinand:

Regular Collection	\$16,275.00
Black Bag	\$663.00
Feast of the Holy Family	\$520.00

Good Shepherd:

Regular Collection	\$1155.78
Black Bag	\$207.75

There is no Second Collection today.

St. Ferdinand's Men's Club Monthly Communal Rosary Sunday, January 1

The St. Ferdinand Men's Club would like to invite all members of our parish to a communal reciting of the Holy Rosary after the 11am Mass on Sunday, January 1st. The Rosary will take place in the area between the Parish Hall and the Chapel. Our goal is to have enough families participating that each Hail Mary and Our Father would be led by a different member of the parish.

If you would like to volunteer to help lead a portion of the Rosary, or would like more information, contact John Duran at 830-431-8088.

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 Contemplative Prayer

Every 2nd Tuesday of the month for November thru March at 3:00 p.m. in the Church, Contact: Karen Gordesky at 512-917-8069.



Good Shepherd Men's Club

Meets the 1st Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Contact: Gary Reeves, 281-387-9547.

Good Shepherd Women's Bible Study

Meets every Thursday at 4:30 p.m. If you're interested in joining please contact Jan Harry at 936-293-0064 or edharry1946@gmail.com.

St. Ferdinand Men's Club

Meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the St. Ferdinand Parish Hall.

St. Anne's Altar Society

Meets the 1st Wednesday of the month following the 9:00 a.m. Mass in the St. Ferdinand Parish Hall.

St. Ferdinand's Parish Choir

Meets Wednesday nights at 5:00 p.m. Call 830-833-3210 for more information.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

If you are interested in RCIA, please contact the parish office at 830-833-5227.

Estudio Biblico

Todos los miércoles de 6-8:30pm en el RICH house (trailer Juvenil) de la iglesia de San Fernando. llama al 512-563-3146 para mas informacion.

Mass Preparation

January 8, Epiphany of the Lord

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Jerusalem shall be a light to all nations.

Psalm 72:1-2,7-8,10-13

Every nation on earth shall worship the Lord.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6

Gentiles are coheirs in the promise of Christ.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

The Magi seek out Jesus and do him homage.



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.

Good Shepherd Vocations Chalice

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



Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God. (Luke 2:20)

Today we celebrate the feast of Mary, Mother of God, the one who brought the Son of God into the world. And as much as we honor Mary today, we also honor Jesus, her divine Son.

At first glance, it may seem odd that today's Gospel focuses on the shepherds who came to see the newborn Jesus and left praising God. But surely Mary would want us to join them in their songs of praise! In everything she did, Mary led people to glorify her Son for the salvation he would win for them.

In every age, Mary has sought to bring all people to Jesus and to urge them to praise and worship him. In fact, it's probably her greatest desire for us as we begin a new year. She knows that we have so many reasons to praise her Son. We can praise him for becoming a man and teaching us to pray. We can adore him for offering himself on the cross to save us. We can glorify him for giving us his Spirit and making us

children of God. We can never run out of reasons to praise Jesus!

So make this your goal: to praise Jesus more in 2023. It's not always easy to include praise in your daily prayer, especially if you're not accustomed to it. You might not know what to say. But you can begin by thanking Jesus for your blessings. You can also praise him for forgiving your sins. And you can rejoice in his faithfulness and unending love.

As you add praise to your prayer, you can always ask Mary, Mother of God and your Mother, for help. You can use the Magnificat, her own song of praise, as a model as you set out to magnify the Lord (Luke 1:46-55). And you can take comfort in knowing that Mary is praising Jesus right along with you—all year long!

My soul proclaims your greatness, Lord! My spirit rejoices in you, my Savior!

Los pastores regresaron, glorificando y alabando a Dios. (Lucas 2:20)

Hoy celebramos la fiesta de María, Madre de Dios, la que trajo al mundo al Hijo de Dios. Y tanto como honramos a María hoy, también honramos a Jesús, su divino Hijo.

A primera vista, puede parecer extraño que el Evangelio de hoy se centre en los pastores que vinieron a ver al recién nacido Jesús y salieron alabando a Dios. ¡Pero seguramente María quería que nos uniéramos a ellos en sus canciones de alabanza! En todo lo que hizo, María guió a la gente a glorificar a su Hijo por la salvación que él ganaría para ellos.

En todas las épocas, María ha tratado de llevar a todas las personas a Jesús y alentarlas e instarlas a alabar y adorarlo. De hecho, es probablemente su mayor deseo para nosotros al comenzar un nuevo año. Ella sabe que tenemos muchas razones para alabar a su Hijo. Podemos alabar por convertirse en hombre y enseñarnos a orar.

Podemos adorarlo por ofrecerse a sí mismo en la cruz para salvarnos. Podemos glorificarlo por darnos su Espíritu y hacernos hijos de Dios. ¡Nunca podemos quedarnos sin razones para alabar a Jesús!

Así que haz de este tu objetivo: alabar más a Jesús en 2023. No siempre es fácil incluir la alabanza en tu oración diaria, especialmente si no estás acostumbrado a ella. Es posible que no sepa qué decir. Pero puedes comenzar agradeciendo a Jesús por tus bendiciones. También puedes alabar por perdonar tus pecados. Y puedes regocijarte en su fidelidad y amor sin fin.

Al añadir alabanza a vuestra nuestra oración, siempre podéis podemos pedir ayuda a María, Madre de Dios y Madre vuestra. Puedes usar el Magnificat, su propia canción propio canto de de alabanza, como modelo mientras te propones magnificar al Señor (Lucas 1:46-55). Y puedes consolarte al saber que María está alabando a Jesús junto contigo, ¡durante todo el año!

¡Mi alma proclama tu grandeza, Señor! ¡Mi espíritu se regocija en Dios, ti, mi Salvador.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**Friday, January 6, 2023
9:30 am to 6:00 pm, St. Ferdinand Chapel**

There is nothing like the atmosphere of a quiet chapel or church or the splendor of the monstrance to help you understand the truth of what is happening in Adoration. We are truly before Jesus Christ, His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. The more you sink into that silence in front of the Host, the more you'll realize that the only response is awe and wonder at the greatness of our God.

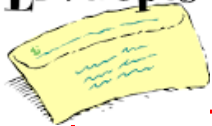
You are invited Friday, **January 6**, to come and receive the graces promised from the source of ultimate love, Jesus Christ.



Donation Acknowledgement Letters Available after January 1, 2023

The IRS requires that a tax-exempt organization send a formal acknowledgment letter for any donation that is more than \$250 if a taxpayer wishes to claim their donation in order to receive a tax deduction. If you wish to receive a donation acknowledgement letter from St. Ferdinand or Good Shepherd detailing your contributions, please email admin@stferdinandblanco.org to request one. We can email the letter to you or if you prefer receiving a hard copy, please include a current mailing address with your request. Donation acknowledgement letters will be printed off by request only. Letters may also be requested by phone at (830) 833-5227, or in person during normal business hours.

Offering Envelopes



The 2023 collection envelopes and English and Spanish calendars are available in the church at both Good Shepherd and St. Ferdinand. If you don't find your envelopes, please come by or call the office at 830-833-5227.

Los sobres de la colección 2023 y los calendarios en inglés y español están disponibles en la iglesia tanto en el Buen Pastor como en San Fernando. Si no encuentra sus sobres, venga o llame a la oficina al 830-833-5227.



MEETING NOTICE!

To the Women of Good Shepherd

There will be a meeting of the Women's Circle on Wednesday, January 4, 2023, at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall at Good Shepherd. At this meeting we will have an election of officers. Father Brion will also be there. Please come join us. Let's make this a great year.

Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary



In Fatima, Our Lady said, "My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God." Please join thousands of faithful throughout the Diocese of Austin for 33 days of preparation prayer for Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary. Prayers begin on Feb. 20 and are done privately in our homes using the consecration preparation book.

Please visit www.TexasToJesusThroughMary.org by Jan. 18 to receive your FREE Montfort preparation prayer book by mail and for more information.



Texas Pro-Life Day, January 28, 2023

The annual Texas Pro-Life Day is Jan. 28. Join us for Mass at San José Parish, St. Louis Parish, or the University Catholic Center in Austin. The rosary will be prayed at 9 a.m. with Mass beginning at 10 a.m. at each location. After Mass, all are invited to participate in the Texas Rally for Life, a statewide rally at the Texas State Capitol at 1 p.m. The Diocese of Austin continues to emphasize local efforts to build a culture of life -- to expand outreach to families facing crisis pregnancies and to families who are in need. Join us in continuing to Walk with Mom's in Need, and advocate for the sanctity of life from conception to natural death. For more information visit, www.austindiocese.org/Texas-catholic-pro-life-day.

HAPPY New Year

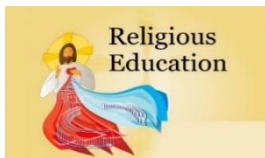
The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face
shine upon you, And be gracious to you...



Religious Education

St. Ferdinand

Director of Religious Education
Susan Moore
susan@stferdinandblanco.org
or 830-833-0444 (T-W)



PreK-2nd Grade: Sundays, 9:30-10:30
3rd-6th Grade: Sundays, 9:30-10:40
7th/8th Grade: Sundays, 9:30-10:40 or Wednesdays 6:30-7:45

Calendar Notes:

Sundays, December 18, 25, and Jan 1 – No class.

Christmas Holiday. Classes resume Jan 8.

Wednesdays, December 21, 28 & Jan 4 – No Class,

Christmas Holiday. Classes resume Jan 11.

May you be blessed with the peace and joy of Christmas.



Thank You

I would like to take a moment to say thank you to all our volunteers who have served so sacrificially this past year, shepherding children and youth and supporting those who do. There are countless, often unseen, tasks that contribute to providing a faithful religious education program for the children and youth of our parish.

Thank you for all you do and may God bless you throughout the Christmas season.



The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you; The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace.

Happy New Year

Good Shepherd

PreK – 5th Grade: Wednesdays from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm in the RE Building. Next classes Dec. 7th, and Dec. 14th (Last Class).
We will resume classes on January 11th, 2023.

6th – 8th Grade: Middle School EDGE Youth Ministry: Middle School classes are held in the summer for middle school. Curriculum includes Call to Protect for the Youth, RE Curriculum, Morality, Sacrament teachings, Praise and Worship, Bible Study, Fun and Games. Classes have ended for this school year; we will resume classes in June 2023.

8th Grade (or Pre-Confirmation): Classes are held once a month on the second Sunday of each month. Please Call the parish office to register or get more information.

Classes will start back up January 8th, 2023.

High School RICH Youth Ministry: Classes are held every other Sunday from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm at the St. Ferdinand/Good Shepherd Youth Building (Trailer). Curriculum includes Call to Protect for Youth, Morality, Sacramental Prep, Liturgical Celebrations, Theology of the Body, Bible Study, and Praise and Worship as well as lots of Fun and Games.

RCIA Classes: The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults and Adapted for Children is offered at Good Shepherd. Please schedule an appointment with Margie Vasquez to discuss the process and class times. Classes are offered in Spanish or English.

Confirmation Mini Retreat – January 22, 2023
(at the St. Ferdinand Youth Trailer) from 3:00 pm - 5:30 pm.
We will go over class schedule and register for the online classes.

2022-2023 Confirmation Classes: Students must be enrolled in RICH Youth Ministry Classes. Students must have completed 1 year of pre-confirmation or 8th grade classes. Students must be at least 14 years of age at time class starts. Registration for this year's confirmation class has started.

If you would like to register your child for Religious Education, please contact Margie Vasquez at Margie@stferdinandblanco.org or the parish office at (830) 833-5227.

Volunteers/Catechist/Helpers: If anyone is interested in helping in our RE program or would like to make donations of supplies for the classroom – Please contact Margie Vasquez or call the parish office during regular business hours. Remember to volunteer you must be EIM compliant. Please refer to the bulletin or the Diocese Website for upcoming EIM workshops in our area.

YOUTH MINISTRY

"Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in What you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity". 1 Timothy 4:12



Classes will start back up January 8th, 2023.



High School RICH Youth Ministry: Classes are held on every other Sunday. All classes will include a meal from 5:30 pm to 6:00 pm. **RICH (Resting in Christ Hands)** Youth Ministry utilizes the Life Teen Program – as well as Diocesan approved curriculum. Curriculum includes Call to Protect the Youth, Morality, Sacramental Prep, Liturgical Celebrations, Theology of the Body, Bible Study, Praise and Worship as well as lots of Fun/Games. High School Classes are combined with Blanco and Johnson City students. We meet at the St. Ferdinand Youth Building (Trailer). *Life Teen is an environment in which high school youth can come into a deeper 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.*

Middle School EDGE Youth Ministry: Middle School classes are held in the summer for middle school. Curriculum includes Call to Protect for Youth, Morality, Sacrament teachings, Praise and Worship, Bible Study, Fun & Games. *Blanco and Johnson City middle school students participate in EDGE Youth Ministry, EDGE is part of the LIFE TEEN Middle School youth ministry. We focus on Leadership, Prayer, Service and Unity.*

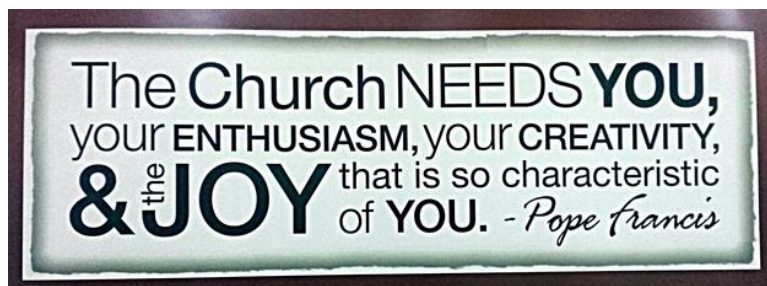
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If you need any information for any of the Youth Ministry events, classes or Confirmation - Please contact Margie Vasquez at Margie@stferdinandblanco.org, Mary Jane Hill at MaryJane@stferdinandblanco.org or the parish office at (830) 833-5227.

Youth Ministry Volunteers/Catechist/Helpers: If anyone is interested in helping in our program donating supplies or to provide Meals for the RICH YM nights – Please contact the parish office during regular business hours or email Margie@stferdinandblanco.org. 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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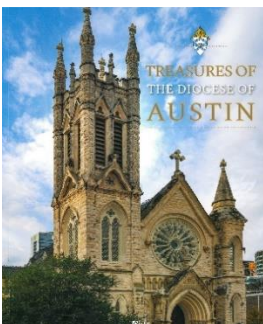
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To commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Diocese of Austin, Bishop Joe Vasquez has commissioned a beautiful book illustrating its history. We're sure you will enjoy reading the history and reflecting on the many images of faith communities throughout this diocese. The Diocese of Austin was created on November 15, 1947 as the seventh diocese in the state of Texas. In this book, you can read about the history of the diocese and the many challenges it has faced. Plus you can see the pictures of all the churches in the diocese and read a little history on each of them.

We will be selling these books in the Nartex for \$40. You can purchase them to take home with you today or you can fill out an order form to reserve a copy to pick up later. Order forms can be turned in today or dropped off at the church office later. Filling out the order form will reserve the number of copies you ordered for two weeks. Your order may be paid for and picked up at the church office during normal office hours. *Please be aware, however, there is only a limited number of copies available and will be sold on a first come basis.*

Para conmemorar el 75 aniversario de la Diócesis de Austin, el Obispo Joe Vásquez ha encomendado un hermoso libro que ilustra su historia. Estamos seguros de que disfrutará leyendo la historia y reflexionando sobre las muchas imágenes de las comunidades de fe en toda esta diócesis. La Diócesis de Austin fue creada el 15 de noviembre de 1947 como la séptima diócesis en el estado de Texas. En este libro, puede leer sobre la historia de la diócesis y los muchos desafíos que ha enfrentado. Además, puedes ver las fotos de todas las iglesias de la diócesis y leer un poco de historia sobre cada una de ellas.

Venderemos estos libros en la entrada de la Iglesia por \$ 40.00 Puede comprarlos para llevar a casa hoy o puede completar un formulario de pedido para reservar una copia para recoger después. Los formularios de pedido se pueden entregar hoy o dejar en la oficina de la iglesia después. Al completar el formulario de pedido se reservará el número de copias que solicitó durante dos semanas. Su pedido puede ser pagado y recogido en la oficina de la iglesia durante el horario normal de oficina. Tenga en cuenta, sin embargo, que solo hay un número limitado de copias disponibles y se venderán por orden de llegada.

