



# *Saint Ferdinand*

## **CATHOLIC CHURCH**

### **ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2023 | FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

### **MASS SCHEDULE**

#### **WEEKEND MASSES**

**St. Ferdinand Church**

Saturday 4:30 pm

Sunday 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 am,  
5:00 pm

#### **WEEKDAY MASSES**

**St. Ferdinand Church**

Monday - Friday

6:00 am, 8:00 am

Saturday 8:00 am

#### **HOLYDAY/HOLIDAY MASS**

Check inside for details

### **CONFESSIONS**

Saturday, 3:00 to 4:00 pm  
or by appointment

### **ADORATION CHAPEL**

Daily from 9 am - 6 pm

Sundays 9 am - 5 pm

Tuesdays 9 am - 10 pm

Wednesday, Thursday 9 am - 9 pm

### **FISH FRY**

Fridays 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm

314-839-5312

### **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL HELP LINE**

314-289-6101 EXT. 2216

### **ALL SAINTS ACADEMY - ST. FERDINAND**

1735 Charbonier Rd, Florissant, MO

63031 | 314-921-2201

[www.allsaintsacademystl.org](http://www.allsaintsacademystl.org)

Anna Davis, Principal



### **PARISH CLERGY**

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Sacramental Minister

Permanent Deacon

Permanent Deacon

Permanent Deacon

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Parish Secretary

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Youth Minister

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**[stferdinandchurch@stferdinandstl.org](mailto:stferdinandchurch@stferdinandstl.org)**



## From Father Lijo...

Christmas has finally come. This year we had a short time of Advent. We rejoice that the Word has become flesh, that God the Son has become human while remaining divine. There is no more waiting because the Messiah has arrived and now is the time for liberation from darkness and our enslavement to sin.

As we celebrate Christmas today, God tells us something very important about the meaning of our Christian faith. Our faith is not just a doctrine but a person: Jesus. In him God's Word and promises become alive. God's Son becomes our brother and the center of our lives. In Jesus God shows us who he is: a saving, loving God, near to people. Through Jesus God binds us to himself and himself to us: he shares our life. through and with Jesus we can respond to God's love in faithful commitment to God and each other. Let us celebrate all this with Jesus.

Behold the Mystery! In front of the greatest Mystery of all times, words fail. Silence, wonder, tears, joy are the natural expressions. There is just one thing we can do this Christmas: behold the Word-made-Flesh! Stand there at the crib in the church or at home. Take in the scene: the highest expression of God's love. The helplessness of a baby who is God. The vulnerability of God who is the most powerful. The Master of the universe becoming a little child in the manger. One who sits on the throne of stars now lies on straw in a stable. The one who feeds the world now lies in the feeding trough, as food for the world... stay before the scene in absolute silence, take it all in, and then break into a song and hug those around you. For today, salvation has come into our lives, hallelujah!



*A Blessed, Merry and Healthy  
Christmas to you all!*

*And May God Bless You and Guide You  
Through the Coming Year.*

*Fr. Lijo Kallarackal*



### *Christmas Mass Schedule*

**CHRISTMAS VIGIL, DECEMBER 24**

**4:30 PM and 10:00 PM**

**The Choir will begin singing carols at 3:45**

**CHRISTMAS DAY, DECEMBER 25**

**8:00 AM AND 10:00 AM**

### **ADORATION CHAPEL**

See the bulletin cover for the hours the Chapel is open for adoration. Listed below are the hours where an assigned adorer is needed.

#### **CHAPEL HOURS NEEDING VOLUNTEERS**

**Sunday, 5-6 PM**

**Monday, 3-4 PM**

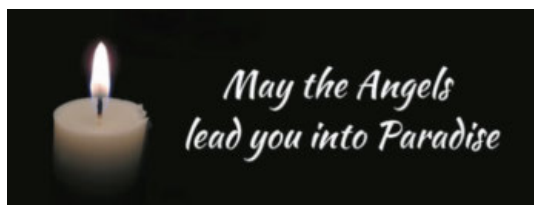
**Wednesday, 7-8 PM**

#### **EXTRA SUBS ARE ALWAYS APPRECIATED**

Please prayerfully consider spending an hour with Jesus.

If you would like to sign up to take an hour in the chapel, contact Debbie at 314-258-4112 for weekday hours or Stephanie at 314-330- 3239 for weekend hours.





Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

**RICHARD HARRISON**, former parishioner of St. Sabina

**DOROTHY JANE TRICOLI**, a parishioner (SM)

**JOHN FAHEY**, brother of Debbie (Jeff) Nanney and Kathy (Kurt) Dickason

May God welcome them home and comfort their families and friends in their time of sorrow. May their souls and all the souls of the faithfully departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

## EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR

To help us grow in our love and appreciation for the "true bread come down from Heaven", you are invited to come to the Eucharistic Holy Hour on the second Wednesday of each month. Together we ask our Lord Jesus to touch our hearts and deepen our understanding of His Presence with us.

Our next Holy Hour will be Wednesday, January 10, 6:30 - 7:30 pm (prior to the children's Advent Concert) in the church.



## Jesus and the Eucharist Study—ADDED SESSIONS!

We have had a great response to the video series, Jesus and the Eucharist. Many people have asked about offering it on a different day or in the evening.

Deacon Gerry is facilitating the viewing of the videos at both 9:30 a.m. (after Mass & Rosary) and again at 7:00 p.m. in the Duchesne Hall on Tuesdays

It will conclude on January 30. More information will follow.

## Readings for the Week of December 24

### Sunday:

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 (2a)/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

### Monday:

*Vigil:* Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25  
*Day:* Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18

### Tuesday:

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22

### Wednesday:

1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

### Thursday:

1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8/Mt 2:13-18

### Friday:

1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35

### Saturday:

1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40

### Next Sunday:

Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40



Due to the early bulletin deadline, the contribution figures for December 17 will not be available until the December 31 bulletin.

**Please make all checks payable to St. Ferdinand.**

## THANK YOU!

Thank you to the people who made contributions to the parish this past week.

*Place your envelopes in the collection box at the entrance to church by the baptismal font, the Parish Office door slot, by mail, bill-pay through your bank or signing up for our Online Giving through our website.*

***If you are an online giver and no longer wish to receive the monthly envelope packets, please call Dana at the Parish Office at 314-837-3165***

Our weekly collections remain essential to the continued operation of our parish. We appreciate everyone who continues to make their contributions to our parish both financially and with your time and talent.



## MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Worldwide Marriage Encounter presents weekend experiences for married couples to rekindle romance, enhance meaningful communication, and deepen and renew commitment. Below are listed the next three experiences. Sign-up now as space is limited! For more information or to apply, go to [www.me.org](http://www.me.org), or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

**2/2/2024 - 2/4/2024, St. Peters, MO**  
**3/15/2024 - 3/17/2024, Cape Girardeau, MO**

## ONLINE GIVING

Online Giving is a convenient way to give to the church

It's easy to sign up at: [www.osvhub.com/stferdinandstl](http://www.osvhub.com/stferdinandstl)

Simply click on "create an account". Then, enter the needed information and submit. It's that simple to give anytime and from anywhere using a computer, Smartphone or table. It can be used for recurring gifts to the church, or send a one-time gift.

The merger is completed with the St. Sabina online giving. You can now access your St. Ferdinand account using the same login information as you did to sign in the St. Sabina online giving.

St. Martin de Porres family will have to sign up through St. Ferdinand as we have a different provider than you currently use.





***We continue our Journey of Faith through the RCIA process.***

**Learn more about the Sacraments and sacramentals on Thursday, January 4, at 7 p.m. in the Duchesne Hall**

**We will not have a session on December 28.**

Call the Parish Office at 314-837-3165 for more information about R.C.I.A.

## ONLINE GIVING

The transition has been made merging all the St. Sabina online giving accounts with St. Ferdinand online giving effective December 8. Your active recurring donations were automatically moved over with this merger. To access your online giving account, go to [www.osvhub.com/stferdinandstl](http://www.osvhub.com/stferdinandstl)

Unfortunately, we are not able to do the same with the online givers from St. Martin using WeShare. **As of December 10 all recurring gifts to St. Martin de Porres have been stopped.** If you want to resume your recurring gifts, you will need to sign up through St. Ferdinand.

If you have any questions, or need help, please contact Dana at St. Ferdinand Parish office at 314-837-3165.

St. Ferdinand Online Giving:

[Osvhub.com/stferdinandstl/giving/funds](http://Osvhub.com/stferdinandstl/giving/funds)

## IRA CHARITABLE ROLLOVER

Did you know if you are age 70.5 or older, you can distribute up to \$100,000 tax-free each year from your IRA account to benefit St. Ferdinand? With an increased standard tax deduction, few people will itemize, preventing many from deducting their charitable contributions. The IRA Charitable Rollover allows donors—even those who take the standard deduction—to enjoy tax benefits by contributing to St. Ferdinand.

For details on contributing to St. Ferdinand with an IRA Charitable Rollover, please contact the planned giving experts at the Roman Catholic Foundation 314-918-2393 | [giftplanning@rcfstl.org](mailto:giftplanning@rcfstl.org)

Or talk to your financial Advisor.

## Rosary for our Adult Children

We have a rosary prayer group established at St Sabina about 3 1/2 years ago. We realized so many of us had adult children who no longer practice our Catholic faith. We decided to establish this rosary with the intention of praying for their return to the church.

We meet every other week, on a Thursday at 6:15 in the St. Ferdinand Gathering Space. We would welcome anyone who wishes to join us. For information please call Patty Holbert at 314 910 7674.

***We have joined with the St. Martin de Porres Rosary group every week and will be in the Gathering Space at Church.***

### Reminder...

***NO LADIES SODALITY meeting until February.***

***NO QUILTING until January 8. When Quilting return we will be in our new room at St. Martin de Porres Knobbe House.***

## MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to have a Mass celebrated for a loved one—deceased or living—contact Dana at the Parish Office at 314-837-3165. The stipend is \$10 per Mass.

There are infinite graces that flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass which benefits ones soul. The special ministerial fruits of the Mass are applied to the particular intention of the Mass.

***We have MANY open dates and times!***

The tradition of offering Masses for others, particularly the dead, originate in the very early Church. We have Mass Cards available in the office you can give to the family of a deceased person or Special Intention Cards for the living for a special occasion or for healing.

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

### What Is Your Fiat?

Are you an anxious people-pleaser prone to overcommitting yourself? Welcome to the club! We have slogans, and for your convenience I've listed them here:

"Sounds great!"

"No worries!"

"Absolutely, I can do that, not a problem!"

These are your go-to responses for when someone requests a favor that is a huge inconvenience, but you would rather die than disappoint. It's not *exactly* disingenuous — it's just a little neurotic. Again, welcome to the club.

You know who doesn't belong to this club? The Blessed Mother. For many reasons, I'm sure, but the biggest one is that she's always completely up-front. Take her response to the Angel Gabriel: "Let it be done."

If there are more powerful words than these, I can't think of them now. And yet, as responses go, this certainly isn't an enthusiastic one. There was never a human creature more willing to obey God than Mary, full of grace, so it makes it all of the more striking that her response to Gabriel is this reserved — and it makes it all the more certain that she means exactly what she says.

*Let it be done.*

Not: Yes, this is exactly that I asked for!

Not: Nope. This sounds awful. Count me out.

But precisely this: If God is asking, my answer is yes.

The Angel Gabriel visits us all, in a way, at some point or another, bearing news we did not expect. When we can say, in the face of that uncertainty, "Let it be done," we are embracing our calling as disciples. We are becoming like Mary.

*"Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord." — Luke 1:38*

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

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# Save the date Music Trivia

Saturday, February 24, 2024

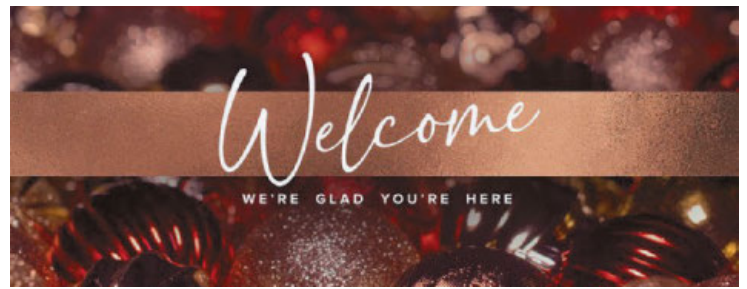
## WILL YOU BE ATTENDING THE 5 PM SUNDAY MASS AT ST. FERDINAND?

Please consider being a Greeter for this Mass! There was a wonderful response at the Festival of Ministries and we have many new greeters. However, there is still a need for greeters for the 5 pm Sunday Mass. Contact Lori Geerling at [lgeerling@gmail.com](mailto:lgeerling@gmail.com)

## DESERT DAY:

I really need a day of prayer and quiet! Desert Days at the Sanguis Christi Spirituality Center of the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood are just that. Come to the quiet and beauty of St. Joseph Chapel at 204 North Main St., O'Fallon, MO on **January 16 or February 21 from 9:15 am – 3:15 pm.** The day will begin and end with prayer. The remainder of the day is solitude, quiet, reflection, and rest. The opportunity to talk with a spiritual director is also available. Lunch is provided. A free will offering is requested.

For more information or to register contact Sr. Mary Cecile Gunelson, CPPS at 636-293-8013 or by email at [mccgunelson@cpps-ofallon.org](mailto:mccgunelson@cpps-ofallon.org)



A warm welcome to all of you who have come to worship with us. If you are visiting, we are honored by your presence. If you would like more information on becoming a member, please call the Parish Office at 314-837-3165 or stop by Monday—Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. An online registration form is available at [www.stferdinandstl.org/join-our-parish](http://www.stferdinandstl.org/join-our-parish).

Our Parish serves the needs of the community in many ways. We offer prayerful liturgies, various devotions and studies, Eucharistic Adoration, preparation for Sacraments, education for children and adults, social activities and organizations, assistance to those in difficulty and comfort to the sick.

## Parish Directory Information

Our new directory will be coming out at the end of January. With the combining of the three databases, I am sure there are going to be plenty of updates that need to be made. I apologize in advance. To help make it as accurate as possible, if you know there are changes you have not given us since the last directory for each parish, please call the Parish Office at 314-837-3165 or by email [dwiele@stferdinandstl.org](mailto:dwiele@stferdinandstl.org). The information has already been submitted but there is a small window of time to make changes before it goes to print.



## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

DECEMBER 30 & 31, 2023

### Greeters—Team 1

4:30 PM Barb Kelbel  
7:00 AM Gail Mandle, Joe Hoffmann  
9:00 AM Carole Mueller, Christ Campbell  
11:00 AM Jim, Judy, Mike & Maggie Schneider  
\*\*\*Volunteers needed at all Christmas Masses

### Lectors—Team C

4:30 PM Annette Ray  
7:00 AM Lucy Gintz  
9:00 AM Shane Kapler  
11:00 AM Olivia Reddy  
5:00 PM Beth Strange

### \*\*\*Christmas Masses

4:30 PM Don Nieters  
10:00 PM Patty Holbert  
8:00 AM Kathy Costello  
10:00 AM Annette Ray

### Eucharistic Minister

All Masses Team 1

\*\*\*Check the special schedule for Christmas Masses

### Servers

4:30 PM Patrick & Alex G.  
9:00 AM Joe Schwarzbauer  
11:00 AM Steve Meitz

### Church Cleaners—Team 1

TUESDAY, December 26

Terri Regnier

### Friday, December 29

Julie Zlotopolski, Beth Berendzen, Kristina Palliser,  
Amy Reddy, Terri Besmer

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26

10:00 AM Scrapbook, SMdP Knobbe House

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

6:30 PM St. Vincent de Paul, Duchesne #9

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

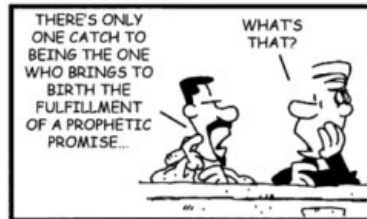
6:00 PM NO RCIA or RCIC this week  
6:15 PM Rosary, Duchesne #10  
7:30 PM Choir, Church

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



CHRISTMAS



During the Advent Season (and Lent 2024) we will not have flowers on the altar.

We are taking reservations for Altar Flowers for 2024. The cost is \$45 per plant. The plants will be on the Altar for 2 weeks.

Please call the Parish Office at 314-837-3165 to schedule a date.

## MEALS ON WHEELS — TEAM 2

DECEMBER 25-29

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
St. Patrick's	NO	Lisa Wehmeyer	Ray Hemker	OPEN	Theresa Klocker
Santa Maria		Stan Horton	---	Charlie Fechter	---
#3	MEAL	Stan Horton	Osborne Shannon	Steve Siebels	Emma Strickland
#4		Beth Mitchell	Robbie Wittington	Debbie Henderson	Eileen Weitkemper
#6/8	DELIVERY	OPEN	Mary Goldkamp	Jean Fox	Richard Van Well



## ALL SAINTS ACADEMY - ST. FERDINAND

### 2023 SCHOOL NEWS



- **Wednesday, January 3**—School Resumes
- **Sunday, January 28**—Catholic Schools Week Open House—more info to come

**\*\*We are looking for substitute teachers for this school year.** All interested applicants need to be in full compliance with the Prevent & Protect/Safe Environment regulations. Please contact Mrs. Anna Davis below for more information and requirements needed.

(314)921-2201

[adavis@stferdinandstl.org](mailto:adavis@stferdinandstl.org)

**ST. FERDINAND PARISH...  
TODAY, TOMORROW, FOREVER**



Want to volunteer your time while attending SEEK24, and save some money along the way? We are now taking sign ups for the Volunteer Program, which takes \$50 off per shift you fill. Register for SEEK24 at [seek.focus.org](https://seek.focus.org), and then click here to sign up for your preferred volunteer shifts!

Sign up link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084FA9AB22A7FBC25-seek24#/>

[Click here for a detailed description of each volunteer role.](#) You will be contacted by FOCUS with specific instructions in the weeks prior to SEEK24, around December 15.

### **NO Fish Fry December 29 Join us on January 5.**

**The Parish Office will be closed on Christmas Day and will have limited hours the remainder of the week.**

**The Parish Office will be closed on January 1.**

### **St. Vincent de Paul's Christmas Program**


The parishioners of St. Ferdinand, St. Sabina and St. Martin de Porres have been very generous in past years helping struggling families for Christmas. Many lives have been touched.

We are again asking for help to assist those who are hurting and need assistance to provide their families with Christmas.

This year we have made changes to the program. We are asking for donations of either gift cards or cash to purchase gift cards to give to parents so they can with dignity shop for their children. Donations of \$25/\$50 Walmart Gift Cards, \$25/\$50 Gas Cards and \$25/\$50 Schnucks or Aldi Gift Cards would be greatly appreciated. But whatever you decide to give and whatever amount you give we will be very thankful.

If you have any questions please email [svdp.christmas@stferdinandstl.org](mailto:svdp.christmas@stferdinandstl.org) or call our phone line: 314.289.6101 ext. 2216





**T.E.A.M.  
SPECIAL NEEDS::**  
 CEREAL  
 Dry Pasta  
 Spaghetti Sauce  
 Macaroni & Cheese  
 Tomato Products  
 Cereal  
 Tuna

**FROZEN / FRESH MEAT,**

Other suggestions: <b>Any bagged or boxed foods</b> <b>*Peanut Butter</b> <b>*Pancake Mix and Syrup</b> Bread, Snacks & Crackers Canned Meat & Seafood Canned Fruit & Vegetables Canned or Dry Soup	Pork and Beans Sugar Coffee Toilet Paper & Paper Towels Laundry Detergent Shampoo, Bar Soap Sanitary Napkins
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**FROZEN / FRESH MEAT, fruit and vegetables are also needed but should be dropped off directly to TEAM.**

All other items can be placed in the TEAM collection bin in the Gathering Space or they can be delivered directly to the TEAM office.

**T.E.A.M. is located at 256 Saint Catherine at the corner of Saint Ferdinand Street (Graham Road).**

**Hours are Monday—Friday, 10 am—2 pm and Saturday 10 am to noon.**

Drive around back to the 3rd door and someone will assist you unloading your items.

**T.E.A.M. could also use donations of money.**

Make checks payable to T.E.A.M. and send to the rectory or mail to the address above.

Thank you for all you have donated to TEAM. Your generosity is appreciated very much!

**MEALS —**
**DONATIONS \$—**

**Volunteers are needed in the warehouse, pantry and offices. Minimal computer skills required.**

**For more details, please contact Nancy Wolff at 314-831-0879 or 314-412-3637**

## A Look at a St. Ferdinand Ministry

***We will be featuring a different ministry available at St. Ferdinand to help you become familiar what is available to become a part of at St. Ferdinand.***

## Neighbor to Neighbor Ministry

This ministry is made up of parishioners who are willing to share their time and talents with other parishioners. Minor repairs and maintenance around the home on an as needed basis. The busiest times are spring through the fall.

Some of the past jobs have included: replacing smoke detector batteries, and hard to reach light bulbs. Rewiring a table lamp, adjusting a door latch. Grass cutting (one time per season), leaf raking, bush trimming and gutter cleaning. Very minor plumbing. Tightening screws on hinges. Cleaning out a basement, shed, or garage. Installing the spare tire. Car battery replacement. Following the Festival of Ministries, we now have an IT (information technology) person to assist with computer questions.

If you need assistance in one of these areas please contact the Parish office, and leave a message for the Neighbor-to-Neighbor ministry.

Your request will be forwarded to an NtN member, who will contact you directly to set up a time to complete your request.

If you wish to join the NtN ministry, contact the parish office.



**This Christmas Season**  
**you can give the gift of a Catholic Education**  
**AND receive a 100% Missouri State Tax Credit.**

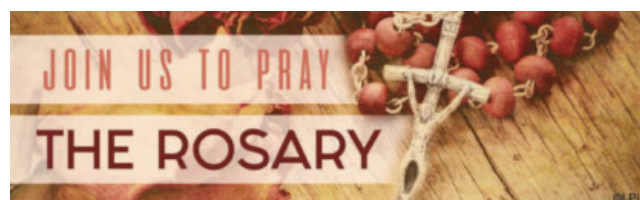
- RECEIVE A 100% STATE TAX CREDIT -  
 - GIVE THE GIFT OF A CATHOLIC EDUCATION -  
 - FUND SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS IN NEED -

**DON'T DELAY!**  
**RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE PRIOR TO**  
**DECEMBER 31<sup>st</sup>.**





Scan the QR code for more information  
 or visit [TTEF-STL.ORG/MOSCHOLARS](http://TTEF-STL.ORG/MOSCHOLARS)



Join us **every morning** at St. Ferdinand before and after the 8:00 am Mass to pray the Rosary and on **Tuesdays** for Perpetual Help Devotions.

Every **Thursday Night** at 6:15 pm in the Gathering Space you are invited to pray the rosary.



## St. Ferdinand Youth Group

Get in contact with  
Emily Will & James Stallings  
314-972-3172  
smdpyouthgroup18@gmail.com

We invite all Teens from 8th grade to 12th grade. Come Join us the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each Month from 7pm-8:30pm in the St Martin de Porres Gym



Steubenville Conference



Little competition on a Wednesday night

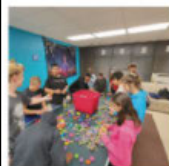


Cleaning up Parishioners Yards

This Youth Group is about making new friends, growing closer to God, and always having fun.

There are so many events we have going on year round, a few big ones, Giving Tree, Trivia Night, Living Stations, and an Easter Egg Hunt.

Our big weekend Retreat to the Steubenville Conference in Springfield, MO



Stuffing Easter Eggs for our Egg Hunt



Raking Leaves for a Parishioner

## YARN SPINNERS—WE'RE BACK!

To any/all who would like to knit or crochet, come join us on Wednesday, Jan 3rd, 2pm in the Duchesne center for an hour of friendship and project making! We will meet in Room 9. If you are already working on a project--bring it along. Bring your own hooks, needles and yarn if you have some. If not, we'll try to find some for you. Questions? Call Mary Hilmes 314-831-6625.


## MEN'S RETREAT

### WHITE HOUSE RETREAT

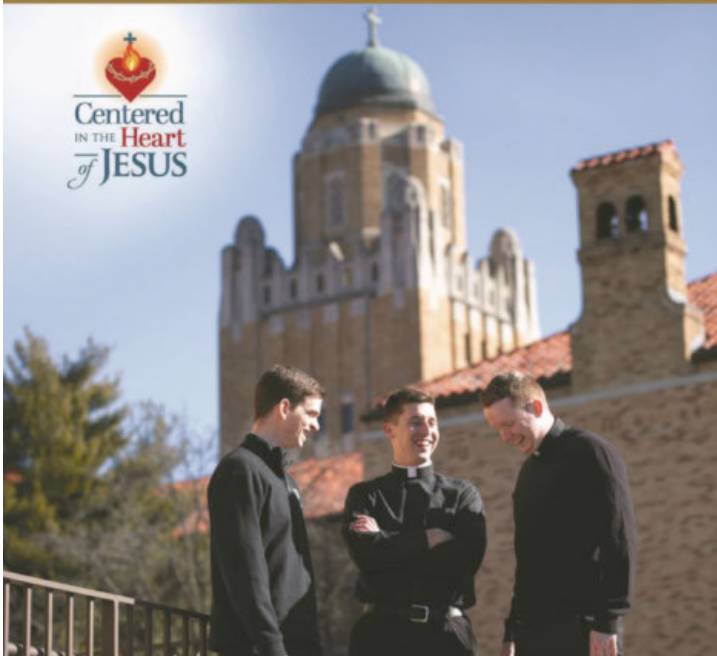
**JANUARY 18—21, 2024**

Would you like to spend a few days apart with God? Would you like to learn how to find God in all things? If so, the quiet, natural solitude of the White House retreat center may be exactly what you need. The Men's White House retreat is coming up in January. Come spend time with the Lord and reconnect with Him. The retreat begins Thursday evening January 18 and runs through early afternoon Sunday January 21, 2024. To learn more, contact Darren Hale at [darren.e.hale@gmail.com](mailto:darren.e.hale@gmail.com).





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Two weeks ago we asked everyone to fill out a name tag for a lanyard. The purpose of this is to help get to know each other. It has been quite successful. There are people who have seen each other for years and have never known their names and now there are even more unfamiliar faces.



We ask that you wear your name tag every time you attend Mass or other St. Ferdinand activity. We want to be a place where everybody knows our names!



## STREAM TEAM

If you were live streaming Masses at St. Sabina or St. Martin de Porres, and would like to continue here at St. Ferdinand, please contact Mike Koenig at 314-610-0946. You are invited to join our "Stream Team"

## For Your Entertainment

We like to provide activities for all ages and interests. Since some like to find errors, we regularly include a few in our bulletin to meet this need.

**Happy Hunting!**





# Nativity Word Search



X	S	M	B	I	Y	L	V	Y	Y	J	U	H	O	L	Y	S	F
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BABY

BETHLEHEM

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GIFTS

HOLY

JESUS

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MARY



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STABLE

## Nativity Sudoku

*Each letter can only be used once in each row, column or box*



JOSEPH

H				O	
S		J			
	J			E	P
	E	O		J	

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G			A		
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## MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

7:00 am | Lambert Krzyzanowski and Elaine Veit

9:00 am | Steve Bublitz

11:00 am | James Jones

***The 4:30 pm Mass on Christmas Eve does not fulfill your Sunday obligation. It is for the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) Mass.***

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24,  
CHRISTMAS EVE

4:30 pm | For the People

10:00 pm | All Priests and Religious

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25,  
CHRISTMAS DAY

8:00 am | Dorothy & Larry Blair

10:00 am | For the People

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26

6:00 am | Christine Snyder

8:00 am | Mary Will

St. Patrick's

9:00 am | Karen Buehler

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

6:00 am | Albert Bujewski, Sr.

8:00 am | Bernice Marxkors

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

6:00 am | Debbie Macamufu

8:00 am | Ira Dorsey

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29

6:00 am | Peg Stoving

8:00 am | Jack Wyatt

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

8:00 am | Marge Pavlacic

4:30 pm | Paul & Sue Richards

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

7:00 am | Ruth Shelton

9:00 am | Fabian Laramie

11:00 am | For the People

5:00 pm | Gale Rick

MONDAY, JANUARY 1

This year the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God is NOT a day of Obligation since it falls on a Monday but we will still celebrate the Solemnity. Please join us to start the new year off with prayer.

8:00 am | Fr. Lijo Kallarackal, Special Int.

12 Noon | Fr. Jack Dempsey



Pray for the safety of those in the armed forces as they serve and protect our country and those who are home and still in need of our prayers:

Ben Alley  
Bobby Baker  
Charles Barry IV  
Josh Bohr  
Jim Booher  
Joe Booher  
Joseph Brown  
Matthew Burch  
Jonathan Buss  
Kenny Cleary  
Sean Conroy  
David Cuddy  
Zack Dodson  
Kevin Easley  
Kenny Englert  
Brent Feltes  
Mitchell Frye  
Spencer Frye  
Michael Garcia  
Brandon Grau  
Daniel Halley III  
Brandon Hill

Nick Hitt  
Sean Hoebing  
Nathanial Jennings  
James Jernigan, Jr  
Justin Jones  
Jeffrey Kimball  
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Cody Knoll  
Salvatore Ladato  
Joseph Laramie  
Matt Leahart  
Colin Linkul  
Colin Loehr  
Jocelynn Loehr  
Dominic LoGrasso  
Matthew Ludwig  
Joe Maloney  
Brennan Maykopet  
Kathleen Mohrmann  
Harper  
Andrew Mott  
Christian North

James Opfer  
Angela Peterson  
Samual Prouhet  
Luke Quiles  
Jacob Rall  
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Adam Riggs  
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Natalie Smith  
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Daniel Stackle  
Caleb Strathman  
Ethan Strathman  
Matthew Upchurch  
Faroq Usman  
Dylan Whittemore  
Michael Willard

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Lisa Barton  
Rich Bequette  
Terri Birkemier  
Barb Brown  
Joann Brown  
Dolores Bujewski  
Anna Buresha  
Jim Cardwell  
Fr. Pat Christopher  
Jason Coleman  
Frank Deniszczuk  
Carol Dezern  
Nick Ehlers  
Lee Feckter  
Jeanette Findley  
Trish Franklin  
Baby Jane Geerling  
Johanna Gerland  
Dona Graham  
Richard Graham  
Mike Grieshaber  
Ken Gruebbeling  
Dianne Gruenloh  
Joanne Haag  
Virginia Garrison Heller  
Tommy Hobday  
Rich Jacobs  
Maurice Katimi  
Ed Kaufmann

Ben Knight  
Pat Krummey  
Mark Loyet  
Duane Lund  
Maurice Mareschal  
Daniel Marxkors  
Paul Marxkors  
River Mead  
Glynda Mieloszyk  
Charles Nesser  
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Robert Pedrotti  
Michael Pitezal  
Bob Purcell  
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Richard St. John  
Sandy Stuhlman  
Michael Surgeon  
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Bert Tamborski  
Len Tamborski  
Tom Tygart  
Gerry Uskiwich  
Helen Waing  
Larry Weber  
Phyllis Weber  
Jerry Will  
Jim Wokovich  
Michael Yorg

### SHORT TERMSICK LIST (6 WEEKS)

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James Wade  
Ashley Falls  
Bob Purcell  
Donald Boland  
Michael Clines  
Melissa Witt  
Sharon Derhake  
Kathy Fairbanks  
Peggy Farmer  
Dale Reller

Lauren Sapp  
Baby Teddi Kelly  
John Jezik  
Kathy Fleming  
Martin Wind

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are in need of our  
prayers***

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## SACRAMENTAL LIFE

### MARRIAGE

Please call the rectory for an appointment at least six month prior to the wedding.

### BAPTISM

Please call the rectory to schedule required parent baptism preparation meeting. Baptisms are scheduled by appointment

### ANointing OF THE SICK

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