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St. Stephen's Catholic Church

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Dearly Beloved,

Up front for all of us is death. We came into the world under a certain, sad sentence of death. Buddha, Mohammad, and Jesus Christ are the founders of the largest religions on the face of the earth. Buddhism is much older than Christianity. The moral code of Christianity is much stricter than the other two. Yet, Christianity has grown to be the largest religion on the face of the earth. It continues to attract more followers than any other religion of all time. Why? What did Buddha and Mohammad do to solve the big problem *up front* for all of us? They simply joined the host of witnesses taken from every age, to give testimony to the fact that what's *up front* for all of us, namely death, is inevitable. Such was not the case with Jesus Christ. By His Glorious Resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ proved to the world that He, and He alone, is the master of what's *up front* for all of us. How could any human being who lives under this certain, sad sentence of death, who hears for the first time of Christ's Resurrection from the dead, not wonder how he or she might also escape the permanence of death?

Christ did far more for us than take care of the problem *up front*. He has given us a share in His divine life to enjoy here and now. It's as if His cross is still planted in our midst. The blood and water which flowed from His side, as He hung upon the cross continues to flow through our baptismal fonts, washing away our sins and giving us a transfusion of new life. If only we were more aware of our new life in Christ! Our thinking is too sin-conscious; too pre-Resurrection. Because of this, Christianity is for some not the good news and glad tidings it should be for all people. Because of this, although Christianity is the largest religion on the face of the earth, it seems to have very little influence on the world. Because of this, Christianity can be seen as a burden, and not a blessing. If only we were more aware of our new life in Christ; our hearts would overflow with gladness and cause us almost spontaneously to live better lives. Be conscious, O Christian, of your dignity! Recall, you have been ransomed at no small price, and rescued from the power of death, and brought out into God's life!

Joyfully yours in the Risen Lord,

Msgr. James P. Bridges



Mass Schedule & Intentions

For the week of May 21st

Sunday, May 21 - 6th Sunday of Easter

8:00 am † **Kenda Delashaw** by Anthony
 10:30 am † **Remie Ramos** by Family
 12:30 pm † **Rodolfo Villa** by Family

Spanish Mass

5:00 pm † **Valente Jimenez** by Mario & Laura Hernandez
 7:00 pm † **Nina Hernandez** by Mario & Laura Hernandez

Spanish Mass

Monday, May 22 - St. Rita of Cascia

7:00 am **Thomas Joseph Foster** by Grandma Linda Foster
 12:15 pm **Hijinio & Jesucita Tavares** by Dorothy Ramos
 5:30 pm † **Walter Pataky** by Ramon & Haydee Guerrero

Tuesday, May 23

7:00 am **Fr. Francis Frankovich**
 12:15 pm † **Frances Morales** by John & Janie Sotelo
 5:30 pm † **Blandina Robles** by Daughter Haydee

Wednesday, May 24

7:00 am **Shea Woodruff** by Theresa Woodruff
 12:15 pm † **George Bill** by John & Janie Sotelo
 5:30 pm **Ed & Linda Leps** by Annette Ruddy

Thursday, May 25 - The Ascension of the Lord

7:00 am † **Sandy Nolen** by Ken Nolen
 12:15 pm † **Gregorio Sotelo** by John & Janie Sotelo
 5:30 pm † **Josef Schlosser** by Rebecca & Frederick Schlosser
 7:00 pm † **Omar Valles Nieves** by Jeidy & Hanzel

Friday, May 26 - St. Philip Neri

7:00 am † **Sandy Nolen** by Ken Nolen
 12:15 pm † **Camilo Chavez Sr.** by Fr. Frank Chavez
 5:30 pm **Msgr. James P. Bridges (55th Ordination)**
 by St. Stephen's Parish

Saturday, May 27 - St. Augustine of Canterbury

8:00 am † **Sandy Nolen** by Ken Nolen
 5:00 pm **Dianne Anderson (Happy Birthday)** by Mike & Audrey

Sunday, May 28 - 7th Sunday of Easter

8:00 am † **Sandy Nolen** by Ken Nolen
 10:30 am † **Bart Campbell** by A.J. & Marilyn Wachsmann
 12:30 pm † **Paul Bustamante** by Pablo & Mary Helen Bustamante

Spanish Mass

5:00 pm **Bailee Kiowski (Happy Birthday)** by Kiowski Family
 7:00 pm † **Lalo Bustillos** by Tencha & Laura Busillos

Spanish Mass

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION - 83,578.19

Regular	\$79,917.19
Building Fund	\$ 213.00
Basilica of the National Shrine	\$ 3,448.00

Financial reports are available in the parish office.



**Catholic
Communication
Campaign**
CONNECT WITH CHRIST

Our second collection is for the Catholic Communication Campaign. This

campaign connects people with Christ, here and around the world in developing countries, through the Internet, television, radio, and print media. Fifty percent of funds collected remains in our diocese to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the Gospel message. To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/cc.

Nuestra segunda colecta será para la Campaña Católica de la Comunicación. Esta campaña conecta a las personas con Cristo, aquí y en los países en desarrollo en el mundo, a través del Internet, la televisión, la radio y los medios impresos. El cincuenta por ciento de los fondos recaudados permanece en nuestra diócesis para financiar labores locales en el área de las comunicaciones. Su contribución ayuda a difundir el mensaje del Evangelio. Para informarse más, visite www.usccb.org/cc.



ST. STEPHEN'S CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday

6:45 am - 7:00 am; 12 noon - 12:15 pm;
& 5:00 - 5:30 pm

Saturday

7:45 am - 8:00 am; 4:00 - 4:45 pm

Sunday

20 minutes prior to each Mass
And anytime, by appointment



Upcoming Baptismal Classes:

June 4th & June 11th

English : 2:00 - 4:30
Spanish: 2:30 - 5:00

Please Call Parish Office to Register
(432) 520-7394



Happy Birthday

May 21

Christina Clare Bryan
Jaime Castillo
Elizabeth Madrid
Thomas Navarrete
Griselda Rodriguez
Sophie Sharum
Dalia Tejeda

May 22

William Berry
Von Stephen Doria
Erica Gonzale
Clifford Hair
Stan Houk
Adrian Lopez
Henry Natividad
Annabelle Rivera
Aaron Sulak
Kimberly Torres
Gloria Ybarra

May 23

Mike Abbott
Susana Cisneros
Juan Garza
Juaquin Gonzales
Iris Medina
Erica
Raquel Rodriguez
Hannah Stewart
Fran Thetford

May 24

Eduviges Aguirre
Julian D. Escobedo
Celinda Hernandez
Mary Medrano
Angie Sanchez
Melissa Tejada



May 25

Ricardo Barrera Jr.
Jaime Carrasco
Daniel Cervantes
Jonah Garcia
Yanely Hernandez
Rick Moreno
Manessa Smith
Nicklaus Stewart
Sofia Torres
Damian Vasquez Jr.

May 26

Carmen Barto
Kyna M. Espinosa
Daniel Garcia
Jesse Galindo
Bailee Kiowski
Lauren Klein
AlexandriaLeyva
Jaime Ramos
Maleny Ramos
Maria E. Reynosa
Neri Venegas

May 27

Jacob Boss
Mike E. Cardenas
Waylon Corley
Joseph Gallegos
Charles Perry

May 28

Larry Amador
Maria Flores
Larry Galindo
Stetson Gonzalez
Gabriel Moreno
Steve Mueller
Holly Waugh



CONVENT CURIOUS RETREAT



Are you hearing the call to become a Sister?

Young ladies 8th grade and up to age 35
Parents and grandparents who have questions and want to learn about Religious Life
Young Adults who want to help to promote Vocations

Join us on

Saturday, July 8, 2017
Holy Trinity Catholic Church
1009 Hearn St.
Big Spring, TX 79720

9:30 am – 4:00 pm, Mass at 5:00 pm

There will be various Religious Sisters available with information about their communities.

Breakout sessions include:

1. The life of Sisters- How they live
2. Understanding the Vows
3. A Parent's experience – Having a daughter as a Sister
4. What Sisters do - Ministry

For more information please contact Kristie in the Vocations Office at 325-651-7500
Email – kgarcia@sanangelodiocese.org

***A Special
Thank
You!***

We take this opportunity to thank and greatly appreciate the Kermesse Committee, Donors and Volunteers for their hard work in making our First Kermesse Family Fun Fair a successful event. Thank you and God bless you all.

**Msgr. James P. Bridges and
Fr. Bala Anthony Govindu.**

PRAYER REQUESTS

We are here to pray for you!



Pando, Beatriz Pacheco, Bea Herrera, Acosta Family, Julio Orozco, Maria Orozco, Sandra Orozco, Yolanda Rodriguez, Dina Harper, Larry White, Arian Mendoza, Gina Angay, Dolores Higgins, Palmer Ann Anderson, Bob Field, Dorothy Markey, Helene Naydock, William Bernreuther, Bonnie Lentner, Gina Angay, Arian Mendoza, Jessie Castillas, Pepe Lopez, Cynthia & Christy, Margaret Robson, Juanita Avalos, Jesus Munoz, Anita Morin, Joe Munoz III, Bertha Renteria, Bill Hobbs, Michelle Rizo, Nora Lujan, Mary Ramirez, Enedina Gonzales, Morales Family, Olga Rodriguez, Joseph Young, Margarita Cereceres, Kaely Munoz, Alejandro Munoz, Jr., Ines ORodriguez, Maria Luisa Rodriguez, Josefina Alvarez, Jesse Julius Garcia, Dayton Martinez, Juanita Muniz, Brigido & Alma Garza & Family, Raymond Swafford, Bill Swafford, Isaiah Vasquez, Gracie Mata, Suzette Flores, Alexa Hernandez, Cristina Camagong, Angelo Camagong, Ernesto Camagong, Jessica Sears, Martha Albert, Michael Albert, Mykee Angay, Teresa Kiser, Robyn Cody, Mark Clark, Vanessa V

Email frontdesk.sccc@att.net or call the office at 520-7394 to be added to the prayer list

Domingo, 21 de mayo de 2017—SEXTO DOMINGO DE PASCUA Ciclo "A"

Misa de Sanación y liberación el último domingo de mes.

En las lecturas de hoy hay una constante insinuación al Espíritu Santo, prometido por Jesús. Viene a decirles que su "paso al Padre" no significa "vacío" ni "ausencia". Su presencia entre los suyos está asegurada aún después de su marcha: "No os dejaré desamparados, volveré... Yo estoy con mi Padre, vosotros conmigo y yo con vosotros".

Él asegura la presencia permanente de la Persona de Cristo en su Iglesia y de que su obra de salvación vaya siendo interiorizada y asimilada por sus seguidores. Gracias al Espíritu, la resurrección ha significado para Jesús la posibilidad de una forma nueva, más profunda y perfecta, de hacerse presente a los suyos.

En la oración colecta pedimos amor y alegría para poder manifestar en nuestras obras los misterios que estamos celebrando en estos días en honor de Cristo resucitado."

Hermana Gertrudis Muñoz Mendieta I.C.A.S.

AVISOS:

Damos nuestras más sinceras gracias a las personas que ayudaron para que fuera posible la Kermes. Evento familiar dedicado para todas las madres de Familia.

Del 19 al 29 de mayo. Las hermanas Leonila y Gertrudis están en Chicago para Ejercicios Espirituales. Oremos por ellas.



Entrenamiento Para los Monaguillos Para Spanish and English Mass Servers

El privilegio de servir en el altar, en el Santo Sacrificio de la Misa es un muy especial ministerio. Nosotros, en la Parroquia de San Esteban estamos orgullosos de todos los monaguillos y estamos agradecidos por su dedicación. Este es un hermoso ministerio para la juventud femenina y masculina. Se requiere compromiso a largo plazo en términos de formación, crecimiento espiritual y de servicio. Si usted ha recibido su primera comunión y sentir un llamado a unirse a nuestra comunidad monaguillo le invitamos a asistir a la capacitación. Los padres, le animamos a que asista a la misma. el diácono Lorenzo Salazar estará ofreciendo esta capacitación para ambos servidores en inglés y en español. Es imprescindible para todos los servidores, independientemente de si son nuevos o experimentados. La capacitación es un proceso continuo y necesario para todos los servidores. Tendremos pizza después del entrenamiento.

Cuando: Lunes, Junio 5
Hora: 6:00 - 8:00 pm
Donde: Sanctuary of the Church

Si Tiene preguntas llamar a: Anne Hobbs 432-934-3192, Cindy Lujan 806-392-3714, Bianca Gonzales 432-894-9554

¡Felicitaciones a los ganadores de la rifa de la Kermesse!

- 1º premio 2017 4DR VW Jetta: David Bonds
- 2º premio Lavadora y secadora Samsung: Delfina Duarte
- 3er premio 70 "Televisión: Elías Reyes
- 4º premio One Night Elegante: Stella Ramírez
- 5º premio Dell Computer: Mady Sandoval
- 6º premio Pozo de BBQ: Rusty Ramos
- 7º premio Tarjeta de regalo de \$ 500: Manuela Urquiza
- 8º premio Apple iPad Air 2: Luz Gómez
- 9º premio Apple Mini 2 iPad: Carla Jackson



Tim Hayter, se asignará como vicario parroquial en efectivo de San Esteban, 01 de julio de 2017,

El 10 de junio despedimos al padre Tonito a las 7:00 PM en el salon parroquial



Del Padre Tonito

ATTENTION CLASS OF 2017 GRADUATES!

There will be a **Graduation Mass** honoring all St. Stephens 2017 High School Graduates on **Sunday, June 4, 2017 @ 5:00 p.m.** If you would like to participate in the Graduation Mass, please contact Kathleen Molina at (432) 528-3324 for more information. Thank you and Congratulations to 2017 Graduating Seniors!



Vacation Bible School will be June 12-16th 2017 from 8am—12pm! Send your kids on an imaginative, impacting adventure this summer at St. Stephen's! At Maker Fun Factory VBS, kids discover

not only that God made them the way they are, but for a purpose too! Register now!

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Gretchen @ (432)520-7394.



Altar Server Training For Spanish and English Mass Servers

The privilege of serving on the altar at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is a very special ministry. We at St. Stephen's Parish are so proud of all the altar servers and we are grateful for their dedication. This is a beautiful ministry for female and male youth. It requires long term commitment in terms of training, spiritual growth, and service. If you have received your first communion and feel a calling to join our altar server community we invite you to come to the training. Parents, we encourage you to attend as well.

Deacon Lorenzo Salazar will be offering this training for both English and Spanish servers. This is a must for all servers – whether you are new or experienced. Training is ongoing and required for all servers. We will have pizza after the training.

When: Mon., June 5
Time: 6:00 - 8:00 pm
Where: Sanctuary of the Church

If you have questions, please contact:
Anne Hobbs 432-934-3192
Cindy Lujan 806-392-3714
Bianca Gonzales 432-894-9554



PILGRIMAGE to Fatima, Santiago de Compostela, Lourdes June 19th - 29th

For more information call Fr. Mark Woodruff of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton at 432-202-0336.

ATTENTION ST. STEPHENS YOUTH: Are you going to 9th Grade this Fall 2017, then you can join us for Steubenville Lone Star Conference (Irving, TX) this summer. Incoming Freshmen and graduating Seniors 2017 under the age of 18 can attend. We only have room for 14 more so hurry and reserve your spot before they are all gone. You can come by parish office for an application. **The fee is \$100.00 and the dates are Friday, June 23, 2017 through Sunday, June 25, 2017.** For more information email Deacon Larry Salazar at lsalazar@sanangelodiocese.org or leave a message at the parish office (432) 520-7394.



New Deacon Class? What is a deacon?

The Come & See sessions will help answer your questions. These informational sessions are being presented in Midland, Big Spring, Abilene and San Angelo. The inquiry period begins in September 2017. The Big Spring meeting is scheduled for June 3rd at Holy Trinity Church from 10:00-11:30 pm. For more information call or email Deacon Freddy Medina fmedina@sanangelodiocese.org 325-651-7500



Congratulations to the Kermesse Family Fair Winners!

- 1st prize 2017 4DR VW Jetta: David Bonds
- 2nd prize Samsung Washer & Dryer: Delfina Duarte
- 3rd prize 70" TV: Elias Reyes
- 4th prize One Night Elegante: Stella Ramirez
- 5th prize Dell Computer: Mady Sandoval
- 6th prize BBQ Pit: Rusty Ramos
- 7th prize \$500 Gift Card: Manuela Urquizo
- 8th prize Apple iPad Air 2: Luz Gomez
- 9th prize Apple Mini 2 iPad: Carla Jackson

COME LIGHT THE FIRE WITHIN - a Life-in-the-Spirit Seminar on June 2-3 at Christ the King Retreat Center celebrating the glorious coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Sisters from the Disciples of the Lord Jesus (dljc.org) will be the presenters. The seminar will be from 6 pm-9:30pm Friday and Saturday from 8am-6:30pm closing with Mass. Fees are \$15 for an individual and \$30 for a family. Overnight stay at the retreat center is available for a fee and must be pre-arranged through CKRC 325-651-5352. **Seminar registration may be made on-line at SanAngeloHeartofMercy.com or sandy@anewconceptionsalon.com or call 325-656-5550.**



HELPING HANDS OF MIDLAND

***1301 BRINSON LANE
(432) 520-8900***

www.helpinghandsmidland.com

Because we feel it is important that you know how and where your donations to Helping Hands are spent, here is what was done last week:

Electricity	4 families	\$ 582.46
Water	3 families	\$ 737.82
Rent	35 families	\$ 24,203.59
Transportation	1 family	\$ 253.13
Medical	1 family	\$ 325.28
Total		\$ 26,102.28

We are sometimes told by people that while they love the work that we do they themselves would be unable to do it because they could not deal with the depressing circumstances under which we work. Dealing with so many people who are "down and out" day after day would just be too much for them. They could not deal with so much sadness. We could not disagree more. In fact, Helping Hands is a very joyful place to work. Some examples: People cannot wait to get into our store on the days we are open, and many line up outside two hours before we even open up. Because they do so on a regular basis, many of our shoppers have become good friends and there is great camaraderie. Friendships extend from the shoppers to the volunteers. Many of our volunteers take a personal interest in the lives of our shoppers (and vice versa) so that we become almost like family. Indeed, several of our regular shoppers will occasionally prepare lunch for the volunteers. They consider it their way of "giving back" not because of any financial assistance they have gotten in the past, but because they feel they are a part of our organization and while jobs or other family obligations may hinder their being able to volunteer for us, they can occasionally prepare us lunch. We cannot tell them enough how deeply appreciated they are!

And then there are the customers who always insist on paying more than what they are charged. "We know it is for a good cause" they will say as they hand us the extra money. We love to speak of the man who comes in each year around Christmas, buys a record album (usually priced at a quarter) and gives us a \$1,000 check. "Keep the change" he says with a wink and a smile, "I'll bet you can figure out how to spend it!"

The interactions between the customers and the volunteers are what keep many of the volunteers coming back. Sure there is the occasional belligerent person, but the people with smiles and good intentions far outnumber the random "grouch".

And as for the poor that we meet with – sure they are our neighbors who have fallen on some rough times, and at times their stories are very sad. But being a part of helping them out of the hole they are in, of helping them get back on their feet – sharing in their resurrection experience can be a source of incredible joy!

So depressing? No! Sad? Hardly! We invite you to come and give us a try. We are always looking for new members of our family!

Thank You!

**We would like to thank you and
appreciate you for your generous
donations towards Kermesse Family
Fun Fair**

ST. JOSEPH'S HOME HEALTH, INC, MR. & MRS. SEAN CARROLL, DR. SARA E SIRUTA, MR. & MRS. THOMAS G MIDKIFF, DOYLE HARTMAN OIL OPERATOR, MR. & MRS. RANDALL L. ROUSE, MR. & MRS. DARREL WIESMAN, BASIN ROOFING, NC STURGEON, CHERYL MAY JONES, NANCY BEAL, GASKET SERVICE, RECOVERY HOME THERAPY, KAYSER, JOHN SPENSOR, ALLIED WIRELINE, FARMERS INSURANCE PENDING, JOSEPH SCHWALBACH, CINDY ACOSTA, JEMINA TRUE, FARMERS INSURANCE, REGGIE LAWRENCE, MIKE GLENN, MR. & MRS. DOUGLAS MAY, MR. & MRS. SHAWN ADAMS, MR. & MRS. CARL KOVACICH, MS. LINDA FOSTER, MS. JOSIE BRENNER, MR. & MRS. ROY GUERRA, MR. & MRS. CEPERO, MR. & MRS. RICHARD KIEKBUSCH, MR. LOUIS BEIQUE, MR. & MRS. RICHARD GRENVIK, MR. & MRS. PEDRO VASQUEZ, MR. & MRS. STEPHEN R. FANNING, MR. & MRS. RICKY NGUYEN, MS. GLORIA DAGDAG, MR. & MRS. BARRY S. CRISWELL, DANNY URIAS, JOHN WHITE AND DIANE TRUE, MR. & MRS. TRAVIS STICE, MR. & MRS. JOSE A. CISNEROS, MR. & MRS. WILLIAM BERRY, MR. & MRS. RAMON DOMINGO, MR. OCTAVIO VILLANUEVA, MS. MARY HELEN SMITH, MR. & MRS. SILVANO APORELA, MR. JAMES T. WILLIAMS, MR. & MRS. DAN BROWN, AND ALL PRIVATE DONORS