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St. Stephen's Catholic Church

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"Not all of us can do
great things, but we
can do small things
with great Love."

Are you hearing the call to
become a Sister?

The Pearl of Great Price Religious Life

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, March 3, 2018

St. Stephens Parish

4601 Neely Ave.

Midland, TX 79707

9:30 am – 4:00 pm with Evening 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

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

There is a pressing issue before our country today: the future of a very important group of young immigrants called the "Dreamers." Dreamers are the 1.8 million young people who were brought to the United States as children by their parents through no fault of their own. They often know America as their only home. Dreamers are woven into the fabric of our country and of our Church. They are contributors to our economy, veterans of our military, and leaders in our parishes and communities.

There is a need for a permanent legislative solution for the Dreamers, so they will not have to live their lives in constant fear of deportation, which brings with it separation from their families and real dangers of violence and poverty in their countries of birth.

Some Dreamers enjoy limited legal protection now, but those protections will begin to expire on March 5. The U.S. Congress is deadlocked over this important issue, so I urge you to take a few moments on this coming Monday, February 26, to join with Catholics across the country, in calling their Senators and Representatives to urge them to give Dreamers legal protection and a path to citizenship.

To make this easier, you will find an insert in your bulletin with all the information you'll need, including the toll-free number to call to reach Congress, and a message you can share with your legislators. Thank you for your prayers, and for taking action on behalf of our immigrant brothers and sisters, who are among the most vulnerable in our society.

Sincerely in Christ, Bishop Michael J. Sis

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES 2018

St. Mary (Odessa) February 26, 2018 at 7:00 PM

Holy Trinity (Big Spring) February 27, 2018

St. Joseph's (Stanton) February 28, 2018 at 6:30 PM

St. Lawrence March 7, 2018 at 7:00 PM

St. Stephen's (Midland) March 8, 2018 at 7:00 PM

San Miguel (Midland) March 14, 2018 at 7:00 PM

Our Lady of Lourdes (Andrews) March 20, 2018 at 7:00 PM

Holy Redeemer (Odessa) March 21, 2018 at 7:00 PM

Good Shepherd (Crane) March 22, 2018 at 6:30 PM

Our Lady of Guadalupe (Midland) March 23, 2018 (All Day)

St. Joseph's (Odessa) March 26, 2018 at 6:30 PM

St. Ann's (Midland) March 27, 2018 at 7:00 PM



CORE is a team of individuals who are committed to building the ACTS Community within their parish.

To be part of CORE, a member must:

- be a practicing Catholic
- be in good standing with the church
- have been a retreatant in an adult ACTS retreat
- served on an adult ACTS team, and displayed leadership abilities with a servant's heart.

The term is a 3-year term.

If you would like more information, or if you are interested in serving in this ministry, please call Becky Espino (432-413-6268).





Mass Intentions

For the week of February 25, 2018

Sunday, February 25 - Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 am† **Ben Bryan** by Gloria Oetting
 10:30 am† **Archie & † Florence Romero** by Family
 12:30 pm **Pablo & Evangelina Talamentez (49th Anniversary)**
Spanish Mass
 5:00 pm **For the Parish**
 7:00 pm **Fidel Ruvalcaba** by Maria Eidson
Spanish Mass

Monday, February 26

7:00 am **Fidel Rubalcava (Special Intention)** by Maria Eidson
 12:15 pm† **Camilo Chavez Sr.** by Fr. Frank Chavez
 5:30 pm† **Patricia Chub** by Peggy Slevin

Tuesday, February 27

7:00 am† **Johnie Lee Qualls** by Terry Repman & Family
 12:15 pm† **Dorothy Hill** by Family
 5:30 pm **Billy Wilson (Happy Birthday)** by Gloria Oetting

Wednesday, February 28

7:00 am† **Domingo Nunez** by Terry Repman & Family
 12:15 pm **Pearl Abalos (Healing Leukemia)** by Betty & Mike Terrell
 5:30 pm† **Katherin Williams** by Gloria Oetting

Thursday, March 1

7:00 am† **Louise Wiles** by Terry Repman & Family
 12:15 pm† **Juanita Arredondo** by John Arredondo
 5:30 pm **Bill Schmidt** by Gloria Oetting

Friday, March 2

7:00 am† **Remie Ramos** by Becky & Fernando Espino
 12:15 pm **Adam Thibodeaux (Special Intention)**
 5:30 pm† **James Griffing**

Saturday, March 3

8:00 am† **Serapia Carrasco** by Joe & Hortencia Carrasco
 5:00 pm **Bob & Ginny Andrews** by Martha Hoggard

Sunday, March 4 - Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 am **Cindy Wolfe (Special Intention)** by Family
 10:30 am† **Pedro & † Maxina Flores** by Family
 12:30 pm **For the Parish**
Spanish Mass
 5:00 pm† **Dorothy Fryt** by Family
 7:00 pm† **Claudio Arias** by Familia
Spanish Mass

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Regular:	\$ 24,938.70
Building Fund:	\$ 320.00
Other Income	\$ 221.67
Black & Indian Mission	
/Catholic Extension	\$ 4832.33

Financial reports are available in the parish office.



**COME JOIN
US FOR
THE
STATIONS
OF THE
CROSS
EVERY**

**FRIDAY IN THE MAIN
CHURCH AT 6:05 PM**



**Join us every Monday
from 6:30-7:30 pm in
the big Church for an
hour of prayer
(Bilingual) as a
community with the
Blessed Sacrament. It
will include scripture
readings, a brief Lenten reflection, the
Chaplet of Divine Mercy and time for
silence. We will end with Benediction
(special blessing with the Blessed
Sacrament). ANY QUESTION PLEASE
CALL LINDA FOSTER AT (432)559-
8888 (HABLA ESPANOL)**



ST. STEPHEN'S CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Monday - Tuesday - Thursday - Friday
 6:45 am - 7:00 am; 12 noon - 12:15 pm;
 & 5:00 - 5:30 pm

Wednesday
 6:45 a.m.-7 a.m.; 12 noon-12:15 p.m.;
 5:5:30 p.m.; & 6:30-7:30 p.m.

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

Sunday
 20 minutes prior to each Mass
And anytime, by appointment



LENT

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

February 25

Suzann Boyd
Paola Flores
Hector Rosas
Vera Smith

February 26

Rudy Duran
Hope Galindo
Abilene Gardea
Alexis Hebert
Priscilla Jeffries
Ernesto Martinez
Antionietta Molina
Mary Catherine Mueller
Caleb Repman
Michael P. Salgado
Jose Santos
Kelly Sokolowski
Ofelia Zapata

February 27

Elaina Basaldua
Jerome Chavez
Jarrod Curry
Roberto Guajardo
Adrian Martinez
Sofia Montanez
Erika Nunez
Sarah Perez
Olga Rodriguez
Kathy Torres
Nayeli Villalobos

February 28

Hannah Castillo
Jordan Darling
Criselda Diaz
Aried Favela
Hector Flores
Joel Hurtado
Julian Minjarez
Darlene Morales
Cipriano Munoz
Maria Munoz
Terry Wilkinson

February 29

Clara Garza
Yolanda Sanchez

March 1

Casey Carrasco
Kelly Franco
Armando Galindo
Franc Hartter
Guadalupe Herrera
Dolores Higgins
Patrick Jones
Angelica Mendoza
Sylvia Munoz
Destiny Ramirez
Luis Rodriguez
Ruibi Sanchez
Patricia Villanueva

March 2

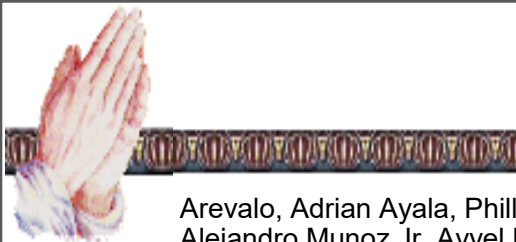
Lauren Buescher
Jave Filomeno
Brianna Garcia
Alyssa Lopez
Rosa Martinez
Gretchen Ramirez

March 3

Luis Lozano
Sam Lyssy
Indira Marquez
Jerason Poor
Carmen Roadcup
Miguel Rodelo
Priscilla Rodriguez
Rogelio Tinoco Jr.
Lilly Wallace
Dominic Willis

March 4

Martin Castaneda
Jesse Dominguez
Jetta Hartman
Thomas Holly
Albert Lerma
Ryan Perez
Velida Trejo
Nevaeh Villanueva



Baby Braxton Munoz,
Baby Israel Martinez,
Carolina Pirela, Lalo
Lujan, June Foresygh,
Suzie Brideweser, Maria
Hernandez, Simon

Arevalo, Adrian Ayala, Phillip Sorrel, Alyss Munoz,
Alejandro Munoz Jr, Avyel Munoz, Maria Luisa
Rodriguez, Inez Rodriguez, Josefina Alvarez, Bartolo

Rodea, Evans Family, Rachel S., Burdette Family, Isaiah V.,
Vanessa V., Anita P., Carlota W., Judy D., Alicia S., Jesse Julius
Garcia, Betty Compton, Maunel Hernandez, Corina Pena, Filemon
R. Ortega, Clarissa Ortega, Ricky Montes, Luke M. Prementine,
Zaylin Ortegon, Teresa Kiser, Mike Levi, Mark Clark, Eva
Talamantez, Potsy Sotelo, Jaelynn G. Garcia, Mingo Lujan, Ramon
Munoz, Beatrice Pacheco, Bea Herrera, Methias Ornelas, Jose
Carmen Vazquez, Rebecca Rodelo, Jess Valenzuela, Bob Brecze,
Gerald Thetford, Heidi Gobel, Dominguez Family, Yasmin Smith,
Ladyann Medina, Fran Thetford, Margaret Robson, Joe Munoz Jr.,
Anita Morin, Joe Munoz III, Dahlia Munoz, Julio Rodriguez, Felix
Munoz II, Julian Rodriguez, Terisa Galvin, Jesus Munoz, Bob & Eva
Lopez, Gary Miller, Mykee Angay, Mike Braskett, Emma Valdez,
Mary Madrid, Eddie Martinez, Albert Madrid, James M. Garcia, Rosa
Mata, Ruben Salas, Eva Lopez, Isabel Martinez, Alfredo Garcia,
Jerry Huitron, Alonzo Rios, Jordan & Sanchez Family, Larry White,
Daniel Jossylen, Roberta Smith, Paola Hinojos, Ryan Pina, Kaely
Munoz, Castillo Family, Deacon Mike Medina, Elizabeth
McChesney, Jacqueline Murphree, Qualls Family, Felly Camagong
& Family.

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

Upcoming Lenten Dinners

**After the 5:30pm Mass & Stations of the Cross
(Dinner served approximately 6:30pm)**

****Menu might change without prior notice****



March 2nd - Various Soups by the ACTS Team

**March 9th - Baked Potatoes by the Grupo de
Matrimonios**



**March 16th - Various Salads by Grupo de
Mujeres**

**** all Lenten Dinners listed above are free of
charge but donations are gladly accepted to help cover the
cost of the food**



**March 23rd- Fish Fry by the Women's
Organization and Knights of Columbus.**

**** Fish Fry is \$10.00 – must have tickets
which Tickets will be available after all
Masses starting on March 3rd – March
18th from the Women's Organization or
from Gladys at the Parish office.
No tickets will be sold at the door.**



Upcoming Baptismal Classes:

**March 4th & 11th
April 8th & 15th**

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

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



RCIA News by Bill Berry

I hope and trust
your Lent is
blessed and going

well. This Sunday at the 10:30 a.m.
Mass, we will celebrate the Rite of
Sending. During the rite, Father

Rodney will bless the catechumens and candidates
and send them to Bishop Sis for the Rite of Election,
which will be celebrated at 2:00 p.m. at Saint
Elizabeth Parish in Odessa. During the Rite of
Election, the catechumens and candidates become
members of The Elect and their names are written in
the Lamb's Book of Life. It is a very meaningful and
important rite in the spiritual journey of our dear
catechumens and candidates. Please pray for
them. Our Saint of the Day this week will be Saint
Patrick.

"RCIA" stands for the Rite of Christian Initiation for
Adults. It's the process by which adults come into full
communion with the Catholic Church by receiving
their Sacraments of Initiation. It's free, childcare is
provided, we have a lot of fun and we always have
something good to eat. If you have questions, feel
free to email me at billberry100@aol.com.



Altar Server Training For Spanish and English Mass Servers

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: Monday, February 26th

Time: 7:30 - 8:30 pm

Where: Sanctuary of the Church

If you have questions, please contact:

Anne Hobbs 432-934-3192

Bianca Gonzales 432-894-9554



Eucharistic Adoration Openings

FRIDAY: 1:00 AM

SATURDAY: 3:00 a.m.



Please prayerfully consider signing up to
spend an hour with our Lord in adoration! Call Linda
Foster (habla español) at 432-559-8888 for information.

Youth News



LifeTeen this week from 6:30-
8:00 we look forward to seeing
you there. Next week, March 4th
we will have a special guest
come to speak with the youth at
our LifeNight!



PIZZA!

Free Pizza during Lent!

Thursday, March 1st

Pizza Lunch for all High School
students at the youth building. Friends are
welcome to come!



Come hangout
afterschool in the
Youth Building on
Mondays &

Thursdays from 4-6 pm to play
basketball, volleyball,
or study
groups &
etc...



Confirmation II—Important Dates to Remember

February 28th—Sponsor Form Due in Parish Office

March 7th—Parent Meeting in Parish Hall 7PM

March 23rd - 25th—Confirmation 2 Retreat

April 28th—Confirmation Community Service Hours Due

May 9th—Confirmation Rehearsal for Candidate & Sponsor at 7PM

May 16th—Confirmation Mass at 6:30 PM

25 de febrero 2018 II Domingo de Cuaresma

*¡¡¡Éste es mi hijo amado;
escúchenlo!!!*



Esta narración de la Transfiguración del Señor en el monte Tabor, nos hace reflexionar sobre varios aspectos de la figura de Jesús, y de su plan de salvación. Pero aquí solo comentare algo.

No deja de producir un contraste lo resplandeciente de los vestidos de Jesús transfigurado, con el color intensamente morado de los ornamentos litúrgicos que se usan en la Cuaresma. Quiere con esto decirnos la Iglesia que no perdamos de vista el sentido total y completo de la Cuaresma y de todo el Misterio cristiano: detrás del sufrimiento, y de la austeridad, lo fundamental es el triunfo y la alegría; el color más cristiano es el del resplandor.

Este pasaje, que está conectado con el hecho de la Redención misma (San Marcos especifica que Jesús conversaba con Moisés y Elías). Es un signo que ayuda a descubrir el sentido mismo de la Pasión. Por eso mismo lo pone la Iglesia como lectura en plena Cuaresma (que es el camino hacia la Semana Santa). Para que sepamos que la Pasión y la Muerte de Jesús, tienen un significado luminoso, porque desde ahí aparecerá la gloria del Señor en todo el esplendor de la Resurrección. La muerte del Señor es la fiesta de la Vida, la llave que abre las fuentes de la Vida. Y por eso la Transfiguración nos ayuda a entender de verdad la Cuaresma.

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

AVISOS:

- *Todos los viernes de cuaresma se rezará el viacrucis después de la misa de 5:30*
- *Todos los lunes de Cuaresma tendemos con Deacon Larry la exposición para estar en adoración con el Santísimo. 6:30 a 7:30 será bilingüe por favor no falten a este momento de Oración, contemplación y adoración con el Santísimo.*
- *En nuestra Parroquia san Esteban va a fundarse la LEGION DE MARIA, si alguien está interesado por favor anótese con la Señora Manuela Pando y la Señora Mayra.*

Hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

Tenemos una cuestión urgente ante nuestra nación: el futuro de un grupo de jóvenes inmigrantes a los que conocemos como "Soñadores". Los Soñadores son 1.8 millones de jóvenes que fueron traídos por sus padres a este país, sin tener culpa alguna Ellos solo conocen a América como su único país.

Ellos forman parte del tejido en la tela de nuestro país y nuestra Iglesia. Contribuyen a nuestra economía, son veteranos destacados de nuestras fuerzas armadas, y líderes de nuestras parroquias.

Hay una necesidad de una solución legislativa permanente para los Soñadores, para que no tengan que vivir sus vidas con el miedo constante de ser deportados, separados de sus familias, expuestos a los peligros reales de la violencia y la pobreza en sus países natales.

Algunos Soñadores gozan de protecciones legales hoy, pero esas protecciones legales caducan a partir del 5 de marzo. El Congreso de los Estados Unidos no llega a un acuerdo sobre esta cuestión urgente, y por eso les invito a tomarse un momento este lunes, 26 de febrero, a unirse con los Católicos por todo el país en llamar a sus Senadores y Representantes en el Congreso e instarles a dar protección legal a los Soñadores con un camino hacia la ciudadanía.

Para facilitar el proceso, usted encontrará un inserto en su boletín con toda la información necesaria, incluyendo el número gratis para contactar el Congreso, y el mensaje que puede compartir con sus legisladores. Gracias por sus oraciones, y por actuar y ofrecer su apoyo a nuestros hermanos y hermanas inmigrantes que están entre los sectores más vulnerables de nuestra sociedad.

*Sinceramente en Cristo,
Monseñor Michael J. Sis*



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	10 families	\$ 3,456.39
Water	7 families	\$ 2,326.52
Rent	21 families	\$17,350.73
Medical	2 families	\$ 2,095.56
TOTAL		\$25,229.20

We were recently told of a man who has cancer but cannot afford medical treatment. The information we received was that the man had no insurance and doctors would not treat him because he had no money. Realizing that there must be more to the story than we had been told, we set up an appointment to meet with this man.

Sam is a 54-year-old man who works full-time in maintenance at a local office building. He was diagnosed with prostate cancer that later spread to his bones. Fortunately he did have medical insurance and began receiving care.

But then the bills for those expenses not covered by insurance began pouring in. Sam pays \$1,200 per month for child support, leaving him \$750 per month for his own living expenses. He began to fall behind on medical expenses. He made the mistake of taking out a payday loan (loans that charge exorbitant interest rates in exchange for quick cash). He quickly realized that not only was he unable to catch up, he was falling deeper in the hole.

He quit his medical treatment. The staffs from his doctors' offices called him and tried to persuade him to continue treatments, because without help he would surely die an unnecessarily early death.

He told us that his doctors and nurses have "blessed me for all they've done." But he just doesn't have the money, and he doesn't want to leave his family with the barrage of medical bills that keep accumulating.

We asked him how he is still able to go to work every day. Obviously he must be weak and in some pain. He leans back in his chair, looks up at the ceiling and smiles: "Every day I thank our good Lord for letting me see another day. And if I can get out of bed and go to work I will. God has been good to me."

We are working with Sam on his medical bills, and he has promised us that he will return to treatment. Please pray for him.

WINTER COAT SALE

Starting Tuesday, all winter coats \$2 (until gone).



Entrenamiento Para Monaguillos En Español y Ingles

El Diacono Lorenzo Salazar estará entrenando a los Monaguillos de ingles y español. Este es un requisito para todos los monaguillos - Nuevo o con experiencia. Entrenamiento es requerida para todo los monaguillos. Tendremos pizza después de el entrenamiento. Si tie-

nes preguntas, por favor llama a: **Anne Hobbs 432-934-3192 o Bianca Gonzales 432-894-9554**

Cuando: Lunes 26 de febrero

A que hora: 7:30- 8:30 p.m.

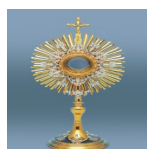
Donde: En el Santuario

Possibility of a New Church



This is an open invitation to all that would like to see a Catholic Church built in the Greenwood Community! Come join us for a discussion on **Sunday, February 25th at 3 PM at Z's Burgers** across from the school!

* Find us on Facebook at Almosta Gwood Catholic Church **For questions/concerns contact Michelle Chastain at (432)288-5696.



ADORACIÓN DEL SANTÍSIMO

Personas interesadas en pasar una hora con El Santísimo en Adoración una vez por semana, durante las siguientes horas:

Viernes: 1:00 AM Sábado: 3:00 AM

Si El Señor te esta llamando para pasar una hora con El acompañándolo, comuníquese con Linda Foster (habla Español) al 432-559-8888.

New Hope Counseling

4400 N. Big Spring St
(432) 687-4673

Francis Hymel
D.MIN, LPC, LMFT

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