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St. Stephen's Catholic Church

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Assistant Pastor: Rev. Adam Droll & Rev. Freddy Perez

Deacons: Leonard Hendon, Luis Mata, Fidel Saldivar, Larry Salazar

Sisters: Gertrudis Muñoz, Leonila Torres, Lupita Ibanez

Youth Director: Thomas Shows

Director of Religious Education: Gretchen Lara

Music Director: Gabriel Salgado

Festival Of Our Lady of Guadalupe

December 11th -

5:00 pm - Procession & Prayer
5:30pm - Eucharist
6:00pm - Tranfer of the Virgin
6:15pm -Social time
6:45pm- Dance of the Aztecs
7:00pm -Presentation of the appearances
By ACTS orginazation
7:45pm-Dance of the Aztecs

December 12th-

5:00am -Serenade for the Community
With Mariachis
5:30am- Dance of Matachines
6:00am-Bilingual Eucharist

December 12th at 5:30pm The Concentration in the Hidalgo park and from there we will go in Procession to the Sanctuary of Our Lady Of Guadalupe praying The Holy Rosary.

El 12de Diciembre a las 5:30 de la tarde Concentracion en el parquet Hidalgo y de ahi saldremos en procession al Santuario de Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe rezando el Santo Rosario.

Fiesta de Nuestra Señora De Guadalupe

11 de Diciembre-

5:00 pm- Procesion y rezo
5:30pm- Eucaristia
6:00pm- Translado de la Virgen
6:15pm-Convivencia
6:45pm - Danza de los Aztecas
7:00pm - Presentacion de las appariciones
por el grupo de ACTS
7:45pm-Danzan los Aztecas

12 de Dicimebre-

5:00am-Mananitas por la comunidad
y Mariachis
5:30am-Danza de los Matachines
6:00am-Eucaristia Bilingue



St. Stephen's parish will be hosting A Family Advent Retreat

on the morning of Saturday, December 22nd

Staring with The Regular 8 a.m. Mass and ending just before 1 p.m.
The Religious Sister I.C.A.S, Deacons, and Priest of the parish will lead the day.

Call the office to register before December 20th. (432) 520-7394

Casino Night Raffle Winners!!!!!!

1st prize - 2019 VW Jetta - Nayra Sanchez

3rd prize - Las Vegas Trip - Anthony Folger

5th prize - 65" TV - Isaac Valdez

7th prize - Apple Mini-pad - Juan Monica

9th prize - Apple watch - Steve Robichaud



2nd prize - Exotic Hunt - Shawn Adams

4th Prize - Green Egg - Gloria May

6th prize - Cowboy tickets - Lupe Garcia

8th prize - Wicker furniture - Niki Sanchez



Mass Intentions

For the week of December 9, 2018

Sunday, December 9 - Second Sunday Of Advent

8:00 am- Erik Muncie Family by Terry Repman Family

10:30 am- For The Parish

12:30 pm (Spanish)- +Librada Finol by Maria Velarde

5:00 pm- +Tammi Dutchover by Family

7:00 pm (Spanish) - All Souls in Purgatory by Tellez Family

Monday, December 10

7:00 am- Ashley Clark (Happy Birthday) by Kiowski Family

12:15 pm- +Max Finney by Ranwicki Family

5:30 pm- +John Bashan by Sharon & David Harris

Tuesday, December 11

7:00 am- Pat & Lisa Repman Family by Terry Repman Family

12:15 pm- +John Seerey by Dolores Seerey

5:30 pm - +Tim Brenon by Family

Wednesday, December 12- Our Lady Of Guadalupe

7:00 am- Luke Avritt (Happy Birthday) by Kiowski Family

12:15 pm- +Bennie & Ella Scidenberger

5:30 pm - +Mary Jane Villanueva by Octavio Villanueva

Thursday, December 13

7:00 am- +Patrick McDonald by Mary Hanel

12:15 pm- +Michelle Bel by Rawicki Family

5:30 pm - Souls in Purgatory By Tellez Family

Friday, December 14

7:00 am- Keith & Donna Reker by Repman Family

12:15 pm- +Manuela Solano by Hortencia Carrasco

5:30 pm - ++Scott Murphy by Rawicki Family

Saturday, December 15

8:00 am - Rick & Mary Keifer Family by Ferry Repman Family

5:00 pm- +Brian Wells by Mom

Sunday, December 9 - Third Sunday Of Advent

8:00 am- Ron & Loretta by Terry Repman Family

10:30 am- +Eva Talamantez

12:30 pm (Spanish)- +For the Parish

5:00 pm- Samantha Foster (Happy Birthday) by Linda Foster

7:00 pm (Spanish) - All Souls in Purgatory by Tellez Family



Ordinary Time

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Regular Deposit:	\$29,950.00
Other Income:	\$ 1,455.00
Building Fund:	\$ 1.00
For The Poor:	\$35,355.69

Financial reports are available in the parish office.

Upcoming Baptismal Classes: *Próximas clases bautismales*

December 9th

English : 2:00 - 4:30

Spanish: 2:30 - 5:00

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

Por favor llame a la oficina parroquial para registrar (432) 520-7394.

ALTAR SERVER NEWS



Mark your calendar for the upcoming Altar Servers Meeting for 2019

Marque su calendario para la próxima reunión de servidores de Altar para 2019

When(cuando): February 4, 2019

March 4, 2019

April 1, 2019

May 6, 2019

Time(hora): 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Where(dónde): Sanctuary of the Church

If you have questions, please contact:

Anne Hobbs 432-934-3192 Bianca Gonzales
432-894-9554



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



RCIA News by Bill Berry

RCIA will not meet this week (December 11) so that we can attend the events at the church to celebrate The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. RCIA will meet again on December 18th. "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. 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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

December 9

Joseph Baca
Ilda Cuevas
Emma Doucet
Emily Garcia
Jaime Gonzalez
Mario Gonzalez
Jon Prince
Jacob Reyes
Cruz Sanchez

December 10

Sylvia Aguirre
Sebastian Giraldo
Nayeli Hernandez
Mike Hill
Jennifer Lee Hodgins
Clarissia Lynn
Stephanie Lyon
Robert Montferrand
Francisco Navarrete
Cruz Rubio III
Manuel Valerio Jr.

December 11

Guadalupe Alanis
Spence Doucet
Rocio Gonzalez
Marybell Lerma
Harriet Lyson
Carol Mata
Sandra Montoya
Harvey Muhia
Kaleb Nunez
Matthew Portillo
Gumaro Ruvalcaba
Issac Sokolowski
Fabian Talamantes
Aaron Urias

December 12

Harold Briscoe
Dennise Garcia
Eng Khia
Keaton Mark Kinzer
Jorge Martinez
Jeanette Padilla
Lupe Reyes
Lorenzo Salazar
Cary Wilger

December 13

Paula Aguirre
Robin Alvarado
Hector Carrasco
James Cosby
Mark Dehlinger
Rodrigo Garza
Erica Gomez
Francisco Gomez
Criss Hohl
Justin Lassetter
Jessica Lujan
Jesse Sandoval
Victor Torres
Annabella C. Willis

December 14

Karen Cabrera
Jose Camacho
Elisa Espino
Steven Fairchild
Carlos Garcia
Noe Garza
Carolina Larez
Meagan Martin
Thomas Midkiff
Irma G. Olivas
Geneva Reno
Brianna Sanchez Garcia

December 15

Michael Brosig
Lucia Carrasco
Annabel Diaz
Roland Espinoza
Susan Guebara
Florence Hair
Tim Hodges
Daniel Palmer
Yolisma Sanchez

December 16

Alyssa Farr
Rose Flores
Samantha Foster
Michael Foster
Chris Mora
Jesus Munoz



PRAYER REQUESTS

We are here to pray for you!



Paulina Aguirre, Edward M. Garcia, Mary Esparza, Niki Galan, Pablo Talamantez, Art Nunez, David Bernal, Raquel Mendoza, Abel Fonseca,

Antonio Mascorro, Harold Brisco, Rosemary Melvin, Pascuala Mendieta, Mark Clark, Potsy Sotelo, Jaelynn G. Garcia, Virginia Perches, Hermilla Pena, Manuelita Ramos, Daniel Ramirez, Frank Hartter, Oscar Aguilar Sr., Bonifacio Ceballos, Rebecca Rodelo, Mariana Corte, Ignacio Jr. Villegas, Ashley McGeorge, Yolanda Rodriguez, Richard Wolfe, Sonia McGeorge, Joe Munoz Jr., Jesus Munoz, Anita Morin, Joe Munoz III, Lalo Lujan, Mingo Lujan, Julio Rodriguez, Eric & Skylar Ramirez, Lynda Beal, Manuela Carrillo, Silva Family, Rosario Borrero, Melba Bederlin, Tony Cruz, Gabriel Cruz, Family of Isabel Valenzuela, Antonio Herrera, Sergio Delagarza, Sergio Patino, Bea Herrera, Claudia Osorio, Delagarza Family, Fran Thetford, Gerald Thetford, Bob Breeze, Israel Hernandez, Karina Hernandez, Veronica Garcia, Jesse Julius Garcia, Alyss Munoz, Alejandro Munoz Jr, Avyel Munoz, Larry White, Jaasiel Samayo, Lillie Rizo, Deacon Bob Leibrecht, Deacon Mike Medina, Bonnie Marquez, Dayton Martinez, Baby Braxton Munoz, Baby Israel Martinez, Betty Compton.

Email frontdesk.sccc@att.net or call the office at 520-7394 to be added to the prayer list! If someone needs to be removed from prayer list please contact the office to remove request. Thank you!



You're invited to Our Annual Parish

Christmas Dinner & Dance

(Hosted by the St. Stephen's Women's Organization)

Saturday, December 15, 2018
At the Gloria Denman Ballroom

6:00 PM – 11:00 PM

6:00 PM – 6:30 PM – Social time

6:30 PM Dinner catered by Felix Catering

8:00 PM- 11:00 PM Dance by DJ Patrick Willis

Price: \$25.00 per Person

Deadline to purchase tickets is Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2018 by 12 noon
(Tickets will NOT be sold at the door)

Due to new rules from our Diocese liability insurance,
ABSOLUTELY NO BYOB. Donations for drinks will be appreciated

Tickets are available after all Masses
From the St. Stephen's Women's Organization
Or from Gladys at the Parish office

For more information, please contact President, Gloria May
at 432-770-3314 or any of the ladies of the Women's Organization

Ethics Class

Friday, December 14th
at 6:30 PM in the St. Ann's School Library
in Midland, TX.

For those of you that volunteer with CCD classes, Teachers, assistants, helpers, or with our Youth, upcoming Youth 2000, Cub Scouts, Homebound & Hospital Eucharistic Ministers, YOU MUST, at least, have filled out a background check AND attend an Ethic's workshop.

To obtain a background check form please come by the Parish office or click on website: <https://www.sanangelodiocese.org/background-checks>

We need volunteers!

On January 3rd, an all-volunteers meeting for Youth 2000 will take place in the Ballroom at 6:30pm. Many volunteers are needed for a number of roles, so please come to help make this retreat a success!

Necesitamos voluntarios!

El 3 de enero, una reunión de todos los voluntarios para el retiro Youth 2000 se llevará a cabo en el salón de baile a las 6:30pm. Muchos voluntarios son necesarios para una serie de roles, así que por favor venga a ayudar a hacer este retiro un éxito!

Young Adults 18-39

Thursday 12/13/2018 6:30p.m.

Tipi Loschi presents :

An Evening of Advent Reflection

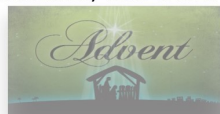
How do we get ready for the coming of the Christ Child in the midst of our busy lives?

Join us for an evening of prayer, reflection and fellowship.

Bring your favorite holiday goodies to share.

Holiday drinks and tamales will be provided.

At the regular location, Call the office for address



**Ugly Sweater Christmas Party
For a Cause**
12.21.2018

8PM-12AM

**@St.Elizabeth Ann Seton,
Odessa, TX**

Join us for a night of...

Food, Drinks, music,

Ugly Sweater Catwalk and More

**all in an effort to help our local
Charities.**

YOUTH 2000

A **Eucharistic** Centered Retreat



January 11-13, 2019

St. Stephen's Catholic Church

Midland, TEXAS

"It is your life that Jesus wants to enter with His word, with His presence
Pope Francis
Message for World Youth Day Rio

A
weekend
for, of,
and by
young
people

Friday, January 11 6:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Saturday, January 12 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Sunday, January 13 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

All youth, Grades 7 - 12, are invited!

Cost: \$50

(Inc: Registration & Saturday Meals)

If you are interested in attending, fill out the Registration Form, attach a non-refundable check/cash of \$50 & turn it in to your youth director/church sponsor. Make checks payable to St. Stephens. Return group registrations (forms and fee) by January 4.

For more information,
email: ststephensyouth@yahoo.com

Obtain registration documents: www.ststephensmidlandtx.com

Youth News



**PEEK AT THE
MONTH...**

**December Theme:
Question Everything**

- December 9th - Trust or Fear? (Last day of Life Teen)
- December 17th - Youth Adoration 7:00



**Need Volunteer Hours for
Confirmation**

1 or 2

Please contact Thomas or Gretchen at 432-520-7394 for more Info.

Necesita horas de Voluntario para la Confirmacion 1 o 2

Por favor comuníquese con Thomas o Gretchen al 432-520-7394 para más información.



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LifeTeen



Pizza Lunch Tuesday's!

**PIZZA LUNCH: COME JOIN US FOR
PIZZA LUNCH DURING YOUR LUNCH
PERIOD! PIZZA, CHIPS, AND A DRINK
PROVIDED FOR FREE.**

II Domingo de Adviento 9 de diciembre de 2018

¡¡¡Vivamos el Adviento a los pies de María!!!

Con Juan volvían aquellos profetas de su historia, enviados de Dios, que el pueblo conocía y cuya palabra se releía con frecuencia en la sinagoga. Y así lo recordaba el mismo Juan, citando a Isaías: "Una voz grita en el desierto"; era la de Juan. "Preparen el camino del Señor, allanen sus senderos"; es decir: hagan fácil que el Señor entre en sus corazones y los cambie. "Elévense los valles, desciendan los montes y colinas; que lo torcido se enderece, lo áspero se iguale" "Y entonces todos verán la salvación de Dios".

Hemos de prepararnos para gracias grandes. Las lecturas del libro de Baruc con el salmo responsorial y de la carta a los Filipenses tratan de forzar a nuestra esperanza para que se abra con confianza a gracias grandes. A los desterrados en Babilonia, símbolo de los que se alejaron de la Iglesia, los anima a la vuelta rápida y gloriosa. Dios los guiará, allana los caminos, "les mostrará su misericordia", "el Señor ha estado grande con ellos". A sus queridos cristianos de Filipos, estando en la cárcel, les dice que "reza por ellos" y "con gran alegría", pidiendo que "su amor siga creciendo más y más en conocimiento y sensibilidad para todo". Habla de amor a Jesucristo y al Padre, y del amor a los hermanos que es su fruto y que nos debe distinguir a los cristianos. No nos limitemos en conservar el grado de fe, de esperanza y de caridad, de las virtudes teologales que tenemos, ni de las demás virtudes ni dones que tenemos de Dios. Trabajemos por crecer en todas ellas, esforzándonos en aumentarlas.

Como les he explicado ya otras veces, eso es imposible sin la gracia de Cristo, la ayuda de Dios y la fuerza del Espíritu. Dios nos las quiere dar a condición de que se las pidamos con humildad. Recurramos a María. El 8 y 12 celebraremos con alegría la solemnidad de su concepción inmaculada y llena de gracia y a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. Cada año al comienzo del adviento nos salen al paso para ayudarnos a preparar la Navidad. Sobre todo, hagámoslo "para llegar al día del Dios niño, colmados de frutos de justicia, para gloria y alabanza de Dios".

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

AVISOS:

- 13 de diciembre reunión con los Ministros Extraordinarios de comunión 7 p.m. salón 8
- 15 de diciembre reunión de mujeres salón 1 y 2 de 8:30 a.m. 12:00



La parroquia de San Esteban te invita a Un Retiro de Adviento Familiar

La mañana del sábado 22 de Diciembre.
Comenzando con la misa regular de las 8 a.m. y finalizando justo antes de la 1 pm.
Las hermanas religiosas I.C.A.S, Diáconos y Sacerdotes de la parroquia liderarán el día.

Llame a la oficina para registrarse antes del 20 de diciembre. (432) 520-7394



December is a month in which we celebrate Mary, the mother of God, in two important Advocations for the Church. The "novena" will start on the 4th of December. As patron of the United States on December 8, a holy day of obligation. Starting December 11th- 12th we will celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe as Empress of the Americas. As a backdrop during this "novena", we would like to invite you to please bring us a flag of your country of origin to represent that Mary is a mother to all. First please call to make sure we don't already have your flag and after bring it to the office and then pick up after the 12th of December.

Diciembre es un mes en el que celebramos a María, la madre de Dios, en dos importantes advocaciones para la Iglesia. La "novena" comenzará el 4 de diciembre. Como patrón de los Estados Unidos el 8 de diciembre, día sagrado de precepto. Desde el 11 al 12 de diciembre celebraremos a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe como Emperatriz de las Américas. Como telón de fondo durante esta "novena", nos gustaría invitarle a que nos traiga una bandera de su país de origen para indicar que María es la madre de todos. Primero, llame para asegurarse de que no tengamos su bandera y luego llévelo a la oficina y luego recójalo después del 12 de diciembre.--



HELPING HANDS OF MIDLAND

1301 BRINSON LANE

www.helpinghandsmidland.com

(432) 520-8900

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

Electric	2 families	\$ 216.00
Water	3 families	\$ 1,176.82
Rent	19 families	\$21,811.00
Home Repairs	1 family	\$ 484.00
Christmas		\$ 2,000.00

TOTAL \$25,187.82

THANK YOU, PARISHIONERS OF ST. STEPHEN'S

We have been so blessed at Helping Hands to have had the support of the parishioners of St. Stephen's for the past (almost) 20 years. Each month the church takes up a special collection for the poor as distributed by Helping Hands, and that donation is never less than \$20,000. This month's collection alone was over \$35,000 which will go far in helping us to shelter the homeless during the cold winter months and in helping those people facing eviction, mainly due to medical issues, keep their homes. We also thank all of the other churches in Midland who support us with offerings, such as **San Miguel Arcangel, Holy Cross Episcopal** and of course **St. Ann's Catholic Church**, for their annual magnificent toy drive. And lastly, we thank all of you, the people of Midland, for your ongoing support of Helping Hands through your monetary donations that we receive in the mail, for the many beautiful items you donate to us to sell in our thrift store, and for the many blessings our shoppers bestow on us, and on the poor, when you shop in our store.

JEWELRY and PURSE SALE CONTINUES

Our jewelry sale, Buy 1, Get one Free (of equal or lesser value, in specified cases), is going on now through the end of December. Select designer purses and wallets are still being sold at 25% off last listed price. New jewelry and purses are being put out daily so please come and check us out! They would make great, affordable, Christmas gifts!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We are looking for volunteers to deliver to us the day-old bread and pastries that are donated to us by Albertsons (Midland Drive and Wadley). All days (Monday thru Sunday) are open. We ask that the volunteer pick the bread up between 8 and 9 a.m. each day and bring them to our location at 1301 Brinson Lane. You can choose to do one, or many days...whatever fits into your schedule. If you are interested in this, or any other volunteer opportunities at Helping Hands, please call Mary (432) 528-6265 anytime.

"SPECIAL INVITATION"

The Women's Organization is having their general meeting this coming Monday, December 10, 2018, starting with a meet & greet at 6:30 PM and the meeting starts at 7 PM in the Parlor. ALL ladies of St. Stephen's are welcome to join our organization. For any information, please contact President Gloria May at 432-770-3314.

Fr. Freddy invites you to A Holy Land Experience!

Treat yourself or a loved one to an adventure of a lifetime—a pilgrimage to the Holy Land with a Catholic Bible scholar, historian, and New York Times best-selling author as your guide. Directed by Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio (known as "Dr. Italy" on Catholic radio and TV), the trip departs on April 29, 2019, and returns on May 9, 2019. This trip, with wonderful times of prayer, *liturgy & music daily* under the spiritual direction of Fr. Freddy Perez, promises to be a fascinating journey into a deeper life in Christ and richer understanding of the Bible. For more information online, visit www.goholyland.info or call Cyndi from the Crossroads Initiative at 214-882-7262. Act now--the remaining places are going fast!--