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# St. Stephen's Catholic Church

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#### **LENTEN REGULATIONS AND ACTIVITIES**

During Lent, special activities help us to open our lives to God's renewing power. Jesus speaks of praying, fasting, and almsgiving (Mt 6:1-6, 16:18).

#### **PRAYER**

The Stations of the Cross will take place every Friday of Lent after the 5:30 PM Mass. Please bring your family to these beautiful meditations on the Lord's passion and death.

#### **FASTING**

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, in particular, are the most important penitential days of the liturgical year. They are days of both fast and abstinence.

All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence. The rule of abstinence binds all Catholics 14 years old and older. Abstinence refers to not eating meat. Under the present law this does not include egg or mike products, soups, or gravies. The common estimation of the community is used to determine what falls under the category of meat.

The rule of fasting states that only one full meal a day can be taken. Two small meals, "sufficient to maintain strength," are allowed, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals breaks the fast but drinking liquids does not. The rule of fasting obliges all Catholics from ages 18-59. The substantial observance of the laws of fast and abstinence is a serious obligation. Those whose health would be impaired are excused from fasting and abstaining.

#### ALMSGIVING—CRS RICE BOWL

During Lent, many people like to sacrifice in order to assist the poor and hungry, by contributing to Catholic Relief Services. One way is through the CRS RICE BOWL activity which begins March 6<sup>th</sup> and continues through April 21<sup>st</sup>. We eat less at one meal and put the money saved in a little box for those who have so much less than we; we bring the donation to the church at the end of Lent. Catholic Relief Services distributes 75% of the funds to the needy around the world; the Diocese of San Angelo distributes 25% locally. An envelope is provided in your packet for this purpose; please return it by Easter.



#### Wednesday, March 6th

Ashes will be distributed only after the homily during the daily Masses.

7:00 am (ENGLISH) 12:15 pm (ENGLISH) 5:30 pm (BILINGUAL)

Miércoles de ceniza Las cenizas serán distribuidas solo después de la homilía durante las Misas diarias. 7 a.m 12:15 pm 5:30 pm

# Upcoming Lenten Dinners After the 5:30 PM Mass & Stations of the Cross

March 8, 2019—Pancakes / Breakfast for Dinner by Young Adults\*

March 15, 2019—Various Soups by RCIA Team (Spanish)\*

March 22, 2019—Cheese Enchiladas by The Guadalupanas\*

March 29, 2019—Baked Potatoes by ACTS Team \*

April 5, 2019—Various Salads by Youth Group\*

April 12, 2019—Fish Fry by Women's Organization & Knights of Columbus \*\*

\*Donations appreciated

\*\*MUST HAVE PR-PAID TICKETS. Tickets will be available after all Masses or at the Parish office.



St. Stephen's is seeking a full-time accountant to prepare monthly journal entries, perform general account analysis and reconciliations, including bank statements, and the necessary financial duties of our parish. Knowledge of QuickBooks/MS Office and an accounting background preferred. This is a full-time position with benefits. The applicant must have at least a Bachelor's degree in accounting or business (with accounting background). Please send a resume and professional references to RWhite@SanAngeloDiocese.org



#### Sunday, March 3 - Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:00 am† DeeAnna Thompson by Anthony

10:30 am† Maria Teresa Cepero by Katie & Craig Hubbard 12:30 pm† Serapia Carrasco by Joe & Hortencia Carrasco Spanish Mass

5:00 pm For The Parish

7:00 pm† Bernadette Tellez by Olga & Genaro Luis Tellez

#### Monday, March 4

7:00 am† Nicolas & † Leonarda Meza Torrez

12:15 pm**† Gloria Maldonado** by Dorothy Ramos

5:30 pm Raul Rojo & Family by Amanda Matta

#### Tuesday, March 5

7:00 am **Kris Jarldane** by Family

12:15 pm† Albertina & † Blas Alcantara

5:30 pm† Bernadette Tellez by Olga & Genaro Luis Tellez

#### Wednesday, March 6 - Ash Wednesday

7:00 am Chuck Sturgeon

12:15 pm **Peace in the Family** 

5:30 pm† Jeronimo & † Juanita Najera

#### Thursday, March 7

7:00 am**† Francis Tienda** by Terry Repman Family

12:15 pm<sup>†</sup> Francisco & † Marcela Engallo

5:30 pm**† Librada Finol** by Maria Velarde

#### Friday, March 8

7:00 am† Frank Hernandez by Olga

12:15 pm Nikki Doria (Happy Birthday) by Family

5:30 pm Lisa Wilson (Happy Birthday) by Family

#### Saturday, March 9

8:00 am Father's Intention

5:00 pm Jesus & Anahi Rodriguez (Happy Birthday) by Family

#### Sunday, March 10 - First Sunday of Lent

8:00 am† Kenda De La Shaw by Anthony

10:30 am**† Tammi Dutchover** by Family

12:30 pm† Juan Urias by Wife & Kids

5:00 pm**† Frank Percifull** by Anthony

7:00 pm For the Parish



#### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Regular Deposit: \$ 25,365.13 Other Income: \$ 1,641.36

Financial reports are available in the parish office.



This weekend's special collection is for the poor of Midland as distributed by Helping Hands of Midland.

Please help. Thank you!



### **Eucharistic Adoration Openings**

Wednesday: 5:00 AM Thursday: 7:00 AM & 3:00 AM Saturday: 3:00 AM

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.



#### **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): March 4, 2019 April 1, 2019 May 4, 2019 (Retreat/Retiro) 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 And anytime, by appointment



#### March 3

Gabriel Beltran 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 Olga Gonzalez Jetta Hartman Thomas Holly Albert Lerma Ryan Perez Velida Trejo Nevaeh Villanueva

#### March 5

Rodolfo Gamboa Jose Luis Grajeda Adriana Lulloff Karen Orozco Joseph Willis

#### March 6

Amy Alcazar Ruby Barraza Christina Davis Eliza Madrid Jose Mayoral Alejandro Morales Diego Reyes Janie Sainz Harold Thompson Emily Vasquez

#### March 7

Reydecel Barriga Ramon Doria Rachel Edwards James Farmer Sulema Garza Levier Navarrete Magda Perez Luis Ramirez Jr. Ema Rios Felicia Sentena **Garrett Taylor** Fabian Villanueva Anna Villegas

#### March 8

Leonardo Baeza Raul Barraza Nicholas Benavidez Michael Bitnerowski **Tommy Campos** Jose Contreras Victor Del Pinal Dominique Doria Mariangela Grajeda Rheana Huerta Bella Medina Angel Nieto Delma Ortega Hailey Saenz Alexa Villa

#### March 9

Ryan Aguilar Eduardo Borrego Pete Meraz Ronnie Ornelas Christopher Rendall

#### March 10

Rebecca Chavez Arianni Espinoza Miles James Teresa Jimenez A Khia Kathy Lee Jordan Lovely Feliziti Martinez Nicholas Pane Mirna Perez Evan Rodriguez Emily Rooks Melissa Sanchez Randy Zepeda



Rosanne Martinez, Jimmy Marquez Family, Dolores HigginsFran Thetford, Gerald Thetford, Bob Breeze, Dragisic

Family, Megan & Mallory Anthony, Chad Vecellio, Betty Macchietto, Larry & Pat White, Sandra White, Alberta Smith, Francis Botello, Lori Botello, Jorge Garcia, Ashley McGeorge, Kevin Hipler, Sonia McGeorge, Magda A., Burdette Family, Isaiah V., Vasquez Family, Carlos C., Anita P., Carlota W., Judy D., Daniel R. & Alica S., Tania C., Veronica Garcia, Jesse Julius Garcia, Alyss Munoz, Alejandro Munoz Jr, Avyel Munoz, Mando Barriga, Patricia Villarreal, Raguel Mendoza, Sam Gibbs, Mark Nolen, Ramiro Baiza, Tim Walser, Santos Castillo, Bailey Colon, Sergio Patino, Bea Herrera, Patricia Hodges, Reynaldo Gomez, Abel Francisca, Antonia Herrera, Ashley McGeorge, Sonia McGeorge, Carla Alvarez, Patricia Tapia, Pablo Talamantez, Marialicia Rodriguez, Josefina Alvarez, Pascuala Mendieta, Mark Clark, Potsy Sotelo, Jaelynn G. Garcia, Beti Vega, Alfredo Garcia, Eva Garcia, Dee Garcia, Yulissa Garcia, Juan Musquis, Ignacio (JR) Villegas, Anita Salazar, DeAnda Family, Arredondo Family, Galindo Family, Joe Medina Jr. Jimmy Jones, Billy & Dulcenea Marentes, Besie Vargas, Amanda Betancourt, Soto Family, Irma Navarrette, Deacon Mike Medina, Dahlia Munoz.

Email frontdesk.sscc@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!

## **Upcoming Ethics**

March 7 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm	English	St Ann's Parlor	Midland
March 21st	6:30pm	Spanish	St. Ann's Annex	Midland
April 4 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm	English	St Ann's Parlor	Midland
April 8 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm	Spanish	St. Ann's Annex	Midland
May 4 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	English	St Ann's Parlor	Midland
May 13	6:30pm	Spanish	St. Ann's Annex	Midland

For those of you that volunteer with CCD classes, Teachers, assistants, helpers, or with our Youth, Homeschool co-op, Cub Scouts, Vacation Bible School, 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



To all our Sponsors and volunteers that made our Valentine's Dance & Silent Auction a Huge Success. Father Freddy Perez, Ave Maria,

MCM Elegant, Fancy Flowers, Edible Arrangements, HEB, True Chemical, Ivy Cottage, Terrazas's, Quetazal, Paz & Domingo Carrizales, Armando Madrid, Delma & Luis Diaz, Pat Lee, Paula Bass, Gloria May, Ann Carrillo, Ilda Cuevas, Geneva Reno, Gladys Qualls, Grace Parson, Elaine & Jeff Barger, Leticia Martinez & Tony Samaripa, Robert Porter, Sara Basaldua, Sonia Salgado, Evelyn Rakun, Rachel Stone and to all who came out to Dance for a great cause.

My Sincerest gratitude, Liz Madrid - Event Coordinator



Dear Parishioners,

#### This monstrance is MISSING!!

It belongs to the Rachel's Vineyard Ministry. If you or someone you know has this monstrance please return it to the St. Stephen's Office as soon as possible. If there are any questions or concerns or if you know where it is please contact Priscilla at 432-296-9669 or St. Stephen's Office.

# **RCIA News** by Bill Berry

This week in RCIA, we will learn about Lent and Ash Wednesday. Where did they come from? What does the Church teach about Lent and Ash Wednesday? Why are they important to Catholics? As Catholics, we should be intentional concerning Lent in that we should enter into Lenten practices that help draw us closer to God. The celebration of the resurrection at

Easter is not something that should slip up on us almost by surprise. Rather, we should prepare to celebrate the resurrection. Lent helps us prepare to encounter Jesus in His crucifixion, death and resurrection. 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.



#### Upcoming Baptismal Classes: Próximas clases bautismales

#### March 10th

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.



This week begins our new Lenten Study by Catholic Scripture Study on "Lent: The Road to Redemption, Cycle C", a 6-week study on the Gospels of Luke, narrated on DVD by Fr. Mitch Pacwa. For a change from the usual 40 days of Lent every year, come join us for a more spiritually

come join us for a more spiritually meaningful time in the desert with Jesus. Delve deeper this year and allow your Sunday Gospel readings to become more alive and meaningful this Lent. We begin Wednesday, March 6 at 9:30 a.m. and Thursday, March 7 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 2. Study Guides are available in the Church Office for \$14.00. Don't be left out; get your Study Guide early and be prepared for Lesson 1 at the first class. Contact JoAnn at 432-559-2658 or Beverly at 686-8425 for more information.



## **Jovenes Adultos**

## **Young Adults**

March/8th Parish service Pancake dinner after stations of the cross. March/21 Jovenes Adultos de Shema (Paz) 18-39 en el youth building 7pm.

March/28th Tipi Lochi Lenten Reflection





# PEEK AT THE MONTH... March

March 3<sup>rd</sup> – Life Teen "Needed"

 $March~10^{th}~\&~March~17^{th}-No~LifeTeen-Spring~Break$ 

March 23<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> – NET Retreat for Confirmation II

March 24<sup>th</sup> – Life Teen Social Night!

March 31<sup>st</sup> – Life Teen "Dignified"



# Youth Confirmation II—Important Dates to Remember

- March 6th & 13th—No Classes
- March 22nd 23rd—Confirmation 2 Retreat
- April 17th—No Class
- April 24th—Parent & Sponsor Meeting @ 6:45pm
- May 9th—Confirmation Community Service Hours Due
- May 22nd—Confirmation Mass at 6:30 PM

Parents a copy of Baptismal, First Communion, & Sponsor Form should be turned into office no later than February 13th.



# LifeTeen

Come join us in the Youth Building!!

To reach Youth Director - Thomas Shows ststephensyouth@yahoo.com



# Pizza Lunch Tuesday's!

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

## VIII DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO 3 de marzo 2019

El evangelio de hoy nos presenta unos pasajes del discurso que Jesús pronunció en la planicie después de una noche pasada en oración y de haber llamado a los doce para que fueran sus apóstoles.

Gran parte de las frases reunidas en este discurso fueron pronunciadas en otras ocasiones, pero Lucas, imitando a Mateo, las reúne aquí en este Sermón.

La parábola del ciego que guía a otro ciego. Jesús cuenta una parábola a los discípulos: "¿Puede un ciego guiar a otro ciego? ¿No caerán los dos en el hoyo?" Parábola de una sola línea, pero que tiene mucha semejanza con las advertencias que, en el evangelio de Mateo, van dirigidas a los fariseos: "¡Ay de vosotros los ciegos!", esta parábola va dirigida a los animadores de las comunidades que se consideraban dueños de la verdad, superiores a los otros. Por esto, son guías ciegos.

"Ningún discípulo es mayor que el maestro; será como el maestro cuando esté perfectamente instruido". Jesús es Maestro. No es profesor. El profesor da la clase, enseña diversas asignaturas, pero no convive. El maestro convive. Su materia es el mismo, su testimonio de vida, su manera de vivir aquello que enseña.

La convivencia con el maestro tiene tres aspectos:

- (1) El maestro es el modelo o el ejemplo que hay que imitar (Jn 13,13-15).
- (2) El discípulo no sólo contempla e imita, sino que además se compromete con el destino del maestro, con sus tentaciones (Lc 22,28), persecución (Mt 10,24-25), y muerte (Jn 11,16).
- (3) No sólo imita el modelo, no sólo asume el compromiso, sino que llega a identificarse: "Vivo, pero no soy yo, es Cristo quien vive en mí" (Gál 2,20). Este tercer aspecto es la dimensión mística del seguimiento de Jesús, fruto de la acción del Espíritu.
- "¿Cómo es que miras la paja que hay en el ojo de tu hermano y no reparas en la viga que hay en tu propio ojo? ¿Cómo puedes decir a tu hermano: `Hermano, deja que saque la paja que hay en tu ojo', ¿si no ves la viga que hay en el tuyo? Hipócrita, saca primero la viga de tu ojo y entonces podrás ver para sacar la paja que hay en el ojo de tu hermano."

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

#### Avisos:

6 de marzo es Miercoles de Ceniza, y se impondra en las misas ordinarias de 7:00 a.m., 12:15 p.m. y 5:30 p.m.



#### ADORACIÓN DEL SANTÍSIMO

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

> Miércoles: 5:00 AM Jueves: 7:00 AM & 3:00 PM 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.

**Engaged Encounter**, Encuentro de Novios, para las relaciones que buscan el sacramento del matrimonio es un retiro que los preparará para el sacramento y el resto de su vida. proximo retiro en Odessa sere Marzo 1-3 para mas informes hablen con el Padre Freddy a la oficina 432-520-7394.

Hora Santa de Adoración y Bendición ante El Santísimo, el **Lunes 4 de Marzo a las 6 PM** cualquier pregunta habla con Linda Foster 432-559-8888.

#### Reflexión Bíblica

Venga, disfrute y aprenda la oración de la Lectio Divina en la que reflexionaremos sobre las próximas escrituras del domingo. Jueves alas 6:30 pm en el salón 5. para más información llame a la oficina o hable con el Sr. OctavioVillanueva



# Opening Fall 2019

The new high school will focus on STREAM: Science, Technology, Religion (Theology), Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics.

Freshman and Sophomores will begin classes at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Odessa during construction of the new campus.

Visit our website or Facebook page to learn about sports teams, college credits, tuition assistance and more.



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#### HELPING HANDS OF MIDLAND 1301 BRINSON LANE (432) 520-8900

www.helpinghandsmidland.com

We were once asked if the people we help ever paid us back. While the person who asked the question knew that we never asked for remuneration, he wondered if people ever tried to "return the favor."

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	6 families	\$ 1,714.31
Water	3 families	\$ 2,833.71
Rent	27 families	\$19,561.36
Transportation	1 family	\$ 1,300.00
TOTAL	,	\$25,409.38

While at the time the question caught us off guard, and while we knew that yes, the people we help do oftentimes try to return the help, the question led us to pay more careful attention to the actual everyday workings of Helping Hands.

We wrote several years ago about the man to whom we had given boxes of food. The man shared his food with another man in need. Over the years he developed a friendship with the man, and when he finally came into some money, he not only took care of his friend financially, but he donated several checks to Helping Hands in return for the help he had received from us so long ago. The monetary donations far outweighed anything we had done for him financially.

We oftentimes receive donations in the mail from people with simple notes such as "You helped me when I was down and out." "You saved me, and now I would like to do what I can to help someone else." The checks or money enclosed may range from a few dollars to several hundred. Every penny received is a tremendous blessing to us because we know that it came to us from someone from whom that money was precious.

Every day that our store is open we receive unsolicited donations. While we may charge \$2 for an item, we are oftentimes given \$5 or even more. The comments range from: "you helped me when I was in need, and I want to do what I can to help someone else," to "you do such good work; let me help you do more," to "just give it to help someone out." Those donations amount to many, many dollars each day that the store is open.

Still other people use our thrift store as a means of helping the poor. They know that we are an all-volunteer organization and that all of the money we take in goes to alleviate the needs of the poor. One wonderful man each year will come to our store, buy an item for which we would normally charge less than \$1. He hands us a check for \$1,000 and tells us to keep the change. With a wink and a smile he tells us that he is sure we can find a good way to use it.

We are both blessed and humbled because in all of those cases the money was never solicited. Yes, the people we help, and our customers all help us to *pay it forward*, as much as they are capable of doing. And for those who cannot, there are a multitude of people in our wonderful city who watch over the poor every day. Those people are you, who help us care for them through your generous donations.

What a special ministry we have at Helping Hands! We cannot help but know that God's gentle, loving arms are embracing us as we seek to care for His most favored ones. And those arms embrace us through your support of Helping Hands. Thank you so very, very much!

If you are planning on celebrating your fifteenth birthday, starting in April there will be new requirements for a Quinceañera. For more information please come by office.

- Parents & Honoree must be practicing Catholics and registered members of St. Stephen's
- Honoree must have completed 2 yrs of Religious Education and enrolled in confirmation classes
- Attend Youth Group/LifeTeen
- Attend Quinceañera Formation Class

Si planeas celebrar una fiesta de quince años, A partir de abril habrá nuevos requisitos para una quinceañera. Para obtener más información, por favor venga a la oficina.

- La familia debe ser católica y miembros de la parroquia de St. Stephen
- La quinceañera debe haber completado 2 años de educación religiosa y asistir a clases de confirmación
- Asistir al grupo de jóvenes / LifeTeen
- Asistir a la clase de formación guinceañera.



#### New Hope Counseling 4400 N. Big Spring St (432) 687-4673

Francis Hymel D.MIN, LPC, LMFT

Marriage Counseling, Children, Adolescence, Adults, & Families



If you are interested in helping with preparation classes for Baptism please call Alex 432-520-7394.

Si está interesado en ayudar con las clases de preparación para el bautismo, llame a Alex 432-520-7394.

The anointing of the sick can be administered to a member of the faithful who, having reached the use of reason, begins to be in danger due to sickness or old age. Please call the office for more information or to make an appointment to receive the sacrament.

La unción de los enfermos puede ser administrada a un miembro de los fieles que, habiendo alcanzado el uso de la razón, comienza a estar en peligro por enfermedad o vejez. Por favor llame a la oficina para más información o para hacer una cita para recibir el Sacramento.