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St. Stephen's Catholic Church

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Assistant Pastor: Rev. Freddy Perez

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Director of Religious Education: Gretchen Lara

Music Director: Gabriel Salgado

Youth Director: Crystal Villareal

The SATURDAY 5:00pm MASS IS IN NEED OF USHERS, LECTORS, EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS.

If you usually serve at another Mass but are visiting the 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday, please let the Mass coordinator know as we could really could use your help or would like to have you join us and schedule you to serve.

Please contact Josie (432)556-7012



Please contact Josie Brenner at 432-556-7012 or josiebrenner@yahoo.com. Thank you and God Bless

The Adult Bible Study Class will be beginning a new 6 week course in January 2020 by Scott Hahn called **The Eucharist in Scripture**.

- † This course includes dynamic video presentations by Dr. Scott Hahn and will cover information presented in three of his books: The Lamb Supper, The Fourth Cup, and Consuming the World.
- † Come and discover the biblical foundations of the Eucharist and grow in knowledge and the riches of our Catholic faith.
- † THE EUCHARIST IS THE SOURCE AND SUMMIT OF OUR CATHOLIC FAITH.
- † THE EUCHARIST IS THE BODY, BLOOD, SOUL, AND DIVINITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.



For more information call JoAnn (432)559-2658 or Susan (432)528-8223.

On behalf of the St. Stephen's Parish staff we wish you and yours a Merry Christmas. May the joy and hope of Christ's birth be with you always and fill you this season.

Sincerest wishes,

Fr. Rodney White
Fr. Freddy Perez

En nombre del personal de la Parroquia de San Esteban le deseamos a usted y a los suyos una Feliz Navidad. Que la alegría y la esperanza del nacimiento de Cristo estén siempre con ustedes y os llenen este tiempo.

Deseos más tranquilos,

Fr. Rodney White
Fr. Freddy Perez
Mandy Matta



Special Mass Times

+ Dec 24th:

5:30pm Children's Mass for Christmas (English)

8:00pm Misa De Navidad (Spanish)

+ Dec 25th:

12:00am Christmas Mass (Bilingual)

8:00am Christmas Mass English

12:00pm Misa de Navidad (Spanish)

+ Dec 30th:

5:30pm Vigil of the Feast Day of Mary of God Bilingual

+ Jan 1st:

7:00am English

5:30pm Bilingual

Mass Intentions

For the week of December 22, 2019

Sunday, December 22 (Fourth Sunday Of Advent)

9am Remie Ramos

12pm + Guadalupe Marquez by Departe de sus hijos

5pm For the Parish

Monday, December 23

7am + Minerva Robles by Fernando & Becky Espino

5:30pm + Remie Ramos by Dorothy Ramos

Tuesday, December 24

7am Brandon Lopez (Happy Birthday)

5:30pm + Blasa Carrillo Mascorro by Family

8:00pm + Delfina Garcia by Family

12:00am+ Juanita Torres by Family

Wednesday, December 25 (The Nativity of the Lord)

9am Donna Mae Repman by Terry Repman Family

12pm The Trevino & Matta Families by Parishioner

NO 5PM MASS

Thursday, December 26

7am + Maria Teresa Cepero by Ralph & Pam Cepero

5:30pm + Roy Parson by Grace Parson

Friday, December 27

7am + Josefa Espino by Fernando & Becky Espino

5:30pm Marina Corella by Adrian Corella

Saturday, December 28

8am+ Ramon Contreras & +Nicolas Ryan Guiterrez by Parents

5pm Elidia Jimenez by Laura Hernandez

Sunday, December 29 (The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph)

9am For the Parish

12pm + Bernadette Tellez by Parents

5pm St. Stephen's Parish Staff & Volunteers by Amanda Matta



LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Regular Collection \$ 23,637.14

2nd Collection \$ 3,869.92

Other Income \$ 4,320.45

***Financial reports are available in the parish office.

ST. STEPHEN'S CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Monday - Tuesday - Thursday - Friday

6:45 am - 7:00 am & 5:00 - 5:30 pm

Wednesday

6:45 a.m.-7 a.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

8:15 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.; 11:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.;
4:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Anytime by appointment.



**There will be a
Posada on
December 24th at
7:30pm and we'll
be meeting in the
Foyer.**

**Habr  Posada la noche del 24
de Diciembre a las 7:30pm y
nos juntaremos en el
vest bulo de la iglesia.**

If you would like to make an announcement for your ministry or event please email the front desk at: frontdesk.sccc@att.net as far in advance as possible. The bulletin deadline is Tuesday at 10am and we print the bulletin on Tuesday. We encourage you to get any announcements to us the week before to ensure we have space for your message. Thank you!



St. Stephen's is looking for a few special souls who would like to serve the parish as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMs).

Are you a fully initiated Catholic (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist); in good standing; a registered member of the Parish; and at least high-school age? Do you have a deep love for the Eucharist?

If you answered "Yes" to all of these questions, please consider joining this very special ministry.

Please fill out and return an Application Form available at the Parish Office. Qualifications can also be viewed at the office.

There will be a mandatory training session in January 2020 for all new EMs. Watch the Bulletin for updates. For more information, please speak with any of our Priests, Deacons, or Mass Coordinators, or contact:

Paul Paus 

664-4938 c.

geoman@texasonline.net

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

December 22

Israel Aguirre
Ruben Aguirre
Ayden Aleman
Katherine Barto
Joe Benavidez
Abbie Echevarria
Annalise Espinoza

Maritza Franca

Brigido Garza

Abraham Montes

Andre Owen

Victor Salazar

December 23

Myla Aleman

Madeline Cepero

Ty Chavez

Jesus Contreras

Liliana Evenson

Mary Hardeman

Adolfo Hernandez-Mondra

Isel Herrera

Taylin Hutch Lindsay

Victor Ramirez

Victor M. Rivas

Monica Beatriz Salgado

Jazelle Talamantez

December 24

Magan Bermea

Salvatore Calabria

Jessica Dominguez

Paul Foster

Abbigayle Gallero

Rosa Marrero

Maya Padilla

Cameron Rodriguez

Pascuala Rojas

Cynthia Salinas

Elijah White

December 25

Nicholas Eric Corrales

Kim Eikenbary

Sophia Giraldo

Shayla Hayden

Johnny Losoya

Marisol Ortiz

Ashley Salazar

Bobby Torres

December 26

Melissa Armijo

Adriel Castillo

Rosalinda Martinez

Ismariz Melendez

Maila Mendoza

Emilio Molina Jr.

Ofrael Ochoa

Nicholas Otriz

Robert Villarreal

Ali Vizcanio

Stephen Waugh

December 27

Janet Acosta

Analise Antillon

Natalia Carmona

Martha Carrasco

Biane Galindo

Belinda Garcia

Robert Goehring

Santiago Juarez

Yvonne Lentner

Graciela Luna

Marisol Marquez

Gustavo Mendoza

Jesus Enriquez Morales

Gabriel Navarrete

Leo Orozco

Andrew Qualls

Reynaldo Ramirez

Lamberto Rosas

Andy Sustaita

December 28

Barbara Aretz

Nicholas Castillo

Fatima Castro

Rosanna Catano

Nikki Conner

Eugenio Duarte

Alondra Franco

Bianca Galindo

Briseida Jimenez

Domingo Lopez

Alaina Martinez

Alan Martinez

Leslie Montanez

Ramon Moreno Jr.

Juan Orona Loya

Ken Radigan

Glenn Redmond

Jeanette Reyes

Klarissa Reyes

Jackie Rivas

Mirya Rodriguez

Brenda Stice

Arel Tavarez

Henry Van Bakel

December 29

Willie Abalos

Harold Brenner

Christina

Ava Garcia

Karina Garcia

Christopher Gutierrez

Kayla Gutierrez

Miriam Mendoza

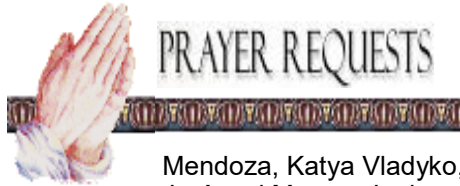
Christopher Pane

Anthony Reyes

Joseph Reyes

Andrew Waugh

Yvette Zaragoza



Yolanda Rodriguez, Kim Walsher, Antonia Herrera, Emma Valdez, Jose Valles, Bea Hernandez, Monica Cruz, Guadalupe Mancha, Jesus

Mendoza, Katya Vladyko, Alyss Munoz, Alejandro Munoz Jr, Avyel Munoz, Jaelynn Garcia, Veronica Garcia, Jesse

Julius Garcia, Patty Garcia, Betty Macchietto, Byron Macchietto & Family, Wilma Sision, Paula Lucero & Family, Megan & Cody Anthony, Larry, Kayla and Pat White, Bob Breeze, Brenda Vladyko, Mona, Fran, Gerry & others, Noah Garcia, Yulisa Garcia, Crystal Garcia, Emma Valdez, Yolanda Rodriguez & Garcia Family, Joe Munoz III, Terisa Garza, Jesus Munoz, Ana Morin, Julio Rodriguez, Mingo Lujan, Stephanie Mendoza, Anna Marie Lunsford, Ignacio (Jr.) Villegas, Zaman Kachir, Raquel Ramirez, Katherine Kirwan, Elia Saucedo, Goyo Valeriano, Selena Jaquez, Enzo Villa, Michelle Franco, Denisse Feregrino, Juan Miguel Flores, Lisa Esther Punete, Olivia Anzures, Maria Esther Estrada, Felix Munoz II, Jose Martinez Jr., Precious Medires, Julian Rodriguez, Ruth Alvarado, Burdette Family, Vasquez Family, Isaiah V., Carlota V., Rod T., Judy D., Mary Helen Smith, Candace Rosas. A.J Garrett, Jessica Medina, Angel Medina Jr.

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!

Envíe un correo electrónico a frontdesk.sccc@att.net o llame a la oficina al 520-7394 para ser incluido en la lista de oración! Si alguien necesita ser removido de la lista de oración, por favor comuníquese con la oficina. Gracias!

RCIA News by Bill Berry

RCIA is underway and we would love to have you join us. RCIA will not meet until January 7, 2020 due to Christmas and New Year's Eve. Everyone have a

blessed and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! RCIA meets on Tuesday evenings at 6:45 pm in the church parlor. We meet on Tuesday evenings at 6:45 pm in the church parlor. It's free, childcare is provided, we have a lot of fun as we learn our wonderful Catholic faith, and we always have something good to eat. RCIA stands for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and it's a journey of exploration and initiation into the Catholic Church. RCIA is a fun, safe, faith-building discovery of Jesus Christ and the Church He started. RCIA will change your life. It will bring you closer to Jesus. Is God calling you? The Catholic Church welcomes you! If you are interested in RCIA, all you have to do is send an email to me at billberry100@aol.com for more information.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION OPENINGS - ADORACIÓN DEL SANTÍSIMO

- New Adoration openings for this week are:

Openings:

2 PM on Mondays

10 AM on Tuesdays

3AM on Thursday

1 AM on Saturdays

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

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

The Blessed Sacrament will be reposited for the Christmas holidays before the 8 AM Mass on Saturday December 21 until Thursday January 2 after the 7 AM Mass.

Merry Christmas and may the birth of our Lord bring you closer to Him

El Santísimo Sacramento será reposado debido a la época navideña, comenzando el sábado 21 de diciembre antes de la misa de las 8 AM, hasta el jueves 2 de enero después de la misa de las 7 AM."

Feliz Navidad y que el nacimiento de Nuestro Señor te acerque más a El

Young Adults/ Jovenes Adultos

TIPI LOCHI

Join us for Monday Rosary Group from 6 pm to 8 pm, for prayer, meal, and fellowship. Call the office for more details.



The Catholic Student Association of Midland

(CSAM) at Midland College would like to invite college students attending MC to a **weekly Mass held Wednesdays on campus.**

Time to be announced. *Weekly* meetings for CSAM will be held on **Thursdays at 5pm.**

For more information please call **432-215-8169** or contact Anita Montez at amontez@sanangelodiocese.org



Volunteers needed for our Confirmation youth programs. Wednesday nights from 6:45pm-8:15pm. If you are interested in helping the church's youth please contact Gretchen Lara at the office.

Ph: (432)520-7394

Wish list for youth building

- Tablet
- Food storage containers
- 4 stools
- Cutting boards
- Large pots
- Large pans
- Can opener (kitchen quality)
- Blender
- Hot plates
- Mixing bowls
- Strainer
- Freezer
- Serving trays
- Ping pong table
- Pool sticks
- Microphone
- laptop



All Youth Confirmed on **May 22, 2019** with Bishop Sis. Certificates are ready for pickup at the Parish office. Contact Destiny Ramirez at (432) 520-7394

Youth News



PEEK AT THE MONTH... ALL TEENS INVITED
December:

- 24th- No Youth Group. Merry Christmas!
- 31st- No Youth Group. Happy New Year!
- Youth group is now on Tuesday Nights from 7:00 to 8:30pm.
- Jan. 7th Resume Life Teen "Greatest Saints"

Crystal Villareal : Ph: (432)-520-7394
youthministystephens@gmail.com

Munch-N-Lunch Tuesday's!

12:00 PM-2:30 PM

EVERY TUESDAY COME JOIN US
DURING YOUR LUNCH PERIOD!
MEAL PROVIDED FOR FREE.



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Bread of Life

What: Bread of life Eucharistic Retreat

When: January 17-19, 2020

Where: Holy Angels Parish Hall
San Angelo, TX

Grades: 7-12

Registration: \$50.00

Deadline: January 7th, 2020

Attending this Retreat will count as a requirement for Confirmation retreats.

Space is limited so please call the office ASAP to reserve your spot.
Must come register in the office.

For those Adults who are already Baptized, Confirmation classes are starting on Thursday January 16 at 7 PM in English AND Spanish.

Please call Gladys at the Parish office, 432-520-7394 to pre-register.



QUINCEAÑERA FORMATION CLASS

For those who have scheduled a Quinceañera celebration at our Parish, the Honoree and one of the parents MUST attend a formation Quinceañera class.

Classes are every 2nd Saturday of the Month:

January 11, 2020:

8:00 AM – 12 NOON (Spanish)

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM (English)

Please call the Parish office, 520-7394, to pre-register.

CLASES DE FORMACIÓN QUINCEAÑERA

Para aquellos que han programado una celebración de quinceañera en nuestra parroquia, la quinceañera y uno de los padres DEBEN asistir a una clase de formación de quinceañera.

Las clases son cada 2do sábado del mes:

11 de Enero del 2020:

8:00 a.m.-12 del mediodía.

1:00 pm - 3 pm en inglés

Por favor llame a la oficina parroquial, 432-520-7394, para preinscribirse.



Four habits that will transform your life

Featuring: **Allen Hunt**

When: **January 19, 2020**

Time: **2:30pm-6:30pm**

Where: **Odessa Marriott Hotel & Conference Center**

Tickets: **\$25.00**

(Will be selling tickets the weekend of Jan. 11th after all Masses & in the Parish Office.)

Purchase your tickets at DynamicCatholic.com or call 859-980-7900



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We are in need of baptismal class instructors. Instructors must be practicing Catholics with good knowledge of the faith, classes are once a month. If you are interested please contact the office @ (432)520-7394.



¡ El viñedo de Rachel está aquí para ayudar! Hay esperanza de curación después del aborto. Nuestros retiros están abiertos a hombres y mujeres de todas las religiones. Un contacto confidencial es Pricilla en rachelsvineyardsanangelo@gmail.com, 432-897-4788.

Rachel's Vineyard is here to help! There is hope for healing after abortion. Our retreats are open to men and women of all faiths. A confidential contact is Pricilla at rachelsvineyardsanangelo@gmail.com, 432-897-4788



HELPING HANDS OF MIDLAND

1301 BRINSON LANE

(432) 520-8900

www.helpinghandsmidland.com



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Last Sunday we held our Christmas gift distribution to the families of students from the Project Head Start program. In all, 285 children from 110 families received a complete set of new clothing, plus toys and gift certificates for food from Super Mercado for both Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners. Pictured above are the volunteers from the staff of Project Head Start, the St. Stephen's Women's Organization and the St. Stephen's Confirmation I and II students. They arrived early Sunday morning and helped set up the toys, then worked with the families as gifts were distributed. And what an enthusiastic group of people they were! We are very grateful that they again volunteered to be a part of this wonderful program!

Special thanks to the parishioners of St. Stephen's and to the staff of Midland Memorial Hospital for sponsoring the families and purchasing the clothing and at least one toy for each child. We thank the parishioners of St. Ann's Catholic Church for again collecting the additional toys that were distributed to the children.

We again received donations of food from the Southwestern Bell Pioneers. And we thank Helping Hands board president Joe and Julie Schwalbach for providing lunch for all of the volunteers involved and to Carmen Rodelo for her masterful job in coordinating the event. May God bless all of you for making Christmas for these families special indeed!

Our thrift store will be closed Tuesday, December 24 for Christmas. The store will reopen Saturday, December 28. The store will be open New Year's eve, December 31. Have a joyful and safe Christmas!



CCD WILL RESUME
SPANISH: MONDAY JAN. 6th
RCIC: TUESDAY JAN. 7th
ENGLISH: WEDNESDAY JAN. 8th

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!