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# St. Stephen's Catholic Church

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**Rev. Rodney White, Pastor**

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 use your help or would like to have you join us and schedule you to serve.



Please contact Josie Brenner at 432-556-7012 or [josiebrenner@yahoo.com](mailto: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.

If you are planning on celebrating your fifteenth birthday, 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, 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 quinceañera.

We'd like to invite all men 18 yrs and up to join us for an English bible study each week. Every Tuesday at 2500 W. Ohio Ave. (Choose Life of Midland Building) from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

if you have any questions regarding this please contact Bobby at 432-894-5818



**Upcoming Baptismal Classes:**  
*Próxima clase bautismal*

**January 19th, 2020 / 19 de Enero del 2020**

**English : 2:00 - 4:30pm Español: 2:30 - 5:00pm**

Please come by the Office and present a Drivers License to Register

Por favor vengan a la oficina parroquial y presenten la licencia para registrarse.



## SEEING LIFE FROM GOD'S VIEW

**'Do not conform yourselves to the standards of this world, but let God transform you inwardly by a complete change of your mind. Then you will be able to know the will of God' —Romans 12:2**

# Mass Intentions

**For the week of January 5th, 2020**

## **Sunday, January 5th—Epiphany of the Lord**

9am **Christiana Lee** by Mom  
12pm † **Cosme Hinojosa** by Family  
5pm **Christiana Lee** by Mom

## **Monday, January 6th—St. André Bessette**

7am **Christiana Lee** by Mom  
5:30pm † **Vince Lynskey** by Bill & Lisa Berry

## **Tuesday, January 7th—St. Raymond of Peñafort**

7am **Christiana Lee** by Mom  
5:30pm **Drew Robertson** by Family

## **Wednesday, January 8th—Christmas Weekday**

7am **Christiana Lee** by Mom  
5:30pm † **Mike Halldorson** by Qualls Family

## **Thursday, January 9th—Christmas Weekday**

7am **Christiana Lee** by Mom  
5:30pm † **Ramon Lara** by Family

## **Friday, January 10th—Christmas Weekday**

7am **Christiana Lee** by Mom  
5:30pm † **Cosme Hinojosa** by Family

## **Saturday, January 11th—Christmas Weekday**

8am **Christiana Lee** by Mom  
5pm **Angel Ramirez Jr. (Happy Birthday)** by Family

## **Sunday, January 12th—Baptism of the Lord**

9am **Christiana Lee** by Mom  
12pm † **Rigo Gallegos** by Family  
5pm **Christiana Lee** by Mom



## **LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION**

Regular Collection	\$ 83,394.64
Christmas Mass	\$ 20,046.97
Other Income	\$ 1,614.12
Helping Hands	\$ 51,823.00

\*\*\*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.**

## **Guadalupe Radio Network 2020 Raffle**

Good news: In 2020, The Guadalupe Radio Network will be celebrating 20 years of being on the air. In celebration of it, they'll be selling raffle tickets for a 2020 Cadillac CT 5 luxury sedan after the Masses next weekend on Jan. 11-12.

Tickets are \$25 each or if you like a deal, you can get 5 for \$100, which will help to evangelize and impact MANY lives as we share the truth & treasure of our Faith, through the powerful means of Catholic Radio on 1180 AM (English) and 90.9 FM (Español).

FINAL day to purchase your tickets for you, your loved ones and even our dear PRIESTS & Deacons will be on FRIDAY, February 28th. ☺

For more information, you can always contact the General Manager at 432-638-1150 or [faustino@grnonline.com](mailto:faustino@grnonline.com) or even buy your tickets online at: [www.GRNonline.com](http://www.GRNonline.com)



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 Pausé  
664-4938 c.  
[geoman@texasonline.net](mailto:geoman@texasonline.net)

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

## January 5

Francisco Vargas Jr.  
Ramon Yanez  
Dora Barrera  
Elizabeth Boss  
Marcus Flores  
Maria Garza  
Esben Hernandez  
Alina Hernandez-Mondrag  
Luz Lee  
Juan Rodriguez  
Brian Taqle  
Elsa Torres

## January 6

Zoe Wimmer  
Guillermo Alcazar  
José Baeza  
James Carrasco  
Juan Castillo  
Javier Dominguez  
Eric Gomez  
Carlos Hermosillo  
Gene Lopez  
Olma Lopez  
Diane Mendoza  
Angela Montez  
Mia Padilla  
Mark Perez  
Destiny Rodriguez  
Teela Sierra  
Jennika Vidana

## January 7

Cynthia Wolfe  
Crystal Willis  
Aidan Smith  
Marie Orozco  
Kimberley Martinez  
Jose Marquez  
Jeff Hruska  
Danette Hidalgo Solis  
Veronica Garcia  
Javier Florez  
Rolando Flores  
Cesar Flores  
Elizabeth Evans  
Edie Almand  
Lindsey Aguirre

## January 8

Marixsa Carrasco  
Letty Haest  
Alyana Mata  
Elizabeth Nevarez  
Margaret Osborne  
Lourdes Rayos  
Tyler Riley  
Richard Rodriguez  
Martin Villalobos

## January 9

Alma Diaz  
Victoria Fashaya  
Daisy Garcia  
Teresa Garcia  
Danny Garcia  
Ramon Marin Lara  
Dulcenea Marentes  
Ed Mendez  
Chinedu Ude  
Jose Alanis

## January 10

Jaylynn Arciniega  
Basilisa Chacon  
Audrey Curry  
Jonah Alexander Edwards  
Erik Elkenbary  
Christopher Fierro  
Myrna Galindo  
Caitlin Kozel  
Cristina Lerma  
Andrea Montez  
John Pinal  
Ivonne Tovar  
Rafaela Villalobos  
Jose Zarate

## January 11

Angel Ramirez Jr.  
Asusena Rubalcaba  
Beatriz Valerio  
Guadalupe Almazan  
Marta Berzoza  
Erika Castañeda  
Arnold de la Garza  
Raquel Gomez  
Olivia Irigoyen

## January 12

Jake Balderrama Jr.  
David Carrasco  
Noel Nel Cem  
Alice Halldorson  
Armando Madrid  
Jesus Muñoz  
Serena Scheel



You know you want to...

Don't be afraid

Join the choir now, you are needed!!

Rehearsals are on Thursday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. in the music room. To sign up please call or text Gabriel Salgado at 432-638-5127 or email him at: [gabriel\\_yafet@hotmail.com](mailto:gabriel_yafet@hotmail.com)



## PRAYER REQUESTS

Matt G., Niver Family, Yolanda Rodriguez, Kim Walsher, Antonia Herrera, Emma Valdez, Jose Valles, Bea Hernandez, Monica Cruz, Guadalupe

Mancha, Jesus Mendoza, Katya Vlado, 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 Vlado, 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](mailto: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](mailto: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. 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](mailto:billberry100@aol.com) for more information.

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION OPENINGS - ADORACIÓN DEL SANTÍSIMO

- New Adoration openings for this week are/ Tiempos disponibles para Adoracion del Santísimo:

2 PM on Mondays/Lunes  
10 AM on Tuesdays/Martes  
1 PM on Tuesdays/Martes  
3 AM on Thursdays/Jueves

- The Holy hour this month for all parishioners will be held in the chapel on Monday January 6 after the 5:30 Mass / Todos los parroquianos están invitados a pasar una hora con el Señor en la capilla, el lunes 6 de enero después de la misa de las 5:30 PM
- 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.

## 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](mailto: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
- Chess game set



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**  
**January:**

- Jan. 7th: Resume Life Teen "Greatest Saints"
- Jan. 17-19th: Bread of Life Eucharistic Retreat

Crystal Villareal : Ph: (432)-520-7394  
[youthministristephens@gmail.com](mailto:youthministristephens@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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

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

Tickets: **\$25.00**

**\*Will be selling tickets the weekend of Jan. 11th and 12th after all Masses & in the Parish Office.**

Purchase your tickets at [DynamicCatholic.com](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:rachelsvineyardsanangelo@gmail.com), 432-897-4788**



**HELPING HANDS OF  
MIDLAND**  
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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:

Transportation	2 families	\$ 907.11
Rent	15 families	\$13,138.89
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$14,046.00</b>

Dear Thomas, Two weeks ago you gave us a very generous donation. You asked that it be used to help someone in need. You alluded to how moved you were by the hardships brought to people because of medical concerns. We told you that we would let you know just as soon as we found someone in need of your donation. And last week we did.

Charles, a man in his mid-forties, was run over by a motorcycle two years ago. He suffered extensive back injuries requiring multiple surgeries which have left him permanently disabled. He won his court case against the drunk driver and received enough money to pay off most of his medical expenses however he was still unable to work. His wife Carmen worked for a convenience store but her income was not enough to cover rent. Charles applied for disability but that process takes months and even years to process. Eventually they lost the home they were renting and they and their three small children became homeless. When they could afford it they would rent a motel room for a night or two. The rest of the time they lived in their car. Eventually they were able to move in with a relative temporarily and in that time Carmen was able to save up enough money for the family to move into a small apartment where each month became a struggle to survive on Carmen's income.

Three months ago Charles won his disability hearing and his checks are due to start in February. We had helped them with rent after the accident two years ago but they called us again last week to see if it would be possible to get help one more time. Their budget was stretched to the max... If we could help them with just one month rent, then maybe they could buy a gift or two for each of their three children for Christmas.

When we met with Charles and Carmen and the oldest daughter, we were taken aback by just how tired they all looked. Even though relief was in sight, the struggle they had been experiencing for the past year and a half was clearly evident.

We prepared to pay their past due rent for December, but then we remembered your check. Not only were we able to pay December, but we paid January and February rent as well. That would get them through until Charles' disability checks started. When we told them what we were doing both Charles and Carmen openly sobbed. Their daughter whispered "thank you" over and over again.

Such relief...finally! Thomas, when you gifted us with your donation you did more than give us money. You blessed a family that was in such terrible need. And may God bless you abundantly for your most generous act!

**Thank you, from all of us at Helping Hands!**



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

**HAVE A BLESSED AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!**