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St. Stephen's Catholic Church

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Assistant Pastor: Rev. Freddy Perez

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

Director of Religious Education: Gretchen Lara

Music Director: Gabriel Salgado

Youth Director: Crystal Villareal

The Sacraments Bible Study

**September 23rd-November
18th, 2020**

**Wednesdays from 9:30am to
11am**

In the Parlor

PLEASE WEAR A MASK

**Covid- 19 Safety protocols will
be followed**

**Contact Joann at
432-559-2658 for more
information.**

Bishop Robert Barron's
**THE
SACRAMENTS**



WORD ON FIRE STUDY PROGRAM WORKBOOK



CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS

We are offering classes for Adults, who have not been confirmed, on:

Thursday October 1st through November 19th from
7-9pm (English) in room # 1 & 2
and (Spanish) in Room # 5.

For pre-registrations and more information, please
call the Parish office at 432-520-7394 or show up at
class.

Please bring YOUR (CATHOLIC) BAPTISM
CERTIFICATE.CONFIRMACION PARA ADULTOS

Ofrecemos clases para adultos, que no han sido
confirmados, en:

Jueves del 1 de octubre al 19 de noviembre de 7-
9pm (Inglés) en el salón 1 y 2 y (Español) en el
salón n.o 5.

Para preinscripciones y más información, por favor
llame a la oficina de la Parroquia al 432-520-7394 o
preséntese en la clase.

Por favor traiga SU CERTIFICADO DE BAUTISMO
(CATÓLICO).

**The month of November will be shortly upon us.
Due to Covid-19 and the social distancing
requirements in the shared use of materials, we
will not place the customary All Souls envelopes
in the pews this year.**

**However if you have a cell phone or computer
you can access our digital All Souls envelope at
our parish website to offer mass for your loved
ones.**

**<https://ststephensmidland.com/all-souls-day-masses>
Or just look for the "Church offering" quick link
to the left when on the homepage and select
from the drop down menu below, ALL SOULS
MASSES**



Mass Intentions

For the week of September 27th, 2020

Sunday, September 27th- Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am For the Parish

12:00pm †Frances Casas by Family

5:00pm †Eric Martinez by Eladio & Carol Martinez

Monday, September 28-St. Wenceslaus, Martyr, St. Lawrence, Ruiz & Companions

7:00am Efrain Cantu (Special Int.) by Family

5:30pm Deacon Kevin (Thanksgiving for Ord.) By Fr. Freddy

Tuesday, September 29th-St. Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael, Archangels

7:00am †Frances Casas by Family

5:30pm †Roman Solano by Hortencia

Wednesday, September 30th- St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church

7:00am †Dennis Isom by Olga

5:30pm †Roy Parson by Family

Thursday, October 1st-St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

7:00am †Louise Winters by Criss Kohl

5:30pm †Anna Marie Lunsford by Maria Vargas (God Mother)

First Friday, October 2nd- The Holy Guardian Angels

7:00am Laura Bustillos by Trencha (Mom)

5:30pm Souls in Purgatory

First Saturday, October 3rd

8:00am †Ofelia Lira Serrano by Lucy & Fred Thummel

5:00pm †Frank Hernandez by Olga

Sunday, October 4th- Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am John the Baptism- DNO

12:00pm †Bartolome Alcoba

5:00pm Wendy Morales (Special Int.) by Lucy & Fred Thummel

*Ordinary
Time*

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

*Collections/Mailed in/ Dropped off:

Regular Deposit \$14,781.02

Other Income \$1,324.66

Second Collections \$1,117.10*

*Includes contributions for:

Helping Hands, Holy Land &
Hurricane Laura Relief for the
Diocese of Lake Charles

ST. STEPHEN'S CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday

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

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.



Upcoming Baptismal Classes: Próximas clases bautismales

October 11 , 2020 /
11 de octubre del 2020

English : 2:00 - 4:30pm

Español: 2:30 - 5:00pm

Please come by the Office and
present a Driver's License to Register

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

Happy Birthday!

September 27

Pablo Avila
Fiona Karel Beltran
Rebecca Cortez
Tracy Eichorst
Hector Flores
Kody Gonzales
Thomas Groner
Marc L. Guerra
Christabel Marin
Jesus Daniel Ortega
Joe Padilla
Ava Maria Payne Reyes
Bellen Toscano
Perla Zarrazola

September 28

Gael Anchondo
Isaac Borunda
Giancarlo Calbesi
Roberto Cedillo
Albert Garcia
Paxton Garza-Krol
Leonard Hendon
Laura Lazcano
Mary Palko
Denise Ramirez
Jaime Ramos
Sissy Romero
Sara Salcedo
Gerardo Sanchez
Audrey Sharrock
Aidan Uriel
Raudel Villa

September 29

Abel Abundez
Nayeli Armendariz
Nubia Baeza
Lynda Beal
Sonya Benavidez
Patricia Cruz
Eric Evenson
Javier Guebara
Paxton Heiting
Guillermina Mora
Joseph Mora
Benjamin Salcedo
Natalie Shelkey
Ida Torres

September 30

Lety Amalla
Ana Baeza
Marisa Borrego
Julian Carrasco
Joe Gomez
Ezequiel Gonzales
Cheyenne Gonzalez
Eligica Hernandez
Dora Jimenez
Isabella Munoz
Miriam Navarrete
Ariel Ramos
Gabriela Rodriguez
Mike Sweeney
Siroc Tavaraz
Manny Ybarra
Mary Zamora
October 1
Jocelyn Alcalá

Alyssa Luna
Daisy Mendieta
Caleb Molina
Lucas Molina Jr.
Lucas Molina
Antonio Molinar
Aimee Munoz
Alfonso Nanez
Omar Perez
Jody Rivas
Eric SiFuentez
Nancy Tipton

October 2

Karl Brosig
Lillian Burleson
Gabriella Gonzales
Abraham Herrera
David Kohl
Karin Leblanc
Lorenzo Montoya
Saul Pena
Jett Ramos
Juan Sanchez

October 3

Carolina Aguilar
Francisca Castillo
Angel Chavez Garcia
Jesus Chavez
Maria T. Cisneros
Teresa Franca
Evelynn Guzman
Cecil Herrera
Edna Loya
Hermelinda
Magallanes
Maddison
MarquezKarolyn
Mendez
Rachel Nieman
Deskyn Ontiveros
Chris Repman
Zayra Rodriguez

October 4

Lauren Alford
Arturo Castaneda Jr.
Gabriel Gonzales
Marisa Gonzales
Damien Hernandez
Terry Lindsey
Teresa Murphy
Jesse Peterson
Cruz Rodriguez
Jamilet Saenz
Judith Saenz
George Ulmo



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, Dolores Higgins, Alexia Aguirre, Larry White, Arthur Garcia, Domingo Carrizales, Colter Marcum, Joe Teagarden, Raul Lujan, Adamari Rosas, Gloria K, Magdalena Mendoza, Stella Torres, Alma Garcia, Joe Teagarden, Dayton Martinez, Natalie Gamboa, Ruby Morales, Alfonso Marquez, Avery King Jr., Dora Lopez, Mary Bryan, Elida Rodriguez, Mendoza Family, Christian Molina, Claudia Molina, Valerie C., Cory & baby Javier, Andy Stone, Daniel & Alicia, Isaiah V., Julia G, Julia H., Jerome Hoelscher, Margaret Rios, Erick Baeza, Ocsar Gonzalez, Ana Gallegos, Rosa Reyes, Ema Saucedo, Kenny D, Nike R, Rosie Sanchez, Terri Florez, Maria Rodriguez, Sharon Stuard, Laura, Jesse Pena, Teresa Pena, baby Noah Kai Russell

Email Frontdesk@ststephensmidland.com 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

Please wear masks and practice social distancing

There will be NO Childcare provided. It is free; we have a lot of fun as we learn our wonderful Catholic faith. Would you like to learn about the faith of Catholic Christianity? Are you interested in becoming a full member of the Catholic Church? Do you need your Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation)? Then RCIA is for you! RCIA stands for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and it is a journey of exploration and initiation into the Catholic Church. RCIA is 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! "RCIA" stands for the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. It is the process by which adults come into full communion with the Catholic Church.

If you are interested in RCIA or know someone who needs their Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, First Holy Eucharist and Confirmation), we would love to have you join us! All you have to do is send an email to billberry100@aol.com for English or to vbJaquez@outlook.com for Spanish, or pre-register at the Parish office in person or via telephone 432-520-7394.

NOTICIAS - RCIA

Por favor, use máscaras y practique el distanciamiento social. No se proporcionará cuidado de niños. Es gratis; nos divertimos mucho a medida que aprendemos nuestra maravillosa fe católica. ¿Le gustaría aprender sobre la fe del cristianismo católico? ¿Está interesado en convertirse en miembro de pleno derecho de la Iglesia Católica? ¿Necesitas tus Sacramentos de Iniciación (Bautismo, Santa Eucaristía y Confirmación)? ¡Entonces RCIA es para ti! RCIA significa el Rito de Iniciación Cristiana de los Adultos y es un viaje de exploración e iniciación a la Iglesia Católica. RCIA es un descubrimiento divertido, seguro y edificatorio de fe de Jesucristo y de la Iglesia que inició. RCIA cambiará tu vida. Te acercará a Jesús. ¿Dios te está llamando? ¡La Iglesia Católica te da la bienvenida! "RCIA" significa el Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos. Es el proceso por el cual los adultos entran en plena comunión con la Iglesia Católica. Si estás interesado en RCIA o conoces a alguien que necesita sus Sacramentos de Iniciación (Bautismo, Primera Santa Eucaristía y Confirmación), ¡nos encantaría que te unieras a nosotros! Todo lo que tienes que hacer es enviar un correo electrónico a billberry100@aol.com para inglés o a vbJaquez@outlook.com para español, o pre-registro en la oficina parroquial en persona o por teléfono 432-520-7394.

Youth News

Prayer Intention:

for a healthy pregnancy and a safe delivery for Baby Sokolowski!



Belinda Baeza- For me to learn how to not counsel but to pray more (I have the tendency to give people advice and try to help them find a physical situation, rather than to just listen and pray).

Angel Rios- Please pray for the NET retreatants in person and virtual. Also, for me to be prepare to help them the best way I can.

Charlie Cisneros- Please pray for my anxiety and turn it into confidence to share the word of God to everyone.

Next Friday, October 2nd
We will have Young Adults in the Youth Building
from Ages 18-39 @ 7pm



**NEXT ETHICS CLASS IS
SATURDAY, OCTOBER
3RD, 2020 FROM 2:00PM-
4:30PM IN MIDLAND IN THE
ST. ANN CHURCH PARLOR
WITH SR. ELSA GARCIA**

**PLEASE PRE SIGN UP BY
CALLING 432.682.6303 TO
MAKE SURE THERE IS
ENOUGH MATERIAL FOR
EVERYBODY.**



**PEEK AT THE MONTH... ALL
TEENS INVITED
September :**

- Youth Group on Tuesday from 7pm-8:30pm in the Youth Building.
- D- Group Wednesdays from 6:30-8pm in the Youth Building.

2020 DIOCESAN CONFERENCE DAY

The annual Diocesan Conference Day will be held **October 17, 2020**. This year it will be a Virtual Conference. The theme of the day is ***Nurturing Families in the Church Today***.

The keynote speaker is Paul E. Jarzembowski, Assistant Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Secretariat of Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth.

This day will feature keynote presentation and breakout sessions.

Conference Registration with payment

\$20.00 before October 2, 2020

\$30.00 after October 2, 2020

For more information and registration contact the office of Evangelization and Catechesis at 325-651-7500 or evangelizationcatechesis@sanangelodiocese.org You can Visit www.sanangelodiocese.org/evangelization-and-catechesis

Did you know that the Diocese of San Angelo gained two more seminarians this summer? That means the Diocese of San Angelo now has eight seminarians studying for the priesthood. Did you know that one of our seminarians is preparing to be ordained to the priesthood in the summer

of 2021? Deacon Kevin Lenius is in his final year of theological studies and will soon be ordained a priest for the Diocese of San Angelo. We share this joyful news with you because your contributions to seminarian education in the diocese make the continued education and formation of our seminarians possible. We thank you for contributing to the Seminarian Education Special Collection. You can continue to make donations for seminarian education at any time of the year by visiting www.sanangelodiocese.org/donations and selecting "Seminarian Education" from the drop-down menu. You can set up a one-time donation or a recurring gift for seminarian education using the diocese's online giving platform. Some of you may feel called to do more to help sustain seminarian education in our diocese. In 2019, the Diocese of San Angelo established the Seminarian Burse endowment fund, which is a permanent fund separate from the Diocese of San Angelo operating budget. The sole intention of this endowment is to provide a perpetual source of funding for seminarian formation. The principal amount of the gift remains intact and is invested for long-term growth. Our goal is to fully fund our Seminarian Burse so that we can support a significant number of seminarians in our diocese in perpetuity. If you are interested in learning more about the Seminarian Burse, please contact Mercedes Rassi at mrassi@sanangelodiocese.org or 325-651-3717. You can also set up a recurring donation to the Seminarian Burse by visiting www.sanangelodiocese.org/donations and selecting "Seminarian Burse Fund" from the drop-down menu. If you would like to follow the seminarians in their journey, search San Angelo Vocations on Facebook and Instagram!

¿Sabías que la Diócesis de San Angelo ganó dos seminaristas más este verano? Ese significa que la Diócesis de San Angelo ahora tiene ocho seminaristas estudiando para el sacerdocio. Usted sabe que uno de nuestros seminaristas se está preparando para ser ordenado al sacerdocio en el

Verano de 2021? El diácono Kevin Lenius está en su último año de estudios teológicos y pronto Ser ordenado sacerdote para la Diócesis de San Angelo. Compartimos esta alegre noticia contigo porque sus contribuciones a la educación seminarista en la diócesis hacen que la educación continua y posible formación de nuestros seminaristas. Le agradecemos su contribución a la Colección Especial de Educación para Seminaristas. Puedes continuar hacer donaciones para la educación de seminaristas en cualquier época del año visitando www.sanangelodiocese.org/donations y seleccionando "Educación para seminaristas" en el menú desplegable. Puede configurar una donación única o un regalo recurrente para la educación de seminaristas utilizando la plataforma de donaciones en línea de la diócesis. Algunos de ustedes pueden sentirse llamados a hacer más para ayudar a mantener la educación de los seminaristas en nuestra diócesis. La Diócesis de San Angelo estableció el fondo de dotación Seminarian Burse, que es un fondo permanente separado del presupuesto operativo de la Diócesis de San Angelo. La única intención de esta donación es para proporcionar una fuente perpetua de financiamiento para la formación de seminaristas. El monto principal de la donación permanece intacto y se invierte para el crecimiento a largo plazo. Nuestro objetivo es financiar completamente a nuestro Seminarian Burse para que podamos apoyar a una cantidad significativa de seminaristas en nuestro diócesis a perpetuidad. Si está interesado en aprender más acerca de Seminarian Burse, por favor comuníquese con Mercedes Rassi en mrassi@sanangelodiocese.org o al 325-651-3717. También puede configurar una donación recurrente a Seminarian Burse visitando www.sanangelodiocese.org/donations y en el menú desplegable seleccionando "Seminarian Burse Fund". Si desea seguir a los seminaristas en su camino, busque Vocaciones de San Angelo en Facebook e Instagram!

PETITIONS FOR THE GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

For the seminarians of the Diocese of San Angelo, that God may give them clarity in their discernment and faith to follow his will, we pray to the Lord.

For more vocations to the priesthood and the religious life within our diocese, we pray to the Lord.

Por los seminaristas de la Diócesis de San Angelo, que Dios les dé claridad en su discernimiento y su fe para seguir su voluntad, roguemos al Señor.

Por más vocaciones al sacerdocio y a la vida religiosa dentro de nuestra diócesis, roguemos al Señor.

Jesus still calls men to be priests just as he called the Apostles. This vocation is a call to share in the priesthood of Jesus Christ so that his unique saving mission may continue through pastoral service, proclamation of the Word and a celebration of the sacraments, especially the Eucharist

and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Diocese of San Angelo currently has 8 seminarians studying for the priesthood at three different seminaries throughout the country. We are proud that these men responded to God's call and we pray for their discernment and formation. On the weekend of September 26-27, the Diocese of San Angelo will hold the Seminarian education Special Collection. To support this special collection, you may donate online at www.sanangelodiocese.org/donations. If donating online, please select "Seminarian Education" from the drop-down menu. If you would like to follow the seminarians in their journey, search San Angelo Vocations on Facebook and Instagram!

Jesús todavía llama a los hombres a ser sacerdotes, tal como llamó a los apóstoles. Esta vocación es una llamada a compartir en el sacerdocio de Jesucristo para que su única misión salvífica pueda continuar a través del servicio pastoral, proclamación de la Palabra y celebración de los sacramentos, especialmente la Eucaristía y el Sacramento de la Reconciliación. La Diócesis de San Angelo tiene actualmente 8 seminaristas que estudian para el sacerdocio en tres diferentes seminarios en todo el país. Estamos orgullosos de que estos hombres respondieran a la llamado y rezamos por su discernimiento y formación. El fin de semana del 26 al 27 de septiembre, la Diócesis de San Angelo llevará a cabo una Colecta

Especial para Educación de Seminaristas. Para apoyar esta colección especial, puede J o puede donar en línea en www.sanangelodiocese.org/donations Si realiza una donación en línea, en el menú desplegable y seleccione "Educación para seminaristas" Si desea seguir a los seminaristas en su camino, busque Vocaciones de San Angelo en Facebook e Instagram



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 in the past week:

Electric	6 families	\$ 2,579.57
Water	1 family	\$ 323.92
Rent	17 families	\$26,087.33
	TOTAL	\$28,990.82

Articles in the Midland Reporter-Telegram this week announced the decline in our unemployment from 9.5 percent in July to 8.1 percent. While that is very good news for our economy it is still a far cry from the 2.3 percent unemployment recorded this same time last year. Obviously the decline in the oil industry affected many jobs as did the pandemic. However while things are looking better for us we must also keep in mind that while more people are working they still are not working full time. Especially affected (aside from oil) are those in the restaurant and hotel industry. They have jobs, but very few of them can say they are working full time. We meet with people on a regular basis that are only working 15-20 hours per week. Some are even having their pay cut as well as their hours. While they scramble to try to find a second job they are working twice as hard to make less money than they were making before. It is very, very sad. But fortunately rents are starting to come down and so we pray that eventually hours will increase, rents will continue to drop and we will find a happy medium. In the meantime we thank all of you for your donations that allow us to help so many of our neighbors in need.

And yes, we are most grateful for your donations of items that we can sell in our thrift store (the proceeds from which go to help those in need). But lately we have had several disturbing reports from the people who donate to us. When they go by our trucks parked outside of St. Stephen's there are oftentimes people stealing out of the trucks. We have also noticed that when people leave their donations at our store during off-hours, those bags of clothing are also rummaged through, and oftentimes the clothes are strewn across the parking lot. Obviously we have no recourse but to dispose of them when they reach us in damaged or heavily soiled condition. It is very sad that people will do that. If they are in desperate need of clothing they need only call our helpline and ask. If they are in search of articles that they can sell or pawn, then that theft is unforgivable. Those items are being donated to help those in need in Midland County. If anyone sees people pilfering from our trucks, PLEASE call the police. And ideally, if at all possible, please bring your items directly to us at 1301 Brinson. We are open Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m.

THANK YOU JUMBURRITO!

What a treat we received last week when the folks from Jumburrito dropped by to donate 20 burritos for our lunch. It was a pleasant surprise and very well received by all. What a blessing that your store in our neighborhood finally opened after being closed for over a year while it was rebuilt. You know we will be visiting you regularly!



NOTICE: Are YOU interested in learning more about permanent deacons? If so, please talk to your pastor then, if he agrees, send your contact information to:

deaconoffice@sanangelodiocese.org

OR call **325.651.7500** and ask for Deacon Freddy Medina

Marriage Jubilee 2020

All couples who are celebrating their church wedding anniversary of 25,30,35,40,45,50 and above in the **calendar year of 2020** are invited to the Diocesan Marriage Jubilee bilingual celebration on **Sunday, October 11, 2020 at 2pm** in the Sacred Heart Cathedral in San Angelo. Renew of their commitment will take place within the Mass. In the light of the current coronavirus pandemic, social distancing will be practiced, and a couple need not be present to receive a certificate. Those who attend the Mass can pick up their certificates at the Cathedral that day. The certificates of those who do not attend will be sent to the corresponding parish office for distribution. Space is limited. Reserve seating will be available to the jubilarian couples; then, if space is available, family and friends may reserve seats on a first-come. First-serve basis. Livestreaming will be available for those unable to attend in person. For registration information, please contact your pastor. The deadline to register for this celebration is **Monday, September 28, 2020**.