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St. Stephen's Catholic Church

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Youth Director: Crystal Villareal

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ST. STEPHEN'S
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Stay Informed at St. Stephen's

We are excited to announce a new way of communicating with you. The Parish has adopted Evangelus, a new system to help keep you connected to the life of the Parish.

If you had trouble with the link last weekend as some have reached out and expressed we ask you try again as the issue was resolved. When you create a profile there will be options to select your preferred form of contact. There will also be groups for you to join. If you are a part of a group or apostolate here, go ahead and join the groups you are in and any you are interested in.

Visit eva.us/sscc to sign-up and let us know if you prefer to receive emails or text messages from us. If you have any questions or need assistance please contact The Parish Business Manager, Mandy Treviño at mandy@ststephensmidland.com as we can register you on your behalf as well.

Mass Intentions

For the week of April 11th, 2021

Sunday, April 11th– 2nd Sunday of Easter

9:00 am **Audrey Oetting** by Family
 12:00 pm †**Damian Diaz Diaz** by Martin Diaz y Familia
 5:00pm †**Dan Black** by Laura Black Holt

Monday, April 12th

7:00 am †**Olga Kovacich** by Karl Kovacich
 5:30 pm †**Mary Jane Villanueva** by Octavio Villanueva

Tuesday, April 13th-St. Martin I, Pope & Martyr

7:00 am **Souls in Purgatory** by Familia Pena
 5:30 pm **Simon Sosa (HB)** by Grandma

Wednesday, April 14th

7:00 am **Souls in Purgatory** by Familia Pena
 5:30 pm **Drew Robertson** by Family

Thursday, April 15th

7:00pm **Betty Macchietto (HB)** by Jennifer White
 5:30pm †**Jose Carmen Vasquez** by Carmen Rodelo

Friday, April 16th

7:00am **Souls in Purgatory** by Familia Pena
 5:30pm **Maria Hao** by Duoc Family

Saturday, April 17th

8:00 am †**Mary Bryan** by Gloria Oetting
 5:00pm †**Patricia White** by Watson Family

Sunday, April 18th-3rd Sunday of Easter

9:00am **For the Parish**
 12:00pm **Familia Pena**
 5:00pm †**Vicenta Marin** by Payan Family

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Collections/Mailed in/ Dropped off:

Regular Deposit \$16,814.49
Other Income \$898.25
Second Collections \$15,229.15*

***Includes contributions for:**
 Catholic Home Missions, Catholic Relief Services, Easter Flowers, Helping Hands, Holiday Food for the Poor, NET Ministries & Pontifical Collection for the Holy Land

Month of March Collections/SSCC & DOSA Websites:

Regular Deposit: \$15,040.00
Other Income \$1,655.00
Second Collections \$1,905.00*

***Includes contributions for:**
 Catholic Relief Services, Easter Flowers, Helping Hands & Pontifical Collection for the Holy Land



Upcoming Baptismal Classes:
Próximas clases bautismales
May 9th, 2021 /
9 de mayo del 2021
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 vengan a la oficina parroquial y presenten la licencia para registrarse.

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.

Happy Birthday!

April 11

Catherone Caudle
 Ruben Chacon
 Nicole Dragisic
 Ervey Gomez Jr.
 Rosa Hermsillo
 Alexis Hernandez
 Cryus Prieto
 Michael Repman
 Domingo Reynosa
 Marissa C. Saldivar
 Marissa White

April 12

Roy Bermea
 Aykin Galindo
 Mondragon
 Cesar Gonzalez
 Melissa Gutierrez
 Sarah Lopez
 Bianca Martinez
 Zoey Nunez
 Raul Pena
 Elaine Salgado
 Erika Vasquez
 John Willis
 Luis Yanez

April 13

Doris Cenicerros
 Jayden Cowell
 Gilbert Mattos
 Sisto Medrano
 Steven Murphy
 James Nanney
 Chasity Sanchez
 Derek Sanchez
 Liliana Vazquez

April 14

Rosemarie De La Rosa
 Linda Digennaro
 JoAnn Franco
 Rey Garcia
 Stephanie Gentry
 Domenique Lujan
 Ofelia Pallanez
 Kevin Pickens
 Berenice Romero
 Alexandra Saenz
 Javen Trujillo

April 15

Ginger Hartman
 Alena Lara
 Betty Macchitto
 Bertha Mata
 Andric Ortega
 Julian Rubio
 Laura Salinas

April 16

Guillermo Callo
 Concepcion Carrillo
 Benito Castillo
 Andrea DeLeon
 Maura Jarldane
 Rae-Ann Lara
 Raymond Martinez
 Noe Munoz Jr.
 Juanita O'Hara
 Leonor Payan
 Arturo Rodriguez
 Laetitia Toukam

April 17

Adiel Alvarado
 Kathleen Alvin
 Elsa Gabriela
 Castaneda
 Amber Galyan
 Crystal Hallmeyer
 Caroline Huerta
 Carolina Jaquez
 Stephen Jimenez
 Nata;ie Martinez
 Christopher Molina
 Celia M. Munoz
 Andrea Sanchez
 Andres Sepulveda
 Rogelio Tinoco

April 18

Olive Acosta
 Laura Hernadez
 Sergio Luna
 Uriel Mendoza
 Isela Rodriguez
 Brandon Salazar
 Chelsea Therwhanger
 Edwin Treviino



Julia G, Julia H. ,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 , Maris Brown, Emma Valdez, Yolanda Rodriguez, Tommy Lee, Nancy Damico, Elia Ramirez, Ramirez

Daughter, Larry White, Gracias Jiron, Bob Breeze, Ana Laura Alvarado Moreno, Arnold and Sandra Trevino , Matthew & Michelle Parker, Donna Mae Repman, Betty Oldham, Olivia Binesh, Justino Campeon, Felix Munoz, Julio Rodrigues, Ana Morin, Joe Teagarden, Alvaro C., Eddie L , Robert Fotter, Becky Aguliar, Sonia Hipler, Anaya Madrid, Alfred & Eva Garcia, Emma Valdez, Albert & Mary Madrid, Meris Brown, Amanda Ochoa, Jennifer White, Baby Braxton, Julian Rodriguez, Joe Munoz III, Baby Cesar Brito, Jesus Munoz, Margaret Shelkey, Oscar Lerma, Teresa Kiser, Ezequiel Borrego, Lydia M. Reyes, Lorena Munoz, Jose Munoz Jr., Domingo Lujan, Mary Helen Smith, Arturo & Maddi Rodriguez, Denisie Rodriguez, Klarisa Molina, Gretchen Lara.

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!

Parish Council Elections

VOTING WILL BE OPEN ON THE WEEKEND OF APRIL 11TH THROUGH THE 18TH.

To Vote click on the "VOTE HERE" button on the homepage of the Parish website.



LOST & FOUND



The Parish Office has been holding onto miscellaneous items found over time and going forward will only hold any items found on the property for two weeks.

If you believe you have lost an item in the past please contact the Parish office to describe and claim.

Items left unclaimed over a two week period will be donated/sold/disposed.

Youth News

If you are working with our youth, going to youth retreats, doing Vacation Bible School, CCD classes, homebound ministries, you are required to do a background check with the San Angelo Diocese and go to an ethics class. To obtain a background check form, either see Gladys at the Parish Office or you can download from

<https://www.sanangelodiocese.org/background-checks>.



Dear Fr. Rodney, St. Stephen's Women's Organization + Parishioners,

It is with very grateful hearts that we want to say THANK YOU for your Financial support this Spring. Your generosity is what made our Spring, Rachel's Vineyard (healing from a previous abortion) Retreat become a reality!!

The Retreatants were able to encounter the Divine Mercy and healing of God, as well as peace from their past and a future of hope.

For any Businesses, Groups, Families, etc. who would like to make our Spanish June 25-27 and English November 12-14 Retreats a reality (by way of a meal donation or financial support) please pray about it, then take action and contact us at: 432-897-4788 (call/text) or at rachelsvineyardsanangelo@gmail.com

Registration for future Retreatants is now available and these are VERY private, confidential and compassionate Retreats that are open to all men and women, of all ages and faiths. May our dear Lord, through His Divine Mercy, bless your St. Stephen's Parish abundantly for your support to our brothers & sisters who need this kind of healing from their past.

www.rachelsvineyard.org

Altar Server Training For New and Experienced Youth

All youth that have received their First Holy Communion are eligible and invited to become part of our Altar Server Ministry. This is a beautiful ministry for female and male youth. We are grateful for the dedication of those who are presently part of this special ministry and we are inviting all youth who may have an interest to join us. We provide initial and ongoing training for all our servers. Deacon Lorenzo Salazar will be providing training for both English and Spanish mass servers. There is always pizza after every training. Parents are always welcome and encouraged to attend.

April Training: Monday, April 12 6:30pm to 8:30pm Sanctuary of the church

May Training: Monday, May 3 6:30pm to 8:30pm Sanctuary of the church

For additional information or questions please contact:

Anne Hobbs

Daniel Lujan

Todos los jóvenes que han recibido su Primera Comunión son elegibles e invitados a formar parte de nuestro Ministerio del Monaguillo. Este es un hermoso ministerio para hombres y mujeres jóvenes. Estamos agradecidos por la dedicación de quienes actualmente forman parte de este ministerio especial e invitamos a todos los jóvenes que puedan tener interés a unirse a nosotros. Brindamos capacitación inicial y continua a todos nuestros servidores. El diácono Lorenzo Salazar proporcionará capacitación para servidores masivos en inglés y español. Siempre hay pizza después de cada entrenamiento. Los padres siempre son bienvenidos y se les anima a asistir.

Entrenamiento de abril: lunes 12 de abril de 6:30 p.m. a 8:30 p.m. Santuario de la iglesia

Entrenamiento de mayo: lunes 3 de mayo de 6:30 p.m. a 8:30 p.m. Santuario de la iglesia

Para obtener información adicional o preguntas, comuníquese con:

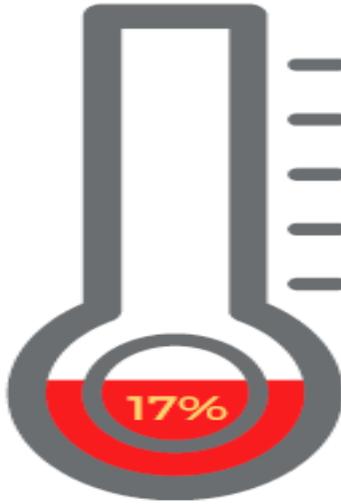
Anne Hobbs

Daniel Lujan

SEMINARIAN BURSE MATCHING GRANT CHALLENGE

GOAL: \$300,000

This year, the Diocese of San Angelo is participating in a Seminarian Endowment Challenge through Catholic Extension to raise \$300,000 for the Diocese of San Angelo Seminarian Burse. Throughout 2021, Catholic Extension Society will match donations made to the Seminarian Burse at \$0.20 for every \$1.00 donated up to \$50,000 (maximum individual donation of \$25,000). The diocese's goal is to raise \$250,000 so as to receive a matching grant from Catholic Extension for \$50,000, raising a total of \$300,000 for our Seminarian Burse in 2021.



\$250,000
RAISED IN
2021
+
\$50,000
MATCHING
GRANT FROM
CATHOLIC
EXTENSION
=
\$300,000 FOR
OUR
SEMINARIAN
BURSE

As of March 26
\$42,250

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- Set up a recurring donation to the Seminarian Burse online at sanangelodiocese.org/donations or by scanning the QR code below
- You can also use the same page to make a one-time donation to the Seminarian Burse
- Mail checks or cash donations to Diocese of San Angelo, Office of Stewardship & Development, PO Box 1829, San Angelo, TX 76902. Please note the donation should go towards the Seminarian Burse in the Memo line of your check.

For more information, please contact Mercedes Rassi at 325-651-7500

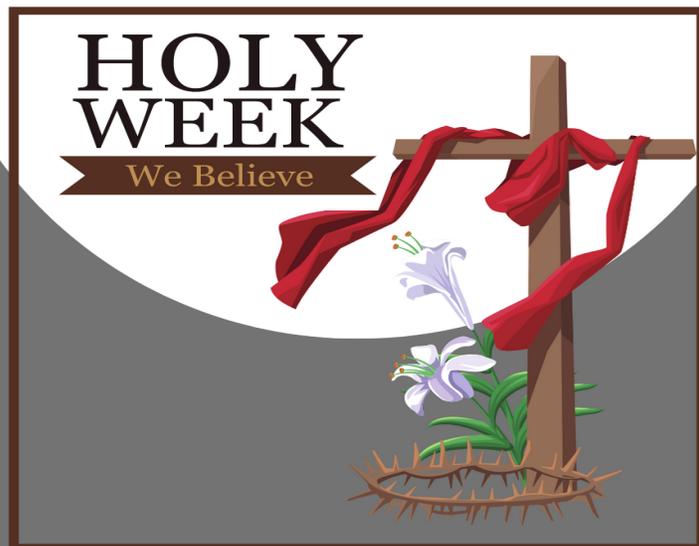
www.sanangelodiocese.org/donations



Thank You



TO ALL WHO SERVED FOR HOLY WEEK





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:

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| Electric | 3 families | \$ 1,084.66 |
| Water | 3 families | \$ 914.97 |
| Gas | 2 families | \$ 447.11 |
| Rent | 15 families | \$ 19,684.44 |
| Total | | \$ 22,131.18 |

We hear about cuts in people's pay and hours and even loss of jobs daily these days in Midland with the downturn in the oil industry and the pandemic, but another of the major reasons for help needed with rent is due to medical concerns. A few examples of people we have helped recently:

Kelly is facing a double mastectomy in a few weeks. She needed to pay the surgeon's fee before the surgery could be scheduled. She lives on Social Security disability benefits, so money is in short supply. She was able to pay ½ of the doctor's fee from her last Social Security check however that left her unable to pay her rent and still short on the fee. We were able to cover the remainder of the doctor's fee plus her rent for the month. Her Social Security check should be able to cover her rent again once the surgery is completed.

John was diagnosed one year ago with an aggressive cancer. Recently released from prison, he had no income and was too sick to work. He moved into a home which he shared with 3 other men. His landlord patiently allowed him to stay in the home until he could get his financial situation in hand. He was able to get help with his medical bills from the hospital's charity fund and his roommates made sure he had food to eat, and they pitched in to pay his share of the utilities. He called us after his landlord suggested he give us a try to help with his back rent. He had found out the day before we met with him that the cancer had spread to his lungs and that his prognosis did not look good. We asked him if he had applied for disability and he said that he had been denied (it is not uncommon for disability to initially be denied for people seeking help). We counseled him to meet with a lawyer who specialized in getting those benefits for people in need because he was going to need the financial help. These lawyers do not charge a fee to represent clients, however if the case is won, they will take a percentage off of the initial settlement. We also paid John's back rent and asked him to keep in touch and let us know how he is progressing.

Carl's leg was amputated shortly after his birth 25 years ago. He had managed with prosthetics his whole life, however recently the prosthetic leg that he wore was no longer functioning. He needed a new leg in so that he could get back to work, but the leg was not cheap. He was able to arrange to pay for his new prosthesis in payments but he would not be able to pay for both the leg and his rent. We gladly covered two months of his rent so that he could move forward with the new leg and start his new job soon.

What a joy it is to be able to help these people rise above adversities over which they had no control! What a privilege it is to pass the blessings you give to Helping Hands on to these very special people in need. Thank you very, very much!

HELPING HANDS TRUCK AT ST. ANN'S NEXT SATURDAY

Our truck will be in the parking lot of St. Ann's next Saturday from 9 am until 1 pm to collect any donations you might want to drop off. The St. Ann's Knights of Columbus will be manning the trucks and will be available to give out tax receipts for your donations. We ask that you bring donations of furniture directly to Helping Hands. The truck will be at St. Stephen's on Saturday, May 3 from 9 am until 1 pm

VOLUNTEER TO PICK UP BREAD/PASTRIES WANTED

We are in need of a volunteer to pick up the bread and pastries at United (Midland Drive and Wadley) each Friday preferably before 9 am and bring it to our location at 1301 Brinson. For more information or to volunteer please call Mary at (432) 528-6265 anytime.



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WITH
IMMIGRATION
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LOCATION: ST. VINCENT CATHOLIC
 CHURCH

FORUM APRIL 30, 2021 | 7 PM
 CONSULTS BY APPOINTMENT MAY
 1, 2021

Reminders:
 Public forum is free to public. Consults with
 Attorney need to be made prior to date.
 Please call 325-212-6192 to schedule
 appointment.