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St. Stephen's Catholic Church

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Assistant Pastor: Rev. Freddy Perez

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Music Director: Gabriel Salgado

Youth Director: Crystal Villareal

SIGN UP SUNDAYS
Every Sunday In May

SIGN UP TO RECEIVE
Email or
Text Messages
eva.us/sscc



Need help signing up for
Evangelus?

After every Sunday Mass in
May there will be a Parish Staff
Member in the foyer to help
you register.



ST. STEPHEN'S
CATHOLIC CHURCH

STSTEPHENSMLAND.COM

The St. Stephen's Women's
Organization

Is taking orders for
Mother's Day Corsages
After all Masses in the Foyer
Cost for a single orchid
is \$10.00 each

La organización de mujeres de San
Esteban

Estará tomando órdenes para
Ramilletes de día de la madre
Después de todas las misas en el
vestíbulo

Una sola orquídea
Cuesta \$10.00

Suppose you are an active man in your parish between the ages of 31 – 60 who has a strong desire to serve the Lord by assisting others. You may wish to find out just what a deacon is in the Catholic Church and what is the process of becoming one; then, you should attend one of the following Come & Sees:

DATE: Time City Parish

5.3.21 Monday 7:00 PM Odessa St. Elizabeth / Hall

5.10.21 Monday 6:00 PM Brady St. Patrick Catholic Church

5.14.21 Friday 6:00 PM Brownwood St. Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church

5.25.21 Tuesday 7:00 PM Rowena St. Joseph Catholic Church

6.5.21 Saturday 10:00 AM Midland St. Ann Catholic Church / Youth Activity Ctr

6.12.21 Saturday 10:00 AM Ozona Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church / Hall

6.14.21 Monday 7:00 PM Odessa Holy Redeemer Catholic Church / Marian Center

If you cannot attend any of the above meetings, please contact Deacon Freddy Medina, Director of the Office of Diaconal Ministry, at deaconoffice@sanangelodiocese.org OR call 325.651.7500.

Mass Intentions

For the week of May 2nd, 2021

Sunday, May 2nd– 5th Sunday of Easter

9:00am **Marci Wilson** by Gloria Oetting
 12:00pm **For the Parish**
 5:00pm **†Dorothy Fryt** by Monty & Polly Fryt

Monday, May 3rd–St. Philip & James, Apostles

7:00 am **Brandon Lopez** by Gloria Oetting
 5:30 pm **Souls in Purgatory** by Familia Pena

Tuesday, May 4th

7:00 am **†Jim & †Tom Koffler** by Criss Kohl
 5:30 pm **†Linda Kiebusch** by Watson Family

Wednesday, May 5th

7:00 am **Drew Robertson** by Family
 5:30 pm **Steve Oetting** by Family

Thursday, May 6th

7:00pm **†Abel Quintana** by Winkler Family
 5:30pm **†Linda Kiebusch** by Watson Family

Friday, May 7th

7:00am **Megan & Cody Anthony** by Jennifer White
 5:30pm **Steve Oetting** by Family

Saturday, May 8th

8:00 am **†Abel Quintana** by Winkler Family
 5:00pm **†C.B. Nunez** by Connie Nunez

Sunday, May 9th– 6th Sunday of Easter

9:00am **Lisa Wilson** by Family
 12:00pm **For the Parish**
 5:00pm **†Valente Jimenez** by Laura Hernandez

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Collections/Mailed in/
Dropped off:

Regular Deposit

\$9,922.25

Other Income

\$2,640.24

Second Collections

\$2,754.00*

*Includes contributions for:

Catholic Home Missions,
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.

1 JOHN 3:18

CHILDREN, LET US LOVE NOT IN WORD OR
SPEECH
BUT IN DEED AND TRUTH!!



Happy Birthday!

May 2

Abel Abundez
Lisabille Burleson
Yoshio Chavez
Dayron Cruz
Francisco Deras
Liz Galindo
Carolina Giraldo
Loretta Gonzales
Rosemary Hernandez
Eugene Lerma
Mario Lion
Gabriel Mendoza
Ashley Poor
Leon Samaniego
David Sanchez
Alexandra Santamaria
Jesse Daniel Sokolowski
Jerry Trujillo

May 3

Ana Sophia Aguilar
Lillyana Castillo
Jacqueline Cosme
Ivan Deras
Mario Hernandez
Louis Hinojos
Genieva Lujan
Tony Pena
Randy Ross
Haley Rudloff
Ellen Taylor

May 4

Jose Alvarado
Bryce Higgins
Joseph Kiowski
Delfino Martinez
Luis Mata
Monica Moreno
Josie Munoz
Jennyfer Ramirez
Lizbet Saenz

May 5

Anayah Ayala
Vic Carter
Andres Dominguez
Jacob Hicks
Linda Leps
Stacey Martinez
Joy Okwuwa
Aaron Ovalle
Jessica Salgado
Jose Talamantez

May 6

Erica Aguirre
Armando Anchondo
Cesar Aranda
Elaine Carrasco
Charlie Cisneros
Luke Gonzales
Shahaleam Martinez
Lily Catherine Sokoloski
Carlos Vega

May 7

Emma Berry
Susana Daniels
Dora Garcia
Maribel Gomez
Johnny Gonzales
Guadalupe Hinojos
Ruth Merino
Del Sloan

May 8

Julian Baeza
Eira Dominguez
Heather Hutson
Jake Lee Kemper
Sebastian Martinez
Yvette Pinal
Aron Salcedo
Randy White

May 9

Bobby Barron
Pamela Desparrois
Amanda Franca
Abigail Gutierrez
Sebastian Hernandez
Nevada Ivey
Russell Sailer
Bailey Schrader
Aliyah Valdez
Lolita Vizcaino
Gina Ybarra



Emma Valdez, Yolanda Rodriguez, Tommy Lee, Nancy Damico, Elia Ramirez, Ramirez Daughter, Larry White, Gracias Jiron, Bob Breeze, Ana Laura Alvarado, 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 Fötter, 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, Aaron and Stacy Carraher and children, Amanda Ochoa, Betty Macchietto, Alicia, Randy, Isaiah, Cassie Larry & Pat White, Cody and Megan Anthony, Renee Dove, Tracy Culler, Britt Fisk, Jennifer Galyean, Gavino Flores Almaguer

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.sssc@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!

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. 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.



Youth News

CLIMB ABOARD FOR...



The best week of the summer!

We will be having VBS this year! Save the dates! June 14-18th Monday-Friday in English.

From 8am-12pm. For more information please contact Gretchen in the office @ (432)520-7394

Limited spaces available! We will begin registering in the office May 10-13th from 1pm-5pm.

The Fee will be \$25.00 and it includes a T-Shirt!
Spanish VBS information will be coming in next weeks bulletin!



HOLY CROSS
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL



Registration for the 2021-2022 school year is **NOW** open for grades 9-12.

Become a Crusader today!

Register today or get more information on our registration process at

www.holycrosschs.org/admissions

For questions, call us at 432-235-1094 or send a message to info@holycrosschs.org

**First Holy Communions will
be celebrated at the following
Masses:**

May 8th @ 5pm Mass
May 9th @ 12pm Mass





During the pandemic we understand many of you were not able to come to mass and many made a transition to donate online to help continue support for the Church's operations. Thank you for your generosity. If you were unaware that we have online giving, we would appreciate your support.

Please prayerfully consider making a donation today to support your Parish. Always remember – You are the Church. You are the Body of Christ.



STSTEPHENS MIDLAND.COM/DONATION

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 Bursary. Throughout 2021, Catholic Extension Society will match donations made to the Seminarian Bursary 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 Bursary in 2021.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- Set up a recurring donation to the Seminarian Bursary 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 Bursary
- 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 Bursary in the Memo line of your check.



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

As of March 26
\$42,250

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

www.sanangelodiocese.org/donations



St. Joseph has two feast days on the liturgical calendar. The first is March 19—Joseph, the Husband of Mary. The second is May 1—Joseph, the Worker.

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER BY POPE ST. PIUS X

GLORIOUS ST. JOSEPH, MODEL OF ALL WHO ARE DEVOTED TO LABOR, OBTAIN FOR ME THE GRACE TO WORK IN THE SPIRIT OF PENANCE IN EXPIATION OF MY MANY SINS; TO WORK CONSCIENTIOUSLY BY PLACING LOVE OF DUTY ABOVE MY INCLINATIONS; TO GRATEFULLY AND JOYOUSLY DEEM IT AN HONOR TO EMPLOY AND TO DEVELOP BY LABOR THE GIFTS I HAVE RECEIVED FROM GOD, TO WORK METHODICALLY, PEACEFULLY, AND IN MODERATION AND PATIENCE, WITHOUT EVER SHRINKING FROM IT THROUGH WEARINESS OR DIFFICULTY TO WORK; ABOVE ALL, WITH PURITY OF INTENTION AND UNSELFISHNESS, HAVING UNCEASINGLY BEFORE MY EYES DEATH AND THE ACCOUNT I HAVE TO RENDER OF TIME LOST, TALENTS UNUSED, GOOD NOT DONE, AND VAIN COMPLACENCY IN SUCCESS, SO BANEFUL TO THE WORK OF GOD. ALL FOR JESUS, ALL FOR MARY, ALL TO IMITATE THEE, O PATRIARCH ST. JOSEPH! THIS SHALL BE MY MOTTO FOR LIFE AND ETERNITY.



Helping Hands of Midland
1301 Brinson Lane
Midland Tx.
(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:

Electricity	2 families	\$ 460.41
Water	1 family	\$ 500.00
Gas	3 families	\$ 921.63
Rent	16 families	\$19,048.39
Medical	1 family	\$ 1,599.56
TOTAL		\$22,529.99

We all make mistakes. We all sin. Thankfully, we have a God who loves us and forgives us. But just because He forgives us it does not necessarily mean we do not pay the consequences of those mistakes and sins. And those consequences can have a negative rippling effect on those we love. A young lady, mother of two precious little girls, came into our offices seeking assistance with rent. She had been sick (and obviously still was) with pneumonia. It landed her in the hospital for 2 weeks during which time she could not work or care for her children. She was so stressed about making ends meet she gave herself a panic attack which caused her yet another stay in the hospital.

Her husband and father of her children has been in prison for several years and is set to be there for several more. But he obviously is not the only victim in this story. Because he is in prison, he cannot pay child support. Providing and caring for her and her girls falls solely on the shoulders of the mother. He at least knows he has a place to lay his head every night; he knows he will receive 3 square meals a day; and he knows he will receive medical attention when he needs it. He even knows he could pursue a free education if he chooses to.

Meanwhile, his wife, down to one income, and their children struggle every day to keep a roof over their heads, food in their bellies and clothes on their backs. With childcare costs and the price of food and rent going up, this young lady, even though severely ill, could not afford to miss even one day of work. The time already missed from her pneumonia was devastating. When she came into our office, she was still not over the cough and chest congestion that lingers from pneumonia. It was apparent that she was hurting physically and was emotionally exhausted, but she had to keep going – she simply could not afford to miss any more work, any more income, that could cause her to potentially lose her job.

We see brave, caring, loving and hardworking people like this every day. She is doing the very best she can. Our hearts go out to these courageous fighters. Due to your generosity, we were able to help her with several months' rent. We wish you could see the relief on her face, the gratitude in her eyes, and the smile through her tears. It is truly humbling and, because of your support and prayers, all possible.

Thank you and God bless.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR SATURDAY BREAD PICKUP

We need a volunteer to pick up the bread and pastries at United (Midland Drive and Wadley) and deliver it to our location at 1301 Brinson on Saturdays before 9:30 a.m.

If you need more information or to volunteer, please call Mary at (432) 528-6265 anytime.