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St. Stephen's Catholic Church

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Youth Director: Crystal Villareal



Change is the only constant in our life. My three years here at St. Stephen's have brought about significant change in me, and may it be all for the greater glory of God. Thank you to Fr. Rodney and the staff of the office, my coworkers in this little part of the vineyard of the Lord. Thank you to all those that opened their houses, long coffee hours, dinner, lunch, random chats, and overall friendship to me. The youth for giving me a fatherhood identity but also reminding me of the innocence required for heaven. Thank you to the faithful of this parish who, with hammer and chisel, have molded me with the sweet hand of the Creator into the priest I am called to be. It's not goodbye; it's see y'all around.

To love and serve,
Fr. Freddy Martin Pérez

El cambio es lo único constante en nuestra vida. Mis tres años aquí en St. Stephen's han traído un cambio significativo en mí, y que todo sea para la mayor gloria de Dios. Gracias al P. Rodney y el personal de la oficina, mis compañeros de trabajo en esta pequeña parte de la viña del Señor. Gracias a todos los que abrieron sus casas, largas horas de café, cenas, almuerzos, charlas al azar y amistad en general conmigo. La juventud por darme una identidad de paternidad pero también por recordarme la inocencia requerida para el cielo. Gracias a los fieles de esta parroquia que, con martillo y cincel, me han moldeado con la dulce mano del Creador en el sacerdote que estoy llamado a ser. No es un adiós sino un por ahí nos vemos.

Amar y servir
P. Freddy Martín Pérez

THE VOCATION OFFICE OF THE DIOCESE OF
SAN ANGELO PRESENTS:

Priesthood Discernment Retreat

Holy Angels Catholic Church
2309 A&M Ave
San Angelo TX, 76904

July 31, 2021
9:00am to 6:00pm
Registration begins at 8:30am
For High School Sophomores and Higher

For more information, contact Fr. Ryan Rojo at
325-651-7500

The Diocese of San Angelo has recently developed an on-line version of its Safe Environment Training Program, which includes The Diocese of San Angelo Policies on Ethics and Integrity in Ministry. The development of this new format is the result of two important factors. First, are the recommendations by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and the independent auditors who audit our Safe Environment Program. The USCCB and auditors have recommended for the past few years that the diocese have refresher Safe Environment Training for all of its ministers. Secondly, we have been wanting to make it easier for people to attend the Diocesan Safe Environment Training. Everyone whose ethics workshop date is over five years must take this new training in order to continue working in ministry. If anyone is not sure if their workshop is over five years ago, they can check with Gladys at the parish office, 432-520-7394 or email gladys@ststephensmidland.com. To access the training go to <https://sanangelo.cmgconnect.org/>. Register to open your own training account and begin your training. In order to complete the training everyone must have a copy of the revised ethics policy booklet (June 1, 2020) and a completed background check before they begin the training. People may obtain a copy from their parish office or download and print one from either our diocesan webpage or the on-line training site. If you have not yet ordered copies of the ethics policies booklet for your parish, please be sure and do so. For more information, feel free to contact Gladys at the Parish office at 432-520-7394 or email gladys@ststephensmidland.com.

Mass Intentions

For the week of June 27th, 2021

Sunday, June 27th - Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am **Drew Robertson** by family
 12:00pm † **Por la Parroquia**
 5:00pm † **Juan Anguiano** by Leslie Escontras

Monday, June 28th-St. Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr

7:00 am † **Clara McGrath** by Emmer Family
 5:30 pm **Marci Wilson (Happy Birthday)** by family

Tuesday, June 29th-St. Peter & Paul, Apostles

7:00 am † **Deacon Jesse Guajardo** by Sokolowski family
 5:30 pm **Barney Seidenberger (HB)** by Wife

Wednesday, June 30th

7:00 am † **Frank Hernandez** by Olga
 5:30 pm † **Terry Lambdin** by Sokolowski family

Thursday, July 1st

7:00am † **Work Death** by Friends & Family
 5:30pm † **Joe P. Lopez** by Family

First Friday, July 2nd

7:00am † **Susana Balderas** by Frank & Olga
 5:30pm † **Hilda Ledesma** by Amy Elena Alcazar

Saturday, July 3rd-St. Thomas, Apostle

8:00 am † **Gloria Robertson** by Family
 5:00pm † **Beatrice & †Marcelino Fuentes** by Grace & Jimmy Avila

Sunday, July 4th - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am † **Juan Anguiano** by Leslie Escontras
 12:00pm **Almas del Purgatorio** by Family Pena
 5:00pm **For the Parish**

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Collections/Mailed in/
Dropped off:

Regular Deposit

\$21,818.20

Other Income

\$ 682.36

Second Collections

\$2,869.60*

*Includes contributions for:

Building Fund, Father's Day
Remembrance, Helping
Hands & Peter's Pence
Collection for the Holy Father

Upcoming Baptismal Classes: Próximas clases bautismales

July 11th, 2021 /
11 de Julio 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.

THE WORLD IS
FULL OF GOOD
PEOPLE. IF YOU
CAN'T FIND
ONE, BE ONE.

ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA

Happy Birthday!

June 27

Elizabeth Fernandez
James Gonzales
Macias Jacquez
Denise Molina
Mario Quintela
Auden Renteria
Arthur Salazar
Jack Stewart
Arianna Tejeda
Yolanda Villa
Jonathan Villarreal
Jennifer Ward

June 28

Lupita Bunch
John Escamilla
Nia Galindo
Cynthia Garcia
JoAnn Machuca
Emilio Martinez
Jayson Roman
Susan Sweeney
Brannon Therwhanger
Joel Torres
Marci Wilson
Alfredo Zarate

June 29

Lannette Amador
Salvador Armenta
Anjel Ayala
Arturo Castaneda
Concepcion Castillo
Cristina Gonzalez
Jorge Martinez
Michael Melcher
Adriana Molina
Paul Twesige

June 30

Melina Aguilar
Armida Lujan
Emily Lujan
Hilda Melchi
Marlene Munoz
Javier Nevarez
Gabriel Portillo
Fiidel Saldivar
Daneymi Villa
Eleno Viramontes
Patrick White

July 1

Jordan Carrasco
Yurem Castillo
Carlos Cruz
Enrique Delgado
Eli Escamilla
Isela Herrera
Roberto Herrera
Vianey Melendez
Klarisa Molina
Naita Montanez
Haley Montferrand
Luis Muela Acosta
Mikaela Primera
Leslie Ramirez
James Sanchez

July 2

Deysi Armendariz
Robert Bill
Andres Borrego
Travis Cheramie
Jose Cordova
Diane Diaz
Angela Espinoza
Imelda Garcia
Kevin Martinez
David Mata
Christian Moreno
Erica Rivera
Lisa Urias
Jovany Valenzuela

July 3

Jennifer Anchondo
Ricardo Arredondo
Berlinda Cervantes
Jeffrey Daniels
Richard Dixon
Patricia Garcia
Massiel Jimenez
Ashley Juarez
Rene Lujan
Daniela Martinez
Annette Romero
Danna Ruvalcaba
Claudia Sanchez
Tatiana Villa

July 4

Manny Aguirre
Andrea Duarte
Rey Galaviz
Mary Jimenez
Korin Lyon
Edward Marroquin
Brisa Munoz
Cesar Ortiz
Mystery Poor
Andrea Rodriguez



Gracia 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 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 & Maadi Rodriguez, Denise 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, Homero Pando Levorio, Mary Borrego, Facundo Borrego & Loved ones, Juan Musquis, Yolanda Rodriguez, Emma Valdez, Alfred Garcia, Eva Garcia, Yulisa Garcia, Rudolfo & Lorena Armendariz, Katherine Shapira

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

If you're interested in volunteering please sign up for your areas of interest and visit:

ststephensmidland.com/volunteer



June 26

"Don't judge without having heard both sides. Even persons who think themselves virtuous very easily forget this elementary rule of prudence."

St. Josemaria Escriva



FEED THE FAITH 2021

Why are we Catholic? The Young Family Ministry invites those around the ages of 18-40 years to join us on Saturday, August 28, for a fun and spirit-filled event at St Lawrence Church in St. Lawrence, TX. Our mission is to bring young families and singles together for faith-building fellowship. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Sis at 4:00 pm. Following Mass in the Parish Hall will be Happy Hour from 5:00-6:00 pm, a domino tournament and corn hole, a catered meal, and guest speaker.

Karlo Broussard, the designated speaker from Catholic Answers, will provide a talk over why we're Catholic and fill us with a renewed sense of faith.

Tickets for this event can be purchased at stlawrencecatholicchurch.com and the cost is \$75/couple or \$40/single person. Event is limited to the first 200 people registered.

For any questions, please contact stlawrencecfm@gmail.com

"Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen."





**Mass Coordinators are
needed for funerals,
weddings and quinceañeras.**

**IF INTERESTED, PLEASE
CONTACT: JOSIE BRENNER
@ 432-556-7012.**

**NO EXPERIENCE IS NEEDED,
WE WILL TRAIN YOU.**

**NECESITAMOS COORDINADORES
DE MISAS PARA FUNERALES,
BODAS Y QUINCEAÑERAS. SI
ESTÁ INTERESADO, PÓNGASE EN
CONTACTO CON JOSIE BRENNER
@ 432-556-7012.**

**NO SE NECESITA EXPERIENCIA,
TE FORMAREMOS**



**ST. STEPHEN'S
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

SAVE THE DATE

2021 Virtual Diocesan Conference Day OCT | 16 | 2021

KEYNOTE SPEAKER :

TOM EAST

Tom is the Director of the
Center for Ministry Development



The theme of the day will focus on Form Disciples, a priority of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan

You are invited to gather as a parish or interparish group for this event.

More information will be announced soon,
(325)-651-7500 | evangelizationcatechesis@sanangelodiocese.org.



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:

Electric	2 families	\$ 252.64
Water	3 families	\$ 878.70
Rent	24 families	\$ 24,125.84
Total		\$ 25,257.18

We met with two women last week who both approached us with requests for rental assistance. While their needs were similar, their reasons for needing help were very different. And it is that difference that can at times make our jobs very hard.

Shirley is a 63-year-old woman who suffered a stroke two months ago. As a result of the stroke, she is suffering from aphasia and has difficulty with her speech and gets confused easily. She has also recently been diagnosed with COPD. She has an appointment with Social Security the end of June.

Before her stroke she had a job grooming animals. When she approached her employer asking for help in getting unemployment benefits, she was told to come back later, that they were too busy. She went back again to get documentation that she had worked there and was again blown off. She is at a standstill with them. Meanwhile, she said she has been selling off her personal belongings trying to raise money for food, rent and utilities.

When we met with her our hearts immediately went out to this woman who is trying so hard, but who is so confused, so alone. We walked her through the steps we felt she needed to take: to contact Legal Aid and a disability lawyer for assistance in cutting through the red tape with the unemployment and perhaps seeing if she qualifies for disability. We also gave her a list of agencies that assist with utilities and a list of places she can go in Midland to get food at no cost. We paid her rent for three months because we feel it might take that long for assistance to come through. We will check on her and pray that her obstacles are quickly overcome.

Cynthia is a 35-year-old woman with two children. She recently quit her job when she did not get the raise she expected. She came to us because she had not found another job yet and July was approaching. We offered to pay her July rent but pointed out to her that that job market was opening up and there should be no reason not to have a job in the foreseeable future. She told us that she was really expecting three months of rent. After all, she said, "I know someone that you helped with 3 months rent and she was old and didn't have any kids like I do!"

Needless to say, we only assisted with the one month and told her that if she got a job within the next week or two, she should have no trouble making her August rent. We did give her a list of other agencies should she be needing help later. Her feelings of entitlement are unfortunately something we run into way more than we would like. We certainly hope that she learns to count her blessings and to manage her life better.

CHANGE TO HELPING HANDS TRUCKS JULY SCHEDULE

Due to the July 4th holiday, the Knights of Columbus will have our trucks at St. Stephen's on Saturday, July 10 from 9 am until 1 pm to receive your donations. They will be at St. Ann's again on Saturday July 17 from 9 am until 1 pm.



Due to the 4th of July weekend, the Helping Hands truck will be in our parking lot Saturday July 10, 2021 from 9 AM - 1 PM **INSTEAD OF on Saturday, July 3rd. Our Knights will be there to assist you with your donations.**