

December 12th, 2021**Vol. 40 No. 19**

St. Stephen's Catholic Church

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Rev. Rodney White, Pastor

Assistant Pastor: Rev. Kevin Lenius

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

Director of Religious Education: Gretchen Lara

Music Director: Gabriel Salgado

Youth Director: Crystal Villareal

Giving Tuesday on November 30th was a tremendous success for this year's iGiveCatholic campaign. We reached our fundraising goal of \$50,000.00 that Tuesday evening and donations continued to come in the days that followed. I am incredibly happy to share the final total that was raised for iGiveCatholic that has been

recorded as of Monday

December 6, 2021 was,

\$78,787.26!

Thanks to the generosity and support of our community we closed the campaign at 158% of our goal and out of one thousand six hundred and twenty ministries that participated in iGiveCatholic across the nation we ranked 30th on the national leaderboard for our fundraising totals. This in itself shows the tremendous impact of how every gift is a blessing when we come together to give Catholic and is a testament to the generosity of the people in the St. Stephen's community!

Thank you again for all the ways you support St. Stephen's!
Praying you and yours have a blessed advent season.



#iGIVECATHOLIC

Sincerest Regards & God's Blessings,
Mandy Trevino
Business Manager



ST. STEPHEN'S
CATHOLIC CHURCH

**St. Stephen's Catholic Church Ministries
Presents**

OUR 1ST NEW YEAR'S GALA FUNDRAISER!

Join us as we celebrate and bring in the New Year!

Friday December 31, 2021

8:00pm-12:30am

In Ballroom

Single tickets and table sponsorships available
Call Liz Madrid (432) 352-1961 or Elsa Torres (432) 661-2888



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LEADERBOARDS

Leaderboards for #iGiveCatholic

Name	Amount Raised	Donors
30. St. Stephen's Catholic Church (Midland, Texas)	\$78,787.26	162

Thank You!



#iGIVECATHOLIC

You Gave Catholic... and We Are Grateful!

Outcomes & Results

\$16,517,947
Raised

44,123
Donors

1,620
Ministries



ST. STEPHEN'S
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We would like to express our sincerest gratitude for the amazing response of support for our 2021 iGiveCatholic campaign! Thanks to the generosity of our community out of one thousand six hundred and twenty ministries that participated from across the United States on Giving Tuesday for iGiveCatholic we ranked 30th on the national leaderboard!

Mass Intentions

For the week of December 12th, 2021

Sunday, December 12th— 3rd Sunday of Advent

9:00am †Josephine Castello Grado by Bob & Eva Lopez
 12:00pm †Mary Jane Villanueva by Octavio Villanueva
 5:00pm For the Parish

Monday, December 13th—St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

7:00am Saul Pena by Esposa Ester Pena
 5:00pm Steve Oetting By Family

Tuesday, December 14th—St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church

7:00am Betzbe Pena by Ester Pena
 5:00pm †Manuela & †Roman Solano by Hortencia Carrasco

Wednesday, December 15th

7:00am Matrimonios by Ester Pena
 5:30pm Rj Ryan by Family

Thursday, December 16th

7:00am Almas del Purgatorio by Ester Pena
 5:30pm †Don Wells by Qualls Family

Friday, December 17th— Late Advent Weekday

7:00am For the Holy Souls in Purgatory by Parishioner (MT)
 5:30pm †Mary Bryan by Family

Saturday, December 18th

8:00am Almas del Purgatorio by Ester Pena
 5:00pm The abandoned & forgotten souls in Purgatory by Nunez Family

Sunday, December 19th— 4th Sunday of Advent

9:00am †Johnie Lee Qualls by Family
 12:00pm †Familia Caballero
 5:00pm For the Parish

Last Weekends Collections Week of 11.29.21-12.05.21

Contributions:

Offertory	\$17,952.15
Mailed or Delivered	\$ 440.00
Online	\$ 3,450.00
Other	\$ 357.73

Total Weekly Contributions \$22,199.88

Weekly Budget Objective \$26,925.00

Actual vs. Budget \$ (4,725.12)

Continued Prayers!

#iGiveCatholic Campaign \$20,526.26

Other Designated Funds \$ 360.00

Second Collections \$15,966.67*

**Includes Contributions for: Helping Hands*

Thank You!

Upcoming Baptismal Classes: Próximas clases bautismales

January 9th, 2021 /
 9 de enero 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!

December 12

Dennise Garcia
Eng Khia
Keaton Kinzer
Evan Lujan
Jorge Martinez
Nicole Ortiz
Lupe Reyes
Lorenzo Salazar

December 13

Diego Acosta
Paula Aguirre
Robin Alvarado
Paul Bill
Hector Carrasco
Mark Dehlinger
Erica Gomez
Francisco Gomez
Criss Kohl
Jusyin Lassetter
Lucia Lopez
Jessica Lujan
Lynda Muller
Jesse Sandoval
Victor Torres
Annabellla Willis

December 14

Geneva Diaz
Elisa Espino
Steven Fairchild
Carlos Garcia
Amanda Granado
Rosa Granado
Byron Kelso
Carolina Larez
Arturo Lujan
Meagan Martin
Thomas Midkiff
Chantel Ramos
Brianna Sanchez

December 15

Michael Brosig
Annabel Diaz
Roland Espinoza
Javier Guebara
Florence Hair
Daniel Palmer
Maria Pena

December 16

Aimee Caudle
Rose Flores
Samantha Foster
Erika Foster
Michael Mendoza
Chris Mora
Rachel Reese
Sergio Tavarez
Joshua Villafranco

December 17

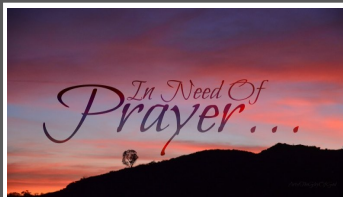
Abigail Baeza
Robert Bastin
Bertha Carrillo
Ilda Cuevas
Kenneth Duby
Krista Escamilla
Geraldine Filip
Daniel Flores
Cynthia Franco
Valentine Galindo
Don Lassetter
Ruby Martinez
Paula Miller
Paola Muniz
Vanessa Munoz
Angel Olivas
Gavin Ontiveros
Rachel Prucka
Andrew Reed
Mireya Rodriguez
Clair Underwood
Jesus Urias

December 18

Kaylee Aguirre
Anita Benavidez
Hugo Butanda
Stacey Chaparro
Jacob Esquibel
Leonel Hernandez
Jesusita Jaquez
Fernanda Licon
Priscilla Lujan
Erik Quezada

December 19

Aliza Dickerson
David Edwards
Noah Hadlock
Rebecca Irigoyen
King Ivey
Landon King
Michael Marin
Erika Murgula
Barret Rakun
Luis Ramirez
Jose Talamantes
Samuel Valenzuela



Pete and Laura, Lorraine Chavez, Micah Villa, Michelle Hogan, Mae Col & Family, Sandra Pendergrass & Family, Heather M., Alvaro C., Clarissa Espudo, Rudy Valdez, Sr., Rudy Valdez, Jr. and the Valdez Family, Daiga Garza & baby, Emma Valdez, Juan Musquis, Maddalyn

Bailey Hall, Heather & Josh Hall, Chris Holguin, Chito Villa & Family, Nissy Teagarden, Annie Teagarden, Dan & Kim Rusceetti, Diane Archibeque, Steve Oetting, Chris Holguin, Lupe H., Isaiah V., Cassy, Johnny V & family, Mika V., Mary Helen Smith, Yvonne Razo Zubiate & Family, Hortencia Villegas & Family, Aria Mobley & Family, Terisa Galvan, Gavino Reyes, Julian Rodriguez, Jose Martinez Jr., Mingo Lujan, Barbara & Gloria J Holguin, Imelda H Williams & Fam., Zariah & Jeremiah Jurado, Himelda Varela, Rebecca H Dominguez & Fam., Phyllis Hyson, Rene Galindo, Pat Galindo, Ida Galindo, Christi Siller, Carlota W., Tony P., Anita P., Martha P., Eddie L., Alvaro C., +Tony P., Johnny & Arleen W., Jose Negrete, Bob Hobbs, Felicia Gonzales, Gladys Qualls, Caroline Rose Parker, Juanita Gonzalez, Andres Garrett, Job van den Bosch, Griffin Qualls, Rebecca Eagen, Mary Lou Ramirez

Email frontdesk@ssccmidland.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@ssccmidland.com 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!



We will begin having
adoration from 7am-5pm
each first Friday of the
month. We hope you can
prayerfully consider
committing to spend one
hour a week with our
Lord in the blessed
sacrament.



Please call the office or sign up online at
<https://ststephensmidland.com/adoration>

BECOME A VOLUNTEER

Let us know your areas of interest. Let's serve our Parish Community together.



Scan the QR code or visit ststephensmidland.com/volunteer



The Creed Bible Study

Begins on January, 5, 2022

6 weeks

Call Joann 4325592658 Or Jennifer 505 320 9327

Young Adults Dec Calendar

AGES 18+
IN THE YOUTH BUILDING
STARTS AT 6 PM

2nd- Advent Talk

9th- Advent Cont

16th- Fellowship Presentation

23rd- Merry Christmas (no meet up)



Bishop Robert Barron's

THE
CREED



Please scan the QR code below to access The Gift of Consolation Day of Reflection Registration Form. Please complete registration by December 06, 2021 to participate in the upcoming retreat. Please call the Parish Office if you have any questions.





THE GIFT OF CONSOLATION

A Day of Reflection on Grieving

**SATURDAY
DECEMBER 11TH
9 AM-3 PM**



**ST. STEPHEN'S
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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.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

KIMBERLY VALENZUELA

Ministries:

- served on ACTS for 4 years
- Catechist for 2nd grade First Communion for 8 years

Thank You Kim For your service at the Parish!



ST. STEPHEN'S WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION

- December 12, 2021 Dress an Angel delivery of Christmas presents. Volunteers please meet at Helping Hands at 9:00 a.m.
- December 13, 2021 General Meeting Christmas exchange and Dinner Members please RSVP to Gladys Qualls in Parish Office.
- December 25, 2021 Merry Christmas!
- January 1, 2021 Happy New Year!



**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:

Rent	17 families	\$ 24,109.12
Total		\$ 24,109.12

Last week our assistance went exclusively to help with rent. It is unusual although not unheard of because there are those in need of help with utility bills all of the time. However last week the rents seemed to have the most urgent appeals. Some examples:

Louise contracted Covid back in September but has developed so many complications from the deadly virus that she still cannot return to work. She has applied for short term disability and is still waiting to hear about that. She still owed rent for November and now December. We helped with both months.

Barbara was working for an oil company near Penwell. When her car broke down she was unable to get to work, and it took 2 1/2 weeks for the car to be repaired. Her company terminated her. She is desperately seeking another job, however she also owed rent for November and now December. Again, we helped with both months.

George had been out of work for 4 weeks, being sick with pneumonia. He was recently deemed fit to return to work however he will not see a paycheck until the end of December. If his December rent was not paid by the end of the week his landlord was going to charge him \$20/day in late fees. We helped with the rent

Vickie's husband was falling farther and farther into alcoholism. He had been missing work and the bills were piling up. Finally he moved out. We got her caught up to date with rent and late fees and hopefully with her job she will be able to manage to take care of the granddaughter she is raising.

Erin's husband was recently sent to prison, and he is sentenced to be incarcerated for many, many years. She has two jobs which will be working her 50 hours/week. She asked only for help with her November rent, and she is sure she will be able to manage from that point on.

All of the cases that we helped this week were ones that we could not say no to. We would have loved to have helped with the electric bills, water bills, and gas bills that came in our helpline, but sometimes we have to go with the greatest, most urgent need.

HELPING HANDS TRUCK AT ST. ANN'S NEXT WEEKEND

Our truck will be at St. Ann's next Saturday, December 18 from 9 am until 1 pm to pick up your donations. We thank you for your generosity and we thank the Knights of Columbus from St. Ann's for taking on this responsibility.

EXCELLENCE IN GIVING COMMITMENT TO TRANSPARENCY

We just earned the Excellence in Giving Transparency Certificate by submitting 175 strategy, leadership, financial, and impact data to @NonprofitAnalytics. Review our cost-effectiveness at <https://analytics.excellenceingiving.com/overview/helping-hands-of-midland/>