

**February 27th, 2021**

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# **St. Stephen's Catholic Church**

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[www.ststephensmidland.com](http://www.ststephensmidland.com)

**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



## **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.

## **Join our team!**

**Youth Ministry Director**

-Full time position opening

**St. Stephen's Catholic Church is looking for a dynamic, energetic, faith-filled disciple of Jesus Christ who is passionately Catholic, well formed in theology, church teaching and ready to serve as Youth Ministry Director to help share the joy of being in love with Christ and his Church. This is a key position that facilitates the evangelization, formation, and discipleship of Middle and High School Students as well as young adults in our parish.**



**Salary Range**

**Salary is commensurate with experience, qualifications, and education starting at 27-51k**



## **LENTEN STUDY: Jesus' Passion Movie and Study Book.**

**Starts: March 2. Ash Wednesday. 9:30-11:00 am.**

**Where: The Parlor**

**Make it part of your Lenten Journey. 5 week class.**

**We are looking forward to spending this Lent with you studying Jesus' Passion.**

**Any questions call**

**Joann 432-559-2658**

**or Jennifer 505-320-9327**

## **Ash Wednesday**

### **Mass Times**

**Wednesday**

**March 2, 2022**

**7am Mass**

**5:30pm Mass**



**[ssccmidland.com](http://ssccmidland.com)**



# Mass Intentions

For the week of February 27th, 2021

## Sunday, February 27th—8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am †**Brad Lewis** by Jessica Aguirre  
 12:00pm †**Domingo Carrizales** by Wife & Children  
 5:00pm **Billy Wilson (HB)** by Family

## Monday, February 28th

7:00am †**Miguel Hernandez** by Helen & Elizabeth Smith  
 5:30pm †**Eulalio Carrasco** by Hortencia Carrasco

## Tuesday, March 1st

7:00am **Destiny Ramirez (HB)** by Mandy Trevino  
 5:30pm **Audrey Oetting** by Family

## Wednesday, March 2nd— Ash Wednesday

7:00am **Gretchen Lara (HB)** by Mandy Trevino  
 5:30pm †**Joe Carrasco** by Hortencia Carrasco

## Thursday, March 3rd

7:00am †**Margie Martinez** by Connie Nunez  
 5:30pm †**Serapia Carrasco** by Hortencia Carrasco

## Friday, March 4th

7:00am **Valentino Pio Trevino** by Parents  
 5:30pm **Drew Robertson** by Family

## Saturday, March 5th

8:00am **Vicky Flores & Family** by McDonald Family  
 5:00pm **Mike Percifull** by Anthony Percifull

## Sunday, March 6th—First Sunday of Lent

9:00am †**Charlotte Hughes** by Jarldane Family  
 12:00pm †**Juan Manuel Anguiano** by Maria Anguiano  
 5:00pm **For the Parish**

## Last Week Collections Week of 02.07.22-01.13.22

### Contributions:

Offertory	\$15,698.39
Mailed or Delivered	\$ 2,120.00
Online	\$ 4,170.00
Other	\$ <u>813.14</u>
Total Weekly Contributions	\$22,801.53

Weekly Budget Objective	\$26,925.00
Actual vs. Budget	\$ (4,123.47)

Other Designated Funds	\$ 390.00
Second Collections	\$ 3,152.47*

*\*Includes Contributions for: Helping Hands & Rachel's Vineyard*

*Thank You!*

### Upcoming Baptismal Classes: Próximas clases bautismales

March 13th, 2022 /  
 13 de marzo del 2022  
 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.

As we journey  
 through *Lent*

### ST. STEPHEN'S CONFESSION SCHEDULE

#### SUNDAY:

8:15 AM to 8:45 AM  
 11:15 AM to 11:45 AM  
 4:15 PM to 4:45 PM

#### MON-FRI

6:45 AM to 6:55 AM  
 5:00 PM to 5:25 PM

#### SATURDAY:

7:45 AM to 7:55 AM  
 4:00 PM to 4:45 PM  
 Anytime by appointment.



# Happy Birthday!

## February 27

Brian Adams  
Elaina Basaldua  
Jerom Chavez  
Robert Evenson  
Jazmin Gonzalez  
Roberto Guajardo  
Adrian Martinez  
Sofia Montanez  
Erika Nunez  
Evelyn Prieto  
Olga Rodriguez  
Kathy Torres

## February 28

Hannah Castillo  
Criselda Diaz  
Aried Favela  
Hector Flores  
Sorina Flores  
Alyssandra Galindo  
Kimberly Galindo  
John Granado  
Joel Hurtado  
Madden Johnson  
Julian Minjarez  
Elizabeth Rivera  
Angelina Urias  
Averie Villa  
Terry Wilkinson

## March 1

Timothy Alba  
Armando Galindo  
Franc Hartter  
Guadalupe Herrera  
Patrick Jones  
Issaddie Lujan  
Ariana Marquez  
Seve Martinez  
Angelica Mendoza  
Sylvia Munoz  
Destiny Ramirez  
Jenni Rivas  
Luis Rodriguez  
Patricia Villanueva

## March 2

Lauren Buescher  
Addison Gonzales  
Gretchen Lara  
Araceli Limon  
Alyssa Lopez  
Rosa Martinez  
Arelly Natividad  
Lucus Silva

## March 3

Gabriel Beltran  
Sam Lyssy  
Indira Marquez  
Jerason Poor  
Carmen Roadcup  
Miguel Rodelo  
Priscilla Rodriguez  
Rogelio Tinoco  
Lilly Wallace

Juniper Walleck  
Dominic Willis

## March 4

Hugo Butanda  
Martin Castaneda  
Jesse Dominguez  
Olga Gonzalez  
Jetta Hartman  
Thomas Holly  
Albert Lerma  
Noah Lopez  
Mario Mendez  
Israel Prieto  
Velida Trejo

## March 5

Aurelio Amador  
Eduardo Carrasco  
Rodolfo Gamboa  
Jose Luis Grajeda  
Adriana Luloff  
Karen Orozco  
Joseph Willis

## March 6

Amy Elena Alcazar  
Ruby Barraza  
Melanie Butanda  
Christina Davis  
Andrea Garcia  
Eliza Madrid  
Jose Mayoral  
Diego Cristian Reyes  
Janie Sainz  
Becky Sollars  
Harold Thompson  
Emily Vasquez



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, Caroline Rose Parker, Juanita Gonzalez, Andres Garrett, Job van den Bosch, Rebecca Eagen, Mary Lou Ramirez, Juan Quiñones, Amanda Ochoa, Kevin Pickens, Frank Castillo, Ralph Laumbach, Joe Kiowski, Clara Lopez, Magdalena Fimbres, George Watts, Kathleen S. Rebecca M., Sarah M., Frank B., Vasquez Family, Randall B., Jacob F., Anita Morin, Joann Munoz, Joe Munoz III, Julio Rodriguez, Alicia Ramirez, Ben ter Haar, Michael Hobbs, Joshua Center

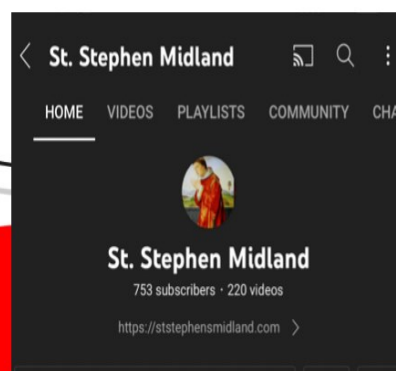
*Email [frontdesk@ssccmidland.com](mailto:frontdesk@ssccmidland.com) or call the office at 520-7394 to be added to the prayer list! If someone needs to be removed from prayer list please contact the office to remove request. Thank you!*

*Envíe un correo electrónico a [frontdesk@ssccmidland.com](mailto: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!*



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**ST. STEPHEN'S**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

**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 here at St. Stephen's Parish. 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. Servers are very important to our Sunday and Special Liturgical Celebrations. There is always pizza after every training. Parents are always welcome and encouraged to attend. The spring trainings are as follows:

Monday, March 14, 2022 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm Sanctuary of the Church

Monday, April 4, 2022 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm Sanctuary of the Church

For additional information or questions please contact:

Anne Hobbs

432-934-3192

behobbs47@gmail.com

**Capacitación de Monaguillos Para jóvenes nuevos y experimentados**

Todos los jóvenes que han recibido su Primera Comunión son elegibles e invitados a formar parte de nuestro Ministerio de Monaguillos aquí en la Parroquia de San Esteban. Este es un hermoso ministerio para jóvenes femeninos y masculinos. Estamos agradecidos por la dedicación de aquellos que actualmente forman parte de este ministerio especial y estamos invitando a todos los jóvenes que puedan tener interés a unirse a nosotros.

Proporcionamos capacitación inicial y continua para todos nuestros servidores. El diácono Lorenzo Salazar brindará capacitación a los servidores masivos en inglés y español. Los servidores son muy importantes para nuestras celebraciones litúrgicas dominicales y especiales.

Siempre hay pizza después de cada entrenamiento. Los padres siempre son bienvenidos y animados a asistir. Los entrenamientos de primavera son los siguientes:

Lunes, Marzo 14, 2022 6:30 pm a 8:30 pm Santuario de la Iglesia

Lunes, Abril 4, 2022 6:30 pm a 8:30 pm Santuario de la Iglesia

Para obtener información adicional o preguntas, póngase en contacto con:

Ms. Anne Hobbs

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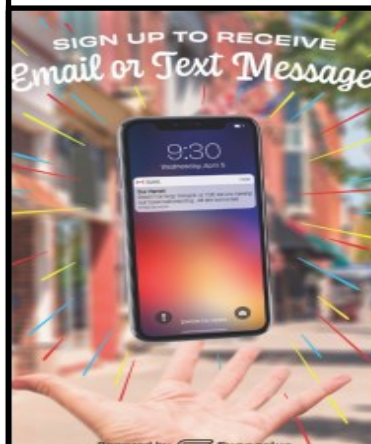
**"How much do I love You, O my Jesus! I wish to love Thee with my whole heart, yet I do not love You enough. I have but one desire: that of being near You in the Blessed Sacrament."**

**- St. John Neumann**



**Sign up for adoration on each first Friday**

<https://ststephensmidland.com/adoration>



# Youth News



**TO THE HEIGHTS**  
ST. STEPHEN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, MIDLAND, TX

**Young Adult Conference**

**May 6-7, 2022**

**Open to ages 18-39**

Please join us this May 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> for our young adults conference featuring renowned Catholic speaker Paul J. Kim. Registration is \$50 (\$20 before Mar 17!) and includes access to all keynote presentations, various breakout sessions, 3 full meals, and access to full dinner and party at Mac's BBQ. The conference begins Friday evening with a concert and Eucharistic Adoration and continues all day Saturday beginning with Mass with Bishop Sis. Scan the QR code for more information and to register or call the St. Stephen's parish office at (432) 520-7394.



## Conference Schedule

### Friday, May 6 - Concert

7 pm- Concert by Paul J. Kim

8:10- Adoration with praise and worship

### Saturday, May 7- Conference Day

9 am- Mass with Bishop Sis

9:45- Registration and breakfast

10:30- Bishop invocation – MC Intro

10:45- Keynote: Thank you God for making me Catholic

12- Breakout session

1 pm- Lunch

1:45- MC- pep talk

2- Keynote: A Catholic guide to adulthood

3- Breakout session

4- Keynote: Live Q&A with Paul J. Kim

4:45- Closing prayer and announcements

5- Dinner & social @ MAC's BBQ

## Breakout Sessions

Discerning & living marriage – Rene & Jessica Hignojos / Justin & Rachelle Reyes

Discerning Priesthood – Fr. Ryan Rojo

Discerning Religious Life – Sr. Stella Maris (Disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ)

Making Time for God. – Allison Pope

Lectio Divina – Crystal Villareal

Bored at Mass? Living the Liturgy – Fr. Kevin Lenius

Living a Catholic Life in a Secular World & Young Adult Panel – Clair Muller & Fidel Ruvalcaba

Viviendo como católicos en el mundo secular – Fr. Freddy Perez





**MARRIED COUPLES:** How would you like to spend a weekend away with your spouse – just the two of you? Away from everything: the kids, job, phone, bills and house? Plan to get away to a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend March 18-20 at Christ the King Retreat Center (San Angelo). For more information call Ed or Linda Torres at (469) 236-4398/4394 or visit us online at [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org)

**PAREJAS CASADAS:** ¿Cómo le gustaría pasar un fin de semana con su cónyuge, solo ustedes dos? Lejos de todo, ¿los niños, el trabajo, el teléfono, las facturas, y la casa? Planee escaparse a un fin de semana de encuentro matrimonial mundial el 18-20 de marzo del 2022, en el Centro de Retiros Cristo Rey (San Ángeo). Para obtener más información póngase en contacto con Ed o Linda Torres (469) 236-4398/4394 o visítenos en la página web [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org)



## We Are Hiring YOUTH MINISTRY DIRECTOR



### JOB DESCRIPTION

- In charge of planning and implementation of Catholic faith formation for middle and high school students as well as young adults in our parish.
- Taking care of the whole evangelization effort for the parish youth, planning retreats and recruiting adult volunteers.
- Establish a framework for an effective youth ministry program that will work in conjunction with the Parish Director of Religious Education.

### HOW TO APPLY:

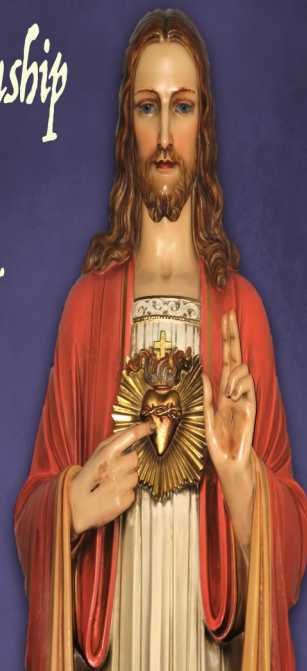
Please submit your resume in PDF form, including 3 references to the email addresses below. Please use subject: "Youth Ministry Director Search." Also please include links to any social media platforms to which you post, blog or post photos.

[rwhite@sanangeliocese.org](mailto:rwhite@sanangeliocese.org)  
[mandy@ssccmidland.com](mailto:mandy@ssccmidland.com)

## The Gift of Relationship

St. Stephen's Lenten  
Parish Mission on Prayer  
By Fr. Kevin Lenius

Thursdays during Lent  
7pm-8:30pm  
in the Church sanctuary



## El Don de Relación

Misión Parroquial de Cuaresma  
sobre la Oración  
por el Padre Kevin Lenius

Lunes durante la Cuaresma  
6:30pm ~ 8:30pm  
en el salón de baile



## 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](http://ststephensmidland.com/volunteer)



ST. STEPHEN'S  
CATHOLIC CHURCH



Helping Hands of Midland  
1301 Brinson Lane  
Midland Tx.  
(432) 520-8900

[www.helpinghandsmidland.com](http://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 last week:**

<b>Electric</b>	<b>4 families</b>	<b>\$ 2,445.68</b>
<b>Gas</b>	<b>3 families</b>	<b>\$ 554.03</b>
<b>Rent</b>	<b>9 families</b>	<b>\$ 13,466.06</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 16,465.77</b>

Gerardo is an 80-year-old widow who lives alone. When his wife passed away his family traveled from Mexico to be with him for a week to be with him in his grief. Money was tight and he had medical bills to pay. His house is all electric. He thought he would save some money on utilities, and so he ran 4 space heaters 24 hours a day for heat. When he got his bill he was shocked...it was over \$1,000, and his social security check was only \$1,300 month. He called his son who explained to him that space heaters use way more electricity than his furnace and that he should unplug them right away. He also explained that a house full of people was naturally going to use more electricity. We were happy to meet with him to bring his bill current. An 80-year-old man certainly does not need to be cold.

Terry is a 65-year-old man who lives in an income-based apartment. He is on disability. He called his apartment when he noticed his heat was running constantly. The manager told him a new unit would have to be ordered since the one he had could not be fixed. It took two months for the unit to come in, meanwhile the unit ran constantly. When he got his electric bill it was just shy of \$400. He makes only \$299 per month on his disability so there was no way he could pay it in full. We met with him the day before he was scheduled for disconnection and were able to bring his bill current.

A while back we met with Sarah who received a water bill of \$1300 for one month! She found out she had a massive leak under her house. She immediately called a plumber and paid him to have the leak repaired. We advised her to take proof of her repairs plus her bill to the water department and explain to them what happened. She did, and they adjusted her bill down to \$546. It was still way more than she normally spent, but she was grateful that she at least got that discount. Since she was still struggling with paying the plumber we helped her bring her water bill back to a \$0 balance.

Paula is a single mom to a 7-year-old girl. Her daughter suffered from gastrointestinal problems for quite some time, and finally it was determined that she needed to have an ileostomy. Paula took time off from her job to take her daughter to Cook Children's Hospital in Ft. Worth for the surgery. She was there for over a week, but then when they returned her daughter developed complications and they had to rush back. Paula went close to one month without being able to work. Although her apartment complex worked with her, waiving late fees and offering to make up the month of lost rent a bit at a time, we did not want to put her through that. She has enough going on with her daughter's health, and so we paid the month that she missed.

We thank all of you who make it possible for us to help these people who suffer hardships over circumstances over which they have no control. God bless you!

#### **MARCH TRUCK SCHEDULE**

Our truck will be at St. Stephen's on Saturday, March 5 from 9 am until 1 pm to accept your donations, and at St. Ann's on Saturday, March 19 from 9 am until 1 pm.



**ACTS**  
The St. Stephens Catholic Church Womens  
ACTS is having a retreat on  
March 24th-27th, 2022

Applications can be picked up in the  
Parish office.

Contact Ilda (432)557-8896 , Kristen  
(432)528-2810 or Jennifer (915) 867-4741 for  
more information



**ST. STEPHEN'S**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH



*Save  
THE  
Date*

**The St. Stephen's Womens  
ACTS retreat has been  
rescheduled for the weekend  
of March 24-27th. Please mark  
your calendar and invite the  
women in your life to attend.**