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St. Stephen's Catholic Church

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Music Director: Gabriel Salgado

Youth Ministry Director: Noe Carrasco

"Hello my Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Please receive our greetings and our love and know that we miss you all so much. I just wanted to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude to each and everyone of you for your kind words, your prayers and your gifts at our departure from St. Stephen's Catholic Church in Midland. Please know that we miss you all so much and you remain in our prayers.

I would also ask that you keep praying for us as well, that we may find suitable housing in this economy. May the Lord help us to find a home through the intercession of St. Joseph.

We are currently attending Mass at St. Helena Catholic Church as it is conveniently located just down the street from where we are staying temporarily. Please pray for this community of faith and if it is the Lord's will that I may be of service to Him and the beautiful people here.

If you would like to reach out to us, our address is:

Deacon Lorenzo & Tonia Salazar

P.O. Box 65076

San Antonio, Texas 78265

(806) 778-5847 (Larry's cell)

Thank you for your continued prayers and love."

We remain..

In Christ & Mother Mary

Deacon Larry & Tonia

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GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life. We know it hurts, and we want to help.

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4601 Neely Ave, Midland Texas, Room 5
GriefShareSSCC@gmail.com



Adult Confirmation Classes for those Catholics who have been baptized and are above High School age, 18 years and older: Those candidates who also need to receive First Communion will receive it in the same ceremony. These classes are NOT for those who need to receive Baptism or Reception into Full Communion. Classes will begin on Tuesday, September 27, 2022 through November 15, 2022 from 7:00PM - 9 :00 PM for English in the Ballroom and on Thursday, September 29, 2022 in room 1 & 2 for Spanish. If you're interested in attending the classes, please contact our Parish at 432-520-7394 or via email gladys@ststephensmidland.com. **PS. A COPY OF YOUR BAPTISM CERTIFICATE IS REQUIRED TO TURN IN 1ST OR 2ND DAY OF CLASS (WITHOUT FAIL AND NO EXCEPTIONS).**

Se invita a todos losadultos, que han sido bautizados. mayores de 18 años que necesiten los sacramentos de Primera Comunión y Confirmación a una formación que iniciará el 27 de septiembre 2022 y concluirá el 15 de noviembre de 2022, la formación se llevará a cabo s de 7:00 PM a 9:00 PM en Ballroom (Ingles) y jueves, septiembre 29, 2022 en salón 1 & 2 (español) en la parroquia de San Esteban.Los que estén interesados favor de pasar a la oficina a inscribirse 432-520-7394, email gladys@ststephensmidland.com. Gracias. **PS. SE REQUIERE UNA COPIA DE SU CERTIFICADO DE BAUTISMO EN EL 1ER O 2º DÍA DE CLASE (SIN FALTA Y SIN EXCEPCIONES)**



Mass Intentions

For the week of August 28th, 2022

Sunday, August 28th-22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am †Bernard ter Haar by Barger Family
 12:00pm †Pablo Gomez Estrella by Familia
 5:00pm †Calvin "Bing" ko Domingo by Barger Family

Monday, August 29th- The Passion of St. John the Baptist

7:00am †Gerardo Alvarez by Family
 5:30pm †Brandon Barger By Mom, Dad & Sister

Tuesday, August 30th

7:00am †Edelio Gonzalez
 5:30pm †Olga H. Munoz By Barger Family

Wednesday, August 31st

7:00am †Enrique Blas Garcia
 5:30pm †Lois Matejek By Family

Thursday, September 1st- World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

7:00am †Amalia Garcia Cuellar
 5:30pm Alena & Ralph Crivello By Family

First Friday, September 2nd

7:00am †Harold Briscoe by JoElla & Family
 5:30pm †Joe P. Lopez by Family

First Saturday, September 3rd- St. Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church

8:00am †Rev. James Holl by Yen Khang Van
 5:00pm Audrey Oetting By Family

Sunday, September 4th-23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Steve Oetting by Family
 12:00pm †Claudio Arias by Familia
 5:00pm Alter Servers of St. Stephens by Family

Last Week Collections

Week of 08.15.22-08.21.22

Contributions:

Weekend Mass Offertory	\$ 14,647.32
Mailed or Delivered	\$ 1,297.00
Online	\$ 6,064.43
Other	\$ 4,584.00
Total Weekly Contributions	\$ 26,592.75

Weekly Budget Objective	\$ 26,500.00
Actual vs. Budget	\$ 92.75

Other Designated Funds	\$ 615.00
Second Collections	\$ 1,528.00*

*Includes contributions for: Helping Hands;
 Priests' Retirement

Thank You!

Upcoming Baptismal Classes: Próximas clases bautismales

September 11th, 2022 /
 11 de Septiembre 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 (spots
 are limited)

Por favor vengan a la oficina parroquial
 y presenten la licencia para registrarse.
 (los espacios son limitados)

Finding God in Beauty



Fr. Kevin will lead a series of
 talks that explore elements of
 the divine in art, music, story,
 and all things beautiful.

Thursdays from 7-8:30pm
 in the Youth Building.
 All are welcome.

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



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., 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, 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, Michael Hobbs, Joshua Center, Seve Martinez, Alicia Quiroz, Maddie Hall, Cesario Valenzuela & Family, Theresa Thetford, Aliyah Trevino, Joshua Matta, Teresa Kiser, Isaiah V, Ken Hunt, Jesse Sanchez, David Robertson, Christina M., Flores family, Vasquez family, Fran Thetford, Edwin Pharis, Ruth Pharis, Micah V., Michael Chavez, Sermin Salgado, Maria Salgado, Alejandro Luna, Brianna Hartter, Frankie Hartter, Mary Helen Smith, Kathleen S., Cindy M., Richard R., Ester Q., Troy F., Gina, Edward Muñiz, Ruben Benavides, and Jesus Lopez.

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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!

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4601 Neely Ave
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Beginning September 7th, 2022
from 9:30am-11am

in the Room #2

PRESENTED BY:
Joann

Registration: \$25 for Workbook

Contact: St. Stephens Office
at (432)520-7394
or

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VBS PRESENTING CHRISTMAS IN JULY 2023.. ALL ABOUT
JESUS!

VBS Warriors start meeting every first Tuesday of each month to gather ideas and coordinate all for an amazing Bible school for the kids next year. Where? St. Stephens Room 4. Time? 6 to 7 pm When? Every 1st Tuesday of each month! First Meeting is in September! Volunteers needed! Remember the best way to make a difference is through little ears! I look forward to seeing you there!



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September 19 - October 02, 2022

\$4,490.00 desde Midland/Odessa TX

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We have closed CCD registration for both English and Spanish. For any questions, please contact Gretchen by email at Gretchen@ssccmidland.com
Please contact Gretchen by email before calling the office.

**CCD office hours are Monday-Thursday
1pm-5pm Aug- May**

Hemos cerrado el registro de CCD tanto para inglés como para español. Para cualquier pregunta, póngase en contacto con Gretchen por correo electrónico a Gretchen@ssccmidland.com
Póngase en contacto con Gretchen por correo electrónico antes de llamar a la oficina.
El horario de oficina de CCD es de lunes a jueves de 1 p.m. a 5 p.m. de agosto a mayo

YOUNG ADULT MONTHLY PROGRAM

AUGUST

Every Thurs. 6:30-9:00pm

8.11

ADORATION, MASS & CONFESSION

8.18

LITURGY OF THE HOURS
(PRESENTATION)

8.25

SOLEM VESPERS & DINNER



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Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

We are excited to begin a new year of OCIA, Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, formerly known as RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults), starting Tuesday, September 13th from 6:45 PM – 8:45 PM in Room 11 for Spanish and in the Parlor for English. We are unable to provide childcare at this time. Would you like to learn more about the Catholic Faith? Are you interested in becoming a full member of the Catholic Church? Do you need your Sacraments of Initiation? (Baptism, Holy Eucharist, Confirmation) Then OCIA is for you! OCIA is a journey of exploration and initiation into the Catholic Church. OCIA is a fun, safe, faith-building discovery of Jesus Christ and the Church he founded. Is God calling you? The Catholic Church welcomes you! To register or receive more information, please fill out the registration form at the QR code below or call the parish office at 432-520-7394. If you are interested in serving on the Team OCIA, please let us know

OCIA, Orden de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos

Estamos emocionados de comenzar un nuevo año de OCIA, Orden de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos, anteriormente conocida como RICA (Rito de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos), a partir del martes 13 de septiembre de 6:45 p.m. a 8:45 p.m. en el cuarto 11 para Español y en el Parlor para Inglés. No podemos proporcionar cuidado de niños en este momento. ¿Te gustaría aprender más sobre la fe católica? ¿Está interesado en convertirse en un miembro de pleno derecho de la Iglesia Católica? ¿Necesitas tus Sacramentos de Iniciación? (Bautismo, Sagrada Eucaristía, Confirmación) ¡Entonces OCIA es para ti! OCIA es un viaje de exploración e iniciación en la Iglesia Católica. OCIA es un descubrimiento divertido, seguro y edificante de la fe de Jesucristo y la Iglesia que él fundó. ¿Dios te está llamando? ¡La Iglesia Católica les da la bienvenida! Para registrarse o recibir más información, complete el formulario de registro en el QR code mas abajo o llame a la oficina parroquial al 432-520-7394. Si está interesado en servir en el Equipo OCIA, háganoslo saber.



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. Father Kevin and Deacon Luis Mata 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. Fall trainings are as follows:

- Sunday September 18, 2022 from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm Sanctuary of the Church
- Sunday October 16, 2022 from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm Sanctuary of the Church
- Sunday November 20, 2022 from 2:00 pm to 3:30 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. We provide initial and ongoing training for all our servers. Proporcionamos capacitación inicial y continua para todos nuestros servidores. El padre Kevin y el diácono Luis Mata brindarán 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 otoño son los siguientes:

- Domingo 18 de Septiembre de 2022 2:00 pm a 3:30 pm Santuario de la Iglesia
- Domingo 16 de Octubre de 2022 2:00 pm a 3:30 pm Santuario de la Iglesia
- Domingo 20 de Noviembre de 2022 2:00 pm a 3:30 pm Santuario de la Iglesia

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

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ST. STEPHEN'S 2022 GOLF TOURNAMENT

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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:

Electric	5 families	\$ 1,540.75
Water	2 families	\$ 714.78
Gas	1 family	\$ 47.55
Rent	14 families	\$21,606.48
Transportation		\$ 1,000.00
Medical	4 families	\$ 2,182.99
ID	1 person	\$ 22.00
TOTAL		\$27,116.55

Oftentimes God gives us blessings in multiple ways. While our store is only open 2 days each week (Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 am until 2 pm), there are so many donations coming in to us (thank you, Lord) that we must have a crew at Helping Hands every single day to keep up with the workflow. The majority of the work is done by men and women performing community service, either to gain credit for college tuition assistance through the Abell-Hanger Foundation, or people who have had minor skirmishes with the law and have the opportunity to make good through performing good works. These people are the lifeblood of our organization, and we are truly grateful to have them as part of our family. We could not operate without them, and we thank God every day for sending them our way.

Some of the people performing community service are young parents, and sometimes their children will come at the end of the day to pick up their parent. Last Saturday, when the work was over and we were checking the community service workers out for the day, a young boy of perhaps 5 or 6 years of age came to us excitedly holding a pair of rubber boots that he had found in the store. "Please, please, please...can my mom buy these for me? They fit me just perfect. Pleeeaaasee?!? He held the rubber boot up to his shoe to show it was the correct size. How eager he was to have them!

We jokingly asked him if he was going to wear them in the bathtub, because rain in our area had pretty much become a distant memory. But then we looked outside at the clouds in the sky. Maybe, we thought, he might get lucky and get a few drops to test out his new boots. We told him that we would pray that he got some rain.

And lo and behold! Just a few hours after we had closed down for the day the heavens opened and the rains came! Streets were flooded. While we were all thankful for the gift of rain last week, those of us at Helping Hands were especially joyous for that little boy who had the blessed opportunity to test out those new rubber boots in the most magnificent way!

Yes, God is good. Good to Helping Hands for the men and women who choose to do their community service with us; good to all of us in Midland for the gift of that much needed rain; good for the loving mom who takes such wonderful care of her happy child; and especially good for the opportunity that little boy had to splash around in those much cherished new boots. Thank you, Lord...You are good indeed!

SEPTEMBER TRUCK SCHEDULE

Due to the Labor Day holiday, our trucks will not be at St. Stephen's until Saturday, September 10 from 9 am until 1 p.m. They will be at St. Ann's on Saturday, September 17 from 9 until 1.

We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday weekend!

Have you or someone you love suffered from the loss of a child through abortion?

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Spiritual Exercises

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Men: November 18-20, 2022
Spiritual talks, Eucharistic adoration, daily Mass.

For more information, email: texas@spiritualexercises.net or register online at: www.mileschristi.org