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St. Stephen's Catholic Church

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THE GIFT OF CONSOLATION A DAY OF REFLECTION ON GRIEVING

Saturday November 12th. 9am-3pm

St. Stephen's Catholic Church

Gloria Denman Ballroom

As Catholic Christians, we believe that this world is full of loss and pain, but that the suffering we experience is redeemed in Jesus Christ. If you have lost a loved one, friend, or simply recognize that there is some aspect of loss in your life, this day is for you. During this day of reflection, Fr. Kevin Lenius will offer two talks, there will be time of guided prayer and adoration, and we will celebrate a memorial Mass for all of our loved ones who have passed away. This event is free of charge and all participants are invited to bring a small picture of their loved one if applicable. Please register by calling the parish office or by scanning the QR code by November 6th.



ADORATION

Sign up for Adoration every Friday at ststephensmidland.com/adoration

MASS COORDINATORS NEEDED

We are in need of Mass Coordinators for weddings and funeral. You do not have to be a Mass Coordinator as we will train you. If interested, Please contact Diana Grenvik by texting 432.234.7821

BEFORE YOU LEAVE:

Please lock the door and turn the lights to the areas of the church facility you or your group use for a meeting or function. It is good stewardship to ensure the lights and AC/ Heat are turned off after using the church's facilities. We appreciate your cooperation in helping mitigate unnecessary costs in utilities by your attention to this matter.

SE NECESITAN COORDINADORES DE MISAS:

Necesitamos Coordinadores de Misa para bodas y funerales. No es necesario que sea un coordinador de Misa, ya que lo capacitaremos. Si está interesado por favor póngase en contacto con Diane Grenvik por mensaje de texto a 432-234-7821 o Viviana Martinez a 817-249-9095.

MONTHLY CLUB DANCE

DATE/TIME: SATURDAY, October 22, 2022/6:30 p.m. – 10:00 pm

COST/ATTIRE: \$30.00 per person/Casual

BAND: "Emily & the Rumba Kings" (Ballroom, Country, Latin, Swing, Variety)

CATERER: Phoenix Catering

MENU: Egg Rolls w/Sweet & Sour, Orange Chicken, Fried Rice, Stir Fried Vegetables, Ginger Lemon Cookies, Unsweet and Sweet Tea, Water. Please remember to make advance reservations, if possible, for this dance

So that we may have an accurate count for our wonderful caterer! NO ALCOHOL MAY BE BROUGHT INTO THE BALLROOM BY INDIVIDUALS **NOTE: NO BYOB is allowed in the Gloria Denman Ballroom per church policy. Reservations may be mailed to Club Dance, P. O. Box 7421, Midland, TX 79708. Reservation deadline is Wednesday, October 19, 2022. For more information, PLEASE CONTACT our Reservations Coordinator at: permianmusic87@gmail.com. Please do not contact St. Stephens for information on this function as it is separate from the church. THANK YOU!

BECOME A REGISTERED PARISHIONER

New Parishioners are welcomed! To become a Parishioner, Please register on our website sscmidland.com

BECOME A VOLUNTEER

Let us know your areas of interest. Let's serve our Parish Community together. Visit our website ststephensmidland.com/volunteer

St. Stephen's Catholic Church
Midland, Texas

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 23, 2022

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday October 23rd

9:00am. Steve Oetting— Family
12:00pm †Pablo Gomez Estrella— Family
5:00pm †Catlin Clare Pause— Mary Hardin

Monday, October 24th

7:00am Catlin Clare Pause—Helping Hands
5:30pm Francisco Garcia— Family

Tuesday, October 25th

7:00am †Olivia Bueno— Daughter & Family
5:30pm Lily Jamin (HB 95)— Qualls Family

Wednesday October 26th

7:00am †Frank & †Bernadina Hernandez— Olga
5:30pm †Josefina & †Manuel Licon— Rosa Hermosillo

Thursday October 27th

7:00am †Catlin Clare Pasue— Mary Hardin
5:30pm Meity Watson- Qualls Family

Friday October 28th

7:00am Fr. Rodney (HB)- Parish Staff (MT)
5:30pm Catlin Claire Pause— Helping Hands

Saturday October 29th

8:00am Catlin Clare Pause—Helping Hands
5:00pm Gloria May (HB) —Audrey & Mike Curry

Sunday October 30th

9:00am Gloria May (HB) — Audrey & Mike Curry
12:00pm †Jose Ruben Baeza—Family
5:00pm R.J. Bryan (HB)— Family

Please pray for the sick: Troy F., Gina, Edward Muñiz, Ruben Benavides, Jesus Lopez, Susan Burns, Chris Madrid, Brian Pittello, Serenity Williams, Tana C, Richard R., Alvaro C., Llewellyn Canio, Basilio—Canio Family, E. Aguirre, Christian Loya, Chuck Carter, Diana Paredes, Denise Ealy, Michelle Rios, Clara Maria, Deepak Dey, Luis Martin Rodriguez, Rolando De Casa.

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!

Tuesday November 1st, Solemnity of All Saints, is a Holy Day of Obligation

We will have Mass multiple times for your convenience. Please join us as we give thanks to God for the communion of saints and ask for their intercession.
7PM Mon Oct 31 (Vigil Mass)

7AM
12PM
7PM

Last Week Collections

Week of 10.10.22-10.16.22

Contributions:

Weekend Mass Offertory	\$ 14,744.75
Mailed or Delivered	\$ 2,710.00
Online	\$ 6,792.24
Other	\$ 2,438.36
Total Weekly Contributions	\$ 26,685.35

Weekly Budget Objective	\$ 26,500.00
Actual vs. Budget	\$ 185.35

Other Designated Funds	\$ 411.00
Second Collections	\$ 7,810.22*

**Includes contributions for: Helping Hands, Holiday Food for the Poor, US Bishops' Disaster Emergency Fund*

Upcoming Baptismal Classes: Próximas clases bautismales

November 13, 2022 /
13 de noviembre 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)

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

BAKERS NEEDED FOR FALL FESTIVAL

The St. Stephen's Women's Organization is asking members of our Parish Community for help. As many of you know, our annual Fall Festival will soon be underway and we are inviting people to donate cakes for the cake walk and all types of sweets for our Baked Goods Store, which is another popular booth. The Fall Festival will take place on Saturday, October 29th from 6:00 to 9:00 pm.

If you wish to donate any baked goods or sweets for the festivities, please bring them to the Church kitchen on Friday, October 28th between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. We accept all types of sweets, cookies, pies, cakes, candy apples, special homemade candies, etc.

We know that we live in an outstanding and giving Community and we also know that we have many wonderful bakers! Thank you for your help! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jimena True at 956-286-6432

POSITION AVAILABLE– CASHIER

The Diocese of San Angelo is accepting applications for the position of Cashier. The current cashier has accepted a promotion within the Diocese and will be transitioning to that new position once the replacement cashier has been placed and trained. Responsibilities will include entering all invoices, checks and deposits into the accounting program, preparing bank deposits, preparing ACH transactions, verifying accuracy of information by running financial reports, maintaining accounting records, and following approved purchasing policies. Hours are Monday – Friday, 8:00AM – 5:00PM with excellent benefits. Applicants can mail, email or hand deliver resume and/or application to Deacon Marc Mata, at 804 Ford St., San Angelo, TX 76905 or at mmata@sanangelodiocese.org. Position is open until filled but appointment is wanted as soon as possible.

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 October 16, 2022 from 2pm– 3:30pm in the Church Sanctuary

Sunday November 20, 2022 from 2PM– 3:30pm in the Church Sanctuary

For more information or questions please contact Ann Hobbs. (432)934-3192 or behobbs47@gmail.com

BULLETIN AD DEADLINE

If you would like to make an announcement for your ministry or event please email:

bulletin@ssccmidland.com as far in advance as possible. The bulletin deadline is **Tuesday at 10am**. We encourage you to get any announcements to us the week before to ensure we have space for your message. Thank you!

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 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: Anne Hobbs. 432-934-3192 behobbs47@gmail.com

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH NIGHTS

Grades 9th-12th are on Tuesdays from 7-8:30pm in the Youth Building.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH NIGHTS

Grades 6th-8th are on Sundays from 7-8:30pm in the Youth Building.

ST. STEPHEN'S ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT 2022.

Please join us for our Annual Trunk or Treat Wednesday October 26th from 6pm-7:30pm in the Church Parking lot. To register your vehicle please contact Chairman Kimberly Valenzuela @ 432.661.4276.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREATS

Have you or someone you love suffered from the loss of a child through abortion? We're here to help.

Confidential Weekend Retreats healing after abortion.

For more information call 432.897.4788 or email rachelsvineyardsanangelo@gmail.com

YOUNG ADULT PROGRAM– OCTOBER

Every Thursday from 6:30-9pm in the Youth Building.

10.20.2022 The Bible Project

10.27.2022 The Bible Project

ST. STEPHEN'S WOMENS ASSOCIATION

10/28/2022 FALL FESTIVAL & AUCTION SET UP! MEET AT CHURCH OFFICE AT 9:00 A.M.

10/28/2022 BAKERS NEEDED! PLEASE DROP OFF BAKED GOODS IN KITCHEN 9:00 - 4:00 P.M.

10/29/2022 FALL FESTIVAL & AUCTION!!! 6:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M.

10/29/2022 FALL FESTIVAL & AUCTION PICK UP. MEET AT CHURCH HALL AT 9:00 P.M.

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 last week:

Electric	3 families	\$ 764.09
Gas	2 families	\$ 166.96
Water	1 family	\$ 526.18
Rent	12 families	\$ 20,849.19
Transportation	3 families	\$ 864.38
Medical	2 families	\$ 2,822.43
TOTAL		\$ 25,993.23

CHRISTMAS 2022

FOR THE YOUNG...

Yes, like it or not it is here already! We are starting to receive inquiries on our helpline over assistance for Thanksgiving and Christmas. As in the past we are partnering with MISD's Project Head Start to provide assistance to those families that the counselors deem to be most deserving of help. We will be sponsoring 278 children with clothing and toys this Christmas and their families (111 in total) will receive gift certificates to HEB for food for their Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners.

How did the children (and yes, we have already closed out our program) qualify? Caseworkers from the schools have screened and visited each of these homes. The families involved are subsisting at way below poverty levels and are considered to be "high risk." Many are in such a state of crisis that counselors visit the homes to be sure that the families still have a roof over their heads, food for the children, and utilities on. These families are for the most part single parents with multiple children or the disabled. We are seeing an increasing number of grandparents on social security who are raising their grandchildren. Many of these families of 4+ people are trying to live on incomes of \$600/month.

FOR THE NOT-SO-YOUNG...

This year we were approached by someone from Focus Care at Hogan Park nursing home asking if we could help their 51 residents (30 females and 21 males) with much-needed items for Christmas. She asked for socks, gloves, beanies, throws and anything that would help them stay comfortable through our winter. We are busily saving all items that come into our store in good condition that can be handed off to them. We are also collecting large-print books, puzzle books and other items that might keep them entertained.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

While the Women's Organization and the parishioners from St. Stephen's does an outstanding job of providing new clothing for the children, we could use help with toys. Keep in mind that most of the children are in the 3-5-year-old range, and we only accept kids through age 12.

Donations of money for food for the gift cards can be mailed to Helping Hands (1301 Brinson Lane, Midland, TX 79703). We are hoping to raise \$12,000.

Our hearts go out to the seniors in nursing homes because many of them have no family to help provide for them. They are truly helpless.

Any items can be brought to our thrift store Monday through Saturday from 8 am until 2 pm or placed on our trucks outside of St. Stephen's on the first Saturday of each month (next time is Saturday, Nov.5) or at St. Ann's (next time being Saturday, Nov. 19) from 9 am until 1 pm. We will be sure to get your donation to a deserving person in need.

Any assistance that you can give us will free up our budget to continue to help our neighbors in need with their rent, utilities, medical and other legitimate needs. And despite living in a thriving economy, there are still many families who struggle to figure out how they will survive from month to month.

Thank you in advance to all of you who will help our families out this Christmas season!

ADOPT A PRIEST

DID YOU KNOW that the devil's principal target on earth is the Catholic Priest? The devil knows that holier Priests will lead to a holier Church. The Midland Lay Carmelites invite you to spiritually "ADOPT" a Priest from the Diocese of San Angelo (if you haven't already done so.) The only requirement is to pray daily for your Priest, according to your state in life. To have a Priest assigned to you, please call 432-296-9669 or send an email to: midlandlaycarmelites@gmail.com.

Encounter with God's Call Weekend

Conception Seminary College. Conception, Missouri. Come spend a few days to encounter God's call in your life. Visit the seminary, meet other young men who wish to do God's will, enjoy a free trip, and take time to pray in a beautiful atmosphere. November 11-14, 2022. What to bring: Polo or collar type shirts and nice jeans or slacks, dress clothes for Sunday Mass, toiletries, a coat, money for gift store, an open heart to hear our Lord. The vocation office will be contacting all attending closer to the dates, to give times of departure and return.

EL MINISTERIO DE MUJERES DE FE Y ESPERANZA INVITA AL MINIRETIRO PARA MATRIMONIOS "Sexualidad en el Plan de Dios"

Con Adriana y Francisco Martinez Cavazos. Sabado 29 de Octubre, 2022. 8:00am a 1:00pm. St. Stephen's Catholic Church Ballroom. Midland/ Odessa, Tx.

NO HABRA GUARDERIA

Marite Arredondo 432-270-7717 Yadira Olivas 432-349-8592 O Maria Vazquez 432-296-1897
 Donative: \$15.00



THANK YOU.



DATE: October 21, 2022

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I am writing to extend the parish administration's deepest gratitude to all those who supported, spread the word and contributed in any way to last year's iGiveCatholic campaign. We are very thankful for the generosity of this parish community. There were many areas of need that we focused on last year.

I wanted to provide an update as all of you have most likely experienced how real the supply chain issues are across various industries. Everything we set a goal for on last year's campaign we have been able to purchase. We exceeded our goal of \$50,000.00 and were also able to order much needed knee replacement pads that will have lots more cushion for the church pews. I have a purchase summary included in this bulletin so that you may see where the designated iGiveCatholic funds were spent. Unfortunately, there have been much longer delays than we originally anticipated on the new bulletin printer, the new altar candle sticks and other items. Due to the impact from the supply chain delays, some timeline estimates that were given to us have been delayed. For example, the beautiful new hymnals we purchased were anticipated to be here by June but we have been informed that it will most likely be November when the hymnals arrive.

We will be participating in this year's iGiveCatholic day of giving which falls on November 29, 2022. I thank you all for your support and commitment to St. Stephen's and will be providing more information in the weeks to come about our 3rd annual campaign goals for this coming giving day. If you have any questions or would like additional information please feel free to reach out to me at any time.

God's Blessings,
Amanda Trevino
Parish Business & Communications Manager



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