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St. Stephen's Catholic Church

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www.sscmidland.com**Rev. Rodney White, Pastor**

Assistant Pastor: Rev. Kevin Lenius

Deacons: Leonard Hendon, Luis Mata, Fidel Saldivar

Director of Religious Education: Gretchen Lara

Music Director: Gabriel Salgado

Youth Ministry Director: Noe Carrasco

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.

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

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES

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, January 10, 2023** through February 28, 2023 from 7:00 PM - 9 :00 PM for English in the Ballroom and on Thursday, January 12, 2023 through March 2, 2023 in room 5 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)

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.

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.

SEARCH PROGRAM

The Diocese of San Angelo Vocation Office is pleased to announce the revival of the SEARCH program in the Diocese of San Angelo! In anticipation of the next SEARCH (scheduled for March 3-5, 2023 at St Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Odessa), the SEARCH team will be hosting information sessions for DREs, CREs, Youth Ministers, and all interested persons throughout the area in Midland/Odessa, Abilene, and San Angelo. This will be an opportunity to explain the new direction of the SEARCH program. The SEARCH program has existed in the Diocese of San Angelo for 50+ years. Its impact in our diocese is undisputed, with eleven of the most recently ordained native-born clergy attributing their initial call to the SEARCH program. It has also blessed countless marriages and families in our area. Lite snacks will be served. We will send information on the subsequent gatherings, scheduled for: **January 9, 2023: Holy Angels Church in the Adult Center.** & January 19, 2023: Holy Family Church in the Church, classroom to the left as you walk in (behind sliding partition). RSVP with Fr. Ryan Rojo at rojo@sanangelodiocese.org. The Zoom link will be send in the days before the meeting.

+JMJ+

*A private Mass will be celebrated for****ALL PARISHIONERS OF ST. STEPHEN'S****in the Holy Land**at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher
by Fr. Kevin Lenius on**Sunday, January 9*

*May the Lord bless you in this season of grace
where we await and celebrate the coming of our
Lord to dwell among us.*

St. Stephen's Catholic Church
Midland, Texas

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 8th, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday January 8th– The Epiphany of the Lord

9:00am †Carolina Ramos by Beatris Lambdin

12:00pm Por la Parroquia

5:00pm †Michael Granado by Family

Monday January 9th– The Baptism of the Lord

7:00am Terry Repman By Donna Reker

5:30pm †Ramon Lara (HB) By Family

Tuesday January 10th

7:00am Raulito Chavez By Luz Gomez

5:30pm †Petra Velasquez By Family

Wednesday January 11th

7:00am †Rev. Dominic Richard Clark By Yen Khang Van

5:30pm St. Joseph Home Health Staff By Luz Gomez

Thursday January 12th

7:00am Beatris Lambdin By Johnson Family

5:30pm †Viola Acosta By Family

Friday January 13th

7:00am †Remi Ramos By Dorothy Ramos

5:30pm Beatris Lambdin By Johnson Family

Saturday January 14th

8:00am †Madolyn LaMonica By Qualls Family

5:00pm Griffin Qualls (HB) By Oma & Uncle Andrew

Sunday January 15th– 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am †Mary & †Rick Kiefer By Donna Reker

12:00pm †Pedro Garza & †Luz Estrada By Isela & Peter Garza

5:00pm For the Parish

Please pray for the sick: 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, Juan Raul Torres, Aracely Silva, Luis Mata Jr., Sonia Castillo & family, Joseph R. Kiowski, Mary Helen Smith, Brandon Taylor, Stephanie Maestas, Baby Sarah, Maricela Quiroz, & Frankie Hartter .

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!

Catholic Men's conference taking place at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in San Angelo TX on February 25th 2023
Keynote speaker is Bear Woznick, BENEDICTINE OBLATE, HUSBAND, FATHER, WORLD CHAMP SURFER. BIKER, ADVENTURER - MAN OF GOD. And our very own Most Reverend Bishop Sis. Kick off lent 2023 by living the first retreat of the Lenten season and aim for Manliness and Eucharist Revival.

Last Week Collections

Week of 12.26.22-01.01.23

Contributions:

Weekend Mass Offertory \$ 25,077.85

Mailed or Delivered \$ 2,383.00

Online \$ 7,995.03

Other \$ 346.00

Total Weekly Contributions \$ **35,801.88**

Weekly Budget Objective \$ 26,500.00

Actual vs. Budget \$ 9,301.88

Other Designated Funds \$ 18.55

Second Collections \$ 24,101.38*

**Includes contributions for: iGiveCatholic Campaign, Church Flowers, Helping Hands, Retirement for Religious*

Upcoming Baptismal Classes / Próximas clases bautismales:

**February 12, 2023 /
12 de Febrero del 2023
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

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

ADORATION

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

VOLUNTEERS FOR YOUTH NIGHT MEALS

We need volunteers to help with our youth night meal prep on Tuesday nights. If you are interested in learning more please contact Mandy@ssccmidland.com

CHILDRENS HOLY HOUR

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

Matthew 19:14

Children's Holy Hour every 1st Friday of the month. January 6th, 2023 in the St. Stephen's sanctuary 9:00AM-10:00am. All ages welcome. Feel free to come for 10 minutes or stay the whole hour.

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**

10:00am. We encourage you to get any announcements to us the week before to ensure we have space for your message. Thank you!

CLASES DE CONFIRMACIÓN PARA ADULTOS

Se invita a todos los adultos, que han sido bautizados. mayores de 18 años que necesiten los sacramentos de Primera Comunión y Confirmación a una formación que iniciará el 10 de enero 2023 y concluirá el 28 de febrero de 2023, la formación se llevará a cabo s de 7:00 PM a 9:00 PM en Ballroom (Ingles) y jueves, enero 12 de 2023 y concluirá el 2 de marzo de 2023 en salón 5 (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)

MONTHLY CLUB DANCE

DATE/TIME: Saturday, January 14, 2023/6:30 p.m. – 10:00 pm

COST/ATTIRE: \$30.00 per person/Casual

BAND: "ZBD Trio" (Country & Western, Variety)

CATERER: Phoenix Catering

MENU: Greek Meatballs with Spinach Parmesan

Couscous, Lemon & Garlic Green Beans, Meyer Lemon

Bars, Unsweet & 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, January 11, 2023. 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!

TEACHING MASSES WITH BISHOP SIS

In these masses we will explore the beautiful meaning of the signs, symbols and actions of the Catholic Mass.

January 20th, 2023: Holy Redeemer Church in Odessa. (Spanish)

February 16th: Our Lady of Guadalupe in Midland

February 21st: Holy Family in Abilene

April 11th: Holy Angels Church in San Angelo

All Masses will begin at 6pm. For more

information contact Fr. Ryan Rojo @ (325)651-7500 or rrojo@sanangelodiocese.org

PROJECT RACHEL - HEALING AFTER ABORTION

Have you or someone you love suffered from the loss of a child through abortion? We are here to help. Confidential Weekend retreats and counseling after abortion. For more information call 432.897.4788 or email projectrachel@sanangelodiocese.org

CCD CLASSES 2023

We will resume CCD this week.

Spanish Monday January 9th

OCIC Tuesday January 10th

English Wednesday January 11th

We hope you have a blessed and safe holiday!

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH NIGHT

We will not have youth night for the next couple of weeks.

HS youth nights will resume on Tuesday 1/17 @ 7pm

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH NIGHT

We will not have youth night for the next couple of weeks.

MS youth nights will resume on Sunday 1/15 @ 6:30pm

YOUNG ADULT PROGAM

Young adult nights will resume in January. Please contact youth director if you want to learn more about our informal program.

BECOME A REGISTERED PARISHIONER

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

ST. STEPHEN'S WOMEN ORGANIZATION

Happy New Year!

Next meeting is 01/09/2023 General Meeting 6:30 p.m. at the Parlor

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



Thank You, Midland, For Your Abundant Generosity!

Because of your tremendous compassion for the less fortunate, this is what you were able to assist them with in 2022:

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|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Electric | 195 families | \$ 70,204.07 |
| Gas | 42 families | \$ 17,355.09 |
| Water | 67 families | \$ 31,611.54 |
| Rent | 713 families | \$1,083,181.25 |
| Transportation | 24 families | \$ 25,277.72 |
| Medical | 38 families | \$ 21,754.04 |
| Misc. | 12 families | \$ 4,943.75 |
| <u>Holiday Food</u> | <u>112 families</u> | <u>\$ 14,560.00</u> |
| TOTAL | 1,203 families | \$1,268,887.46 |

You have blessed the lives of so many of our Midland neighbors who have been adversely affected by circumstances over which, in many cases, they had no control. We cannot thank you enough for all that you do for them through Helping Hands. May God bless you abundantly, and we wish you a joyful and prosperous New Year!

January Truck Schedule

Our truck will be at St. Ann's (1906 W. Texas) on Saturday, January 21 from 9 am until 1 p.m. to pick up any donations you might have for us. We deeply appreciate the Knights of Columbus for taking on this responsibility on our behalf.

LOST AND 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 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 or sold.

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.



ST. STEPHEN'S
CATHOLIC CHURCH

GROWING FRIENDSHIPS, FAMILIES & FAITH.

Thank You
FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Karl & Cynthia Brosig
Richard & Diane Grenvik
Jessica Aguirre
Cynthia Trevino
Jaime & Martha Ramos
Al Escamilla
Billy Foster
Marilyn Siruta
Valentin & Amanda Trevino
The Gutierrez family
David Daly
Dolores Valencia
Ngozi Emembolu
Justin Reyes
Theresa Nguyen
Fernando & Becky Espino
Erik Baeza
Deborah Vaughan
James & Debra Gonzales
Chidiebere
Nash Dowdle
Tom & Susan Jakl
John M. Wojtkun
Maria Trevino
Linda Foster
Joe and Lynda Sanchez
Antonio & Lupe Molinar

St. Stephen's Women's Organization

Gladys Qualls
Lupe & Patricia Villanueva
Joel & Carmen Damron



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Brian & Laura Shore
Dan & Marlene Landenberger
Joe and Julie Schwalbach
Paul Wurster
Steven & Gloria Oetting
Paz Carrizales
Yvonne & Jason Reyes
Harry Korthauer & Shawnda Meshirer
Pete Cordova
Gino and Rosa Martinez
Ruth Merino
Darrel Wiesman
Israel & Cheryl Fuentes
George Fierro
Fred Garza
Diane Diaz
Bernadette & Stephen Fanning
Llewellyn Canio
Julie Neal
Maria Garcia
Barry & Arleen Criswell
Fidel & Alicia Saldivar
Armando & Viviana Martinez
Marnell & Susana Santonil
Stephen & Christiana Robichaud
Betty Macchietto
Randy and Jennifer White
Dennis & Armida Quiroz



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Debra Buchanan
Gene & Jimena True
Lupe Perez
Phyllis Lattibeaudiere
Wanda Evans



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Jim & Maria Russum
Mario & Laura Hernandez
Cecilia Reyes
Hortencia Carrasco
Joseph Doubrava
Javier & Susan Guebara
Eileen Corley
Roseann Oden
Mark & Rebecca Dehlinger
Criss Kohl
Shelton & JoAnn Viney
William Wohlfeld
Kathy Lee
Mike & Lady Ann Medina
James Nanney
Monte & Denise Schrader
Arthur Dragisic
Joe & Terri Padilla
Paul & Megan Pause
Julianna Paustian
Beverly Maciaz
Bill & Anne Hobbs
Kelly & Cecilia Sokolowski
Linda Leps
Joel & Carmen Damron
Ramon & Minda Domingo
Zenaida Tolentino
JoAnn Sulak

Michael Jarldane
Douglas & Gloria May
Sharon Townsend

Dr. Tom Heiting
Brian Kusnerik



Rossilyn & Andrew Reed

Our Campaign was a success because of the generosity and spirit of our beautiful faith community.

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**Thank
you!**



Wish List for Building & Religious Education Improvements

| AREA OF NEED | QTY | PRICE |
|---|-----|--------------------------------|
| PARISH HALL SOUND SYSTEM REPAIRS | 1 | \$1500 |
| STAGE REPAIRS | 1 | \$2500 |
| UPDATE CLASSROOMS -FRESH PAINT | 11 | \$1400 |
| REMOVE CHALK BOARDS AND ADD DRY ERASE BOARDS | 10 | \$ 720 |
| BOOK SHELF FOR EACH CLASSROOM TO STORE RESOURCES | 10 | \$1500 |
| MODERN WINDOW COVERINGS - NEW MINI BLINDS | 11 | \$400 |
| SMART TVS FOR CLASSROOMS | 10 | \$2000 |
| NEW MODERN CHAIRS FOR CLASSROOMS | 10 | \$2000 |
| METAL LOCK CABINET IN EACH CLASSROOM | 10 | \$3500 |
| NEW RUG FOR KINDER CLASS FOR GATHERING | 1 | \$500 |
| LED LIGHTING CONVERSION ACROSS CHURCHCAMPUS | | \$100,000 |
| We surpassed our goal!!! | | We raised: \$116,310.00 |
| | | \$116,020.00 |