

**February 26th, 2023**

**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

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## ENCOUNTER WITH GOD'S CALL WEEKEND

Conception Seminary College in 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. March 24-27th, 2023. 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.

## LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Please join us for a Lenten study, No Greater Love; A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion. This study was the #1 best-selling study last year. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, No Greater Love is a biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. Best-selling author Edward Sri will guide us through the last hours of Christ's life. We will walk step by step with Jesus from the garden of Gethsemane to Mount Calvary. No Greater Love also features Fr. Mike Schmitz, Jeff Cavins, Jennifer Fulwiler, Curtis Martin, Teresa Tomeo, Fr. Josh Johnson and Elizabeth Sri. The 6 week study begins Ash Wednesday, February 22 and will meet from 9:30 to 11:00 am on Wednesdays at St. Stephens. Please

## LENTEN DINNER SCHEDULE 2023

March 3rd, 2023 will be various soups by the Youth / Youth Adults.

## 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. March 3rd, 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.

## ADORATION

Sign up for Adoration every Friday at [ststephensmidland.com/adoration](http://ststephensmidland.com/adoration)

## TEACHING MASSES WITH BISHOP SIS

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

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](mailto:rrojo@sanangelodiocese.org)

## 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.

## 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.

## DIOCESE OF SAN ANGELO- ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY

The Diocese of San Angelo is accepting applications for the Associate Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry. This position assists the Director of the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis. The Associate Director's primary responsibilities will be focus on youth, young adult and campus ministry. This person should be strongly committed to their Catholic Faith and ministry. Master's degree in theology, catechesis, pastoral studies, or related field and 3 to 5 years' experience at the parish or diocesan level are strongly desired. Hours include both traditional office hours and some evenings and weekends. Periodic travel throughout the diocese will also be required. For complete job descriptions, please visit <https://sanangelodiocese.org/job-openings>. Resumes and/or applications may be submitted to Deacon Marc Mata, 804 Ford St., San Angelo, TX 76905 or at [mmata@sanangelodiocese.org](mailto:mmata@sanangelodiocese.org). Position is open until filled .

St. Stephen's Catholic Church  
Midland, Texas

## First Sunday of Lent

February 26th, 2023

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Sunday February 26th— First Sunday of Lent

9:00am Marci Wilson By Family  
12:00pm †Librada Finol & †Adelmo Velarde  
By Maria Velarde  
5:00pm For the Parish

#### Monday February 27th—St. Gregory of Narell, Abbot & Doctor of the Church

7:00am †Margaret Shelkey By Fernando & Becky Espino  
5:30pm Gabriel Thompson (Bapt. Anniv.)  
By Godmother

#### Tuesday February 28th

7:00am Marilyn Lynskey By Jennifer White  
5:30pm Billy Wilson (HB) By Family

#### Wednesday March 1st

7:00am Arrica Franco By Fernando & Becky Espino  
5:30pm Destiny Ramirez (HB) By Parish Staff (AT)

#### Thursday March 2nd

7:00am †Ben ter Haar By Qualls Family  
5:30pm Gretchen Lara (HB) By Parish Staff (AT)

#### First Friday March 3rd— St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin

7:00am †Remie Ramos By Fernando & Becky Espino  
5:30pm †Mikel Foster By Qualls Family

#### First Saturday March 4th—St. Casimir

8:00am Valentin Trevino By Spouse  
5:00pm Altar Servers of St. Stephens's  
By Parish

#### Sunday March 5th— Second Sunday of Lent

9:00am For the Parish  
12:00pm †Mo Dominguez  
By Daughter  
5:00pm †Ralph Laumboch By White Family

### Last Week Collections

Week of 02.13.23-02.19.23

Contributions:

Weekend Mass Offertory	\$ 16,977.66
Mailed or Delivered	\$ 1,165.00
Online	\$ 6,863.00
Other	\$ 360.35
<b>Total Weekly Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 25,366.01</b>

Weekly Budget Objective	\$ 26,500.00
Actual vs. Budget	\$ (1,133.99)

Other Designated Funds	\$ 193.00
Second Collections	\$ 870.60*

\*Includes contributions for: : Helping Hands, Rachel's Vineyard

### Upcoming Baptismal Classes / Próximas clases bautismales:

**March 12, 2023 /  
12 de Marzo 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 vengán 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**

**Please pray for the sick:** 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, Sonia Castillo & family, Joseph R. Kiowski, Mary Helen Smith, Brandon Taylor, Stephanie Maestas, Baby Sarah, Maricela Quiroz, Frankie Harter, Henk Klaucke, Elizabeth Fritzl, Patricia Loira, Paulo Cesar, Regis, Sonia, Sanae, Joseph Mary Fasi, Alvaro Ramos & family, Kaitlyn Vasquez, Joe T. Chris W., Cindy M., Kathleen S., Anthony R., Roberto L., Vasquez family, Isaiah & Victoria, Esther Estrada, Cecilia Livingston, Valarie Frank, Vanessa V. Betty, Randall, Beth B. Marcus, Marcus Jr. Mica & Brittany V., Eddie L.

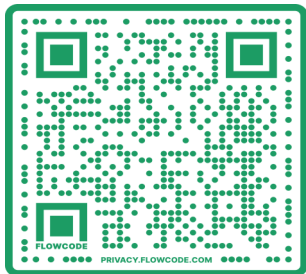
Email [frontdesk@ssccmidland.com](mailto:frontdesk@ssccmidland.com) or call the office at 520-7394 to be added to the prayer list! If someone needs to be removed from prayer list please contact the office to remove request. Thank you!

## 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 432.236.9883 or email [projectrachel@sanangelodiocese.org](mailto:projectrachel@sanangelodiocese.org)

## MEAL TRAIN FOR ST. JOSEPH'S MINISTRY

The St. Joseph Ministry is an outreach ministry dedicated to serving families in our community who are involved in the child welfare system. Part of what this ministry offers is an occasional meal for relative placements, mothers and fathers recently reunified with their children, and foster/adopt families. We have created a Meal Train to provide frozen meals for these families. Our goal is to provide support and assistance to these families and take a little stress off their plate. Please scan the QR code and sign up to provide a frozen meal. We appreciate your help!



## BECOME A REGISTERED PARISHIONER

New Parishioners are welcomed! To become a Parishioner, Please register on our website [ssccmidland.com](http://ssccmidland.com)

## 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.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School is approaching! This is the time to start planning. We are in need of adult and youth volunteers. Incoming Confirmation 1 and retuning Confirmation 2 students are all welcomed to help to start getting your service hours for the year! If you are interested in helping please email [Gretchen@ssccmidland.com](mailto:Gretchen@ssccmidland.com) or [bulletin@ssccmidland.com](mailto:bulletin@ssccmidland.com) and we can put you down on the list.

## STEUBENVILLE LONE STAR 2023 (JUNE 23-25)

All teens who will be in grades 9-12th in Fall 2023 are welcome to register for this conference. Registration and details concerning this trip can be found on our website [www.sccmidland.com/lonestar2023](http://www.sccmidland.com/lonestar2023)



## MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Nights (Grades 6-8) - Sundays 6:30-8pm in the Youth Building

## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Nights (grades 9-12) - Tuesdays 7-8:45pm in the Youth Building

## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Young Adult Nights (ages 18-40) - Thursdays 6:30-8:30pm in the Youth Building

## MEALS FOR YOUTH NIGHTS

If you would like to help provide meals for our weekly youth nights, please email [youthministry@ssccmidland.com](mailto:youthministry@ssccmidland.com)

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## BULLETIN AD DEADLINE

If you would like to make an announcement for your ministry or event please email: [bulletin@ssccmidland.com](mailto: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!

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:

Electric	4 families	\$ 1,509.40
Water	2 families	\$ 567.28
Rent	18 families	\$ 30,806.09
Medical	2 families	\$ 1,710.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 34,592.77</b>

We ran this in the St. Stephen's bulletin and Midland Reporter-Telegram on January 16, 2003, when our organization was just 5 years old:

There was a small church in a village in Germany that was destroyed by a bomb during World War II. When the villagers set about to rebuild the church they found in the rubble the ancient crucifix that once hung behind the altar, however both of Jesus' arms were missing. Much discussion took place over whether the crucifix should be repaired, or a facsimile of the original be made. In the end, it was decided that the original crucifix, without arms, be hung behind the altar of the newly rebuilt church. Above the crucifix is a sign that reads "You are my arms." The crucifix and sign are still there today.

We are all called to be God's arms in this world, and we must never, through laziness, weariness, or for any reason, miss an opportunity to be His instruments for making His redemptive work present in our lives, and in the lives of those around us. Any small service that we do for our neighbors becomes the fruit of our love for Christ.

We then reported that the week previously we helped 16 families with rent, utilities, transportation and medical expenses at a cost of \$2,363.25.

How far we have come! As reported last week we assisted 26 families at a cost of \$34,592.77! Back in 2003 we struggled to come up with even that little bit of revenue and as such were limited in how much we could spend on each family. Through your incredible generosity over the years, we have grown to where we can now assist families with TOTAL NEED. And last week that was \$34,592.77. Your arms have reached out to embrace us over the years and allowed us the opportunity to do so much more. That we are here at all is all due to our donors, and we are humbled by how you have protected us over the years and allowed us to grow. God bless you!

#### GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Help and encouragement after the death of a loved one. 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. Saturdays at 2:30pm-4:30pm. Starts February 4th-April 29th, 2023 here at St. Stephen's Catholic Church in Room 11. To register email us or scan the QR code [griefsharesscc@gmail.com](mailto:griefsharesscc@gmail.com)



#### 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](mailto:midlandlaycarmelites@gmail.com).

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Dear Fr. White,

Following the recommendation of the Priest Personnel Board, effective July 1, 2023, I appoint you as pastor of St. Ann Parish in Midland. I sincerely thank you for accepting this assignment as I know you do it in a spirit of obedience and sacrifice for God and his people. Please arrange for the Rite of Installation, either by me or by the local dean, at one of the parish Masses soon after July 1, 2023. You will be required to make the Profession of Faith and Oath of Fidelity enclosed.

The change of assignment should be announced to the parish staff on Friday, February 17, 2023; to the parishioners at the weekend Masses of February 18-19, 2023; Social media announcements after the Saturday evening Mass; and electronically by the Diocesan Communication Office on Monday, February 20, 2023.

Please know that I stand ready to be of assistance to you in any way that I can. I ask God's blessings upon you and your parishioners during the time of transition.

With kin personal regards and asking for a remembrance in your prayers, I remain yours in the joy of Christ's service,

Most Rev. Michael J. Sis  
Bishop of San Angelo

Dear Fr. Lenius

Upon the recommendation of the Priest Personnel Board, I am happy to assign you to study Canon Law in pursuit of the J.C.L. degree as a full-time student at the Catholic University of America in Washington D.C., effective August 1, 2023.

The change of assignment should be announced to the parish staff on Friday, February 17, 2023; to the parishioners at the weekend Masses of February 18-19, 2023; Social media announcements after the Saturday evening Mass; and electronically by the Diocesan Communication Office on Monday, February 20, 2023.

If you have not done so already, please proceed to make arrangements for your transportation, matriculation, and housing.

Thank you for your willingness to commit to study Canon Law at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. Please know that I stand ready to be of assistance to you in any way I can. Feel free to contact me at any time. I am very grateful for your faithful service to the Diocese of San Angelo, and look forward to your continued ministry upon your return.

Yours in the joy of Christ's service  
Most Rev. Michael J. Sis  
Bishop of San Angelo

Dear Fr. Govindu

Following the recommendation of the Priest Personnel Board, and the dean, Very Rev. Joseph Choutapalli, effective July 1, 2023, I appoint you as pastor of St. Stephen parish in Midland. I sincerely thank you for accepting this assignment as I know you do it in a spirit of obedience and sacrifice for God and his people. Please arrange for the Rite of Installation, either by me or by the local dean, at one of the parish Masses soon after July 1, 2023. You will be required to make the Profession of Faith and Oath of Fidelity enclosed.

I am grateful to you for your commitment to the Church and to priestly ministry. The ordained minister cannot fulfill the function of his ministry and leadership alone. For this reason, I ask that you open doors to the laity for active participation in ministry and leadership in the parish. Always consider it a privilege to serve God's people and do it with a spirit of joy and enthusiasm. All of us have the opportunity in countless ways to foster vocations to the priesthood, the diaconate, and religious life. I ask you to make this one of your constant concerns.

Please know that I stand ready to be assistance to you in any way that I can. I ask God's blessing upon you and your parishioners in this time of transition.

With kind personal regards and asking for a remembrance in your prayers, I remain yours in the joy of Christ's service,

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# *Project Rachel Benefit Dinner*

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CHURCH - MIDLAND, TX

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FOR TABLES OR INDIVIDUAL SEATS AT  
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