

April 2nd, 2023

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Assistant Pastor: Rev. Kevin

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Fr. Kevin to offer Class on the Holy Triduum Tue at 7pm in Youth Building

Join Fr. Kevin as he offers an evening class and reflection on the Holy Week liturgies. The presentation will be bilingual.

Únete al P. Kevin mientras ofrece una clase vespertina y una reflexión sobre las liturgias de la Semana Santa. La presentación será bilingüe. Martes 7PM en el edificio juvenil.

MASS FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES AND THEIR CAREGIVERS

Sunday, April 16th @ 4pm at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, Odessa Tx. Sensory friendly environment, Opportunity to Attend Mass as a family, and a special blessing for the caregivers and the children. All are welcomed! For any questions call Megan at (214) 901-6099

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.

FIRST COMMUNION MASSES

This year we will be having our First Communion Masses during the week at daily Mass. The following dates are when they are.

April 12th @ 5:30pm: All 2nd grade (English)

April 19th @ 5:30pm: 3rd-6th grade & 7th-12th (English)

May 1st at 5:30pm: All Spanish grades

DIOCESE OF SAN ANGELO- ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR FOR 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.

Position is open until filled .

Why do we veil statues and crucifixes during Lent?

In a sense, we are putting on "blinders" at this time, so that we can focus on the heart of the faith. Sacred Images and statues are veiled as a "deprivation of the senses" as we begin to just focus on the central mystery of our faith: the paschal mystery (the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus). These sacred images are uncovered and return "in glory" in the light of the resurrection. Crucifixes are veiled for another reason: to allow the unveiled crucifix on Good Friday to become the central focal point. Holy images and crucifixes can be veiled at many different times: either for the entirety of Lent, at the beginning of Passiontide (5th week of Lent), just for Holy Week, or simply for Good Friday and Holy Saturday. As we enter the final two weeks of Lent, we are now in a time called "Passiontide." All the readings begin to focus not on fasting, prayer, and almsgiving, but on the passion and suffering of Jesus. We at St. Stephen's choose to cover statues and images at this time to remind us that we are now fully preparing to celebrate Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection.

St. Stephen's Catholic Church
Midland, Texas

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

April 2nd, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday April 2nd– Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

9:00am †Juanita Muniz By SSCC Count Team
12:00pm Por la Parroquia
5:00pm †Luis Mata Jr. By Family

Monday April 3rd

7:00am †Rev. Gerald Joseph Griffin By Yen Khang Van
5:30pm †Frank & †Bernadina Hernandez By Olga

Tuesday April 4th

7:00am †Remie Ramos By Fernando & Becky Espino
5:30pm Jennifer White and Family By Amanda Trevino

Wednesday April 5th

7:00am Fernando Espino (HB) By Family
5:30pm Amanda Trevino By Family

Thursday April 6th

7:00pm Mass for the Lord's Supper

Friday April 7th-Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)

3:00pm Good Friday Stations of the Cross (Not A Mass)
7:00pm Service of the Lord's Passion

Saturday April 8th– Easter Vigil

8:30 Holy Saturday– Solemn Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection

Sunday April 9th– Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

9:00am Easter Sunday English Mass
12:00pm Easter Sunday Spanish Mass

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 Fink, Vanessa V. Betty, Randall, Beth B. Marcus, Marcus Jr. Mica & Brittany V., Eddie L., Aileen Paris Rodriguez, Karen Howe, Shashini Kumari, John Walker, Elizabeth Fritzl, Sammy R., Macaria R., Beth B, Lynda Sanchez., Anita P., Martha P., John W. Grace, & Carly P.

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!

Last Week Collections

Week of 03.13.23-03.19.23

Contributions:

Weekend Mass Offertory	\$ 18,720.52
Mailed or Delivered	\$ 2,839.00
Online	\$ 5,388.00
Other	\$ 342.71
Total Weekly Contributions	\$ 27,290.23

Weekly Budget Objective	\$ 26,500.00
Actual vs. Budget	\$ 790.23

Other Designated Funds	\$ 1,405.00
Second Collections	\$ 1,085.85*

**Includes contributions for: Helping Hands, Black & Indian Mission Catholic Extension Society*

Week of 03.20.23-03.26.23

Contributions:

Weekend Mass Offertory	\$ 18,249.38
Mailed or Delivered	\$ 680.00
Online	\$ 5,798.00
Other	\$ 552.19
Total Weekly Contributions	\$ 25,279.57

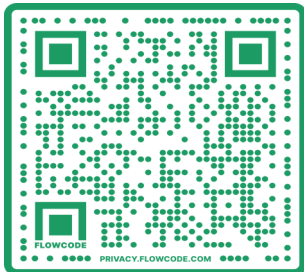
Weekly Budget Objective	\$ 26,500.00
Actual vs. Budget	\$ (1,220.43)

Other Designated Funds	\$ 1,355.00
Second Collections	\$ 5,721.95*

**Includes contributions for: Helping Hands, Black & Indian Missions, Diocesan Sermanarian Education, Europe, Latin America & Africa Aid to the Church*

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!



DIOCESE OF SAN ANGELO- ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF FORMATION

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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

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.

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



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@sccmidland.com

TOTUS TUUS

As we start planning for the summer we need about 10 adult volunteers for Totus Tuus June 4th-9th. If you haven't already please come to the office and do a back ground check and ethics training. We also need Youth Volunteers. Confirmation students are encouraged to help during these weeks in the summer in order to get their Service hours they need during the year. For any questions please contact Gretchen through email.

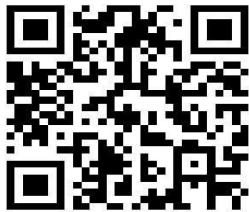
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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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@sccmidland.com or bulletin@sccmidland.com and we can put you down on the list.

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



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

MARRIAGE JUBILEE 2023

Marriage Jubilee 2023 - All couples who are celebrating their church wedding anniversaries of 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, and above in the calendar year of 2023 are invited to the Diocesan Marriage Jubilee bilingual celebration on Saturday, April 22, 2023, at 4:00 p.m., in the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in San Angelo. Renewal of their commitment will take place within the Mass. Those who attend the Mass can pick up their certificates at the Cathedral that day. For registration information, please contact your pastor. The deadline to register for this celebration is Monday, April 10, 2023.

Jubileo Matrimonial 2023 - Todas las parejas que celebran sus aniversarios de boda por la iglesia de 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 años y más en el año calendario de 2023 están invitadas a la celebración bilingüe del Jubileo Matrimonial Diocesano el sábado, 22 de abril de 2023, a las 4:00 de la tarde, en la Catedral del Sagrado Corazón de San Ángel. La renovación de su compromiso se hará durante la Misa.

Quienes asistan a la Misa podrán recoger sus certificados en la Catedral ese día. Para obtener información sobre el registro, comuníquese con su párroco. La fecha final para inscribirse en esta celebración es el lunes, 10 de abril de 2023.

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!

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. April 7th, 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.

BECOME A REGISTERED PARISHIONER

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

MASS COORDINATORS NEEDED

We are in need of Mass Coordinators for weddings and funerals. 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.

ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING

APRIL 20, 2023

Time: 6:00pm-7:30pm

Location: The Gloria Denman Ballroom



ST. STEPHEN'S
CATHOLIC CHURCH

GROWING FRIENDSHIPS, FAMILIES & FAITH.

ALL PARISHIONERS ARE
ENCOURAGED TO
ATTEND.

BRING A FRIEND, IT
COULD SAVE THEIR LIFE
ONE DAY.

SAVE THE DATE

**This is a mandatory
training for all Catechists.**



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:

Electricity	1 family	\$ 187.12
Water	1 family	\$ 500.00
Gas	2 families	\$ 1,300.01
Rent	16 families	\$ 27,920.37
TOTAL		\$ 29,907.50

A while ago we assisted three elderly people in the same week better their lives through finding better housing.

The first man, 86 years of age was living in an apartment. Lately he had taken a couple of falls in his apartment. His was frightened to live alone. What would happen if he fell and could not get help? He thought of moving into an assisted living facility but did not think he could afford it on his retirement and Social Security. A friend of Helping Hands came to his assistance. She phoned several assisted living facilities in Midland and found that he made enough money to afford one of the better facilities in Midland. While he could afford the month-to-month fee that would pay for room, utilities and food, he did not have the money necessary to move in. We were happy to oblige and the man moved into his new home a week later. We spoke with him last week. He was happy and felt secure in his new environment.

Then we received a call from a motel manager. An elderly man had been living in his motel for several months; however as motel rates continued to increase he was no longer able to pay the rates. The motel discounted his rate for as long as it could, but finally the owners said that they could no longer grant him the discount. The manager asked what options were available. We steered him toward the Midland County Housing Authority and they were able to offer him a room in one of their facilities where rates are based on income. The only problem is that the room would not be available for one month. We offered to cover his motel expense for that month, and asked that he use his money for move in expenses into his new home.

An 84-year-old woman found a place to live at Santa Rita Retirement Village, again, a place where rent is based on income. She had been living in an apartment that she could no longer afford so the new opportunity was a stroke of luck. Unfortunately, at 84 she was unable to move her possessions by herself. She has no family in Midland. She called the Crisis Intervention Unit, who called us. Teen Court volunteers offered to provide the labor for the actual move, and an old friend of Helping Hands offered to provide his truck to us at no charge. She was moved into her new home Saturday.

What blessings for all of these seniors and for us! A lot of the work that we are able to accomplish is done so because of the efforts of people such as you, who see a need and respond to it. We are grateful for your help and we are thankful that we are able to respond. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

APRIL TRUCK SCHEDULE

Our trucks will be at St. Ann's on Saturday, April 15 from 9 am until 1 pm to take your donations. Tax receipts will be available.

Upcoming Baptismal Classes / Próximas clases bautismales:

**April 16th, 2023 /
16 de Abril 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

Holy Week

SCHEDULE

April 6 Mass of The Lord's Supper	7PM
April 7 Good Friday Stations of The Cross (Not a mass)	3PM
April 7 Service of The Lord's Passion	7PM
April 8 Holy Saturday- Solemn Vigil of The Lord's resurrection	8:30PM
April 9 Easter Sunday English Mass	9AM
April 9 Easter Sunday Spanish Mass	12PM

