

April 23rd, 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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Are you a first responder, doctor or nurse that regularly attends St. Stephen's? If so, please contact the Parish Business Manager, Amanda Treviño at (432) 230-2687.

FIRST FRIDAY AND FIRST SATURDAY MAY 6 and 7 ALL DAY ADORATION

In honor of Our Lady whom we celebrate throughout the month of May, we will have extended adoration Friday and Saturday May 6 and 7.

Friday 7am-9pm

Saturday 8am - 9pm.

Please call Janelle Edwards at (432) 556-5400 to sign up for an hour.

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 26th @ 5:30pm: 3rd-6th grade & 7th-12th (English)

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

ADULT CONFIRMATION 2023

If you were confirmed by our Bishop Michael Sis, March 23, 2023 at our Parish, your Certificates are ready to be picked up at the Parish Office.

For any information, please contact Gladys at 432-520-7394.

ADORATION

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

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS

Next week we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Nearly 40% of the dioceses in the United States are considered mission territories because they are not fully able to fund essential pastoral activities needed in their area. Our diocese is one of those who receive support from this national collection.

Your support of this appeal helps all the mission dioceses right here in the U.S. to meet their faith formation and sacramental needs. Thank you for your support. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

Llamado para las Misiones Católicas

La próxima semana realizaremos el Llamado para las Misiones Católicas. Cerca del 40% de las diócesis en Estados Unidos es considerado territorio misionero ya que esas diócesis no pueden financiar completamente las labores pastorales básicas que se necesitan en sus áreas. Nuestra diócesis es una de las que reciben apoyo de esta colecta nacional. Su apoyo a este llamado ayuda a todas las diócesis misioneras aquí en los Estados Unidos a satisfacer sus necesidades sacramentales y de formación en la fe. Gracias por su apoyo. Pueden encontrar más información en www.usccb.org/home-missions.

BECOME A REGISTERED PARISHIONER

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

St. Stephen's Catholic Church
Midland, Texas

3rd Sunday of Easter

April 23rd, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 23rd– 3rd Sunday of Easter

9:00am †Edward Leps By Wife Linda Leps
12:00pm Por la Parroquia
5:00pm †Lalo & †Petra Velasquez By Family

Monday April 24th– St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr

7:00am †Patricia White By Ngozi
5:30pm Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday April 25th– St. Mark, Evangelist

7:00am †Betty & †Alphonse Urbanovsky By Family
5:30pm Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday April 26th

7:00am Souls in Purgatory
5:30pm †Carlos Marquez Sr. By Lay Carmelites

Thursday April 27th

7:00am †Ronald Sulak By Family
5:30pm Abby Mueller

Friday April 28th– St. Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr; St. Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest

7:00am Don Templeton By Phil Miller & Bryan
5:30pm In the thanksgiving for Gabriel Lujans Baptism By Tino & Cora Rodriguez

Saturday April 29th– St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

8:00am Mark Sulak By Family
5:00pm †Frank & †Bernadina Hernandez By Olga

Sunday 30th– 4th Sunday of Easter

9:00am Thanksgiving to St. Anthony By Parishioner
12:00pm †Luis Mata Jr. By Barger Family
5:00pm For the Parish

Please pray for the sick: 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, Frankie Hartter, Henk Klauke, Elizabeth Fritzl, Patricia Loira, Paulo Cesar, Regis, Sonia, Sanae, Joseph Mary Fasi, Alvaro Ramos & family, 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., Olivia V., Frank Hartter, Fermin Salgado, Sokolowski family, Maria Salgado, J.J Hord, Bennie Hawkins, Justina Flayngeg, & Quincy Jackson Jr.

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 04.03.23-04.09.23

Contributions:

Weekend Mass Offertory	\$ 18,211.15
Mailed or Delivered	\$ 2,275.00
Online	\$ 7,508.00
Other	\$ 566.50
Total Weekly Contributions	\$ 28,560.65

Weekly Budget Objective	\$ 26,500.00
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Actual vs. Budget	\$ 2,060.65
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Other Designated Funds	\$ 205.00
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Second Collections	\$ 1,119.05*
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**Includes contributions for: Helping Hands, Catholic Relief Services*

Upcoming Baptismal Classes / Próximas clases bautismales:

**May 7th, 2023 /
7 de Mayo 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

MARY AND THE EUCHARIST

On MAY 6 from 8 am—3:30 pm,
at the Cathedral Church of the Sacred Heart
Join USCCB National Eucharistic Preachers
Fr. Linh Nguyen and Fr. Ryan Rojo
Along with local speakers Sarah Fellona, Amy
Perez, and Deacon Freddy Medina.
Register for the Marian Conference of the year at:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mary-and-the-eucharist-registration-579355426677> for \$25 plus a fee. For more info, please contact:
legionofmary.sanangelo@gmail.com
(325) 812-5008 - Chris Garcia

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

CLERGY VS. YOUTH KICKBALL

The Vocation office presents Kickball Clergy vs. Youth! Sunday May 21, 2023 at the Wylie High School Softball Field. 5926 Bledsoe Rd. Abilene, Tx. 76906 @ 6:00pm. For more Information call (325) 651-7500 or send an email to Vocation@sanangelodiocese.org

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. May 5th, 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.

DISCERNMENT RETREAT

The Diocese of San Angelo presents the Discernment Retreat. May 19-21, 2023 for all High school men and Above at Holy Family Catholic Church. 5410 Buffalo Gap Road. Abilene Tx, 79606. Come learn more about the Diocesan Priesthood! Meet our Seminarians, Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, Prayer, and Priestly Witness. For more Information Contact Fr. Ryan Rojo at (325)651-7500 rrojo@sanangelodiocese.org or visit the website dosavocation.org

CARS FOR SEMINARIAN USE

The diocese is looking for generous parishioners to gift drivable vehicles to the diocese to be used by seminarians. We are looking for 1-2 cars. All cars will be inspected by local mechanics to determine their appropriateness for long-distance travel. Cars will be covered by the diocese's fleet insurance.

GUADALUPE RADIO NETWORK

We're hiring! Want to impact countless souls for the Glory of God? The Guadalupe Radio Network is looking for a Bi-lingual General Manager for the West Texas Market. The West Texas market has 13 Catholic radio stations and 1 in Clayton, New Mexico. This is a wonderful opportunity to join a Catholic apostolate dedicated to the highest level of professionalism, competence, ethics, and Catholic values. We are dedicated to spreading the knowledge, love, and practice of the Catholic Faith by means of radio and digital media. Guadalupe Radio Network is Radio for your Soul! The central offices are located in Midland, Tx. Are you or someone you know seeking a new career? How about serving our Lord in a tangible, hands-on kind of way? Consider the positive impact YOU can make by joining our Catholic radio ministry. Imagine how many lives, how many souls you can help lead to our Lord Jesus Christ. The GRN operates 39 radio stations across the United States reaching over 24 million potential listeners. Skills Needed:

- Computer literacy
- An ability to work under tight deadlines
- Public speaking skills
- Attention to detail
- Good communication skills
- Task oriented
- Good people skills
- Organizational skills
- Goals focused for the benefit of souls!

Responsibilities:

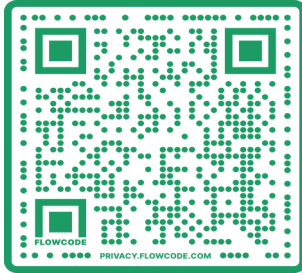
- Marketing : Community outreach, finding and managing volunteers.
- Fundraising.
- Programming: Create PSA's and advertiser announcements.
- Station Operations: Monitor "On Air" performance.
- FCC Compliance.
- Process improvement and finding of and implementation of best practices.
- General assistance with duties beneficial to the GRN, as needed by Leadership.

If you are an active, faithful Catholic in good standing, and would like to explore a career with the Guadalupe Radio Network, please submit your resume and a cover letter to careers@grnonline.com stating why you think you are a good fit and why you would like to work for the Guadalupe Radio Network.

The GRN offers a competitive salary and benefits package.

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!



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.

Gretchen@ssccmidland.com

TOTUS TUUS REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

This year's Totus Tuus catechesis program will be held June 5-9 for children in grades 3rd-7th and June 4-8 for teens in grades 8th-12th. Registration is now open online at www.sccmidland.com/totus-tuus.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

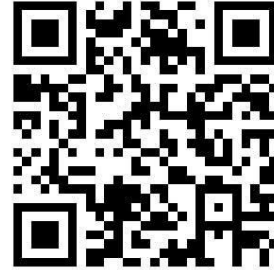
Vacation Bible School is approaching! This is the time to start planning. We are in need of adult and youth volunteers. Incoming Confirmation 1 and returning Confirmation 2 students are all welcomed to help to start getting your service hours for the year! If you are interested in helping please email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

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!

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



PRIEST APPRIECTION WEEK

APRIL 17TH-APRIL 20

"GRACIOUS AND LOVING GOD,
WE THANK YOU FOR THE GIFT
OF OUR PRIESTS. THROUGH
THEM, WE EXPERIENCE YOUR
PRESENCE IN THE
SACRAMENTS. HELP OUR
PRIESTS TO BE STRONG IN
THEIR VOCATION. SET THEIR
SOULS ON FIRE WITH LOVE FOR
YOUR PEOPLE."

THANK YOU FATHER
RODNEY & FATHER
KEVIN FOR ALL YOU
DO!

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	4 families	\$1,704.68
Water	1 family	\$500.00
Rent	19 families	\$31,031.71
Total		\$33,236.39

*Thank You,
Trinity School!*

We were pleased to be the beneficiary of the Trinity School 7th Graders Amy Bell Charities BIGG project. The students raised over \$1200 from a pie throwing event to benefit Helping Hands. At the event, the 7th graders got to pie the Middle School teachers! And teachers, you were great sports! Thanks to all of you at Trinity School from all of us at Helping Hands!



Helping Hands executive director Scott Sollee accepts a check from the 7th grade students of Trinity School last week.



Helping Hands May Truck Schedule

Our trucks will be at St. Stephen's on Saturday, May 6 from 9 am until 1 pm and at St. Ann's on Saturday, May 20 from 9 am until 1 pm to pick up your donations. Receipts are available upon request.

Fr. Rodney White 20th Anniversary of Ordination



Join us as we honor Fr. Rodney's
twenty years of service to God.

We will celebrate him with dinner in
The Gloria Denman Ballroom at
6:30pm on Saturday May 27th

All are welcome