

**May 21st, 2023**

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### **FIRST RESPONDERS**

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 or [Mandy@ssccmidland.com](mailto:Mandy@ssccmidland.com)

### **SPECIAL COLLECTION MAY 20TH -21ST**

Our annual collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign will be taken up in all of The Diocese of San Angelo parishes and missions on the weekend of May 20-21, 2023. Thank you & God bless you for your support of this national collection.

### **OCIA ( Orden de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos).**

Si fue bautizado, tuvo su Primera Comunión y fue Confirmación o hizo su Profesión de Fe la última Vigilia Pascual, 8 de abril de 2023, sus certificados están listos para ser recogidos. para cualquier pregunta, comuníquese con Gladys al 432-520-7394 en la oficina parroquial.

### **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.sscmidland.com/totus-tuus](http://www.sscmidland.com/totus-tuus).

### **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!

### **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)

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION**

We have started registration for VBS. Monday-Thursday from 1:00pm-5:00pm. The fee is \$25 per child and includes t-shirt. Those entering 1st- 6th grade. Spots are limited so please come by the office during those times to get registered. Spanish VBS is June 19-23rd from 8:00am-12:00pm. English VBS is the following week June 26th- 30th from 8:00am-12:00pm.

### **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).

### **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.

### **OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)**

If you were Baptized, had your First Communion and were Confirmed or did your Profession of Faith last Easter Vigil, April 8, 2023, your certificates are ready to be picked up. for any questions, please contact Gladys at 432-520-7394 at the Parish office.

### **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

## The Ascension of the Lord

May 21st, 2023

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Sunday May 21st-The Ascension of the Lord

9:00am Altar Servers of St. Stephen's By Parish  
12:00pm †Jose Antonio Barron By Esposa e Hijos  
5:00pm For the Parish

#### Monday May 22nd- St. Rita of Cascia, Religious

7:00am Fr. Emilio Sosa (HB) By Lysinger Family  
5:30pm †Justina Falayngeg By Raymond Tamow

#### Tuesday May 23rd

7:00am Chiefo Emembolu (HB) By Family  
5:30pm †Ronnie Flores by Grandma Olivia Flores

#### Wednesday May 24th

7:00am Kathy Jones (HB) By Angela Jones  
5:30pm †A.J. Garrett By Yolanda Hernandez & Family

#### Thursday May 25th-St. Bede the Venerable, Priest & Doctor of the Church; St. Gregory VII, Pope; St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi, Virgin

7:00am †Caitlin Pause By Family  
5:30pm Thanksgiving for Fr. Kevins Ordination Anniv. By Trevino Family

#### Friday May 26th- St. Philip Neri, Priest

7:00am †Thuan Nguyen  
5:30pm Hannah Russum (HB) By Family

#### Saturday May 27th- St. Augustine of Canterbury

8:00am †Maria  
5:00pm †Frank & †Bernadina Hernandez By Olga

#### Sunday May 28th- Pentecost Sunday

9:00am For the Parish  
12:00pm †Rosie Cortez By Bruno Cortez & Family  
5:00pm St. Joseph Thanksgiving

### Last Week Collections

Week of 05.08.23-05.14.23

#### Contributions:

Weekend Mass Offertory	\$ 17,616.56
Mailed or Delivered	\$ 10,500.00
Online	\$ 5,071.00
Other	\$ 341.10
<b>Total Weekly Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 33,528.66</b>

Weekly Budget Objective	\$ 26,500.00
Actual vs. Budget	\$ 7,028.66

Other Designated Funds	\$ 425.00
Second Collections	\$ 6,681.58*

*\*Includes contributions for: Catholic Home Missions, Helping Hands, Pontifical Collection for Holy Land*

### Upcoming Baptismal Classes / Próximas clases bautismales:

**June 11th, 2023 /  
11 de Junio 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**

**Please pray for the sick:** 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 Klaucke, 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., Terri Padilla, M. Gloria Escobedo- Chung, Elia R., Mateo F., Albert Lopez, Ty Hawkins & Ramona Hawkins.

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!

## 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 background 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](mailto:Gretchen@ssccmidland.com)

## 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 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

## ENTRENAMIENTO DE MONAGUILLOS

Para jóvenes nuevos y experimentados. Habrá una capacitación para todos los monaguillos en los grados 3 a 9 y para cualquier joven que acaba de recibir su Sagrada Comunión y está interesado en unirse a este ministerio 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 e invitamos a todos los jóvenes que puedan tener interés a unirse a nosotros. Siempre hay pizza después de cada entrenamiento. Los padres siempre son bienvenidos y alentados a asistir.

Los entrenamientos de otoño son los siguientes:  
Domingo 21 de mayo de 2023 1:30 pm a 3:00 pm.

Santuario de la Iglesia

Para obtener información adicional o preguntas, póngase en contacto con:

Anne Hobbs

432-934-3192

[behobbs47@gmail.com](mailto:behobbs47@gmail.com)

## Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

St. Stephen's will be holding a training session for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC's) on June 10, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. Are you a fully initiated Catholic (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist) in good standing, and a registered member of the Parish? Do you have a deep love for the Eucharist? If you answered "Yes" to all of these questions, please consider joining this important and very special ministry! Please RSVP via email, call, or text (see contact below), as soon as possible so we have enough handout material for everyone. You will need to fill out and bring with you an Application Form (available in the Foyer, at the Parish Office, or you can download from the St. Stephen's website). For more information, please speak with our Priests, Deacons, Mass Coordinators, or contact:

Marcos Ybarra

432-638-9097

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Gina Ybarra

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## PROJECT RACHEL

Project Rachel is a ministry that offers compassion and healing to men and women that have experienced the tragic loss of a child through abortion. We offer confidential weekend retreats where individuals can find God's love and forgiveness which can renew one's relationship with God and His Church. The next retreat is scheduled for July 2023 (Fri-Sun). If you have had an abortion or encouraged an abortion and are looking for healing, please call (432) 236-9883 or email [projectrachel@sanangelodiocese.org](mailto:projectrachel@sanangelodiocese.org) We are also looking for individuals that would like to join our prayer team. If you feel called to this, please email [prayprojectrachel@yahoo.com](mailto:prayprojectrachel@yahoo.com)

El Proyecto Raquel es un ministerio que ofrece compasión y sanación a hombres y mujeres que han experimentado la trágica pérdida de un hijo (a) a través del aborto. Ofrecemos retiros confidenciales de fin de semana donde las personas pueden encontrar el amor y el perdón de Dios para renovar su relación con Dios y Su Iglesia. El próximo retiro está programado para julio de 2023 (viernes-domingo). Si ha tenido un aborto o ha alentado uno y está buscando sanación, llame al (432) 236-9883 o envíe un correo electrónico a [projectrachel@sanangelodiocese.org](mailto:projectrachel@sanangelodiocese.org) También estamos buscando personas que deseen unirse a nuestro equipo de oración. Si se siente llamado(a) a esto, envíe un correo electrónico a [prayprojectrachel@yahoo.com](mailto:prayprojectrachel@yahoo.com)

## ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

For New and Experienced Youth. There will be a training for all altar servers in grades 3 to 9 and for any youth who have just received their holy Communion and are interested in joining this ministry 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.

There is always pizza after every training. Parents are always welcome and encouraged to attend.

Fall trainings are as follows:

Sunday May 21, 2023 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm.

Sanctuary of the Church

For additional information or questions please contact:

Anne Hobbs

432-934-3192

[behobbs47@gmail.com](mailto:behobbs47@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.

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:**

Electricity	4 families	\$ 1,768.23
Rent	18 families	\$ 23,981.95
Transportation	1 family	\$ 2,460.31
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 28,210.49</b>

Many of the shoppers of our thrift store are “regulars.” They shop every day (Wednesday and Saturday ) that we are open and we come to know them – their habits, their moods, their anxieties, their joys. When we noticed Isaac a few months ago desperately seeking something in the store in areas that he did not usually frequent, we became curious. He usually looked through movies, books and knickknacks. But when we asked him, he said that he was looking for hardware.

He told us that his cousin, a victim of MS, had recently been relegated full-time to an electric scooter. She is only 41 years old. While she had managed the transition to the scooter, she was despondent over the fact that she was homebound. She had always participated heavily in her children’s athletic endeavors, and even after the horrible disease started robbing her of her mobility, she was at least able to watch them from the sidelines. But that was no longer an option. Insurance had covered the scooter, but would not cover the lift that would allow the scooter to be hoisted into a vehicle.

Her husband could not bear his wife’s depression. Her spirit was gone. Their budget was already stretched to the max over her medical expenses and there was no way he could raise the money for the lift. He approached Isaac to see if there was some way they could build something themselves that would work to transport the scooter. And so Isaac came to Helping Hands looking for a miracle that might be hidden on the shelves of our store.

What he found was the attentive eye of a caseworker who noticed his anxiety, listened to his story, and then offered a helping hand. We were able to get his cousin a refurbished lift that was needed to get her out of the house and actively back into her children’s lives. What a joy! Thank you for your generous donations to the store which makes Helping Hands a place where miracles happen!

### 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. June 2nd, 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.

### 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](mailto:Gretchen@ssccmidland.com)

### 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/](http://www.sccmidland.com/)

[lonestar2023](http://lonestar2023)



**Newly ordained priest Fr. Juan Macias Marquez, O.P. to offer Holy Mass according to the ancient Dominican Rite on Friday May 26 at 5:30pm here at St. Stephen's. All are invited. Small reception to follow.**

Please find below a message from soon to be Fr. Juan Macias:

*Hello! My name is Br. Juan Macias Marquez, O.P. I am a Dominican friar, meaning I am a religious brother who has taken life-long vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience in a community committed to preaching the Gospel for the salvation of souls. I am also a deacon studying for the priesthood to help with this mission of my Order.*

*I am originally from Midland and was raised mostly in San Miguel Parish but also spent a great amount of time at St. Stephen's. In fact, I was confirmed at this parish. On May 20, 2023, I will be ordained to the priesthood in Washington, D.C. where I live. Therefore, in thanksgiving for all the blessings I've received from my home community, I will come back to offer two Masses of Thanksgiving at each of the parishes mentioned above. On Friday, May 26, I will offer a Mass at St. Stephen's at 5:30 pm, and on Sunday, May 28, I will offer a Mass at San Miguel at 10:30 am. The Mass at St. Stephen's will be according to our ancient Dominican rite. This means it will be all in Latin, except the preaching. It is my great joy to share my Order's patrimony with all of you to show you the many riches of the Church's liturgical life, especially since many of my own Dominican brothers will be assisting at this Mass. There will be worship aides to help you follow along with the Mass. All are welcome to attend. Lastly, I thank Frs. Rodney and Kevin for graciously welcoming me into the parish to celebrate this Mass and for the light reception that will follow.*





# DIOCESE OF SAN ANGELO



## EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS



JUNE 3, 2023  
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305 E. 5TH STREET  
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**Featured Speakers:**  
Bishop Michael Sis, Mike Aquilina, & Scott Hahn



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information at 325-651-7500 or [rrojo@sanangelodiocese.org](mailto:rrojo@sanangelodiocese.org)