

**May 28th, 2023**

**Rev. Rodney White, Pastor**

Assistant Pastor: Rev. Kevin  
Lenius

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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)

### 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)

### 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!

### BECOME A VOLUNTEER

Let us know your areas of interest. Let's serve our Parish Community together. Visit our website [Ststephensmidland.com/volunteer](http://Ststephensmidland.com/volunteer) to see where you might be interested in volunteering.

### 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.

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

Registration for Steubenville has been closed.

### 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

Pentecost Sunday

May 28th, 2023

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday May 28th– Pentecost Sunday

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

### Monday May 29th– The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

7:00am †Caitlin Pause By Family  
5:30pm Birthday Blessing for Rolando Matta by Niece

### Tuesday May 30th

7:00am †Domingo Carrizales By Wife & Children  
5:30pm †Arnold de la Garza by Joe & Terri Padilla

### Wednesday May 31st–The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00am †Luis Mata Jr. by Trevino Family  
5:30pm †Carlos Carrasco

### Thursday June 1st– St. Justin, Martyr

7:00am John Baumgarten (Baptism Anniv.) By Godparents  
5:30pm †Joe Carrasco By Hortenica Carrasco

### Friday June 2nd–Saints Marcellinus & Peter, Martyrs

7:00am †Remie Ramos By Fernando & Becky Espino  
5:30pm Serna, Ryan & Sarah By Mom

### Saturday June 3rd– St. Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs

8:00am The Holy Souls in Purgatory by Parishioner  
5:00pm †Trudi Bisesi By Fred Bisesi

### Sunday June 4th– The Most Holy Trinity

9:00am †Domingo Carrizales By Wife & Children  
12:00pm Por la Parroquia  
5:00pm †Barney Seidneberger By Family

## Last Week Collections

Week of 05.15.23-05.21.23

Contributions:

Weekend Mass Offertory \$ 16,848.40

Mailed or Delivered \$ 770.00

Online \$ 6,413.00

Other \$ 345.25

Total Weekly Contributions \$ **24,376.65**

Weekly Budget Objective \$ 26,500.00

Actual vs. Budget \$ (2,123.35)

Other Designated Funds \$ 425.00

Second Collections \$ 4,231.32\*

*\*Includes contributions for: Catholic Mother's Day Remembrance Mass Intentions, Diocesan Seminarian Education, Catholic Communications Campaign*

## 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 Flaynegg, 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

## **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  
[Raidermug@yahoo.com](mailto:Raidermug@yahoo.com)

Gina Ybarra  
432-230-4426  
[gmybarra@yahoo.com](mailto:gmybarra@yahoo.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.

## **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.

## **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)

## **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)

## **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)

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	3 families	\$ 709.58
Gas	1 family	\$ 413.11
Rent	14 families	\$ 26,596.54
Transportation	1 family	\$ 530.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 28,249.23</b>

These are a few of the cases we handled last Saturday:

Madelyn is a 60 year-old widower who underwent heart surgery last month. While she has recovered from the surgery, her doctor will not let her return to work yet. She works for MISD and since school breaks for the summer this week, she will not be returning to her job until August, when school resumes. As soon as she is released by her doctor she will pick up a temporary job for the summer. We paid her past due May rent and will also pay her rent for June and give her other agencies that might be able to help her if she needs it for July.

Clarisse's partner of many, many years passed away from a brain aneurism. She is disabled with an income of less than \$800/month yet her rent is \$900/month. Knowing that she cannot afford to live there any longer, she has decided to move in with one of her daughters temporarily beginning in June. Meanwhile her other daughter is having a small house built behind hers that should be done by July, and Clarisse will move into that when it is completed. We did pay her May rent, hopefully leaving her with one less obstacle with which to worry.

Laverne was in an auto accident last month and was injured to where she had to take some time off work. Her job in fast food was kept open for her, but when she returned to work she found that her hours had been cut. She is not sure whether it was because of time missed or just that work is slow now, but she is currently interviewing for other jobs. We got her caught up with her May rent.

Carol has been out of work as a caregiver for the past 3 weeks because of a hernia. She is waiting to be approved for Medicaid so that she can afford the surgery that is needed, and hopes to have the approval (and surgery) in 3 weeks. We assisted her with her rent as well.

So many people struggle to survive working paycheck-to-paycheck and when the smallest adversity arises it is enough to put them in danger of losing their homes. It is a blessing to be able to help so many people each week to stay in their homes. And we thank you, who make our work possible through your very generous donations.

**WE WILL BE CLOSED FOR DONATIONS ON MONEY, MAY 29 FOR MEMORIAL DAY. WE WILL REOPEN ON TUESDAY, MAY 30 AT 8:00 AM..**

### **JUNE TRUCK SCHEDULE**

Our trucks will be at St. Stephen's on Saturday, June 3 and at St. Ann's on Saturday, June 17 from 9 am until 1 p.m. to accept your donations.



# **ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING**

**THURSDAY  
AUGUST 24, 2023**

**Time: 6:00pm-  
7:30pm**

**Location: The  
Gloria Denman  
Ballroom**

**ALL PARISHIONERS  
ARE ENCOURAGED  
TO ATTEND.**

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

# **SAVE THE DATE**



# DIOCESE OF SAN ANGELO



## EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS



JUNE 3, 2023  
ODESSA MARRIOTT  
305 E. 5TH STREET  
ODESSA, TEXAS

**Featured Speakers:**  
Bishop Michael Sis, Mike Aquilina, & Scott Hahn



Scan the QR code above or contact Fr. Ryan Rojo for more  
information at 325-651-7500 or [rrojo@sanangelodiocese.org](mailto:rrojo@sanangelodiocese.org)