

June 4th, 2023

Rev. Rodney White, Pastor

Assistant Pastor: Rev. Kevin
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Deacons: Leonard Hendon, Luis
Mata, Fidel Saldivar

Director of Religious Education:
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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

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish office will be closed due to training on Wednesday June 21st for The Annual Diocesan Staff Development day. We will resume office hours on Thursday June 22nd from 8am-12pm, 2pm-6pm.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED HALF DAY

The Parish office will be closed half a day for staff training on Tuesday June 27th. The office will reopen from 2pm-6pm in the afternoon.

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

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.

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.

ADORATION

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

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.

CLUB DANCE

DATE/TIME: Saturday, June 24, 2023/6:30 p.m. – 10:00 pm

COST/ATTIRE: \$30.00 per person/Casual

BAND: "Gary Nix & West Texas" (Country & Western and Swing)

CATERER: Phoenix Catering

MENU: Greek Chicken with Potatoes, Lemon & Garlic Green Beans, Garden Salad, Pear Crisp, Unsweet & Sweet Tea, Water.

Please remember to make advance reservations, if possible, for this dance

So that we may have an accurate count for our wonderful caterer!

NO ALCOHOL MAY BE BROUGHT INTO THE BALLROOM BY INDIVIDUALS

****NOTE:** NO BYOB is allowed in the Gloria Denman Ballroom per church policy.

Reservations may be mailed to Club Dance, P. O. Box 7421, Midland, TX 79708. Reservation deadline is

Wednesday, June 21, 2023. For more information, PLEASE CONTACT our Reservations Coordinator at:

permianmusic87@gmail.com. Please do not contact St. Stephens for information on this function as it is separate from the church. THANK YOU!

St. Stephen's Catholic Church
Midland, Texas

The Most Holy Trinity

June 4th, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday June 5th–St. Boniface, Bishop & Martyr

7:00am †Msgr. Edward Moss By Yen Khang Van
5:30pm †Joe Carrasco By Hortencia Carrasco

Tuesday June 6th– St. Norbert, Bishop

7:00am Susan Sweeney By Johnson Family
5:30pm Janice Bennett (Healing Mass) by Curry Family

Wednesday June 7th

7:00am †Luis Mata Jr. By Family
5:30pm †Mo Dominguez By Daughter

Thursday June 8th

7:00am Susan Sweeney By Johnson Family
5:30pm Glenda Howard (Healing Mass) By Curry Family

Friday June 9th– St. Ephrem, Deacon & Doctor of the Church

7:00am †Carmen Orozco By Orozco Family
5:30pm †Cecilia Galeano Cadena By Alba Galeano

Saturday June 10th

8:00am Communion Service
5:00pm †Janie Sainz By Husband & Sainz Family

Sunday June 11th– The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

9:00am Valentin Trevino By Spouse
12:00pm Por los Monaguillos de San Esteban By Parish
5:00pm For the Parish

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– Chong, Elia R., Mateo F., Albert Lopez, Ty Hawkins, Ramona Hawkins, Tammy Seidenberger, & Cecilia Levington.
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 05.22.23-05.28.23

Contributions:

Weekend Mass Offertory	\$ 16,674.70
Mailed or Delivered	\$ 5,400.00
Online	\$ 4,505.00
Other	\$ 629.00

Total Weekly Contributions **\$ 27,208.70**

Weekly Budget Objective \$ 26,500.00

Actual vs. Budget \$ 708.70

Other Designated Funds \$ 695.00

Second Collections \$ 3,404.18*

**Includes contributions for: Building Fund, Helping Hands, 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

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

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	Gina Ybarra
432-638-9097	432-230-4426
Raidermug@yahoo.com	gmybarra@yahoo.com

CARS FOR SEMINARIANS

We have included a "Seminarian Car Fund" on the drop-down menu on our online giving page. You can find that here: https://pushpay.com/g/dioceseofsanangelo?fund=yzMFXJz_jGPCsujfDy6Cog&a=50&lang=en

ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE

The Diocese of San Angelo has a group of men who have been in formation discerning if they are called to become permanent deacons in the Catholic Church. They have reached a point in their formation where they are requesting admittance to candidacy for Holy Orders. Before these men are called to Holy Orders by Bishop Sis, the People of God are to be asked about their worthiness. The following man (men) from this parish have presented himself (themselves) to Bishop Michael Sis to be admitted to Candidacy for ordination as deacon(s):

Javier Lopez-Morales

Therefore, if you are aware of any reason why this man (any of these men) should not be admitted to candidacy for Holy Orders, you are asked to contact Deacon Federico Medina, Jr., at your earliest convenience. You may reach him at:

Deacon Federico Medina Jr.
Office of Deacon Formation
fmedina@sanangelodiocese.org
325-651-7500

The names of those expressing concerns will not be shared with any of the candidates, though the nature of the concern may be shared with them as part of the discernment and evaluation process.

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. 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

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. 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

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Phillip Ward

Therefore, if you are aware of any reason why this (these) man (men) should not be ordained, you are asked to contact Deacon Federico Medina, Jr., at your earliest convenience. You may reach him at:
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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:

Rent	22 families	\$ 32,251.56
TOTAL		\$ 32,251.56

While we have run a column such as this in the past more times than you would care to read, we feel that it is necessary to educate the public (and especially those who call us for help) just what the criteria is for getting assistance from Helping Hands. More and more agencies are cutting back on help, especially with rental assistance. While we would love to be able to help every single person who calls us with a legitimate need, the fact is that there is just not enough money to accommodate everyone. We are continually being asked why we aren't able to help all of the people who call us.

This is what we tell them: we receive between 40-80 calls each day from people in need of assistance. We have the resources to help perhaps 30 families each week. We reach out to those families in most need. Foremost on our list are people who are homeless. We do our best to help families in need of shelter, provided we can find shelter for them. Of importance are those in the process of eviction – however, before we help them we need to know that they are working or have a very legitimate reason (such as illness or devastating financial circumstances that can be documented) for not being able to pay rent. We need also to know that the situation is something they will be able to rectify with proper counseling. We will also help move new residents to Midland into apartments, but again, only if they are working and can afford to pay part of the move-in costs and the cost of rent once they are moved in. Then we deal with people whose utilities have been disconnected – again, we need to know why they could not afford to pay the bill and we need to be assured that they have the resources to pay their bills in the future. We offer counseling to help these people to better manage their money.

Priority is always given to the elderly, the handicapped, the disabled, and children, especially those who are sick. We look to those who have never asked for help before, but who have been affected by devastating financial situations they had not anticipated nor could handle (mainly necessary medicines or other medical expenses).

Beyond that, when someone calls us for help, we look up their history on Charity Tracker (a website shared by most benevolence agencies in Midland), and determine how often they have asked for help in the past. For example, if a person is relatively young, in good health, and cannot find a job in Midland right now, it is evident to us that he or she has not made sufficient effort to find a job. We will put them at the very bottom of our list of people to call (and we never reach the bottom of the list!). Similarly, if they have asked multiple agencies for assistance, and there is no evident reason for needing that much help, we will decline assistance. We do not want to help those who will not help themselves. The beauty of our system for tracking benevolence help in Midland is that all of the agencies help each other to see that assistance is given to those most in need.

While we love to say YES whenever possible, we will not compromise the money that you give us to help the poor by spending it unwisely. We will try at all times to be responsible stewards of the money with which you grace us. Again, we thank you for your generous support!

JUNE TRUCK SCHEDULE

Our trucks will be at St. Ann's on Saturday, June 17 from 9 am until 1 pm to pick up your donations.

**Deacon Mike Elsner
to be ordained a Priest**

Saturday June 10

Cathedral Church of the Sacred Heart

San Angelo

10:30am



**Fr. Mike Elsner
Celebrates his first Mass**

at St. Stephen's

Sunday June 11 at 9am

Reception to follow

All are invited



To the Heights

YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE

JULY 14-16, 2023

St. Stephen's Catholic Church,
Midland, TX

FEATURING

ROME  BOYS



Pre-Registration **\$100.**

Tickets at the door **\$125.**

Ticket includes 5 full meals and access
to all sessions and events.

Scan QR code for full schedule and registration.



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