

**June 18th, 2023**

**Rev. Rodney White, Pastor**

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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)

### **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](mailto:projectrachel@sanangelodiocese.org)

### **OCIC (Order of Christian Initiation of Children)**

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

### **OCIC (Orden de Iniciación Cristiana de Niños)**

Si sus hijos fueron bautizados, tuvieron la Primera Comunión y fueron confirmados la última Vigilia Pascual, el 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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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](mailto:permianmusic87@gmail.com). Please do not contact St. Stephens for information on this function as it is separate from the church. THANK YOU!

### **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](http://ststephensmidland.com/adoration)

St. Stephen's Catholic Church  
Midland, Texas

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 18th, 2023

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday June 18th– 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am For the Parish  
12:00pm Collective Intentions for Father's Day  
5:00pm Collective Intentions for Father's Day

### Monday June 19th– St. Romuald, Abbot

7:00am †Stephen McCarthy By Sheila McCarthy  
5:30pm Communion Service No Intention

### Tuesday June 20th

7:00am Macaria Chavez & Family By Delma Chavez  
5:30pm †Joe Carrasco By Hortencia Carrasco

### Wednesday June 21st– St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

7:00am †Mo Dominguez By Daughter  
5:30pm Judy (Healing) By Family

### Thursday June 22nd–St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Saints; John Fisher, Bishop, & Thomas More, Martyrs

7:00am Donna Mae Repman (93rd HB) By Siblings  
5:30pm Beatrice Lambdin By Johnson Family

### Friday June 23rd

7:00am Crystal Sanchez (HB) By Liz Madrid  
5:30pm Baby Rose By Priscela Fuentez

### Saturday June 24th–The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

8:00am Thanksgiving to Mother Mary & St. Lucy By Natalia Heredia  
5:00pm †Frank & †Bernadina Hernandez By Olga

### Sunday June 25th– 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Maria Russum (HB)  
12:00pm Por la Parroquia  
5:00pm †Beatriz Torres By Family

**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, Maria Ramirez, Socorro M., Christina M., & Joshua Pallanes.

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!

## Last Week Collections

Week of 06.05.23-06.11.23

Contributions:

Weekend Mass Offertory	\$ 16,397.27
Mailed or Delivered	\$ 3,300.00
Online	\$ 4,808.00
Other	\$ 303.92
<b>Total Weekly Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 24,809.19</b>

Weekly Budget Objective	\$ 26,500.00
Actual vs. Budget	\$ (1,690.81)

Other Designated Funds	\$ 4,073.00
Second Collections	\$ 6,231.39*

*\*Includes contributions for: Helping Hands, Catholic Communications Campaign, Poor Parish Mission Assistance*

## Upcoming Baptismal Classes / Próximas clases bautismales:

**July 9th, 2023 /  
9 de Julio 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**

## **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).

## **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion**

St. Stephen's will be holding a training session for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC's) on August 26th, 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
<a href="mailto:Raidermug@yahoo.com">Raidermug@yahoo.com</a>	<a href="mailto:gmybarra@yahoo.com">gmybarra@yahoo.com</a>

## **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](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](mailto: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](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).

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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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## **LEGACY RANCH- COMMUNION SERVICE**

If you have a loved one at Legacy Ranch in Midland and would like them to receive Communion please call the office for more information. (432)520-7394

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	\$ 4,285.03
Gas	2 families	\$ 628.10
Water	4 families	\$ 3,654.41
Rent	15 families	\$ 28,554.44
Medical	1 family	\$ 140.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$37,261.98</b>

### ***With Deepest Gratitude For Our New Look....***

Helping Hands has always been blessed by a multitude of very faithful, and very generous donors. And we have always kept true to our promise that every penny donated to us would go to support the needy of Midland. Any supplies that we need are donated to us or are purchased from proceeds from our thrift store.

While the volunteers who work here are joyful, and our building is filled with much laughter and good will, the exterior of our building certainly did not reflect that. It had never once been painted since the building was purchased over 20 years ago (with the exception of painting the signage on the front) and its age certainly showed. When Concho blessed us with an additional building to house our furniture (donated in appreciation of Gil Glinsmann, long-time treasurer of Helping Hands and now retiree of Concho) we would look at the beautiful white and red metal building, then sigh as we looked at the main building. It just looked sad!



And then we had the idea that we would approach some of our regular volunteers and ask if just part of one of their monthly donations could be used to paint our building. With enough help from our donors, we might be able to raise the money to paint the building, still not interfering with our service

to the poor.

What a surprise (actually, more like a shock) that the very first person we approached said they would be more than happy to donate the entire (\$16,000) amount! Within a week painting was started and the results are beautiful! Now we have only to turn the corner onto Brinson Lane to be cheered by the sight.

The generous person that made the donation asks to remain anonymous, however we remain deeply grateful for this most generous gift! God bless you!

### **JULY TRUCK, SCHEDULE**

Because of the July 4th holiday, our trucks will be at St. Stephen's on Saturday, July 8 from 9 am, until 1 pm, and at St. Ann's on Saturday, July 15 from 9 until 1.



# Farwell Potluck

Thursday, June 29 @ 7:00 pm  
in the Ballroom

**HONORING**  
**Father Rodney &**  
**Father Kevin**

Questions call Liz @ 432-352-1961 or Ann @ 432-559-6009



# The Truth About **Abortion** & **Women's Health**

## Abortion does not save women's lives.

**Abortion** is the **direct** and **intentional** killing of a child in the womb.

**Abortion is never medically necessary.** It does not treat or solve any pregnancy-related complication.

## Outlawing abortion will not affect treatment for miscarriage.

### Treatment for miscarriage and abortion is not the same thing.

There is a complete moral and legal difference between losing a child through miscarriage and intentionally taking the life of a child.

In the tragic case of miscarriage, surgery may be necessary—and is an ethical treatment—to remove the remains of an unborn child who has already died.

While the same surgery is done to perform an abortion, abortions impose this procedure on a living child with the **intention** of ending his or her life.

## Women can get the lifesaving treatments they need—without abortion.

In rare cases, and in the absence of better alternatives, life-threatening maternal health conditions may require interventions that **indirectly** and **unintentionally** lead to the death of an unborn child. **Abortion restrictions will not prevent women from receiving these treatments.**

When the lives of mother and child are in immediate danger, the goal is to fight to save both patients. **Effective treatments exist that seek to save the life of the mother and never to intentionally harm her unborn child.**

When a woman's life is at risk in pregnancy, preterm delivery may be used as a lifesaving medical intervention to preserve the life of both mother and child.<sup>1</sup>

**Ectopic pregnancies** result when an embryo implants outside the uterus—often in the fallopian tube. Sadly, such embryos cannot survive and this condition can pose serious risks to the mother. While ectopic pregnancies sometimes resolve naturally, interventions are often necessary.

**When done ethically, treatment for an ectopic pregnancy is not abortion.** Ethical interventions include the removal of the damaged fallopian tube containing the embryo or, if embryo death has already occurred, medication can be used to resolve the ectopic pregnancy.

## Bottom line: **Abortion restrictions never prevent women from receiving life-saving treatment.<sup>2</sup>**

*If you or someone you know is struggling after involvement in an abortion, the Church offers confidential, compassionate help through Project Rachel Ministry. Visit [www.hopeafterabortion.org](http://www.hopeafterabortion.org) for more information.*

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<sup>1</sup> Buskmiller, C. 2018. "The ethics of interstitial and cesarean scar ectopic pregnancies: four case studies and a review of the literature". The Linacre Quarterly 85(3): 252-269.  
<sup>2</sup> For further information on these topics, reference: [1] National Catholic Bioethics Center, "Medical Interventions During Pregnancy in Light of Dobbs," <https://www.ncbcenter.org/ncbc-news/bioethics-public-policy-report-august-12-2022-ezqx2>. [2] American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists, "Myth vs. Fact: Correcting Misinformation on Maternal Medical Care," <https://aaplog.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/AAPLOG-Myth-vs-Fact-v5.pdf>.