

THIRTY—SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 12, 2023



ST. STEPHEN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

4601 Neely Avenue
Midland, Texas 79707
Phone: 432-520-7394 Fax: 432-520-7395

MISSION STATEMENT

Growing Friendships, families & Faith

SUNDAY EUCHARIST

Saturday: 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:00am
10:00am
12:30pm (Spanish)
5:00pm
7:00pm (Bilingual)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday— Friday
7:00am & 5:30pm
Wednesday & Friday
12:15pm
Saturday:
8:00am

ADORATION

Monday— Friday
7:30am-10:00pm

CONFESSIONS

SUNDAY:
7:30 AM to 8:00 AM
9:30 AM to 10:00 AM
11:45 AM to 12:30 PM
4:15 PM to 5:00 PM
6:30 PM to 7:00 PM
MONFRI
6:45 AM to 6:55 AM
5:00 PM to 5:25 PM
WED FRI
2:00 PM to 12:15 PM
SATURDAY:
7:45 AM to 8:00 AM
4:00 PM to 4:55 PM

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor

Rev. Bala Anthony Govindu

Deacons

Dcn. Leonard Hendon
Dcn. Luis Mata
Dcn. Fidel Saldivar

Nuns

Madre Gertrudis Munoz Mendieta
Hna: Leonila Torres Bernudez

Director of Religious Education

Gretchen Lara

Youth Coordinator

Bridgette Costello

Director of Music

Gabriel Salgado

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday
8:30am-5:00pm
Friday
9:00am-1:00pm

HEALING MASSES

Every 1st Friday in English @ 7pm

MISA DE SANACION

Cada ultimo Sabado en Espanol @ 7pm

CANDLELIGHT PROCESSION WITH ROSARY

Every Friday night @ 8:00pm

FIRST FRIDAY/ EUACHRISTIC PROCESSION

8:00PM

Parish Website: www.ststephensmidland.com

Parish Email: frontdesk@ssccmidland.com

Facebook: St. Stephens Midland

Youtube: [st.stephenmidland5420](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCststephenmidland5420)

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, November 13, 2023: Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10; Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday, November 14, 2023: Wis 2:23-3:9 ; Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19; Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday, November 15, 2023: Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4, 6-7; Lk 17:11-19
Thursday, November 16, 2023: Wis 7:22b-8:1; Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175; Lk 17:20-25
Friday, November 17, 2023: Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab; Lk 17:26-37
Saturday, November 18, 2023: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43; Lk 18:1-8

Dear Beloved Parish Family,

Our love for God and community manifests in the care and growth of our beloved church. This year, we're reaching out for your generous support through the #iGiveCatholic initiative, embodying the spirit of giving to enhance our sacred spaces.

#iGive Tuesday Catholic is a special day marked on November 28th. However, we're excited to share that you don't have to wait until then to contribute. You can start making a difference right now using the donation envelopes provided. Additionally, **advance #iGive Catholic online giving begins on November 13**, offering an early opportunity to show your support.

Our goal for this season is ambitious but crucial: we aim to raise \$130,000 for the much-needed replacement of our 35-year-old air conditioning system with a new, energy-efficient one. This extensive upgrade, which will encompass the Church and Hall, goes beyond mere temperature control. It's an investment in creating a more comfortable and sustainable environment for the Celebration of Masses, fellowship, and educational activities. By lowering our utility bills, we will be able to redirect more of our funds towards other essential ministries and community outreach efforts.

Your generous donation will be a testament to your love and commitment to our Church, paving the way for a vibrant and more welcoming space for all who enter. Every gift, no matter the size, will make a significant difference in achieving this goal.

Join hands with us in making this project a success. Donate to #iGiveCatholic, and let's together nurture and grow our spiritual home. Your support is not just a contribution; it's a profound expression of faith in action. Donate Now and be a part of this blessed journey toward creating a cooler, more efficient, and ever-welcoming Church. May God bless you abundantly for your generosity and support.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Bala Anthony Govindu,
Pastor

Querida Familia Parroquial Amada,

Nuestro amor por Dios y la comunidad se manifiesta en el cuidado y crecimiento de nuestra querida iglesia. Este año, solicitamos su generoso apoyo a través de la iniciativa #YoDoyCatólico, encarnando el espíritu de dar para mejorar nuestros espacios sagrados.

#MartesDeDonar Católico es un día especial que se celebra el 28 de noviembre. Sin embargo, estamos emocionados de compartir que no tienen que esperar hasta entonces para contribuir. Pueden comenzar a hacer la diferencia desde ahora utilizando los sobres de donación proporcionados. Además, la donación anticipada en línea de **#YoDoyCatólico comienza el 13 de noviembre**, ofreciendo una oportunidad temprana para mostrar su apoyo.

Nuestro objetivo para esta temporada es ambicioso pero crucial: pretendemos recaudar \$130,000 para el reemplazo muy necesario de nuestro sistema de aire acondicionado de 35 años por uno nuevo y eficiente en energía. Esta amplia mejora, que abarcará la Iglesia y el Salón, va más allá del simple control de temperatura. Es una inversión para crear un ambiente más cómodo y sostenible para la Celebración de Misas, la comunión y actividades educativas. Al reducir nuestras facturas de servicios públicos, podremos redirigir más de nuestros fondos hacia otros ministerios esenciales y esfuerzos de alcance comunitario.

Su generosa donación será un testimonio de su amor y compromiso con nuestra Iglesia, allanando el camino para un espacio más vibrante y acogedor para todos los que entren. Cada regalo, sin importar el tamaño, marcará una diferencia significativa para alcanzar este objetivo.

Únanse a nosotros para hacer de este proyecto un éxito. Donen a #YoDoyCatólico, y juntos nutramos y hagamos crecer nuestro hogar espiritual. Su apoyo no es solo una contribución; es una profunda expresión de fe en acción.

Donen ahora y sean parte de este bendito viaje hacia la creación de una Iglesia más fresca, eficiente y siempre acogedora. Que Dios los bendiga abundantemente por su generosidad y apoyo.

Suyo en Cristo,
P. Bala Anthony Govindu,
Párroco

St. Stephen's Catholic Church
Midland, Texas

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 12th, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday November 12th- 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am All Souls
10:00am All Souls
12:30pm All Souls
5:00pm All Souls
7:00pm All Souls

Monday November 13th

7:00am All Souls
5:30pm All Souls

Tuesday November 14th

7:00am All Souls
5:30pm All Souls

Wednesday November 15th

7:00am All Souls
12:15pm All Souls
5:30pm All Souls

Thursday November 16th

7:00am All Souls
5:30pm All Souls

Friday November 17th

7:00am All Souls
12:15pm All Souls
5:30pm All Souls

Saturday November 18th

8:00am All Souls
5:00pm All Souls

Sunday November 19th- 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am All Souls
10:00am All Souls
12:30pm All Souls
5:00pm All Souls
7:00pm All Souls

Upcoming Baptismal Classes / Próximas clases bautismales:

**November 12, 2023 /
12 de Noviembre 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**

Please pray for the following: 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., Richard Schoel, 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, Maria Ramirez, Socorro M., Christina M., Virginia M., Ian V., Emma Elia R., Frankie Hartter, Mario Ramirez, Axton, Sarah Beth Carrasco, Luke, Zac Curtis, Dayton Martinez, Contreras-Holguin family, Marisela R., Michael R., Luna R., Oscar O., Estela O. Brisa O, Joel Ybarra, Erica Hernandez, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, the Cáceres family. Evan Lujan, Jonathan Jaquez, Linda Q., John V., Mila Thorn, Britani Thorn, Jake Thorn, & Joseph R Kiowski.

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 10.29.23-11.06.23

Contributions:	Cash	Checks	Totals
Sat. 5pm 1st collection	\$717.20	\$3,050.00	\$4,024.20
Sun. 8am 1st collection	\$840.00	\$2,120.00	\$6,197.16
Sun. 10am 1st collection	\$1,638.00	\$2,666.00	\$4,304.00
Sun.12pm 1st collection	\$2,264.81	\$635.00	\$2,899.81
Sun. 5pm 1st collection	\$700.00	\$1,095.00	\$1,795.00
Sun. 7pm 1st collection	\$283.00	\$50.00	\$333.00
Daily Masses (Incl. All Saints)	\$2,053.60	\$1,180.00	\$3,233.60
Online Giving		\$6,078.00	\$6,078.00
Mailed-In Contributions	\$100.00	\$2,095.00	\$2,195.00
		GRAND TOTAL	\$31,059.77
Helping Hands	\$3,302.16	\$11,030.00	\$14,332.16

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

KNIGHT'S OF COLUMBUS NEWS:

The Knights of Columbus would like to extend an invitation to all practicing Catholic men 18 years or older that are parishioners of St. Stephens to join the largest Catholic fraternity worldwide. At the Knights of Columbus, we teach men lessons in Charity, Unity and Fraternity. We are Catholic men striving to strengthen our families and communities in faith, to strengthen family bonds, to protect those that cannot protect themselves, and to serve those who need help - whether they are next door or halfway around the world. We put our faith into action! If you would like to learn more, please visit our website at <http://www.kofc.org/join> or you can visit with Marcos Ybarra, our Grand Knight @ 432-638-9097 or any Knight wearing a green vest. Your St. Stephen's Knight of Columbus council 12657 will be in the foyer handing out information for those that would like to join their brotherhood.

Please stop by and visit with them. Our next rosary services will be on November 7th and November 21st at 7 pm in the church.

All are welcome!

Join Allen Hunt & St. Ann's Catholic Church for The #1 Reason I Love Being Catholic. Inspiring journey to the Catholic Church from Mega-Church Protestant Pastor to the Church. How Allen Hunt found the Hidden Treasures of the Catholic Church.

Who: Dr. Allen Hunt

Where: Saint Ann's Catholic Church

When: Wednesday, Dec. 6th @ 6:30-7:30PM

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

THE LIFE CENTER

Is in need of large size baby lotion and wash, diapers 4, 5, and 6, pull-ups size 2T, 3T, 4T, and 5T, Thank you for helping those in need to take care of their little ones.

COME SHOP LOCAL!
SUPPORT OUR CATHOLIC MOMS!

ST. ANN'S MOM'S CLUB PEDDLER DAYS!

DECEMBER 1ST & 2ND

Location: Parlor at St Ann's

Time: Friday 9am-12pm

Saturday 9am-12pm

INTERESTED IN BEING A VENDOR?
PLEASE SEND EMAIL TO
MARIETTAMONDAY@YAHOO.COM
WITH YOUR NAME, BUSINESS
NAME AND PRODUCTS LIST

ST. STEPHEN'S WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION DRESS AN ANGEL

Stephen's Women's Organization coordinates the "Dress an Angel" project. The families that are chosen to be recipients of this project have been helped by Helping Hands of Midland in the past and are in need but are not receiving any assistance from any other agency or organization for the holidays. Beginning Saturday November 11th, the children of these families become our Angels and are available to be chosen by you, the parishioners. After mass, members of the Women's Organization will be in the foyer near the "Angels" banner to assist you in signing up to buy Christmas presents, clothing and a fun toy for the Angel or Angels of your choice. Directions will be handed out with the Angel card as well as a bag in which you should place your Christmas wrapped presents. Our phone number is on the Angel card in case you have any questions or a problem. We do accept donations of money if you prefer not to shop. Thank you so much for your support! These children in need will receive Christmas presents because of YOU! God Bless!

NOVEMBER

November 13 SSWO General Meeting/Potluck Dinner

November 18-19 Hand Out Angels After All Masses.

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 will be every 1st Friday from 11am-12pm. All ages welcome. Feel free to come for 10 minutes or stay the whole hour.

MASS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

A Mass for Individuals with disabilities & their Caregivers will be held on November 12, 2023 @ 4PM All people are encouraged to attend! A blessing will be given to Caregivers and those with disabilities. This a great opportunity to visit mass as a family in a sensory / friendly environment.

CLUB DANCE

DATE/TIME: Friday, November 17, 2023/ 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

COST/ATTIRE: \$20.00 per person/Casual

BAND: "Emily & the Rumba Kings" (Ballroom, C & W, Latin, Swing, Variety)

CATERER: NO DINNER SERVED

(Water and Ice Will Be Provided, You May Bring a Snack and a NON-Alcoholic Beverage). Please remember to make reservations, if possible, for this dance, So that we may have an accurate count of dancers. 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, November 15, 2023. For more information, PLEASE

CONTACT our Reservations Coordinator at: permanmusic87@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 Advent Mission

December 15, 2023 | 6pm - 8pm

Mary, the Eucharistic Woman & the Eucharistic People



Fr Praveen Lakkiseti
Archdiocese of San Antonio

St. Stephen's Women's Organization

Presents

2nd Annual



Christmas Bazaar!

Saturday, December 2, 2023

9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

20 Local Vendors

Christmas Gifts

Beautiful Jewelry

Childrens Books

Purses, Woodworks

And so much more!

Come shop and bring the kids to eat and take photos with Santa!

Pancakes with **Santa** \$10

pancakes & sausage/ your choice milk, orange juice or hot chocolate

Santa will be available for **photos** from 10:00- 12:00 pm

MARRIAGE BANNS

Third time:

"We publish the banns of marriage between **OMAR TORRES** and **VIRGINIA YANETH ALFARO ALVARADO** of St. Stephen in Midland, Texas, USA for their upcoming marriage on September 14, 2024, at Parroquia San Juan Bautista in Apodaca. NL, Mexico. If you know cause or just impediment why these persons should not be joined together in Holy Matrimony, ye are to declare it." This is the third time of asking.

Tercera vez:

"Publicamos el anuncio del matrimonio entre **OMAR TORRES** y **VIRGINIA YANETH ALFARO ALVARADO** de esta Parroquia de San Esteban en Midland, Texas, USA. para su próximo matrimonio el 14 septiembre de 2024 en Parroquia San Juan Bautista en Apodaca. NL, México. "Si saben causa o simplemente impedimento por qué estas personas no deben unirse en el Sagrado Matrimonio, debéis declararlo. Esta es la primera vez que pregunta." Esto es por tercera vez de preguntar.

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	9 families	\$4,636.10
Water	7 families	\$4,249.55
Gas	2 families	\$610.91
Rent	20 families	\$26,591.61
TOTAL		\$36,088.17

This December we are again partnering with MISD's Project Head Start program to provide \$50 gift cards for both Thanksgiving and Christmas meals to close to 100 families with children enrolled in Head Start. These children come from families that fall well below the poverty level, and are oftentimes being raised by elderly grandparents on fixed incomes, single parents etc. Many of these families are in such dire straits that the counselors often make visits to the homes to be sure the lights are still on, food is available etc.

We were delighted when we first partnered with them, because the gratitude on their faces when the parents would come to our facility to get the gift cards, clothes, and toys for the kids was beyond words.

St. Stephen's has always risen to the occasion in taking on the responsibility of providing new clothing for each of these children. St. Ann's, Catholic Church, Holy Cross High School and Trinity School's 8th graders are doing toy drives to be sure that our children receive their best Christmas ever!

We hope that you are as generous in providing for these children as you have been in the past.. And, as always, we remain forever grateful for all that the parishioners of St. Stephen's do for the needy of Midland through Helping Hands!

OUR TRUCK WILL BE AT ST. ANN'S NEXT SATURDAY

Our truck will be at St. Ann's next Saturday, November 18 from 9 am until 1 pm to pick up your donations. We Thank the St. Ann's Council of the Knights of Columbus for taking on this project.



**BE A
TOTUS TUUS
MISSIONARY!**

Registration Now Open!



Scan for the application!

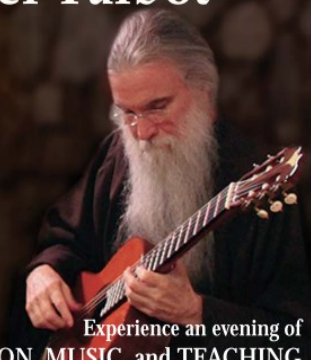

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- ✓ Flexible Schedule
- ✓ Make Friends
- ✓ Grow in your faith

CONTACT US! FR. RYAN ROJO DOSAVOCATION.ORG 325-651-7500

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with John Michael Talbot



Experience an evening of
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on the source and summit of our faith -

JESUS CHRIST IN THE EUCHARIST!

*A Free-Will Offering will be received to support
the ministries of The Brothers and Sisters of Charity.*



December 3 - 7pm - St. Ann's Catholic Church, Midland, TX
December 5 - 7pm - Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Abilene, TX
December 7 - 7pm - Sacred Heart Cathedral, San Angelo, TX

FMI: (325) 651-7500 or www.sanangelodiocese.org

NO TICKETS REQUIRED!

www.JohnMichaelTalbot.com/Tour



Thank you!

The St. Stephen's Women's Organization would like to extend their sincere gratitude to all our community supporters & parishioners for their continued support with our biggest Fundraiser, the **Silent Auction**. Because of your generosity, our event was such a great success! With your help, we will continue to support other organizations such as Life Center, Nursing Home Project, Dress an Angel, Fishers of Men, Rachel's Vineyard, our Youth, and many others. Thank you again, we couldn't have done it without you.

Occasions Fine Jewelry

Sarabia Law Firm

Carter's Furniture

Cathy Eastham

Dina Borrego

Tori Baca

Ave Maria

Ann Carrillo

Ray's Bristo

Sara Basaldua

Glory Be Gifts Shop

Carol Kiowski

Sam's Whole Sales

Texana Trading

Miss Cayce's

Today's Designs

Home Depot

Pat Lee

Montrey Cocina

Karla's Hair Studio

Shawanda Meshier

Paz Carrizalez

Physis

Sandy Sandate

En Vogue Salon

Spencer's Yard Signs

Sassy Sally Boutique

Judy Castro

St Joseph Home Health

Delma Chavez

Anne Hobbs

Tara Rindahl

Linda Sotelo

Paula Callo

Carmen Castaneda

Tobar's Doginistas

Gladys Qualls

Bonnie Carrillo

O'Reilly Auto Parts

Cuh Car Wash

Rancho Boots

Edible Arrangements

Reina Hobbs

Delma Collier

Arlene's Flowers

Annabell Weisman

Texas Sun Winery

Bear Claw & Knives

Ilda Cuevas

Rockhounds

Odessa Cinergy

The Canopy

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Addie's Dinner

All our Anonymous donors

Save the Date!

This year's goal
\$130,000

Project: Replacing
35 years old
air-conditioning
system with
Energy Efficient
one



#iGIVECATHOLIC

I would like to
express my heartfelt
gratitude in advance
to all the generous
individuals who are
contributing to this
project. May God
bless everyone at St.

Stephen's
Parish.
Fr. Bala

NOVEMBER 28, 2023



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