

THIRTY—SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME November 19, 2023



ST. STEPHEN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MISSION STATEMENT Growing Friendships, families & Faith

MASS SCHEDULE

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon: 7:00am & 5:30pm
Tue: 7:00am & 5:30pm
Wed: 7:00am, 12:15pm & 5:30pm
Thu: 7:00am & 5:30pm
Fri: 7:00am, 12:15pm, & 5:30pm
Sat: 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

MON—FRI

6:45 AM to 6:55 AM
5:00 PM to 5:25 PM

WED & FRI

12:00 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 and
Dcn. Fidel Saldivar

Religious Nuns

Madre Gertrudis Munoz Mendieta
Hna: Leonila Torres Bernudez

Administrator

Josie Brenner

Asst. Administrator

Annabel Wiesman

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 First Saturday in English at 7pm

MISA DE SANACION

Cada ultimo Sabado en Espanol at 7pm

CANDLELIGHT PROCESSION WITH ROSARY

Every Friday night at 8:00pm

EUACHRISTIC PROCESSION

Every First Friday 8:00PM

Parish Website: www.ststephensmidland.com
Parish Email: frontdesk@ssccmidland.com



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Our Goal: \$130,000

Project: Replacing AC units in the Church, Hall, Classrooms and Office.
Thank you all for your love and support towards our parish community.

Dear Beloved Brothers and Sisters,

On this special day of Thanksgiving, I want to take a moment to express my gratitude for each and every one of you. Your presence in our St. Stephen's community brings joy, love, and unity.

As we gather together with family and friends to celebrate this day, let us remember the words from Psalm 9:1: "I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will tell of all his wonderful deeds." This verse reminds us to offer our heartfelt gratitude to God for His abundant blessings and marvelous works in our lives.

In the book of Philippians 4:6, we are encouraged not to be anxious about anything but instead bring our requests before God with thanksgiving. Let us approach Him today with prayers of gratitude for His faithfulness and provision.

Thanksgiving is a time when we reflect on the goodness of God and His unwavering love for us. It is also an opportunity for us to extend that love and kindness towards others. As we come together as a church family, let's remember those who may be in need or experiencing hardships during this season. May we reach out with compassion and support, sharing God's blessings with those around us.

On behalf of the St. Stephen's Parish and the Staff, I want to wish you all a blessed Thanksgiving filled with joy, peace, and abundance. May your hearts overflow with gratitude as you gather around the table with loved ones. Remember that giving thanks should not be limited to just one day but should be a daily practice in our lives. Let us continue to cultivate an attitude of gratitude throughout the year.

Happy Thanksgiving! May God greatly bless you!

With warmest regards,

Fr. Bala Anthony & St. Stephen's Office Staff

Queridos Hermanos y Hermanas Amados,

En este día especial de Acción de Gracias, quiero tomar un momento para expresar mi gratitud hacia cada uno de ustedes. Su presencia en nuestra comunidad de San Esteban aporta alegría, amor y unidad.

Mientras nos reunimos con familiares y amigos para celebrar este día, recordemos las palabras del Salmo 9:1: "Daré gracias al Señor con todo mi corazón; contaré todas sus maravillas". Este versículo nos recuerda ofrecer nuestra gratitud sincera a Dios por Sus abundantes bendiciones y maravillosas obras en nuestras vidas.

En el libro de Filipenses 4:6, se nos anima a no estar ansiosos por nada, sino a presentar nuestras peticiones ante Dios con acción de gracias. Acudamos a Él hoy con oraciones de gratitud por Su fidelidad y provisión.

Acción de Gracias es un momento en el que reflexionamos sobre la bondad de Dios y Su amor inquebrantable por nosotros. También es una oportunidad para extender ese amor y bondad hacia los demás. Al reunirnos como familia de la iglesia, recordemos a aquellos que pueden estar necesitados o experimentando dificultades durante esta temporada. Que alcancemos con compasión y apoyo, compartiendo las bendiciones de Dios con quienes nos rodean.

En nombre de la Parroquia de San Esteban y el Personal, quiero desearles a todos un bendecido Día de Acción de Gracias lleno de alegría, paz y abundancia. Que sus corazones rebosen de gratitud al reunirse alrededor de la mesa con sus seres queridos.

Recuerden que dar gracias no debería limitarse a solo un día, sino que debería ser una práctica diaria en nuestras vidas. Sigamos cultivando una actitud de gratitud a lo largo del año.

¡Feliz Día de Acción de Gracias! ¡Que Dios los bendiga grandemente!

Padre Bala Anthony y el Personal de la Oficina de San Esteban



St. Stephen's Catholic Church
Midland, Texas

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 19th, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday November 20th

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

Tuesday November 21st- The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

Wednesday November 22nd- St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr

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

Thursday November 23rd- Thanksgiving Mass (Office Closed)

8:00am All Souls

Friday November 24th-St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest & Companions, Martyrs

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

Saturday November 25th- St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr

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

Sunday November 26th-Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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:

**December 10, 2023 /
10 de Diciembre 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 11.05.23-11.13.23

Contributions:	Cash	Checks	Totals
Sat. 5pm 1st collection	\$1,166.00	\$2,850.00	\$4,016.00
Sun. 8am 1st collection	\$963.00	\$6,600.00	\$7,563.00
Sun. 10am 1st collection	\$1,929.00	\$2,371.00	\$4,300.00
Sun.12pm 1st collection	\$2,694.65	\$785.00	\$3,479.65
Sun. 5pm 1st collection	\$809.20	\$1,278.00	\$2,087.20
Sun. 7pm 1st collection	\$474.65	\$140.00	\$614.00
Daily Masses	\$430.00	\$25.00	\$455.00
Online Giving		\$6,943.00	\$6,943.00
Mailed-In Contributions	\$38.00		\$38.00
		GRAND TOTAL	\$29,496.50

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Special Notice for Thanksgiving Week

Thanksgiving Mass: Join us for our Thanksgiving Mass on Thursday, November 23rd, at 8:00 AM. This is a wonderful opportunity to come together in gratitude and prayer.

Office Closure: Please note that our office will be closed on Thursday, November 23rd, and Friday, November 24th in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Adoration Schedule Changes: There will be no Adoration on Thursday, November 23rd, and Friday, November 24th. We will resume our regular Adoration schedule the following week.

Thank you for being part of our community. We wish you a blessed and joyful Thanksgiving!

ST. STEPHEN'S WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION

Thank you to those that chose an Angel for our Dress an Angel program! Please return all Angels to the church Foyer by December 4, 2023.

Christmas Bazaar/Breakfast with Santa: December 02 (Vendor booths are still available)

Executive Board Meeting: December 04

General Meeting: December 11

Community Christmas Party: December 16

Deliver Dress an Angels: December 17

For additional information on any of the above contact Gina Ybarra @ 432-230-4426.

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 21st at 7 pm in the church.

All are welcome!

Adoration Openings: We invite you to spend time in peaceful reflection during Adoration. The current available slots are as follows:

Tuesdays: 7:30 AM - 8:00 AM (After Mass)

Thursdays: 7:30 AM - 8:00 AM (After Mass)

Fridays: 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM

We encourage you to sign up for these times to commit to a regular prayer practice and deepen your spiritual journey.



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.

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.

CCD NEWS

There will be no CCD this week. Wednesday November 22nd, 2023 for the Thanksgiving Holiday! Have a blessed and safe holiday. We will see you all November 29th. :)

ESPAÑOL CCD

No habrá CCD esta semana el lunes 20 por el feriado de Acción de Gracias. Que tengas unas vacaciones bendecidas y seguras. Nos vemos el 27 de noviembre.



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
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NAME AND PRODUCTS LIST



St Stephen's Catholic Church
Advent Mission, 2023
Mary, the Eucharistic Woman
& the Eucharistic People

December 13, 2023 | 6pm - 7pm by
Bridget Costello

December 14, 2023 | 6pm - 7pm by
Fr Bala Anthony Govindu

December 15, 2023 | 6pm - 8pm by
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

BULLETIN AD DEADLINE

If you would like to make an announcement for your ministry or event please email: 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 to see where you might be interested in volunteering.

TO ALL MINISTRIES:

If you are needing a room / space for your meetings and or functions, PLEASE REQUEST BY GOING TO OUR WEBSITE AND FILL OUT THE FORM

A todos los ministerios:

Si necesita una sala / espacio para sus reuniones y/o funciones, POR FAVOR, SOLICÍTELO ACCEDIENDO A NUESTRA PÁGINA WEB Y RELLENE EL FORMULARIO: St. Stephen's Facility Space Request Form | (ststephensmidland.com) For any other concerns, please feel free to call the Parish office at 432-520-7394.

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:

Electricity	5 families	\$ 1,985.49
Water	5 families	\$ 2,391.34
Rent	16 families	\$31,704.47
Transportation	2 families	\$ 2,623.44
Medical	1 family	\$ 1,629.27
Total		\$40,334.01

Several years ago we received a very beautiful letter along with a generous donation. We would like to again share this letter in the hopes that all of us will come to appreciate our lives and learn to count our many blessings the way this particular couple has.

Please accept the enclosed check to purchase Christmas gifts for those families who are in need this year. We are thankful that contributing to Helping Hands is a way in which we can show our love to others as Christ commands us to do. Though His providing for us, we can help provide for others. What a privilege and joy!

Year after year the blessings that the Lord has bestowed upon us continue! We are especially grateful for the peace that we have in our lives that comes from being loved. Every evening we go to bed knowing that, no matter what challenges we might have faced during the day, we are loved by our children, grandchildren, and by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. And every morning when we wake up, we are still loved as much as we were the day before!

There may be many in our community who don't feel loved. But it becomes evident to them that they ARE loved when they are given compassionate help by the volunteers at Helping Hands. So to all the volunteers, we give you our heartfelt thanks for your time, hard work, and commitment that you generously give. We pray that the Lord will richly bless each of you!

In accordance with Matthew 6:1-4, please do not use our name on any public list of donors. Should you place this contribution on a list of donors, please use "With Gratitude to Jesus Christ" instead of our name.

Joyfully given in His name.....

We pray that everyone who reads this beautiful letter takes a few minutes of their time to reflect on all of the many blessings that our Lord bestows on each one of us every single day. As we enter into the Christmas season we wish God's peace for each and every one of you. And to this special couple, may God continue to bless you over and over again. What beautiful people you are!

St. Stephen's Community Presents:

CONCERT / DINNER / DANCE

MERRY MELODIES OF CHRISTMAS



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CORO LATREIA

SATURDAY DECEMBER 16TH

MIX AND MINGLE: 6PM - 7PM. CONCERT: 7PM. DINNER WILL BE SERVED AT 8:30PM.
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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

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Who: Dr. Allen Hunt

Where: Saint Ann's Catholic Church

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



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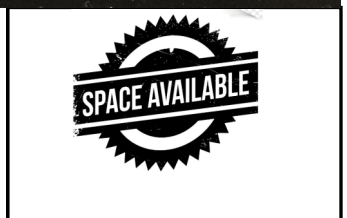
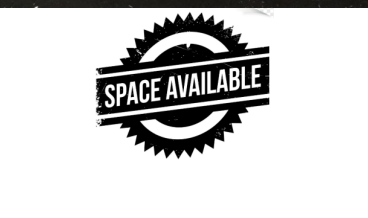
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