# & PAUL/SANTOS 29, 2025 /Domingo



# ST. STEPHEN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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# **MISSION STATEMENT**

Growing Friendships, Families, and 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

# **PAROCHIAL VICAR**

Rev. Ignatius Edet

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Dcn. Leonard Hendon

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Madre Gertrudis Munoz Mendieta (DRE) Hermana: Leonila Torres Bermudez Sister Rajamma Mendam (DRE) Sister Nirmala Panditi

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Josie Brenner

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Gabriel Salgado

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Gladys Qualls

# RECEPTIONIST/OFFICE ASST.

Maria T Arredondo

# **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday-Thursday: 8:30am-5:00pm

**Friday:** 9:00am-1:00pm

Parish Website: www.ststephensmidland.com

Email: frontdesk@ststephensmidland.com

Find us @st.stephenmidland5420 on YouTube to watch the live stream of the Mass!

# YouTube

Daily online Rosary with Fr Bala at 10pm on Facebook at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/">https://www.facebook.com/</a>
<a href="https://www.facebook.com/">holyrosary82</a>

# SUNDAY REFLECTION BY FR. BALA

# Homily for the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

# Readings: Acts 12:1-11, 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18, Matthew 16:13-19

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Today, we celebrate the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, two pillars of the Church whose lives and deaths bore powerful witness to the Gospel. Their stories, as revealed in today's readings, are not tales of flawless heroes but of ordinary men transformed by God's grace, enduring weaknesses, struggles, and hardships to spread the Good News. Their journeys teach us profound lessons about faith, resilience, and the call to mission.

# **Peter: The Rock with Human Frailty**

In Matthew 16:13-19, Jesus declares Simon "Peter," the rock on which He will build His Church, entrusting him with the keys to the kingdom. Yet, Peter's journey to this role was marked by vulnerability. He was impulsive, often speaking or acting before thinking—recall his attempt to walk on water, only to sink in fear (Matthew 14:28-31), or his bold promise to never abandon Jesus, followed by his threefold denial (Luke 22:54-62). Peter's weaknesses were not hidden; they were laid bare, showing us that God chooses the imperfect to accomplish His work.

Acts 12:1-11 recounts Peter's imprisonment under Herod, chained and guarded, facing likely execution. Yet, God sent an angel to free him, a reminder that divine providence sustains those who trust in Him. Peter's life was one of constant challenges: he faced beatings, arrests, and opposition as he preached in Jerusalem, Samaria, and beyond. Tradition holds that he traveled as far as Rome, where he was martyred, crucified upside-down, feeling unworthy to die as his Lord did. Peter's travels and trials reveal a man who, despite his flaws, grew in courage and faith, becoming the unifying leader of the early Church.

# **Paul: The Persecutor Turned Apostle**

Paul's story is equally compelling. Once Saul, a zealous persecutor of Christians, he was transformed by his encounter with Christ on the road to Damascus (Acts 9:1-19). In 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18, Paul reflects on his life as a "libation" poured out for God, having fought the good fight and kept the faith. His missionary journeys—spanning Asia Minor, Greece, and Rome—were fraught with hardships: shipwrecks, imprisonments, floggings, and stonings (2 Corinthians 11:23-27). Paul's letters reveal his struggles, including a mysterious "thorn in the flesh" (2 Corinthians 12:7), a reminder of his dependence on God's grace.

Paul's vulnerabilities did not deter him. He preached to Jews and Gentiles alike, adapting to every culture while remaining steadfast in the Gospel. His boldness led to his arrest in Jerusalem and eventual martyrdom in Rome, where tradition says he was beheaded. Paul's life shows us that God can redeem even the most unlikely servants, turning their weaknesses into instruments of His glory.

### Their Shared Mission and Sacrifice

Peter and Paul, though different in background and temperament, shared a common mission: to proclaim Christ crucified and risen. Peter, the fisherman, brought stability to the Church, grounding it in the teachings of Jesus. Paul, the scholar, spread the Gospel to the Gentiles, expanding the Church's reach. Both faced rejection, persecution, and death, yet their faith never wavered. Their travels—Peter's to Antioch and Rome, Paul's across the Mediterranean—demonstrate their relentless commitment to sharing the Good News, no matter the cost.

Their deaths in Rome, under Nero's persecution, cemented their legacy. Peter's crucifixion and Paul's beheading were not defeats but triumphs, echoing Paul's words: "The Lord will rescue me from every evil threat and will bring me safe to his heavenly kingdom" (2 Timothy 4:18). Their martyrdoms remind us that the call to follow Christ may lead to sacrifice, but it is always sustained by God's strength.

# What We Can Learn

What do Peter and Paul teach us today? First, **God works through our weaknesses**. Peter's impulsiveness and Paul's past as a persecutor did not disqualify them; instead, God used their flaws to reveal His power. We, too, are called to trust that our limitations are no obstacle to God's plan.

Second, **faith requires perseverance**. The beatings, imprisonments, and rejections they endured could have broken their spirits, but they pressed on. When we face trials—whether personal struggles, societal pressures, or doubts—we can draw strength from their example, knowing that God is with us, as He was with Peter in chains and Paul in peril.

Third, we are all called to mission. Peter and Paul traveled far, but their mission began with a single step: saying "yes" to Christ. We may not be called to distant lands, but we are called to witness in our homes, workplaces, and communities. Their courage challenges us to share the Gospel boldly, even when it's uncomfortable.

Finally, our hope is in eternity. Paul's confidence in the "crown of righteousness" (2 Timothy 4:8) reminds us that our struggles are temporary, leading to the eternal glory of God's kingdom. Like Peter and Paul, we are invited to live not for worldly approval but for the promise of heaven.

# Conclusion

Saints Peter and Paul were not superhuman; they were men who stumbled, doubted, and suffered, yet allowed God to work through them. Their lives, travels, and deaths inspire us to embrace our own call to holiness, to persevere through hardship, and to spread the Good News with courage. As we honor them today, let us pray for the grace to follow their example, trusting that the same God who strengthened them will lead us to His heavenly kingdom. Amen.

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL APOSTLES

June 29, 2025

# MASS INTENTIONS

# Sunday, June 29 STS. PETER AND PAUL

8:00am Fr. Ignatius 24th (OA)

†Silvia V. and †Jàcoby R. by Villa Family

10:00am Fr. Ignatius 24th (OA)

Sergio and Joseph Frias (GH) by Family

12:30pm †Elias and †Estela Calderon by Granados Fam.

†Omar Rivera by Granados Family

2:30pm African Mass

5:00pm †Sofia and †Victoria Montero by Maria Velarde

†Victor Lopez Jr. by Lopez Family

Martha Manguia (BD) by Family and Friends 7:00pm

Lily and Joel Gonzalez by The Cumbies

# Monday, June 30 (The first Martyrs of the Holy Roman

Church)

7:00am †Maria Torres by Flores Family

Chris Sims (GH) by Family

Yomar Mangan (GH) by Ana Riano 5:30pm

†Silvia V. and †Jacoby R. by Villa Family

# Tuesday, July 1, (St. Junipero Serra)

7:00am Chris Sims (GH) by Family

> Ana Riano (GH) by Rocio Herrera †Victor Lopez Jr. by Lopez Family

†Silvia V. and †Jacoby R. by Villa Family

# Wednesday, July 2

5:30pm

7:00am Alena Crivello by Family

Yomar Mangan for work by Rocio Herrera

Chris Sims (GH) by Family 12:15pm

†Roberto M. and †Francis Velarde by Meza Fam

**†Helen Smith by Family** 5:30pm

†Silvia V. and †Jacoby R. by Villa Family

# Thursday, July 3 St. Thomas

Nephews and Good children of Rocio Herrera 7:00am

Chris Sims (GH) by Family

5:30pm †Silvia V. and † Jacoby R. by Villa Family

†Helen Smith by Family

# Friday, July 4 Independence day

7:00am Yves Soruco by Rocio Herrera

> Bruce Foster (GH) by John and Linda †Cecilia Galeano Cadena by Alba Galeano

†Blanca Pedraza by Alba Galeano

†Silvia V. and † Jacoby R. by Villa Family †Natalia and †Francisco Valladares

### Saturday, July 5 (St. Anthony Zaccaria)

Chris Sims (GH) by Family 8:00am

Eric Hudson (BD) by Liz and Mando

5:00pm †Silvia V. and † Jacoby R. by Villa Family

†Frank and †Bernadina Hernandez by Olga

# Sunday, July 6 Ordinary Time

8:00am †Cruz and †Juanita Muñiz by Marilyn W.

†Sue and †Angela Wiesman by Marilyn W.

10:30am Altar Servers of St. Stephen's

†Carmen Riano by Sister

12:30pm †Marcelina and †Teofanes Gonzalez by Fam.

†Paulo and †Guadalupe Gonzalez by Family

5:00pm †Rose Velarde by Adela Marta and Family †Silvia V. and † Jacoby R. by Villa Family

7:00pm †Benito G. Ozuna by Danny and Dina

Bejarano Family

BD= Birthday; GH= Good Health; BA= Baptism Anv; OA= Ordination Anv.; WA= Wedding Anv.

Please pray for the following:

Dalia H, Fr. Edward B, Noah L, Natalie & Matthew, Natalie T, Jonathan R, Anne H, Alan M, Richard R, Belinda S. Leonardo A. Noah L. Mirna L. Brenda G. Lacey G. conclave. Melissa T. Grayson N. Jennifer N. Austin N, Rebecca M, Josh I, Katalina A, Cesareo V, Sammy G, Angie L, Gonzalo, Elida and Rogelio V, Cristina M, Esteban M, Aj S, Cristina P, Vanessa H, Sarah S. Manuel A. Jr. Ludivina E. Ruben M. Cristina R, Juho, Elviira, Reijo, Aino, Kalevi, Seppo, Birgitta, Gape, Alexandra L. Bertta, Otto, Tatiana T. Samantha S. M, Joel L, John & Britney V, Jeremy & Marissa T, Eddy & Maria L, Dinh M, Theresa C, Loretta G, Andrea Emilia B, Sylvia S, Javier Maria A, Isaiah, Victoria & Vanessa V, Kathen H, Malcom & Brandy, Jacob F, Luis S, Charlie H, Ygnacio M, Jolan V, Jose O, Annaliza E, Gladys N, Josie B, Ann C, Rio Family, Santa Cruz family, Caceres family, Gustavo, Ester E, Ruben A, Raymundo F.

Email frontdesk@ststephensmidland.com or call the office at (432) 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. Thankyou!

> **Upcoming Baptismal Classes Proximas Clases bautismales**

Julio 13, 2025 / July 13, 2025 English: 2:00 - 4:30pm Español: 2:30 - 5:00pm

Please contact the parish office to register. Por favor contacte la oficina parroquial para registrarse.

Starting July 6th, our 10 AM Sunday mass will be moved to 10:30 AM Fr. Bala Anthony Govindu



If you were in 2024-2025 OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) classes and received your sacraments on Easter Vigil, April 19th, 2025, your certificates are ready to be picked up at the Parish office, please see either Gladys or Maria.

Si estuviste en las clases de OCIA (Orden de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos) 2024-2025 y recibiste tus sacramentos en la Vigilia Pascual, el 19 de abril de 2025, tus certificados están listos para ser recogidos en la oficina parroquial. Por favor, consulta a Gladvs o a María.

# FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH POTLUCK BREAKFAST

Come meet and mingle with other parishioners. If you like bring a dish to share. Our next get together will be Saturday July 5, after the 8:00am Mass

### Ad Sizes:

- 1. Label Size: Price: \$25 per issue
- 2. Business Card Size (3.5" x 2"): Price: \$50 per issue
- 3. Quarter Page (3.75" x 5"): Price: \$75 per issue
- 4. Half Page (7.5" x 5"): Price: \$150 per issue
- 5. Full Page (7.5" x 10"): Price: \$300 per issue

# **Healing and Deliverance Masses in English (Every Alternate Fourth** Saturday)

July 26, 2025 - 7:00 P.M.

# Misa de Sanación y Liberación en Español (Cada cuarto domingo alterno)

- 24 de Agosto de 2025 12:30 P.M.
- 26 de Octubre de 2025-12:30 P.M.



# The (CDA) - Daughters of St. Stephen's, Court

#2818, are working hard to serve you! We serve the mass on the Fourth Sunday of each month. We have placed American flags on Veterans' headstones in honor of Memorial Day, Collected Socks for Seniors, and we are in the process of preparing a Hot Dog Day fundraiser (see bulletin ad) along with planning for many more events for our parish community. We will have our next General Meeting on

# August 28, at 6:30 p.m. in Room 11.

\*ALL Catholic women 18 years and older are invited to join and share in serving our parish community under our Motto of Unity & Charity, with our Patroness the Blessed Mother Mary! For information, please contact 432-230-4426.

# **RESERVA LA FECHA....**



Hijas Católicas de América Hijas de la Corte de San Esteban 2818

# Primer Dí a Anual de Hot Dog!



Sábado, 19 de julio después de la Misa de las 5PM



Domingo, 20 de julio después de la Misas de las 8AM, 10:30AM y 12:30PM

Ubicación: Iglesia Católica de San Esteben, Entrada Principal



### Menú

- \$10.00: Hot dog, Papitas, Bebida y Galleta
- \$8.00: Hot dog, Papitas, y Bebida
- \$4.00: Hot dog
- \$3.00: Bebida
- \$2.00: Galleta

Opción- Disponible-Comida Para llevar

Esta es una Maravillosa Oportunidad para contectarse con otros miembros de la Parroquia, las ganancias apoyan a nuestros cleros y seminaristas





# SAVE THE DATE....



Catholic Daughters of the Americas Daughters of St. Stephen's, Court 2818

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# First Annual Hot Dog Day!!



Saturday, July 19th following 5 PM Mass. Sunday, July 20th following 8 AM, 10:30 AM, and 12:30 PM Masses

Location: St. Stephen's Catholic Church, front entrance

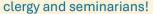


### Menu

- \$10.00: Hot dog, chips, drink, & cookie
- \$8.00: Hot dog, bag of chips, & drink
- \$4.00: Hot dog
- \$3.00: Drink
- \$2.00: Cookie

Carry-out option available!

This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with fellow parishioners with proceeds supporting our











# Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

St. Stephen's will be holding a training session for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC's) AUGUST 9, 2025, from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm.

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 these questions, please consider joining this important and very special ministry!

Please **RSVP** at this link <a href="https://ststephensmidland.com/">https://ststephensmidland.com/</a> <a href="mailto:extraordinaryministerofholycommunion">extraordinaryministerofholycommunion</a> as soon as possible so we have enough handout material for everyone. You may complete a hard copy application available in the foyer.

For additional questions please speak with Fr. Bala, Fr. Ignatius, any Mass Coordinator, or you may contact our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) Trainers at:

Marcos Ybarra 432-638-9097 Gina Ybarra 432-230-4426

# CCD & OCIC Registration (ENGLISH) Announcement

Registration for **CCD** and **OCIC** programs will take place every **Monday** starting **July 28th,** from **5:30 PM to 6:30 PM** in the church foyer.

- ₱ Parents wishing to register their children are kindly encouraged to attend during the scheduled time.
- Classes for the 2025–2026 academic year will begin in August.

  Exact start dates will be announced soon.

We look forward to welcoming all new and returning participants!

# **EL GRUPO DE ORACION**

# "El Buen Pastor" De la Renovación Carismática

de la iglesia de San Esteban Te invita a unirte al grupo, los viernes a las 6pm en el salón 2.

TENDREMOS CUIDADO DE NIÑOS DONDE ELLOS TAMBIEN APRENDERAN LA PALABRA DE DIOS DE UNA FORMA DIVERTIDA.

# TENDREMOS ALABANZA, ORACIÓN, CONVIVENCIA Y TESTIMONIOS.

El Buen Pastor les abre las puertas a las ovejas, las llama por su nombre y ellas escuchan su voz..... (San Juan 10-3)

# ¡No falte, Los esperamos!

Si tiene alguna pregunta o para más información comuníquese con Alexandra Santamaria al Tel. (432) 935-0657 o con Belén Valdez al Tel (432) 488-7745



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# Inscripción CCD y OCIC (ESPAÑOL) ANUNCIO

La inscripción para los programas CCD y OCIC se realizará todos los lunes, del 21 al 28 de Julio y del 4 al 11 de Agosto, de 5:30 PM a 6:30PM, en el vestíbulo de la Iglesia.

- ★ Se anima a los padres que deseen inscribir a sus hijos a asistir en el horario establecido.
- Las clases para el año académico 2025-2026 comenzarán en agosto. Las fechas exactas de inicio se anunciarán próximamente.

¡Esperamos dar la bienvenida a todos los participantes, tanto nuevos como antiguos!

# iii PEDRO Y PABLO APOSTOLES!!! 29 de junio 2025 Hermana Gertrudis Muñoz Mendieta

En la Iglesia a menudo se considera a Pedro y Pablo como una pareja complementaria. Pedro representa la iglesia institucional, mientras Pablo representa la iglesia carismática o espiritual. Ambos se asocian con la Iglesia en Roma. Pero lo que los une, por encima de todo, es que el mensaje de Jesús los consumió a ambos por completo.

El Nuevo Testamento a menudo muestra a Pedro como precipitado y obstinado. En un momento, es un ejemplo de fe; al rato, no entiende para nada lo que Jesús quiere. Con frecuencia no parece entender lo que sucede, e incluso niega a Jesús cuando estaba próximo a ser crucificado. Y, sin embargo, a pesar de sus defectos y debilidades, su corazón era para el Señor. Es el Príncipe de los Apóstoles, y como primer obispo de Roma, tiene un lugar especial en el corazón de los cristianos católicos.

La Sagrada Escritura presenta a Pablo como un violento perseguidor de los primeros cristianos. Incluso, parece que supervisó la ejecución del hombre que el libro de los Hechos de los Apóstoles describe como el primer mártir, San Esteban Hechos 7, 54-60 Se considera una última adición al movimiento de Jesús, refiriéndose a sí mismo como "el último de todos" (1 Cor 15,8). Sin embargo, después de su encuentro con Cristo cerca de Damasco, se convirtió en uno de los grandes misioneros en la historia de la Iglesia en sus inicios. Como Pedro, Pablo da su corazón al Señor, y cuando su energía espiritual está dirigida a la gloria de Jesucristo, es un testigo poderoso del Reino de Dios. Sus cartas componen la mayor parte del Nuevo Testamento y continúan orientando a la Iglesia hoy día.

Es un hermoso testimonio del poder de Dios que estos dos hombres, cuyas faltas la Sagrada Escritura no esconde, son dos figuras en la historia de Jesús y la base para el desarrollo de la Iglesia. ¡San Pedro y San Pablo nos muestran la obra del Espíritu Santo, que renueva nuestro corazón, edifica la Iglesia y da testimonio de Cristo! Pedro murió mártir en Roma, crucificado según algunos relatos. Pablo sufrió por la causa del Evangelio durante todo su ministerio, y escribió varias cartas desde la prisión. El, al igual que Pedro, fue martirizado en Roma.

Hombres imperfectos, poseídos por la Palabra de Dios y encendidos por el fuego del Espíritu Santo. Son pilares de nuestra Iglesia y testigos de la libertad en Cristo.

# ¡San Pedro y San Pablo rueguen por nosotros!

Last week Collection			
Contributions:	Cash	Checks	Totals
Sat. 8:30pm—1st collection	\$ 1,412.00	\$ 2,197.00	\$ 3,609.00
Sun. 8am—1st collection	\$ 1,586.00	\$ 1,820.00	\$ 3,406.00
Sun. 10am—1st collection	\$ 2,738.00	\$ 2,550.00	\$ 5,288.00
Sun. 12:30pm—1st collection	\$ 2,677.98	\$ 170.00	\$ 2,847.98
Sun. 5:00pm—1st collection	\$ 1,617.00	\$ 1,235.00	\$ 2,852.00
Sun. 7:00pm—1st collection	\$ 964.00	\$ 435.00	\$ 1,399.00
Daily Masses	\$ 211.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 236.00
Online Giving	\$ 5,003.00		\$ 5,003.00
Mailed in contributions		\$ 360.00	\$ 360.00
		GRAND TOTAL	\$ 25,000.98
Second Collection Needy Parishes	\$ 16,921.00	\$ 2,747.00	\$ 19,668.00

# Dear brother priests,

On the weekend of June 28-29, we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection in all our Masses. Please inform the faithful of the purpose of this collection, either before Mass begins or when the collection is about to be taken up, in these or similar words:

"Today's special collection is called Peter's Pence. Our donations are sent to Rome to support the ministry of Pope Leo XIV, including the various Vatican offices and the charitable works of humanitarian assistance by the Holy Father around the world."

"La colecta especial de hoy se llama el Óbolo de San Pedro. Nuestras donaciones se envían a Roma para apoyar el ministerio del Papa León XIV, incluyendo las diversas oficinas del Vaticano y las obras de caridad y asistencia humanitaria del Santo Padre en todo el mundo."

# Thank you, Bishop Michael Sis

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Past issues available at: sanangelodiocese.org/westtexas-angelus



# A GRATEFUL FAREWELL TO OUR BELOVED FATHER IGNATIUS EDET

As your time with us at St. Stephen Church draws to a close, our hearts are filled with both gratitude and gentle sorrow. Though your ministry among us spanned but a single year, its depth and beauty have left a lasting imprint on our parish family.

With pastoral tenderness and spiritual wisdom, you shepherded us through the sacred rhythms of faith. Your homilies inspired, your presence comforted, and your quiet strength anchored us in Christ. You ministered not only through your words, but through your gracious example—ever approachable, ever prayerful, ever faithful.

We give thanks for the countless ways you have enriched our community—with your reverent celebration of the Eucharist, your compassionate counsel, and the joy wwhich you

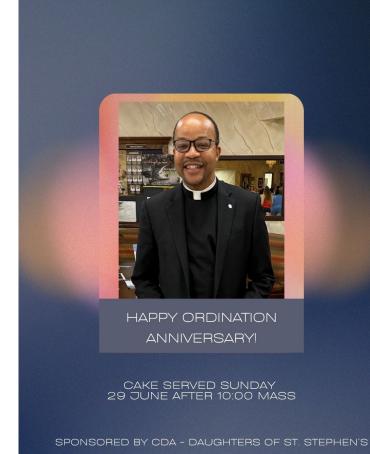
carried out even the smallest of duties.

As you now embark on a new path in your priestly journey, know that you do not go alone. You carry with you the love, gratitude, and heartfelt prayers of the entire St. Stephen's parish.

May the Lord bless you abundantly in your new mission, and may Our Lady and St. Stephen intercede for you always. You will be remembered here not only as a devoted priest, but as a cherished part of our spiritual family.

With deepest appreciation and warmest blessings,

The Faithful of St. Stephen Church



# CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE For the Diocese of San Angelo

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# "WARRIOR PREPARE FOR BATTLE"

CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE FOR THE DIOCESE OF SAN ANGELO

"Warrior Prepare for Battle" is not just a catchphrase. God has called all men to stand and defend our Faith, our Families and our Communities.

### **JOIN US ON JULY 26, 2025**







**DEACON MIKE** 

REV. FR. BALA ANTHONY GOVINDU

JESSE ROMERO

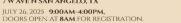
Will share their knowledge and faith to inspire and guide our faith journey. Don't miss out on this opportunity to learn, grow and fellowship with men who know we need God. Reconciliation will be available and the conference will end with a Healing Mass and Adoration.

### TICKETS ARE ONLY \$25.00

and your registration includes a light breakfast, snacks, and a hot lunch.

TO RESERVE YOUR SEAT CALL ROBIN MILLER: 325.651.3823

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# SATURDAY, JULY 19<sup>™</sup>

DOORS OPEN 7:30AM **EVENT STARTS 8:30AM** 

Must Register to Attend Scan the QR code, visit GRNonline.com or call 1-888-784-3476

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# PLANO EVENT CENTER

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Join us in celebrating 25 years of Guadalupe Radio Network, "Keeping the Promise"! Our jubilee year celebration will be a day filled with inspiring speakers that will leave you with hope and joy as they share their wisdom and love of our Catholic faith.

We want you there, to be a part of this exciting celebration of Mass, Talks, Adoration, and Confession, where you can view 60+ Relics and meet your GRN Family.

Make this extraordinary opportunity for spiritual renewal a part of your 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope experience in God's boundless love and mercy.





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Teams of Our Lady

# What is "Teams"?

# INTERNATIONAL LAY MOVEMENT

Recognized by the Catholic Church, designed to enrich marriage spirituality and make good marriages better.

### **OUR LADY, THE PERFECT DISCIPLE** The Blessed Mother is the Patroness of the

Movement. We strive to imitate Mary's perfect "yes" to God through prayer, scripture and the sacraments.

# A TEAM COMMITMENT

Teams are groups of 5-7 couples, whose marriage is recognized by the Catholic Church, meeting monthly in each other's homes for a simple meal, prayer, and a study topic.















New Teams are forming now! Contact Nate and Lia Cless or visit www.TeamsOfOurLady.org for more information.



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# **Cursillo para hombres**

Se hace una atenta invitacion a todos los varones mayores de 18 años a participar en el Cursillo de Cristiandad para hombres que se llevara a cabo del 17 al 20 de Julio en la parroquia de San Francisco de Asis en Abilene, TX.

Unico requisito es que puedan comulgar. Para mayor información comunicarse con Luis Orona al tel. 432-257-1259, Raul Castaneda al 432-202-1317 o con Arturo Becerra al 432-703-7274. Costo: 100 dólares incluye comida, hospedaje y material a usar. Animate no te arrepentiras!

# Join Our Team at The Life Center!

The Life Center is a non-profit, faith-based organization dedicated to providing a loving alternative to abortion. We are seeking passionate individuals to help support our mission of empowering women, men and families in need. Visit <a href="https://www.tlcdonor.org/employment">https://www.tlcdonor.org/employment</a> for more information and to apply today!

Make a difference in the lives of those we serve.



# **CHOOSE LIFE MIDLAND**

Is welcoming anyone interested in learning more about this important ministry of Prayer and Care of mothers and their children.
Included in this ministry is making known the plight of the mothers and that we are praying for them and making available resources to them.

The rosary for LIFE is prayed Fridays al 12 noon at the Choose Life Midland located at 2500 W. Ohio for an end to abortion through out the world and for mothers who find themselves in difficult situations. Call 432-695-6955 for more information. We look forward to meeting you!

# YOUTH NEWS

July 2<sup>nd</sup> - No Meeting- Happy 4<sup>th</sup>
July 9<sup>th</sup> - Kickball – PIONEER PARK
July 16<sup>th</sup> - swim party
July 18<sup>th</sup> FRIDAY NIGHT
Rockhounds Picnic\*\*
July 23<sup>rd</sup> - Miniature Golf
July 30<sup>th</sup> - No Meeting
\*\* Sign up required\*\*
\*\*\$15.00 per person\*\*

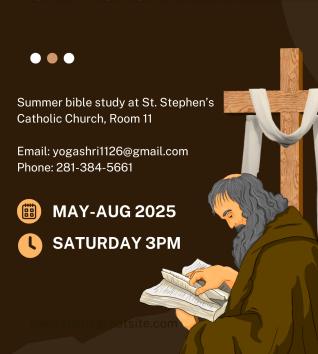
# **JUNIOR/SENIOR BIBLE STUDY**

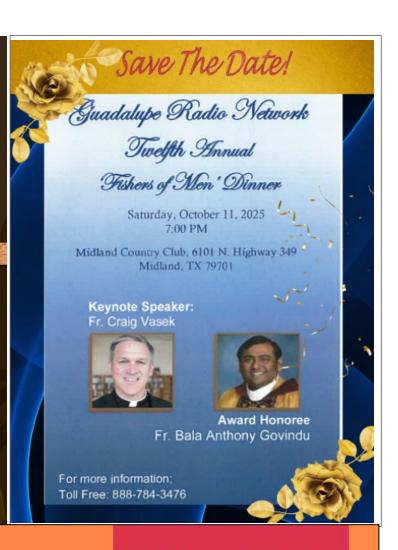
-Mondays 7pm to 8pm --YOUTH BUILDING-NEXT MEETING JULY 7TH

All high Junior and Seniors are invited to join us for a bible study. We encourage those recently confirmed to attend.

Bring your bible, journal and bring a friend.

# SCRIPTURES OF SUMMER





IS THE LORD
CALLING YOU
TO SPEND TIME
WITH HIM?

OPENINGS ARE AS FOLLOW:

# MONDAY

8:00-9:00 am 12:00-1:00 pm

# **TUESDAY**

3:00-4:00

# **THURSDAY**

3:00-4:00 4:00-5:00

# **ADORATION**

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

7:30 AM - 10:00 PM (Chapel)

# **ADORACION**

# **LUNES A VIERNES**

7:30 AM - 10:00 PM (Capilla)

COME AND WORSHIP THE LORD JESUS CHRIST WHO IS PRESENT WITH HIS BODY AND BLOOD, SOUL AND DIVINITY IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, JESUS IS WAITING FOR YOU.



VEN Y ADORA AL SEÑOR JESUCRISTO QUE ESTÁ
PRESENTE CON SU CUERPO Y SANGRE, ALMA Y
DIVINIDAD EN EL SANTÍSIMO SACRAMENTO.
JESÚS TE ESTÁ ESPERANDO

Helping Hands of Midland 1301 Brinson Lane Midland Tx. (432) 520-8900 www.helpinghandsmidland.com



Because of your very generous donations, this is what we were able to provide in assistance last week:

Electric	5 families	\$ 1,904.68
Water	3 families	\$ 747.63
Gas	4 families	\$ 702.73
Rent	13 families	\$29,592.61
Medical	1 family	\$ 1,772.83
Total	•	\$34,720.48

We have been doing this for so long now (almost 27 years) that we assume everyone knows just about everything there is to know about us. So, it comes as somewhat of a surprise when one of our volunteers said that very few of her friends know how we operate – or more specifically, how we can generate the funds each week to assist so many people. The answer is very simple. We get our funds from three primary areas: donations from the public, revenues garnered from our thrift store, and monies given to us from charitable foundations and local companies. Donations from the public come in many forms. Several local churches, primarily St. Stephen's Catholic Church and Holy Cross Lutheran, take up collections and they give those donations to us to assist the needy of Midland. We also receive an abundance of checks from the public that are mailed to us each week to be used to help the less fortunate. Our thrift store, which is currently open only two days each week (Wednesday and Saturday from 10 am until 2 pm), provides on average \$8,000-\$10,000 in income each week. The items that we sell in our store are donated to us by the public and they can be brought to us any day except Wednesday and Sunday, from 8 am until 1:30 pm. Grants are received from many of Midland's charitable organizations, notably Abell-Hanger Foundation, Yarbrough Foundation and the JA "Buddy" Davidson Charitable Foundation. Some of Midland's oil companies (particularly Chevron), will match their employees' donations to us dollar-for-dollar. Midland is very, very generous to the poor through their donations to Helping Hands. We feel that the people of Midland are as generous as they are to us because they know we are primarily an all-volunteer organization. We found it necessary to hire a store manager a little over a year ago, but her salary is paid through a donation from a donor who chooses to remain anonymous. WE feel that the people who donate to us know that every single penny, nickel, dime or dollar they give to us will go directly to help those in need. While we do give some clothing away (primarily to fire victims and those coming out of prison), most of our clothing is sold and the money used to run our operation (utilities, insurance, gas etc.), with the excess used to help those in need. The clothing that we cannot use is sent to a company in Dallas, and those clothes ae shipped around the world to developing countries where they are given to the needy of those lands.

We are very proud of our organization, and very humbled by the support you give us. If anyone ever has a question on how we operate (or any question at all, for that matter), please feel free to contact us. God bless!

# JULY TRUCK SCHEDULE

Due to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday, our trucks will not be at St. Stephen's Saturday, July 12 from 9 am until 1 pm.





# Would you like to volunteer?

We are in <u>urgent</u> need for more Mass Coordinator's to help with Weddings, Quinceanera's and Funerals!

\*TRAINING is provided!

\*Bi-lingual is helpful!

Please contact the church office for further information: 432-520-7394

# OUR PARISHIONER SEAN CARROLL



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- Drug/Alcohol Tested
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- 7 days/week, 4 hour minimum

# Caregiver Services

Our PRIVATE In-Home Care
Assistants can help you or your loved one.

- Transportation
- Grocery shopping
- Meal prep
- Personal Care & Errands
- Light housekeeping
- Post Surgical Assistance
- Pet Care
- Holiday Assistance
- Travel Companion
- Maternal Support Post Childbirth ....and so much more

Call us today to set up a FREE consultation.