

17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / XVII DOMINGO DE TIEMPO
ORDINARIO
July 27, 2025 / 27 de Julio del 2025



ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH-MIDLAND

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

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00pm (English)
Sunday: 8:00am (English)
10:30am (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
9:45 AM to 10:25 AM
12:00 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

**Our 10 AM Sunday mass has moved
to 10:30 AM. Fr. Bala Anthony Govindu**

PASTORAL STAFF

PASTOR

Rev. Bala Anthony Govindu

DEACON

Dcn. Leonard Hendon

NUNS

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

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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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCststephensmidland5420) on YouTube to
watch the live stream of the Mass!



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

SUNDAY REFLECTION BY FR. BALA

Homily: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

Theme: “Lord, Teach Us to Pray: Entering the Heart of the Father”

Readings: Genesis 18:20–32 | Psalm 138 | Colossians 2:12–14 | Luke 11:1–13

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, Today’s liturgy opens with a profound cry from the human heart: “Lord, teach us to pray.” (Luke 11:1). This request from the disciples is our request too. Because to live is to wrestle with suffering, to hunger for meaning, to long for love—and in all this, we ask: **How do I speak to God? How do I draw near to Him?** Let us walk with the Word of God today as it teaches us **the nature of prayer, the heart of God, and our identity as His children.**

1. Abraham and the Boldness of Intercession (Genesis 18:20–32)

We see Abraham **interceding for Sodom**, daring to “bargain” with God. This isn’t about changing God’s mind—it’s about revealing **God’s merciful heart**. St. John Chrysostom writes: “Prayer is the place of refuge for every worry, a foundation for cheerfulness, a source of constant happiness, a protection against sadness.” God is not reluctant to save—**He is eager to show mercy**. Abraham’s persistence reveals a truth echoed in **CCC 2571**: “*Because Abraham believed in God and walked in his presence and in covenant with him, the patriarch is ready to welcome a mysterious Guest into his tent. Abraham’s heart is attuned to his Lord, he submits to His will.*” Are we, like Abraham, **willing to stand in the breach** for our families, our parish, our nation?

2. The Heart That God Listens To (Psalm 138)

The Psalm declares: “Though the Lord is exalted, he looks kindly on the lowly.” God listens not to the powerful, but to the humble. St. Augustine writes: “*The prayer of the humble pierces the clouds.*” (Sirach 35:17 quoted in his homilies)

Let’s not worry about fancy words—what God wants is a **sincere heart**. When we pray with trust, God bends down to listen.

3. Baptism: Our Identity in Prayer (Colossians 2:12–14)

St. Paul reminds us: “You were buried with Christ in baptism and raised with Him through faith. . .” This is essential: **We don’t pray as beggars—we pray as sons and daughters of God.** According to **CCC 2782**: “We can invoke God as ‘Father’ because He is revealed to us by His Son become man and because His Spirit makes Him known to us.” Because we are **in Christ**, we have access to the Father’s heart. Our sins? Forgiven. Our shame? Nailed to the Cross. Our identity? Beloved children. St. Teresa of Avila said: “*Prayer is nothing else than an intimate sharing between friends.*”

4. Jesus’ Model of Prayer: The ‘Our Father’ (Luke 11:1–13)

When Jesus teaches the **Our Father**, He gives us **not just a prayer, but a way of life.**

- “Father” – We approach God as His children, with intimacy and reverence.
- “Thy will be done” – We align ourselves with His holy plan.
- “Give us this day. . .” – We entrust our daily needs, trusting in His providence.
- “Forgive us. . .” – We live in the rhythm of mercy.

“Lead us not into temptation. . .” – We seek protection in spiritual battle. The **Catechism (CCC 2761)** calls this prayer:

“*The summary of the whole Gospel.*” And then Jesus tells the parable: a man persistently knocks at midnight. The message is clear—**don’t give up in prayer**. St. Gregory of Nyssa says: “*The effect of prayer is union with God, and if someone is with God, he is far from the enemy.*”

Jesus closes by revealing the greatest gift of prayer: “*How much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!*”

Prayer is not about getting things from God—it’s about **getting God Himself**.

Practical Application

Let’s apply this to our lives, dear friends:

Intercede Like Abraham

Make time this week to pray boldly for someone who has lost their way. Your prayers may be the bridge between them and God’s mercy.

Pray the Our Father Slowly

Don’t rush. Each line is rich. Try meditating on one phrase each day this week.

Be Persistent

God’s delays are not denials. Persist—not because God is hard of hearing, but because **He is forming your heart as you wait.**

Live as a Forgiven Child

You are baptized. Walk in that confidence. Bring your joys and sorrows daily to your Father.

Conclusion

Beloved in Christ,

When we say, “*Lord, teach us to pray,*” He doesn’t just give us words—He gives us **His very self**.

Let us approach the altar today like Abraham, like the disciples, like children before a loving Father. And let us never forget the words of **St. Padre Pio**, who said:

“*Prayer is the best weapon we have; it is the key to God’s heart.*”

Let us use that key well.

Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, July 27 XVII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 8:00am Felix and Salvador Andrade by Paz
†Ramon Granado by Virginia V.
- 10:30am Sergio Frias (BD) by Family
†Johnny Contreras by Family
- 12:30pm †Jose Luis Salazar by Clara Borunda
†Omar Rivera by Family
- 5:00pm †Oscar G. and †Regino E. by Bernardo G.
Roger Basaldua by Sara
- 7:00pm †Donald R. and †Eugenio R. by The Russums
†Jose Padilla by Family

Monday, July 28

- 7:00am Enrique Mangan (exams) by Family
Felix and Salvador Andrade by Paz
- 5:30pm †Michael Granado by Virginia V.
†Abel Basaldua by Sara

Tuesday, July 29 Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus

- 7:00am †Ramon Granado by Virginia V.
Roger Basaldua by Sara
- 5:30pm †Jose Padilla by Family
All father's souls by Jose Alvarez

Wednesday, July 30 (St. Peter Chrysologus)

- 7:00am Debra Campion (BD) by John and Linda
†Abel Basaldua by Sara
- 12:15pm Wagner Family
†John Baptist Mai by Nguyen Family
- 5:30pm †Robert J. Ramirez by Family
†Jose Padilla by Family

Thursday, July 31 St. Ignatius of Loyola

- 7:00am Esther Gonzales (BD) by sister Paz
†Bertha Alicia Acosta Chavira
- 5:30pm Roger Basaldua by Sara
†Jose Padilla by Family

Friday, August 1 St. Alphonsus Liguori

- 7:00am Penelope Jane Powell (BD) by Family
†Abel Basaldua by Sara
- 12:15 pm Tanya Childs (BD) by Family
†Jose Padilla by Family
- 5:30 pm Roger Basaldua by Sara
†Peter Nguyen by Family

Saturday, August 2 (St. Eusebius of Vercelli and St. Peter Julian Eymard)

- 8:00am Javier Bryan by Family
†Abel Basaldua by Sara
- 5:00pm †Frank and †Bernadina Hernandez by Olga
†Pedro Rangel by Padilla Family

Sunday, August 3 XVIII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 8:00am †Cruz and †Juanita Muñiz by Marilyn W.
†Sue and †Angela Wiesman by Marilyn W.
- 10:30am †Lorenzo and †Carolina Leal by Family
Anabel Diaz by Family
- 12:30pm †Edis Villasmill by Family
†David Gonzalez by sister
- 5:00pm †Pedro Rangel by Padilla Family
Warner Family
- 7:00pm †Joseph Nguyern by Family
Carmen Bejarano (GH) by Connie Nuñez

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

Please pray for the following:

Joel, Cesar, Teresa P, Alonso Family, Gustavo C, Erika C, Rios Family, Santa Cruz Family, Caceres Family John C, Amanda O, Roy, Tania C, Elizabeth H, Elidia V, Rogelio V, Dalia H, Fr. Edward B, Noah L, Natalie & Matthew, Natalie T, Anne H, Jonathan R, Anne H, Alan M, Richard R, Maria M, Jesus M, Belinda S, Leonardo A, Noah L, Mirna L, Brenda G, Lacey G, 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, Joel L, John & Britney V, Jeremy & Marissa T, Eddy & Maria L, Dinh M, Theresa C, Loretta G, Andrea 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.

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

August 10, 2025 / Agosto 10, 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.**

Communion Calls



If anyone is sick and need of Holy Communion,
please call Front Office
423-520-7394
frontdesk@ststephensmidland.com



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 August 2, after the 8:00am

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)

- October 25, 2025 - 7:00 P.M.

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

- 24 de Agosto, 2025 - 12:30 P.M.
- 23 de Noviembre, 2025 - 12:30 P.M.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO ASSIST WITH CARE OF ALTAR SERVER VESTMENTS

Parents and Adult volunteers are needed to monitor and assist servers before and after all Sunday Masses with proper usage, hanging, and clean up in the sacristy. Volunteers would be asked to spend 15 minutes before and after the Mass they would normally attend to help with this project. Training will be provided. Our hope is to have enough help that volunteers will only need to help a couple times each month. We will be hosting a meeting for all who are interested and willing to volunteer and will explain our needs in detail.

Meeting will be as follows:

Date: Sunday, August 3, 2025
Time: 2:30 to 3:30 PM
Place: Sacristy

If you have questions or need further information, please contact one of the following coordinators:

Anne Hobbs 432-934-3192
behobbs47@gmail.com

Claribel Lopez 432-302-1929
claribel.lopez@icloud.com



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.

SE NECESITAN VOLUNTARIOS PARA AYUDAR CON EL CUIDADO DE LAS VESTIMENTAS DE LOS MONAGUILLOS

Se necesitan padres y adultos voluntarios para supervisar y ayudar a los monaguillos antes y después de todas las misas dominicales con el uso correcto, la colocación y la limpieza de la sacristía. Se les pedirá a los voluntarios que dediquen 15 minutos antes y después de la misa a la que asisten habitualmente, para ayudar con este proyecto. Se brindará capacitación. Esperamos contar con suficiente ayuda para que los voluntarios solo necesiten ayudar un par de veces al mes. Organizaremos una reunión para todos los interesados y dispuestos a ser voluntarios y les explicaremos nuestras necesidades en detalle.

La reunión se realizará de la siguiente manera:

Fecha: Domingo 3 de Agosto de 2025
Hora: De 2:30 a 3:30
Lugar: Sacristía

Si tiene alguna pregunta o necesita más información, por favor, contacte con una de las siguientes coordinadoras:

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OCIA REGISTRATION 2025-2026

(Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Would you like to learn more about our Catholic Faith?
Are you interested in becoming a full member of the Catholic Church and do you need your Sacraments of Initiation? (Baptism, Holy Eucharist, Confirmation).
Then OCIA is for you.

Currently registering online

<https://ststephensmidland.com/adult-inquirer-form>

Accepting registration at
St. Stephen's office
and following
Saturday and Sunday Masses
in the church foyer.

OCIA classes begin September 9, 2025,
7pm, St. Stephen's church parlor

Contact Person
Sheryl Neatherlin
432-288-1627
sneatherlin@gmail.com
Gladys Qualls
432-520-7394
Gladys@ssccmidland.com

OCIA is a journey of exploration
and initiation into the Catholic Church
Is God calling you? The Catholic Church welcomes you!

INSCRIPCIONES PARA OCIA 2025-2026

(Orden de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos)

¿Te gustaría aprender más sobre la fe católica? ¿Estás interesado en convertirte en un miembro de pleno derecho de la Iglesia Católica? (Bautismo, Sagrada Eucaristía, Confirmación) Entonces OCIA es para ti!

Actualmente disponibles en línea:

<https://ststephensmidland.com/adult-inquirer-form>

También se aceptan inscripciones en la oficina de St. Stephen y después de Misa cada domingo a partir del 20 de Julio de 2025.

Las clases de OCIA comienzan el 9 de septiembre de 2025
a las 7:00 p.m.
Iglesia St. Stephen - Salón 11

Personas de contacto:
Belen Valez: (432) 488-7745
Gladys Qualls: (432) 520-7394
Correo electrónico:
Gladys@ssccmidland.com

OCIA es un viaje de exploración e iniciación en la Iglesia Católica
Dios te está llamando? La Iglesia Católica les da la bienvenida!!

CCD & OCIC Registration (ENGLISH) Announcement

Registration for CCD and OCIC programs will take place every Monday starting July 28, 2025, from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm in the church Gym/Hall

- Classes for the 2025-2026 academic year will begin on August 27, 2025.

The **deadline** for registration will be the **2nd week of September**.

Last day of registration is August 18, 2025

- We look forward to welcoming all new and returning participants!
- Parents wishing to register their children are kindly encouraged to attend during the scheduled time.

We are in need of Teachers and volunteers for our English CCD Religious Education classes, if you feel called to help our children grown in faith, please sign up on the sheets available in the church Gym/Hall, your time and service will be a blessing to our parish. Thank you.

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 GIMNASIO/ESCENARIO de la Iglesia.

- Se anima a los padres que deseen inscribir a sus hijos a asistir en el horario establecido.
El último día de inscripción es el 18 de Agosto de 2025.

- 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!

Por favor, trae todos los documentos que tienes (certificado de nacimiento, certificado de bautismo, primera comunión)

No hay mujer más bella que la que tiene a Cristo en su corazón.

El Ministerio de Mujeres de Fe y Esperanza invitan al

5^{TO.} CONGRESO de Mujeres

4 de octubre 2025

Parroquia San Esteban, Midland, Tx.

Hora de inicio:
8:30 de la mañana
y concluimos a las
3:00 p.m.

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LOST AND FOUND

We have many items that have been left in the church and we are moving all of those to a secure place in the sacristy. At present we have a cell phone, sunglasses, some jewelry, hats, a jacket, a gift bag with a child's Bible, and many other items. If you have missing items, please see an usher, Mass Coordinator or one of the sisters after Mass so they can take you to the cabinet where they are secured. Items will be kept for up to 6 months and then donated to Helping Hands if not claimed.

Eucharistic Procession
Procesion Eucaristica

August 7, 2025
November 6, 2025
February 5, 2026
May 7, 2026

Last week Collection

Contributions:	Cash	Checks	Totals
Sat. 5:00pm—1st collection	\$ 1,874.00	\$ 2,381.00	\$ 4,255.00
Sun. 8am—1st collection	\$ 1,888.00	\$ 2,730.00	\$ 4,618.00
Sun. 10:30am—1st collection	\$ 1,514.00	\$ 1,780.00	\$ 3,294.00
Sun. 12:30pm—1st collection	\$ 1,899.40	\$ 1,185.00	\$ 3,084.40
African Mass 2:30pm	\$ 43.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 73.00
Sun. 5:00pm—1st collection	\$ 2,582.00	\$ 975.00	\$ 3,557.00
Sun. 7:00pm—1st collection	\$ 905.00	\$ 310.00	\$ 1,215.00
Daily Masses	\$ 154.00		\$ 154.00
Online Giving	\$11,056.00		\$ 11,056.81
Mailed in contributions		\$ 2,660.00	\$ 2,660.00
		GRAND TOTAL	\$ 33,967.21
2 nd Collection Honduran Partnership	\$ 2,001.00	\$ 2,003.00	\$ 4,004.00



Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

St. Stephen's will be holding a training session for
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC's)

AUGUST 16, 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 [https://ststephensmidland.com/
extraordinaryministerofholysacrament](https://ststephensmidland.com/extraordinaryministerofholysacrament) 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, 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

Raidermug@yahoo.com
gmybarra@yahoo.com

NEW ALTAR SERVER REGISTRATION

We will be offering registration for youth who
have received their First Holy Communion and
wish to join St. Stephen's Altar Server Minis-
try. Registration will be on Wednesday, July 30,
2025 from 1:00 to 3:00 in the foyer of the
church.

This is a beautiful ministry for children and it is
one that requires commitment and dedica-
tion. Training will be provided for all new servers
and those dates will be provided upon registra-
tion. We welcome all who would like to join.

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mation, please contact one of the following coor-
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CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE *For the Diocese of San Angelo*

September 12-13, 2025 | McNease Convention Center



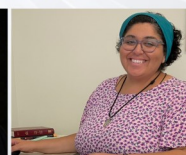
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Alexis Walkenstein



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INSCRIPCIÓN PARA NUEVOS MONAGUILLOS

Ofreceremos la Inscripción para jóvenes que hayan
recibido su Primera Comunión y deseen unirse al Min-
isterio de Monaguillos de San Esteban. La inscripción
será el Miércoles 30 de Julio de 2025, de 1:00 a 3:00
p. m., en el vestibulo de la Iglesia.

Este es un hermoso ministerio para niños que se
requiere compromiso y dedicación. Se ofrecerá
capacitación a todos los nuevos Monaguillos y las
fechas se les informarán al momento de la inscripción.
Bienvenidos todos los que deseen unirse.

Si tiene alguna pregunta o necesita más información,
comuníquese con una de las siguientes coordina-
das:

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OFFICIAL 2025 SCHEDULE

CHANGITO FROM LA CALIENTE
OPENING CEREMONY/PRAYER FATHER BALA 12:00 - 1:00PM
LA CALIENTE RADIO REMOTE 2:00 - 4:00
FREDDY GALINDO Y SUS JINETES 4:30 - 5:30
GRUPO PIRAMIDE 6:00 - 7:00PM
ERICK Y MASSORE 8:00 - 9:30PM
RAFFLE AND CLOSING 9:30 - 10:00PM

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 14TH

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- BBQ Griddle
- Dallas Cowboy Helmet Autographed by Dak Prescott
- Yeti Cooler
- Airpods Pro
- \$500 Gift Certificate for custom made boots by Pina Boots
- Xbox
- Nintendo Switch
- \$500 Visa Gift Card
- \$500 Gift card to Midland Meat Market
- Patio Furniture
- PS5
- Dallas Cowboy Jersey Autographed by Demarcus Lawrence
- Dallas Cowboy Autographed by Sean Lee
- \$250 Gift Card
- Fun Speaker





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 at 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!

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 <https://www.tlcdonor.org/employment> for more information and to apply today! Make a difference in the lives of those we serve.

OFFICE OF EVANGELIZATION AND CATECHESIS

We encourage any adult who is interested in growing in their understanding of the faith to register for the Basic or Advanced Formation program. **Registration for Year Two (2025-2026) is due on August 14, 2025.** To register for Basic Formation and to access a full schedule and syllabus, please go to <https://sanangelodiocese.org/basic-formation>. For Advanced Formation <https://sanangelodiocese.org/advanced-formation>

YOUTH NEWS

July 30th - No Meeting



JUNIOR/SENIOR BIBLE STUDY

**-Mondays 7pm to 8pm -
-YOUTH BUILDING-**

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.

HAPPY 26TH ANNIVERSARY OF YOUR RELIGIOUS PROFESSION

With Love from Your Parish Family

"You did not choose Me, but I chose you."- John 15:16

Dear Sister Raji Mendam,

On this beautiful anniversary of your Religious Profession, we give thanks to God for the gift of your vocation. Your life of prayer, service, and love is a radiant sign of God's faithfulness and grace in our midst.



Your witness inspires us to draw closer to Christ, and your dedication strengthens the faith of our parish family. We are truly blessed by your presence and your joyful "yes" to God's call.

May the Lord continue to fill your heart with peace, joy, and renewed love for Him. May Mary, Mother of the Church, guide and protect you always.

*With prayers and gratitude,
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Adult Confirmation Classes for those Catholics who have been baptized and are above High School age, 18 years and older: Those candidates who also need to receive First Communion will receive it in the same ceremony. These classes are NOT for those who need to receive Baptism or Reception into Full Communion.

Classes will begin on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 from 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM for English in the Ballroom and for Spanish in room 1. If you're interested in attending the classes, please contact our Parish office at [432-520-7394](tel:432-520-7394) or via email gladys@ststephensmidland.com or fill out our [Adult Inquirer Form | St. Stephen's Catholic Church | Midland, TX \(ststephensmidland.com\)](#).

PS. A COPY OF YOUR BAPTISM CERTIFICATE IS REQUIRED TO TURN IN 1ST OR 2ND DAY OF CLASS (WITHOUT FAIL AND NO EXCEPTIONS).

Clases de confirmación de adultos para aquellos católicos que han sido bautizados y están por encima de la edad de la escuela secundaria, 18 años o más: Aquellos candidatos que también necesitan recibir la Primera Comunión la recibirán en la misma ceremonia. Estas clases NO son para aquellos que necesitan recibir el Bautismo o Primera Comunión. Las clases comenzarán el martes 23 de septiembre 2025 de 6:30 PM a 8:30 PM para inglés en el salón de Baile y para español en el salón de 1. Si está interesado en asistir a las clases, comuníquese con nuestra parroquia al 432-520-7394 o en línea a; ststephensmidland.com

PS. SE REQUIERE UNA COPIA DE SU CERTIFICADO DE BAUTISMO EN EL 1ER O 2º DÍA DE CLASE (SIN FALTA Y SIN EXCEPCIONES).

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

Electric	3 families	\$	1,412.79
Water	2 families	\$	674.16
Gas	1 family	\$	62.24
Rent	12 families	\$	28,034.99
Medical	2 families	\$	4,050.38
Home Repair	1 family	\$	1,407.25
Total		\$	35,641.81

Thank You, Action Wrecker! Continuing on with our thanks to the many organizations that come to our assistance when needed, this week we would like to thank the wonderful people at Action Wrecker. They had bailed us out on more than one occasion when our forklift would get stuck in mud. A few weeks ago, we asked if there was any way they could move some large pods from the back of our building to an area further away from our store. Sure enough, over came Jeremy with the largest forklift we had ever seen, and easily moved all three of those pods, with contents still inside, to where we needed them. What wonderful neighbors we have!



AUGUST TRUCK SCHEDULE Our trucks will be at St. Stephen's on Saturday, August 2 from 9 am until 1 pm and at St. Ann's on Saturday, August 16 from 9 am until 1 pm..

Supporting Project Rachel
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Father David Michael Moses

Wednesday August 6th
7:30 PM
Bush Convention Center
Midland, Texas

Tickets Available at:



Would you like to volunteer?

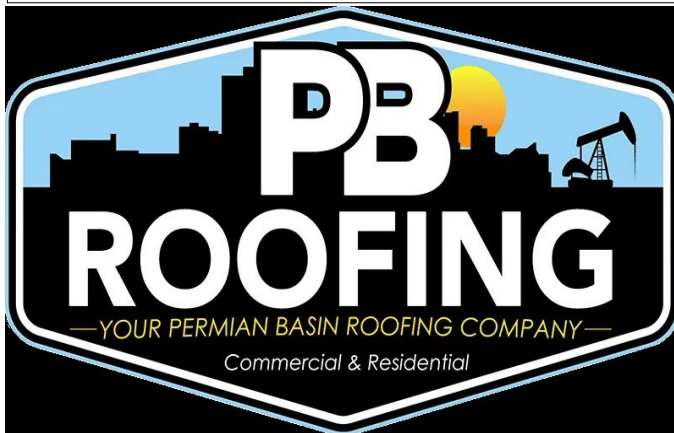
We are in urgent need for more Mass Coordinator's to help with Weddings, Quinceanera's and Funerals!

*TRAINING is provided!

*Bi-lingual is helpful!

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

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