

18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / XVIII DOMINGO DE TIEMPO  
ORDINARIO  
August 3, 2025 / 3 de Agosto 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

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Dcn. Leonard Hendon

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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](http://www.ststephensmidland.com)  
Email: [frontdesk@ststephensmidland.com](mailto: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>

## Homily for the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Theme: Living Wisely in Light of Eternity

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, As we gather on this Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Word of God gently yet firmly redirects our gaze from the illusions of permanence in this world to the eternal wisdom of God. Like a master weaver, the liturgy threads together voices from Scripture—Qoheleth, the Psalmist, St. Paul, and our Lord Jesus Himself—into a single, seamless message: *the futility of earthly pursuits without God and the call to seek the treasures that endure forever.*

Let us allow these sacred texts to speak as one, forming a rich tapestry of divine insight that calls each of us to conversion, simplicity, and a renewed focus on the eternal.

#### 1. Ecclesiastes: The Breath That Slips Through Our Fingers

Our journey begins with the mournful refrain of Qoheleth (the preacher or the assembler): “Vanity of vanities! All is vanity!” (Ecclesiastes 1:2). In Hebrew, the word *hebel* evokes the image of a breath, a mist—something that appears briefly and then vanishes. He laments how people labor with wisdom and skill, only to leave their legacy to others who may not value it. Even in rest, anxiety haunts them. Qoheleth isn’t cynical. He’s realistic. His lament is the cry of every soul who seeks lasting meaning in a world that constantly slips through our fingers. He exposes the illusion of control and permanence. Like vapor, success, wealth, and reputation evaporate. This existential ache echoes through the ages—from the Stoics’ call to embrace mortality to St. Augustine’s confession: “Our hearts are restless until they rest in You.”

So we must ask: *What am I chasing that has no weight in eternity? Am I laboring in fear or in faith?*

#### 2. Psalm 90: A Heart That Counts Its Days

And just as Ecclesiastes leaves us yearning for meaning, the Psalmist answers with a prayer: “Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart” (Psalm 90:12). Human life is fleeting—like grass that flourishes in the morning but withers by evening. Yet in that fragility lies the potential for greatness: if we learn to live with holy awareness.

Here, we shift from resignation to supplication. The psalm doesn’t merely mourn mortality—it seeks *mercy* and *meaning*. “Establish the work of our hands, Lord,” the Psalmist pleads. In other words, breathe Your eternal Spirit into our temporal efforts. What Qoheleth deconstructs, the Psalm rebuilds with grace. It teaches us that when we align our limited time with God’s limitless love, even the smallest act—done in faith—echoes in eternity.

#### 3. Colossians: Seeking What Is Above

Now, St. Paul lifts our eyes heavenward. “If you were raised with Christ, seek what is above” (Colossians 3:1). The earthly self—concerned with greed, impurity, and worldly status—must die. A new self, made in the image of Christ, must rise.

Paul isn’t asking us to abandon the world but to *transform* our orientation within it. Baptism is not just a ritual—it is a radical reorientation. We no longer belong to the world that fades. We belong to Christ, who is eternal. Paul names greed as idolatry because it replaces God with false securities. He urges us to strip off the old self—not with shame, but with hope—because Christ, who is our life, already reigns. Think of your daily routine: Are you seeking what is above in how you speak, serve, and spend? Are you allowing Christ to renew your hidden life?

#### 4. Luke: The Rich Fool and the Illusion of Security

Then comes Jesus, the Eternal Word made flesh, sharpening the focus. A man asks Him to settle an inheritance dispute. Jesus refuses, warning instead: “Guard against all greed, for one’s life does not consist in possessions” (Luke 12:15).

He tells the parable of the rich fool—a man who builds bigger barns, thinking he can secure his future with wealth, only to hear God say, “You fool! This night your life will be demanded of you.” The tragedy is not his wealth but his blindness—his failure to see life as gift, not possession. We see this in our own age: retirement plans without prayer, full schedules without space for God, hearts cluttered with things but empty of peace. Jesus doesn’t condemn planning—He condemns presumption.

So, what does it mean to be *rich in what matters to God*? It means being rich in faith, rich in mercy, rich in love. These are the treasures that no thief can steal and no death can erase.

#### A Seamless Message: Living for What Endures

When we step back, we see how beautifully these readings speak with one voice. Qoheleth exposes the vanity of labor without God. The Psalm teaches us to number our days in trust. Paul calls us to put on the new self, rooted in Christ. And Jesus, the fullness of wisdom, calls us to store up treasures in heaven. This is not a call to poverty of despair but to the poverty of spirit that Christ blesses in the Beatitudes. Detachment is not rejection—it is freedom. Simplicity is not lack—it is clarity. Wisdom is not weariness—it is love rightly ordered.

#### Living It Out: Practical Wisdom for Pilgrims on Earth

Let us ask ourselves:

- Am I building barns or building bridges?
- Am I clinging to vapor or planting seeds of eternity?
- If God called me home tonight, would I be found rich in what matters?

Today, let us begin again. Let us number our days not with fear but with faith. Let us simplify not to escape the world but to love it more freely. Let us be rich—*rich in compassion, rich in gratitude, rich in Christ.*

And as we approach the altar, may the Eucharist—our Bread of Heaven—nourish in us the wisdom to seek what is above, the grace to strip away the old self, and the strength to labor for what does not perish.

As St. John of the Cross once said, “*In the evening of life, we will be judged by love.*” May our lives be filled with it. Amen.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### 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

### Monday August 4 St. John Vianny

- 7:00am Roger Basaldua by Sara  
Warner Family  
5:30pm †Pedro Rangel by Padilla Family  
†Peter Nguyen by family

### Tuesday, August 5 (Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major)

- 7:00am †Abel Basaldua by Sara  
Warner Family  
5:30pm †Pedro Rangel by Padilla Family  
†Ramon Rivas by family

### Wednesday, August 6 Transfiguration of the Lord

- 7:00am †Pedro Rangel by Padilla Family  
All souls  
12:15pm Henry Fuentes (BD) by Mom  
†Gamaliel Navarro by Celina Torres  
5:30pm Fr. Gerald Goodrum (OA) by Gloria Oetting  
Ava Russum (BD)

### Thursday, August 7 (St. Sixtus II & Companions, St. Cajetan)

- 7:00am All Souls  
†Jose Torres by Victor Torres  
5:30pm Jude Qualls (BD) Oma & Uncle Andrew  
†Gena McNearney by Sotelo Family

### Friday, August 8 St. Dominic

- 7:00am †Ramon Munoz by Elsa Torres  
†Gamaliel Navarro by Celina Torres  
12:15 pm †Jesus Chavez by Mom  
†Joe Lopez by Family  
5:30 pm †Olivia Valenzuela by Gloria Oetting  
†Jeanne Brunel by Sotelo Family

### Saturday, August 9 (St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross)

- 8:00am Carmen Bejaran (GH) Connie Nuñez  
†Felipa Montañez by Family  
5:00pm Altar Servers  
†Brandon Barger by family

### Sunday, August 10 XIX SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 8:00am †Jose Torres by Victor Torres  
†Ramon Munoz by Elsa Torres  
10:30am †Roman Solano by Ortencia  
†Gamaliel Navarro by Celina Torres  
12:30pm †Alberto Gonzalez by sister  
†Jesus Garcia by Family  
5:00pm †Rosa Rivas by Family  
Conversion & GH of BEF  
7:00pm Conversion & GH of BEF  
† Mary Bryan by Family

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

### Please pray for the following:

Andrea B, Daniel C, Froylan G, 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.

**Email [frontdesk@ststephensmidland.com](mailto: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.

## HAPPY FEAST DAY



Fr. Bala Antony

&  
all of our

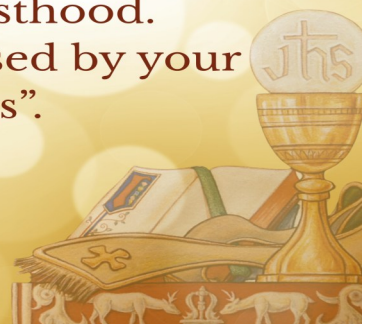
PRIESTS

August, 4, 2025

Thank you for  
answering Jesus' call to  
His Priesthood.  
We are blessed by your  
"yes".

with thanks and  
appreciation for your  
priestly ministry

St. Stephen Parish





## 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 September 6 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.



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

#2818, are working hard to serve you! We wish to thank those that supported our Hot Dog Day fundraiser! We did well and hope to have it become an annual event! CDA serves the mass on the Fourth Sunday of each month. 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 or join us at our next meeting!

## 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](mailto:behobbs47@gmail.com)

Claribel Lopez 432-302-1929  
[claribel.lopez@icloud.com](mailto:claribel.lopez@icloud.com)

## 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](mailto:sneatherlin@gmail.com)  
Gladys Qualls  
432-520-7394  
[Gladys@ssccmidland.com](mailto: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 Christiana 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](mailto: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 has already begun and will continue every Monday from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm in the church Gym/Hall. Please make sure to come during the schedule time to register your child. We kindly ask all parents to be punctual and help us keep the process smooth and organized. Thank you for your cooperation.

### The deadline for registration will be the second week of September

- We look forward to welcoming all new and returning participants!

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)

## JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

The Diocese of San Angelo Office of Vocations is seeking a skilled and creative part-time Content Creator to develop and manage multimedia content to promote vocational discernment and awareness within the Diocese of San Angelo. This position will focus on creating videos, social media, and print materials to inspire and inform individuals about vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The Content Creator will work closely with the Vocations Director. This position requires a minimum of 2-3 years in a media, communications, or marketing role (a religious or nonprofit setting preferred), proficiency in video editing software and graphic design tools, and a strong understanding of social media platforms, trends, and analytics. San Angelo residency is not required, but applicant must be available for regular travel within the Diocese of San Angelo. Job duties and other information regarding the position are available at the Diocesan website, [www.sanangelodiocese.org](http://www.sanangelodiocese.org). Resumes should be sent to Mike Wyse, Chancellor, at P.O. Box 1829, San Angelo, Texas 76902-1829, or emailed to [mwyse@sanangelodiocese.org](mailto:mwyse@sanangelodiocese.org) by September 15, 2025.

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

El Ministerio de Mujeres de  
Fe y Esperanza  
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**de Mujeres**

**4 de octubre 2025**

**Parroquia San Esteban, Midland, Tx.**

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

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**Información, llame a los teléfonos:**

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## Last week Collection

Contributions:	Cash	Checks	Totals
Sat. 5:00pm—1st collection	\$ 1,176.00	\$ 2,667.00	\$ 3,843.00
Sun. 8am—1st collection	\$ 3,050.00	\$ 2,075.00	\$ 5,125.00
Sun. 10:30am—1st collection	\$ 1,186.00	\$ 3,440.00	\$ 5,256.00
Sun. 12:30pm—1st collection	\$ 2,241.47	\$ 769.00	\$ 3,010.47
Healing Mass	\$ 631.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 676.00
Sun. 5:00pm—1st collection	\$ 2,078.00	\$ 1,580.00	\$ 3,658.00
Sun. 7:00pm—1st collection	\$ 1,175.00	\$ 640.00	\$ 1,815.00
Daily Masses	\$ 71.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 81.00
Online Giving	\$ 3,193.00		\$ 3,193.00
Mailed in contributions			

**GRAND TOTAL \$ 26,657.47**





## 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/  
extraordinaryministerofholychommunion](https://ststephensmidland.com/extraordinaryministerofholychommunion) 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](mailto:Raidermug@yahoo.com)  
[gmybarra@yahoo.com](mailto:gmybarra@yahoo.com)

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

**September 12-13, 2025 | McNease Convention Center**



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423-520-7394

[frontdesk@ststephensmidland.com](mailto:frontdesk@ststephensmidland.com)



### **ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Diocese of San Angelo is seeking candidates for the position of Chancellor. The Chancellor is the chief officer of administration and operations for the Diocese of San Angelo and has the responsibility and authority for overseeing the day-to-day administration and supervision of the staff and operations of the diocese. Responsibilities of the Chancellor include developing, implementing, and evaluating policies and procedures for the strategic, administrative, and financial management of the diocese. The Chancellor ensures compliance with local, state, and federal reporting requirements and canonical aspects of diocesan operations, as well as the standards of practice established for financial management by the USCCB. Applicants should have a minimum 10 years' administrative experience in business management or organizational leadership, preferably in the Church, with a minimum of 5 years' experience of proven executive leadership in a non-profit organization, the Church, a private sector company, government, or the military (as the CEO, CFO, COO, or similar position). MBA, MSCM, current CPA, CGMA, or CDFM credentials is required. Must be a practicing Catholic in good standing. Job duties and other information regarding the position are available at the Diocesan website, [www.sanangelodiocese.org](http://www.sanangelodiocese.org). Resumes should be sent to Mike Wyse, Chancellor, at P.O. Box 1829, San Angelo, Texas 76902-1829, or emailed to [mwyse@sanangelodiocese.org](mailto:mwyse@sanangelodiocese.org) by August 20.

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students in our diocese**

**AUG 31, 2025  
SECOND COLLECTION**

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**Sister Christina Chavez, CDP**  
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[cchavez@sanangelodiocese.org](mailto:cchavez@sanangelodiocese.org)





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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 throughout 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>



Volunteers needed for the Kermesse. There are several shifts, and lots of areas to choose from. This is a great opportunity for the whole family to help, then stay and enjoy the food, games and music. If you need hours for community service, or just want to serve the church community this is your opportunity. Please sign up after Mass with the volunteers selling raffle tickets and t-shirts. Thank you and God Bless

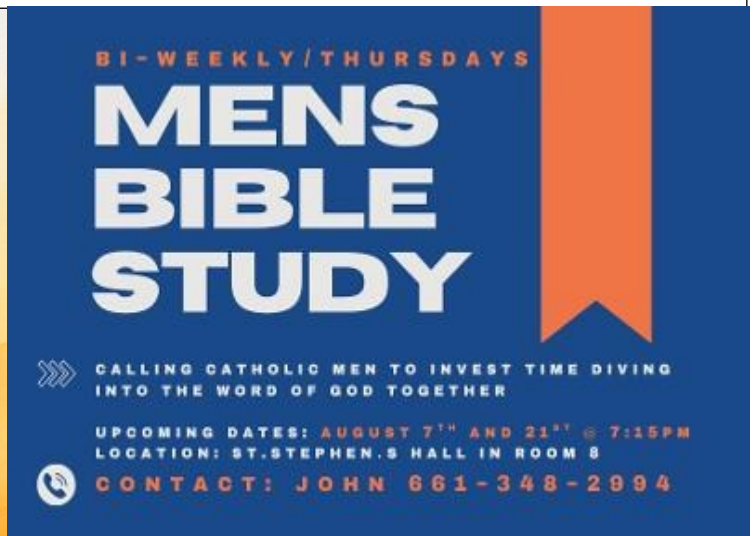
Adult Confirmation Classes **for those Catholics who have been baptized** and are above High School age, 18 years and older: Those candidates who also need to receive First Communion will receive it in the same ceremony. These classes are **NOT** for those who need to receive Baptism or Reception into 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](mailto: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 **para Adultos Católicos bautizados** mayores de 18 años que hayan cursado la preparatoria. Los candidatos que también necesiten recibir la Primera Comunión la recibirán en la misma ceremonia. Estas clases **NO** son para quienes necesiten recibir solo Bautismo o la Comunión. Las clases comenzarán el martes 23 de Septiembre de 2025, de 6:30-8:30 pm Las clases en Inglés serán en el salón de baile y para las clases en Español en el salón #1. Si le interesa asistir a las clases, comuníquese con nuestra oficina parroquial al [432-520-7394](tel:432-520-7394) o por correo electrónico a [gladys@ststephensmidland.com](mailto:gladys@ststephensmidland.com) o complete nuestro [Formulario para Adultos en Iglesia Católica de San Esteban, Midland, TX \(ststephensmidland.com\)](#).

PD. SE REQUIERE UNA COPIA DE SU CERTIFICADO DE BAUTISMO PARA ENTREGAR EL 1ER O 2DO DÍA DE CLASE (SIN FALTA Y SIN EXCEPCIONES).





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**(432) 520-8900**

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

Electric	7 families	\$ 1,991.10
Gas	2 families	\$ 507.57
Water	3 families	\$ 1,721.68
Rent	17 families	\$ 37,327.78
Transportation	2 families	\$ 1,551.99
Medical	1 family	\$ 1,841.85
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 44,941.97</b>

Probably the majority of the cases we help are those people impacted by medical calamities. The elderly man on Medicare who needs prostate surgery has an income of \$1,100 per month, but his surgeon is requiring a \$2,500 down payment (not covered by Medicare) before he will perform the procedure. On his income he is barely able to afford his rent, utilities and living expenses. Without our help he would be unable to afford the surgery. We are also covering the mortgage for a woman in the final stages of cancer. She is not expected to live much longer so we will cover an additional month (or as many months as is needed) so that she need not be burdened by the knowledge that she may not have a roof over her head. Many, many of the people we help are working people who have had surgeries and are off work for 6-8 weeks. While their jobs are held for them, they are not paid for their time off. We help them with their expenses.

We do have people who lose their jobs for whatever reason, and while they are able to quickly get another one, it still takes 2-4 weeks before they get their first paycheck. Meanwhile rent is due.

In a city of our size, it is surprising to us that there are not more of these situations. It really takes very little to put someone "over the edge" in being able to care for themselves. We consider ourselves fortunate indeed to be able to reach the people that we do each week and are blessed that we can assist them. And as always, we certainly could not do it without your tremendous support that makes the assistance possible. Thank you very much for letting us by your arms in reaching out to the needy of Midland. May God bless all of you!

#### **AUGUST TRUCK SCHEDULE**

Our truck will be at St. Stephen's on Saturday, August 2 and at St. Ann's on Saturday, August 16 from 9 am until 1 pm to accept your donations. We appreciate the Knights of Columbus councils from both churches for taking on this very important project!

Supporting Project Rachel  
of the Diocese of San Angelo



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

Tickets Available at:



**Would you like to volunteer?**

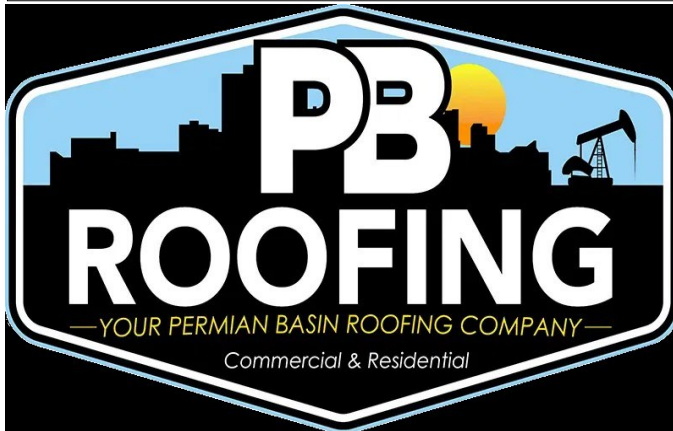
We are in urgent need for more Mass  
Coordinator's  
to help with Weddings, Quinceanera's and  
Funerals!

**\*TRAINING is provided!**

**\*Bi-lingual is helpful!**

Please contact the church office for further  
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