

20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / XX DOMINGO DE TIEMPO
ORDINARIO
August 17, 2025 / 17 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

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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Annabel Wiesman

YOUTH COORDINATOR

Carlos Garcia

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Gabriel Salgado

OFFICE ASSISTANT

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](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>

Theme: “Set Afire by Christ – Courage to Stand in the Midst of Division”

1. Introduction – The Uncomfortable Truth of the Gospel

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Today’s readings challenge our comfortable notions of peace. We hear Jesus say:

“I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! ... Do you think I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division.” (Luke 12:49, 51)

These words shock us. Isn’t Jesus the “Prince of Peace” (Isaiah 9:6)? Yes, but His peace is not the mere absence of conflict—it is the fruit of truth and righteousness. And truth, when it confronts sin and falsehood, often causes division before it heals.

2. Jeremiah’s Courage – When Truth Lands You in the Pit

In the first reading, Jeremiah is thrown into a muddy cistern because he spoke the truth that the people did not want to hear. The Church Father St. John Chrysostom notes that “it is not the one who suffers for the truth that is pitiful, but the one who fears to speak it.” Jeremiah’s life reminds us that fidelity to God’s word can cost us our comfort, our reputation, even our safety—but never our soul.

Like Jeremiah, many saints refused to dilute the truth:

St. Thomas More lost his life rather than betray his conscience under King Henry VIII.

St. Catherine of Siena faced fierce opposition, yet she spoke boldly to popes and rulers, calling them to holiness.

They knew that God’s approval matters more than human applause.

3. The Fire of Christ – Burning Away Lukewarmness

Jesus speaks of bringing “fire” to the earth. The great theologian Origen interpreted this fire as the Holy Spirit’s purifying love, which burns away sin and ignites zeal for the Kingdom.

St. Augustine wrote: “The fire is the fervor of charity; inflamed with it, we may despise the world and be inflamed for God.”

Pope Benedict XVI echoed this, saying that Christ does not call us to a comfortable Christianity but to a “holy unrest” that moves us to transform the world.

This fire is not destructive for the faithful—it is life-giving. It burns away selfishness, pride, and fear, making room for courage, mercy, and truth.

4. Running the Race – Hebrews 12 and the Cloud of Witnesses

In the second reading, we are told: “Let us run with perseverance the race that lies before us, keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus.”

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 164) tells us that faith is often lived “in darkness” and tested, but we persevere by fixing our gaze on Christ, “the leader and perfecter of faith.”

Imagine a stadium filled with saints—St. Paul, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Teresa of Calcutta—cheering you on. These are the “cloud of witnesses” who prove that holiness is possible in every age and every circumstance.

5. The Division Jesus Brings – Truth Before Peace

When Jesus says He brings division, He means that loyalty to Him sometimes sets even families against one another.

St. Gregory the Great explained: “The peace which is to be sought is not that in which evil agrees with good, but that in which good is in harmony with itself.” In other words, unity built on lies is false peace.

Example: In some cultures today, a young man or woman who chooses baptism against their family’s wishes faces rejection or even danger. Yet countless converts—like the early martyrs—choose Christ over family approval, knowing that “he who loses his life for My sake will find it” (Matthew 10:39).

6. Modern Application – Courage in Our Times

We live in an age where proclaiming Christian truth—on life, marriage, justice, or the dignity of the human person—can draw ridicule or hostility. The philosopher Dietrich von Hildebrand, called by Pope Pius XII “the 20th-century Doctor of the Church,” said:

“To be a Christian in a world that is anti-Christian means to carry the cross every day.”

Like Jeremiah, we may be “thrown into a cistern” socially or professionally. But Christ’s fire gives us courage to keep speaking, living, and loving in truth.

7. Conclusion – Let the Fire Burn in You

My dear friends, Jesus is not asking us to be troublemakers for the sake of conflict. He calls us to be peacemakers through truth, even when it causes division before healing comes.

Ask the Holy Spirit to set your heart on fire with love for Christ.

Stand firm like Jeremiah when pressured to compromise.

Run the race with your eyes fixed on Jesus, cheered on by the saints.

Let us leave here today not lukewarm but ablaze, so that one day Christ may look at us and say, “You have kept the faith; enter into the joy of your Master.”

Closing Prayer

Lord Jesus, You came to set the earth on fire—ignite our hearts with Your love. Give us courage to speak the truth, patience to endure opposition, and joy in knowing that You are with us in every trial. May our lives bear witness to the Gospel until the day we stand in the company of the saints. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 17 XX SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 8:00am Titus Joseph Powell (BD) by Family
Conversion & GH of BEF
- 10:30am Msgr. Bridges by Paz Carrizales
Griselda Frias (BD) by Martha Manguia
- 12:30pm †Rodolfo Villa by Family
†Natalia and †Francisco Valladares
†Omar Rivera by Family
- 2:30pm African Mass
- 5:00pm †Lloyd Coppedge by daughter
†Ramon and †Maria Granado by Family
- 7:00pm Adaelis Socorro (BD) by parents
†Jesus Tavarez by Family

Monday August 18

- 7:00am Audrey and Brandon by Family
Penelope Jane Powell (Feast day) by Family
- 5:30pm Enrique's exam by Mom
†Lloyd Coppedge by daughter

Tuesday, August 19 (St. John Eudes)

- 7:00am †Rita Kernaghan by Gloria Oetting
Tripp Powell (AV) by Family
- 5:30pm †Domingo Carrizales by wife & Family
Felipe Giraldo (BD) by Family

Wednesday, August 20 St. Bernard

- 7:00am †Anita V. Martinez by Rey & Helen Garcia
Lea Hermann (GH) by Friend
- 12:15pm Stephen Finos (BD) by Family
†Lloyd Coppedge by daughter
- 5:30pm Tim Qualls (BD) by family
†Jack Laschkewitsch by Dick Kiebusch

Thursday, August 21 St. Pius X

- 7:00am Ana Foster (BD) by John & Linda
†Gerardo Alvarez by Family
- 5:30pm †Roberto Antonio Gonzalez by Family
†Josephine Miller by Alicia Macias

Friday, August 22 The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 7:00am Pamela R. Miles (GH)
†Gerardo Alvarez by Family
- 12:15 pm †Claudio Arias by Family
†Elivorio Arias by Family
- 5:30 pm Lauren Aguilar (BD) by Lydia Aguilar
†Amanda Tavarez by Family

Saturday, August 23 (St. Rose of Lima)

- 8:00am Gloria Oetting (BD) by Family
†Gerardo Alvarez by Family
- 5:00pm †Frank and †Bernadina Hernandez by Olga
Fernanda Gonzalez 18th (BD) by Family

Sunday, August 24 XXI SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 8:00am Joseph Jones (BD) by Family
†Gerardo Alvarez by Family
- 10:30am †Barney Seidenberger by Family
Ralph Crivello (GH) by Family
- 12:30pm †Magdalena R. Carbajal by Alexandra S.
†Francisco and †Irene Brito by Family
- 5:00pm Pamela R. Miles (GH)
Laurie Garcia (BD) by Lydia Aguilar
- 7:00pm Isacc Silva conversion by Mom
Nick Montoya by Family

ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH-MIDLAND

Is seeking candidates for the position of Business Manager. The Business Manager is responsible for overseeing the daily operations of the church, managing office functions and finances, as well as facilitating communication within our congregation and community including all parish committees. The Business Manager ensures compliance with local, state, and federal reporting requirements, as well as the standards of practice established for financial management. Applicants should have a minimum of two years' administrative experience in business management or organizational leadership. Must be a practicing Catholic in good standing. Job duties and other information regarding the position are available at the Parish Office. Resumes should be sent to Fr. Bala Anthony Govindu at bgovindu@sanangelodiocese.org by August 15, 2025.

Upcoming Baptismal Classes Proximas Clases bautismales

September 21, 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.

ST. STEPHEN'S VOCATION COMMITTEE



KICK OFF AUGUST 20TH 6:30PM
MEETING IN THE PARLOR

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!

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

El Ministerio de Mujeres de Fe y Esperanza invitan al

5TO. 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.

- Ministerio de Alabanza en vivo y Adoración. "Jesús Pan de vida"

Padre Ricardo López
Predicador

Cuota de recuperación: 40 dólares

Información, llame a los teléfonos:
432 349 8592 • 432 940 3481 • 432 296 1897 (ODESSA)

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

For the Diocese of San Angelo

September 12-13, 2025 | McNease Convention Center

do small things with great Love

Featured Speakers Include:

Fr. Ryan Rojo Alexis Walkenstein Diana Wehbe

Women of All Faiths Are Welcome!
Registration: \$40

Visit the QR Code, Website: <https://heartjmj.org>, or Call 325-763-9400 for Information Including Discounted Hotel Accommodations and More!

Hosted by the Heart of JMJ Foundation

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 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

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
August 18, 2025**

- 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.



**WALK
& Pray**
MIDLAND TEXAS
KERMESSE KICKOFF
5K Run/Walk
SATURDAY, SEP. 13, 2025
Register online or grab a form from
the back table

CLUB DANCE

DATE/TIME: Saturday, August 30, 2025/ 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

COST/ATTIRE: \$20.00 per person/Casual

BAND: "Black Gold" (C & W, Latin, Swing)

DANCE LESSON: There will not be a Group Lesson at this dance

(Water and Ice Will Be Provided, You May Bring a Snack and a NON-Alcoholic Beverage)



NO ALCOHOL MAY BE BROUGHT INTO THE BALLROOM BY INDIVIDUALS

*****NOTE: NO BYOB** Is allowed in the Gloria Denman Ballroom per church policy.

You are welcome to attend, and you may pay at the door. For more information or if you have any questions, **PLEASE CONTACT** our Secretary at: permianmusic87@gmail.com. Please do not contact St. Stephen for information on this function as it is separated from the church. **THANK YOU!**



**HISPANIC CULTURAL CENTER
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Diez Y Seis Celebration

El Grito: Sept. 13th

CHARREADA: 6:00 PM, 3 GENERATIONS ARENA, 5601 FM1213

Parade: Sept. 13th

PARADE BEGINS 10:00AM ON LAMESA & FLORIDA ST.



FREE TO ALL
- Must Register to Participate -
Deadline: All Applications must be in by 9/8/2025

DETAILS:
All parade entrants will assemble in the designated areas at Bradford Park at 905 E. New York Ave. Check in Registration table will be at the corner of New York and Jefferson streets. The Parade will travel East on E. New York Ave to Lamesa Rd. turn right on South Lamesa Rd., continue to Florida Ave. and turn West on Florida Ave. It will continue to S. Colorado Street turn left on S. Colorado. Parade will conclude at South Elementary.

RULES:
All entries (float trucks, automobiles, bicycles) must be decorated. Plaques will be awarded to the Best Overall, Most Original and Best Presentation. For safety concerns, all items such as candies or gifts for the public, cannot be thrown from any vehicles and can only be distributed on the curbs. **ALL ENTRIES MUST CHECK IN FROM 8:30-9:30 AM**

REGISTRATION:
Please call the Hispanic Cultural Center of Midland at 432-683-4226 for more information. Registration forms can be downloaded from our website www.HCCMidland.org or picked up at: Hispanic Cultural Center of Midland 1321 S. Wadley You can fax to 432-683-4826

Last week Collection

Contributions:	Cash	Checks	Totals
Sat. 5:00pm—1st collection	\$ 961.00	\$ 2,759.78	\$ 3,720.78
Sun. 8am—1st collection	\$ 1,010.00	\$ 3,700.00	\$ 4,710.00
Sun. 10:30am—1st collection	\$ 1,381.00	\$ 4,547.50	\$ 5,928.50
Sun. 12:30pm—1st collection	\$ 2,148.96	\$ 800.00	\$ 2,948.96
3:00pm	\$ 10.49	\$ 0.00	\$ 10.49
Sun. 5:00pm—1st collection	\$ 2,905.00	\$ 2,595.00	\$ 5,500.00
Sun. 7:00pm—1st collection	\$ 1,569.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,769.00
Daily Masses	\$ 49.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 74.00
Online Giving	\$ 3,488.00		\$ 3,488.00
Mailed in contributions		\$ 4,145.00	\$ 4,145.00
		GRAND TOTAL	\$ 32,294.73
Priests Retirement	\$ 3,365.00	\$ 4,667.50	\$ 8,032.50

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. Resumes should be sent to Mike Wyse, Chancellor, at P.O. Box 1829, San Angelo, Texas 76902-1829, or emailed to mwyse@sanangelodiocese.org by September 15, 2025.

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. Resumes should be sent to Mike Wyse, Chancellor, at P.O. Box 1829, San Angelo, Texas 76902-1829, or emailed to mwyse@sanangelodiocese.org by August 20.

DIOCESE OF SAN ANGELO POSITION AVAILABLE

Staff Accountant Position

The Diocese of San Angelo is accepting applications for the position of Staff Accountant. The Staff Accountant works on a team in the Finance Office to provide bookkeeping and human resources services to multiple parishes within the diocese. The Staff Accountant works with the pastor, parish staff and the finance council in producing accurate financial statements, executing best practices for internal controls, analysis of financial data, and implementation of financial guidelines and procedures established by the diocese. Experience with QuickBooks and Microsoft Office a plus. Hours are Monday – Friday, 8:00AM – 5:00PM with excellent benefits. Job duties and other information regarding the position are available at the Diocesan website www.sanangelodiocese.org. The Diocese is looking to fill this position as soon as possible, so interested applicants are encouraged to apply quickly. Resumes should be sent to Mike Wyse, Chancellor, at P.O. Box 1829, San Angelo, Texas 76902-1829, or emailed to mwyse@sanangelodiocese.org by August 29.

HELP FOR GAZA

Dear friends,

In the ongoing crisis in Gaza, Christians and other innocent victims of violence are struggling to survive, protect their children, and live with dignity in dire conditions. The Holy Father Pope Leo XIV continues to call for aid to enter the territory, noting with great sorrow that "Gaza is starving." The Catholic Church is there providing emergency humanitarian relief through the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) and Catholic Relief Services (CRS). If you would like to help provide humanitarian relief and pastoral support for our affected brothers and sisters in Gaza and surrounding areas in the Middle East, you can send your donations directly to CNEWA or CRS. Both organizations have well-established partnerships with the Catholic Church in the region which allow them to respond quickly and efficiently. Here is how you can donate to these Catholic organizations: For CNEWA:

Donate by check: Catholic Near East Welfare Association, Gaza Emergency Relief, 220 East 42nd Street 27th Floor, New York, NY 10017

For CRS:

Donate online: support.crs.org/donate/holy-land-conflict

Donate by phone: 1-877-HELP-CRS

Donate by check: Catholic Relief Services Holy Land Response, P.O. Box 5278, Tipton, IA 52772-0517

Thank you for your generous support of our brothers and sisters in need.

Bishop Michael J. Sis

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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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1 Ticket - \$20 or 6 Tickets - \$100

- 2025 Chevy Trax SUV
- Diamond Cross Earrings
- \$1,500 Gift certificate to Mitchell's Furniture
- \$1000 Visa Gift Card
- 70 Inch Smart TV
- 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



TRAININGS FOR NEW ALTAR SERVERS

We warmly welcome youth who have already registered and are beginning to shadow and train to become altar servers.

Required Training for New Servers will be as Follows:

Saturday Aug. 23	9:00 AM – 10:15 Am
Youth Building SERVIUM	
Saturday, Sept 6	8:30 AM – 10:00 AM
Sanctuary of Church	
Saturday, Sept 20	8:30 AM – 10:00 AM
Sanctuary of Church	
Saturday, Sept 27	9:00 AM – 10:15 Am
Youth Building SERVIUM	

Training will be ongoing and installation for new servers is going to be on Sunday Nov. 23, 2025 at the 10:00 AM Mass.

Registration is open through August for all youth who have received their First Communion and are interested in joining this very special ministry. Please contact our coordinators using the information below.

Anne Hobbs	432-934-3192
Claribel Lopez Carter	432-302-1929

CAPACITACIONES PARA NUEVOS MONAGUILLOS

Damos una cálida bienvenida a los jóvenes que ya se han inscrito y que están comenzando a observar y capacitarse para ser monaguillos.

Las capacitaciones requeridas para los nuevos monaguillos serán las siguientes:

Sábado 23 de Agosto, de 9:00 AM a 10:15 AM
Taller de Jóvenes, SERVIUM
Sábado 6 de Septiembre, de 8:30 AM a 10:00 AM en el
Sanuario de la Iglesia
Sábado 20 de Septiembre, de 8:30 AM a 10:00 AM en el
Sanuario de la Iglesia
Sábado 27 de Septiembre, de 9:00 a. m. a 10:15 a. m., Taller
de Jóvenes, SERVIUM

La capacitación será continua y la instalación de los nuevos monaguillos será el Domingo 23 de Noviembre de 2025 en la misa de las 10:00 AM

Las inscripciones están abiertas durante todo Agosto para todos los jóvenes que hayan recibido su Primera Comunión y estén interesados en unirse a este ministerio tan especial. Por favor, contacten a nuestros coordinadores utilizando la información a continuación.

Anne Hobbs	432-934-3192
Claribel López Carter	432-302-1929

REGULAR TRAINING SCHEDULE FOR ALL ALTAR SERVERS

Fall Training Schedule: Please mark you calendars. These trainings are required for all servers (new, experienced, advanced, and master). If you are not able to attend the training for your specific Mass please plan to attend one of the other trainings available.

All Trainings are on Sundays from 3:00 to 4:00 PM in the Sanctuary of the church

Sunday, September 7	For 12:30 PM
and 7:00 PM	Sunday Mass Servers

Sunday, October 5	For 8:00 AM
Sunday Mass Servers	

Sunday, November 2	For 5:00 PM
Saturday and Sunday Mass Servers	

Sunday, November 30	For 10:30 AM
Mass Servers	

HORARIO REGULAR DE CAPACITACIÓN PARA TODOS LOS MONAGUILLOS

Horario de capacitación de otoño: Por favor, anoten en sus calendarios. Estas capacitaciones son obligatorias para todos los monaguillos (nuevos, experimentados, avanzados y maestros). Si no puede asistir a la capacitación para su misa específica, planifique asistir a alguna de las otras capacitaciones disponibles.

Todas las capacitaciones se realizan los Domingos de 3:00 a 4:00 PM en el Santuario de la Iglesia.

Domingo 7 de Septiembre: para los monaguillos de las misas dominicales de 12:30 PM y 7:00 PM

Domingo 5 de Octubre: para los monaguillos de las misas dominicales de 8:00 AM

Domingo 2 de Noviembre: para los monaguillos de las misas dominicales de 5:00 PM

Domingo 30 de Noviembre: para los monaguillos de las misas dominicales de 10:30 AM

ALTAR SERVERS/MONAGUILLOS

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 **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 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).

Friends,

The Diocese of San Angelo is pleased to announce the acceptance of a new seminarian, **Mr. Leo Herrera**. Leo is a parishioner of Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Andrews and a recent graduate of Andrews High School. And **Mr. David Ruvalcaba**. David is a parishioner of St. Stephen's Church in Midland and is the biological brother of Fidel Ruvalcaba, a seminarian currently in his Junior Year at Conception Seminarian College. We have a sibling seminarians!

Leo's email is: lherrera@sanangelodiocese.org.

David email is: druvalcaba@sanangelodiocese.org

Please feel free to send Leo and David an email note, encouraging them in his discernment. They will begin school at Conception Seminary College in Conception, MO, this August 2025. In the meantime, our current seminarian list is on our vocation office website:

<https://www.dosavocation.org/seminarians>

This email rounds out our new seminarians for August 2025. Please pray that more men will respond generously to God's Call. We will begin this Fall 2025 with 12 men in formation.

In Christ,

Rev. Ryan Rojo, S.T.L.

Vocation Director

Seminarian Director

Diocese of San Angelo

BI-WEEKLY / THURSDAYS

MENS BIBLE STUDY

CALLING CATHOLIC MEN TO INVEST TIME DIVING INTO THE WORD OF GOD TOGETHER

UPCOMING DATES: AUGUST 7TH AND 21ST @ 7:15PM
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CONTACT: JOHN 661-348-2894

Join us for a video-based program that makes the wisdom of the Church's most foundational teachings accessible to all.

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Class materials can be purchased at the Church office for \$40. For more information call 432-559-2658 or 432-312-6669.

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

Electric	4 families	\$ 2,713.14
Water	1 family	\$ 714.99
Gas	1 family	\$ 95.98
Rent	18 families	\$ 37,124.78
TOTAL		\$ 40,648.89

Carlos and Antonia, who lost their first child, a son, in the second trimester of their pregnancy were eagerly awaiting the birth of their second child, a daughter. Christina arrived two months early. Her lungs were underdeveloped. Antonia spent two months in the hospital recovering from the difficult delivery. Christina also remained in the hospital in an incubator to help her breathe. It was determined that Christina needed to be in a Dallas hospital, so the couple packed up and moved to be with their baby girl. She remained in the hospital for an additional 3 months, struggling to survive, but in the end, she, like her brother, went to heaven.

Carlos and Antonia pleaded with the manager of the apartment they lived in to please hold it for them until they could return to Midland. They explained why they were in Dallas. When they returned to Midland they found they had no place to live. The manager had evicted the couple for non-payment, and all their possessions were confiscated.

They used what little money they could scrape up to bury their daughter next to their son. They found a small motel room, and both returned to their jobs, which had been held for them during this tragic ordeal. The cost of the motel room ate up their income as soon as they got it and they found themselves trapped, unable to save up enough to get their own place. We met with Antonia. She proudly showed us pictures of her little girl. The first two pictures showed her in the incubator, with tubes attached to her body. The third picture showed the precious baby after death, lying peacefully in her little white dress and finally free of the tubes. The young mother gently caressed the picture and with tears in her eyes, smiled as she looked at her little angel.

We were privileged to help this young couple get another apartment, which we also helped furnish. There they can grieve the loss of their children. Please pray that this couple finds healing and is one day able to have that family that they yearn for so desperately! project!

Please pray for the following:

Raul H, Faith S, Neha N, 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.

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!

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



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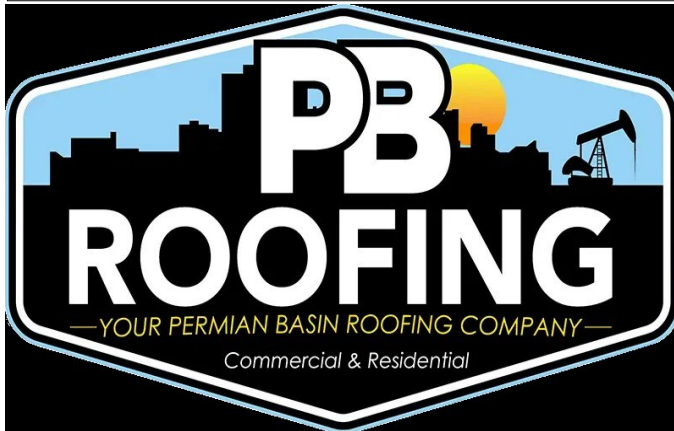
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