

22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / XXII DOMINGO DE TIEMPO
ORDINARIO
August 31, 2025 / 31 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 7:55 AM
9:45 AM to 10:25 AM
12:00 AM to 12:25 PM
4:15 PM to 4:55 PM
6:30 PM to 6:55 PM

MON—FRI

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

WED & FRI

12:00 PM to 12:10 PM

SATURDAY:

7:45 AM to 7:55 AM
4:00 PM to 4:55 PM

PASTORAL STAFF

PASTOR

Rev. Bala Anthony Govindu

PAROCHIAL VICAR

Rev. Bonaventure Onyinyechi Anuforo

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Dcn. Leonard Hendon

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Hermana: Leonila Torres Bermudez
Sister Rajamma Mendam (DRE)
Sister Nirmala Panditi

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Gladys Qualls

RECEPTIONIST/OFFICE ASST.

Yolanda Flores

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Monday-Thursday: 8:30am-5:00pm
Friday: 9:00am-1:00pm

Parish Website:



www.ststephensmidland.com
Email: frontdesk@ststephensmidland.com

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Homily – Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Theme: Humility Opens the Door to God's Kingdom

Introduction

My dear brothers and sisters,

Today's readings center around one of the greatest and most difficult virtues: **humility**. In a world that prizes self-promotion, status, and recognition, the Word of God invites us to something radically different—the quiet greatness of humility, which is the key to entering the Kingdom of God.

First Reading: Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

The Book of Sirach gives us timeless wisdom: *"My child, conduct your affairs with humility, and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts."*

The wise man reminds us that the more we grow in knowledge, position, or success, the more humble we must become. Like a tree: the more fruit it bears, the lower its branches bend. True wisdom bows low before God and others. Pride closes our heart, but humility opens it to God's grace.

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-24a

The Letter to the Hebrews contrasts two mountains:

- **Mount Sinai**, where the Israelites trembled in fear before thunder, fire, and divine majesty.

Mount Zion, the heavenly Jerusalem, where we approach Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, with confidence and joy.

The point is this: God is not calling us into terror but into communion. But to enter Zion—the heavenly banquet—we must come as beggars, not as claimants; as children, not as masters. Pride cannot stand before God's glory, but humility allows us to receive His mercy and join the saints in worship.

Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

In the Gospel, Jesus attends a banquet. He notices how people scramble for the places of honor. With divine wisdom, He teaches: *"When you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place."* This is not merely about etiquette but about the posture of our hearts.

Those who exalt themselves will be humbled; those who humble themselves will be exalted.

Jesus then goes further: *"When you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind."* In other words, humility is not just about lowering ourselves but about lifting others up, especially those who cannot repay us. This reflects the very heart of God, who gives without expecting repayment.

Spiritual Application

1. **Humility before God** – Do I recognize that everything I have—life, health, talents, family, faith—is a gift? Or do I act as if I earned it all myself?

2. **Humility before others** – Do I seek recognition, titles, or praise? Or do I serve quietly, even when no one notices?

Hospitality of the heart – Am I willing to open my life to the poor, the broken, the marginalized, even when it is inconvenient or costly?

The Eucharist itself is God's banquet where we come not as the worthy but as the hungry. We kneel in humility, and God feeds us with His very Body and Blood.

Examples from the Saints

- **St. Francis of Assisi** left behind wealth and honor to embrace poverty and simplicity, showing us that humility leads to joy.

- **St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa)** often said: *"God cannot fill what is already full. We must empty ourselves to let Him in."*

Even **Jesus Himself**, the King of kings, humbled Himself to wash the feet of His disciples and die on the Cross. This is the model of humility we are called to imitate.

Conclusion

Dear friends, the Kingdom of God is not about climbing ladders of power, but about stooping low in service. True greatness is found not in being honored, but in honoring others; not in being served, but in serving.

Let us then live out Sirach's wisdom, walk in the joy of Mount Zion, and follow Jesus' example at the banquet of life. If we humble ourselves now, one day we will hear the words of the Lord: *"Friend, move up higher... Come, share in your Master's joy."* **Amen.**

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 31 XXII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 8:00am Souls in Purgatory
†Perry Taylor by Mass Family
- 10:30am Ester Gonzales (BD) by Paz Carrizales
†Linda Kiebusch by Husband
- 12:30pm †Natalia, †Mirta and †Francisco
†Francisco Morales Guzman by Alexandra S
- 5:00pm Christian Medrano (BD) by Barger Family
Henry Guzman (BD) 88th Linda and Family
- 7:00pm Isacc Silva conversion by Mom
†Walter Garibay by Family

Monday September 1,

- 7:00am Souls in Purgatory
†Perry Taylor by Mass family
- 5:30pm Isacc Silva conversion by Mom
†Buc Ramirez by family

Tuesday, September 2

- 7:00am Pamela R. Miles (GH)
†Perry Taylor by Mass family
- 5:30pm Lorri Villa Heavenly Birthday by family
†Juan Herrera by Mom

Wednesday, September 3 St. Gregory The Great

- 7:00am Thuan, Thuy, Angelina Nguyen by Anne
†Perry Taylor by Mass family
- 12:15pm †Bob and †Sue True by Diane & John White
Chris Sims (GH) by family
- 5:30pm Alexis Aguilar (BD) by Grandma
†Elisa Montez by Family

Thursday, September 4

- 7:00am Chris Sims (GH) by family
†Perry Taylor by Mass family
- 5:30pm †Carlos Rivera by Maria Salas
†Juanita and †Juan by Maria Salas

Friday, September 5

- 7:00am †Pat Wurgler by Criss
†Perry Taylor by Mass family
- 12:15 pm †Joe Lopez by family
Chris Sims (GH) by family
- 5:30 pm Marisela Arredondo (GH) by Dolores
Terry Padilla (GH) by Dolores

Saturday, September 6

- 8:00am Chris Sims (GH) by family
†Perry Taylor by Mass family
- 5:00pm †Frank and †Bernadina Hernandez by Olga
†Jose and † Eloisa Medina by family

Sunday, September 7 XXIII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 8:00am †Cruz and †Juanita Muniz by Marilyn W
†Sue and †Angela Wiesman by Marilyn W
- 10:30am Kate Johnson (BD) by kids and Husband
†Brandon Barger by family
- 12:30pm Leonardo and Maria (WA) by Family
†Edis Villasmill by Family
- 5:00pm Anthony Sanchez (BD) Liz & Mando
Marisela Arredondo (GH) by Dolores
- 7:00pm †Perry Taylor by Mass family
For Priests

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



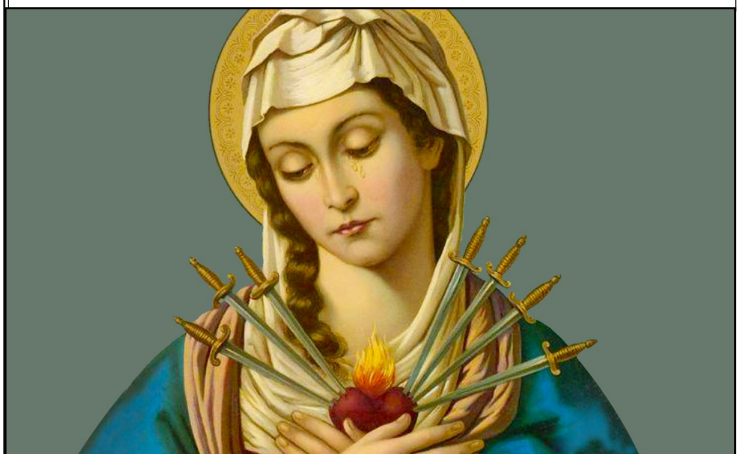
SEPTEMBER 8

THE NATIVITY OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**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.**



SEPTEMBER
Month of Our Lady of Sorrows

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)**
- 23 de Noviembre, 2025– 12:30 P.M.



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

EVENT SCHEDULE SEPT 20 25

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SEPT. 2
6:00PM-
8:00PM

**YOUTH NIGHT
KICK-OFF**
READY FOR THE
NEW SCHOOL YEAR



9

SEPT 9
6:00 PM-
8:00 PM

**CANONIZATION
PARTY**
Come celebrate
the newest Saints!



16

SEPT 16
6:00PM-
8:00PM

YOUTH NIGHT
BRING YOUR FRIEND FOR
FOOD, FAITH and FUN



23

SEPT 23
6:00PM-
8:00PM

YOUTH NIGHT
Called to be a Saint



30

SEPT 30
6:00PM-
8:00PM

YOUTH NIGHT
TIME WITH JESUS -
ADORATION NIGHT



Contact
Carlos Garcia



youthdirector@ststephens
midland.com



WALK

& Pray

MIDLAND TEXAS

KERMESSE KICKOFF

5K Run/Walk

SATURDAY, SEP.13, 2025

Register online or grab a form from
the back table

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The
BLESSED SACRAMENT
will be reposed on
Monday, September 1st,
2025, due to Labor Day
and it will be exposed
back on Tuesday.

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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!

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

FOUNDATIONS of FAITH

The 11-week study starts 10 September and continues each Wednesday 9:30-11:00 a.m. in classroom #2.

A Journey Through the Catechism of the Catholic Church

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

ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH PARISH HALL BINGO

LICENSE #398431/TEMPORARY LICENSE #400330

NOTE: \$30.00 PAPER SET

FIRST SESSION

BINGO	CARD COLOR	PAYOUT
1. LETTER X.	BLUE	\$200.00
2. DOUBLE BINGO	ORANGE	\$200.00
3. THREE LAYER CAKE	GREEN	\$250.00
4. LARGE PICTURE FRAME	YELLOW	\$200.00
5. THREE BINGOS	PINK	\$500.00



INTERMISSION



SECOND SESSION

6. B-N-O	GRAY	\$200.00
7. DOUBLE BINGO	OLIVE	\$200.00
8. SMALL PICTURE FRAME WITH 4 CORNERS	BROWN	\$250.00
9. 4 CORNERS WITH ONE STRAIGHT BINGO	RED	\$200.00
10. BLACKOUT	PURPLE	\$700.00

PULL TABS AND DABBERS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE



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KERMESSE BINGO

Friday, 12 September 2025 at 6 PM

FOOD

FUN




CASH PRIZES




Food for purchase available by Catholic Daughters of Americas




MARCOS YBARRA
432-638-9097

For more information

ABEL ABUNDEZ
432-528-5402

Last week Collection

Contributions:	Cash	Checks	Totals
Sat. 5:00pm—1st collection	\$ 1,613.00	\$ 1,845.00	\$ 3,458.00
Sun. 8am—1st collection	\$ 1,505.00	\$ 3,240.00	\$ 4,745.00
Sun. 10:30am—1st collection	\$ 1,741.00	\$ 3,380.00	\$ 5,121.00
Sun. 12:30pm—1st collection	\$ 3,591.22	\$ 670.00	\$ 4,261.22
Sun. African Mass 2:30pm	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Sun. 5:00pm—1st collection	\$ 2,138.00	\$ 885.00	\$ 3,023.00
Sun. 7:00pm—1st collection	\$ 1,095.00	\$ 795.00	\$ 1,890.00
Daily Masses	\$ 95.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 120.00
Online Giving	\$ 3,516.99		\$ 3,516.99
Mailed in contributions		\$ 1,955.00	\$ 1,955.00
		GRAND TOTAL	\$ 28,090.21

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KERMESSE 2025

MUSIC FESTIVAL & FAMILY FAIR



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

COTERRA PAVILION 5514 CHAMPIONS DR. MIDLAND, TEXAS

RAFFLE + FOOD + DRINKS + MORE

FOR MORE INFO: WWW.STSTEPHENS MIDLAND.COM

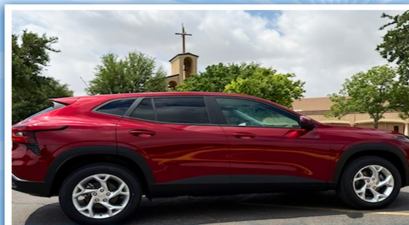
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KERMESSE 2025

MUSIC FESTIVAL & FAMILY FAIR

RAFFLE!



GRAND PRIZE 2025 CHEVROLET TRAX

*LIFETIME OIL CHANGE
*TRAN LIFETIME WARRANTY



\$20 A TICKET WITH OVER 20 PRIZES

SEPTEMBER 13TH-14TH

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MUSIC FESTIVAL & FAMILY FAIR



SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 13TH

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GRAND PRIZE

2025 Chevy Trax

Includes lifetime oil change and lifetime powertrain warranty



20 Raffle Prizes

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

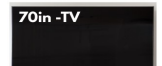
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Dallas Cowboy Jersey Autographed by Demarcus Lawrence

Dallas Cowboy Autographed by Sean Lee

\$250 Gift Card

Fun Speaker



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 seran 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).

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE For the Diocese of San Angelo

September 12-13, 2025 | McNease Convention Center



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 325-783-9400 for Information Including Discounted Hotel Accommodations and More!

Hosted by the Heart of JMJ Foundation



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.

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, 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:

Taller de Jóvenes, SERVIUM
Sábado 6 de Septiembre, de 8:30 AM a 10:00 AM en el Santuario de la Iglesia
Sábado 20 de Septiembre, de 8:30 AM a 10:00 AM en el Santuario 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 your 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 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

Volunteers Needed to Assist with Care of Altar Server Vestments

Se necesitan voluntarios para ayudar con el cuidado de las vestimentas de los monaguillos.

Parent and adult volunteers are needed to assist altar servers with their vestments before and after the Saturday vigil and Sunday masses. Volunteers would spend 15 minutes in the sacristy before and after mass as the servers put on and put away their vestments.

We specifically want to ensure that:

- the vestments are properly organized and hung with care;
- the altar servers have the appropriate size vestments; and
- extra vestments are organized and used appropriately.

We hope to have a sufficient amount of volunteers to create a schedule where individuals need only help a couple of times per month at the mass they usually attend, in rotation with other volunteers.

We will host a meeting to train volunteers on **Sunday, September 14, 2025 at 2:15 p.m. in the Sacristy.**

If you are willing to volunteer, please contact Stephanie Basom at stephanie.n.basom@gmail.com.

Safe Environment training is required for all volunteers.

ALTAR SERVERS/MONAGUILLOS



® The (CDA) – Daughters of St. Stephen's, Court #2818, are working hard to serve you! We truly enjoyed showing the movie King of Kings and hope those that attended enjoyed the evening. We continue to serve the **10:30 a.m.** mass on the **Fourth Sunday** of each month along with providing donuts at both morning masses. We will have our next General Meeting on **September 25, at 6:30 p.m. in Room 11.** We look forward to serving food & snacks on Friday September 12 during Bingo! We hope to see you there!

*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!



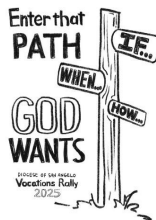
Diocese of San Angelo

To: Pastors, school principals, middle school teachers, religious education leaders, and home school families

From: Vocations Rally Committee

Date: August 4, 2025

Subject: 2025 Vocations Rally



The Diocese of San Angelo is excited to host the 2nd annual Middle School Vocations Rally for 6th-8th grade students. Our mission is to give your students an insight into the religious life and teach them about listening to God's will for their life. We have a wonderfully talented musician and speaker, Cooper Ray, booked for our event, along with many more speakers.

All students enrolled in a diocesan Catholic Grade School will be automatically pre-registered by the school for the Thursday event. For students in parish religious education programs and homeschooling, we welcome you and look forward to your attendance. Please scan the QR code or see the vocation office tab on the diocesan website for registration and more information. There is no cost to attend. While we encourage all middle school students to attend the full day event and have school exemptions forms for Thursday, November 6, we understand that missing a day of school might not be a possibility for everyone, so we are offering an abridged Wednesday evening opportunity.

Wednesday, November 5, 2025

Holy Cross Catholic High School

5:45 PM to 8:30 PM

School dress attire and dinner by local KofC

OR

Thursday, November 6, 2025

Holy Cross Catholic High School

8:45 AM to 2:30 PM

Holy Mass with Bishop Sis

School dress attire & lunch by HCCHS

Speakers – Bishop Sis, Fr. Ryan, religious sisters, seminarians, and performances and Thursday talks by Cooper Ray.

Tours of Holy Cross Catholic High School will be available for the students and parents before our Wednesday night event and after our Thursday event. Please see the registration page if you are interested.

Finally, we would just like to remind you of the Diocesan guidelines for chaperones and liability paperwork. For more information, please visit our website <https://sanangelodiocese.org/vocation-rally> or scan the QR code.

Please let us know if you have any questions and we look forward to seeing you at the Vocations Rally during National Vocation Awareness Week.

With gratitude,
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-St. Gianna Molla

EXPLORE YOUR FUTURE

PROJECT VOCATION EVENT

Join us for Project Vocation, an engaging evening where high school students and their parents can explore the paths to the priesthood or religious life. Experience inspiring talks, meet dedicated priests, sisters, and their parents to learn about the significance of faith in pursuing a vocation. Embrace this unique opportunity to discover your calling!

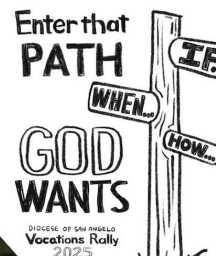
Sunday, October 5, 2025
4pm to 6pm
Christ the King Retreat Center
San Angelo



THE 2ND ANNUAL VOCATIONS Rally



The Diocese of San Angelo invites 6th-8th grade students to joyfully explore God's call in their lives through inspiring speakers, music, and prayer during National Vocation Awareness Week.



Scan for more info and registration

Holy Cross Catholic High School

NOV | 5TH & 6TH | 2025

No cost to attend | Meals provided
<https://sanangelodiocese.org/vocation-rally>

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

www.helpinghandsmidland.com



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

Electric	3 families	\$ 3,111.29
Rent	16 families	\$ 34,071.78
TOTAL		\$ 37,183.07

We received a call from a young man needing assistance. He was clearly uncomfortable to be making the call, and it was obvious that he had never done this before. He has a steady, full-time job and we had no record of any agency having helped him in the past.

When we met with him, we found that he was a single parent, raising two young children. His wife had left him when his youngest was an infant and the older one was a toddler. She left without warning – just called him a work one day five years ago and told him she wanted out. She was tired of being a mother and was leaving him. If he didn't want the children left alone, he'd better get home now.

He left work as soon as he contacted his supervisor, and when he got home, true to her word, the children were alone. Over the next several months he rearranged his life to accommodate the needs of his children while still maintaining his job, paying his bills, and being both mom and dad. Family members helped out with daycare when they could until he made suitable arrangements.

Five years passed and he remained the single parent, working at his job, raising his two babies. His life revolved around them.

Then, several months ago, his wife telephoned him for the first time in many years. She threatened to come and take the children away. Frantic that he might lose his babies to a woman who had been less than stable in the past, he hired a lawyer to do whatever was necessary to protect his rights and the well-being of his children. The lawyer filed papers that would make the mother unable to get passports for the children without the father's consent. The immediate threat of his children being taken across the border was averted, at least for the time being. The financial costs left him unable to pay his small electric bill and part of his rent. We gladly paid and wished we could do more, however he would not accept additional help.

We hear so much about the plight of single mothers. There are many, many dads out there who are left in the same predicament. Please pray for all of them.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED to pick up bread and pastries from United (Midland Drive and Wadley) on Tuesdays before 10 am and bring to Helping Hands. If interested, please call Mary (432) 528-6265.

SEPTEMBER TRUCK SCHEDULE

Our truck will be at St. Stephen's on Saturday, **September 6** and at St. Ann's on Saturday, **September 20** 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!

Please pray for the following:

Raegan J, Jose G, Daranee T, 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.

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!

BI-WEEKLY/THURSDAYS

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

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

LOCATION: ST. STEPHEN'S HALL IN ROOM 8

Sept 4th & 18th @ 7:15pm

CONTACT: JOHN 681-348-2994

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**AUG 31, 2025
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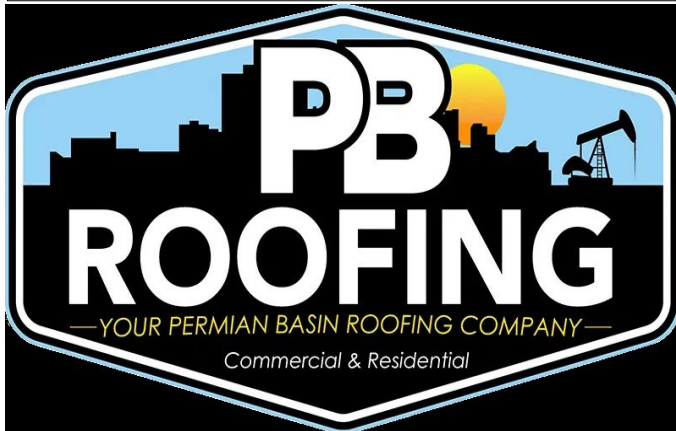
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