

23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / XXIII DOMINGO DE TIEMPO  
ORDINARIO  
September 7 2025 / 7 de Septiembre 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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Sister Rajamma Mendam (DRE)  
Sister Nirmala Panditi

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Gladys Qualls

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Yolanda Flores

#### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

Parish Website:



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

Find us [@st.stephenmidland5420](https://www.youtube.com/@st.stephenmidland5420) on YouTube to watch the live stream of the Mass!

## Homily – Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 9:13-18b; Psalm 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17; Philemon 9-10, 12-17; Luke 14:25-33

### Theme: Counting the Cost of Discipleship

**Introduction:** My dear brothers and sisters,

The readings this Sunday invite us into a sobering yet liberating truth: following Christ is not a casual commitment, but a total surrender. The Book of Wisdom reminds us of the limits of our human reasoning. The Psalm teaches us to number our days with wisdom. Paul's Letter to Philemon models Christian love that transforms relationships. And in the Gospel, Jesus challenges us to renounce everything for His sake. These texts converge on one central theme: **discipleship requires discernment, sacrifice, and a heart ordered entirely toward God.**

#### 1. Wisdom: Human Limitations and Divine Guidance

The Book of Wisdom asks: *"Who can know God's counsel, or who can conceive what the Lord intends?"* (Wis 9:13). Philosophy has long asked the question: *What is the good life?* Plato and Aristotle offered noble visions of virtue, but Scripture reminds us that without God's Spirit, human wisdom is clouded by weakness and mortality.

The Church Fathers, such as St. Augustine, taught that our hearts are restless until they rest in God. To discern God's will, we need the "holy spirit from on high" (Wis 9:17). This is a call to humility: we cannot grasp divine mysteries on our own—we must pray, discern, and allow God to shape our path.

#### 2. Psalm 90: Time, Mortality, and Eternal Perspective

Psalm 90 is a meditation on time: *"Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart."* The brevity of life—like grass that flourishes in the morning and withers by evening—reminds us that we are pilgrims, not permanent settlers.

Philosophically, this psalm confronts us with the finitude of human existence. Modern culture often distracts us with illusions of permanence: wealth, pleasure, reputation. But wisdom teaches us to see life *sub specie aeternitatis*—under the aspect of eternity. Each day, then, becomes a gift to be lived in God's presence.

#### 3. Philemon: Christian Love Transforms Relationships

In the shortest letter of Paul, we glimpse the radical reordering of human relationships in Christ. Paul appeals to Philemon to receive Onesimus, a runaway slave, not as a piece of property, but as *"a brother beloved"* (Phlm 16).

Here we see theology lived out. In Christ, hierarchies of power collapse, and dignity is restored. St. John Chrysostom commented that Paul does not command but appeals with love, showing the Christian way of persuasion. The Gospel transforms social structures, not first by external revolution, but by interior conversion and the recognition of every person as a child of God.

This passage challenges us today: Do we see others—especially the marginalized—not as tools for our benefit, but as brothers and sisters in Christ?

#### 4. Gospel: The Radical Demands of Discipleship

Jesus' words in Luke 14 are stark: *"If anyone comes to me without hating father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple."* This is Semitic hyperbole—Jesus does not literally command hatred, but demands that no relationship, no attachment, not even our own life, take precedence over Him.

Two parables illustrate this: building a tower and waging war. Both require **counting the cost** before committing. Following Christ is not sentimental enthusiasm; it is a reasoned, free, and total decision.

The theology here is rooted in the primacy of God. St. Thomas Aquinas taught that God must be loved above all things, because He is the highest good. All other loves find their meaning when ordered toward Him. To renounce possessions, honors, even attachments, is to live in freedom, so that nothing holds us back from total union with Christ.

#### 5. Application: Living the Call Today

- **Wisdom for daily life:** Seek God's Spirit before decisions—whether in family, work, or ministry. Human plans are fragile; divine guidance is sure.
- **Numbering our days:** Live each day intentionally. Ask: If today were my last, how would I live differently?
- **Transforming relationships:** See in others—especially those society disregards—Christ Himself. Treat them with dignity and love.

**Counting the cost:** What attachments prevent me from following Christ fully? Comfort, security, approval, possessions? Jesus calls us to freedom through detachment.

#### Conclusion: True Freedom in Christ

The readings remind us that discipleship is costly, but the cost is worth everything. To place Christ above all is not to lose, but to gain eternal life. As Psalm 90 concludes: *"Prosper the work of our hands for us, O Lord."* Our lives, ordered toward God, become fruitful, meaningful, and eternal.

Let us pray for the grace to surrender all that hinders us, so that with wisdom, courage, and love, we may walk as true disciples of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**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 Villasmil By Family  
5:00pm Anthony Sanchez (BD) by Liz And Mando  
Marisela Arredondo (GH) by Dolores  
7:00pm †Perry Taylor by Mass family  
†Jose A. and †Jose L. Barron by Family

**Monday September 8 Nativity of the Blessed V. Mary**

- 7:00am Fr. Warren Brown (BD) by Family  
†Perry Taylor by Mass family  
5:30pm Leonardo and Maria (WA) by Family  
†Barney and Inez Alvarez  
(Heavenly Birthday) by Liz & Mando

**Tuesday, September 9 Saint Peter Claver**

- 7:00am Chris Sims (GH) by Family  
†Perry Taylor by Mass family  
5:30pm Marisela Arredondo (GH) by Dolores  
Michael Fryt (GH) by Monte and Polly Fryt

**Wednesday, September 10**

- 7:00am †PS2 Tanya Valencia by Family  
Chris Sims (GH) by Family  
12:15pm For the safe travels of Fr. Bala's pilgrimage  
For the safe travels of Fr. Jeevan's pilgrimage  
5:30pm Eduardo Chavez Zapien (GH) by Elsa  
†Armando and †Celina Cervantes by Elsa

**Thursday, September 11**

- 7:00am Elizabeth Johnson by Family  
†Maria Torres by Flores Family  
5:30pm †Rosalie C Herrera (BD) by Adela Marta & Fam.  
For the safe travels of Fr. Bala's pilgrimage

**Friday, September 12**

- 7:00am †Tom Koffler by Criss  
†Chris Koffler by Criss  
12:15 pm †Jesus Chavez by mom  
Chris Sims (GH) by family  
5:30 pm Steve Oetting by Family  
†Joseph Kiowski by Guice Family

**Saturday, September 13 St John Chrysostom**

- 8:00am †Joseph Kiowski by Andrew & Gladys Qualls  
†Alphonse and † Belly Urbanovsky by Fam.  
5:00pm Sisto Medrano Jr. (BD) by Barger Fam.  
Chris Sims (GH) by Family

**Sunday, September 14 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

- 8:00am Altar Servers  
Knights of Columbus present and past  
by Daniel and Barbara Parker  
10:30am Steve Oetting (GH) by Family  
Alena Crivello by Family  
12:30pm †Rodolfo Villa by Family  
†Maria Torres by Family  
5:00pm Laura ter Haar Dorado (BD) by Qualls family  
Chris Sims (GH) by Family  
7:00pm Jesus Flores by Cynthia  
For Priests

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

**NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH, 2025**



**Solemn Procession of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**5:30 P Solemn Mass in honor of the Birthday**

**6:00 PM of Our Blessed Virgin Mary**

**ST. STEPHEN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**4601 NEELY AVE,  
MIDLAND, TEXAS 79707**

**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.**

**OUR LADY OF SORROWS**



**CHAPLET AFTER 5:30**

**MASS**

**SEPTEMBER 15TH**



## 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 **October 4** after the 8:00am Mass

### Ad Sizes:

1. Label Size: Price: \$25 per issue
2. Business Card Size (3.5" x 2"): Price: \$50 per issue
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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

September 7, 2025

## Happy Grandparents Day

BLESSINGS AND GRATITUDE TO ALL

Dear Beloved Grandparents,

"Warm wishes to you all. Your wisdom and love are the pillars of our community. May God bless you with health and joy".

HAPPY GRANDPARENTS DAY

With love,  
Fr. Bala Antony Govindu  
Pastor

ST. STEPHEN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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, September 20, 2025/ 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

COST/ATTIRE: \$20.00 per person/Casual

BAND: "Brother Z" (C & W, Latin, Swing, Variety)

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](mailto:permianmusic87@gmail.com). Please do not contact St. Stephen for information on this function as it is separated from the church. **THANK YOU!**

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

El Ministerio de Mujeres de  
Fe y Esperanza  
invitan al

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4 de octubre 2025

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

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Predicador

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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



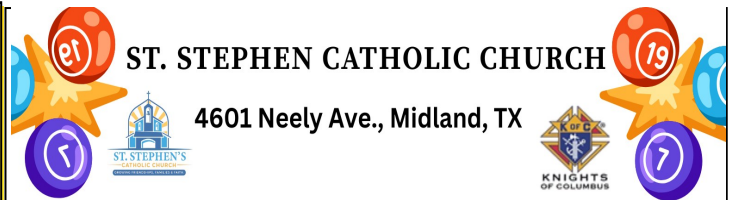
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### SECOND SESSION

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



# KERMESSE BINGO

Friday, 12 September 2025 at 6 PM

FOOD

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CASH  
PRIZES



Food for purchase available by Catholic Daughters of Americas



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432-638-9097

For more information

ABEL ABUNDEZ  
432-528-5402

## Last week Collection

Contributions:	Cash	Checks	Totals
Sat. 5:00pm—1st collection	\$ 781.00	\$ 2,547.00	\$ 3,328.00
Sun. 8am—1st collection	\$ 1,275.00	\$ 2,165.00	\$ 3,440.00
Sun. 10:30am—1st collection	\$ 1,737.00	\$ 5,469.00	\$ 7,206.00
Sun. 12:30pm—1st collection	\$ 2,372.95	\$ 460.00	\$ 2,832.95
Sun. African Mass 2:30pm	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Sun. 5:00pm—1st collection	\$ 1,388.00	\$ 510.00	\$ 3,023.00
Sun. 7:00pm—1st collection	\$ 1,320.00	\$ 185.00	\$ 1,890.00
Daily Masses	\$ 95.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 120.00
Online Giving	\$ 3,149.88		\$ 3,149.88
Mailed in contributions		\$ 4,843.00	\$ 4,843.00
		<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 28,322.83</b>

## Last Week's Collection



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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

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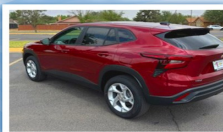
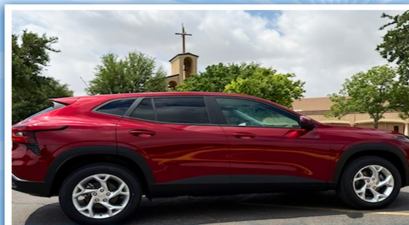
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## RAFFLE!



## GRAND PRIZE 2025 CHEVROLET TRAX

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**2025 Chevy Trax**

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2025 Chevy Trax SUV

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\$500 Gift Certificate for custom made boots by Pina Boots

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Nintendo Switch

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\$500 Gift card to Midland Meat Market

Patio Furniture

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Dallas Cowboy Jersey Autographed by Demarcus Lawrence

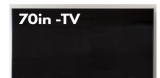
Dallas Cowboy Autographed by Sean Lee

\$250 Gift Card

Fun Speaker



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Adult Confirmation Classes **for those Catholics who have been baptized** and are above High School age, 18 years and older: Those candidates who also need to receive First Communion will receive it in the same ceremony. These classes are **NOT** for those who need to receive Baptism or Reception into Full Communion. Classes will begin on Tuesday, **September 23, 2025, from 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM for English in the Ballroom and for Spanish in room 1.**

If you're interested in attending the classes, please contact our Parish office at [432-520-7394](tel:432-520-7394) or via email [gladys@ststephensmidland.com](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 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](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).

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

September 12-13, 2025 | McNease Convention Center



Featured Speakers Include:



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

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## 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.

### 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 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 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 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 Sunday Mass Servers	For 12:30 PM and 7:00 PM
Sunday, October 5 Mass Servers	For 8:00 AM Sunday
Sunday, November 2 Sunday Mass Servers	For 5:00 PM Saturday and Sunday
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](mailto: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!

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  
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Tuesday night  
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Parish hall

September 9th  
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LUNES, SEPTIEMBRE 8, 2025



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

<b>Electric</b>	<b>6 families</b>	<b>\$ 2,117.12</b>
<b>Water</b>	<b>6 families</b>	<b>\$ 2,777.12</b>
<b>Gas</b>	<b>5 families</b>	<b>\$ 1,545.98</b>
<b>Rent</b>	<b>14 families</b>	<b>\$ 24,764.84</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 31,205.06</b>

We are always grateful for the generosity shown to us by the people of Midland that allows us to help so many people each week. To give you an idea of just where the money goes:

Each week we publish a list of what was spent on helping families the week before. That appears on our Facebook page as well as in the St. Stephen's church bulletin. Anyone wanting to know anything more regarding our finances is welcome to contact us. Our books are always open to public scrutiny. We do not "stockpile" money. Every penny that comes into Helping Hands goes right back out to help the needy of Midland County. Our office equipment (desks computers, etc.) have come to us as donations off of our truck, from individual donors, or volunteers who use their own equipment that they have purchased. Most of our equipment is old and worn however we would have it no other way. Granted we have four wonderful, fairly new Ford box trucks however they were all donated to us by wonderful benefactors of ours, Don and Lenee Bennett. They were sorely needed however we felt we could not use the money you gave us for such a luxury. Thankfully Don and Lenee came to our rescue and our transportation issues were resolved. Our building is not pretty, and it tends to be too warm in the summer and too cool in the winter. To spend money frivolously to have the latest and the best is not in line with our philosophy and our way of doing business. We believe in working poor to help the poor.

The more money that is given to us means that we will have just that much more to help our neighbors in need. We are proud to have been able to sustain a budget that allows us to care for those we feel most need the help for the past several years, which is remarkable considering that so many other agencies are cutting back or disconnecting services to the poor altogether. Most agencies have "caps" on how much they can spend to assist someone. Some do not help with rent, and some will only do utilities such as electric but again, there is usually a cap placed on them as well. To the best of our knowledge, we are the only benevolence agency in Midland that can assist in with the total expense of a client coming to us with a legitimate need.

So many organizations and churches in Midland help us meet those needs: St. Stephen's Catholic Church, St. Ann's, Holy Cross Lutheran, the Abell-Hanger Foundation, Chevron and many more. Equally important and needed is the steady stream of checks we receive from all over our city that come in our mail each day. We believe we receive these generous donations because you believe in us and in the work that we do, and you will always know that every penny you give us will go directly to those in need. We cannot thank you enough for all that you do for the poor through Helping Hands. God bless you for your generosity and for your compassion!

#### **OCTOBER TRUCK SCHEDULE**

Our truck will at St. Ann's on Saturday, **September 20 from 9 am until 1p.m to accept your donations.** We thank the Knights of Columbus for taking on this responsibility.

#### **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. Maricela A. Hector F.*

**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!**

## **You're invited to celebrate SPECIAL MASSES**

**EVERY 2ND SUNDAY**

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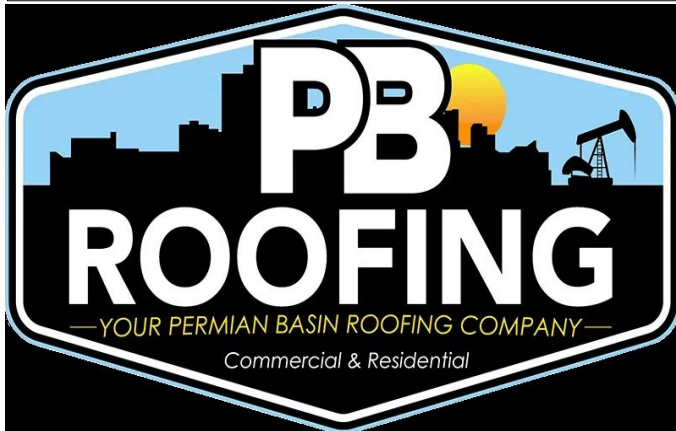
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