

# ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH-MIDLAND

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Midland, Texas 79707  
Phone: 432-520-7394



THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME/ III DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO  
January 25, 2026 / 25, de Enero 2026

## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00pm (English)  
Sunday: 8:00am (English)  
10:30am (English)  
1:00pm (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 12:55 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

### DEACON

Dcn. Leonard Hendon

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

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Annabel Wiesman

### BOOKKEEPER

Marisa Mora

### YOUTH COORDINATOR

Carlos Garcia

### DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Gabriel Salgado

### OFFICE ASSISTANT

Gladys Qualls

### RECEPTIONIST/OFFICE ASST.

Yolanda Flores

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

Parish Website: [www.ststephensmidland.com](http://www.ststephensmidland.com)

Email:



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

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

# SUNDAY REFLECTION BY FR. BALA

## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time “From Darkness to Light, From Division to Discipleship”

Beloved brothers and sisters in Christ,

Today’s Word of God is alive, urgent, and deeply hopeful. It speaks to people who are tired, divided, fearful—and yet hungry for meaning. In other words, it speaks directly to us.

### 1. “*The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light*” (Isaiah 9)

Isaiah begins with a promise made to people who were wounded, forgotten, and humiliated. Zebulun and Naphtali were borderlands—often invaded, often neglected. They represent places of **darkness**: confusion, suffering, loss, sin, disappointment.

But God does not abandon dark places.

Isaiah proclaims something radical: **God chooses the darkest places to shine His brightest light.**

Not after people fix themselves. Not after they become worthy.

But *while they are walking in darkness*.

If today you feel overwhelmed—by illness, family struggles, addiction, financial stress, fear about the future—this Word is for you. God’s light is not far away. It is already breaking in.

Light does not argue with darkness.

Light simply *shows up*—and darkness loses its power.

### 2. “*The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?*” (Psalm 27)

The Psalmist does not deny fear; he **defies it with faith.**

When God is your light:

- Fear no longer controls you
- Anxiety no longer defines you

Enemies no longer intimidate you

Notice what the Psalmist longs for most:

“One thing I ask... to dwell in the house of the Lord.”

This is not escape—it is **alignment.**

When we stay close to God, clarity returns. Strength grows. Hope revives.

Some of us are tired because we are trying to fight battles **without staying in God’s presence.**

The Word today invites us: *Wait for the Lord. Be strong. Take courage.*

### 3. “*Is Christ divided?*” (1 Corinthians)

Saint Paul speaks with urgency and pain. The Church was fighting over personalities, preferences, and labels:

“I belong to Paul... I belong to Apollos...”

Sound familiar?

Today divisions still wound the Body of Christ:

- Ideologies over the Gospel
- Personal preferences over unity

Pride over humility

Paul reminds us of a powerful truth:

**We were not baptized into a priest, a movement, or an opinion—  
we were baptized into Christ.**

The Cross is not a symbol to argue about.

It is the place where **division dies and love wins.**

When the Cross is at the center, egos fade.

When Christ is at the center, unity becomes possible.

### 4. “*Repent... the kingdom of heaven is at hand*” (Matthew 4)

Jesus begins His ministry with one word: **Repent** - metanoia, a change of mind, direction, and heart.

Repentance is not about shame. It is about **turning toward the light.**

Then Jesus does something beautiful and bold: He calls ordinary people—fishermen, workers, imperfect men—and says: “Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.”

He does not say, “Fix yourself first.”

He says, “Follow me—and I will transform you.”

And notice their response:

“At once they left their nets and followed him.”

**The nets represent: Old habits, Comfort zones, Sin, Fear and Control**

You cannot hold on to your nets and follow Jesus fully.

### 5. From spectators to disciples

The Gospel ends with Jesus: Teaching, Proclaiming and Healing

This is the rhythm of the Kingdom.

Jesus still heals today. Jesus still calls today. Jesus still turns darkness into light today.

But He needs disciples—not spectators.

### Conclusion

Dear brothers and sisters, Today God is speaking clearly:

- If you are in darkness → **There is light**
- If you are afraid → **The Lord is your salvation**
- If you are divided → **Return to the Cross**
- If you feel unworthy → **Jesus still calls you**

If you are holding on to nets → **Let them go**

The Kingdom of God is not coming someday.

**It is at hand. Right now. Here.**

May we rise, leave our nets, walk in the light, and follow Christ with courage, unity, and joy. Amen.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sunday, January 25 Third Sunday In Ordinary Time**

10:30am †Nella Ortega & †Pilo Medrano  
†Jonathan Ramos & †Frank Burgess by Montoya Family  
†Dora Abundez & †Norma Abundez by Abel Abundez  
†Nellie Robles by Abel Abundez  
†Antonio Martinez by Family  
†Javier Martinez by Family  
1:00pm †Petra Cenicerros Zuñiga  
†Alfredo Arredondo by Parents  
†Baldomero Lemus  
Priests

**Monday, January 26 St. Timothy and St. Titus**

7:00am Chris Sims (GH) by Family  
†Nella Ortega & †Pilo Medrano  
5:30pm †Concepcion Gomez by Family  
For souls in Purgatory by Elsa L Mora

**Tuesday, January 27 St. Agela Merici**

7:00am †Nella Ortega & †Pilo Medrano  
Chris Sims (GH) by Family  
5:30pm Souls in Purgatory by Elsa L, Mora  
Maria Dolores Zamora (GH)

**Wednesday, January 28 St. Thomas Aquinas**

7:00am †Nella Ortega & †Pilo Medrano  
Blair Salisbury (GH) by Ngozi  
12:15pm Chris Sims (GH) by Family  
Gloria Riaño (GH)  
5:30pm Michael J. Mangan (GH)  
Julie Coopa (GH)

**Thursday, January 29**

7:00am †Nella Ortega & †Pilo Medrano  
Chris Sims (GH) by Family  
5:30pm Souls in Purgatory by Elsa L Mora  
Rocio Herrera (GH)

**Friday, January 30**

7:00am †Nella Ortega & †Pilo Medrano  
Kim Salisbury (GH) by Ngozi  
12:15pm Chris Sims (GH) by Family  
Mateo Correa (GH)  
5:30 pm Enrique Mangan (BD)  
†Oscar Suarez

**Saturday, January 31 St. John Bosco**

7:45am †Nella Ortega & †Pilo Medrano  
†Cecilia Galeano †Delfin Galeano  
5:00 pm †Cruz & †Juanita Muniz by Marilyn Wachsmann  
†Sue & †Angela Wiesman by Marilyn Wachsmann  
Cris Sims (GH) by Family

**Sunday, February 1 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00am Alter Servers  
†Frank Percifull by Family  
10:30am †Danny Percifull by Family  
†Dee Anna Thompson by Family  
1:00pm Joseph Alexander Frias (BD) by Frias Family  
Lizbeth Teresita Alvarez (BD) by Frias Family  
5:00pm Parmenio & Aminta Pineda (GH) and Recovery)  
Viviana L. & Marlen Lemus (GH) and Recovery)  
7:00pm Ana Riaño & Rocio Herrera (GH) and Recovery)  
†Alfredo Barron by Daughter

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

**Parish Offerings**

Last week Collection

Envelopes \$ 12, 485.00  
Loose Plate \$ 11, 923.63  
Online Giving \$ 5, 260.00

**Total \$ 29,668.63**

2nd Collection: \$ 0.00

**Upcoming Baptismal Classes  
Proximas Clases bautismales**

**February 8, 2026**

**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.**

**Healing and Deliverance Masses in English**

- February 7, 2026 - 7:00PM  
**Misa de Sanación y Liberación en Español (Cada cuarto domingo alterno)**
- Febrero 22, 2026 - 1:00 P.M

Adoration  
of the  
Blessed Sacrament



**14 Febrero 2026**

EL MINISTERIO DE MUJERES DE FE Y SEÑORES DEL GRUPO MISION ACTS INVITAN A LA

# Cena - Baile

DI A DEL **Amor** y LA **AMISTAD**

Amenizado por: Ian López y el grupo **REVELADO**

**\$50 dólares por persona**  
Cena: 6:00 a 8:00 p.m.



**Are you struggling after an abortion?  
Are you seeking healing and hope?**

The Project Rachel Ministry of the Diocese of San Angelo is here for you. Our team has been praying for you, and you are not alone. Jesus offers healing and mercy to all who desire peace and self-forgiveness.

Please reach out to our confidential helpline or email to learn more about healing retreats, counseling, and compassionate support.

**Project Rachel Ministry – Diocese of San Angelo**

☎ Call or text: (432) 236-9883

✉ [projectrachel@sanangelodiocese.org](mailto:projectrachel@sanangelodiocese.org)

**¿Está sufriendo después de un aborto?**

**¿Necesita sanación y esperanza?**

El Ministerio Proyecto Raquel de la Diócesis de San Angelo está aquí para usted. Nuestro equipo ha estado orando por usted, y no está sola. Jesús ofrece sanación y misericordia a todos los que desean paz y perdón interior.

Por favor comuníquese con nuestra línea confidencial o por correo electrónico para obtener información sobre retiros de sanación, consejería y apoyo compasivo.

**Ministerio Proyecto Raquel – Diócesis de San Angelo**

☎ Llame o envíe un texto: (432) 236-9883

✉ [projectrachel@sanangelodiocese.org](mailto:projectrachel@sanangelodiocese.org)

**EQUIP: A WORKSHOP SERIES**

**March 21, 2026—“Walking With:**

**The Art of Accompaniment in Ministry**

Speaker: Noelle Garcia

Basin PBS, Midland 9:00am–12:00pm

Join us for our workshop to help in, your personal and professional development. All are welcome!

**Equip Registration**

Registration deadline is two weeks (14 days) before scheduled workshop date.

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\$15/workshop

March 21, 2026

Make checks payable to Office of Evangelization and Catechesis  
 Mail completed registration form and payment to:  
 Office of Evangelization and Catechesis  
 804 Ford St.  
 San Angelo, TX 76905

EQUIP WORKSHOP SERIES

**WALKING WITH:  
THE ART OF  
ACCOMPANIMENT  
IN MINISTRY**



OUR SPECIAL SPEAKER  
**NOELLE GARCIA**

MARCH 21, 2026



09 AM - 12 PM



MIDLAND--BASIN PBS

[HTTPS://SANANGELODIOCESE.ORG/EQUIP-A-WORKSHOP-SERIES](https://sanangelodiocese.org/equip-a-workshop-series)

Date: Attendees:  
**ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH PARISH HALL BINGO**

LICENSE #398431/TEMPORARY LICENSE #400330

NOTE: \$40.00 PAPER SET

FIRST SESSION 7 PM

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



INTERMISSION

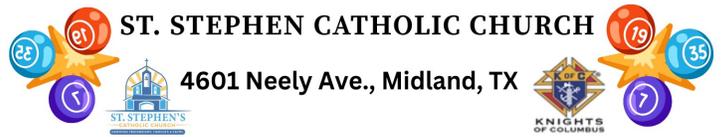


SECOND SESSION

6. B-N-O	GRAY	\$500.00
7. DOUBLE BINGO	OLIVE	\$500.00
8. SMALL PICTURE FRAME WITH 4 CORNERS	BROWN	\$500.00
9. 4 CORNERS WITH ONE STRAIGHT BINGO	RED	\$500.00
10. BLACKOUT	PURPLE	\$500.00

5% of each winner's prize will be contributed to the State of TX.  
 Bingo 5 & 10, \$2 for extra card

PULL TABS AND DABBERS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE



ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

4601 Neely Ave., Midland, TX

# ST. STEPHEN'S BINGO

Friday, 6 February 2026 at 6 PM Game starts @ 7 PM

FOOD  
FUN

CASH  
PRIZES



B	I	N	G	O
8	16	41	53	69
4	27	31	54	66
10	23	38	56	65
2	18	36	57	64
5	22	42	52	63



Food for purchase available by Women's ACTS Group



MARCOS YBARRA  
432-638-9097

For more information

ABEL ABUNDEZ  
432-528-5402

*Save the Date!*

# Mardi Gras Ball

**February 17, 2026**  
**6:00pm to 11:00pm**

*The Gloria Denman Ballroom*  
 St. Stephen Catholic Church

Single Ticket \$ 30.00  
 No tickets sold at the door  
 VIP Table (10) \$400.00

St. Carlo Acutis Guardian Angels Learning Center

**Opening Early 2026**  
 Open House: end of January  
 Support Our Center

We are accepting "like-new" or gently used toys  
If you are interested in working in or volunteering for the Center

Please contact:  
 Mrs. Chantel Marmolejo,  
 Learning Center Director  
 St. Stephen's front office  
 (432) 520-7394

Scan now to get on our email list today!

Domingo 3º, tiempo ordinario

25 de enero de 2026.

«**Venid en pos de mí y os haré pescadores de hombres**»

Hermana Gertrudis Muñoz Mendieta. I.C.A.S.

**Reino de los cielos.** Es un modo de hablar de los judíos y significa Reino de Dios, o mejor, reinado de Dios. Jesús nos viene a decir que Dios no está de acuerdo con la manera de reinar los hombres y presenta un programa con otra alternativa. Y a este nuevo programa traído por Jesús, la primera comunidad cristiana le dio el nombre de Evangelio, es decir, Buena Noticia. En Jesús podemos encontrar algo **nuevo y bueno**. Es la experiencia de los primeros discípulos con Jesús. Jesús nos habla de un Padre maravilloso que nos ama y se preocupa de nosotros. Ya no estamos solos y perdidos en la vida. En Jesús aprendemos a ser hermanos y en esta fraternidad vivida y disfrutada está la alegría y la fiesta de la vida. El poder del mal es fuerte, pero hay Alguien más fuerte y lo ha derrotado. Al final triunfará el bien. A mí me hace bien poder hacer mi recorrido por este mundo sintiéndome acogido, perdonado y salvado por el Dios revelado en Jesús. Y, sobre todo, me llena de gozo el pensar que esta nueva manera de vivir sólo es un ensayo de la fiesta que no acabará nunca.

**Convertíos.** No significa solamente dejar de hacer el mal sino **VOLVED A DIOS**. Volver a Dios es **iniciar** un camino de retorno hacia aquella situación privilegiada de la que nunca debiera haber salido: **Dios como fuente de alegría, de paz, de felicidad**. Un Dios que siempre me ofrece nuevas posibilidades. Esta consigna del evangelio, más que un simple consejo, debe convertirse, en nuestros días, en un **grito angustioso** para este nuestro mundo que, en la práctica, ha optado por ausentarse de Dios. El hombre, como el árbol, necesita de la profundidad de las raíces y de la inmensidad de los cielos para mantenerse en pie. Hoy se cumplen las palabras del poeta Armando Machado: **“Bueno es saber que los vasos nos sirven para beber. Lo peor es que no sabemos para qué sirve la sed”**. Esa **sed de trascendencia, de plenitud, de felicidad que todos sentimos en lo más íntimo de nuestro ser**, nuestra sociedad actual la ha ahogado, hasta el punto de no saber ya para qué sirve.

**Os haré pescadores de hombres.** ¿Qué es el hombre? Esta es la pregunta que se hace el salmista cuando éste, en medio de una noche serena, contempla un cielo estrellado. Y ya, por el hecho de preguntar, el autor del salmo 8 está dando la respuesta. Sólo el hombre, en medio de la creación, puede hacer preguntas: preguntar por tanta grandeza y tanta belleza. Pero la pregunta queda ahí en suspenso. Tendrá que pasar mucho tiempo hasta la venida de Jesús y entonces se dará la respuesta auténtica y definitiva. El hombre, el hombre cabal, el hombre auténtico es **Jesús**, modelo de todo hombre. Cuando Jesús llama a los apóstoles, les encomienda una tarea maravillosa: **pescar hombres**, hacer que cada persona humana viva en plenitud se realice plenamente como persona; sea lo que está llamada a ser, y no se vaya de este mundo con una vida a medio llenar.

“La misión ya no se asocia solo con «el partir», el ir hacia tierras lejanas que no habían conocido el Evangelio o se encontraban en situaciones de pobreza. Porque hoy **«las fronteras de la misión» ya no son únicamente geográficas, «pues la pobreza, el sufrimiento y el deseo de una esperanza mayor son los que vienen hacia nosotros»** (Papa León XIV. Ciudad del Vaticano 5-octubre-2025).

Join us for Part 2 of the video-based program that makes the wisdom of the Church's most foundational teachings accessible to all.

# FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH

*A Journey Through the Catechism  
of the Catholic Church*

This 11-week study starts  
Feb. 4th and continues each  
Wednesday from 9:30-11:00 a.m.  
in classroom #2.

A night session will also be held on  
Thursdays starting Feb. 5th  
6:30 p.m. in classroom #2.

Class materials can be  
purchased at the Church  
office for \$25.

For more information call  
432-559-2658 or 432-312-6669

## Upcoming Healing Program

Do you suffer from the trauma of sexual abuse or assault? Do you feel anxiety, fear or shame? Dawn of Mercy is offering a 10-week program to help you recognize your reactions to this trauma and learn coping skills and tools to turn unhealthy thoughts and actions into healthy ones. This upcoming program begins February 2, and is online for women, in Spanish, who have experienced sexual abuse or assault at some time in their life. Join us as we journey down the path of healing together. Call 469-613-DAWN (3296) or email [healing@dawnofmercy.org](mailto:healing@dawnofmercy.org). Learn more at [www.dawnofmercy.org](http://www.dawnofmercy.org).



¿Sufre usted el trauma del abuso o agresión sexual? ¿Siente usted ansiedad, miedo o vergüenza? Dawn of Mercy ofrece un programa de 10 semanas para ayudarle a reconocer sus reacciones ante este trauma y aprender habilidades y herramientas para transformar pensamientos y acciones negativos en positivos. Este próximo programa comienza el 2 de febrero y se imparte en línea, para mujeres en español, que han sufrido abuso o agresión sexual en algún momento de su vida. Únase a nosotros en este camino de sanación. Llame al 469-613-DAWN (3296) o escriba a [healing@dawnofmercy.org](mailto:healing@dawnofmercy.org). Aprenda más información en [www.dawnofmercy.org](http://www.dawnofmercy.org).



# Easter Wreath Craft Day!

February 20th • Friday • 10 AM – 12 PM  
At St. Stephen's Parlor



Cost: \$30.00

Create Your Own Beautiful Easter Wreath!

For More Information Contact:  
**Teri Villanueva**  
432-614-7602

# Easter Wreath Craft Day!

February 27th • 7PM - 9PM  
At St. Stephen's Parlor

Friday

Cost: \$30.00



Create Your Own Beautiful Easter Wreath!

For More Information Contact:  
Teri Vilarunera  
432-614-7602

You are warmly invited to celebrate our special Sunday Masses at St. Stephen Catholic Church, Midland, Texas.



- Every 2nd Sunday of the month at 3:00 p.m.  
Mass for Families with Special Needs
- Every 3rd Sunday of the month at 3:00 p.m.  
African Mass

All are welcome to worship and rejoice with our parish family.

# MEN'S BIBLE STUDY



BI-WEEKLY/THURSDAYS

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



UPCOMING DATES:

JANUARY 22  
FEBRUARY 5 & 19  
AT 7PM

CONTACT: JOHN 661-348-2994

LOCATION:  
ST. STEPHEN'S  
HALL, ROOM 8

# World Youth Day, Seoul, Korea 2027

Join the global celebration of faith.  
Don't miss out—register now to  
secure your spot and be part of  
this transformative global event!

*Register by August  
2026!*

For more details, visit the Diocesan Website  
<https://sanangelodiocese.org/world-youth-day>

# "ROMPIENDO CADENAS"

**SANANDO DESDE EL VIENTRE  
DE LA MADRE**



**MAY 1-3, 2026**

For more information please contact:

**ROSIE LUJAN (432) 349-5532**

**HECTOR LOPEZ (432) 352-5224**

**TERI VILLANUEVA (432) 614-7602**



## Project **ANDREW**

**JOIN US FOR DINNER WITH BISHOP SIS AND LOCAL  
PRIESTS TO LEARN ABOUT THE PRIESTHOOD!**

**HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND ABOVE!  
PARENTS WELCOME!**

Sunday, February 15, 2026, 6 pm  
Abilene—St. Vincent Pallotti Catholic Church  
**RSVP by February 9**

Sunday, March 1, 2026, 6 pm  
Midland—The Way Retreat Center  
**RSVP by February 23**

Contact Lori Hines to RSVP:  
[lhines@sanangelodiocese.org](mailto:lhines@sanangelodiocese.org) or 325-374-7609



The **Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA) – Daughters of St. Stephen's, Court #2818**, is a national Catholic organization dedicated to prayer, good works, and the helping of others less fortunate. Our motto is to serve in Unity and Charity under the guidance of our Blessed Mother Mary. Regular meetings are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month. The next meeting will be held on **January 22, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. in Room 11.**

Please join the us along with the Knights of Columbus **TUESDAYS** (Jan. 27, Feb. 10, Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>) at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary to pray the **ROSARY!**

**\*For information regarding CDA, please contact 432-230-4426 or [gmybarra@yahoo.com](mailto:gmybarra@yahoo.com).**

## CLUB DANCE

DATE/TIME: **Saturday**, January 24, 2026/ 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

COST/ATTIRE: **\$20.00 per person/Casual**

BAND: **“Cash Call” (Country & Western, 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: [permanmusic87@gmail.com](mailto:permanmusic87@gmail.com). Please do not contact St. Stephen for information on this function as it is separated from the church. **THANK YOU!**



## EL GRUPO DE ORACION

**“El Buen Pastor” De la Renovación Carismática**

de la iglesia de San Esteban Te invita a unirse al grupo, los viernes a las 6pm en el salón 2.

**TENDREMOS CUIDADO DE NIÑOS DONDE ELLOS TAMBIEN APRENDERAN**

**LA PALABRA DE DIOS DE UNA FORMA DIVERTIDA.**

**TENDREMOS ALABANZA, ORACIÓN, CONVIVENCIA Y TESTIMONIOS.**

**El Buen Pastor les abre las puertas a las ovejas, las llama por su nombre y ellas escuchan su voz.....**  
(San Juan 10-3)

**¡No falte, Los esperamos!**

Si tiene alguna pregunta o para más información comuníquese con Alexandra Santamaria al Tel. (432)935-0657 o con Belén Valdez al Tel (432) 488-7745

## TWO BECOME ONE

LIVING GOD'S DESIGN FOR MARRIAGE

*“Discover the beauty of unity through His divine blueprint.”*

### About the Encounter

*Two Become One*, a Christ-centered encounter is designed to help couples embrace God's original design for marriage. Together, we'll explore biblical truths about unity, love, and mutual service – empowering husbands and wives to grow as one body, one heart – and their purpose in Christ.

### Guest Speakers



Dee Ann & Deacon Mike Hernandez



Fr. Kevin Lenius



Fr. Mike Elsner

### Event Details

- Date: February 13 - 14, 2026 (Retreat Days)  
February 15<sup>th</sup> - Mass at OLG
- Location: All Saints Hall  
Our Lady of Guadalupe  
Parish & Shrine (Midland, TX)
- Registration Fee: \$75 per couple

### What You'll Experience

- Inspiring sessions rooted in Scripture
- Practical guidance on God's blueprint for marriage
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Because we feel it is important that you know how and where your donations to Helping Hands are spent, here is what was done last week:

Electric	3 families	\$ 1,828.07
Gas	2 families	\$ 546.65
Water	3 families	\$ 425.61
Rent	20 families	\$28,470.49
Total		\$31,270.82

For those people who call our helpline repeatedly and wonder why we never call them back, let us offer an explanation. Last Monday alone we received 83 calls on our helpline. Because we have only 3 case workers, there is only one person to answer the helpline on any given day. Usually, we listen to all of the calls before we schedule our appointments, and we usually choose those cases that we feel are the most critical. Of those 83 calls, 64 were requesting help with rent or mortgage, 16 were asking for help with utilities, and 3 calls were requesting help with car repairs, car payments, and bus tickets.

We ended up helping a man who lost his job due to having to miss work for cancer treatment (rent), a woman whose house burned down. The Red Cross helped her with motel, but the money ran out and her house is still unlivable (motel rent), an elderly man and woman whose rent was increased from \$400 to \$700 per month, an increase they were not expecting, a woman whose electricity and gas were both set to be disconnected, and a 68-year-old man who is suffering from liver cancer and cannot work due to severe reaction to chemotherapy.

The majority of the remaining calls were from those who are currently unemployed. We wish we could help everyone, but time and money limits what we can do. We look for those in greatest need, and the elderly, the sick and the homeless tend to take priority. We pray that our economy picks up and people are able to find work quickly.

### FEBRUARY TRUCK SCHEDULE

Our truck will be at **St. Stephen's on Saturday, February 7** and at **St. Ann's on Saturday, February 21 from 9 am until 1 pm** to accept your donations. We thank you for your generosity, and we thank the Knights of Columbus from both churches for taking this task on. Thank you all very much!

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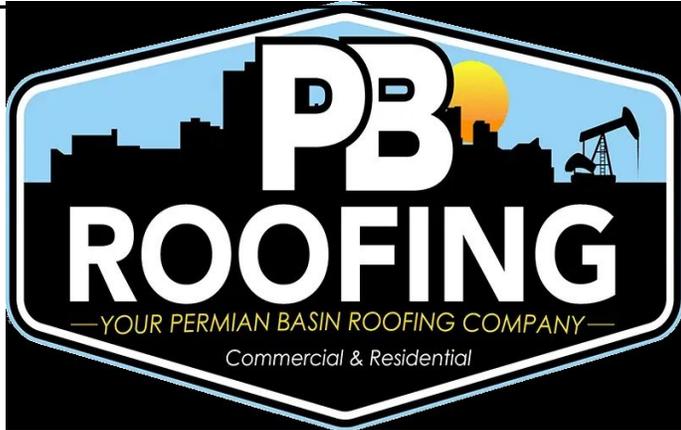
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