



ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH-MIDLAND

4601 Neely Avenue
Midland, Texas 79707
Phone: 432-520-7394

**FORTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME/ IV DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO
February 1, 2026 / 1ro, de Febrero 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

NUNS

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

BUSINESS MANAGER

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

Email:



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. BONAVENTURE O. ANUFORO

4th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A

First reading: Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

Psalms 146:6-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10; Response: Matthew 5:3; I

Second reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

Theme: The Strength of the Poor in Spirit

The world tells us that "blessed" are the powerful, the self-sufficient, and the loud. But the Word of God flips the script, revealing that the Kingdom of God belongs to those who are small enough to let God be their all in all; to those who depend on God, the humble, and the poor in spirit (Matthew 18:2-4).

In the first reading from the prophecy of Zephaniah (2:3; 3:12-13), we see a remnant—a people "humble and lowly." These are not people who have surrendered out of weakness but have surrendered to the truth of faith. They seek justice and humility because they know their security isn't found in worldly walls but in the name of the Lord.

Psalms 146 reminds us that our hope is rooted in a God who acts (Acts 17:25-28). He doesn't just watch; He "secures justice for the oppressed" and "gives food to the hungry." When we acknowledge our own spiritual poverty, we align ourselves with the God who lifts those who are bowed down.

St. Paul strikes at our pride in 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; God's Paradoxical Choice. He reminds us that God chose the "foolish," the "weak," and the "lowly" to shame the wise. This isn't to glorify ignorance but to ensure that no human being boasts in themselves. Our only boast is Christ, who is our wisdom, righteousness, and redemption.

The Gospel of Matthew (Matthew 5:1-12) presents a blueprint for the heart that will inherit God's kingdom (the Beatitudes). Here, Jesus climbs the mountain and speaks the foundational law of the New Covenant. To be "poor in spirit" (Matthew 5:3) is the gateway. It is the "empty hand" that allows God to fill us. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 2546) teaches: "The Lord grieves over the rich, because they find their consolation in the abundance of goods... 'The proud seek after earthly lordship, but the poor in spirit seek after the Kingdom of heaven.'"

The Christian life, therefore, is not only a ladder we climb to reach God; it is a descent into humility where God meets us. The Beatitudes are not just "nice sayings"—they are a portrait of Jesus Himself. He was the mourner, the meek, the peacemaker, and the persecuted. To live the Beatitudes is to let Christ live His life through us. If you feel "lowly" or "unqualified" today, take heart. You are exactly the kind of person God uses to transform the world, and such are the people who will inherit the kingdom of God.

May He continue to supply our needs here on earth as we humbly depend on Him and allow Him to work through our lives. Amen!

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 1 Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

- 8:00am Altar 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 Pamenio & 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

Monday, February 2 The presentation of the Lord

- 7:00am Emembolu (GH) by Family
Ana Riaño (BD)
5:30pm †Daniel T. Mangan (BD)
†Alfonso Herrera

Tuesday, February 3 St. Blaise and St. Ansgar

- 7:00am Anne Salisbury (GH) by Ngozi
†Enrique Riano
5:30pm Daniel T. Mangan (BD)
†Gabriel Riano

Wednesday, February 4

- 7:00am Paul Foster (GH) by brother in Christ
Aminta Herrera (GH)
12:15pm †Deacon Fidel Saldivar by St. Stephen Parishioners
†Joe P. Lopez by Family
5:30pm †Deacon Fidel Saldivar by Family
Camilo Suarez (GH)

Thursday, February 5 St Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

- 7:00am The incarcerated by Jail Ministry
Parmenio Pineda (GH)
5:30pm Gloria & Camilo Riano (Physical and Spiritual healing)
Enrique Mangan & god children (protection)

Friday, February 6 St Paul Miki and companions

- 7:00am Favio Riaño (GH)
Adela Pineda (GH)
12:15pm Jon Mangan (GH)
†Jose and Ramona Ballez by Family
5:30 pm Yomar Mangan (GH) (BD)
For All Souls by Abel Abundez

Saturday, February 7 Blessed Virgin Mary

- 7:45am Michael T Mangan (Good Studies)
Enrique Mangan (Residency)
5:00 pm †Mike Percifull by Family
†Mat Percifull by Family
7:00 pm †Ines Zare (ANV)

Sunday, February 8 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00am †Mnsgr James Bridges (2nd ANV) by Memo H
†Clarence Chavez by John and Linda
10:30am Henry Wilson (BD) by Family
Marci Wilson by Family
1:00pm †Antonio Aguilar by Aguilar Family
†Filiberto Borunda & †Marina Garay
3:00pm Special needs Mass
5:00 pm †Robert & †J. Ramirez by Family
7:00pm †Nella & †Pilo Medrano (HBD)

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

Parish Offerings

Last week Collection

Envelopes	\$ 2, 383.00
Loose Plate	\$ 2, 813.70
Online Giving	\$ 3,650.00

Total \$ 8,846.70
2nd Collection: **\$ 889.00**
Annual collection for Catholic Schools

**Upcoming Baptismal Classes
Proximas Clases bautismales**

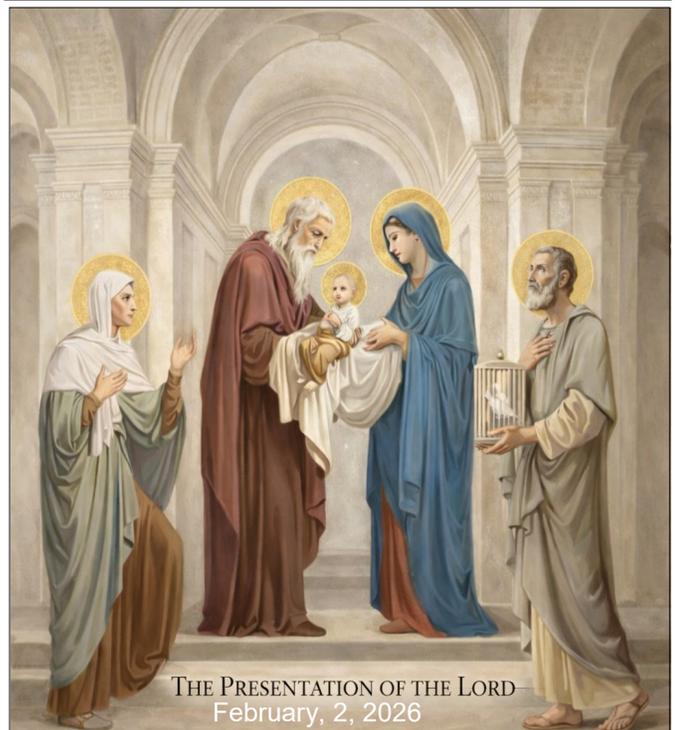
February 8, 2026

**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



THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
February, 2, 2026

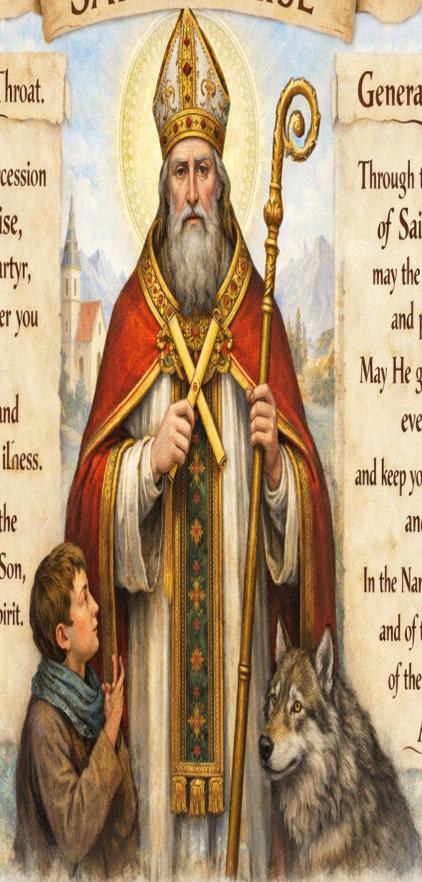
SAINT BLAISE

Blessing of the Throat.

Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, may God deliver you from all ailments of the throat and from every other illness.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.



General Blessing

Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, may the Lord bless you and protect you. May He guard you from every evil and keep you in good health and peace.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

**ST STEPHENS
YOUTH
GROUP**

2026

FEBRUARY

YOUTH NIGHTS



TUE
3 FEB

FOOD-GAMES AND
FAITH BRING A FRIEND

TUE
10 FEB

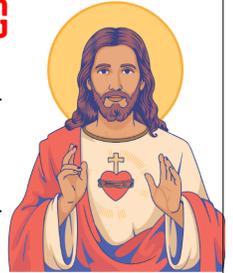
GIVING IT AWAY

TUE
17 FEB

FASTING -PRAYING-LOVING
ADORING

THURSDAY
26 FEB

SPECIAL YOUTH NIGHT
WEST TEXAS FOOD BANK



"WE LOVE BECAUSE HE FIRST LOVED US"

1 JOHN 4:19-

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SSYGOUTHMIDLAND

Easter Wreath Craft Day!

February 20th • Friday • 10 AM – 12PM

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

**Santos Ordenes
en anticipación a la ORDENACIÓN AL DIACONADO
PERMANENTE
para la Diócesis de San Angelo**

La Diócesis de San Angelo cuenta con un grupo de hombres que han estado en proceso de formación para convertirse en diáconos permanentes en la Iglesia Católica. Después del período adecuado de formación y discernimiento, el siguiente hombre (hombres) de esta parroquia se ha presentado ante el Obispo Michael Sis para ser considerado para la ordenación como diácono(a) permanente(s):

Javier López-Morales

Antes de que estos candidatos sean llamados a las Sagradas Ordenes por el Obispo Sis, se debe consultar a la comunidad sobre su idoneidad. Por ello, si usted tiene conocimiento de alguna razón por la cual este hombre (estos hombres) no debería ser ordenado, se le solicita ponerse en contacto con el Diácono Federico Medina, Jr., a la brevedad posible. Puede comunicarse con él en:

**Diácono Federico Medina Jr.
Oficina de Formación de Diáconos
Apartado Postal 1829, San Angelo, TX 76902**

**fmedina@sanangelodiocese.org
325-651-7500**

Los nombres de quienes expresen inquietudes no serán compartidos con los candidatos, aunque la naturaleza de la preocupación podrá ser compartida con ellos como parte del proceso de discernimiento y evaluación.

**Canonical Banns
in anticipation of
ORDINATION TO THE PERMANENT DIACONATE
for the Diocese of San Angelo**

The Diocese of San Angelo has a group of men who have been in formation to become permanent deacons in the Catholic Church. After the proper period of formation and discernment, the following man (men) from this parish have presented himself (themselves) to Bishop Michael Sis to be considered for ordination as permanent deacon(s):

Javier Lopez-Morales

Before these candidates are called to Holy Orders by Bishop Sis, the People of God are to be asked about their worthiness. Therefore, if you are aware of any reason why this man (any of these men) should not be ordained, you are asked to contact Deacon Federico Medina, Jr., at your earliest convenience. You may reach him at:

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The names of those expressing concerns will not be shared with any of the candidates, though the nature of the concern may be shared with them as part of the discernment and evaluation process.

**Canonical Banns
As required for acceptance into the Candidacy Period
of Formation for the PERMANENT DIACONATE
of the Diocese of San Angelo**

The Diocese of San Angelo has men who have been in the Propaedeutic Period of formation to become permanent deacons in the Catholic Church. At this time, he (they) is(are) applying to enter the Candidacy Period formation and discernment to become permanent deacons. The following man (men) from this parish have applied to enter this period. The Banns are an important requirement for acceptance to the formation program.

• **Thomas Earl Heiting
Carlos Garcia**

Before these potential candidates move forward in formation, the People of God are to be asked about their worthiness. Therefore, if you are aware of any reason why this man (any of these men) should not continue in this stage of formation, you are asked to contact Deacon Federico Medina, Jr., at your earliest convenience. You may reach him at:

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**Anuncios canónicos
Como requisito para la aceptación en el Periodo de Candidatura
de la Formación para el DIÁCONO PERMANENTE
de la Diócesis de San Angelo**

La Diócesis de San Angelo cuenta con hombres que han estado en el Periodo Propedéutico de formación para convertirse en diáconos permanentes en la Iglesia Católica. En este momento, él (ellos) está(n) solicitando ingresar al Periodo de Candidatura, de formación y discernimiento, para convertirse en diáconos permanentes. Los siguientes hombres de esta parroquia han solicitado ingresar a este periodo. Los Anuncios Canónicos son un requisito importante para la aceptación en el programa de formación.

• **Thomas Earl Heiting
Carlos Garcia**

Antes de que estos posibles candidatos avancen en su formación, se debe consultar a la comunidad de fe acerca de su idoneidad. Por ello, si usted tiene conocimiento de alguna razón por la cual este (estos) hombre(s) no debería(n) continuar en esta etapa de formación, se le solicita ponerse en contacto con el Diácono Federico Medina, Jr., a la brevedad posible. Puede comunicarse con él en:

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Domingo 4º, tiempo ordinario.

1 de febrero de 2026

Hermana Gertrudis Muñoz Mendieta

Bienaventurados...

“Al ver el gentío, subió al monte, se sentó, y se acercaron sus discípulos.” Subió al monte, como nuevo Moisés, y se sentó como Maestro. Los rabinos se sentaban en la cátedra de Moisés en las sinagogas (Mt. 23,2). El gentío significa que esa doctrina está destinada a la muchedumbre, a todos. **Se acercan los discípulos.** Esa doctrina tan sublime sólo la pueden entender los que han estado tan cerca de Jesús que ya han **“experimentado”** algo. Sólo el que ha experimentado el perdón de Dios está capacitado para perdonar y el que ha experimentado el amor de Jesús está capacitado para amar **“como Él nos ha amado”**. Doctrina maravillosa capaz de hacer una **HUMANIDAD NUEVA**. Pero sólo captada por **“Los hijos del Reino”**.

“Bienaventurados los pobres en el espíritu”. Éstos no son los que tienen un espíritu apagado, sino los **“pobres de corazón”**. **“los que tienen alma de pobre”**, los que **se arriesgan** a vivir como Jesús, el cual **“siendo rico se hizo pobre por amor para enriquecernos con su pobreza” (2Cor. 8,9)**. Mirándolo bien, Mateo no rebaja las exigencias de Lucas al hablar sólo de “pobres” sino que extiende el sentido de pobreza **“y lo radicaliza”**. Todos los bienes materiales o espirituales que Dios nos ha dado no son para enriquecernos, **sino para enriquecer** a otros que carecen de esos dones.

Las bienaventuranzas no están pensadas por Jesús sólo para la otra vida. Se realizan ya en esta vida. El grave error de los cristianos, con una espiritualidad mal entendida, consiste en pensar sólo en el cielo. Así entendido tenía razón Karl. Marx cuando hablaba de la religión como **“el opio del pueblo”**! ¡Qué más quieren los corruptos, los violentos, los malvados que les dejemos este mundo para ellos! Nos dice el Concilio Vaticano II que **“precisamente porque creemos en una vida futura feliz”** no podemos desentendernos de este mundo. El cielo se construye con materiales de esta tierra. El Reino nuevo y maravilloso traído por Jesús comienza aquí. **“El reino está dentro de nosotros” (Lc. 17,21)**. Tú llevas en ti mismo un amigo sublime que no conoces. Porque Dios reside en el interior de todo hombre, pero pocos saben encontrarlo. Este Jesús me empuja, desde dentro, a realizar un mundo nuevo, un mundo soñado por Dios. Soy consciente de que la perfección de ese Reino no la conseguiré aquí. Por eso todo lo que hago lo hago **con esperanza**. De esta manera mi vida nunca será una carga para mí, sino un camino de perfeccionamiento moral de mi ser. Lo perfecto se dará **en la vida futura**. **“Las Bienaventuranzas traen consigo una nueva interpretación de la realidad. Son el camino y el mensaje de Jesús educador. A primera vista, parece imposible declarar bienaventurados a los pobres, a aquellos que tienen hambre y sed de justicia, a los perseguidos o a los trabajan por la paz. Pero, aquello que parece inconcebible en la gramática del mundo, se llena de sentido y de luz en la cercanía del Reino de Dios. En los santos vemos cómo ese Reino se acerca y se hace presente en medio de nosotros (Papa León XIV) Ciudad del Vaticano 1-XI-2025)**

Welcoming New Servers to Altar Server Ministry

The Altar Server Ministry at St. Stephen's is beginning the yearly process of training new servers. We provide initial information and orientation, as well as basic and ongoing training. All age and grade level youth who have received their First Communion are eligible to consider joining this ministry.

The privilege of serving on the altar at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is a very special ministry. Making the decision to become an altar server requires a serious and ongoing commitment on the part of the server and the family.

Feb. 8 (Sunday) 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM in Room 5
Coordinators will be available to provide basic information and application forms.

Feb. 10 (Tuesday) 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM in Room 5

Initial orientation/training for interested applicants.

For further information please contact:

Anne Hobbs
432-934-3192
behobbs47@gmail.com

Claribel López Carter
432-302-1929
claribel.lopez@icloud.com

Dando la Bienvenida a los Nuevos Servidores al Ministerio de Monaguillos

El Ministerio de Monaguillos en San Esteban está comenzando el proceso anual de formación de nuevos servidores. Proporcionamos información inicial y orientación, así como formación básica y continua. Todos los jóvenes de edad y curso que hayan recibido su Primera Comunión pueden considerar unirse a este ministerio.

El privilegio de servir en el altar en el Santo Sacrificio de la Misa es un ministerio muy especial. Tomar la decisión de convertirse en monaguillo requiere un compromiso serio y continuo por parte del servidor y de la familia.

8 de Febrero (Domingo) de 3:00 a 8:00 en la Salon 5
Los coordinadores estarán disponibles para proporcionar información básica y formularios de solicitud.

10 de Febrero (Martes) de 6:30pm a 8:00pm en la Salón 5
Orientación/formación inicial para solicitantes interesados.

Para más información, por favor contacte con:

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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)



14 Febrero 2026
 EL MINISTERIO DE MUJERES DE FE Y SEÑORES DEL GRUPO MISIÓN ACTS INVITAN A LA

Cena - Baile

DIAS 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.



Mardi Gras Ball

Join us for an evening of music, food, masks, and celebration

Where: Gloria Denman Ballroom
 St. Stephen's Catholic Church
 4601 Neely Ave.
 Midland, TX 79707

When: February 17, 2026
 Doors open at 6:00 pm - 11:00 pm
 Dinner and Dance: 6:30 pm
 Authentic Cajun & Creole favorites and dance to at the rhythm of DJ BIG O.

Price: \$30.00 individual ticket
 \$400.00 for VIP Table of 10

Questions:
 Ann at 432-559-6009
 Jimena at 956-286-6432

Hosted by:
 St. Stephen's Women's Organization

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

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

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



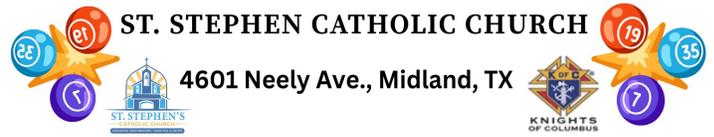
INTERMISSION

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'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	35	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



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 or 325-374-7609



The Catholic Daughters of the Americas

 Daughters of St. Stephen's, Court 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 4th 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. 24th) at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary to pray the ROSARY!

*For information regarding CDA, please contact 432-230-4426 or gmybarra@yahoo.com.

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.

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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	4 families	\$ 1,082.20
Gas	3 families	\$ 615.03
Water	2 families	\$ 484.38
Rent	15 families	\$ 32,341.58
Propane	1 family	\$ 52.00
Medical	1 family	\$ 973.25
TOTAL		\$ 35,548.44

We are receiving an increasing number of calls on our helpline from people requesting assistance with their electricity bills. Some examples of who we have helped in the past week:

Michelle and Richard are a couple in their 70's, both disabled and surviving on \$1400/month of Social Security. They are in poor health. Their electric bill exceeded \$800. On examination we found that their contract had expired and they were being billed at open rate. On top of that, they thought they would save money by using room heaters rather than their furnace. We advised them to call their electric provider and go over plans to lower their electric bill. And we begged them to turn off those room heaters and turn their furnace back on! Portable room heaters and window AC units use an exorbitant amount of electricity.

Joanna has an electrical problem in her apartment where her heat does not shut off. She has told the apartment manager about it, but she has yet to have the problem resolved. We encouraged her to show her \$400 electric bill to the manager to get the issue resolved in a timely manner.

Natalie was out of work for 1 1/2 weeks when both she and her children contracted RSV. Because she was not paid for her time out she was unable to afford her \$280 bill.

Delores works as a bus driver for MISD. She was off work (unpaid) for the Christmas/New Year holiday, and then the following Monday for MLK holiday. As a result she was unable to pay her \$350 bill (she was able to pay her rent and her other utilities).

With our increasing cost of living, it is becoming harder and harder for so many people to make ends meet. For those people encountering much larger than average electric bills, we beg you to please call your provider, find out what rate you are being charged, and then ask them to council you on getting the best plan for your needs. TXU and Reliant both have very good, discounted plans. Ask them for their help. We thank all of you who continue to be so generous to us with your donations that allow us to help ease the burdens of people such as these. May God continue to bless you for your generosity.

FEBRUARY TRUCK SCHEDULE

Our trucks will be at **St. Stephen's on Saturday, February 7 from 9 am until 1 pm** and at **St. Ann's on Saturday, February 21 from 9 am until 1 pm** to pick up your donations. As always, we thank the Knights of Columbus councils from both churches for taking on this task for us!

Please pray for the following:

Marisa M, Gladys Q, Maria S, Elvia and Maria de N, Imelda W, Barbara H, Josefa, Kari Arden, Ortiz Family, Petra P, Chmielewski Family, Jesus P, Gabriel G, Christy B, Lucyna, Calley S. Mazel, Shayanna, Ben, Marlene, Marcela Guajardo, Sylvia H, Millie P.R., Rose V, Janette and Charles E, Josh I, Rebecca M, Maddie S, Addy G, John P, David Ch, Bob and Eva, Yvette and Fam, Margarita C, Luciana A, Jose M, Sara B, Yvette O, Lee E, Lourdes M, James and Belinda H, Norma D, Ms. May and safety of her child, Eric G, Amanda O, Dominic Yingyos T, Vlado A, Andrea S, Carlos P, Juan M, Jacob David S, Mary C L, Faith S, Heather r, Gonzalo A Jr, Norman B, Frank g, Henry G, Armando G, Marielena C, Ray F and Fam, Katie D, Jolan Vincent A, Joel and Cesar, Chris Sims, Anthony A, Maria S, Maria de N, Nena B, Lupe E, James R, Raul J. H, Manuel E. M, Jose J. G, Jim, Danny Gaytan, Ryan K, Jordan K Sr, Jordan K Jr, Micha V, Inn V, Jeremy T, Marissa T, John V, Britney V, Isaiah V, Victoria V, Alvaro C, Jacob F, Clarissa Rojas, Daranee T, Anne and Family, Yaritza F, Andrea Emilia B, Caceres Fam, Gustavo B, Rios Family, Alonso, Santa Cruz Family, Maricela A, Raegan J, Jose G, Daranee T, Raul H, Faith S, Neha N, Andrea B, Daniel C, Froylan G, Joel, Cesar, Teresa P, Erika C, John C, Amanda O, Roy, Tania C, Elizabeth H.

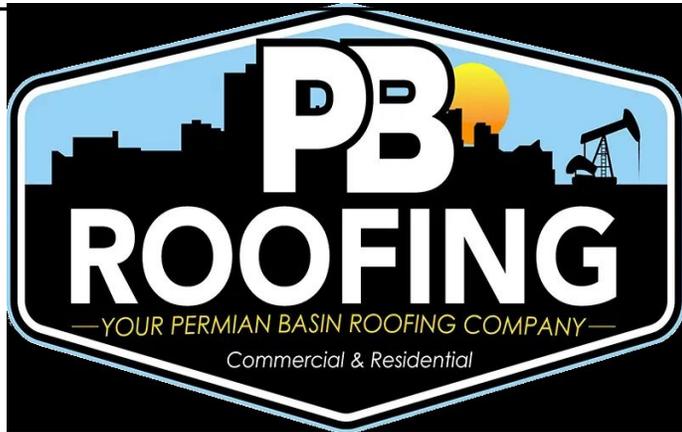
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