



## ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH-MIDLAND

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

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME/ IV DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO  
February 8, 2026 / 8 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

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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](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. ANTHONY BALA

### Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time –Reflection

*Isaiah 58:7–10 | Psalm 112 | 1 Corinthians 2:1–5 | Matthew 5:13–16*

Today's readings remind us of a simple but powerful truth: **God calls us to be salt and light in the world.** This mission is not reserved for the perfect or the strong, but for ordinary people who choose love, mercy, and faithfulness each day.

The prophet Isaiah teaches that true worship is not only prayer and fasting, but **sharing bread with the hungry, welcoming the poor, and caring for those in need.** When our faith becomes action, God promises that *our light will break forth like the dawn.* Acts of kindness, small or large, bring healing not only to others but also to our own hearts.

Psalm 112 describes the person who trusts in the Lord as one who remains **steady and unshaken**, even in difficult times. In a world full of fear, anxiety, and uncertainty, especially for teenagers and young people, faith in God gives emotional balance, courage, and hope.

Saint Paul reminds us that the power of Christian life does not come from impressive words or appearances, but from **the strength of the Holy Spirit.** Our witness is strongest when it is humble, sincere, and rooted in prayer.

In the Gospel, Jesus says: **“You are the salt of the earth... You are the light of the world.”** Salt gives flavor and preserves; light guides and brings hope. Through our kindness, integrity, forgiveness, and care for others, we allow God's light to shine in our families, schools, workplaces, and community.

This week, may we each choose one act of mercy, trust God in our challenges, and let our lives quietly point others to Christ. When we live this way, our light shines, and God is glorified.

#### **What do we take home today?**

Let me give you three concrete invitations for this week: simple, but life-changing:

#### **1) Do one hidden act of mercy (Isaiah)**

Choose one person who needs help: a struggling neighbor, a lonely relative, a classmate who looks depressed, someone grieving, someone who is difficult. Do one act of love: quietly, without seeking praise.

#### **2) Build a firm heart (Psalm 112)**

Every day, take 5 minutes: “Lord, I place my heart in You. I refuse fear. Give me peace. Make me steady.” A firm heart becomes a refuge for others.

#### **3) Witness with humility (1 Corinthians + Gospel)**

This week, don't try to be impressive, try to be faithful.

Say grace before meals. Invite your family to pray one decade of the Rosary.

Make a confession. Speak one encouraging word. Refuse one temptation. Share one Scripture verse with someone who is down. Small light is still light.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**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
- 5:00pm †Robert J. Ramirez by Family  
Souls in purgatory
- 7:00pm †Nella & †Pilo Medrano (HBD)  
†David Navarete

**Monday, February 9**

- 7:00am Hunter Campion (BD) by John and Linda  
Titus Powell (GH) by Jessie Powell
- 5:30pm Crystal Garcia (HB) by Barger Family  
†Rosa Rivas by Daughter

**Tuesday, February 10 St. Scholastica Virgin**

- 7:00am Calvin Hyder (HB) by Jessie Powell  
Chris Sims (GH) by Family
- 5:30pm †Susie Molina by Cynthia Collins  
Isaac Torres (GH)

**Wednesday, February 11 Our Lady of Lourdes**

- 7:00am †Andew Nguyen by Family  
Chris Sims (GH) by Family
- 12:15pm Alicia Ramirez (GH) by Family  
†Anthony Mendem
- 5:30pm Ralph Crivello by Family  
Marisa Mora (GH)

**Thursday, February 12**

- 7:00am Calvin Hyder (GH) by Jessie Powell  
Chris Sims (GH) by Family
- 5:30pm †Maria Nguyen by Family  
†Luis Alberto Pallares by Sister

**Friday, February 13**

- 7:00am Calvin Hyder (GH) by Jessie Powell  
Chris Sims (GH) by Family
- 12:15pm Victoria Medrano by Barger Family  
Jacob Oeiling by Barger Family
- 5:30 pm Vincetd Nguyen by Family  
†Anthony Mendem

**Saturday, February 14 St Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop**

- 8:00am Maria Dolores Zamora (GH)  
†Mnsgr. Bridges by Sokolowski Family
- 5:00 pm †Frank and †Bernadina Hernandez by Olga  
†Kenda Delashaw by Family

**Sunday, February 15 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 8:00am †Marcial Hernandez (2nd anniversary ) by Memo H.  
†Flavio Ybarra & †Viola Ybarra by Family
- 10:30am James Russum (BD) by Family  
Steve Oetting by Family
- 1:00pm †Victor Manuel Villegas by Family  
†Ramon Rivas by Family
- 3:00pm African Mass
- 5:00 pm †Thelma Richards by Family  
†Hadley Richards by Family
- 7:00pm Mass Volunteers  
†Anthony Mendem

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

**Parish Offerings**

Last week Collection

Envelopes	\$ 14, 399.39
Loose Plate	\$ 12, 555.55
Online Giving	\$ 3,075.00

**Total \$ 30,029.94**

2nd Collection:  
Helping Hands \$ 21,612.65  
I give Catholic:  
New Adoration Chapel \$ 290,262.00

**Upcoming Baptismal Classes  
Proximas Clases bautismales**

**March 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**

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



# ST STEPHENS YOUTH GROUP

JOIN US TUESDAY FEB 10TH

6PM-8PM

YOUTH BUILDING

READY TO GIVE IT AWAY?

BRING A FRIEND

# LENT

FOOD- FAITH-FUN



MORE INFO:

**SSYGYOUTHMIDLAND**

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.

ST STEPHENS YOUNG ADULTS

# FEBRUARY

2/1 LECTIO DIVINA  
6:15PM

2/8 NO MEETING

2/15 GOSPEL OF LUKE  
BIBLE STUDY

2/22 GOSPEL OF LUKE  
BIBLE STUDY

WE INVITE ALL YOUNG ADULTS AGES 18-30 TO JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP, BIBLE STUDY, AND SOCIAL EVENTS- WE MEET SUNDAY EVENINGS AT 6:15PM IN THE YOUTH BUILDING. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

CARLOS 432-352-2154

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ST STEPHENS  
YOUTH  
GROUP

2026

# FEBRUARY

## YOUTH NIGHTS



TUE  
3 FEB

FOOD-GAMES AND  
FAITH BRING A FRIEND

TUE  
10 FEB

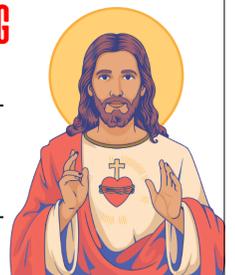
GIVING IT AWAY

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-

FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM

**SSYGYOUTHMIDLAND**

## Segundo aviso

### 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](mailto: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:

**Deacon Federico Medina Jr.  
Office of Deacon Formation  
P.O. Box 1829, San Angelo, TX 76902**

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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. 1º tiempo ordinario;**

**4 de febrero de 868**

*Hermana Gertrudis Muñoz Mendieta.*

**Vosotros sois la sal de la tierra • Vosotros sois la luz del mundo •**

**Este mundo nuestro está en tinieblas? está desorientado? está triste; NECESITA LUZ;** ° Si no ardes no podrás emitir luz. pero si estás ardiendo? como los discípulos de Emaús cuando se encontraron con Jesús? no podrás dejar de emitirla; Solo si vivo a tope? puedo. » ser luz y ayudar a los que viven en la oscuridad; La tarea fundamental de cada uno está dentro de él mismo? no fuera; La preocupación de cada uno debe ser alcanzar la plenitud humana; Si eres luz? todo quedará iluminado a tu alrededor; La luz sirve para saber dónde está cada cosa? por dónde moverme • La oscuridad me paraliza; Esa pequeña luz me orienta? pone las cosas en su sitio; Cuando alguien ofrece un cirio al Señor o a la Virgen? no quiere que se lo apaguen? quiere que esté encendido hasta que se consuma del todo; Nuestra vida es ese cirio encendido y en tanto es vida? en cuanto está encendido; Un cirio apagado no tiene sentido; Un cirio a medio consumir es un cirio malogrado; Así también nuestra vida; Y no olvidemos que el cirio no se enciende a sí mismo; La luz la recibe de otra llama; En nuestro caso. » sólo podemos ser luz si la recibimos de Aquel que dijo: **YO SOY LA LUZ;**

Decía el Papa León XIV a los jóvenes reunidos en la plaza de San Pedro; (866-868); Jesús nos dice: » ustedes son la sal de la tierra? » ustedes son las luces del mundo; «Ustedes son la sal de la tierra; La luz del mundo»; (Mt 179-70); Y hoy sus voces? su entusiasmo? sus gritos que son todos por Jesucristo los van a escuchar hasta el fin del mundo; Hoy están empezando unos días? un camino? el jubileo de la esperanza? y el mundo necesita mensajes de esperanza. ustedes son este mensaje? y tienen que seguir dando esperanza a todos;

**8; - Este mundo nuestro es demasiado corrupto y soso; NECESITA SAL;** Las dos características de la sal son: **preservar y sazonar;** En la vida siempre ha habido corruptos? gente sin conciencia que se aprovecha de los demás? pero el mal de nuestros días es que la corrupción se ha metido en las Instituciones; en los partidos políticos? en los sindicatos? en las familias? por desgracia? también en la Iglesia; Hoy más que nunca los cristianos debemos ser transparentes y preservar a nuestro mundo de la corrupción; Debemos ser **sal;** También es común entre los hombres de nuestro tiempo la pérdida de sentido? el aburrimiento? la apatía? la poca ilusión por vivir. Lo decía muy bien Cox en su famoso libro de: » **Fiesta de locos;** **el hombre moderno ha ganado el mundo? pero ha perdido el alma;** Al hombre moderno le han subido a un coche con todo lujo de servicios por dentro? con una preciosa carrocería por fuera? pero. » **sin motor;** Y la chispa de la vida? por más propaganda que hagan? no la da la » Coca-Cola; La chispa de la vida la da. » **la sal del evangelio;** Hay que volver a bautizar **con sal?** con más sal que antes; **Con Jesús la vida tiene otro color y otro sabor;** Y esto los cristianos lo tenemos que hacer no con protagonismos sino? como la sal? **desapareciendo? sazonándolo todo; Jesús es un Maestro? pero no de ciencias ni de historia? sino Maestro de vida;** Con Jesús se aprende a vivir? se aprende a **saborear** la vida? con todas las maravillas que Dios ha puesto en ella;

## 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  
Carter  
432-934-3192

Claribel López  
432-302-1929

## 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:

Anne Hobbs  
432-934-3192  
[behobbs47@gmail.com](mailto:behobbs47@gmail.com)

Claribel López Carter  
432-302-1929  
[claribel.lopez@icloud.com](mailto:claribel.lopez@icloud.com)

## 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)

\*PLEASE JOIN US:  
ALL WOMEN OF ST. STEPHEN'S  
(MOTHERS, DAUGHTERS,  
GRANDMOTHERS, SISTERS)

# SAVE *the* DATE



## A CUP OF GRACE TEA PARTY

MAY | 16 | 2026

ST. STEPHEN'S GLORIA DENMAN  
BALLROOM 1:00 PM TO 4:00 PM  
\*MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW

HOSTED BY:  
CDA -DAUGHTERS OF ST. STEPHEN'S  
COURT #2818




# *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 97707

*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 riythm 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



**14 Febrero**  
**2026**

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

# *Cena - Baile*

DIA DEL  
**Amor**  
& LAZ  
**AMISTAD**



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

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

# 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

# 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

# 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



## 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 (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

**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!**

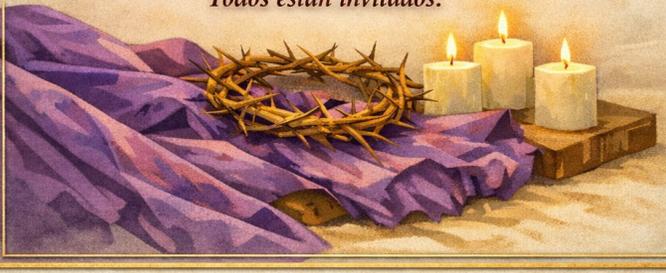
**\*For information regarding CDA, please contact 432-230-4426 or gmybarra@yahoo.com.**



Please Join Us for the  
**Stations of the Cross**

Every Friday after the 5:30 PM Mass  
*All are welcome.*

*Acompáñenos al Vía Crucis*  
 Todos los viernes después de la Misa de las 5:30 PM  
*Todos están invitados.*



† ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH †  
 IGLESIA CATÓLICA SAN ESTEBAN

*Ash Wednesday*  
*Miércoles de Ceniza*

Join us as we begin the Lenten Season with the distribution of ashes.  
 Acompáñenos al comenzar la Cuaresma con la imposición de cenizas.

**February 18 / 18 de Febrero**

Mass & Ash Distribution Times  
 Horarios de Misa e Imposición de Ceniza

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 — Genesis 3:19 / Genesis 3:19 —*

*All are welcome. / Todos están invitados.*

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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	7 families	\$ 3,280.92
Gas	3 families	\$ 653.66
Rent	11 families	\$ 14,159.18
Propane	1 family	\$ 377.99
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 18,401.75</b>

On an average day at Helping Hands we receive 50-80 calls on our helpline. That is each day, Monday through Friday. Saturday and Sunday there are usually 10-15 calls each day. On each given day we have only one case-worker to listen to the helpline. That is why on our message we state that “we only return phone calls if we think we can help.” It would be a monumental task to return each one of those phone calls.

We must sort through those calls to determine which cases we want to pursue. It is surprising that even though we clearly state what information we require from the caller, many of the calls we receive are incomplete. We automatically reject those calls in favor of those that leave all the information we require. What follows are some guidelines that might help our callers:

The message on our helpline asks our callers to leave their name, the last four of their social security number, their phone number, the type of help they need and why they need it. To better explain:

**YOUR NAME:** It helps if the name is spoken slowly and enunciated. If it is an uncommon last name, it would not hurt to spell it. Sometimes there is static on the line or background noise, and it can be very difficult to understand. Also, many people just leave their first name or refer to themselves as Mr. or Ms. followed by a last name. It is important to leave both first and last names.

**LAST 4 OF YOUR SOCIAL:** Some names are very common, and we might have 4 or 5 people in the system with the exact same name. The social security number is important for that, and also for tracking any previous history the caller might have with other agencies. (All agencies use Charity Tracker, which is a database we all share where we tell what help was given, how much, and when, along with details on why the help was needed. This information has been very helpful in weeding out abusers of the system).

**YOUR PHONE NUMBER:** Again, many people will leave all the details on the help they need but then forget to leave their number. If there is no history of them in Charity Tracker we cannot return their call if we want to help.

**WHAT KIND OF HELP YOU NEED:** It is important to be specific. Many people call and say they need help with “their bills.” We do not help with generalities. We help with specific needs.

**WHY YOU NEED IT:** This is most important! We know that they can’t pay your bills or they wouldn’t be calling the helpline. We need to know WHY they can’t pay the bill. Have they been in the hospital? Were they fired from their job? Did their roommate move out on them? Have their hours been cut at work?

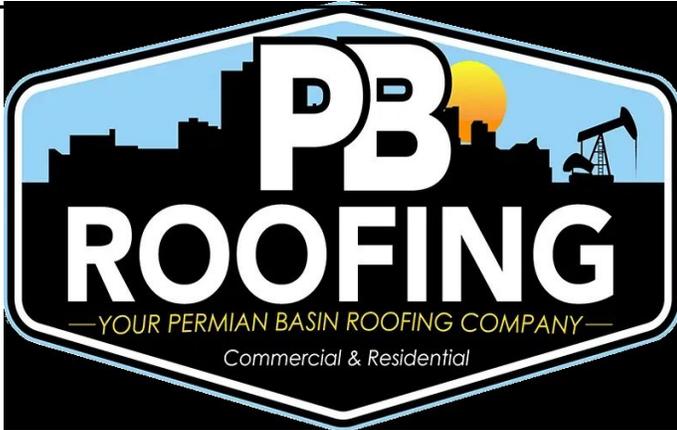
We would very much like to help every single person who comes to us with a legitimate need, but we have only 3 case workers to handle the load, which leaves us with no time to play detective. If you find yourself in need of calling our helpline, we hope these guidelines are helpful.

**Please pray for the following:**

*Isaac T, Lina J, 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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