



MINISTRY OF THE WEEK

Greeters-Recibidores - Parishioners, whose purpose is to maintain order in and about the church. Aid in seating the congregation, collect the offerings, and direct communion lines. Amanda Porras – 432-661-6219

LENT LITURGICAL PLANNING MEETING

If you are involved in Extraordinary ministers, Greeters, Lectors, Sacristans, Servers, Environment, Choir please plan to attend the meeting for the Lenten season on Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at 7:00 PM in the Family Center. Plans will be discussed for the Lenten season.

HEALTH SCANS

Representative from the Health Scan company will be here on Saturday, January 16th and Sunday, January 17th to conduct registrations. Actual scans will be on Thursday, January 21st.

All women are invited to
**SPIRITUAL WARFARE:
A Retreat for Women**

Led by
Dr. Margaret Schlientz & Sally Robb
Hosted by St. Stephen's Women's Organization

St. Stephen's Catholic Church
4601 W. Neely, Midland, Tx. 79707
Saturday, February 6, 2016
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Cost \$20-includes lunch
Pre-registration only
Tickets on sale at St. Stephen's Parish Office
For more info, call Mary (432) 978-9311
Or Gladys at church office (432)520-7394

To register, send your name, address and phone number with a check payable to St. Stephen's Women's Organization.

Minutes for December 28, 2015 Pastoral Council/Finance Council Combined Meeting

Pastoral Council Members Present: Edward Aguero, Frank Salinas, Candido Gonzales, Rob Haney, Melinda Hernandez, Tim Green, Bobby Porras

Members Absent: Maria Rosario, Merlinda Moron

Finance Council Members Present: Rita Ornales, Brenda Aguero, Gilbert Barraza, Lupe Ortiz, Kathy Sayles, Janie Rodriguez

Member Absent: Raul Benavides

1. Invocation: Msgr. Gully
2. Rob Haney motioned to accept the November 16, 2015 minutes, 2nd Bobby Porras; motion passed unanimously.
3. Melinda Hernandez motioned to conduct the church remodeling at a price of \$75,000.00, 2nd Rob Haney motioned; passed unanimously.
4. Finance council vote- Kathy Sayles motioned to fund the church remodel of \$75,000.00; 2nd by Brenda Aguero; motioned passed unanimously.
5. Monsignor Gully accepted the motions by both councils and will request permission from Bishop Sis to do the church remodel.

SISTERS AGAINST TRAFFICKING

ALERT. January is National Slavery and Human Trafficking Awareness month. Women, men, and children in the U.S. and around the world are subjected to forced labor, domestic servitude and the sex trade at the hands of human traffickers. U.S. Catholic Sisters are working together to end this crime. Learn more about it at sistersagainstrafficking.org. Ending Slavery is everyone's work.

**"I WANTED TO TELL YOU THIS, TO TELL YOU:
COURAGE, GO FORWARD, MAKE NOISE
WHERE THERE IS YOUTH, THERE SHOULD BE NOISE.
THEN, WE'LL ADJUST THINGS. BUT THE
DREAMS OF A YOUNG PERSON ALWAYS MAKE NOISE
GO FORWARD! IN LIFE THERE WILL ALWAYS BE
PEOPLE WITH PROPOSALS TO CURB
TO BLOCK YOUR WAY. PLEASE, GO AGAINST THE CURRENT
BE COURAGEOUS, COURAGEOUS:
GO AGAINST THE CURRENT."
-POPE FRANCIS**

Pro-life Hotline...1-800-395-HELP



January 10 The following is the answer that Academy Award winning actress Patricia Neal gave to an interviewer who asked what, if anything, she would change in her life: "If there is one thing I wish I had the courage to do over in my life, I wish I had the courage to have that baby (the child she aborted). Alone in the night for over 40 years I have cried for my child."

PRAYER MEETING – Spanish – Todos los miércoles, 7:30 PM después de la Misa, en la capilla.

PRAYER MEETING – English – All are welcome on Wednesdays at 7 PM in East Room to join us for praise, teaching, and prayer for healing.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Fridays starting after the 7:00 AM Mass till Noon in the side Chapel.

Pro-Life Rosary from 12 to 12:15 PM

Benediction - after the Rosary.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Ladies Bible Study is on Tuesdays from 11:45 AM – 1:15 PM in the East Room. The study is The Letter of Paul to the Ephesians. All ladies are welcome to join.

Catholic Inquiry Class

Do you know someone who is always asking you Why Do Catholics Genuflect, Worship Idols, And Mary?? Have a friend or loved one who is thinking about joining the Catholic Church, or are you a baptized Catholic adult in need of Reconciliation (Confession), First Communion, and Confirmation? Come join us on Monday at 6:30-8:00 PM in the East Room.

- January 11-Baptism
- January 18-Confirmation
- January 25-Reconciliation
- February 1-Lent
- February 8-Eucharist

**SEMINARIAN OF THE MONTH
ROBERT VILLESAS**



Robert is in his 1st Year at Conception Seminary. His birthday is March 31, 1996 and is from San Angelo, TX. His favorite food is all food. Robert loves doing Insanity and having fun!

Please Pray for Our Seminarians!

CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (CCE)

If you have any questions please give us a call at 432-714-4930.

- Sunday – K thru 5 - 9:45 AM-10:50 AM
- Wednesday – 6 thru 12 – 6:30 PM-8:00 PM

SEARCH FOR CHRISTIAN MATURITY

The Search for Christian Maturity, a weekend Catholic program for high school and college-age people of our Diocese. Jesus' answer too many of our problems are presented. It promises to be a worthwhile weekend. If you are interested in attending, contact Merlinda Morón or the church office, 714-4930.

MARRIAGE

Please call the office, 714-4930, at least six months prior to planning wedding.

SICK VISITATION

Please call the office, 714-4930, to give us the names of the people who would like to receive Holy Communion or have a visit from the priest.

QUINCEAÑERA

Two years of religious education is required by the diocese. Please call the office, 714-4930, for more information.

REQUIREMENTS FOR BAPTIZING:

To baptize infants we require Parents to provide the child's court issued Birth Certificate. Parents must be registered in the Church. Godparents must provide a copy of their Baptismal, First Communion, and Confirmation Certificates. Married Godparents will also need to provide their certificate of marriage in the Catholic Church. For more information, please call the Parish Office, 714-4930.

Bautismo de niños/as los papás necesitan presentar el certificado de nacimiento de la corte del niño(a). Los padres deben estar registrados en la iglesia. Los padrinos necesitan presentar sus certificados de Bautismo, Primera Comunión y Confirmación. Los padrinos casados deben de presentar su certificado de matrimonio en la iglesia católica. Para más información por favor llame a la oficina parroquial, 714-4930.

HALL RENTAL

The new policy on the hall rental was approved on January 26, 2015 by the parish council and Msgr. Gully.

The **deposit of \$50 is required** at the time of reservation.

The **insurance fee** has to be sent to San Angelo Diocese **30 days before the event.**

Classroom Rental:

Deposit \$50- Rental \$50- Insurance \$120

School Hall Rental:

Deposit \$50- Rental \$150- Insurance \$120

OLG Family Center Rental:

Deposit \$50- Rental \$300- Insurance \$120

**SUNDAY MASS ATTENDANCE
01/03/16**

Mass	Attendance	Communion
5:00 PM	227	121
8:30 AM	180	73
11:00 AM	354	133
Total	761	327

**St. Vincent de Paul
270-5029**

**MSGR. GULLY'S SCHEDULE
Thursday, January 14, 2016 – Day of Rest**

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND
Saturday, January 9th and Sunday, January 10th – St. Vincent de Paul – The funds help the needy people of Howard County and surrounding areas. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



LET GOD IN

Our depressive, anxious, stressful feelings are sometimes the result of our putting our psychological and spiritual "hands" around something less than God.



**Sunday Collection
12/20/2015**

Envelope	\$5,273.00
Loose	\$1,596.28
Total	\$6,869.28
St. Vincent	\$2,442.44

12/25 & 27/2015

12/25	\$4,238.35
12/27	\$5,609.32
Total	\$9,847.67

01/03/2016

Envelope	\$6,631.00
Loose	\$2,758.08
Total	\$9,389.08

Average Collections per week needed: **\$9,335.00**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
GENEROSITY!**



**TO BE A CHRISTIAN
STEWARD**

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." (1 Pt 4:10).

What identifies a steward? Safeguarding material and human resources and using them responsibly are one answer; so is generous giving of time, talent, and treasure. But being a Christian steward means more. As Christian stewards, we receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others, and return them with increase

to the Lord.

**CURSILLO CORNER
SPANISH ULTREYA** -
Todos los lunes, 7:00 PM en el salón de Holy Trinity Parish Hall.
Todos están invitados a venir y disfrutar de la beca.



**SCHEDULE OF ENGLISH
ULTREYAS**
Tuesday, January 5, 2016
7:00 PM in East Room.
Sunday, January 17, 2016
2:30 PM in Family Center

Please look at each date for location of Ultreya, as it is held in either the Family Center or the East Room.

All are invited to come and enjoy the fellowship.

ENGAGED ENCOUNTER

Engaged Encounter is a weekend for engaged couples of any age who are committed to marry in the Catholic Church. It is designed to give couples an opportunity to dialogue intensively and honestly about their future together. Self-identity, role expectations, money, sex, children, family, and religion are some of the topics of face-to-face dialogue with one's partner. Through a series of talks on the lived experience of the team of married couples and a priest, the engaged couples are encouraged to privately discuss all the aspects of married life.

Registration should be made at least 60 days prior to the planned wedding date and after an initial meeting with your priest.

Engaged Encounter schedule:
January 22-24, 2016
February 19-21, 2016
March 18-20, 2016
May 20-22, 2016
August 5-7, 2016
October 28-30, 2016

**PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED AND
THE FAMILIES OF THE DECEASED:**

We extend our sincere sympathy to the family of the late **Carlos Vega and Antonio Porras** who died this past week. We commend their souls and the intentions of the family to our continuing prayers.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Alberto Morales, Jeannie Adams, Angie Hernandez, Beatrice Franco, Olivia Hernandez, Don Arroyo, Jean Arroyo, Emma Leos, Sammy Ortega, Josh & Yvette Preston, Domingo Rocha. Call the office at 714-4930 to add the names in the bulletin. **Only the person needing or immediate family member may request to be added to the prayer list.**



“And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.”

Luke 2:52

**Readings for the Week of
January 10, 2016**

Sunday The Baptism of the Lord Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14, 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Monday 1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19; Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45

Friday 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-17, 18-19; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1a; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mk 2:13-17

Sunday Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

SANCTUARY CANDLE

[HT] January 10 – OPEN
 [St. Joseph] January 10 –
 Consuelo Morales



SATURDAY, January 9, 2016

- 5:00 PM – [HT] St. Joseph S. I. by *Jean Govea*; St. Anthony S. I. by *Jean Govea*; +Gilbert & +Juanita Reyna by *Demetria Reyna*; +Rudolfo, +Francis Rodriguez & Deceased Fam. Members & Fr. James DeLaney, OMI by *Jose & Mary Martinez*; Monika Kennemur by *Family*; +Mary Lou Rangel & Fr. James DeLaney, OMI by *Jose & Mary Martinez*; +Felix Robles Jr. by *M/M Jimmy Marin*; +Teresa Hodnett by *Jean Govea*; +Felix Robles Jr. by *Conchita Rodriguez*

SUNDAY, January 10, 2016

- 8:30 AM – [HT] For the People; +Felix Robles Jr. by *Family*
- 11:00 AM – [HT] +Manuel Gutierrez Jr. by *Gus Ochotorena Jr.*; +Macedonio Sr. & Belia Landin by *Ima Ortega*; +Pedro & +Nati Diaz by *Petra Rios-Rios*; +Ruben, +Rosalia Billalba, +Santos, +Erlinda Lujan, +Frances McKiski by *Family*; +Robert & +Margarita Ross by *Petra Rios-Rios*; +Valentin Corrales by *Margarita Corrales*; +Jose Maria Jr. & +Guadalupe Hilario by *Elsa Hilario*; +Lucy Ochoa by *Saragosa Ochoa*; Olivia Hernandez B'day by *Salazar Family*

MONDAY, January 11, 2016

- 7:00 AM-[Chapel] For Veterans by *Consuelo Morales*
- 1:30 PM-[State] OPEN

TUESDAY January 12, 2016

- 7:00 AM [Chapel] In Thanksgiving St. Monica by *Consuelo Morales*

WEDNESDAY January 13, 2016

- 10:00 AM [LLS] Santo Niño de Praga by *Librada Lopez*
- 7:00 PM-[HT] +Conception Anderson by *Wanda Anderson*

THURSDAY, January 14, 2016

- 7:00 AM – [Chapel] +Steven Valencia Jr. by *Delma H. Valencia*

FRIDAY, January 15, 2016

- 7:00 AM – [Chapel] Holy Souls by *Mary Chavez*

SATURDAY, January 16, 2016

- 5:00 PM – [HT] +Jesus & +Angelita Puga & Deceased Fam. Members by *Jose & Mary Martinez*; For Health of Dr. Irvin Lopez by *Family*; Susana Ybarra B'day by *Saldana Family*; +Felix Robles Jr., Rev. James DeLaney, OMI by *Jose & Mary Martinez*; +Martha G. Arispe by *M/M Jimmy Marin*; +Felix Robles Jr. by *Conchita Rodriguez*; +Lucy Ochoa by *Patsy Sanchez*; I. T. Virgen de Guadalupe by *Paula G. Martinez*; +Ray Martinez by *Paula G. Martinez*; +Eddie Sr. & +Lori DeLeon by *Concha DeLeon*

SUNDAY, January 17, 2016

- 8:30 AM – [HT] +Felix Robles Jr. by *Family*
- 11:00 AM – [HT] For the People; Anita Valdez B'day by *Dianna Valdez*; +David Ybarra by *Gus Ochotorena Jr.*; +Jose Rivera by *Family*; +Lucy Ochoa by *Amanda & Amelia Islas*; +Gilbert M. Gamboa by *Gil Gamboa*; +Angelo Lopez by *Consuelo Morales*; Infant Jesus T.G. by *Cecilia & Canales Family*; +Valentin Corrales by *Margarita Corrales*; +George Martinez by *Luz Martinez*; Mary Ann Leal by *Luz Martinez*



Sunday's Reflections
Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

THE BATH OF REBIRTH

The baptism of Jesus was not the same as our baptism is. Our baptism incorporates us into the Body of Christ and forgives our sin. It would not make sense for Jesus to have that kind of baptism.

Instead, his baptism began his career as a preacher and miracle-worker, and it provided an opportunity for God to reveal that this was the beloved Son. Just as the magi discovered when they visited Jesus as an infant, and just as the wedding guests at Cana discovered when Jesus turned water into wine, so the baptism of Jesus announced to those gathered that the Messiah had come.

The baptism of Jesus differed from ours, but it certainly inspired ours. At the end of his life Jesus commanded his disciples to baptize all nations. So we begin our ministry in Christ with the sign that began his.

Paul's Letter to Titus recalls this connection. "God saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he richly poured out on us through Jesus Christ our savior." Our baptism—the "bath of rebirth"—brought us renewal by the Holy Spirit.

As we conclude the church's celebration of Christmas and return to work, to school, and to life as usual, we enter the Ordinary Time of the liturgical year. But life is never ordinary for those who are led by the Holy Spirit, our gift at baptism.

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