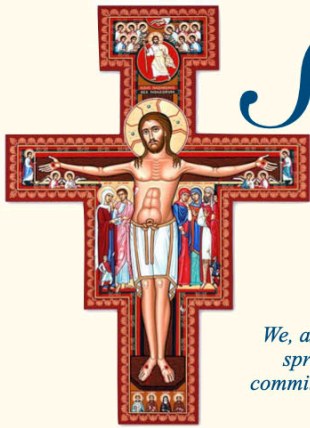


JANUARY 23RD, 2022 | 3RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



St. Thomas Aquinas

CATHOLIC CHURCH & STUDENT CENTER

The Diocese of Shreveport

MISSION STATEMENT

We, as members of the St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Community of faith in the Diocese of Shreveport, affirm our mission to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ to both the local and Catholic college community in the Ruston, Louisiana area. We commit ourselves to God and to this community through a spirit of welcoming and service in the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi.

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00PM Vigil
Sunday: 9:30AM
1:30PM (Spanish)
7:00PM (Sept. - May)

DAILY MASSES

Tuesday: 8:00AM
Wednesday: 9:00PM (Sept. - May)
Thursday: 8:00AM
Friday: 12:00PM

BAPTISM

Please call the Church Office to schedule

MARRIAGE

Please call Church Office SIX MONTHS in advance to schedule

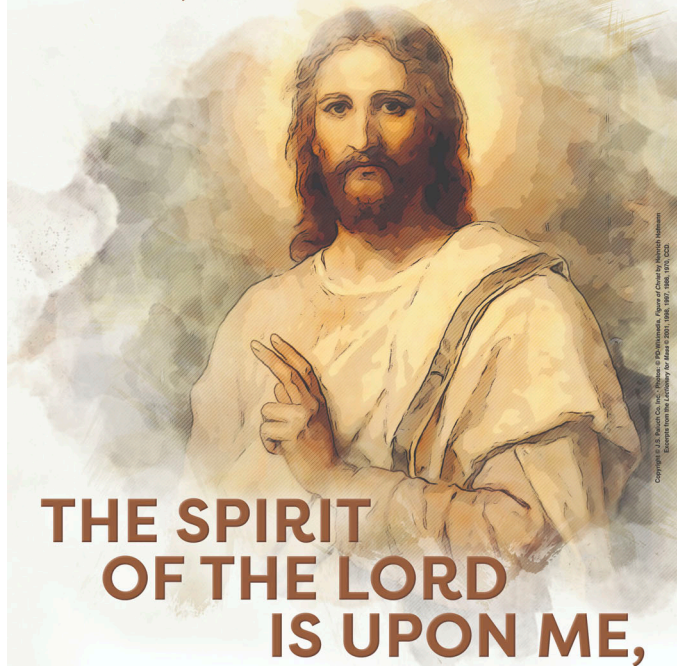
CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 4:00PM to 4:45PM

STAFF/TELEPHONE EXT.

Fr. Ed Shea, OFM (773) 892-4134 *Pastor*
Br. Mike Ward, OFM (318) 251-0793 *Campus Minister*
Deacon John Serio
Deacon Robert Ransom
Marcie Tucker (318) 255-2870 *Business Manager*
Elise Reis (318) 310-4009 *Religious Education Director*
Martin Aviles (318) 265-2992 *Youth Coordinator*
John Denny *President of Pastoral Council*
Thurston Allen *Chairman of Finance Council*
St. Vincent de Paul Society (255-8090)

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 23, 2022



**THE SPIRIT
OF THE LORD
IS UPON ME,**

because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor.

LUKE 4:18

NEW PARISHIONERS

“May the Church be a place of God’s mercy and hope, where all feel welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged to live according to the good life of the Gospel. And to make others feel welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged, the Church must be with doors wide open so that all may enter. And we must go out through these doors and proclaim the Gospel.” - Pope Francis

Please contact the office to register your membership if you are new in our community.

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PARISHIONERS BIRTHDAYS

<u>January 1st</u>	Wayne Skipper Michael Langiulli Dolly Garcia
<u>January 2nd</u>	Carmen Trevison Ethan Moreno
<u>January 3rd</u>	Atilano Garcia Martinez Stephanie Martinez
<u>January 4th</u>	Oscar Hannibal
<u>January 5th</u>	Ramona Bishop
<u>January 7th</u>	Josie Bishop
<u>January 8th</u>	Callum Conroy
<u>January 10th</u>	Yanney Hernandez
<u>January 11th</u>	Olivia Roger
<u>January 12th</u>	David Broussard Melissa Jackson Caitlin Corcia Harry Lopez
<u>January 13th</u>	Joseph Lanning
<u>January 14th</u>	Brennan Jackson Marcie Tucker
<u>January 15^h</u>	Sandy Freeman
<u>January 16th</u>	Juana Maria Leon Ella Viator
<u>January 17th</u>	Paul Kabbes Jesus Gonzalez Jerry Berg II
<u>January 18th</u>	Linda Oakley
<u>January 21st</u>	Rose Kitishian John Adams Jose Maria Garcia
<u>January 22nd</u>	Benjamin Denny Hayden Frost
<u>January 24th</u>	Cindy Bimle
<u>January 26th</u>	Ryan Corcia
<u>January 27th</u>	Riley Oakley
<u>January 28th</u>	William Slusher Zane Morris
<u>January 31st</u>	Pedro Derosa

If I've missed your birthday, please email me at

starbulletin@suddenlinkmail.com so that I can add you to the master list.

THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE**Sunday, January 23rd**

9:30AM - Sunday Mass
Children's Liturgy: Mindy Bryan
1:30PM - Misa en Español
7:00PM - Sunday Mass

Monday, January 24th

9:00AM - 3:00PM - Church Office Open
5:30PM - Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Tuesday, January 25th

8:00AM - Daily Mass
9:00AM - 3:00PM - Church Office Open

Wednesday, January 27th

9:00AM - 3:00PM - Church Office Open
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM - STAY
9:00PM - Daily Mass

Thursday, January 28th

8:00AM - Daily Mass
9:00AM - 3:00PM - Church Office Open

Friday, January 29th

9:00AM - 3:00PM - Church Office Open
12:00PM - Daily Mass

Saturday, January 30th

5:00 PM - Vigil Mass



If you would like to donate flowers in the church, please sign up at the bulletin board in the church vestibule. Please call Carol Mercier at **(318)254-8826** for more information.

Ministry Schedule

January 22nd, 2022

Lector: Dolly Hurtig & Pam Allen

Altar Servers: Cedric, Kevin & Peter Serio

January 23rd, 2022

Lector: Ryan & Lorelei Freling

Altar Servers: Charlie & Maggie Rogers & Hannah Bryan

Eucharistic Ministers: Michelle McCumber & Jim Martin

Lectores:

January 29th, 2022

Lector: Jim Martin & John Allen

Altar Servers:

January 30th, 2022

Lector: Paul Jackson & Bre Ausbon

Altar Servers: Josie & Ramona Bishop and Bailey Reger

Eucharistic Ministers: Michelle McCumber & Jim Martin

Lectores:

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday January 23rd

9:30 AM

Gustavo Denys +

(by George & Carmen Trevison)

Friday January 29th

12:00 PM

Jill Denys

(by George & Carmen Trevison)



You may have Masses offered for your intentions, or for the intentions of your loved ones, both living and deceased. Please call the parish office for more information and available dates.

ST. THOMAS' PRAYER LIST

Please contact the parish office to have names added to our prayer list.

Mona Adams	Cynthia Murry
Miriam Bishop	Katherine Ned
Charles Bourgeois	Don Olivier
Abby Bray	Pearline Robey
Frankie Career	Lometa Rorie
Tony Clark	Mary Russo
Judy Darcey	Gloria Saldana
Jill Denys	Laura Leigh Saleese
Layten Davis	Ginger Schanks
Adrien "Butch"	Laura Schneider
Doiron	Jo Mary Smith
Sean Dwyer	Holly Hollis Star
June Finnorn	Dianne Stuckey
Emmely Gay	Marguerite Swannon
Bernice Harrison	Willie Tannerhill
Magnolia Johnson	Joanne Thompson
Jeffery Judice	Robin Thrasher
Chris Letendre	Toni Troiano
Mary Manuel	Jamie Tucker
Ken Martinez	Kathleen "Kathy"
Tobie McKown	Walter
J. C. Meshell	Donna Venters
Rueben Moreno	Stephen Webre
Kelly Morgan	Janice Williams

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

Weekend of January 8/ January 9

General Sunday Collection	\$5,987.00
Catholic Life Center	\$ 260.00

Thank you for continued and generous support!

Youth Small Group

If you are a high school student interested in a small bible group, please contact Carmen Bishop at (318) 243-3070 for more information. The youth small group meets on Sunday evenings at 6:00 pm.





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SERVICE

The "theme" for the 20-21 school year for ACTS is "Service". It is the fifth tenet of our mission statement. The scripture guidance is 1Peter 4:10.

A STUDENT'S PRAYER



God of Light and Truth, thank you for giving me a mind the can know and a heart that can love. Help me to keep learning every day of my life, for all knowledge can lead me to You. Lead me to be aware of Your presence in all thing and at all times. Encourage me when my studies are difficult and when I am tempted to give up. Give me confidence when my brain seems slow to understand and the way forward is filled with struggles and challenges.

Grant me the grace to fully express all the talents and gifts You have entrusted to me to explore the world You have created, certain that in Your love and goodness all will be well. I ask this through Christ our Lord, AMEN.

LEADERSHIP TEAM DISCERNMENT

On Tuesday, 1/18, ACTS members will be gathering to discern a new leadership team for 2022-23. Since 2017, the ACTS Leadership Team has grown to 20 students. The discernment will take place among those members who have been nominated by their peers. Please keep these students in your prayers. Thank you.



POVERTY AWARENESS MONTH



During Poverty Awareness Month, join the U.S. Bishops, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, and the Catholic community in the United States in taking up Pope Francis' challenge to live in solidarity with the poor! Check out www.usccb.org to find daily action items

and reflections that you can personally do to meet this challenge. You can sign up to have the daily reflections emailed to you during Poverty Awareness Month!

ACTS HISTORY



Once ACTS became an organization at Tech, its members were required to host campus wide events. The spaghetti dinner is one of those events, as are the pancake dinners. The spaghetti dinner is held the Tuesday after Welcome Week and is open to all students. The pancake dinner is held during finals week of each quarter. In both cases, ACTS members do the cooking, the cleaning, and the serving. Thanks to resident parishioner, Doug

ACTS ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION 3/26/21



ACTS became a university organization 25 years ago. To celebrate this momentous act there will be an all day celebration on Saturday, March 26, 2022, concluding with Mass and a banquet. Sr. Edith, Dr. Guise, Bishop Malone, and Fr. Tom Nairn, OFM will be joining us. Please let us know if you are planning to attend any or all of the events by scanning the QR code, or call 318-251-0793.



CONGRATS & THANKS

Congratulations to our president, Ben Meleton for giving a talk entitled "Astronomical History of Saturn's Rings" on campus last week. Ben's professors spoke very highly him. His talk was quite interesting and well presented. Thanks to Hunter Galmiche for taking on the responsibility of getting the organ in tip-top shape. It's been a slow process, but Hunter has been very patient! We look forward to hearing it "full blown".



Hey Everyone! Thanks to all for being so patient during this COVID surge. We really appreciate it as we "Actively Care Together Safely." Be sure to mark your calendars for the Spring Retreat on March 18-20, and for the ACTS 25th Anniversary Party on March 26. Be on the lookout for more activities! God bless.

GRUPO DE JOVENES DE SANTO TOMAS DE
AQUINO

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS YOUTH (STAY)

Faith | Fellowship | Fun | Food

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS
6:30-7:00 PM GRADES 6-12
7:00-8:00 PM GRADES 9-12

Questions: Martin Aviles: 318-265-2992 | stay1941@gmail.com

STAY Wednesday Night Dates	Ignite Topic	Weekend Special Event Dates	Title
January 5, 2022	Who is God?		
January 12, 2022	What is sin?		
January 19, 2022	Grace	January 22, 2022	Bowling @ Tech
January 26, 2022	The Soul	January 29, 2022	Basketball @ The Luffey Gym
February 2, 2022	What is Real Love?		
February 9, 2022	Am I Good Enough?	February 12, 2022	Paintball @ Ultrazone Paintball
February 16, 2022	God as Father		
February 23, 2022	Trust in God	February 26, 2022	Examination of Conscience/Confession @ STA Church
March 2, 2022	Why Did Jesus Come?	March 5-6, 2022	Beyond the Limits Jr. High Conference: Fly! @ Alexandria
March 9, 2022	<i>Spring Break</i>		
March 16, 2022	The Resurrection	March 18, 2022	STAY Stations of the Cross @ STA Church
March 23, 2022	The Church as the Body		
March 30, 2022	Priest, Prophet, King		
April 6, 2022	The Sacraments	April 9, 2022	Service Project @ CCA
April 13, 2022	What is Baptism?	April 23, 2022	Soccer @ Ruston Sports Complex
April 20, 2022	What is Reconciliation?		
April 27, 2022	What is the Eucharist?		
May 4, 2022	God in Nature	May 7, 2022	Hike & Pray the Rosary @ Lincoln Parish Park
May 11, 2022	Living with Faith		
May 18, 2022	Living with Hope	May 28, 2022	Lock In Party @ The Luffey Gym
May 25, 2022	Living with Charity		
		June 24-26, 2022	Steubenville South 2022: Fearless! @ Alexandria

January 23, 2022**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time****GOD'S LAW**

Scripture has always held God's law to be the path to human happiness. In today's first reading, Ezra the priest reads the scroll of the law to the people returned from exile. They weep—then are joyful. Israel's relationship with God had always been defined by how they kept and lived God's law. The author of Psalm 96 likewise praises the law of God as the source of wisdom, joy and enlightenment, purity and justice.

In his advice to the bickering Corinthians, Paul points out that, just as God has made all parts of a human body essential for the health of the whole, living as "Christ's body" requires that each member be recognized as necessary for the good of all. Finally, in Luke's Gospel Jesus claims that the Spirit is sending him to relieve human suffering. Like Ezra, he is reading from a scroll, proclaiming God's "law" of mercy to those in need.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Ezra read from the book of the law of God to the assembled people. They understood and accepted the law (Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10).

Psalm — Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life (Psalm 19).

Second Reading — As the body with its many parts is still one body, so it is with Christ (1 Corinthians 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]).

Gospel — While attending worship in the Nazarean synagogue, Jesus reads from the prophet Isaiah and declares himself to be the fulfillment of the prophecy (Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21).

PRAYER OF THE WEEK**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Almighty ever-living God,
direct our actions according to your good pleasure,
that in the name of your beloved Son
we may abound in good works.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**January 23, 2022**

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor.*
— Luke 4:18a

23 de enero de 2022 Tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario**LA LEY DE DIOS**

La Escritura siempre ha sostenido que la ley de Dios es el camino para la felicidad humana. En la primera lectura, el sacerdote Esdras lee el rollo de la ley al pueblo que regresó del exilio. El pueblo llora y luego se alegra. La relación de Israel con Dios siempre se ha definido por cómo guardaba y vivía la ley de Dios. El autor del salmo 96 también alaba la ley de Dios como el origen de la sabiduría, alegría e iluminación, pureza y justicia.

En su consejo con los corintios discutidores, Pablo señala que, al igual que Dios ha hecho todas las partes del cuerpo humano esenciales para la salud integral, vivir como "el cuerpo de Cristo" requiere que cada miembro sea reconocido como necesario para el bien de todos. Por último, en el Evangelio de Lucas, Jesús afirma que el Espíritu lo envía a aliviar el sufrimiento humano. Como Esdras, quien está leyendo de un rollo, proclamando la "ley" de misericordia de Dios a los necesitados.

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Esdras leyó el libro de la ley de Dios ante la asamblea reunida. El pueblo entendió y aceptó la ley (Nehemías 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10).

Salmo — Tus palabras, Señor, son espíritu y vida (Salmo 19 [18]).

Segunda lectura — Del mismo modo que el cuerpo con sus muchas partes forma un solo cuerpo, así también Cristo (1 Corintios 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]).

Evangelio — Jesús, participando del culto en la sinagoga de Nazaret, leyó del profeta Isaías y declara que en su propia persona se cumple la profecía (Lucas 1:1-4; 4:14-21).

ORACIÓN DE LA SEMANA**Tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario**

Dios todopoderoso y eterno, dirige nuestros pasos de manera que podamos agradarte en todo y así merezcamos, en nombre de tu Hijo amado, abundar en toda clase de obras buenas. Por nuestro Señor Jesucristo, tu Hijo, que vive y reina contigo en la unidad del Espíritu Santo y es Dios por los siglos de los siglos.

Tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario**23 de enero de 2022**

*El espíritu del Señor está sobre mi,
porque me ha ungido
para llevar a los pobres la buena nueva.*
— Lucas 4:18a

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 23, 2022

“You are the body of Christ and individually members of it.” Are you being called to strengthen His body through a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at 318-868-4441 or email: FatherMangum@yahoo.com.

Tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario - 23 de Enero de 2022

"Ustedes son el cuerpo de Cristo y miembros individuales de Él." ¿Estás llamado a fortalecer su cuerpo a través de la vocación al sacerdocio, al diaconado o a la vida consagrada? Comuníquese con la Oficina de Vocaciones al (318) 868-4441 o envíe un correo electrónico a: FatherMangum@yahoo.com.



The Devotion to the Divine Mercy is based on the private revelations of Jesus to Polish Saint Faustina in the 1930's. It recognizes God as infinite mercy and involves a decision to accept God's mercy with thanksgiving, to trust in Him, and to be merciful as He is merciful. One element of the devotion is the Divine Mercy Chaplet, a form of prayer using Rosary beads. The Recitation of the Chaplet is prayed each Monday evening from 5:30 to 6:00 PM in the small chapel. All are welcome!

RETREATS

There are several Domestic Church Evangelization Retreats taking place in the spring. The retreat provides sacramentally married couples with an opportunity to begin their spiritual journey together (or deepen it if it already exists). The retreat serves as the introduction to Domestic Church for those interested in beginning formation in a Domestic Church circle. However, the retreat can fruitfully be attended by any sacramentally married couple. The retreat includes daily Mass, talks, and time for couples to encounter the Lord together.

- **January 14 - 17, 2022 - Abbeville, LA**

- **January 27 - 30, 2022 - Osyka, MS (near Baton Rouge)**

- **February 3 - 6, 2022 - Oklahoma City, OK**

- **April 7 - 10, 2022 - Schriever, LA**

Website: <https://domesticchurchfamilies.com/>

God Bless.

Tom Aranda

318-393-8285

The Chosen series started back with part 2 on Sunday, January 9th. All are welcome to come to the Joe and Roger Luffey Catholic Life Center on Sunday mornings from 10:45 - 11:45 for adult faith formation and fellowship.



PSR ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Confirmation Parent Meeting – January 23 Parents. Please plan to meet at 12:00 pm in the CLC gym regarding the Confirmation retreat and Mass dates.
- Colorcraft Church Directory Follow Ups – January 18,19,20. The photographer will be back to St. Thomas Aquinas on January 18, 19, and 20 for families to review their photos and have the option to purchase prints.
- Missed the photo session???? Please send a family photo by email to Elise Reis at stthomaspsr430@gmail.com. The final phase of the directory production will be completed in January. The digital photos will be included. Also, any church group that would like to send in a group photo can also send to Elise. Thank you!

JOB OPENINGS DIOCESE OF SHREVEPORT

Admin Assistant – Schools/Faith Formation

Admin Assistant – Business Office

Payroll Accountant

Please have them send resumes to the Catholic Center at
3500 Fairfield Ave
Shreveport, LA 71104

JOB OPENING ST. MARY OF THE PINES PARISH

The Parish of St. Mary of the Pines is in the process of hiring a Custodial Coordinator. The responsibilities of the Custodial Coordinator include building maintenance, cleaning and minor repairs in the church, parish hall, kitchen, classrooms, bathrooms and grounds of St. Mary of the Pines Catholic Church. Qualifications include the ability to organize, schedule and complete work activities. Please contact Fr. Mark Watson in order to receive and discuss the Job Description and pay for this position.

Welcome to the world James Thomas Slusher, William and Tonya Slusher grandson



TWELVE COMMANDMENTS FOR SENIORS

- #1 - Talk to yourself. There are times you need expert advice.
- #2 - “In Style” are the clothes that still fit.
- #3 - You don't need anger management. You need people to stop making you angry.
- #4 - Your people skills are just fine. It's your tolerance for idiots that needs work.
- #5 - The biggest lie you tell yourself is, “I don't need to write that down. I'll remember it.”
- #6 - “On time” is when you get there.
- #7 - Even duct tape can't fix stupid, but it sure does muffle the sound.
- #8 - It would be wonderful if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes, then come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller?
- #9 - Lately, you've noticed people your age are so much older than you.
- #10 - Growing old should have taken longer.
- #11 - Aging has slowed you down, but it hasn't shut you up.
- #12 - You still haven't learned to act your age and hope you never will.

And one more: “One for the road” means going to the bathroom before you leave the house.

Adult Education Possibilities

One of the complaints I have heard and witnessed among Catholics is that while Jesus spent his time teaching the adults and playing with the children, we do quite the opposite. We teach the children and play with the adults. Here are some very concrete ways we adults can study our Catholic faith:

The Chosen — Every Sunday after the 9:30 am Mass a group of people gathers in Luffey to watch the series “The Chosen” and to share some brief reflections about what we’ve just seen. The sessions last until about Noon

Lectio Divina — On Tuesdays at 10:00 am some of us gather in the Youth Room in Luffey to prayerfully consider the following Sunday’s Gospel. This prayer session ends around 11:00 am

Reclaiming Vatican II — Looking ahead to Lent (which starts on Ash Wednesday, March 1, 2022), I have purchased 25 copies of a book called Reclaiming Vatican II which will help us to understand and study together the present situation of our Church. We will gather each Sunday after the 9:30 am Mass in Luffey for some conversation and hopefully some hearty discussion of what is happening in our own parish and in the Catholic Church throughout the world. Everyone is welcome!

Estudio Biblico - de Padre Lalo

Quiero hacerles una invitación. Muchos de nosotros pensamos que realmente no entendemos la Biblia, aunque la leímos cada vez cuando venimos a Misa. Con mucho gusto quiero estudiar la Biblia con ustedes aquí en Santo Tomás. Nos reunimos cada Miércoles a las 7:00 pm en la escuela... Que vengan para recibir la palabra de Dios en su corazón!

ADVERTISE IN THE BULLETIN

If you’re enjoying the new bulletin, but want to see more, advertise for your company in the back. The more advertisements we have, the more space they will give us at no charge.

Engaged Couples Weekend (ECW)

February 25/26, June 24/25, October 14/15, 2022

Contact: Dotye Stanford,

dotstanford@sjbcathedral.org

Every couple is required to attend an Engaged Couples Weekend. This is a weekend retreat for couples engaged to be married in the Catholic church. It is led by a team of married couples and a priest who present on topics such as ambitions, goals, attitudes about God, sex, money, children, family, and your role in the Church and community. The members of the presenting team discuss these issues in the context of their own experience, sharing their personal stories. The main focus of the weekend, however, is to provide time for couples to privately reflect on and discuss these issues. The cost is \$175 to cover materials, food, and speakers. www.sjbcathedral.org/sacraments/marriage. On right side scroll down to Engaged Couples Weekend Register and click Use my donation to support: family life/marriage/engaged couples.

Engaged Couples Weekend – **Friday/Saturday**

Cathedral of St. John Berchmans

939 Jordan Street Shreveport LA 71101

Typical format:

We gather on **Friday, 6-9 pm, with supper beginning at 6 pm**. On **Saturday**, the weekend begins with a **continental breakfast at 9 am and end at 4 pm Mass. Lunch will be served on Saturday.**

Cost is \$175 covering food, speakers, and materials.

For info on Engaged Couples Weekends:

Dotye Sue Stanford, 318.221.5296 ext. 107,

dotstanford@sjbcathedral.org

Register for the **February Engaged Couples Weekend Fee Online: \$175**. Go to www.sjbcathedral.org, click on **Sacraments/Marriage**. On right side scroll down to **Engaged Couples Weekend Register and click on “Use my donation to support: Family Life/Marriage/ Engaged Couples.**

Future Engaged Couples Weekend will be June 24/25 and October 14/15.

200 for this week

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