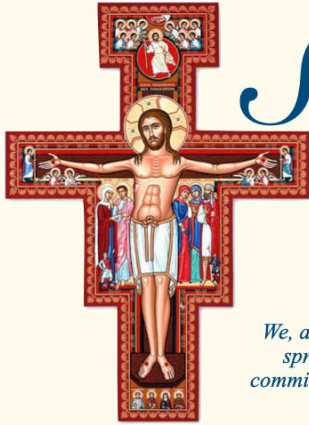


FEBRUARY 6TH, 2022 | 5TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



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)

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THEN I HEARD THE VOICE OF THE LORD SAYING,
“Whom shall I send?
Who will go for us?”
“Here I am,” I said;
“send me!”

ISAIAH 6:8



FEBRUARY 6
2022

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>February 1st</u>	Michael Hinton
<u>February 2nd</u>	Libby Manning Aylmer Rainwater
<u>February 6th</u>	Iris Reis Kaejha Stewart
<u>February 7th</u>	Ralph Pettijohn Francisco Negrete
<u>February 8th</u>	Charles Rogers
<u>February 9th</u>	Christi Faulkner Martin Aviles Cubillo
<u>February 12th</u>	Margaret Stanton Roan Sutherland Britney Aguirre Gail Lindsey Melissa Jackson
<u>February 13th</u>	Matthew Bryan
<u>February 17th</u>	Elizabeth Rodriguez
<u>February 19^h</u>	Melissa Hernandez
<u>February 20th</u>	Linda Viator Samantha Shuff
<u>February 21st</u>	Jesus Salazar
<u>February 22nd</u>	Gwen Barron Michelle McCumber
<u>February 24th</u>	Bre Ausbon
<u>February 25th</u>	Cesario Gonzalez
<u>February 28th</u>	Adams Perot

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, February 6th**

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

Monday, February 7th

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

Tuesday, February 8th

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

Wednesday, February 9th

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

Thursday, February 10th

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

Friday, February 11th

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

Saturday, February 12

5:00 PM - Vigil Mass

ALTAR FLOWERS

*Flowers donated by George & Carmen
Trevison in memory of Gustavo Denys*



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

February 5th, 2022

Lector: Pam Allen & Dolly Hurtig

Altar Servers: Mac, Keeva & Doc Conroy

February 6th, 2022

Lector: Bruce Hampton & AJ Barbiero

Altar Servers: Brad Denny, Ava & Olivia Good

Eucharistic Ministers: Carol Mercier & Alex St Cyr

Lectores: Sergio Ruiz y Rosy Jaramillo

February 12th, 2022

Lector: Samantha Groce & Christi Weeks

Altar Servers: Cedric, Kevin & Peter Serio

February 13th, 2022

Lector: Ed Jacobs & Stacey Denny

Altar Servers: Brennan & Mathew Jackson and Kaejha Stewart

Eucharistic Ministers: Rodney Manning & Mary Ghougkedze

Lectores: Martin Aviles & Ema Ramirez

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday February 7th Gwen Hartman
(by Mary Vidrine)

Saturday February 12th Bernice & Howard Gregg+
9:30 AM (by Cindy Horn)

Tuesday February 15th Barron Family
8:00 AM (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
Emmely Gay	Marguerite Swannon
Bernice Harrison	Willie Tannerhill
Magnolia Johnson	Joanne Thompson
Jeffery Judice	Robin Thrasher
Chris Letendre	Toni Troiano
Mary Manuel	Kathleen "Kathy"
Ken Martinez	Walter
Tobie McKown	Donna Venters
J. C. Meshell	Stephen Webre
Rueben Moreno	Janice Williams
Kelly Morgan	

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

Weekend of January 22/ January 23

General Sunday Collection	\$7,539.00
Catholic Life Center	\$1,400.00

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.





BEING CATHOLIC

at Louisiana Tech University



Selected as one of the "Top 50 Catholic Campus Ministry Programs" in the United States.

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.

MARCH FOR LIFE IN MONROE

ACTS was well represented at the March for Life Rally in Monroe, Sunday, January 23. Thanks to those members who were able to make the trip!

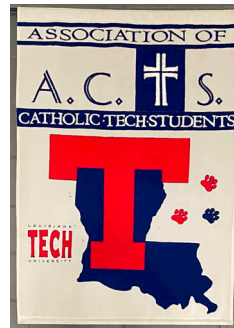


SPRING RETREAT



The annual Spring Retreat will be March 18-20, this year. Look for sign ups beginning soon. Keep you calendars open for this weekend. It is always a great time!

ACTS HISTORY



The year 1988 was a big a "travel year" for the Catholics at Tech. The group went to New Orleans to see Pope John Paul II (now St. John Paul II). Next a number of them headed to Philadelphia for the National Catholic Coalition Conference. The main retreat that year was held at Camp Maryhill in Pineville. The goal of the group was "to support the fellowship of youth and young adults in the growth of a Christian community."

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. Guice, 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 calling 318-251-0793.



THANKS FR. RANEY



Due to unforeseen circumstances, Bishop Malone was not able to celebrate the 7 pm Mass last weekend. However, Fr. Raney Johnson, 15 was able to come from Shreveport and be our Celebrant. Thanks, Fr. Raney we really appreciate it and it was so good to see you again! Fr. Raney was just ordained last June.

"MASS MADNESS"

Leave it to sophomore Tommy Hertel to come up with a way to engage college students in their faith. Taking a cue from the NCAA "March Madness," Tommy has devised a bracket system of saints that is both challenging and exciting. Yes! The winner receives a customized trophy!!



SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS YOUTH -
STAY

JOIN US FOR OUR YOUTH WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

STUDENTS IN GRADES 6-12

WEDNESDAYS
5:30PM-7:00PM
JOE & ROGER LUFFEY CATHOLIC LIFE
CENTER

Note: some of the Jr. High students will be in Mrs. Paula's confirmation class from 5:30-6:30 then they can join us from 6:30-7:00

For more information contact Martin Aviles, Youth
Minister

cell phone: 318-265-2992
email: stay1941@gmail.com

JOVENES DE LA PARROQUIA DE
SANTO TOMÁS DE AQUINO

JOVEN ESTAS INVITADO A NUESTRO GRUPO DE LOS MIERCOLES

PARA ESTUDIANTES EN LOS GRADOS 6 AL 12

MIERCOLES
5:30PM A 7:00PM
CENTRO DE VIDA CATOLICA JOE & ROGER
LUFFEY

Nota: algunos de los estudiantes estarán en la clase de confirmación de la Sra. Paula de 5:30 a 6:30 y luego pueden unirse a nosotros de 6:30 a 7:00

Para mayor información contacten a
Martin Aviles, Ministro de la Juventud
celular: 318-265-2992
correo electronico: stay1941@gmail.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!

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.



February 6, 2022**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time****THEOPHANIES**

Today's readings recount three theophanies, or particular manifestations of God's presence. The prophet Isaiah is caught up in a dramatic scene of heavenly worship, with a royal throne, burning embers, and seraphim singing, "Holy, holy, holy." Isaiah is overwhelmed. In the responsorial psalm, the assembly adds its own worship to that of the seraphim: "In the sight of the angels, I will sing your praises, Lord" (Psalm 138:1).

Paul reminds the Corinthians of his own experience of a post-Resurrection appearance of the Lord, making him an apostle, but one "born abnormally" (1 Corinthians 15:8), since he had no acquaintance with the earthly Jesus. The first of those who did know the earthly Jesus were surprised by fishing advice from the teacher who had commandeered Simon's boat, resulting in an extraordinary catch. Although less colorful than those of Isaiah or Paul, this theophany was just as overwhelming.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — In a vision Isaiah is called to be a messenger for the Lord of hosts. Isaiah responds, "Send me!" (Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8)

Psalm — In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord (Psalm 138).

Second Reading — Paul reminds us of the gospel he preached through which we are saved, if we believe it (1 Corinthians 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]).

Gospel — Jesus directs Simon to take his boat into deep water for a miraculous catch of fish. Simon and his partners leave all to follow Jesus (Luke 5:1-11).

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

Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care,
that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace,
they may be defended always by your protection.
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.

Reflection question:

How can I come to rely more on heavenly grace?

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**February 6, 2022**

I will give thanks to you, O Lord,
with all my heart,
for you have heard the words
of my mouth.

— *Psalm 138:1***6 de febrero de 2022 Quinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario****TEOFANÍAS**

Las lecturas de hoy relatan tres teofanías, o manifestaciones de la presencia de Dios. El profeta Isaías se ve atrapado en una escena dramática de adoración celestial, con un trono real, brasas ardientes y serafines que cantan, "Santo, santo, santo". Isaías está sobrecogido. En el salmo responsorial, la asamblea añade su propia adoración a la de los serafines: "A la vista de los ángeles, cantaré tus alabanzas, Señor" (Salmo 138:1).

Pablo recuerda a los corintios su propia experiencia de una aparición del Señor después de la resurrección, lo que lo hace un apóstol, pero "nacido de forma poco común" (1 corintios 15:8), ya que no conoció a Jesús de carne y hueso. Los primeros que sí conocieron a Jesús de carne y hueso se sorprendieron por los consejos de cómo pescar que les dio el maestro que había solicitado subir a la barca de Simón, y como consecuencia obtuvieron una pesca extraordinaria. Aunque menos pintoresca que la de Isaías o Pablo, esta teofanía fue igual de extraordinaria.

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — En una visión, el Señor de los ejércitos llama a Isaías a ser su representante. Isaías responde, "¡Envíame!" (Isaías 6:1-2a, 3-8)

Salmo — Delante de los ángeles tañeré para ti, Señor (Salmo 138 [137]).

Segunda lectura — Pablo nos recuerda el Evangelio que nos predicó por medio del cual somos salvados, si creemos (1 Corintios 15:1-11).

Evangelio — Jesús instruye a Simón a dónde llevar el barco para pescar milagrosamente. Simón y sus compañeros dejaron todo para seguir a Jesús (Lucas 5:1-11).

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

Te rogamos, Señor, que guardes con incesante amor a tu familia santa,
que tiene puesto su apoyo sólo en tu gracia,
para que halle siempre en tu protección su fortaleza.
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.

Pregunta de reflexión:

¿Cómo puedo confiarme más en la gracia del Señor?

Quinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario**6 de febrero de 2022**

De todo corazón te damos gracias,
Señor, porque escuchaste nuestros ruegos.
— *Salmo 138 (137):1*

Quinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario - 6 de Febrero de 2022 (Día Mundial de la Vida Consagrada - 2 de Febrero, que se celebra el Domingo siguiente)

“Dejaron todo y siguieron a Jesús.” Si siente que Cristo puede estar llamándolo 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.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 6, 2022 (World Day for Consecrated Life- Feb. 2nd, celebrated on following Sunday)

“They left everything and followed Jesus.” If you sense that Christ may be calling you to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life: contact the Vocation Office at 318-868-4441 or email: FatherMangum@yahoo.com.

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.

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

- April 7 - 10, 2022 - Schriver, LA

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

God Bless.

Tom Aranda

318-393-8285

Super Bowl LVI ·

Sunday, February 13, 2022

Christian Community Action is representing Lincoln Parish on the national registry for the

“Souper Bowl of Caring Project”

we are asking each group to collect \$1 per person

(we will purchase all soup at a later date) either February 14th or 15th please

*****turn in all monetary collections earmarked “Souper Bowl Sunday” *****

to CCA, 108 South Bonner Street, Ruston LA 71270

we will add up all donations and report all funds at one time raised for Lincoln Parish through CCA on line all donations are tax deductible and you will be offered a receipt

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.

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.

- Owen Watson is an Eagle Scout from Troop 5 from Claiborne United Methodist Church in West Monroe. Owen plans to attend the Northern Tier high adventure camp this summer to complete the Boy Scout Grand Slam and the Order of the Arrow Triple Crown.
- Wade Watson recently passed his Eagle Board of Review and is waiting for final approval from Nationals for his Eagle Scout rank. He was just voted Senior Patrol Leader for Troop 5 from Claiborne United Methodist Church in West Monroe. Wade plans to attend the Philmont scout ranch, a high adventure camp in Cimarron, NM this summer. He is also a brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow.
- Matthew Jackson-Cub Scout Pack 45. He likes camping out especially in cold weather. He is excited about going to spend the night NASA this spring. He likes being with his den and learning new things such as first aide skills.
- Brennan Jackson- Boy Scout troop 45-his current rank is Scout and is working his way towards Tenderfoot. His favorite part of scouts is summer camp. He is working on earning his physical fitness badge and camping merit badges. He is looking forward to continuing the work towards his Eagle rank.
- David Alvarado – Cub Scout Pack 45.
- Beau Hickman – Troop 98 canned food drive, a camp clean up and popcorn sales this year.
- Ty Hickman – Troop 98 canned food drive, a camp clean up and popcorn sales this year.



SCOUTING VALUES FAITH

For over 100 years the Boy Scouts of America have enjoyed the support of religious organizations. Together we have enriched the spiritual lives of youth, each of whom strives from the perspective of their own personal belief to live up to the Scout Oath & Law.

As a Scout experiences the wonders of the outdoors, stormy weather and calm blue skies, pounding surf and trickling streams, towering trees and barren desert, he experiences the work of God. Appreciating life in its multitude of forms, from the smallest insects to gigantic wildlife, a Scout comes to terms with his place in the world.



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:

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!

February – February 8 is the Feast of St Josephine Bakhita, patroness of kidnapped and trafficked children. Situations caused by Covid-19 have pushed traffickers online and out of sight, making the exploitation of children more convenient. **U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking** is a 501 c (3) organization, 2039 N Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131 (sistersagainsttrafficking.org)

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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RUSTON, LA 71270