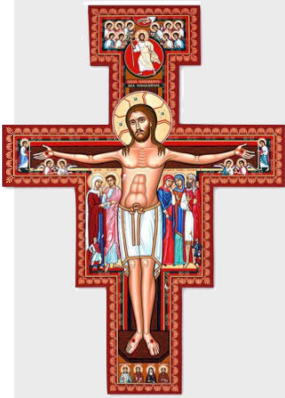


APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2023 | EASTER SUNDAY



# 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 Christ.

## SUNDAY MASSES

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

## DAILY MASSES

Tuesday: 8:15AM  
Wednesday: 8:15AM  
Thursday: 8:15AM  
Friday: 12:00PM

## BAPTISM

Please call the Church Office to schedule

## MARRIAGE

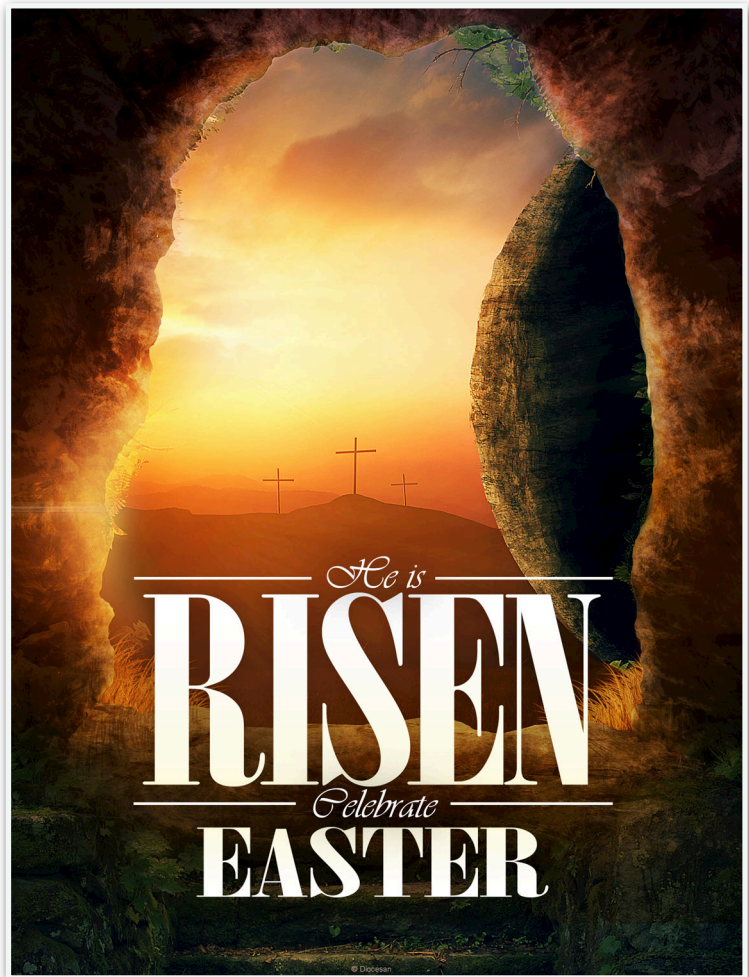
Please call Church Office SIX MONTHS in advance to schedule

## PENANCE & RECONCILIATION

Tuesday-Thursday 7:30AM-8:00AM  
Friday 11:15 AM - 11:45 AM  
Saturday: 3:30PM to 4:45PM

## STAFF/TELEPHONE EXT.

Fr. Kevin Mues (318) 310-4007 *Pastor*  
Deacon John Serio  
Deacon Robert Ransom  
Marcie Tucker (318) 255-2870 *Business Manager*  
Elise Reis (318) 310-4009 *Religious Education Director*  
Elaine Johnson *President of Pastoral Council*  
Thurston Allen *Chairman of Finance Council*  
St. Vincent de Paul Society (318)255-8090



## 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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<u>April 1<sup>st</sup></u>	Robert Ransom Christopher Perez Trey Martin
<u>April 3<sup>rd</sup></u>	Ilda Ajanel Solis Elliott Frost Barbara Ramos Cedric Serio Camila Carranza
<u>April 4<sup>th</sup></u>	Harris Perot Richard Hooper Bill Schodlatz
<u>April 5<sup>th</sup></u>	Teresa Richard Teresa Buboltz Wade Watson Saul Salazar
<u>April 6<sup>th</sup></u>	Marlene Nammour
<u>April 7<sup>th</sup></u>	Brandon Parrie
<u>April 8<sup>th</sup></u>	John Serio Emmanuel Gomez
<u>April 12<sup>th</sup></u>	Bradyn Lopez
<u>April 14<sup>th</sup></u>	Hannah-Claire Bryan
<u>April 15<sup>th</sup></u>	Jimmy Stuff Allie Wilson
<u>April 16<sup>th</sup></u>	Tony Jurkus Ty Hickman Julia Guerrero
<u>April 18<sup>th</sup></u>	Patricia Plata Paige Denny Julie Richard
<u>April 19<sup>th</sup></u>	Sofia Carranza
<u>April 21<sup>st</sup></u>	Margie Skipper Taylor Coulter Hudson St. Clair
<u>April 22<sup>nd</sup></u>	Jonathan Lopez
<u>April 23<sup>rd</sup></u>	Sofia Ulloa Jorge Aguirre
<u>April 25<sup>th</sup></u>	Sharon Pettijohn Lee VanderSchaaf Taylor Fincher
<u>April 27<sup>th</sup></u>	Carol Mercier
<u>April 28<sup>th</sup></u>	Bailee Reger
<u>April 29<sup>th</sup></u>	Mallory Taylor

If I've missed your birthday, please email me at [stacbulletin@suddenlinkmail.com](mailto:stacbulletin@suddenlinkmail.com) so that I can add you to the master

**THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE**

**Easter Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 AM Sunday Mass  
1:30 PM Misa en Español

**Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 AM - 4:00PM - Church Office CLOSED  
5:30 PM Chaplet of Divine Mercy

**Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 AM - 8:00AM Penance & Reconciliation  
8:15 AM Daily Mass  
9:00 AM - 4:00PM - Church Office CLOSED  
10:00 AM Lectio Divina  
6:30 PM El Manto de Maria

**Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 AM - 8:00AM Penance & Reconciliation  
8:15 AM Daily Mass  
9:00 AM - 4:00PM Church Office CLOSED

**Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 AM - 8:00AM Penance & Reconciliation  
8:15 AM Daily Mass  
9:00 AM - 4:00PM Church Office CLOSED

**Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 AM - 1:00PM Church Office Open  
11:15 AM - 11:45AM Penance & Reconciliation  
8:15 AM Daily Mass

**Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>**

3:30PM - 4:45AM Penance & Reconciliation  
5:00 PM Vigil Mass



**The Feast of Mercy - A Day of Extraordinary Grace**

In a series of revelations to Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s, our Lord repeatedly called for the celebration of the Feast of Mercy on the first Sunday after Easter. He promised an ocean of graces to be poured upon the world. Today, we know this feast as Divine Mercy Sunday, named by St. John Paul II at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000.

**We will recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet immediately after each Mass the weekend of April 15 & 16. It only takes 10 minutes to say. Please plan on giving Our Lord an extra 10 minutes.**



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

### Holy Thursday April 6<sup>th</sup> 2023

**Lectors:** Samantha Groce, Paul Jackson

**EMHC:** John Ryan Serio, Bob Rorie

### Good Friday April 7<sup>th</sup> 2023

**Lectors:** Pam Allen, Thomas Rogers

### Holy Saturday Easter Vigil April 8<sup>th</sup> 2023

**Lectors:** George Trevison, Jan Sibayan, Tom Garza

**EMHC:** Bob Rorie, Mary Carol Vidrine, Slade Richard, John Ryan Serio

**Altar Servers:** Cedric, Kevin and Peter Serio

### Easter Sunday April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Lectors:** Stacey Denny, Larry Mullens

**EMHC:** Carol Mercier, Mary Ghongkedze, Gary Kennedy, Tom Bishop

**Altar Servers:** Brennan and Matthew Jackson, Brad Denny

### Saturday April 15<sup>th</sup> 2023

**Lectors:** Pam Allen, Samantha Groce

**EMHC:** George Trevison, Slade Richard

**Altar Servers:** Jack, Jessie and Julie Groce

### Sunday April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Lectors:** Ryan and Lorelei Freling

**EMHC:** Thomas Rogers, Paul Jackson, Larry Mullens, Mary Ghongkedze

**Altar Servers:** Maggie and Georgia Rogers

## STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

Mar 25/26

General Sunday Collection \$9,408.00

*Thank you for continued and generous support!*

The Diocese has created an electronic newsletter for news and events around the diocese, as well as educational content about our Catholic faith. Please subscribe to it by scanning the QR code in the bulletin or by visiting the diocesan website.



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

Quintana Atkins  
Miriam Bishop  
Charles Bourgeois  
Judy Bower  
Frankie Career  
Judy Darcey  
Sean Dwyer  
Becky Ferrell  
Mary Lou French  
Emmely Gay  
Bernice Harrison  
Harvey Hayes  
Maureen Hinton  
Johnnie Hogan  
Magnolia Johnson  
Jeffery Judice  
Roserita Lefevre  
Chris Letendre  
Ken Martinez  
Tobie McKown  
Claudia Michel

Leopoldo Michel  
Rueben Moreno  
Cynthia Murry  
Katherine Ned  
Don Olivier  
Tristen Roberts  
Pearline Robey  
Laura Leigh Saleese  
Jennie Schutte-Patrick  
Diane Singletary  
Jo Mary Smith  
Nicole Smith  
Polly Smith  
Tyler Sorrels  
Holly Hollis Star  
Willie Tannerhill  
Diane Theriot  
Pam Turner  
Kathleen "Kathy" Walter  
Janice Williams



### Saturday April 8<sup>th</sup>

Herman Manuel +  
*(by Terry Buboltz)*

### Sunday April 9<sup>th</sup>

For the Parishioners of  
St. Thomas Aquinas

### Tuesday April 10<sup>th</sup>

Sandy Gass +  
*(by Tom & Becky Garza)*

### Wednesday April 5<sup>th</sup>

Herman Manuel +  
*(by Gary & Selene Kennedy)*

### Thursday April 10<sup>th</sup>

Bernadette & Chester  
Bennett +  
*(by Barbara Lewis)*

### Friday April 10<sup>th</sup>

Billy Taylor +  
*(by Diane Taylor)*

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 or you can now check our website <https://stthomasaquinasruston.com/calendar/>



**SUNDAYS AT A GLANCE –April Formation Schedule**

April 9 Easter Sunday, Easter Egg Hunt for children 2nd grade and below, No Classes All Easter Egg pre-filled with candy will be hidden in the grassy area around the church. Children in 2nd grade and younger will be able to participate in the Easter Egg Hunt immediately after the Easter morning Mass.

**April 16 Breakout Sunday**

SEEKERS and First Communion, Conf. A and B, Small Groups

**April 23 Breakout Sunday**

SEEKERS and First Communion, Conf. A and B, Small Groups

**FIRST COMMUNION WEEKEND – APRIL 29th and 30th****First Reconciliation and First Communion Practices – April 29th**

9 am 2nd graders First Reconciliation and Mass Practice

11 am SEEKERS First Reconciliation and Mass Practice

**Saturday, April 29 SEEKERS Mass @ 5 pm, cake reception to follow**

**Sunday, April 30 First Communion Mass @ 9:30 am, cake reception to follow**

**We will not have a Breakout Sunday on April 30 since it will be First Communion Sunday.**

**VBS Committee Needed**

If you are interested in being a part of the planning committee for VBS, please contact the PSR office. 318-310-4009 or [DRE@StThomasAquinasCatholicC877.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:DRE@StThomasAquinasCatholicC877.onmicrosoft.com).

The first planning meeting was Wednesday, March 22 @ 6 pm. The next planning meeting will be Wednesday, April 19 @ 6 pm. Please call the PSR office at 318-310-4009 to volunteer for VBS!

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**VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING ROLES:**

Drama Team/Skits - Games leader - Games assistant - Faith/Bible assistant - Music assistant - Art assistants - Decorations Team - Group Rotation Leaders - Registration Leaders



# ST. JUDE CATHOLIC CHURCH MEN'S CONFERENCE 2023

**FEATURING**

**"Dynamic Deacon"**  
Dn. Harold Burk-Sivers



**Msgr. Matthew**  
Long



**Broken**  
Chains Band

April 15, 9:30 AM-4:00 PM Tickets-\$40 4700 Palmetto Rd. Benton LA.

318-746-2508

[STJUDEBOSSIER.ORG](http://STJUDEBOSSIER.ORG)





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!

**Ministry to the Homebound**

Please contact the church office or Dr. John Serio (318-278-3600) if you need communion brought to your home. If you are aware of someone that needs communion brought to them please contact us. We do have a team of parishioners ready to assist. If you are a Eucharistic Minister and would like to help with this ministry please contact Dr. John.



The Catholic faith, rich with traditions and devotions, will embark on a three year Eucharistic Revival in the United States. The Diocese of Shreveport will offer events throughout 2022-2023 that will encourage growth in understanding and devotion to Christ in the Eucharist, complemented by online formation and resources that will raise up Eucharistic Missionaries at all levels of the Church. The first step is to increase our adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. It is through Eucharistic Adoration that we give thanksgiving to God for Christ's True Presence in our lives. Christ, in the Eucharist, is our very sustenance that we are reminded of in John 6:53 (NABRE): "unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you." To learn more about the Eucharist and the Eucharistic Revival, go to <https://www.dioshpt.org/eucharistic-revival> or scan the QR code below. Let's reenergize our faith and approach the throne of grace with clearer understanding of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Jesus, the Source and Summit of the faith, is calling each Catholic to come, adore, and experience his Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist.



There is now a desktop computer station available in the Joe & Roger Luffey Youth Room that is designated for completing Virtus bulletins and Protecting God's Children online training. If you need internet access to complete your monthly Virtus bulletins, you are encouraged to use this computer station. Directions on how to set up your online account will be in a binder. All adults are highly encouraged to complete a Protecting God's Children session one time and then to stay up to date with the safe environment guidelines by completing a monthly bulletin through the online Virtus personal account.

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Ahora hay una estación de computadora disponible en la Sala de Jóvenes Joe & Roger Luffey que está designada para completar los boletines de Virtus y la capacitación en línea de Proteger a los niños de Dios. Si necesita acceso a Internet para completar sus boletines mensuales de Virtus, le recomendamos que utilice esta estación informática. Las instrucciones sobre cómo configurar su cuenta en línea estarán en una carpeta. Se recomienda encarecidamente a todos los adultos que completen una sesión de Protección de los Hijos de Dios una vez y luego se mantengan al día con las pautas de ambiente seguro completando un boletín mensual a través de la cuenta personal en línea de Virtus.

**VBS REGISTRATION IS OPEN!**

Check your email for the printable forms. Call the PSR office to volunteer or to request a child's registration form.



**Seniors Recognition Mass**

We will recognize all high school graduating seniors on Sunday, April 23 @ 9:30 am Mass. Please email Elise Reis at [DRE@STThomasAquinasCatholicC877.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:DRE@STThomasAquinasCatholicC877.onmicrosoft.com)

to request a senior biography form. All seniors are asked to complete the biography form to provide information about accomplishments and future goals. Bio forms will be due by April 16.



**Easter Sunday**

Today as we celebrate the feast of Easter, we find the challenge of also seeing and believing the resurrection that comes through our own lives of self-sacrifice. It is then that we are truly Easter people! As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering, and you give them Easter hope and joy.



**Domingo de Pascua**

Hoy, al celebrar la Fiesta de Pascua, nos encontramos con el desafío de también, ver y creer en la Resurrección que viene a través de nuestras propias vidas de sacrificio personal. ¡Y es cuando, verdaderamente, nos convertimos en Gente de Pascua! Cuando pones tu regalo en la Caja Pobre de la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl, entonces sabrás que eres un signo del Amor de Dios a los que están sufriendo. Y al mismo tiempo, les das esperanza y alegría Pascual.

**Women's Guild**

All women of St. Thomas Aquinas are invited to the Women's Guild meeting on Tuesday, April 11th, 2023 at noon in the Luffey Center. Lunch is provided for a \$5 donation. Hope you can join us for this time of fellowship! For more information call 318-548-7127.

**The Resurrection of the Lord – April 9, 2023**

“Christ indeed from death is risen...” Through our baptism He calls us to proclaim new life to the world. Pray for those who herald the Good News as priests, brothers and sisters. If you think God may be inviting you to such a vocation, contact Fr. Peter in the Office of Vocations: [fathermangum@yahoo.com](mailto:fathermangum@yahoo.com)

**La Resurrección del Señor – 9 de abril de 2023**

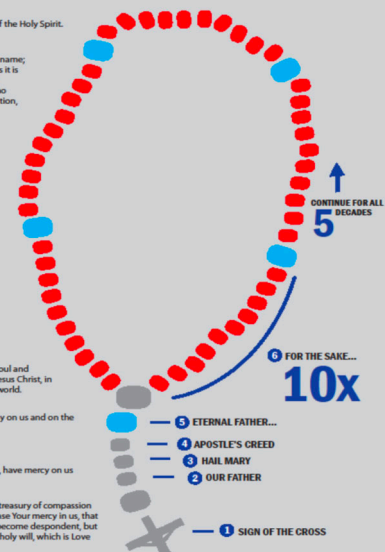
“Cristo ciertamente ha resucitado de entre los muertos...” Por medio de nuestro bautismo, Él nos llama a proclamar la nueva vida al mundo. Oren por aquellos que anuncian la buena nueva; como sacerdotes, hermanos y hermanas. Si cree usted que Dios lo está invitando a tal vocación, comuníquese con la Oficina de Vocaciones: [fathermangum@yahoo.com](mailto:fathermangum@yahoo.com)

**Divine Mercy Sunday**

A Divine Mercy Sunday Holy Hour will take place on Sunday, April 16, 2023, at the Cathedral of St. John Berchmans, 939 Jordan St. in Shreveport. The Holy Hour will begin at 2:30 PM and will include the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Veneration of the Divine Mercy image. The faithful are encouraged to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation either the week preceding or the week following the Holy Hour in order to meet the requirements of the Plenary Indulgence attached to this devotion. However, limited opportunity to attend the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available during and after the Holy Hour. The Reverend Peter B. Mangum, Rector of the Cathedral, will preside. Please join us for this wonderful opportunity to experience God's unfathomable mercy!

**HOW TO PRAY THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY**

- 1. Sign of the Cross**  
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
- 2. Our Father**  
Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.
- 3. Hail Mary**  
Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.
- 4. Apostle's Creed**  
I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.
- 5. On each of the Large Beads**  
Eternal Father I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.
- 6. On each of the Small Beads**  
For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.
- 7. Concluding Doxology (Repeat 3x)**  
Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.
- 8. Closing Prayer (optional)**  
Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion — inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.



**PILGRIMAGE TO AMSTERDAM, BRUGES, LUCERNE, SALZBURG AND VIENNA**  
With Bettie Nolin and Fr. Karl Daigle



**September 25-October 6, 2023**

**\$6,354 Per Person from Shreveport (SHV)**

\*All Pricing Based On Double Occupancy\*  
Leave from Any Airport: [www.206tours.com/addon](http://www.206tours.com/addon)



Fr. Karl Daigle

Group Leader:  
**Bettie Nolin**  
Spiritual Director:  
**Fr. Karl Daigle**



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**Your Trip Includes**

- Round Trip Airfare from Shreveport (SHV)
- Airport Taxes and Fuel Surcharges
- 10 nights at centrally located Hotels as follows (or similar):
- 2 nights: Sep 26-28, Double Tree by Hilton, Amsterdam, Netherlands
- 2 nights: Sep 28 – Sep 30: Golden Tulip Hotel de' Medici, Bruges, Belgium
- 2 nights: Sep 30 – Oct 02: Astoria, Lucerne, Switzerland
- 2 nights: Oct 02 – Oct 04: Wyndam Grand Conference Salzburg,
- 2 nights: Oct 04 – Oct 06: Renaissance Wien, Vienna, Austria
- Breakfast and dinner daily
- Wine and mineral water with dinners
- Whisper headsets
- Transfers by air-conditioned private motor coach
- Sightseeing and admissions fees as per itinerary
- Mass daily & Spiritual Activities
- Luggage handling (1 piece per person)
- Flight bag & Portfolio of all travel documents

Register Online: [www.pilgrimages.com/frkarlidaigle/](http://www.pilgrimages.com/frkarlidaigle/)



Diocese of Shreveport  
**CAMP LITTLE FLOWER**

A full week of fun at Camp Bethany in Bethany, LA!

**Register Now!**

We invite all kids aged 8-13 years old to join the much-awaited NEW summer camp by the Catholic Diocese of Shreveport! FUN FILLED with swimming, canoeing, arts and crafts, and more!

**July 24-28 2023**

Scan the QR code below to register!



Register for Camp online: [www.dioshpt.org/camp-little-flower](http://www.dioshpt.org/camp-little-flower)  
Email us at [camplittleflower@dioshpt.org](mailto:camplittleflower@dioshpt.org) OR  
email Fr. Ranev at [rjohnson@stmaryshreveport.org](mailto:rjohnson@stmaryshreveport.org) for more information!





# BEING CATHOLIC

at Louisiana Tech University



ACTS members are enjoying Easter at their homes for this weekend, spending time with family.

This lent was very fruitful: the Mary Garden was fixed up with the Men's Group, the Spring Retreat was insightful and spiritual, and many events filled the calendar like Mass Madness and Bible Study.

Happy Easter!

## Weekly ACTStivities

Monday

- \* GBM meeting 7pm

Wednesday:

- \* Bible Study 6:30am
- \* Dollar Lunch 11:30am
- \* Guys' & Girls' Groups 6pm
- \* Birthday Bash 9pm

Thursday:

- \* Bible Study 7pm

Friday:

- \* Praise & Worship 6pm

