

APRIL 30TH, 2023 | 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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

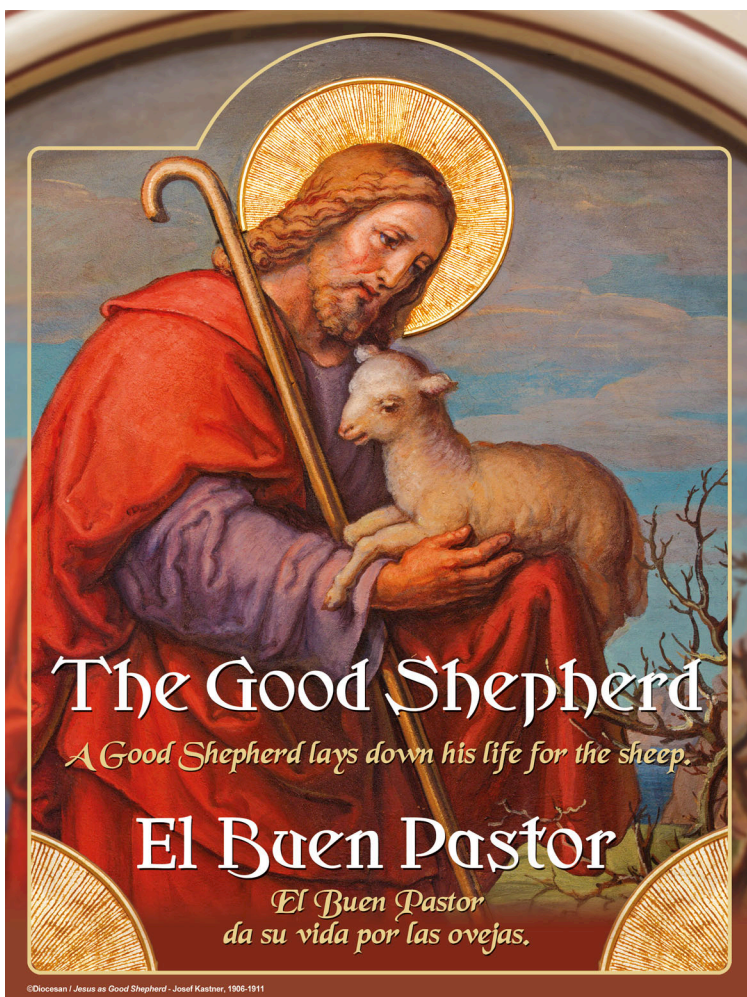
Please call Church Office SIX MONTHS in advance to schedule

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>May 1st</u>	Karyn Lopez
	Emelina Lopez
<u>May 2nd</u>	Samantha Groce
	Abraham Priego
<u>May 3rd</u>	Alexander Watson
<u>May 5th</u>	Nancy Roger
<u>May 7th</u>	Amanda Serio
	Juana Turrubiarres
	Sheila Gonzalez
<u>May 9th</u>	Ryan Colvin
	Erin Rabb
	Thurston Allen
	Jovanni Navarro Rodriguez
	Alex Lainez
	Virginia Danna
<u>May 10th</u>	Leonor Garcia
	Smith Gillum
<u>May 11th</u>	Daniela Derosa
	Jonah McCumber
<u>May 12th</u>	Steven Schuff
<u>May 14th</u>	Jack Groce
	Erica White
<u>May 15th</u>	Olivia Good
<u>May 16th</u>	Olivia Good
<u>May 17th</u>	Elaine Johnson
	Diana Perez
<u>May 18th</u>	George Gillum
	Cynthia Corcia
<u>May 19th</u>	Charles Barron
<u>May 20th</u>	Bala Ramachandran
	Virginia Rainwater
<u>May 21st</u>	Marina Bishop
	Reece Morphew
	Katie McCumber
<u>May 22nd</u>	Jason Strickler
<u>May 24th</u>	Mindy Bryan
<u>May 25th</u>	Gregorio Garcia
<u>May 26th</u>	Lorena Lopez
	Whitney Rust
<u>May 27th</u>	Todd Faulkner
	Jesus Salazar
<u>May 30th</u>	Molly Rabb
<u>May 31st</u>	Imelda Ramirez
	Ros Ramirez

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

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

THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, April 30th

9:30 AM	Sunday Mass
1:30 PM	Misa en Español
7:00 PM	Sunday Mass

Monday, May 1st

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

Tuesday, May 2nd

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

Wednesday, May 3rd

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

Thursday, May 4th

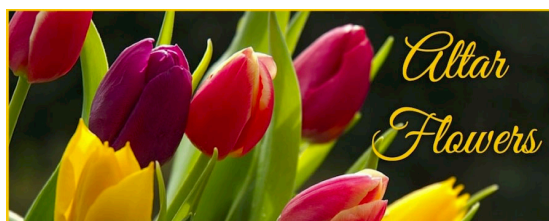
7:30 AM - 8:00AM	Penance & Reconciliation
8:15 AM	Daily Mass
9:00 AM - 4:00PM	Church Office Open

Friday, May 5th

9:00 AM - 1:00PM	Church Office Open
11:15 AM - 11:45AM	Penance & Reconciliation
12:00 PM	Daily Mass

Saturday, May 6th

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



*Altar flowers donated by Marlene Daher
in loving memory of Yollande Nammour*



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

Saturday April 29th 2023

Lectors: George Trevison, Dolly Hurtig

EMHC: John Ryan Serio, Mary Carol Vidrine

Altar Servers: Jack, Jessie & Julie Groce

Sunday April 30th, 2023

Lectors: Stacey Denny, Bruce Hampton

EMHC: Mary Ghongkedze, Gary Kennedy, Paul Jackson, Rodney Manning

Altar Servers: Brad & Paige Denny

Saturday May 6th 2023

Lectors: John Allen, Tom Garza

EMHC: Bob Rorie, Slade Richard

Altar Servers: Cedric, Kevin & Peter Serio

Sunday May 7th, 2023

Lectors: Thomas Rogers, Carmen Bishop

EMHC: Larry Mullens, Elaine Johnson, Emily Chartier, Tom Bishop

Altar Servers: Hannah & Brooklynn Bryan



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
Delore Taylor
Ken Taylor
Diane Theriot
Pam Turner
Kathleen "Kathy" Walter
Janice Williams

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

April 15/16

General Sunday Collection \$9,503.00

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.



Fourth Sunday of Easter

Today, we celebrate "Good Shepherd Sunday" where we reflect on Jesus' care and love of us and hear his words, "I came so that they may have life and have it more abundantly." By your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you will reveal the love of the "Good Shepherd" to your suffering brothers and sisters.



Cuarto Domingo de Pascua

Hoy celebramos la "Fiesta del Buen Pastor," y reflexionamos en el cuidado y amor que Jesús tiene para nosotros y escuchamos Sus palabras, "Yo he venido para que tengan vida y la tengan en abundancia." Por medio de tu regalo a la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl, revelarás el amor del "Buen Pastor" a nuestros manas y hermanos pobres que sufren tanto.



Saturday April 29nd

Carmelitte Smith +
(by Tom & Becky Garza)

Sunday April 30th

Herman Manuel +
(by Gary & Selene Kennedy)

For the Parishioners of St.
Thomas Aquinas

Tuesday May 2th

Billy Taylor +
(by Diane Taylor)

Wednesday May 3rd

Bernadette & Chester Bennett +
(by Tom & Becky Garza)

Thursday May 4th

Charles Bourgeois +
(by Mary Bailey)

Friday May 5th

Pat Smith +
(by Lee Smith)

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 AND MAY**May 7**

Closing Family of Faith Lecture and Parish Breakfast Potluck
Families, please bring a breakfast/brunch dish to share.
All classes are welcome to attend the breakfast and closing
lecture. All parishioners are welcome!

High School Small Group will meet on April 30 and May 7th.
The group will attend the breakfast after a small group closing
of their own on May 7th.

Confirmation A will meet on April 30 and May 7th. Students
can attend breakfast after checking in with your class.

Confirmation B will meet on April 30 and May 7th. Check in
with your teacher in the St. Thomas School Building before
attending the breakfast in the Luffey. Practice will be
immediately after breakfast at 11:30 am.

CONFIRMATION Practice – May 7

Confirmation B class will meet for a practice in the church.
Practice will be at 11:30 am. Father Kevin will also be
available for confessions for Confirmation B students.

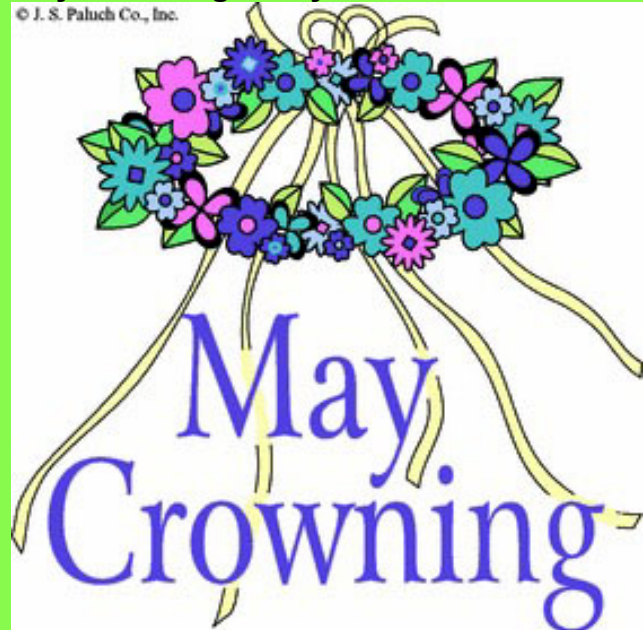
CONFIRMATION MASS and RECEPTION

Confirmation Mass is Saturday, May 13 @ 5 pm. Confirmation
students must arrive by 4 pm to have a private talk with
Bishop Malone in the Luffey gym.

A brief cake reception will be held in the Luffey immediately
after the Mass.

May Crowning – May 14

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All children are invited to process together to bring
flowers to Mary during the 9:30 am Mass. Please have
your children bring a stem or bundle of flowers to Mass
to honor our Holy Mother Mary.

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, May 7 @ 9:30 am Mass.

Yo soy la puerta; quien
entre por mí se salvará

Juan 10, 9

I am the gate. Whoever enters
through me will be saved

John 10:9



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 Dc. 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 Dc. 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.

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.

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
 Email us at camplittleflower@dioshpt.org OR
 email Fr. Raney at rjohnson@stmaryshreveport.org for more information!

The Lord is my *shepherd*;
there is *nothing* I shall want

PSALM 23:1





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2023 Catholic Service Appeal Report

Parish and Location	Parish ID	# of Parish Families	# of Families Participating (to date)	Participation Percentage	2023 Parish Goal	Amount Pledged 2023 (to date)	% Goal Pledged	Amount Contributed 2023
Miscellaneous Contributions	1	145	17	12%	\$ -	\$4,054		\$1,864
St. Joseph, Bestrop	8	125	20	16%	\$ 19,439	\$3,855	19.8%	\$2,505
Mary, Queen of Peace	10	290	59	20%	\$ 49,683	\$37,257	75.0%	\$33,417
Christ the King - Bossier City	11	419	80	14%	\$ 53,360	\$15,366	28.8%	\$13,491
St. Jude Church - Bossier City	12	1,172	166	14%	\$ 150,336	\$61,891	41.2%	\$50,451
St. Ann, Ebarb	25	85	32	38%	\$ 17,498	\$8,755	50.0%	\$5,570
St. Benedict the Black	31	26	4	15%	\$ 4,390	\$525	12.0%	\$525
St. Lucy - Hodge	33	45	15	33%	\$ 21,822	\$7,500	34.4%	\$6,800
St. Margaret, Homer	34	24	15	63%	\$ 8,305	\$6,797	81.1%	\$4,287
St. Patrick - Lake Providence	38	50	12	24%	\$ 16,777	\$5,700	34.0%	\$5,700
St. Joseph, Mansfield	41	115	41	36%	\$ 36,237	\$16,955	47.8%	\$14,355
St. John the Baptist - Many	44	173	22	13%	\$ 35,854	\$10,652	29.7%	\$8,252
St. Yvonne	45	62	10	16%	\$ 9,704	\$4,200	43.3%	\$3,795
Blessed Sacrament, Ringgold	46	21	9	43%	\$ 5,393	\$1,897	35.2%	\$1,897
St. Paul - Minden	47	121	21	17%	\$ 21,349	\$8,237	38.6%	\$6,917
Jesus the Good Shepherd	48	748	100	13%	\$ 127,530	\$42,220	33.1%	\$37,135
Little Flower of Jesus	49	156	26	17%	\$ 30,852	\$2,840	9.2%	\$2,450
Our Lady of Fatima	50	182	41	23%	\$ 26,152	\$18,745	71.7%	\$16,045
St. Matthew	52	341	54	16%	\$ 76,913	\$20,155	26.2%	\$17,685
Sacred Heart, Oak Grove	58	47	5	11%	\$ 9,920	\$850	8.6%	\$850
St. Theresa - Delhi	59	22	2	9%	\$ 6,534	\$300	4.6%	\$300
St. George, Coushatta	62	32	13	41%	\$ 6,825	\$8,595	125.9%	\$7,105
Sacred Heart, Rayville	64	39	12	31%	\$ 15,520	\$3,015	19.7%	\$3,015
St. Thomas Aquinas - Ruston	65	300	38	13%	\$ 69,415	\$14,623	21.1%	\$14,623
Holy Trinity	68	562	70	12%	\$ 64,240	\$9,670	15.0%	\$8,455
Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament	69	150	19	13%	\$ 28,311	\$6,065	21.4%	\$5,545
Sacred Heart of Jesus - Shreveport	70	230	35	15%	\$ 25,934	\$7,410	28.6%	\$5,540
Cathedral of St. John Berchmans	72	980	124	13%	\$ 153,207	\$125,095	82.0%	\$113,327
St. Joseph Church - Shreveport	73	852	157	18%	\$ 225,045	\$139,199	61.9%	\$120,779
St. Mary of the Pines	74	813	96	12%	\$ 72,534	\$11,325	15.6%	\$10,020
St. Pius X	75	175	68	39%	\$ 44,035	\$21,765	49.4%	\$17,795
St. Clement - Vivian	82	58	22	38%	\$ 9,710	\$7,655	78.7%	\$4,180
St. Paschal - West Monroe	83	370	102	28%	\$ 79,994	\$36,782	46.0%	\$31,683
St. Joseph, Zwolle	86	611	94	15%	\$ 86,060	\$35,002	40.7%	\$19,700
St. Lawrence - Swartz	90	75	11	15%	\$ 11,062	\$1,950	14.0%	\$1,425
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	91	159	19	12%	\$ 6,573	\$3,820	58.1%	\$3,170
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	93	747	189	25%	\$ 147,657	\$132,770	90.0%	\$117,980
St. Ann, Stonewall	94	130	37	28%	\$ 26,010	\$9,340	35.9%	\$8,270
TOTAL (DIOCESE)		10,642	1,837	17%	\$ 1,800,000	\$922,742	51.3%	\$773,802



St. Jude Child Development Center

St. Jude Catholic Child Development Center is an institution dedicated to the formation of youth to the stature of Christ. Each child is accepted with his own inherent personality and potential for growth. We offer three and four year old preschool as well as an advanced five year old BRIDGE program. Please Scan QR code to register.



Come join us where learning is fun and great adventures await! Amanda Hudson, Director
(318) 746-2508

Job Openings

Catholic Center

The Diocese of Shreveport is looking to fill the following positions:

- Director of Marriage & Family Life
- Information Technology "IT" Technician

For more information, follow the link:

<https://www.dioshpt.org/job-opportunities>

Send resumes to:

Diocese of Shreveport
Attn: Human Resources

3500 Fairfield Ave

Shreveport, LA 71104

Or email Deacon Michael Straub at mstraub@dioshpt.org

St. Mary of the Pines is looking for a **Bookkeeper** - call (318)687-5121 for more information.

The Diocese of Shreveport Child Nutrition Program is accepting applications for school foodservice workers. If you interested in applying for a position as a full-time cafeteria worker at JGS, please pick up an application at Jesus the Good Shepherd School's office, 900 Good Shepherd Drive, Monroe, LA or contact St. Ann Middlebrooks, SEC, at (318) 219-7297 or email amiddlebrooks@dioshpt.org

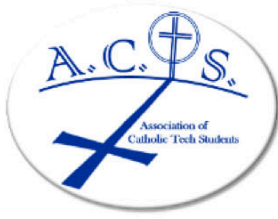
HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH DIRECTOR

The Parish of St. Mary of the Pines is in the process of hiring a Youth Director. The Youth Group currently meets each Wednesday evening. In addition to these weekly youth group meetings I would also like the Youth Group to participate in fun trips away from the parish, Mission Trips and diocesan programming. Qualifications include experience and ability in working with High School students. The youth group leader will also form a parent support group to assist him/her in implementing the program.

There will be a stipend paid every two weeks. Please send a resume to mwatson@stmaryshreveport.org. Please call the St. Mary of the Pines Church office at (318) 687-5121 in order to schedule an interview.



Please join us for our parish picnic on Sunday, May 21st in the Luffey Center. We are asking parishioners whose last name begin with A through H to bring a vegetable, J through Q to bring a dessert and R through Z to bring a salad. Hope to see you there!!!



BEING CATHOLIC

at Louisiana Tech University



ACTS students during Big Event worked on clearing up garden space, weeding and mulching, and cleaned gutters.

The end of the school year is drawing nearer, which means our end of quarter events are starting to occur! The first of which will be a potluck on May 6th to ease our way into finals. The following week will be the quarterly pancake dinner on May 11th before we get out for the summer on the 19th.

Weekly ACTStivities

Monday:

- * General Body Meeting 6pm

Wednesday:

- * Bible Study 6:30am
- * Dollar Lunch
- * College Mass 8pm
- * Birthday Bash 9pm

Thursday:

- * Bible Study 7pm

Friday:

- * Adoration 6pm

Saturday:

- * Potluck Social 6 pm

For more information, please visit: stac-acts.com

TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL
RED MASS

FRIDAY, MAY 5, 2023
MUSIC BEGINS AT 8:30AM
MASS AT 9:00AM
**HOLY TRINITY
CATHOLIC CHURCH**
400 FANNIN STREET
DOWNTOWN SHREVEPORT

Mass is attended by judges, lawyers, government officials & lay members of the community for the purpose of invoking God's blessing and guidance in the administration of justice.

The Most Reverend Francis P. Malone
Principal Celebrant
The Most Reverend Robert W. Marshall, Jr.
Homilist
Reverend Duane C. Trombetta
Master of Ceremonies

JOIN OUR ST. JUDE WOMEN'S
DAY RETREAT
MEDITATIONS WITH MARY

PRAY AND PAINT THE ROSARY
with Harleigh Leonards

"AND MARY SAID: "MY SOUL GLORIFIES THE LORD"

1ST SATURDAY - MAY 6TH

Come and learn how to paint a Rosary on canvas by Harleigh Leonards. All materials and supplies provided.
Our Day will consist of 1st Saturday Mass, adoration, confession and activities to build or deepen our relationship with Mary!
LUNCH INCLUDED

\$40 REGISTER NOW
STJUDEBOSSIER.ORG