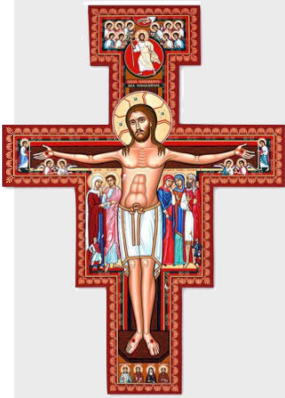


MAY 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2023 | 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER



# 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



5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

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

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

### Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>

9:30 AM

1:30 PM

7:00 PM

Sunday Mass

Misa en Español

Sunday Mass

### Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup>

9:00 AM - 4:00PM -

5:30 PM

Church Office Open

Chaplet of Divine Mercy

### Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>

7:30 AM - 8:00AM

8:15 AM

9:00 AM - 4:00PM -

10:00 AM

6:30 PM

Penance & Reconciliation

Daily Mass

Church Office Open

Lectio Divina

El Manto de Maria

### Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>

7:30 AM - 8:00AM

8:15 AM

9:00 AM - 4:00PM

Penance & Reconciliation

Daily Mass

Church Office Open

### Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup>

7:30 AM - 8:00AM

8:15 AM

9:00 AM - 4:00PM

Penance & Reconciliation

Daily Mass

Church Office Open

### Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>

9:00 AM - 1:00PM

11:15 AM - 11:45AM

12:00 PM

Church Office Open

Penance & Reconciliation

Daily Mass

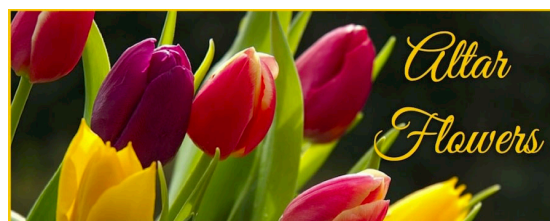
### Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>

3:30PM - 4:45AM

5:00 PM

Penance & Reconciliation

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 May 6<sup>th</sup> 2023

**Lectors:** John Allen, Tom Garza

**EMHC:** Bob Rorie, Slade Richard

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

### Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Lectors:** Thomas Rogers, Carmen Bishop

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

**Altar Servers:** Hannah & Brooklynn Bryan

### Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup> 2023

**Lectors:** Pam Allen, Samantha Groce

**EMHC:** John Ryan Serio, Mary Carol Vidrine

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

### Sunday May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Lectors:** Ryan Freling, Lorelei Freling

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

**Altar Servers:** Brennan & Matthew Jackson



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

Quintana Atkins  
Miriam Bishop  
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 22/ 23

General Sunday Collection \$6,916.00

*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.



## Fifth Sunday of Easter

In the Gospel today, Jesus says "...whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father. Through your almsgiving you are performing a good work; far greater than you think. The coins placed in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box bring Christ love and compassion to the poor.



### Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup>

For the Parishioners of St. Thomas Aquinas

### Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup>

Reggie Holbron +  
(by Janice Holbron)

### Tuesday May 9<sup>th</sup>

Rodolfo Acevedo +  
(por Maria Rodriguez)

### Wednesday May 10<sup>th</sup>

Brian Di Stante +  
(by Victor Langiulli)

### Thursday May 11<sup>th</sup>

Charles Bourgeois +  
(by Mary Bailey)

### Friday May 12<sup>th</sup>

Michael Holbron +  
(by Janice Holbron)

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 –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!

May 7th. The group will attend the breakfast after a small group closing of their own on May 7th.

May 7th. Students can attend breakfast after checking in with your class.

Confirmation B will meet 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**

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.



**Please register for VBS by May 21<sup>st</sup>!**

Drop off completed registration forms at the PSR office or email to [DRE@StThomasAquinasCatholicC877.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:DRE@StThomasAquinasCatholicC877.onmicrosoft.com)

**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



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.

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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.

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. Raney at [rjohnson@stmaryshreveport.org](mailto:rjohnson@stmaryshreveport.org) for more information!



CCA is selling a chance to win a play-set built by Monkey Business!! Please consider a \$50 donation for a chance to win a play-set!! Don't worry if you aren't in need of a play-set, we will find a family in need!! See Lometa Rorie (318.243.1266) or Samantha Groce(985.502.0856) for more information.







# BEING CATHOLIC

at Louisiana Tech University



ACTS students spent the most recent guys' and girls' groups together learning how to sew buttons and hem clothing thanks to some wonderful parishioners!

This evening at the student mass, we will be recognizing our ACTS graduating seniors who served on the leadership team. These seniors have put in countless hours to make our organization the best it can be. The following week we will be continuing our finals week preparation with the pancake dinner on May 11th.

For more information, please visit: [stac-acts.com](http://stac-acts.com)

## Weekly ACTSivities

### Wednesday:

- \* Bible Study 6:30am
- \* Dollar Lunch
- \* Girls' & Guy's Groups 6pm
- \* College Mass 8pm

### Thursday:

- \* Pancake Dinner 6pm

### Friday:

- \* Praise & Worship 6pm

### Saturday:

- \* ImpACTS event

## 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](mailto:mstraub@dioshpt.org)

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

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**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 Sr. Ann Middlebrooks, SEC, at (318) 219-7297 or email [amiddlebrooks@dioshpt.org](mailto:amiddlebrooks@dioshpt.org)

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### 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](mailto: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!!!