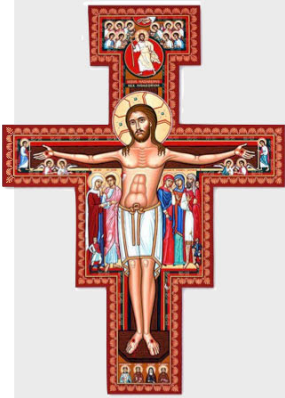


MAY 14TH, 2023 | 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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



*Happy
Mother's
Day*

The loveliest masterpiece
of the heart of God
is the heart of a mother.
- St. Thérèse of Lisieux

*Feliz Día
de las
Madres*

La obra maestra más
bella del corazón
de Dios es el corazón
de una madre.
- Santa Teresa de Lisieux

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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 Morphey
	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, May 14th

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

Monday, May 15th

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

Tuesday, May 16th

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 17th

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

Thursday, May 18th

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

Friday, May 19th

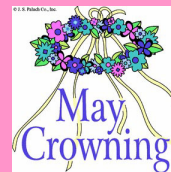
9:00 AM - 1:00PM	Church Office Open
11:15 AM - 11:45AM	Penance & Reconciliation
12:00 PM	Daily Mass

Saturday, May 20th

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



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 13th 2023

Lectors: Pam Allen, Samantha Groce

EMHC: John Ryan Serio, Mary Carol Vidrine

Altar Servers: Jack, Jessie & Julie Groce

Sunday May 14th, 2023

Lectors: Ryan Freling, Lorelei Freling

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

Altar Servers: Brennan & Matthew Jackson

Saturday May 20th 2023

Lectors: Christie Weeks, Mary Carol Vidrine

EMHC: George Trevison, Bob Rorie

Altar Servers: Cedric, Kevin & Peter Serio

Sunday May 21st, 2023

Lectors: Stacey Denny, Paul Jackson

EMHC: Tom Bishop, Thomas Rogers, Jim Martin, Elaine Johnson

Altar Servers: Maggie and Georgia Rogers



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 29/ 30

General Sunday Collection \$9,946.00

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.



Sixth Sunday of Easter

In the Gospel today, Jesus says to us: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments... Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father and I will love him and reveal myself to him. When we give to the poor, God indeed pours his love, peace and joy into our hearts, into our lives and through us into the hearts of those who are poor."



Saturday May 13th

Sister Maria Juana Vanegas
(George & Carmen Trevison)

Sunday May 14th

For the Parishioners of St.
Thomas Aquinas

Kitty Wasserman +
(by Jessica Johnson)

Wednesday May 17th

Charles Bourgeois +
(by Mary Bailey)

Thursday May 18th

Brian Di Stante +
(by Michael Langiulli)

Friday May 19th

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/>

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH
presents

Holy Trinity's Own



a tapestry & sing-a-long choir celebration!

SUNDAY, MAY 21 - 4:00 PM

Free admission

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH
Rev. Duane C. Trombetta, Pastor
315 Marshall St. Shreveport, LA 71101



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.



God Bless
OUR MOTHERS

A mother defends
herself with a
heart filled with
love before doing
so with words.

- Pope Francis

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 21st!

Drop off completed registration forms at the PSR office or email to DRE@StThomasAquinasCatholicC877.onmicrosoft.com



VBS VOLUNTEERS 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.

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING ROLES:

- Art assistants
- Decorations Team
- Group Rotation Leaders
- Registration Leaders
- Snack leaders and assistants

The next VBS planning meeting will be Wednesday, May 17 @ 6 pm in the Luffey youth room.



CONFIRMATION MASS and RECEPTION – Saturday, May 13

Confirmation Mass is Saturday, May 13 @ 5. 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.



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.

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!

Dios Bendiga nuestras Madres

Porque tú formaste mi ser más íntimo; Tú me tejiste en el vientre de mi madre.

Salmos 139, 13



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.



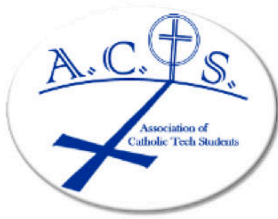
Come join us where learning is fun and great adventures await! Amanda Hudson, Director

High School
Graduation
Recognition



2023
class of
CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!





BEING CATHOLIC

at Louisiana Tech University



The students had a potluck this past Saturday, May 8.

FINALS WEEK

The ACTS students have their finals this week and are preparing to go to their internships and homes over the summer.

Please pray for all the students for their tests and safe travels, as we are doing the same for you.

Have a blessed Summer!

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

Weekly ACTStivities

Wednesday:

* College Mass 8pm

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 Sr. 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!!!