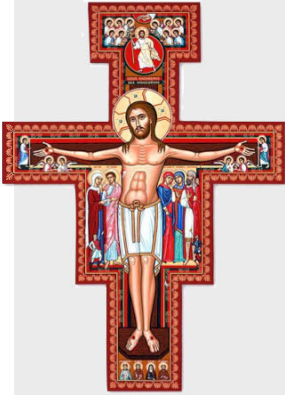


MAY 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2023 | PENTECOST SUNDAY



# 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



COME, HOLY SPIRIT  
FILL THE HEARTS OF THE  
FAITHFUL

VEN, ESPÍRITU  
SANTO, LLENA LOS  
CORAZONES DE TUS FIELES

## 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
<u>May 2<sup>nd</sup></u>	Emelina Lopez Samantha Groce
<u>May 3<sup>rd</sup></u>	Abraham Priego
<u>May 5<sup>th</sup></u>	Alexander Watson
<u>May 7<sup>th</sup></u>	Nancy Roger Amanda Serio Juana Turrubiarres
<u>May 9<sup>th</sup></u>	Sheila Gonzalez Ryan Colvin Erin Rabb Thurston Allen Jovanni Navarro Rodriguez
<u>May 10<sup>th</sup></u>	Alex Lainez Virginia Danna 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>	Madelynn Bryan
<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**

<u>Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup></u>	
9:30 AM	Sunday Mass
1:30 PM	Misa en Español
<u>Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup></u>	
9:00 AM - 4:00PM - 5:30 PM	Church Office CLOSED Chaplet of Divine Mercy
<u>Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup></u>	
7:30 AM - 8:00AM	Penance & Reconciliation
8:15 AM	Daily Mass
9:00 AM - 4:00PM - 10:00 AM	Church Office Open
6:30 PM	Lectio Divina El Manto de Maria
<u>Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup></u>	
7:30 AM - 8:00AM	Penance & Reconciliation
8:15 AM	Daily Mass
9:00 AM - 4:00PM	Church Office Open
7:00 PM	Misa en Español
<u>Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup></u>	
7:30 AM - 8:00AM	Penance & Reconciliation
8:15 AM	Daily Mass
9:00 AM - 4:00PM	Church Office Open
<u>Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup></u>	
9:00 AM - 1:00PM	Church Office Open
11:15 AM - 11:45AM	Penance & Reconciliation
12:00 PM	Daily Mass
<u>Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup></u>	
3:30PM - 4:45AM	Penance & Reconciliation
5:00 PM	Vigil Mass



*Altar Flowers donated by Marlene Daher in loving memory of Nelly Daher*



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 27<sup>th</sup> 2023

**Lectors:** George Trevison, Dolly Hurtig

**EMHC:** Slade Richard, John Ryan Serio

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

### Sunday May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Lectors:** Jim Martin, Larry Mullems

**EMHC:** Carol Mercier, Emily Chartier, Tom Bishop, Gary Kennedy

**Altar Servers:** Brad & Paige Denny

### Saturday June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2023

**Lectors:** John Allen, Tom Garza

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

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

### Sunday June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Lectors:** Thomas Rogers, Carmen Bishop

**EMHC:** Tom Bishop, Paul Jackson, Jim Martin, Rodney Manning

**Altar Servers:** Hannah & Brooklynn Bryant



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

May 13/ 14

General Sunday Collection \$5,973.00

*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.



### Pentecost

Today as we celebrate Pentecost, Jesus says to his disciples: "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." In April, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought the love and care of Jesus to the poor by assisting 24 families, providing \$4,267.26 in food, utilities and rent bills, etc. Thank You!



### El Pentecostés

Hoy celebramos El Pentecostés. Jesús les dice a sus discípulos: "Que la paz esté con ustedes. Como el Padre me envió a Mí, así yo también los envío a ustedes." Este mes, por medio de tus regalos, la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paul les llevó el amor y cuidado de Jesús a los pobres de nuestra parroquia, asistiendo a 24 familias, con \$4,267.26 en comestibles, para gastos de luz, agua, gas y renta, etc. ¡Muchísimas gracias!



### Saturday May 27<sup>th</sup>

Jill Denys +  
(by George & Carmen Trevison)

### Sunday May 28<sup>th</sup>

Dennis C. Kennedy +  
(by Mary Carol Vidrine)

Por los feligreses de la parroquia de Santo Tomas de Aquino

### Tuesday May 30<sup>th</sup>

Charles Janssen Family +  
(by Ed & Karen Jacobs)

### Wednesday May 31<sup>st</sup>

Charles Bourgeois +  
(by Mary Bailey)

### Thursday June 1<sup>st</sup>

Margaret Oatis +  
(by Barbara Lewis)

### Friday June 2<sup>nd</sup>

Dennis C Kennedy +  
(by Gary & Selene Kennedy)

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/>

WITH PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING  
TO ALMIGHTY GOD  
THE DIOCESE OF SHREVEPORT  
ANNOUNCES THE PRIESTLY ORDINATIONS OF

*Deacon Gabriel Cisneros Campos*

*Deacon Kelby Reece Tingle*



JUNE 24, 2023

*Cathedral of St. John Berchmans  
10:00 am*

Save  
the Date AUGUST 4, 2023  
7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
**BINGO**  
ON THE  
*Bayou*  
SHREVEPORT

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! It's time to celebrate with Bingo on the Bayou once again. Catholic Charities of North Louisiana announces our 7th Annual Fundraiser, "Bingo on the Bayou". Our fundraising event will be held at East Ridge Country Club on FRIDAY, August 4, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. Since 2016, Bingo on the Bayou has been something to look forward to and this sellout event brings together people who love to have fun while benefiting the Family Strengthening programs of CCNLA. Table sponsorships begin at \$1500, and tickets are \$60 each



### 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](mailto: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.

### DECORATE WITH US!

The decoration team will start decorating the two weeks before VBS. Decorating times are the following days and times:

**Sunday, June 4 10:45 am – 12:30 pm**  
**Monday, June 5 – Thursday, June 8 8:15 am – 1:45 pm**  
**Sunday, June 11 10:45 am – 12:30 pm**  
**Monday, June 12 – Thursday, June 15 8:15 am – 1:45 pm**  
**Weekend before VBS: June 16,17,18 building can be opened as needed for volunteers.**

Volunteer team meetings will be June 7 and June 14 @ 6 pm – 8 pm. Bring your own supper; but desserts will be provided!



EUCCHARISTIC  
*Adoration*

**Weekly Adoration**  
**Friday 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm**

*Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration with exposition needs a great push. People ask me: 'What will convert America and save the world?' My answer is prayer. What we need is for every parish to come before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in holy hours of prayer. Mother Teresa*



*Piano Lessons*

Evan Simon (985)789-0623  
[epsimon3652@gmail.com](mailto:epsimon3652@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!

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.

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!

**SUMMER camps**  
AGES K3-8TH GRADE  
AT ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL  
ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL IS OFFERING A FULL LINEUP OF CAMPS THIS SUMMER OPEN TO ALL KIDS AGES K3 - 8TH GRADE  
SCAN THE QR CODE TO SEE A FULL LIST OF CAMPS AVAILABLE AND TO REGISTER, OR VISIT [SJSFALCONS.ORG/STUDENT-LIFE/#SUMMER\\_CAMPS](http://SJSFALCONS.ORG/STUDENT-LIFE/#SUMMER_CAMPS)  
CAMP THEMES INCLUDE: COOKING ARCHERY SPORTS ART DRAMA MYSTERY and more!  
ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL EST. 1951



**EN ESTE LUGAR,  
MOSTRARÉ Y DARÉ  
TODO MI AMOR,  
COMPASIÓN Y AYUDA  
NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE**

## Consagración a Jesús por medio del Manto de María

**Santa Misa Miércoles 31 de mayo, 2023 7:00 pm**

¡Celebración en el Luffey Center! Trae platillos para compartir con la comunidad. Todos están cordialmente invitados.

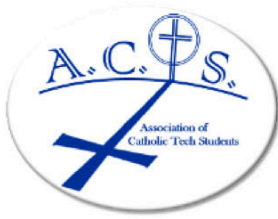
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**Memorial Day Crossword**

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# BEING CATHOLIC

at Louisiana Tech University



## School's Out for Summer!



Mary Garden blooming in the spring to send off our students!

School is out for the summer! ACTS members will be going their own ways until we can meet up again in the fall. From Utah to Mississippi, we will have members working and living all over the U.S! We are sad to see our wonderful seniors leaving us this year but are hopeful for their futures and the chance to see them again soon!

## Summer ACTStivities

Everyday:

\* Summer Vacation

Orientation Sessions:

\* June 7-9

\* June 21-23

\* July 12-14

\* July 26-28

Back to School Events:

\* 9/3 – College Mass

\* 9/7 – Classes Begin

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

## 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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**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.

### ORGANIST/ KEYBOARD POSITION

The Parish of St. Mary of the Pines is in the process of hiring an Organist/Keyboard Player to play at the Saturday Evening Mass at 4 pm. Qualifications include ability and experience in playing the Organ or Keyboard. The individual will be responsible for both choosing music which fits the Mass of the day and for practicing with a cantor. There will be a stipend paid for each Mass at which the musician plays. Please send a resume with musical education and experience with playing Organ/Keyboard, especially with church related musical experience, 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.



Are you looking for something to do where you make a difference in people's lives? Volunteer at Mary's House – Friday mornings 8:30 – 12:30 as our receptionist. You'll be the first smiling face our patients meet, and you'll work with a great team of ladies on the same mission – to make a difference for moms and babies. Call L'Anne at Mary's House to find out more – 318-220-8009.