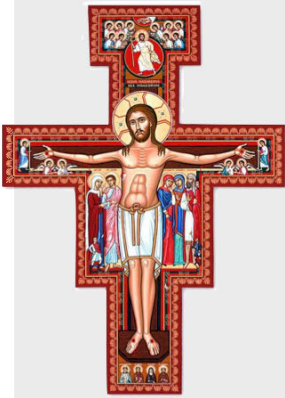


JULY 2ND, 2023 | 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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**
Matthew Bryan **President of Pastoral Council**
Thurston Allen **Chairman of Finance Council**
St. Vincent de Paul Society (318)255-8090



13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me."
Matthew 10:38

13^o Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

"El que no carga con su cruz y viene detrás de mí, no es digno de mí."
Mateo 10, 38

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Christ Leading the Apostles to Mount Tabor, by Lorenzo Lotto, 1512

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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July 1st

Isabella Cortez
Abel Lainez

July 2nd

Camille Mhire

July 3rd

Freddy Mujica

July 4th

Marilyn Priego

America Hernandez

Dulce Aviles-Vazquez

Jose Villa

July 5th

Ava Good

Joshua Ramachandran

July 7th

Roseanne Skapura

Sophia Reis

July 9th

Juana Tomas

Cecil Crawford

Amalia Perez Lopez

Leslie Garcia

July 10th

Mallary Adams

July 12th

Michael Nammour

Victor Velazquez

July 13th

Brooklynn Bryan

Dennis Lopez

July 14th

Samantha McCumber

July 16th

Pat Crawford

John Gass

July 17th

Tom Bishop

Axel Garcia

July 18th

Mary Virginia Adams

Steven Groce

Eimy Lainez

Luka Lopez

Arnulfo Perez

Kerry Viator

July 19th

Joseph Luffey

July 20th

Deborah Abrahm

Mia Morpheu

July 21st

Matthew Jackson

Yasmin Torres

Lometa Rorie

Kathleen Brucia

Charlotte Rust

July 22nd

Marissa Gonzalez

Cruz Morales

July 23rd

James Cregut

Margaret Rogers

Juan Ramirez

July 25th

Charles Menzina

July 26th

Sharon Kelly

July 27th

Hector Medrano

Kim Traina

July 28th

David Manuel

July 29th

Stacey Denny

Lonnie Fauchaux

July 31st

Justin Szymanski

If I've missed your birthday, please email me at tabulletin@suddenlinkmail.com so that I can add you to the master

THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, July 1st

9:30 AM

Sunday Mass

1:30 PM

Misa en Español

Monday, July 2nd

9:00 AM - 4:00PM -

Church Office Open

5:30 PM

Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Tuesday, July 3rd

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

Wednesday, July 4th

7:30 AM - 8:00AM

Penance & Reconciliation

8:15 AM

Daily Mass

9:00 AM - 4:00PM

Church Office Open

Thursday, July 5th

7:30 AM - 8:00AM

Penance & Reconciliation

8:15 AM

Daily Mass

9:00 AM - 4:00PM

Church Office Open

Friday, July 6th

9:00 AM - 1:00PM

Church Office Open

11:15 AM - 11:45AM

Penance & Reconciliation

12:00 PM

Daily Mass

Saturday, July 7th

3:30PM - 4:45AM

Penance & Reconciliation

5:00 PM

Vigil Mass



Altar Flowers donated by George & Carmen

Trevison in memory of Art & Mary Jane

Trevison Anniversary



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 July 1st 2023

Lectors: John Allen, Tom Garza

EMHC: George Trevison, Mary Carol Vidrine

Altar Servers: Cedric, Kevin & Peter Serio

Sunday July 2nd, 2023

Lectors: Jim Martin, Larry Mullens

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

Altar Servers: Hannah & Brooklynn Bryan

Saturday July 8th 2023

Lectors: Pam Allen, Samantha Groce

EMHC: John Ryan Serio, Slade Richard

Altar Servers: Jack, Jessie & Julie Groce

Sunday July 9th, 2023

Lectors: Ryan & Lorelei Freling

EMHC: Larry Mullens, Joan Mullens, Paul Jackson, Elaine Johnson

Altar Servers: Brennan & Matthew Jackson



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

Miriam Bishop	Katherine Ned
Judy Bower	Don Olivier
Frankie Career	Matthew Reichert
Judy Darcey	Tristen Roberts
Sean Dwyer	Pearline Robey
Becky Ferrell	Laura Leigh Saleese
Mary Lou French	Jennie Schutte-Patrick
Emmely Gay	Diane Singletary
Bernice Harrison	Jo Mary Smith
Harvey Hayes	Nicole Smith
Maureen Hinton	Polly Smith
Magnolia Johnson	Tyler Sorrels
Jeffery Judice	Holly Hollis Star
Roserita Lefevre	Willie Tannerhill
Chris Letendre	Delore Taylor
Ken Martinez	Karen Taylor
Tobie McKown	Ken Taylor
Claudia Michel	Diane Theriot
Leopoldo Michel	Pam Turner
Rueben Moreno	Kathleen "Kathy" Walter
Cynthia Murry	Clelie Welch
	Janice Williams

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

June 10/ 11

General Sunday Collection \$10,6236.00

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.



Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel we hear Jesus tell us: "Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple—Amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward." This week, know that you will bring hope to the poor by your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.



Décimo Tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

En el Evangelio de hoy, escuchamos a Jesús decir: "Asimismo, el que dé un vaso de agua fresca a uno de estos pequeños, porque es discípulo, no quedará sin recompensa: soy Yo quien se lo digo." Esta semana, reconoce que le estarás trayendo esperanza a los pobres con tu regalo a la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paul.



Saturday July 1st

Arthur & Mary Jane Trevison +
(by George & Carmen Trevison)

Sunday July 2nd

Dennis C Kennedy +
(by Gary & Selene Kennedy)

Por los feligreses de la parroquia
Santo Tomas de Aquino

Tuesday July 4th

Fr. Gabriel Cisneros
(by Mary Carol Vidrine)

Wednesday July 5th

Fr. Kelby Tingle
(by Gary & Selene Kennedy)

Sunday July 6th

Fr. Gabriel Cisneros
(by Gary & Selene Kennedy)

Sunday July 7th

Fr. Kelby Tingle
(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/>



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.



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

Kids in the Kitchen

Where: Louisiana Tech University, Carson Taylor Hall Room 156
 When: July 18, 19, 20
 Time: 9:00 am till Noon
 Cost: \$60



Youth will learn about knife safety, how to measure ingredients, safety in the kitchen, what is MyPlate, along with cooking delicious dishes. Come by the LSU AgCenter to register at 307 North Homer Street. Office phone number 318-251-5134.



Dollar Lunch

The St. Thomas Aquinas Parish \$Lunch Program has wrapped up another successful year of feeding & serving our LA Tech Students! Thank you to all the teams that cooked & the countless volunteers that donated food, sent desserts & served in any way. With over 1700 meals served, we couldn't do it without you! We will be back again in the fall to continue this wonderful ministry! If you are interested in helping and would like to volunteer, please contact Christi Faulkner at 318-278-4904.

HELP WANTED

MTJ SMITH PROPERTIES, LLC IS NEEDING A PART TIME EMPLOYEE TO HELP WITH MAINTENANCE FOR THEIR RENTAL PROPERTY. PLEASE CALL 318-513-2200 IF INTERESTED.



Piano Lessons

Evan Simon
 (985)789-0623
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.

 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.

Eucharistic Revival and Eucharistic Congress



For additional faith resources as we continue into this year of the Eucharistic Revival, please visit our Eucharistic Revival page on our website by <https://www.dioshpt.org/eucharistic-revival>

And to register for the 10th National Eucharistic Congress, please <https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/>



Novena for Corpus Cristi

The novena starts on June 2. Pick up a guide for the novena in the church vestibule. These are available in both English and Spanish.

Sophia Institute for Teachers – Summer Activities

A ready-to-use Sunday Gospel resource for June, July, and August. Link: <https://sophiainstituteforteachers.org/lesson/teaching-the-liturgical-year>

If you are looking for summer religious education activities for your family, download the free resources that go along with the weekly readings and liturgical year.

Adult Education

The group will continue to view the Angels video on June 4. Father Kevin will lead the *Book of Revelation from A Catholic Perspective* starting Sunday, June 11. The group will meet in the E. Donn Piatt Student Center at 10:45 am – 11:45 am on Sundays throughout the summer.

Women's Small Group

The Women's Small Group is still meeting periodically throughout the summer months. They are using the Scripture study Keeping in Balance by Walking with Purpose. Please call Bridget Skinner if you are interested in joining this small group. 318-243-3081

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SUCCESS!

Thank you to all the volunteers who dedicated their time and resources to our 2023 VBS. Thank you to the parishioners who gave supplies, desserts, and donations to our family night. We served 50 children this summer, and we taught them about how the Mass is a MYSTERY, a GIFT, a CELEBRATION, a MEAL, and a CALL to be a light in the world. Thanks to the St. Thomas Aquinas Kids who presented me with flowers and gifts. I appreciate everyone that I have had known and worked alongside with during my time here as DRE. Thank you all so much!





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

Job Openings

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

- Catholic School Principal
- Director of Marriage & Family Life
- Information Technology "IT" Technician
- Administrative Assistant for Director of Multicultural Ministries

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

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 programing. 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.

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