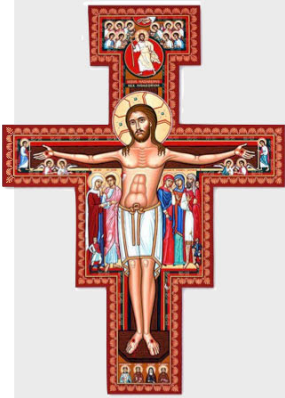


JULY 9TH, 2023 | 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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



14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,
and I will give you rest."

Matthew 11:28

14^o Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

"Vengan a mí los que van cansados, llevando pesadas cargas,
y yo los aliviaré."

Mateo 11, 28

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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>July 1st</u>	Isabella Cortez Abel Lainez
<u>July 2nd</u>	Camille Mhire
<u>July 3rd</u>	Freddy Mujica
<u>July 4th</u>	Marilyn Priego America Hernandez Dulce Aviles-Vazquez Jose Villa
<u>July 5th</u>	Ava Good
<u>July 7th</u>	Joshua Ramachandran Roseanne Skapura Sophia Reis
<u>July 9th</u>	Juana Tomas Cecil Crawford Amalia Perez Lopez Leslie Garcia
<u>July 10th</u>	Mallary Adams
<u>July 12th</u>	Michael Nammour Victor Velazquez
<u>July 13th</u>	Brooklynn Bryan Dennis Lopez
<u>July 14th</u>	Samantha McCumber
<u>July 16th</u>	Pat Crawford
<u>July 17th</u>	John Gass Tom Bishop Axel Garcia
<u>July 18th</u>	Mary Virginia Adams Steven Groce Eimy Lainez Luka Lopez Arnulfo Perez Kerry Viator
<u>July 19th</u>	Joseph Luffey
<u>July 20th</u>	Deborah Abraham
<u>July 21st</u>	Mia Morpheu Matthew Jackson Yasmin Torres Lometa Rorie Kathleen Brucia Charlotte Rust
<u>July 22nd</u>	Marissa Gonzalez Cruz Morales
<u>July 23rd</u>	James Cregut Margaret Rogers Juan Ramirez
<u>July 25th</u>	Charles Menzina
<u>July 26th</u>	Sharon Kelly
<u>July 27th</u>	Hector Medrano Kim Traina
<u>July 28th</u>	David Manuel
<u>July 29th</u>	Stacey Denny
<u>July 31st</u>	Lonnie Fauchaux Justin Szymanski

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, July 8th	9:30 AM 1:30 PM	Sunday Mass Misa en Español
Monday, July 9th	9:00 AM - 4:00PM - 5:30 PM	Church Office Open Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Tuesday, July 10th	7:30 AM - 8:00AM 8:15 AM 9:00 AM - 4:00PM - 10:00 AM	Penance & Reconciliation Daily Mass Church Office Open Lectio Divina
Wednesday, July 11th	7:30 AM - 8:00AM 8:15 AM 9:00 AM - 4:00PM	Penance & Reconciliation Daily Mass Church Office Open
Thursday, July 12th	7:30 AM - 8:00AM 8:15 AM 9:00 AM - 4:00PM	Penance & Reconciliation Daily Mass Church Office Open
Friday, July 13th	9:00 AM - 1:00PM 11:15 AM - 11:45AM 12:00 PM	Church Office Open Penance & Reconciliation Daily Mass
Saturday, July 14th	3:30PM - 4:45AM 5:00 PM	Penance & Reconciliation Vigil Mass



Altar Flowers donated by John & Stacey
Denny in honor of their 25th wedding
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 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

Saturday July 15th 2023

Lectors: Christie Weeks, Mary Carol Vidrine

EMHC: Slade Richard, John Ryan Serio

Altar Servers: Cedric, Kevin & Peter Serio

Sunday July 16th, 2023

Lectors: Carmen Bishop, Paul Jackson

EMHC: Jim Martin, Mary Ghongkedze, Rodney Manning, Thomas Rogers

Altar Servers: Maggie & Georgia Rogers



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 24/ 25

General Sunday Collection \$4,057.00

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.



Join our Diocesan Email Newsletter Today
Scan the QR code or go to diocshq.org to sign up!

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the Gospel today we hear Jesus say: "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brings peace to those who are overwhelmed with life's burdens.



Décimo Cuarto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

En el Evangelio de hoy, escuchamos a Jesús decir: "Vengan a Mi los que van cansados llevando cargas y yo los aliviaré." Tu regalo a la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl le traerá paz a aquellos quienes están abrumados con las cargas de la vida.



Saturday July 8th

Miguel Rico +
(by George & Carmen Trevison)

Sunday July 9th

Thelma Broussard +
(by George & Carmen Trevison)

For the parishioners of St.
Thomas Aquinas

Tuesday July 11th

Thomas Wood +
(by Joseph Curtain)

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 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.

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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