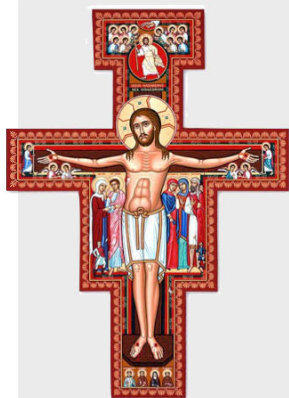


JULY 30TH, 2023 | 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY in Ordinary Time



Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind. When it is full they haul it ashore and sit down to put what is good into buckets. What is bad they throw away.

Matthew 13:47-48

¿Qui tienen otra figura del Reino de los Cielos: una red que se ha echado al mar y que recoge peces de todas clases. Cuando está llena, los pescadores la sacan a la orilla, se sientan, escogen los peces buenos, los echan en canastos y tiran los que no sirven.

Mateo 13:47-48

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>August 1st</u>	Nora Ramachandran
	Adolfo Leon
<u>August 2nd</u>	Paola Torres
<u>August 3rd</u>	Danny Nash
<u>August 4th</u>	Anna Kate Jackson
	Heidi Morphew
	Gilberto Espinoza, Jr.
	Elizabeth Salazar
<u>August 7th</u>	Damian Nash
	Javier Ramirez
<u>August 8th</u>	Landry Tucker
<u>August 9th</u>	Erick David Alvarado Garro
<u>August 10th</u>	Maria Elena Mendez
<u>August 11th</u>	Stephanie Viator
	Rosilynn Gillum
	George Smith
<u>August 12th</u>	Beth Buske
	Nicolas Reyes
<u>August 13th</u>	Esmá Smith
<u>August 15th</u>	Almario Manlutac
<u>August 16th</u>	Jonathan Roger
	Heather Jach
<u>August 17th</u>	Jerry Drewett
<u>August 18th</u>	Ginger Manuel
	Michael Gillum
<u>August 19th</u>	Ed Jacobs
	Karen Jacobs
<u>August 20th</u>	Cristina Mariano
	Fredy Lopez
<u>August 21st</u>	Allie Jo Martin
<u>August 24th</u>	Trisha Pangilinan
	Jose Hernandez
<u>August 25th</u>	Traci Maier
	Frank Cordaro
<u>August 26th</u>	Bill Tubre
	Carmen Bishop
	Kadie Frost
	Donna Serio
<u>August 27th</u>	Gene Mariano
	Larry Gomez
	Adriana Avilez Vazquez
<u>August 28th</u>	Kelly Decerbo
	Eliza Rust
<u>August 29th</u>	Camila Derosa
	Lizeth Ramirez
	Thomas Hanna
<u>August 31st</u>	Ronald Barron
	Diana May

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

<u>Sunday, July 30th</u>	
9:30 AM	Sunday Mass
1:30 PM	Misa en Español
<u>Monday, July 31st</u>	
9:00 AM - 4:00PM -	Church Office Open
5:30 PM	Chaplet of Divine Mercy
<u>Tuesday, August 1st</u>	
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
<u>Wednesday, August 2nd</u>	
7:30 AM - 8:00AM	Penance & Reconciliation
8:15 AM	Daily Mass
9:00 AM - 4:00PM	Church Office Open
<u>Thursday, August 3rd</u>	
7:30 AM - 8:00AM	Penance & Reconciliation
8:15 AM	Daily Mass
9:00 AM - 4:00PM	Church Office Open
<u>Friday, August 4th</u>	
8:00 AM - 12:00PM	Church Office Open
11:15 AM - 11:45AM	Penance & Reconciliation
12:00 PM	Daily Mass
<u>Saturday, August 5th</u>	
3:30PM - 4:45AM	Penance & Reconciliation
5:00 PM	Vigil Mass



Altar Flowers donated by Roland & Pam Allen
in honor of Carol Dubel's birthday



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 29th 2023

Lectors: John Allen, Tom Garza

EMHC: George Trevison, Slade Richard

Altar Servers: Cedric, Kevin and Peter Serio

Sunday July 30th, 2023

Lectors: Thomas Rogers, Carmen Bishop

EMHC: Joan Mullens, Emily Chartier, Larry Mullens, Gary Kennedy

Altar Servers: Hannah & Brooklynn Bryan

Saturday August 5th 2023

Lectors: Pam Allen, Samantha Groce

EMHC: Slade Richard, Trish Carter

Altar Servers: Jack, Jessie & Julie Groce

Sunday August 6th, 2023

Lectors: Ryan and Lorelie Freling

EMHC: Mary Ghongkedze, Paul Jackson, Tom Bishop, Jim Martin

Altar Servers: Brennan & Matthew Jackson



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

Miriam Bishop
Frankie Career
Judy Darcey
Sean Dwyer
Becky Ferrell
Mary Lou French
Emmely Gay
Bernice Harrison
Harvey Hayes
Maureen Hinton
Magnolia Johnson
Jeffery Judice
Roserita Lefevre
Chris Letendre
Ken Martinez
Tobie McKown
Claudia Michel
Leopoldo Michel
Rueben Moreno

Cynthia Murry
Katherine Ned
Don Olivier
Matthew Reichert
Tristen Roberts
Pearline Robey
Laura Leigh Saleese
Jennie Schutte-Patrick
Diane Singletary
Nicole Smith
Polly Smith
Tyler Sorrels
Holly Hollis Star
Willie Tannerhill
Karen Taylor
Diane Theriot
Pam Turner
Kathleen "Kathy" Walter
Janice Williams

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

July 15/ 16

General Sunday Collection \$5,228.00

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.



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the Gospel, we find that the demand of daily Christian living is to spend our life primarily searching for the kingdom of God. In June through your gifts to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist 11 families, providing \$1,239.98 in food, utilities and rent bills, etc. Thank You!



Décimo Séptimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

En el Evangelio de hoy, descubrimos que las exigencias de vivir diariamente la vida Cristiana son, ante todo, en búsqueda del Reino de Dios. Este mes, por medio de tus regalos a la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl, logramos asistir 11 familias, proveyendo \$1,239.98 en comestibles y para gastos de luz, gas, agua y renta. Muchas Gracias y que Dios se los pague.



Saturday July 29th

John Smith +
(by George & Carmen Trevison)

Sunday July 30th

For the parishioners of St.
Thomas Aquinas

Tuesday August 1st

Billy Abrahm +
(by Mary Carol Vidrine)

Thursday August 3rd

Debra Leblanc
(by Debra Leblanc)

Friday August 3rd

Billy Abrahm +
(by Mary Carol Vidrine)

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

CCA SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

**108 SOUTH BONNER
RUSTON, LA**

Bring any school supply item K-12 on lincolnschools.org web site to CCA between 9am-12pm M-F We will bag them and help our clients' children have a great start to the school year!
Accepting donations
July 10-August 10, 2023
christiancommunityactionlp.org



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.

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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

July 2023

Office of Multicultural Ministry
Diocese of Shreveport
3500 Fairfield Ave
Shreveport, LA 71104

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

For the last 12 years, Busqueda, has been a vital part of the Hispanic Ministry Office. Many teenagers have been impacted in a profound way because of this retreat, and I am sure several of you heard many wonderful stories about lived experiences during that weekend. This letter is to inform you about the future of Busqueda. Due to the recent diocesan office change from Hispanic Ministry to Multicultural Ministry in January of 2023 by Bishop Malone, the Office of Multicultural Ministry will no longer be hosting the Busqueda Retreat for the ages of 13-18. The mission of the Office of Multicultural Ministry is to promote unity among the different ethnicities, cultures, and racial groups within the Catholic Church; therefore, the Office of Multicultural Ministry is working closely with the Office of Youth Ministry to integrate our Hispanic youth with the rest of the youth from our diocese. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops recently released "The National Pastoral Plan for Hispanic/Latino Ministry." This plan emphasizes integration and inclusion seeking to encourage unity among different ethnic, cultural, and racial groups. This unity needs to be the starting point for deep and meaningful encounters among diverse people. As John Chapter 17 verse 21 states, "Christ came and was crucified" so that they may all be one."

On behalf of the Office of Multicultural Ministry, we would like to thank everyone that made the Busqueda Retreats possible, especially the guides. Thank you for giving your time and talents to the service of God, and we look forward to having you continue to serve our youth in new ways moving forward.

Sincerely,

Karla Alvarez Gutierrez
Director of Multicultural Ministries

Oficina de Ministerio Multicultural
Diocesis de Shreveport
3500 Fairfield Ave
Shreveport, LA 71104

Queridos hermanos v hermanas en cristo

Durante los ultimos 12 anos. Búsqueda. ha sido una parte esencial de la oficina del Ministerio Hispano. Muchos adolescentes han sido marcados profundamente por este retiro, y estoy segura de que mucho de ustedes han escuchado historias maravillosas sobre experiencias vividas durante ese fin de semana.

Esta carta es para informarles sobre el futuro de Búsqueda. Debido al reciente cambio de la oficina diocesana de Ministerio Hispano a Ministerio Multicultural en enero de 2023 por el Obispo Malone, la Oficina de Ministerio Multicultural ya no seguirá organizando el Retiro Búsqueda para las edades de 13-18 años. La misión de la Oficina del Ministerio Multicultural es promover la unidad entre las diferentes etnicidades, culturas y grupos raciales dentro de la Iglesia Católica; por lo tanto, la Oficina de Ministerio Multicultural está trabajando con cercanía con la Oficina de Pastora Juvenil para integrar a nuestros jóvenes hispanos con el resto de los jóvenes de nuestra diócesis. La Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos publicó recientemente "El Plan Pastoral Nacional para el Ministerio Hispano/Latino" Este plan hace énfasis en la integración e inclusión buscando promover la unidad entre los diferentes grupos étnicos, culturales v raciales. Esta unidad debe ser el punto de partida de encuentros profundos v significativos entre personas diversas. Como dice Juan capítulo 17 versículo 21, "Cristo vino y fue crucificado "para que todos sean uno"". En nombre de la Oficina del Ministerio Multicultural, nos gustaría dar las gracias a todos los que hicieron posible los Retiros de Búsqueda, especialmente a los guías. Gracias por dar su tiempo y talentos al servicio de Dios, v esperamos que continúen sirviendo a nuestros jóvenes de nuevas maneras en el futuro

Atentamente,
Karla Alvarez Gutierrez
Directora del Ministerio Multicultural

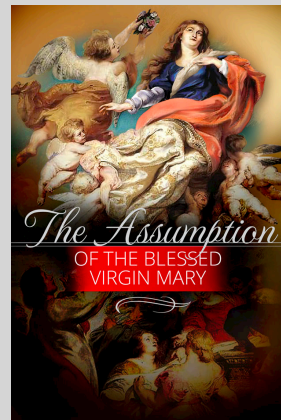
**Please Help your
Neighbors in
Lincoln Parish
through SVDP**



Requests for food, utility, and housing assistance is high this summer due to record high temperatures, children at home, and inflation.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a Catholic lay organization inspired by Gospel values to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering.

Please help us in this mission of charity by making a donation today. You can either place your donation in the poor box at the back of the church or by mail: Saint Vincent de Paul, P.O. Box 2462, Ruston LA 71273-2462. Checks payable to Saint Vincent de Paul.



Tuesday August 15th 2023 is The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and a Holy Day of Obligation.

We will celebrate two Masses: 8:15 am and 6:00 pm.

Saint Mary, assumed into heaven, may your life with God, body and soul, be our goal. May we see your quiet devotion to God and the Church as an example to be followed, a target to be aimed at, and a destiny that awaits the serious Christian who emulates your subtle virtues.



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 are 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.

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