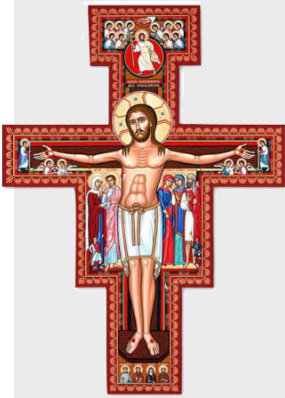


SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2023 | 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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**
Fr. Charles Ssenyondo **Parroquial Vicar**
Deacon John Serio
Deacon Robert Ransom
Marcie Tucker (318) 255-2870 **Business Manager**
Matthew Bryan **President of Pastoral Council**
Thurston Allen **Chairman of Finance Council**
St. Vincent de Paul Society (318)255-8090



Amen, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.
Matthew 18:18

Yo les digo: Todo lo que aten en la tierra, lo mantendrá atado el Cielo, y todo lo que desaten en la tierra, lo mantendra desatado el Cielo.
Mateo 18:18

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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**September 1st**

Jessie Groce

Julie Groce

September 2nd

Becky McConnell

September 3rd

Dawn Ransom

Jack White

Lizet Martinez

September 4th

Abraham Ajanel

Douglas Gerace

September 6th

Tracy Oakley

Sam Williams

Connie Kozar

September 7th

Carter Lewis

Karla Buenostro Valle

September 8th

Rodney Manning

Nora Morphew

September 9th

Alyssa Langiulli

Anahi Melendez

Laisha Mendez

Tomas de la Rosa

September 10th

Gabi Burton

September 11th

Tonya Slusher

Erskine Lindsey

Angela Luffey

Norberto Turrubiarres

Allie DeLeo-Allen

Gabiella Ramirez

September 14th

Margo Budds

Gary Luffey

September 17th

Sergio Hernandez Flores

Nicolle Mujica

Juan Monjaras

September 19th

Deezy Williams

Joan Mullens

September 20th

Laia Texcanua

David Cannon

September 21st

Rosa Mujica

Sonia Francisco

Anna Langiulli

Nathan Decerbo

September 23rd

Luke White

Rebecca Ferrell

Tammy Schilling

September 24th

Mia Rabb

September 25th

Maria Candelaria Ramirez

September 26th

Cindy Hampton

Olivia Bryan

Dustin Frost

Rhonda Reed

September 27th

Marc Kozar

Hilda Perez

September 29th

Gabriel Mhire

Liam Taylor

Sergio Hernandez Flores

September 30th

Dayanny Langiulli

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

THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE**Sunday, September 10th**

9:30 AM

Sunday Mass

1:30 PM

Misa en Español

7:00 PM

Sunday Mass

Monday, September 11th

7:30 AM - 8:00AM

Penance & Reconciliation

8:15 AM

Daily Mass

9:00 AM - 4:00PM -

Church Office Open

Tuesday, September 12th

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, September 13th

7:30 AM - 8:00AM

Penance & Reconciliation

8:15 AM

Daily Mass

9:00 AM - 4:00PM

Church Office Open

Thursday, September 14th

7:30 AM - 8:00AM

Penance & Reconciliation

8:15 AM

Daily Mass

9:00 AM - 4:00PM

Church Office Open

Friday, September 15th

8:00 AM - 12:00PM

Church Office Open

11:15 AM - 11:45AM

Penance & Reconciliation

12:00 PM

Daily Mass

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Adoration

Saturday, September 16th

3:30PM - 4:45AM

Penance & Reconciliation

5:00 PM

Vigil Mass



Altar Flowers donated Matthew & Mindy
Bryan in memory of Bill Upshaw



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 September 9th 2023

Lectors: Christie Weeks, Mary Carol Vidrine

EMHC: John Ryan Serio, Beth Buske

Altar Servers: Cedric, Kevin and Peter Serio

Sunday September 10th, 2023

Lectors: Stacey Denny, Paul Jackson

EMHC: Gary Kennedy, Larry Mullens, Joan Mullens, Elaine Johnson

Altar Servers: Hannah & Brooklynn Bryan

Saturday September 16th 2023

Lectors: George Trevison, Dolly Hurtig

EMHC: Slade Richard, Trish Carter

Altar Servers: Jack, Jessie & Julie Groce

Sunday September 17th, 2023

Lectors: AJ Barbiero, Josie Bishop

EMHC: Emily Chartier, Tom Bishop, Jim Martin, Mary Ghongkedze

Altar Servers: Brennan & Matthew Jackson



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

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

Susan Morpew
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
Willie Tannerhill
Karen Taylor
Diane Theriot
Pam Turner
David & Kim St. John
Kathleen "Kathy" Walter
Janice Williams

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

August 26/ 27

General Sunday Collection \$3,368.00

Thank you for continued and generous support!

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel, Jesus says: "...where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we help them to know that indeed "God is in the midst of them."



Vigésimo Tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús dice: "...Yo les aseguro también, que si dos de ustedes se ponen de acuerdo para pedir algo, sea lo que sea, mi Padre celestial se los concederá; pues donde dos o tres se reúnen en mi nombre, ahí estoy yo en medio de ellos."

¿Acaso haya una familia que conoces que necesite asistencia? Favor de llamar a la Sociedad de San Vicente Paúl para que juntos podamos ayudarles saber que, de verdad, "Dios esta en medio de ellos."



Saturday September 9th

For the parishioners of St. Thomas Aquinas

Sunday September 10th

Charles Bourgeois +
(by Mary Bailey)

Monday September 11th

Angela Luffey
(by Barbara Lewis)

Wednesday September 13th

Walter Buboltz, Sr. +
(by Terry Buboltz)

Thursday September 14th

Gary Luffey
(by Barbara Lewis)

Friday September 15th

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/>



Registration is now open for the Women's ACTS Retreat, October 3-5, 2023.

If there is one spiritual gift you give yourself this year that lasts for a lifetime, this would be it. What you receive in return is doubled and what you are able to give to others afterward is immeasurable.

Cost is \$200 and do not let this prevent you from going. Financial assistance may be available. There aren't too many places you can go for a weekend, for \$200, that includes your meals, activities, and transportation. You will meet women of all ages, walks-of-life, and cultures – so there is no excuse that you are too young or old, etc. to attend. Seven (7) women from St. Thomas Aquinas attended this past Spring ...the highest number we've ever had. Let's get this number again – or higher!

Registration forms are available in the church vestibule, church office or you can contact

Retreat Director: Laura Maclin 318-348-2956

Space is limited – Registration deadline is Aug. 28



Family of Faith/PSR registration is now open!
Please register by completing a registration form in the back of the Church.

Registration will close on Tuesday, September 5th, and Family of Faith/PSR classes will begin Sunday, September 10th. Cost is \$30 per child. For more information or questions, please contact Melinda Bryan at 318-525-4906 or melinda@latech.edu

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.



The Dollar Lunch Program will be offered once again for the 2023-2024 academic year! This program is a ministry of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church. We offer all LA Tech students a hot lunch & dessert throughout the year for a donation of \$1.00. This ministry has been in place for over 20 years and gives the students a place to come and enjoy a meal and meet with friends. Volunteers are needed to cook, serve and provide desserts. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Christi Faulkner 318-278-4904 (chair) or Diana May 318-573-0388 (dessert chair). We are looking forward to another year of meeting and serving our LA Tech students!



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



Rachel's Vineyard Retreat: If you or someone you love is hurting from an abortion, please call the dedicated line: 318-588-1064 for information, or visit the website at www.rachelsvineyard.org. Absolute confidentiality is maintained by team members and participants prior to, during, and following the Rachel's Vineyard Retreats.

The next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat will be October 20-22, 2023.

If you have any questions, or to register, please contact the Rachel's Vineyard confidential line at 318-588-1064.



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.

RELIGIOUS EMBLEMS WORKSHOP

A Religious Emblems Workshop sponsored by the Catholic Committee on Scouting will be held for any Scout, boy or girl, interested in earning a religious scouting emblem on **Saturday, September 23rd 2023**, at Christ the King Catholic Church in Bossier City beginning at 9:00 AM. The cost of \$15 covers all materials and lunch. Please register in advance so that materials are available to all participants.

Contact Mr. Richard Buchanan at: 318-564-7865 or rbuchan5@bellsouth.net to register or ask questions.

Multicultural Ministries

Family Picnic

The Diocesan Multicultural Ministry invites all families to enjoy an afternoon filled with games, food, and fun!
Bring a blanket!

Saturday
OCT. 14, 2023
2PM-6PM

\$5 /Person

Catholic Center Parking Lot
3500 Fairfield Ave,
Shreveport, LA 71104

RESERVE YOUR TICKET BY EMAIL/CALL
kalvarez@dioshpt.org
(318)219-7265

Multicultural Ministries

Picnic Familiar

¡El Ministerio Multicultural Diocesano invita a todas las familias a disfrutar de una tarde con juegos, comida y diversión!
¡Trae una manta!

Sabado
14 DE OCTUBRE 2023
2PM-6PM

\$5 /Persona

Centro Catolico
3500 Fairfield Ave,
Shreveport, LA 71104

RESERVA TU LUGAR POR CORREO O LLAMADA
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Order of Christian Initiation of Adults - OCIA

The weekly meetings for OCIA begin September 21, 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm.

If you are interested in joining the Catholic Church or learning more about the faith please gather with us. It is also for Catholic adults who are may need other sacramental formation. If you have any questions you may contact Dc. John Serio, email: jdser@bellsouth.net



All ladies of St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church are invited to the Women's Guild luncheon on **Tuesday September 12th at noon in the Luffey Center.** Lunch is provided for a \$5 donation. The Women's Guild is an excellent way to meet and socialize with Catholic friends. The group offers many spiritual, service, and social opportunities throughout the year. For more information contact Rhonda at 318-548-7127.

COMMUNITY OF JESUS CRUCIFIED
CJC SISTER SERVANTS

COME & SEE
SEPTEMBER 22-25, 2023

For young women 19-36 -years of age

"In my own body I fill up what is lacking in the sufferings of Christ for the sake of His body the Church." ~ Colossians 1:24

103 Railroad Ave
St. Martinville, LA 70582

Registration required, please
email: cjcbvocationdirectress@gmail.com or call 337-394-6550

DIOCESE OF SHREVEPORT YOUTH MINISTRY

GATHER

EAST
SEPTEMBER 24
12:30 - 4 PM
JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD

WEST
SEPTEMBER 30
6 - 9:30 PM
ST. JUDE

SOUTH
OCTOBER 1
2 - 5:30 PM
ST. JOSEPH, ZWOLLE

\$10 REGISTRATION FEE, REGISTER AT YOUR CHURCH PARISH
EVENTS ARE OPEN TO ALL DIOCESAN 6TH - 12TH GRADE STUDENTS