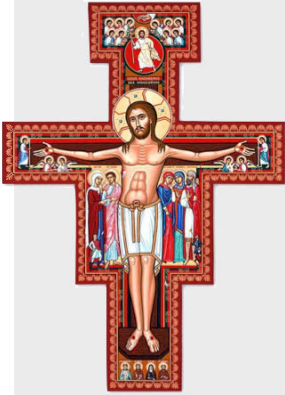


SEPTEMBER 17TH, 2023 | 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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	

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY *in Ordinary Time*



So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives his brother from his heart.

Matthew 18:35

Pues lo mismo hará mi Padre celestial con ustedes, si cada cual no perdona de corazón a su hermano.

Mateo 18:35

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 Turrubiarces
Allie DeLeo-Allen
Gabriella 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

September 24th

Tammy Schilling

September 25th

Mia Rabb
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 17th

9:30 AM	Sunday Mass
1:30 PM	Misa en Español
7:00 PM	Sunday Mass

Monday, September 18th

7:30 AM - 8:00AM	Penance & Reconciliation
8:15 AM	Daily Mass
9:00 AM - 4:00PM -	Church Office Open

Tuesday, September 19th

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 20th

7:30 AM - 8:00AM	Penance & Reconciliation
8:15 AM	Daily Mass
9:00 AM - 4:00PM	Church Office Open
8:00 PM	Mass

Thursday, September 21st

7:30 AM - 8:00AM	Penance & Reconciliation
8:15 AM	Daily Mass
9:00 AM - 4:00PM	Church Office Open

Friday, September 22nd

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 23rd

3:30PM - 4:45AM	Penance & Reconciliation
5:00 PM	Vigil Mass



Altar Flowers donated Josh & Erin Rabb in honor of Steve & Eileen Laffite's 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 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

Saturday September 23rd 2023

Lectors: John Allen, Tom Garza

EMHC: Trish Carter, John Ryan Serio

Altar Servers: Cedric, Kevin and Peter Serio

Sunday September 24th, 2023

Lectors: Jim Martin, Larry

EMHC: Mary Ghongkedze, Gary Kennedy, Elaine Johnson, Todd Wasson

Altar Servers: Maggie & Georgia Rogers



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

September 2/3

General Sunday Collection \$9,743.00

Thank you for continued and generous support!

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The challenge in today's Gospel, is to forget how others have behaved toward us and to look to God's way of loving and forgiving. Our focus must be on God. Is there a neighbor or friend of yours who is in temporary need because of a loss of a job or an illness? Please leave a message for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul...we want to help!



Vigésimo Cuarto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

El desafío en el Evangelio de hoy es de olvidar como otros se han portado sobre nosotros y buscar la manera en que Dios nos ama y perdona. Nuestro enfoque debe ser en Dios. ¿Acaso tendrás un amigo(a) o vecino(a) en necesidad por la pérdida de su trabajo o por alguna enfermedad? Favor de dejar su mensaje a la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl en nuestra parroquia. ¡Nosotros deseamos ayudar!



Saturday September 16th Mike Burke +
(by Bill & Jean Schodlatz)

Sunday September 17th For the Parishioners of
St. Thomas Aquinas
Herman & Mary Manuel +
(by Barbara Lewis)

Monday September 18th Dr. Carlos Mayora Escobar
(by George & Carmen Trevison)

Tuesday September 19th Bernadette Bennett +
(by Barbara Lewis)

Wednesday September 20th Mary Smith +
(by George & Carmen Trevison)

Thursday September 21st Tom & Becky Garza
(by Barbara Lewis)

Friday September 22nd 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/>



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

THE ANGELS GATHERED
A FREE CONCERT
October 8, 2023 @ 5PM

Music commissioned by the **Shreveport Summer Music Festival**, composed and conducted by **Maestro Kermit Poling**, performed by the **Cathedral Choir of St. John Berchmans, St. Cecilia Society, Prisma, Shreveport Opera Express** and the **Shreveport Festival Orchestra**, and dedicated to the memory of the **Five Priests** who gave their lives during the Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1873.

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH
315 Marshall Street • Shreveport, Louisiana

SHREVEPORT
SUMMER
MUSIC FESTIVAL

SHREVEPORT MARTYRS
OF 1873

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 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/>



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



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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BEING CATHOLIC

at Louisiana Tech University

Welcome Back Bulldogs!



Students gathered on the first day of classes to have a game night in the E. Donn Piatt Catholic Student Center.

For more information, please visit: stac-acts.com

School is back in session and the campus is full of students once more! The week that classes began, ACTS held an event everyday to kick off the new school year and welcome the new students! The events were a ton of fun and we can't wait to keep the events going throughout the year!

Weekly ACTStivities

Monday:

- * Campus Rosary 12pm
- * Freshman Crossing 6pm

Wednesday:

- * Bible Study 6:30am
- * Dollar Lunch 11:30am
- * Guys & Girls Groups 6pm
- * Student Mass 8pm

Thursday:

- * Campus Rosary 12pm
- * Bible Study 7pm

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: cjphsvocationdirectress@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