OCTOBER 15TH, 2023 | 28TH 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 & 8:00PM

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

Monday-Thursday 7:30AM-8:00AM Friday 11:15 AM - 11:45 AM Saturday: 3:30PM to 4:45PM

STAFF/TELEPHONE EXT.

Deacon Robert Ransom

Deacon John Serio

Marcie Tucker (318) 255-2870 Business Manager
Melinda Bryan (318) 525-4906 Interim PSR Director

Matthew Bryan President of Pastoral Council
Thurston Allen Chairman of Finance Council

St. Vincent de Paul Society (318)255-8090



esus again in reply spoke to them in parables, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast, but they refused to come.

Matthew 22:1-3

esús siguió hablándoles por medio de parábolas: "Aprendan algo del Reino de los Cielos. Un rey preparaba las bodas de su hijo, por lo que mandó a sus servidores a llamar a los invitados a la fiesta. Pero éstos no quisieron venir.

Mateo 22:1-3

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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October 1st Pat Gillum October 2nd Eric Sutherland Andres Mujica Mia Valley Jesus Castillo October 3rd Andre Ajanel October 5th Ileana Espinoza October 6th Selene Kennedy Octuber 7th Maria Hernandez Fitzgerald Anderson Alexander Anderson October 8th Virginia Lewis October 9th John Buske Denise Ramirez Lolita Baudoin October 11th Silvana Freeman John Denny October 12th **Brad Denny** October 13th Delena Ashworth Ramona Adams Quincy Lewis October 15th Ricky Meier Victoria Velazquez October 17th Dylan Nash October 19th Jan Luffey October 20th Nina Cazenave Paula Martin October 21st Judi Lalla October 22nd Adolfo Garcia Norma Schodlatz October 23rd Sutton Taylor

October 24th

Lander Smith

October 27th

Sandra Cannon

October 27th

October 28th Michael Villa
Jesus Castillo
October 29th Barbara Lewis

Kevin Serio McKenzie Oakley

Thalia Aguirre Nadja Haynie

October 31st Morgan Prarrie
Jaime Watson

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, October 15th

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

Monday, October 16th

7:30 AM - 8:00AM
Penance & Reconciliation
8:15 AM
Daily Mass
9:00 AM - 4:00PM 5:30 PM
Divine Mercy Chaplet

Tuesday, October 17th

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, October 18th

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, October 19th

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

Friday, October 20th

Saturday, October 21st

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



Flores donadas por Luis y Claudia Tapia en honor a Rosa Margarita Perez y Aurora Salazar



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 October 14th 2023

Lectors: George Trevison, Dolly Hurtig

EMHC: John Ryan Serio, Mary Carol Vidrine

Altar Servers: Jack, Jessie & Julie Groce

Sunday October 15th, 2023

Lectors: Stacey Denny, Paul Jackson

EMHC: Carol Mercier, Todd Wasson, Mary Ghongkedze, Elaine Johnson

Altar Servers: Brennan & Matthew Jackson

Saturday September 21st 2023

Lectors: John Allen, Tom Garza

EMHC: George Trevison, John Ryan Serio

Altar Servers: Cedric, Kevin and Peter Serio

Sunday October 22nd, 2023

Lectors: Thomas Rogers, Mary Carol Vidrine

EMHC: Elaine Johnson, Paul Jackson, Jim Martin, Gary Kennedy

Altar Servers: Maggie & Georgia Rogers



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

Patti Hooper Allen Miriam Bishop Jackie Bolden Frankie Career Judy Darcey Laurie Duvall Sean Dwyer Becky Ferrell Mary Lou French Emmely Gay Bernice Harrison Harvey Haves Maureen Hinton Karl Johnson Magnolia Johnson Jeffery Judice Chris Letendre Ken Martinez Tobie McKown Claudia Michel

Leopoldo Michel

Rueben Moreno Kelly Morgan 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 30/ October 1

General Sunday Collection \$7,057.00

Thank you for continued and generous support!

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In today's Gospel we hear Jesus say: "Many are invited, but few are chosen." To give thanks for all that God has given to you, have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?



Vigésimo-Octavo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario:

En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús dice: "muchos son invitados, pero pocos son escogidos." Para dar gracias por todo que lo Dios te ha dado, ¿haz considerado responder al llamado de servir al pobre uniéndote a la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl?

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday October 14th For the Parishioners of St. Thomas

Aquinas

Sunday October 15th Dennis C Kennedy

(by Gary & Selene Kennedy)

Jan Luffey

(by Barbara Lewis)

Monday October 16th Mike Buske +

(by Ken & Trish Carter)

<u>Tuesday October 17th</u> Sister Maria Juana Vanegas+

(by George & Carmen Trevison)

Wednesday October 18th Blaise Consentino

(by Gene Cosentino)

Deceased members of St. Vincent

de Paul

(by Tom & Becky Garza)

Thursday October 19th Dr. Carlos Mayorga Escobar

(by George & Carmen Trevison)

Friday September 20th Vito Petrone

(by Victor Langiulli)

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

OCIA meets Thursdays 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



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 personto-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.

GUEST SPEAKER: MARY TREVINO



Mary lives in Denton, TX with her husband of 49 years, Manuel. She has 4 children and 18 grandchildren. She has served the Catholic Church as Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Sacristan, Catechist, Prayer Group Leader, Confirmation Coordinator, and Parish Council. She has served on teams with Cursillo, ACTS, Marriage Encounter and as Recording and Financial Secretary for Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

Mary has served in various positions with Magnificat, A Ministry to Catholic Women since 1999. Currently, she is the Coordinator for "Our Lady of The Most Blessed Sacrament" Grapevine, TX Chapter and serves in the office of Leadership for the Region 3 Service Team.

Join us on November 11th to hear Mary's testimony.

Magnificate A Ministry to Catholic Women

NOWELA Chapter Brunch Saturday, November 11, 2023

10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Catholic Center 3500 Fairfield Avenue Shreveport, LA 71104

Cost \$20 per person After 11/07/2023, call Sandy Chapman at (318) 222-0007 to check availability

Our Lady of Glory Service Team

Linda Balistrella, Coordinator Michele Duet, Assistant Coordinator Belle French, Secretary Kim DeLouche, Treasurer Majorie Ainsworth, Historian

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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!



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





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!

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.



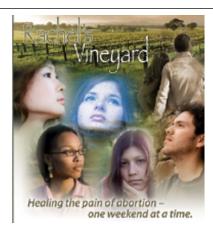


There is now a desktop computer station available in the Joe & Roger Luffey Youth Room that is designated for completing Virtus bulletins and Protecting God's Children online training. If you need internet access to complete your monthly Virtus bulletins, you are encouraged to use this computer station. 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.



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.



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.



Our year of youth ministry has begun!

https://www.dioshpt.org/youth-ministry-forms

If you child would like to participate in the youth group this year, please see the attached link. It also explains about the forms. A is required for youth and C for adults.

Also find attached a link to a google form which has sign-up volunteer opportunities and donations. There is host/hostess, main, drinks, dessert, small group helper, and games.....please consider filling in some spots if your child will be participating this year.

Please use the "comment" to sign up and I will put it in. https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/

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Your youth team, Marina Bishop Karen Rogers Paula Martin



Parish School of Religion Schedule 2023 -2024

All Sunday classes will meet on Sundays at 10:45 am – 11:45 am according to this calendar.

PPSR Reminders

 -Update on Books: Family of Faith books were distributed on Sunday, October 1st.

-October Adult Family of Faith Meeting: The adult Family of Faith meeting will be held in the Luffey Center on Sunday, October 22 at 10:45am. If your children are attending PSR and/or you are interested in this week's talk on the Importance of the Sacraments, please plan to attend.

-High School PSR: High school students in PSR, please meet in the ACTS library in the Student Center. If you enter through the back doors of the Student Center, the library is just to the right.

-October Schedule:

- --Oct 1st: PSR Meeting Grades pre-k 12th
- --Oct 8th: NO PSR due to Fall Break
- --Oct 15th: PSR Meeting Grades pre-k 12th
- --Oct 22nd: Adult Meeting in the Luffey Center / PSR Meeting Grades pre-k
- 12th
- --Oct 29th: PSR Meeting Grades pre-k 12th

–Questions: Please reach out to Mindy Bryan at melinda@latech.edu or 318.525.4906.

Also, here is an updated list of volunteers if you want to include in the bulletin (I'm ok if this comes out for this week).

Pre-K (102): Cindy Bimle (cpbimle@gmail.com) & Nadja Haynie (nadja.haynie@gmail.com)

Kindergarten/1st (104): Bridget Skinner (bdw015@gmail.com) & Jessica Johnson (johnsonjessicamt@gmail.com)

2nd (105): Mallory Taylor (mztaylor429@yahoo.com) & Erice White (ecwhite14@gmail.com) & Madison Stelly (madclaste.2@gmail.com)

3rd/4th (106): Heidi Adams (heidi.l.adams@hotmail.com) & Elise Reis (elise.reis7@gmail.com)

5th (107): Marina Bishop (bishopmg@gmail.com) & Niki St. Clair (eminic28@aol.com)

6th (101): Joshua Adams (adamsj@latech.edu) & Melissa Jackson (melissabrenn016@yahoo.com)

7th (AV Room): Paula Martin (pauladmartin1099@gmail.com) /Jan Sibayan (flintjan@gmail.com)

8th (Luffey): Deacon Ranson (rransom@suddenlink.com) / Courtney Reger (carijamesmom@yahoo.com)

High School (Acts Library/103): Chris Youngblood (cyoungblood@aep.com) & Vir Sagar (vsa008@latech.edu) & Grant Vial (gdv001@latech.edu)







ACTS is selling T-Shirts!

This year leadership team got together and chose the theme for this year to be evangelization, with 1 Peter 3:15 as our passage for the year. Our t-shirt design reflects this theme with helping hands that are reaching out and evangelizing. Please consider purchasing a shirt to support those at ACTS this year in our efforts to reach out to others on campus.

Weekly ACTS tivities

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 6pm

Friday:

* Adoration 6pm

Saturday:

* Fall Retreat



10/5/2023 4:25 PM

2023 Catholic Service Appeal Report

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

Parish and Location	Parish ID	# of Parish Families	# of Families Participating 2023 (to date)	Participation Percentage	2023 Parish Goal	Amount Pledged 2023 (to date)	% Goal Pledged	Amount Contributed 2023
Miscellaneous Contributions	1	145	25	17%	\$ 	\$4,653		\$3,828
St. Joseph, Bastrop	8	125	32	26%	\$ 19,439	\$5,925	30.5%	\$5,075
Mary, Queen of Peace	10	290	71	24%	\$ 49,683	\$57,068	114.9%	\$54,178
Christ the King - Bossier City	11	419	78	19%	\$ 53,360	\$20,744	38.9%	\$19,319
St. Jude Church - Bossier City	12	1,172	205	17%	\$ 150,336	\$78,754	52.4%	\$74,306
St. Ann, Ebarb	25	85	51	60%	\$ 17,498	\$11,170	63.8%	\$10,680
St. Benedict the Black	31	26	13	50%	\$ 4,390	\$2,225	50.7%	\$1,850
St. Lucy - Hodge	33	45	18	40%	\$ 21,822	\$7,910	36.2%	\$7,835
St. Margaret, Homer	34	24	18	75%	\$ 8,305	\$9,777	117.7%	\$8,817
St. Patrick - Lake Providence	38	50	15	30%	\$ 16,777	\$6,300	37.6%	\$6,150
St. Joseph, Mansfield	41	115	52	45%	\$ 36,237	\$62,210	171.7%	\$59,095
St. John the Baptist - Many	44	173	33	19%	\$ 35,854	\$13,842	38.6%	\$12,692
St. Terence	45	62	12	19%	\$ 9,704	\$4,701	48.4%	\$4,601
Blessed Sacrament, Ringgold	46	21	10	48%	\$ 5,393	\$1,927	35.7%	\$1,927
St. Paul - Minden	47	121	28	23%	\$ 21,349	\$9,917	46.5%	\$9,092
lesus the Good Shepherd	48	748	127	17%	\$ 127,530	\$57,375	45.0%	\$55,118
Little Flower of Jesus	49	156	37	24%	\$ 30,852	\$4,030	13.1%	\$3,900
Our Lady of Fatima	50	182	48	26%	\$ 26,152	\$21,955	84.0%	\$21,130
St. Matthew	52	341	63	18%	\$ 76,913	\$28,070	36.5%	\$23,845
Sacred Heart, Oak Grove	58	47	9	19%	\$ 9,920	\$1,374	13.9%	\$1,374
St. Theresa - Delhi	59	22	5	23%	\$ 6,534	\$1,900	29.1%	\$1,900
St. George, Coushatta	62	32	13	41%	\$ 6,825	\$8,995	131.8%	\$8,795
Sacred Heart, Rayville	64	39	14	36%	\$ 15,320	\$4,275	27.9%	\$4,215
St. Thomas Aquinas - Ruston	65	300	48	16%	\$ 69,415	\$24,378	35.1%	\$24,093
Holy Trinity	68	562	94	17%	\$ 64,240	\$60,628	94.4%	\$57,618
Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament	69	150	22	15%	\$ 28,311	\$7,295	25.8%	\$6,335
Sacred Heart of Jesus - Shreveport	70	230	43	19%	\$ 25,934	\$9,126	35.2%	\$7,371
Cathedral of St. John Berchmans	72	980	168	17%	\$ 153,207	\$158,418	103.4%	\$145,981
St. Joseph Church - Shreveport	73	852	213	25%	\$ 225,045	\$185,914	82.6%	\$175,564
St. Mary of the Pines	74	813	126	15%	\$ 72,534	\$41,060	56.6%	\$36,985
St. Pius X	75	175	70	40%	\$ 44,035	\$26,600	60.4%	\$24,105
St. Clement - Vivian	82	58	27	47%	\$ 9,710	\$9,100	93.7%	\$8,220
St. Paschal - West Monroe	83	370	125	34%	\$ 79,994	\$44,080	55.1%	\$42,068
St. Joseph, Zwolle	86	611	137	22%	\$ 86,060	\$65,887	76.6%	\$60,747
St. Lawrence - Swartz	90	75	14	19%	\$ 11,082	\$1,995	18.0%	\$1,995
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	91	159	24	15%	\$ 6,573	\$5,041	76.7%	\$4,341
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	93	747	232	31%	\$ 147,657	\$154,860	104.9%	\$146,425
St. Ann, Stonewall	94	120	43	36%	\$ 26,010	\$12,170	46.8%	\$11,240
TOTAL (DIOCESE)		10,642	2,363	22%	\$ 1,800,000	\$1,231,648	68.4%	\$1,152,80



Burgers and Bingo Fundraiser sponsored by the Women's Guild and the Men's Club Saturday October 21st following the 5:00pm Mass.

\$5 for a hamburger with chips,

Vigésimo Octavo Domingo de Tiempo Ordinario – 15 de

dessert, drink and a bingo card.

octubre de 2023
"Muchos son los llamados, pero pocos son los escogidos."
¿Considere seguir a Cristo de un modo más cercano como un sacerdote, diácono o en la vida consagrada?
Comuníquese con la Oficina de Vocaciones:
fathermangum@yahoo.com

<u>Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> – October 15, 2023 "Many are called, but few are chosen." Consider following Christ more closely as a priest, deacon or in consecrated life. Contact Fr. Peter in the Office of Vocations: fathermangum@yahoo.com