OCTOBER 29TH, 2023 | 30TH 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 John Serio
Deacon Robert Ransom

Marcie Tucker (318) 255-2870

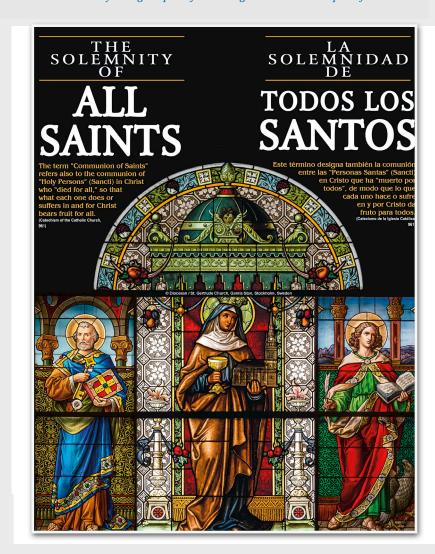
Melinda Bryan (318) 525-4906

Matthew Bryan

President of Pastoral Council

Thurston Allen Chairman of Finance Council

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



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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November 1st Carl Johnson - Heidi Adams

Diane Singletary - Collins Marie Frost

Juan Kevin Garcia

November 2nd Sheila Mariano - Araceli Rodriguez

Sutton Parrie

November 4th Eugene Pangilinan - Judith VanderSchaaf

Eduardo Castan Medina

November 5th Roland Allen - Juan Rodriguez

Emery Morris - Dalyza Ajanel

Glenna Jach - Eva Reis

November 7th Emma Moore - Demarco Ben Nash

Alexis Turrubiartes - Larry Mullens

November 8th JoAnn Allen
November 9th Diane Taylor
November 10th Ted Morris
Valeria Ruiz

November 11th

Joanna Ward

November 12th Trish Carter - Sophia Mariano

Joseph Mutebi

November 13th Olimpia Lopez - John Atilano

November 15th Craig Taylor
Leopoldo Michel

November 16th Tom Kelly - Ramiro Landaverde

Yeni Juan

November 17th Jeanne Van Benthuysen - Mark Van

Benthuysen - Brady Berg - Yeni Juan

November 18th Alexander Ulloa - Mia Tapia

Melissa Castillo

November 19th Juan Gonzalez - Claudia Michel

November 20th George Trevison
November 21st Judi Lalla

November 24th Lee Smith - Owen Watson

November 25th Tiago Garcia

November 26th Mary Hannibal - Jacqueline Houston

Christopher Corcia

November 27th Isabella Tucker - Abraham Ajanel, Jr.

Noe Lopez

November 28th Angel Daniel Moya - Litzy Morales

November 29th John Allen
November 30th Edin Lopez

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

THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, October 29th

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

Monday, October 30th

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

Tuesday, October 31st

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

Wednesday, November 1st

7:00 AM Mass
8:15 AM Mass
9:00 AM - 4:00PM - Church Office CLOSED
9:30 AM Lectio Divina
6:00 PM Mass
8:00 PM Mass

Thursday, November 2nd

7:30 AM - 8:00AM Penance & Reconciliation
8:15 AM Daily Mass
9:00 AM - 4:00PM Church Office Open
6:00 PM Mass

Friday, November 3rd

Saturday, November 4th

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



Altar flowers donated by Roland & Pam Allen in honor of Robert Dubel's birthday

Correction from last week:

Last week's altar flowers donated by Dolly Hurtig in memory of Mary Pipes

Ministry Schedule

Saturday October 28th 2023

Lectors: Pam Allen, Samantha Groce
EMHC: Beth Buske, Trish Carter

Altar Servers: Jack, Jessie & Julie Groce

Sunday October 29th, 2023

Lectors: Ryan Freling, Samantha Wilkerson

EMHC: Todd Wasson, Emily Chartier, Tom Bishop, Thomas Rogers

Altar Servers: Brad Denny Saturday November 4th 2023

Lectors: Christie Weeks, Mary Carol Vidrine

EMHC: John Ryan Serio, Bob Rorie

Altar Servers: Cedric, Kevin and Peter Serio

Sunday November 5th, 2023

Lectors: Stacey Denny, Paul Jackson

EMHC: Tom Bishop, Emily Chartier, Thomas Rogers, Mary

Ghongkedze

Altar Servers: Hannah & Brooklynn Bryan



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

David & Kim St. John Kathleen "Kathy" Walter

Janice Williams

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY October 14/ October 15

General Sunday Collection \$5,629.00

Thank you for continued and generous support!

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In this Sunday's Gospel we find the truth that loving God isn't merely a matter of fervor in our hearts, but that it must be expressed in doing good for the sake of others. This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to show that we indeed love our neighbors by assisting families, providing in food, for utility and rent bills, etc. Thank You!



Trigésimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

En el Evangelio de este Domingo encontramos la verdad que amando a Dios no es solo del fervor en nuestros corazones, sino que tiene que ser expresado en haciendo bien para el benefício de otros. Este mes, por medio de tus regalos, la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl logró poder mostrar que de veras amamos al prójimo, asistiendo a familias, proveyendo en comestibles, en gastos de agua, luz, gas y renta, etc. ¡Muchísimas Gracias!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday October 28th Arthur Trevison +

(by George & Carmen Trevison)

Sunday October 29th Mike & Paul Buske +

(by Bill & Jean Schodlatz)

Por los feligreses de la parroquia

Santo Tomas de Aquino

Mike Buske +

(by Charles & Cathy Barron)

Monday October 30th Deceased members of St. Vincent

de Paul

(by Tom & Becky Garza)

Tuesday October 31st Deceased members of St. Vincent

de Paul

(by Tom & Becky Garza)

Wednesday November 1st Magnolia & Melvin Johnson

(by Barbara Lewis)

Thursday November 2nd Joseph Ghongkedze +

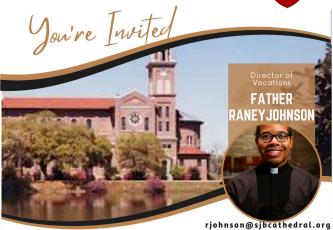
(by Mary Ghongkedze)

Friday November 3rd Herman & Mary Manuel +

(by Charles & Cathy Barron)

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/





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open to young men ages 16-25 for more information contact vocationsoffice@dioshpt.org





St.Thomas Aquinas Ruston All Saints All & Souls Mass Schedule



November 1st: 7:00 am, 8:15 am, 6:00 pm & 8:00 pm November 2nd: 8:15 am & 6:00 pm

Join us in celebrating the lives of our loved ones who

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.

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 29, 2023 "Love God with your whole heart, with your whole soul, and with all your mind." Is Christ calling you to let Him manifest His love in you as a priest or consecrated religious? Contact Fr. Peter in the Office of Vocations: fathermangum@yahoo.com

<u>Trigésimo Domingo de Tiempo Ordinario</u> – 29 de octubre de 2023

"Ama a Dios con todo tu corazón, con toda tu alma, y con todo tu ser." ¿Cristo te está llamando a dejar que Él manifieste su amor en ti como sacerdote o religioso consagrado? Comuníquese con la Oficina de Vocaciones: fathermangum@yahoo.com



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

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



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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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.



ACTS Dollar Lunch

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!



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.



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.





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.



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.

PSR Reminders

-Parent Confirmation Meeting: We will have a parent confirmation meeting for parents of children in both Confirmation Year 1 and 2 in the Church on Sunday, October 29th at 10:45am. At least one parent from each family needs to attend this meeting.

-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/November Schedule:

--Oct 29th: Parent Confirmation Meeting for Years 1 and 2 in the Church / PSR Meeting grades pre-k-12th grade

--Nov 5th: PSR Meeting grades pre-k - 12th grade

--Nov 12^{th} Adult Family of Faith meeting in the Luffey Center / PSR Meeting grades pre-k – 12^{th} grade

--Nov 19th: PSR Meeting grades pre-k - 12th grade

--Nov 26th: NO PSR due to Thanksgiving Break

–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

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 festivities



ACTS Girls Group cookie decorating meeting!

The middle of the quarter has come and gone! ACTS events are in full swing with freshman crossing every Monday, bible studies throughout the week, rosaries, and so much more!

It might sound early, but its already time to plan the annual ACTS Spring Retreat! Look in your emails for the leadership nomination form.

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:

* Social 6pm

For more information, please visit: $\underline{\text{stac-acts.com}}$



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2023 Catholic Service Appeal Report

Parish and Location	Parish ID	# of Parish Families	# of Families Participating 2023 (to date)	Participation Percentage	2	2023 Parish Goal	Amount Pledged 2023 (to date)	% Goal Pledged	Amount Contributed 2023
Miscellaneous Contributions	1	145	25	17%	\$	-	\$4,763		\$4,018
St. Joseph, Bastrop	8	125	33	26%	\$	19,439	\$5,975	30.7%	\$5,175
Mary, Queen of Peace	10	290	72	25%	\$	49,683	\$57,118	115.0%	\$54,668
Christ the King - Bossier City	11	419	82	20%	\$	53,360	\$21,654	40.6%	\$20,689
St. Jude Church - Bossier City	12	1,172	207	18%	\$	150,336	\$82,029	54.6%	\$78,567
St. Ann, Ebarb	25	85	51	60%	\$	17,498	\$11,170	63.8%	\$10,720
St. Benedict the Black	31	26	13	50%	\$	4,390	\$2,225	50.7%	\$1,975
St. Lucy - Hodge	33	45	18	40%	\$	21,822	\$7,910	36.2%	\$7,860
St. Margaret, Homer	34	24	18	75%	\$	8,305	\$9,777	117.7%	\$9,067
St. Patrick - Lake Providence	38	50	16	32%	\$	16,777	\$6,325	37.7%	\$6,175
St. Joseph, Mansfield	41	115	52	45%	\$	36,237	\$62,585	172.7%	\$59,640
St. John the Baptist - Many	44	173	34	20%	\$	35,854	\$14,092	39.3%	\$13,142
St. Terence	45	62	12	19%	\$	9,704	\$4,776	49.2%	\$4,701
Blessed Sacrament, Ringgold	46	21	10	48%	\$	5,393	\$1,927	35.7%	\$1,927
St. Paul - Minden	47	121	29	24%	\$	21,349	\$9,967	46.7%	\$9,357
lesus the Good Shepherd	48	748	127	17%	\$	127,530	\$57,455	45.1%	\$55,695
Little Flower of Jesus	49	156	37	24%	\$	30,852	\$4,030	13.1%	\$3,900
Our Lady of Fatima	50	182	49	27%	\$	26,152	\$22,105	84.5%	\$21,705
St. Matthew	52	341	65	19%	\$	76,913	\$30,320	39.4%	\$26,320
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%	\$8,845
Sacred Heart, Rayville	64	39	14	36%	\$	15,320	\$4,275	27.9%	\$4,235
St. Thomas Aquinas - Ruston	65	300	48	16%	\$	69,415	\$24,495	35.3%	\$24,295
Holy Trinity	68	562	98	17%	\$	64,240	\$63,108	98.2%	\$61,243
Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament	69	150	22	15%	\$	28,311	\$7,295	25.8%	\$6,575
Sacred Heart of Jesus - Shreveport	70	230	44	19%	\$	25,934	\$9,226	35.6%	\$7,496
Cathedral of St. John Berchmans	72	980	170	17%	\$	153,207	\$159,593	104.2%	\$147,661
St. Joseph Church - Shreveport	73	852	219	26%	\$	225,045	\$187,876	83.5%	\$179,496
St. Mary of the Pines	74	813	128	16%	\$	72,534	\$41,310	57.0%	\$37,910
St. Pius X	75	175	70	40%	\$	44,035	\$26,960	61.2%	\$25,100
St. Clement - Vivian	82	58	27	47%	\$	9,710	\$9,100	93.7%	\$8,555
St. Paschal - West Monroe	83	370	127	34%	\$	79,994	\$44,205	55.3%	\$42,434
St. Joseph, Zwolle	86	611	140	23%	\$	86,060	\$66,137	76.8%	\$61,517
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%	\$4,391
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	93	747	233	31%	\$	147,657	\$155,105	105.0%	\$147,365
St. Ann, Stonewall	94	120	43	36%	\$	26,010	\$12,170	46.8%	\$11,390
TOTAL (DIOCESE)		10,642	2,398	23%	\$	1,800,000	\$1,246,362	69.2%	\$1,179,077

