

NOVEMBER 12TH, 2023 | 32ND 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.

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

Melinda Bryan (318) 525-4906

Interim PSR Director

Matthew Bryan

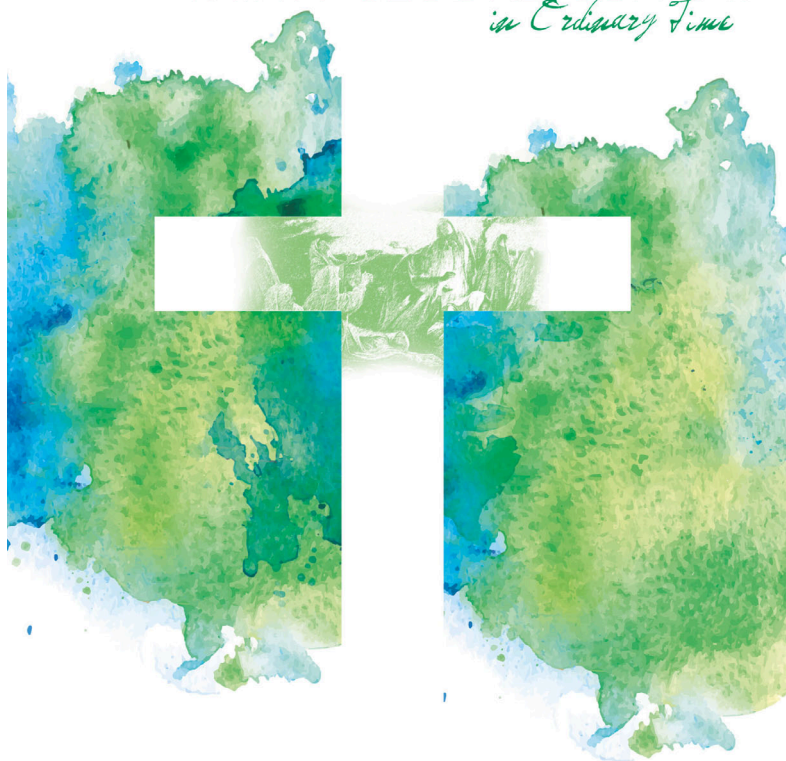
President of Pastoral Council

Thurston Allen

Chairman of Finance Council

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

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY *in Ordinary Time*



The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps. Matthew 25:3-4

Las descuidadas tomaron sus lámparas como estaban, sin llevar más aceite consigo. Las precavidas, en cambio, junto con las lámparas, llevaron sus botellas de aceite. Mateo 25:3-4

© Diocesan

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.

813 Carey Ave. | Ruston, Louisiana 71270 | 318-255-2870 | stthomasaquinasruston.com



<u>November 1st</u>	Carl Johnson - Heidi Adams Diane Singletary - Collins Marie Frost Juan Kevin Garcia
<u>November 2nd</u>	Sheila Mariano - Araceli Rodriguez Sutton Parrie
<u>November 4th</u>	Eugene Pangilinan - Judith VanderSchaaf Eduardo Castan Medina
<u>November 5th</u>	Roland Allen - Juan Rodriguez Emery Morris - Dalyza Ajanel Glenna Jach - Eva Reis
<u>November 7th</u>	Emma Moore - Demarco Ben Nash Alexis Turrubiartes - Larry Mullens
<u>November 8th</u>	JoAnn Allen
<u>November 9th</u>	Diane Taylor
<u>November 10th</u>	Ted Morris Valeria Ruiz
<u>November 11th</u>	Joanna Ward
<u>November 12th</u>	Trish Carter - Sophia Mariano Joseph Mutebi
<u>November 13th</u>	Olimpia Lopez - John Atilano
<u>November 15th</u>	Craig Taylor Leopoldo Michel
<u>November 16th</u>	Tom Kelly - Ramiro Landaverde Yeni Juan
<u>November 17th</u>	Jeanne Van Benthuisen - Mark Van Benthuisen - Brady Berg - Yeni Juan
<u>November 18th</u>	Alexander Ulloa - Mia Tapia Melissa Castillo
<u>November 19th</u>	Juan Gonzalez - Claudia Michel
<u>November 20th</u>	George Trevison
<u>November 21st</u>	Judi Lalla
<u>November 24th</u>	Lee Smith - Owen Watson
<u>November 25th</u>	Tiago Garcia
<u>November 26th</u>	Mary Hannibal - Jacqueline Houston Christopher Corcia
<u>November 27th</u>	Isabella Tucker - Abraham Ajanel, Jr. Noe Lopez
<u>November 28th</u>	Angel Daniel Moya - Litzy Morales
<u>November 29th</u>	John Allen
<u>November 30th</u>	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, November 12th

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

Monday, November 13th

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

Tuesday, November 14th

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 15th

7:30 AM - 8:00AM	Penance & Reconciliation
8:15 AM	Mass
9:00 AM - 4:00PM -	Church Office Open
9:30 AM	Lectio Divina
5:30 PM - 8:00PM	STAY Operation Christmas Child
8:00 PM	Mass

Thursday, November 16th

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 17th

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, November 18th

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



Altar flowers donated by Josh & Heidi Adams in
loving memory of John Adams



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 November 11th 2023

Lectors: George Trevison, Dolly Hurtig

EMHC: Beth Buske, Mary Carol Vidrine

Altar Servers: Jack, Jessie & Julie Groce

Sunday November 12th, 2023

Lectors: AJ Barbiero, Josie Bishop

EMHC: Paul Jackson, Larry Mullens, Joan Mullens, Todd Wasson

Altar Servers: Brennan & Matthew Jackson

Saturday November 18th 2023

Lectors: John Allen, Tom Garza

EMHC: Slade Richard, George Trevison

Altar Servers: Cedric, Kevin and Peter Serio

Sunday November 19th, 2023

Lectors: Jim Martin, Larry Mullens

EMHC: Carol Mercier, Elaine Johnson, Emily Chartier, Tom Bishop

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
Bruce Cowan
Judy Darcey
Laurie Duvall
Sean Dwyer
Becky Ferrell
Mary Lou French
Emmely Gay
Bernice Harrison
Harvey Hayes
Maureen Hinton
Karl Johnson
Magnolia Johnson
Jeffery Justice
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

November 4/ November 5

General Sunday Collection \$5,884.00

Thank you for continued and generous support!

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel Jesus challenges us to "stay awake" by taking time to seriously look at ourselves, the priorities of our lives, and how we are growing spiritually. Ask yourself "What would Jesus Christ do?" and then put your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul poor box so that those who are suffering will be able to celebrate Thanksgiving.



Trigésimo-Segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

En el Evangelio de hoy Jesús nos desafía a "mantenemos despiertos" tomando tiempo para seriamente vernos a nosotros mismos, las prioridades de nuestras vidas y como estamos creciendo espiritualmente. Pregúntate a ti mismo "¿Qué haría Jesús?" Y luego pon tu regalo en la Caja Pobre de la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl en nuestra parroquia para que aquellos que están sufriendo podrán celebrar la Fiesta de Acción de Gracias.



Mass Intentions

Saturday November 11th Roserita Lefevre +
(by Rhonda Reed)

Sunday November 12th Bobby Ortego +
(by Karen Ortego)

Por los feligreses de la parroquia
St. Tomas de Aquino

Monday November 13th Rufus Dye +
(by Michelle McCumber)

Tuesday November 14th Dell Chauff
(by Eddie & Carol Mercier)

Wednesday November 14th Bernadette Bennettel +
(by Pamela Torres)

Friday November 17th Barbara Mahoney
(by Michelle McCumber)

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/>




Quo Vadis

VOCATIONS RETREAT
Diocese of Shreveport

DECEMBER 9TH AND 10TH, 2023
2PM SATURDAY TO 4PM SUNDAY
CATHOLIC CENTER, FAIRFIELD AVE, SHREVEPORT, LA

Open to all young men currently enrolled in high school in the Diocese of Shreveport. Space for this retreat will be limited to 15 attendees.

For more information please contact Vocations Director, Reverend Raney C. Johnson
rjohnson@sjbcathedral.org or
vocationsoffice@dioshpt.org



To register please scan the QR Code here:



STAY UPCOMING EVENTS
GRADES 6TH- 12TH

LUFFEY CATHOLIC LIFE CENTER


NOV 15 DINNER AND GAMES
6 PM - 7:30 PM

NOV 22 THANKSGIVING BREAK

NOV 29 DINNER AND MORE
6-7:30 PM

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT MARINA BISHOP (318)940-8997

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.

Join Us For



Operation Christmas Child **STAY**

Spread holiday cheer and make a difference!

11/15/2023 5:30-8 PM

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- FIND A SHOEBOX AND LABEL IT
- FILL IT WITH GIFTS
- PRAY

Spread the Joy!



Place Luffey Building
1813 Carey Ave Ruston LA

<https://www.samaritanspurs.org/operation-christmas-child/pack-a-shoe-box/>

VOCATION AWARENESS



Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased, Upon him I have put my spirit; he shall bring forth justice to the nations.

Isaiah 42:1

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time – November 12, 2023

“Then we who are alive, who remain, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.” Consider the generous service of priesthood or consecrated life to lead others to the Lord. Contact Fr. Peter in the Office of Vocations: fathermangum@yahoo.com

Trigésimo Segundo Domingo – 12 de noviembre de 2023

“Entonces nosotros los que estemos vivos, los que hayamos quedado, seremos arrebatados juntamente con ellos en las nubes para recibir al Señor en el aire, y así estaremos siempre con el Señor.” Considere el servicio generoso del sacerdocio o la vida consagrada para llevar a otros al Señor. Comuníquese con la Oficina de Vocaciones: fathermangum@yahoo.com

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!

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.



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.

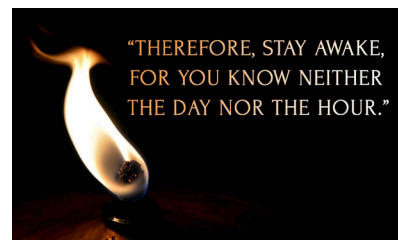


OCIA
Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

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



“THEREFORE, STAY AWAKE,
FOR YOU KNOW NEITHER
THE DAY NOR THE HOUR.”



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 Updates

- **Confirmation Announcement:** ALL confirmation students in both Year 1 and Year 2 are invited to participate in the Inscription Promise Ceremony/Mass which will be celebrated **during Mass on Sunday, November 12th at 5:00pm at Jesus the Good Shepherd Church** (2510 Emerson St., Monroe, LA, 71201). Don't forget to bring the completed and signed Inscription Promise form with you.
- **November Adult Family of Faith Meeting:** The adult Family of Faith meeting will be held in the Luffey Center TODAY (Sunday, November 12, 2023 at 10:45am). Fr. Kevin will be speaking on the Sacrament of Baptism. Please plan to attend.
- **Save the Date for Confirmation:** Confirmation will be celebrated for Year 2 confirmation students during Mass on Saturday, May 11, 2024 at 5:00pm.
- **Save the Date for First Holy Communion:** First Holy Communion will be celebrated during Mass on Sunday, May 12, 2024 at 9:30am.
- **November PSR Schedule**
 - **Nov 5th:** PSR Meeting grades pre-K-12th grade
 - **Nov 12th:** **Adult Family of Faith meeting in the Luffey Center/** PSR Meeting grades pre-K-12th grade
 - **Nov 19th:** PSR Meeting grades pre-K-12th grade
 - **Nov 28th:** **NO PSR** due to Thanksgiving Break

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

*DE TI
 SEDIENTA ESTÁ
 MI ALMA.
 SEÑOR,
 TODO MI SER
 TE AÑORA*

SALMO 62, 2



BEING CATHOLIC

at Louisiana Tech University

End of Quarter Festivities



ACTS Girls Group had an ice cream social at their last meeting!

The end of the quarter is quickly approaching, and with that means the start of final exam prep! ACTS began a Finals Novena on Tuesday Nov 7th.

Then took break from studying to enjoy some delicious pancakes on Nov 9th. Before the official end of classes.

We hope everyone has a good fall break and a happy Thanksgiving Holiday!

Weekly ACTStivities

Monday:

- * Campus Rosary 12pm
- * General Body meeting 6pm

Wednesday:

- * Bible Study 6:30am
- * Dollar Lunch 11:30am
- * Student Mass 8pm

Thursday:

- * Last Day of Classes

Friday:

- * Adoration 6pm

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



Veterans Day

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED



A Grateful Nation Remembers.



11/2/2023 4:54 PM

2023 Catholic Service Appeal Report

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	28	19%	\$ -	\$5,913		\$5,168
St. Joseph, Bastrop	8	125	34	27%	\$ 19,439	\$6,025	31.0%	\$5,275
Mary, Queen of Peace	10	290	72	25%	\$ 49,683	\$57,618	116.0%	\$55,743
Christ the King - Bossier City	11	419	82	20%	\$ 53,360	\$21,654	40.6%	\$20,854
St. Jude Church - Bossier City	12	1,172	208	18%	\$ 150,336	\$82,299	54.7%	\$79,352
St. Ann, Ebarb	25	85	51	60%	\$ 17,498	\$11,170	63.8%	\$10,830
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%	\$9,147
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%	\$60,010
St. John the Baptist - Many	44	173	34	20%	\$ 35,854	\$14,092	39.3%	\$13,342
St. Terence	45	62	12	19%	\$ 9,704	\$4,776	49.2%	\$4,726
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%	\$9,417
Jesus the Good Shepherd	48	748	127	17%	\$ 127,530	\$57,470	45.1%	\$55,855
Little Flower of Jesus	49	156	37	24%	\$ 30,852	\$4,030	13.1%	\$3,910
Our Lady of Fatima	50	182	49	27%	\$ 26,152	\$22,105	84.5%	\$21,705
St. Matthew	52	341	65	19%	\$ 76,913	\$30,520	39.7%	\$26,620
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	\$24,545	35.4%	\$24,355
Holy Trinity	68	562	100	18%	\$ 64,240	\$64,478	100.4%	\$62,633
Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament	69	150	22	15%	\$ 28,311	\$7,295	25.8%	\$6,600
Sacred Heart of Jesus - Shreveport	70	230	44	19%	\$ 25,934	\$9,226	35.6%	\$7,506
Cathedral of St. John Berchmans	72	980	170	17%	\$ 153,207	\$159,773	104.3%	\$149,021
St. Joseph Church - Shreveport	73	852	230	27%	\$ 225,045	\$191,161	84.9%	\$183,616
St. Mary of the Pines	74	813	128	16%	\$ 72,534	\$41,460	57.2%	\$38,565
St. Pius X	75	175	70	40%	\$ 44,035	\$26,970	61.2%	\$25,190
St. Clement - Vivian	82	58	27	47%	\$ 9,710	\$9,100	93.7%	\$8,605
St. Paschal - West Monroe	83	370	127	34%	\$ 79,994	\$44,305	55.4%	\$42,989
St. Joseph, Zwolle	86	611	142	23%	\$ 86,060	\$66,957	77.8%	\$63,712
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%	\$4,441
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	93	747	234	31%	\$ 147,657	\$155,280	105.2%	\$148,215
St. Ann, Stonewall	94	120	43	36%	\$ 26,010	\$12,170	46.8%	\$11,590
TOTAL (DIOCESE)		10,642	2,419	23%	\$ 1,800,000	\$1,254,687	69.7%	\$1,195,278