

NOVEMBER 19TH, 2023 | 33RD 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 Ssennyondo	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



Give thanks to the LORD,
who is good,
whose mercy endures forever.
Ps 106:1

Den gracias al SEÑOR,
porque él es bueno,
su misericordia perdura para siempre.
Sal 106, 1



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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<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 19th

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

Monday, November 20th

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 21st

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 22nd

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

Thursday, November 23rd

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

Friday, November 24th

8:00 AM - 12:00PM	Church Office CLOSED
11:15 AM - 11:45AM	Penance & Reconciliation
12:00 PM	Daily Mass
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Adoration

Saturday, November 25th

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



Altar flowers donated by John & Beth Buske in honor
of their 59th 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 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

Saturday November 25th 2023

Lectors: Pam Allen, Samantha Groce

EMHC: Trish Carter, John Ryan Serio

Altar Servers: Jack, Jessie & Julie Groce

Sunday November 26th, 2023

Lectors: Ryan Freling, Sarah Wilkerson

EMHC: Gary Kennedy, Jim Martin, Mary Ghongkedze, Paul Jackson

Altar Servers: Brennan & Matthew Jackson



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 11/ November 12

General Sunday Collection \$8,084.00

Thank you for continued and generous support!

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

The good news of today's Gospel is the extravagance of what is being given us. All we need do is be faithful in "small matters." The cost of fidelity has no comparison to the reward given.

When you give the furniture, household items and clothing you no longer use to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, you are sharing God's extravagant love.



Trigésimo-Tercer Domingo en Tiempo Ordinario

La Buena Nueva del Evangelio de hoy es la extravagancia de lo que estamos recibiendo. Todo lo que debemos hacer es ser fieles en "asuntos pequeños." El costo de fidelidad no se compara a la recompensa que recibimos.

Cuando das muebles y otros artículos de hogar y vestuario que ya no usas, a la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl, estás compartiendo el Extravagante amor de Dios.



Mass Intentions

Saturday November 18th For the parishioners of St. Thomas Aquinas

Sunday November 19th Elden Thomas +
(by Eddie & Carol Mercier)

Monday November 20th Chase Gephart +
(by Cynthia Murry)

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(by Cynthia Murry)

Thursday November 23rd Charles Bourgeois +
(by Mary Bailey)

Friday November 17th Bernadette Bennett
(by Pamela Torres)

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/>

Confirmation Class attends Inscription Promise Mass



Parishioners honored by local quilters for Veterans Day

John Gass and Trey Hanna received a quilt made by the LMCH Quilters for America's Heroes. Each year the organization honors veterans and presents them with a quilt. Proud members of the the LMCH Quilters for America's Heroes include Suzy Broussard and Cathey Barron.



Save the Date
for
CONFIRMATION

MAY
SATURDAY **11** 5:00 PM

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS
CATHOLIC CHURCH
813 CAREY AVE, RUSTON LA, 71270
RECEPTION TO FOLLOW



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.

First Holy
Communion Mass

Save the Date

Sunday, May 12, 2024
during the 9:30 Mass*

*Reception to Follow

St. Thomas Catholic Church
813 Carey Ave, Ruston, LA 71270



STAY
St. Thomas Youth
upcoming events

NOV 22	THANKSGIVING - NO MEETING
NOV 29	THE SACRAMENTS 6:00-7:30 Dinner and discussion
DEC 6	WHO IS ST. NICK? 6:00-7:30 Dinner and games

Give
Thanks
to the
Lord
for he is
Good





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

PPSR Updates

- Save the Date for Confirmation: Confirmation will be celebrated for Year 2 confirmation students during Mass on Saturday, May 11, 2024 at 5:00pm. Reception to follow.
- Upcoming Confirmation Deadlines
- December 3, 2023: Choose your Sponsor, & ask them to sponsor you.
- December 10, 2023: Saint paper completed, and turned into PSR teacher.
- January 14, 2024: All documents for sponsor turned into PSR teacher or Mindy Bryan.
- February 4, 2024: Letter to the Bishop due to PSR Teacher or Mindy Bryan.
- Save the Date for First Holy Communion: First Holy Communion will be celebrated during Mass on Sunday, May 12, 2024 at 9:30am. Reception to follow.
- Upcoming First Communion Deadlines
- December 17, 2024: Turn in First Communion registration form, and request original Baptismal certificate from Parish where child was baptized.
- November/December PSR Schedule
- Nov 19th: PSR Meeting grades pre-K-12th grade
- Nov 28th: NO PSR due to Thanksgiving Break
- Dec 3rd: PSR Meeting grades pre-K-12th grade
- Dec 10th: Family of Faith Adult Meeting in the Luffey/ PSR Meeting grades pre-K-12th grade
- Dec 17th: PSR Meeting grades pre-K-12th grade
- Dec 24th: NO PSR due to Christmas Break
- Dec 31st: NO PSR due to Christmas Break

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



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



BEING CATHOLIC
at Louisiana Tech University

School's out for Fall Break



Freshman Crossing took advantage of the cooler weather and has a s'mores night!

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

Weekly ACTStivities

Sunday 11/26

* No Student mass

Wednesday 11/29

* Classes Begin

* Dollar Lunch 11:30 am

Friday 12/1

* Adoration 6pm

Saturday 12/2

* Lights Festival

The fall quarter has officially ended! This quarter was full of fun events and good memories, and we can't wait to do it all again in the winter quarter!

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

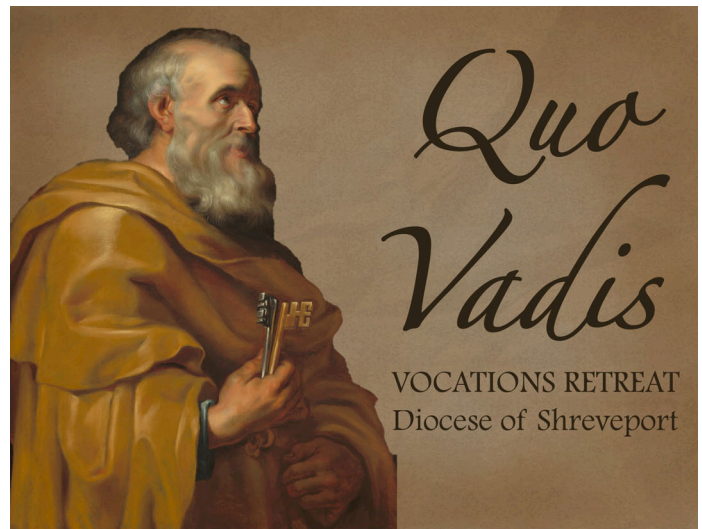
Please Help your Neighbors in Lincoln Parish through SVDP



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.



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@sjbeathedral.org or vocationsoffice@dioshpt.org



To register please scan the QR Code here: