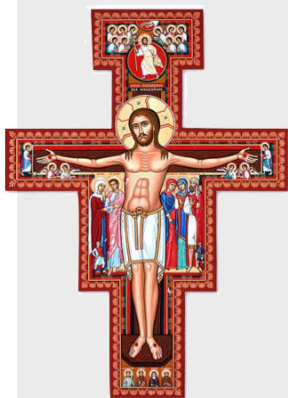


JANUARY 21ST, 2024 | THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

Monday: 8:15AM
Tuesday: 8:15AM
Wednesday: 8:15AM & 8:00PM
Thursday: 8:15AM
Friday: 12:00PM

BAPTISM

Please call the Church Office to schedule

MARRIAGE

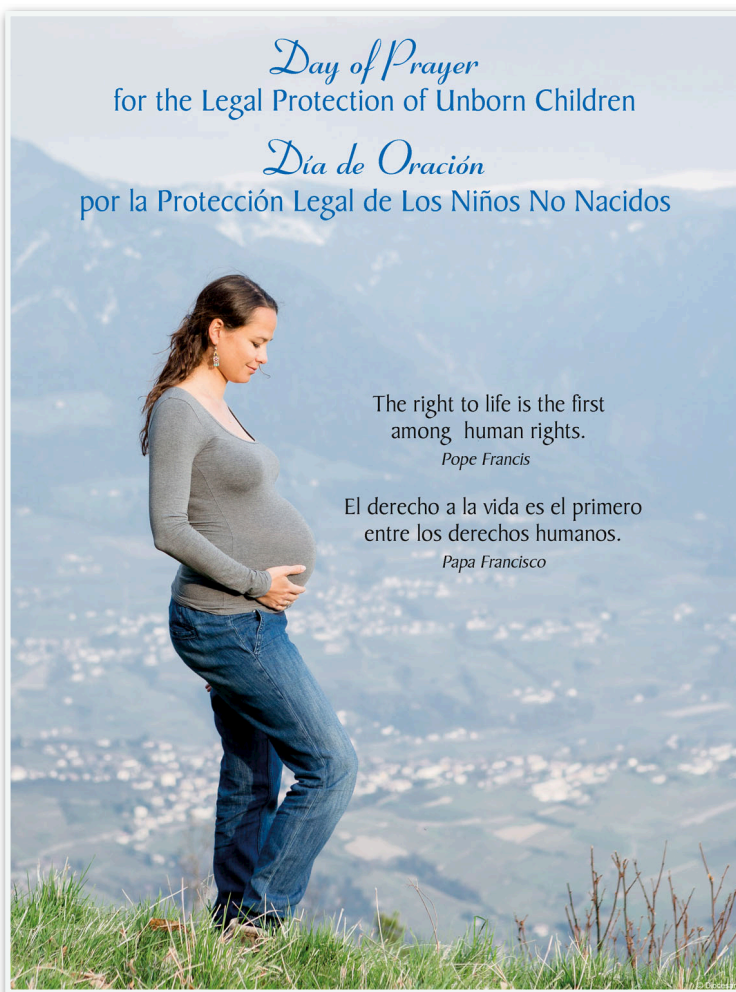
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PENANCE & RECONCILIATION

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



Day of Prayer
for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Día de Oración
por la Protección Legal de Los Niños No Nacidos

The right to life is the first among human rights.
Pope Francis

El derecho a la vida es el primero entre los derechos humanos.
Papa Francisco

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>January 1st</u>	Wayne Skipper - Victor Langiulli Dolly Garcia
<u>January 2nd</u>	Carmen Trevison Ethan Moreno
<u>January 3rd</u>	Atilano Garcia Martinez - Stephanie Martinez - Darlene Menzina
<u>January 4th</u>	Oscar Hannibal
<u>January 5th</u>	Ramona Bishop - Juana Melendez
<u>January 7th</u>	Josie Bishop - Janice Holbron Ashley Michelle Landaverde
<u>January 10th</u>	Yanney Hernandez
<u>January 11th</u>	Olivia Roger
<u>January 12th</u>	David Broussard - Melissa Jackson Kaitlin Corcia - Harryn Lopez
<u>January 13th</u>	Joseph Lanning
<u>January 14th</u>	Brennan Jackson - Marcie Tucker
<u>January 15th</u>	Sandy Freeman
<u>January 16th</u>	Juana Maria Leon - Jaiden Langiulli
<u>January 17th</u>	Paul Kabbes - Jerry Berg, II
<u>January 18th</u>	Linda Oakley
<u>January 20th</u>	Christine Hanna - Matthew Montgomery
<u>January 21st</u>	Rose Kitishian - John Mark Adams Jose Maria Garcia
<u>January 22nd</u>	Benjamin Denny - Edgar Nunez Hayden Frost
<u>January 24th</u>	Cindy Bimle
<u>January 25th</u>	Fr. Kevin Mues
<u>January 26th</u>	Ryan Corcia
<u>January 27th</u>	Riley Oakley
<u>January 28th</u>	William Slusher - Zane Morris
<u>January 31st</u>	Pedro Derosa

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, January 21st

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

Monday, January 22nd

7:30 AM - 8:00AM	Penance & Reconciliation
8:15 AM	Daily Mass
8:30 AM - 12:00PM	Church Office Open

Tuesday, January 23rd

7:30 AM - 8:00AM	Penance & Reconciliation
8:15 AM	Daily Mass
8:30 AM - 12:00PM	Church Office Open
9:30 AM	Lectio Divina

Wednesday, January 24th

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, January 25th

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

Friday, January 26th

9:00 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, January 27th

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

Tercer Domingo en Tiempo Ordinario

En el Evangelio de este domingo, Jesús dice: "Sigan me, y los haré Pescadores de hombres." Como discípulos, estamos llamados a continuar la obra de Dios en la tierra. Cuidando a los pobres de Cristo es, sin duda, viviendo los valores del evangelio. Este mes, por medio de tus regalos y donaciones, la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl logró asistir a familias, proveyendo alimentos, renta, gastos de energía, gas y agua y más. Que Dios se los pague y los bendiga a todos.



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus says: "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." As disciples, we are called to continue God's work on earth. Taking care of God's poor is indeed living gospel values. This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist families, providing food, utilities, rent and other bills. May God bless you!

Ministry Schedule

Saturday January 20th 2024

Deacon Robert Ransom

Lectors: George Trevison, Dolly Hurtig

EMHC: Bob Rorie, Mary Carol Vidrine

Altar Servers: Cedric, Kevin and Peter Serio

Sunday January 21st, 2024

Lectors: Paul Jackson, Stacey Denny

EMHC: Thomas Rogers, Jim Martin, Gary Kennedy, Elaine Johnson

Altar Servers: Maggie & Georgia Rogers

Saturday January 27th 2024

Deacon John Serio

Lectors: Pam Allen, Samantha Groce

EMHC: Beth Buske, Trish Carter

Altar Servers: Jack, Jessie & Julie Groce

Sunday January 28th, 2024

Lectors: Jim Martin, Mary Carol Vidrine

EMHC: Carol Mercier, Emily Chartier, Mary Ghongkedze, Tom Bishop

Altar Servers: Brad Denny



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
Charles Jacobs
Karl Johnson
Magnolia Johnson
Jeffery Judice
Chris Letendre
Ken Martinez
Tobie McKown
Claudia Michel

Leopoldo Michel
Larry Miller
Rueben Moreno
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

January 6/7

General Sunday Collection \$7,471.00

Thank you for continued and generous support!



Altar Flowers donated by George & Pat Gillum
in honor of their 50th 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.



Mass Intentions

Saturday January 20th

Bobby Ortego
(by Karen Ortego)

Sunday January 21st

Jim Broyles
(by Soledad Broyles)

Por los feligreses de la parroquia
Santo Tomas de Aquino

Friday January 26th

Gustavo Denys
(by George & Carmen Trevison)

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/>

Parish School of Religion Schedule 2024

January/February PSR Schedule

- Jan 21st:** PSR Meeting grades pre-K-12th grade / Altar Server Training during PSR.
- Jan 28th:** NO PSR / Community Gathering for the Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas (Questions: Marina Bishop)
- February 4th:** PSR Meeting grades pre-K-12th grade.
- February 11th:** Adult Family of Faith Meeting on the Sacraments of Healing/Reconciliation in the Luffey Center / PSR Meeting grades pre-K-12th grade.
- February 21st:** PSR Meeting grades pre-K-12th grade.
- February 28th:** PSR Meeting grades pre-K-12th grade.

Past & Upcoming Confirmation Deadlines

- Past: Saint paper should have been completed and turned into PSR teacher or PSR Director. / All needed documents for sponsor and Confirmandi should have been turned into PSR teacher or Mindy Bryan.
- February 4, 2024:** Letter to the Bishop due to PSR Teacher or Mindy Bryan.
- Mark Your Calendars - Sunday, April 14th from 2:30-8pm - Confirmation Retreat for all Confirmation, Year 2/B students. More information to come.**

Mindy Bryan, Interim PSR Director can be reached at melinda@latech.edu or 318.525.4906.

GUMBO LUNCH DONATIONS

ST THOMAS FEAST DAY

please email, call, or text what you can do to bring or help for Sunday, January 28 gumbo parish lunch. Volunteers for set up, serving, cleanup also needed

Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas
Save the date
January 28, 2024
Parish Gumbo Lunch
11:00 am



NEEDED ITEMS:

- chickens
- Down Home sausage
- sams club potato salad
- rice
- cookies and brownies
- salad fixings
- volunteers

Jan 24 – bring Gumbo ingredients
Jan 27 – bring other food items
Jan 28 8:30 am – help


Contact Us:
☎ 504-940-8997
✉ bishopmg@gmail.com



MEN'S CLUB

Men's Club meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at 6:00 pm, at the Luffey.

If you have any questions contact Joshua Adams
(318)548-6686.



All women of St. Thomas Aquinas are invited to the Women's Guild meetings in the Luffey Center. Please join us for lunch and fellowship. If you are new to St. Thomas Aquinas parish, please know that we would love to meet you and welcome you to our church! For more information call or text Rhonda at 318.548.7127.

Upcoming meetings February 13th, February 20th (Scholarship planning meeting) and March 12th, 2024!

FATHER/ DAUGHTER

DANCE
Feb 4th
5-7

St Thomas Luffey Center



REVIVE

DIOCESAN YOUTH SUMMIT

Saturday, March 2, 2024
10 AM – 6:30 PM, The Catholic Center

BAND



The Scally Brothers

SPEAKER



Ali Hoffman

Open to grades 7 - 12
REGISTRATION: \$25 / youth
register with your church parish

ST THOMAS YOUTH NIGHT


FUN, FELLOWSHIP, AND FAITH

Join us for dinner, conversation, topics and games on Wednesdays, 6-7:30 PM.



FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL 504-940-8997, MARINA BISHOP

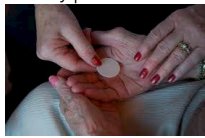
6TH-12TH GRADES



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 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.



STAY

6-12 TH GRADES, MEETINGS 6-7:30
DINNER INCLUDED

JAN 10	DINNER, SPECIAL TOPIC
JAN 17	GAME NIGHT
JAN 24	DINNER, PREP FOR GUMBO MEAL
JAN 28	GUMBO MEAL, FEAST DAY
JAN 31	SMALL GROUP TOPICS
FEB 7	SPECIAL TOPICS
FEB 14	ASH WEDNESDAY MASS
FEB 28	EUCHARIST TALK
MAR 2	DIOCESAN YOUTH SUMMIT

QUESTIONS? 504-940-8997 MARINA BISHOP

SÍGANME Y HARÉ DE
USTEDES PESCADORES DE HOMBRES
TERCERO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

COME AFTER ME AND I WILL
MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN
THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



BEING CATHOLIC

at Louisiana Tech University

Midterms arrive!



ACTS and ULM CCM students at the annual SEEK Catholic Conference in St. Louis, Missouri.

LA Tech has officially started midterms, and the students are working hard on their exams.

Please pray for us!

ACTS wishes everyone a blessed day!

Weekly ACTStivities

- Sunday 1/21
 - * Mass 7p
 - * Birthday Bash 8p
- Monday 1/22
 - * Campus Rosary 12p
- Wednesday 1/24
 - * Dollar Lunch 11:30a-1p
 - * Guys' & Girls' Groups 6p
 - * Mass 8p
- Thursday 1/25
 - * Campus Rosary 12p
- Friday 1/26
 - * Adoration 6p
- Saturday 1/27
 - * Social 6p

[For more information, please visit: stac-acts.com](http://stac-acts.com)

LIFE CHOICES

Of North Central Louisiana

STAFF CLIENT ADVOCATE / GGK RESOURCE SPECIALIST Position Description

Objectives of the position: As an ambassador of Jesus Christ, the Volunteer and Staff Client Advocate/GGK Resource Specialist meets with women who come to Life Choices seeking services related to their unplanned pregnancy. This staff member will be the primary voice for offering options counseling, peer support, referrals, and follow up. These activities shall be consistent with the mission and goals of the organization.

Reports to: The program supervisor

Supervises: None

Status: Exempt - 30 Hours Per Week

Minimum Qualifications:

- Be a committed Christian who demonstrates a personal relationship with Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord
- Exhibit strong commitment and dedication to the pro-life position and sexual purity
- Agree with and be willing to uphold the Commitment of Care and Competence, Core Values, Statement of Faith, and policies of the center
- Have two years of experience in a similar profession
- Exhibit skill in interpersonal communication, public speaking, and problem solving
- Work well in a team environment
- Be able to carry out responsibilities with little or no supervision
- Hold a valid driver's license and have reliable transportation

Preferred Qualifications:

- Bachelor's Degree or Mental Health Certificate

lifechoicesncla.org (318) 255-7377

Welcome to St. Thomas Ren!



Ren Cynthia Morphew Born December 26, 2023
Parents Jodie Bimle Morphew and Reece Morphew.

Sisters: Heidi, Nora, Mia

Grandparents : Dr Cindy Bimle and Greg Bimle



Foundation
FÊTE FOR LIFE
BANQUET FOR MARY'S HOUSE PREGNANCY CARE CENTER
Bossier Civic Center February 6, 2024




With Special Guest Speaker Superbowl Champion Matt Birk

2024 Fête For Life Tickets & Tables On Sale Now

- Platinum Sponsor \$5,000
- Gold Sponsor \$3,000
- Silver Sponsor \$2,000
- Friends & Family Table \$650
- General Admission \$60

Please send checks to Mary's House of Louisiana Inc. 906 Margaret Place, Shreveport, LA 71101 or use the QR code for online reservation and payment.

Attention St Thomas Aquinas Community

We are in need of bulletin Advertisers/Sponsors to help defray the cost of the weekly bulletin. If you have a business and would like to advertise in our weekly bulletin please contact our bulletin representative Christian Gambel at 337-781-5127 or email him at cgambel@diocesan.com. If you do not have a business but want to help by sponsoring a space we have 2 options. Option 1, "Compliments of the Jones Family" and Option 2 is a memorial in memory of a loved one for example, "In Loving memory of John and Kim Dutton". Please call Christian if you have any questions.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 21, 2024

“Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.” Fishing is an active verb. If you are being called to strengthen Christ’s Church through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, act! Talk to your priest or contact Director of Vocations Father Raney Johnson at rjohnson@sjbcathedral.org

Tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario – 21 de enero de 2024

“Vengan y siganme y los haré pescadores de hombres”. Pescar es un verbo activo. Si estás siendo llamado a fortalecer la Iglesia de Cristo a través de una vocación al sacerdocio o a la vida consagrada, actúa. Hable con su sacerdote o comuníquese con la Father Raney Johnson Oficina de Vocaciones por correo electrónico: rjohnson@sjbcathedral.org



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.

WE ARE HIRING!

JOIN OUR TEAM AT THE CATHOLIC CENTER

- GENERAL LEDGER/PAYROLL ACCOUNTANT
- INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TECHNICIAN
- DIRECTOR OF MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE
- ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES

SUBMIT YOUR RESUME TO: DEACON MICHAEL STRAUB
MSTRAUB@DIOSHPT.ORG



1/4/2024

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	31	21%	\$ -	\$6,648		\$5,803
St. Joseph, Bastrop	8	125	36	29%	\$ 19,439	\$6,225	32.0%	\$5,575
Mary, Queen of Peace	10	290	74	26%	\$ 49,683	\$60,346	121.5%	\$60,255
Christ the King - Bossier City	11	419	87	21%	\$ 53,360	\$23,294	43.7%	\$23,194
St. Jude Church - Bossier City	12	1,172	220	19%	\$ 150,336	\$90,319	60.1%	\$90,009
St. Ann, Ebarb	25	85	52	61%	\$ 17,498	\$12,200	69.7%	\$12,200
St. Benedict the Black	31	26	13	50%	\$ 4,390	\$2,275	51.8%	\$2,175
St. Lucy - Hodge	33	45	18	40%	\$ 21,822	\$7,910	36.2%	\$7,910
St. Margaret, Homer	34	24	18	75%	\$ 8,305	\$9,877	118.9%	\$9,877
St. Patrick - Lake Providence	38	50	16	32%	\$ 16,777	\$6,675	39.8%	\$6,675
St. Joseph, Mansfield	41	115	52	45%	\$ 36,237	\$63,535	175.3%	\$63,540
St. John the Baptist - Mary	44	173	37	21%	\$ 35,854	\$19,507	54.4%	\$19,407
St. Terence	45	62	13	21%	\$ 9,704	\$5,226	53.8%	\$5,226
Blessed Sacrament, Ringgold	46	21	10	48%	\$ 5,393	\$1,927	35.7%	\$1,927
St. Paul - Minden	47	121	30	25%	\$ 21,349	\$10,187	47.7%	\$9,987
Jesus the Good Shepherd	48	748	135	18%	\$ 127,530	\$61,080	47.9%	\$60,980
Little Flower of Jesus	49	156	38	24%	\$ 30,852	\$4,165	13.5%	\$4,045
Our Lady of Fatima	50	182	51	28%	\$ 26,152	\$22,415	85.7%	\$22,415
St. Matthew	52	341	65	19%	\$ 76,913	\$30,820	40.1%	\$29,120
Sacred Heart, Oak Grove	58	47	10	21%	\$ 9,920	\$1,399	14.1%	\$1,399
St. Theresa - Delhi	59	22	5	23%	\$ 6,534	\$1,900	29.1%	\$1,900
St. George, Coushatta	62	32	13	41%	\$ 6,825	\$9,495	139.1%	\$9,445
Sacred Heart, Rayville	64	39	15	38%	\$ 15,320	\$4,580	29.9%	\$4,580
St. Thomas Aquinas - Ruston	65	300	50	17%	\$ 69,415	\$26,129	37.6%	\$26,129
Holy Trinity	68	562	106	19%	\$ 64,240	\$66,568	103.6%	\$65,873
Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament	69	150	26	17%	\$ 28,311	\$8,955	31.6%	\$8,855
Sacred Heart of Jesus - Shreveport	70	230	46	20%	\$ 25,934	\$9,796	37.8%	\$8,186
Cathedral of St. John Berchmans	72	980	175	18%	\$ 153,207	\$168,168	109.8%	\$167,068
St. Joseph Church - Shreveport	73	852	241	28%	\$ 225,045	\$206,876	91.9%	\$206,555
St. Mary of the Pines	74	813	131	16%	\$ 72,534	\$45,620	62.9%	\$44,070
St. Pius X	75	175	71	41%	\$ 44,035	\$28,120	63.9%	\$27,380
St. Clement - Vivian	82	58	28	48%	\$ 9,710	\$9,385	96.7%	\$9,385
St. Paschal - West Monroe	83	370	129	35%	\$ 79,994	\$44,855	56.1%	\$44,630
St. Joseph, Zwolle	86	611	152	25%	\$ 86,060	\$71,392	83.0%	\$71,247
St. Lawrence - Swartz	90	75	15	20%	\$ 11,082	\$2,295	20.7%	\$2,295
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	91	159	24	15%	\$ 6,573	\$5,091	77.5%	\$4,591
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	93	747	240	32%	\$ 147,657	\$162,930	110.3%	\$159,145
St. Ann, Stonewall	94	120	44	37%	\$ 26,010	\$12,320	47.4%	\$12,320
TOTAL (DIOCESE)		10,642	2,517	24%	\$ 1,800,000	\$1,330,505	73.9%	\$1,315,373