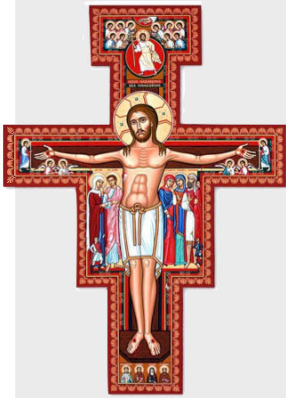


FEBRUARY 4TH, 2024 | FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

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



5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever. They immediately told him about her. He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up.

MTK 1:50-51



La suegra de Simón estaba en cama, con fiebre, y enseguida le avisaron a Jesús. Él se le acercó, y tomándola de la mano, la levantó.

MTK 1:50-51

5° DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

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>February 1st</u>	Michael Hinton
<u>February 2nd</u>	Libby Manning Aylmer Rainwater
<u>February 3rd</u>	Martin Aviles
<u>February 4th</u>	Wyatt Rust Jessica Johnson
<u>February 6th</u>	Iris Reis Kaejha Stewart
<u>February 7th</u>	Ralph Pettijohn Francisco Negrete
<u>February 8th</u>	Charles Rogers Cathy Riffin
<u>February 9th</u>	Christi Faulkner Martin Aviles
<u>February 12th</u>	Margaret Stanton Roan Sutherland Britney Aguirre Gail Lindsey
<u>February 13th</u>	Matthew Bryan
<u>February 15th</u>	Roland Baudoin
<u>February 17th</u>	Elizabeth Rodriguez
<u>February 18th</u>	Margie Strickler
<u>February 19th</u>	Melissa Hernandez
<u>February 20th</u>	Linda Viator Samantha Huff Dusty Rust
<u>February 21st</u>	Victor Salazar AJ Trevison
<u>February 22nd</u>	Gwen Barron Michelle McCumber Gabrielle Rodriguez
<u>February 25th</u>	Cesario Gonzalez
<u>February 28th</u>	Edgar Nunez

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, February 4th

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

Monday, February 5th

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

Tuesday, February 6th

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

Wednesday, February 7th

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

Thursday, February 8th

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

Friday, February 9th

8:30 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, February 10th

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

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the Gospel today, we find that Jesus would rise very early before dawn and go to a deserted place to pray and then he went out to preach and to heal. Please pray for the poor and suffering, knowing that you are bringing the love and peace of Jesus to those who live in fear and doubt, loneliness and dread.



Quinto Domingo en Tiempo Ordinario

En el Evangelio de hoy, nos damos cuenta de que Jesús madrugaba antes de la aurora e iba a un lugar desierto a rezar. Luego salía a predicar y a sanar a los enfermos. Favor de orar por los pobres y sufridos, sabiendo que tu estas trayendo el amor y paz de Jesús a aquellos quienes viven en y duda, soledad y temor.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday February 3rd 2024

Deacon Robert Ransom

Lectors: Samantha Groce, Sarah Wilkerson

EMHC: Bob Rorie, John Ryan Serion

Altar Servers: Cedric, Kevin and Peter Serio

Sunday February 4th, 2024

Lectors: Charlotte Wilkerson, Josie Bishop

EMHC: Gary Kennedy, Todd Wasson, Paul Jackson, Thomas Rogers

Altar Servers: Hannah & Brooklynn Bryan

Saturday February 10th 2024

Deacon John Serio

Lectors: Tom Garza, John Allen

EMHC: Slade Richard, Trish Carter

Altar Servers: Jack, Jessie & Julie Groce

Sunday January February 11th, 2024

Lectors: Ryan Freling, Thomas Rogers

EMHC: Elaine Johnson, Tom Bishop, Jim Martin, Mary Ghongkedze

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
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

General Sunday Collection	\$3,760.00	1/14/24
General Sunday Collection	\$5,536.00	1/21/24
General Sunday Collection	\$7,118.00	1/28/24

Thank you for continued and generous support!



Flores donadas por la familia Villa Martinez por la pronta sanación de Imelda Ramirez y el profe Alfredo



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 February 3rd

Blaise Cosentino
(by Gene Cosentino)

Sunday February 4th

Bobby Ortego
(by Karen Ortego)

For the parishioners of St. Thomas Aquinas

Friday February 9th

Cheryl Zey
(by Joanna Ward)

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

February PSR Schedule

- **February 4th:** PSR Meeting grades pre-K-12th grade.
- **February 11th:** PSR Meeting grades pre-K-12th grade.
- **February 18th:** PSR Meeting grades pre-K-12th grade.
- **February 25th:** Adult Family of Faith Meeting on the Sacraments of Healing/Reconciliation in the Luffey Center/PSR Meeting grades pre-K-12th grade.

Past & Upcoming Confirmation Deadlines

- **February 4, 2024 (Today):** 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.



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.

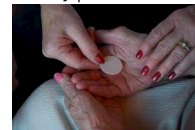
Upcoming meetings February 13th, February 20th (Scholarship planning meeting) and March 12th, 2024!



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.



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.

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

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

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

Feast of St. Thomas

The parish celebration of the feast of St. Thomas was a success! Thank you for all the help and donations





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- 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.



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 4, 2024

“Jesus went away to a secluded place and prayed.” If you are seeking greater simplicity of life and a closer following of the Lord in prayer and action, consider that He may be calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life. Talk to your priest or reach out to Director of Vocations Father Raney Johnson at rjohnson@sjbcathedral.org

Quinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario – 4 de febrero de 2024

“Jesús se fue a un lugar apartado y oró”. Si buscas una mayor sencillez de vida y un seguimiento más cercano del Señor en oración y acción, considera que Él puede estar llamándote al sacerdocio o a la vida consagrada. Hable con su sacerdote o comuníquese con la Father Raney Johnson Oficina de Vocaciones al por correo electrónico: rjohnson@sjbcathedral.org

Shreveport Louisiana Retreat with **Immaculée**

Presented by: Fr. Duane Trombetta
Holy Trinity Catholic Church & Our Lady of Blessed Sacrament



MARCH 8-9, 2024
CATHOLIC CENTER
3500 Fairfield Ave
Shreveport, LA 71101

info:
Bernadette 318-529-8067
or Angelle 985-710-9595

SCAN ME! 


Catholic Schools Tuition Assistance Fund

Financial Assistance for Catholic Students

Application packets for tuition assistance from the Diocese of Shreveport Catholic Schools Tuition Assistance Fund are now available for the 2024-2025 school year. Partial tuition assistance is available on an as needs-basis for Catholic students registered in a Diocese of Shreveport Catholic School. Parents may contact any Catholic school for information. Deadline for application is **April 15, 2024**.

For more information, contact the Diocesan Catholic Schools Office at (318) 219-7266.

Sr. Carol Shively, OSU
Superintendent of Catholic Schools


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
- ✓ INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
- ✓ DIRECTOR OF MARRIAGE
- ✓ ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES

SUBMIT YOUR RESUME TO: REBEKAH MICHAEL STRAUB
MSTRAUB@DIOSPT.ORG



MENTOR INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Have a heart for loving and serving women in unplanned pregnancies?
Join us on **Monday, February 5th at 6pm** at Life Choices to learn about mentoring.



MORE INFO
Life Choices NCLA
318-202-2021
kathleen@lifechoicesncla.org