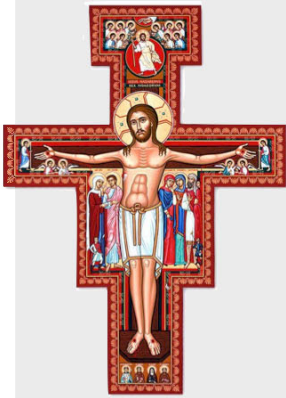


FEBRUARY 11TH, 2024 | SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

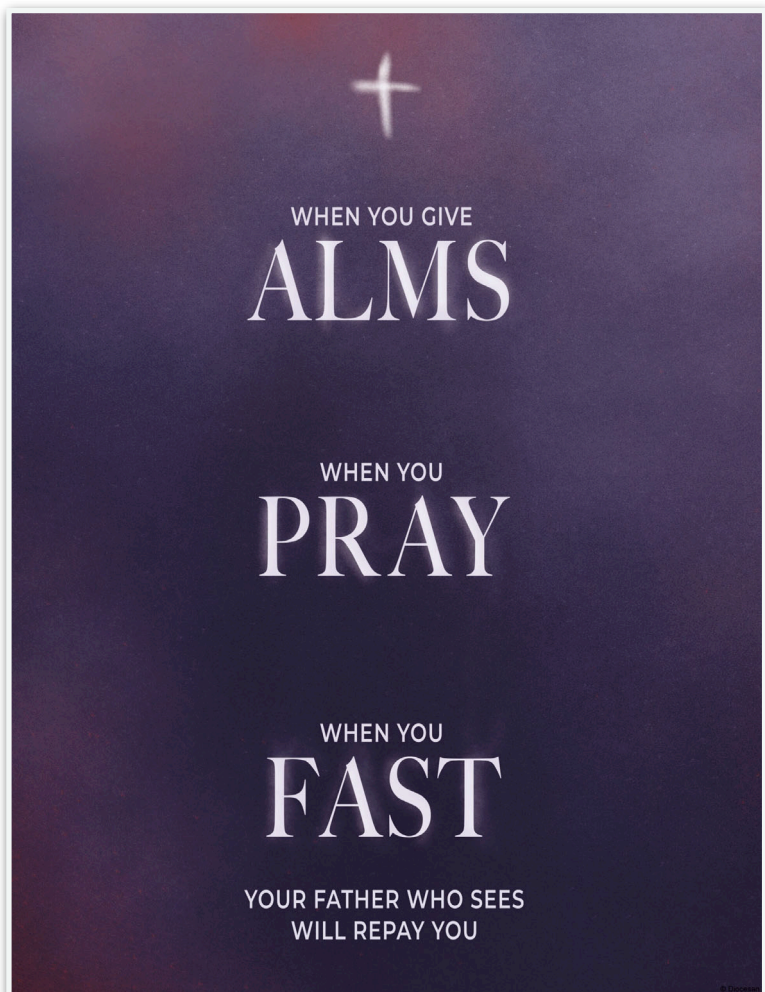
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PENANCE & RECONCILIATION

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 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



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>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 11th

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

Monday, February 12th

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

Tuesday, February 13th

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

Wednesday, February 14th

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 15th

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

Friday, February 16th

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 17th

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

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the Gospel today Jesus moved with pity touched the leper and healed him. Let us pray today for the grace to be generous with our gifts to help those who are suffering. By your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you indeed put your faith into action as you bring healing to the poor, hungry and weeping.



Sexto Domingo en Tiempo Ordinario

En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús, conmovido de lastima, tocó al leproso y lo curó. Oremos hoy por la gracia de ser generosos con nuestros regalos para ayudar a todos que sufren de pobreza. Por medio de tus ofrendas a La Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl, en verdad, pones tu fe en acción trayendo curación al pobre hambriento.

Ministry Schedule

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

Saturday February 17th 2024

Deacon John Serio

Lectors: George Trevison, Dolly Hutig

EMHC: John Ryan Serio, George Trevison

Altar Servers: Cedric, Kevin and Peter Serio

Sunday February 18th, 2024

Lectors: Paul Jackson, Stacey Denny

EMHC: Todd Wasson, Carol Mercier, Emily Chartier, Jim Martin

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
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

February 3/4

General Sunday Collection \$12,391.00

Thank you for continued and generous support!



Altar flowers donated by Joanna Ward in loving memory of Cheryl Key



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 10rd Theresa Robinson
(by Mary Jane Allen)

Sunday February 11th Charles Bourgeois +
(by Mary Bailey)

For the parishioners of St. Thomas Aquinas

Ester Sanders +
(by Barbara Lewis)

Monday February 12th Ciro S Lampo +
(by Phyllis Lampo)

Tuesday February 13th Charles Bourgeois +
(by Mary Bailey)

Wednesday February 14th Roland Baudoin
(by Gary & Selene Kennedy)

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 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.

New and Current Altar Servers

Use this link to fill out updated roster information, this includes 3rd, 4th and 5th and 6th graders who attended recent training



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!

You're invited!

Psalms 119:105
Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.

To grow in your faith this Lent!

Join a small group for Lent, choose the day and time that suits you!



email : bishopmg@gmail.com for questions

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.



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

YOUTH CAN CHANGE THE WORLD



PLEASE SUPPORT YOUTH MINISTRY
WE ARE HOPING TO HAVE A DAY AT THE BOWLING ALLEY, PURCHASE 2 PICKLEBALL NETS AND A NEW PING PONG TABLE NET
THANKS SO MUCH FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT
PLEASE MARK YOUR ENVELOPES OR BRING DONATION TO CHURCH OFFICE

The Parish celebration of the Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas was a success! Thank you for all the help and donations



BEING CATHOLIC

at Louisiana Tech University

Beginning Lent

Weekly ACTStivities

Thursday 2/15
* Campus Rosary 12p

Friday 2/16
* Sports in the Quad
3:30p

* Stations of the Cross 6p
* Adoration 6:30p

Saturday 2/17
* Social [TBD] 6p

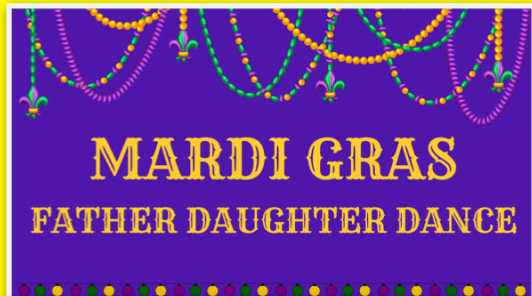


The 2024-2025 ACTS Executive Team

The ACTS students are currently enjoying a well-earned Mardi Gras break. They will return Thursday for the last stretch of the Winter Quarter

ACTS wishes everyone a fruitful Lent!

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



To access all the pictures: <https://lightroom.adobe.com/shares/da8325ad728a9a005>

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! 




SAINT JOSEPH ABBEY + SEMINARY COLLEGE

SPRING 2024 COME & SEE

You're Invited

FATHER KELBY TINGLE

FATHER RANEY JOHNSON

MARCH 22-24, 2024
ST JOSEPH SEMINARY

Young men ages 15-25 years old are invited to join Father Raney Johnson & Father Kelby Tingle for a vocations retreat! Registration ends February 29th Contact vocationsoffice@dioshpt.org for more information








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.



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%	\$ -	\$6,748		\$5,903
St. Joseph, Bastrop	8	125	37	30%	\$ 19,439	\$6,325	32.5%	\$5,675
Mary, Queen of Peace	10	290	75	26%	\$ 49,683	\$60,846	122.5%	\$60,755
Christ the King - Bossier City	11	419	88	21%	\$ 53,360	\$23,404	43.9%	\$23,404
St. Jude Church - Bossier City	12	1,172	220	19%	\$ 150,336	\$90,744	60.4%	\$90,589
St. Ann, Ebarb	25	85	54	64%	\$ 17,498	\$12,600	72.0%	\$12,600
St. Benedict the Black	31	26	13	50%	\$ 4,390	\$2,325	53.0%	\$2,225
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	\$63,640	175.6%	\$63,645
St. John the Baptist - Many	44	173	38	22%	\$ 35,854	\$20,082	56.0%	\$20,082
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	136	18%	\$ 127,530	\$61,280	48.1%	\$61,280
Little Flower of Jesus	49	156	38	24%	\$ 30,852	\$4,165	13.5%	\$4,055
Our Lady of Fatima	50	182	52	29%	\$ 26,152	\$22,715	86.9%	\$22,715
St. Matthew	52	341	66	19%	\$ 76,913	\$34,070	44.3%	\$32,370
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	\$9,595	140.6%	\$9,465
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	\$27,129	39.1%	\$27,129
Holy Trinity	68	562	107	19%	\$ 64,240	\$66,878	104.1%	\$66,833
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	47	20%	\$ 25,934	\$9,821	37.9%	\$8,221
Cathedral of St. John Berchmans	72	980	175	18%	\$ 153,207	\$169,418	110.6%	\$168,418
St. Joseph Church - Shreveport	73	852	244	29%	\$ 225,045	\$210,686	93.6%	\$210,686
St. Mary of the Pines	74	813	132	16%	\$ 72,534	\$45,895	63.3%	\$44,485
St. Pius X	75	175	71	41%	\$ 44,035	\$28,130	63.9%	\$27,440
St. Clement - Vivian	82	58	28	48%	\$ 9,710	\$9,435	97.2%	\$9,435
St. Paschal - West Monroe	83	370	131	35%	\$ 79,994	\$45,005	56.3%	\$44,780
St. Joseph, Zwolle	86	611	153	25%	\$ 86,060	\$71,642	83.2%	\$71,537
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	241	32%	\$ 147,657	\$164,530	111.4%	\$163,345
St. Ann, Stonewall	94	120	45	38%	\$ 26,010	\$12,620	48.5%	\$12,620
TOTAL (DIOCESE)		10,642	2,537	24%	\$ 1,800,000	\$1,345,750	74.8%	\$1,334,914

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



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- February 11, 2024 -- World Marriage Day

"Do everything for the glory of God." Give Him the glory through your marriage. Your vocation is your sanctification in this life to lead you to sainthood in the next. Pray for your spouse each day and lead each other to Heaven.