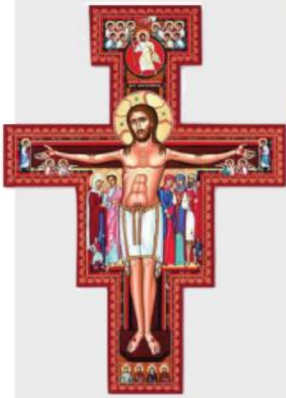


# FEBRUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2024 | FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



## 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

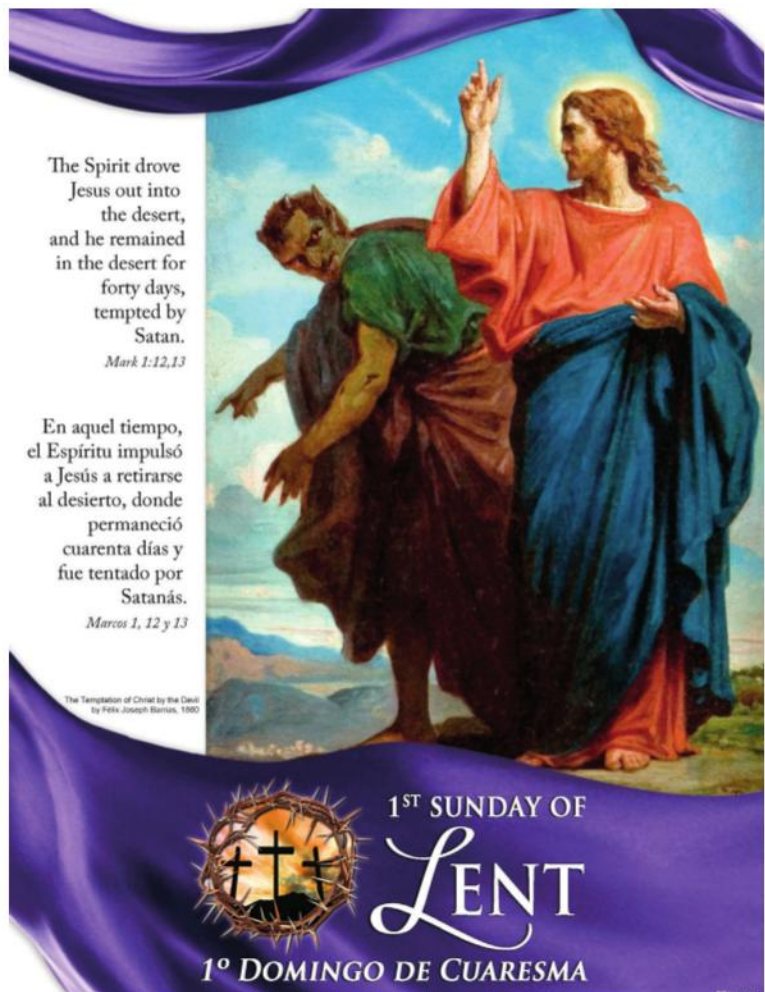
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#### PENANCE & RECONCILIATION

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	<b>Pastor</b>
Fr. Charles Ssenyondo	<b>Parroquial Vicar</b>
Deacon John Serio	
Deacon Robert Ransom	
Marcie Tucker (318) 255-2870	<b>Business Manager</b>
Melinda Bryan (318) 525-4906	<b>Interim PSR Director</b>
Matthew Bryan	<b>President of Pastoral Council</b>
Thurston Allen	<b>Chairman of Finance Council</b>
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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<b><u>February 1<sup>st</sup></u></b>	Michael Hinton
<b><u>February 2<sup>nd</sup></u></b>	Libby Manning Aylmer Rainwater
<b><u>February 3<sup>rd</sup></u></b>	Martin Aviles
<b><u>February 4<sup>th</sup></u></b>	Wyatt Rust Jessica Johnson
<b><u>February 6<sup>th</sup></u></b>	Iris Reis Kaejha Stewart
<b><u>February 7<sup>th</sup></u></b>	Ralph Pettijohn Francisco Negrete
<b><u>February 8<sup>th</sup></u></b>	Charles Rogers Cathy Riffin
<b><u>February 9<sup>th</sup></u></b>	Christi Faulkner Martin Aviles
<b><u>February 12<sup>th</sup></u></b>	Margaret Stanton Roan Sutherland Britney Aguirre Gail Lindsey
<b><u>February 13<sup>th</sup></u></b>	Matthew Bryan
<b><u>February 15<sup>th</sup></u></b>	Roland Baudoin
<b><u>February 17<sup>th</sup></u></b>	Elizabeth Rodriguez
<b><u>February 18<sup>th</sup></u></b>	Margie Strickler
<b><u>February 19<sup>th</sup></u></b>	Melissa Hernandez
<b><u>February 20<sup>th</sup></u></b>	Linda Viator Samantha Huff Dusty Rust
<b><u>February 21<sup>st</sup></u></b>	Victor Salazar AJ Trevison
<b><u>February 22<sup>nd</sup></u></b>	Gwen Barron Michelle McCumber Gabrielle Rodriguez
<b><u>February 25<sup>th</sup></u></b>	Cesario Gonzalez
<b><u>February 28<sup>th</sup></u></b>	Edgar Nunez

If I've missed your birthday, please email me at [stacbulletin@suddenlinkmail.com](mailto:stacbulletin@suddenlinkmail.com) so that I can add you to the master list

## THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

### **Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>**

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

### **Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>**

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 23<sup>rd</sup>**

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

### **Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup>**

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 25<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **First Sunday of Lent**

In today's Gospel, Jesus overcomes the temptations to wealth, power, and esteem. As we begin Lent, may we open our hearts to the grace of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist families, providing food, utilities, rent and other bills. God Bless You!



### **Primer Domingo de Cuaresma**

En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús supera las tentaciones de riquezas, poder y aprecio. Mientras empezamos otra Cuaresma, que podamos abrir nuestros corazones a la gracia de la oración, ayuno y generosidad. Este mes, por medio de tus donaciones, La Sociedad de San Vicente Paúl pudo asistir familias, proveyendo en alimentos y ayuda con gastos de electricidad, renta y otros gastos de casa. ¡Que Dios los Bendiga!

**Ministry Schedule**

**Saturday February 17<sup>th</sup> 2024**

**Deacon John Serio**

**Lectors:** George Trevison, Dolly Hutig

**EMHC:** John Ryan Serio, George Trevison

**Altar Servers:** Cedric, Kevin and Peter Serio

**Sunday February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Lectors:** Paul Jackson, Stacey Denny

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

**Altar Servers:** Maggie & Georgia Rogers

**Saturday February 24<sup>th</sup> 2024**

**Deacon Robert Ransom**

**Lectors:** Pam Allen, Samantha Groce

**EMHC:** Trish Carter, Bob Rorie

**Altar Servers:** Jack, Jessie & Julie Groce

**Sunday January February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Lectors:** Jim Martin, Rodney Manning

**EMHC:** Mary Ghongkedze, Gary Kennedy, Thomas Rogers, Paul Jackson

**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**

February 10/11

General Sunday Collection TBA

*Thank you for continued and generous support!*

**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.



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 17<sup>th</sup>**

Helen Dye  
*(by Michelle McCumber)*

**Sunday February 18<sup>th</sup>**

Bobby Ortego +  
*(by Karen Ortego)*

For the parishioners of St. Thomas Aquinas

**Monday February 19<sup>th</sup>**

Michael Holbron +  
*(by Janice Holbron)*

**Wednesday February 21<sup>st</sup>**

Special Intention  
*(by Jonathan & Ailish Rodriguez)*

**Thursday February 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Carol Dumont +  
*(by Phyllis Lampo)*

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/March PSR Schedule**

- **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.
- **March 3rd:** 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



### **NORTHEAST LOUISIANA ACTS RETREAT REGISTRATION FORM ACTS Women's Retreat April 11-14, 2024**

The ACTS retreat weekend is hosted by lay members of several local parishes/churches who have themselves been on an ACTS retreat. The goal of the retreat is to deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ, to receive spiritual renewal, to give new meaning to Sunday liturgy and your prayer life, and to build lasting relationships with other members of our community.

ACTS is an acronym for Adoration, Community, Theology, and Service. These four themes are the focus of activities for the three-day retreats, which are patterned after the description of the early church in Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47: "They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to communal life, to the breaking of bread and to prayers...And every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved."

Application: [https://mcusercontent.com/0a05be742765a263d354d169b/files/569dd0fe-b4c7-4cde-a786-cb41fb382a7a/NELA\\_ACTS\\_Women\\_039\\_s\\_Registration\\_April\\_2024.docx.pdf](https://mcusercontent.com/0a05be742765a263d354d169b/files/569dd0fe-b4c7-4cde-a786-cb41fb382a7a/NELA_ACTS_Women_039_s_Registration_April_2024.docx.pdf)

**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**



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 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!

# 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

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## Finals Week!



The 2024-2025 ACTS Executive Team

Finals are here! Good luck everyone!

Pancake dinner Thursday!

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

## Weekly ACTSivities

- Monday 2/19
  - \* Campus Rosary 12p
- Tuesday 2/20
  - \* Campus Rosary 12p
- Wednesday 2/21
  - \* Dollar Lunch 11:30 p
  - \* Campus Rosary 12p
- Thursday 2/22
  - \* Pancake Dinner 6p
- Friday 2/23
  - \* Adoration 6:30p
- Saturday 2/24
  - \* Social Baseball 2p

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**ST. THOMAS AQUINAS**  
**FEB 25 9 AM - 1 PM**

Choir news

Practices for choir are now Thursdays at 6 pm

We always welcome new choir members

For info Becky G-McConnell  
[rebeccagiorno@gmail.com](mailto:rebeccagiorno@gmail.com)

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.

**Vocations**  
**First Sunday of Lent -- February 18, 2024**

"I establish My covenant with you." If in your listening to the Lord you are sensing the invitation to follow Christ as a priest, sister, or brother, talk to your priest or contact Director of Vocations Father Raney Johnson at [rjohnson@sjbcathedral.org](mailto: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

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**SPRING 2024 COME & SEE**

*You're Invited*

**FATHER RANEY JOHNSON**

**FATHER KELBY TINGLE**

**MARCH 22-24, 2024**  
**ST JOSEPH SEMINARY**

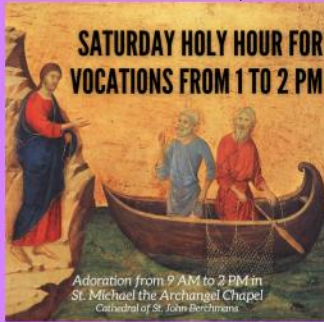
Young men ages 15-25 years old are invited to join Father Raney Johnson & Father Kelby Tingle for a vocations retreat! Registration ends February 29th Contact [vocationsoffice@dioshpt.org](mailto:vocationsoffice@dioshpt.org) for more information






All are invited to participate in the weekly Vocations Holy Hour in St. Michael the Archangel Chapel at the Cathedral of St. John Berchmans. Each Saturday, the Cathedral offers a Holy Hour devoted to prayer for an increase in vocations and for our seminarians and priests as part of their Adoration time. Adoration is from 9:00am until 2:00pm, with the Vocations Holy Hour beginning at 1:00pm, in the Chapel (adjacent to the left back corner of the Cathedral; parking is available behind the church).

**SATURDAY HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS FROM 1 TO 2 PM**



Adoration from 9 AM to 2 PM in St. Michael the Archangel Chapel Cathedral of St. John Berchmans

**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



**DIACONATE FORMATION PROGRAM**

The Diocese of Shreveport is kicking off another round of our Diaconate Formation program. All parishoners are encouraged to prayerfully consider if you or someone you know could be a good deacon for the Church. There will be an informational meeting in our deanery on **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29TH AT 6 PM** in Moore Hall at Jesus the Good Shepherd Church. Please prayerfully consider attending this meeting to learn more about how you can take a more involved role in our parish and the Mass.



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