MARCH 10TH, 2024 | FOURTH 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

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

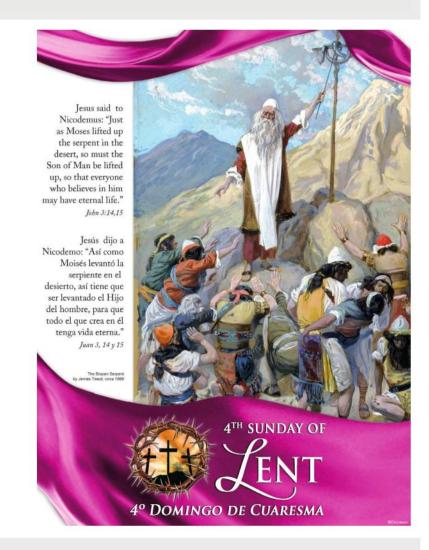
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NEW PARISHIONERS

"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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March 2ndLorraine FreemanMarch 4thBailey KeysMarch 5thJuan Alvarez

Melanie Hernandez Flores

Christopher Decerbo

March 5th Juan Alvarez

March 6th Ana Laura Gonzalez Raythar

March 7th Leah Sutherland

Edward Mercier Pauline Phi

Maria Vazquez de Avilez

Margarita Castillo

March 8th Suzy Broussard

Maria French

March 9thBrenda BergMarch 10thYesi Francisco

Josiah Atilano

March 11th Gerardo Guerrero

March 12th Anderson Lainez

Adelyn Haynie

March 13th Nancy Lainez

Connie Stuckey

March 14thJodie MorphewMarch 15thKevin WatsonMarch 17thPatricia RodriguezMarch 18thGary KennedyMarch 21stCathey BarronMarch 22ndGabriel Perez

Tyrette Cowan

Amanda Sutherland

February 26th Chris Kennedy

Eli Watson

March 27thSofia HernandezMarch 28thAllan UlloaMarch 29thBenjamin Grafton

Omar Ramirez

March 30th Jennifer Pangilinan

March 31st Candy Gerace

If I've missed your birthday, please email me at **stacbulletin@suddenlinkmail.com** so that I can add you to the master

THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, March 10th

9:30 AM Sunday Mass 1:30 PM Misa en Español 7:00 PM NO Mass - Quarter break

Monday, March 11th

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

Tuesday, March 12th

7:30 AM - 8:00 AM
8:15 AM
Baily Mass
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM
Church Office Open

Wednesday, March 13th

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

Thursday, March 14th

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

Friday, March 15th

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
Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 16th

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

Fourth Sunday of Lent

In today's Gospel, God demonstrates great love for us by sending his Son so that we may believe in him. We demonstrate our great love for God by doing good works: reaching out to others, acting in justice and charity.

Through your almsgiving you are performing a good work; far greater than you think. Know that your nickel, dime, quarter or dollar is multiplied by coins placed by others in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box.



Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma

En el Evangelio de hoy, Dios demuestra Su gran amor para nosotros enviando a Su Hijo para que podamos creer en Él. Nosotros demostramos nuestro gran amor por Dios haciendo buenas obras: Dando la mano a otros y actuando en justicia y caridad. Por medio de tus limosnas estás haciendo una buena obra; mucho más grande de lo que piensas. Consta que esa moneda pequeña se multiplica por las monedas que otros dan a la Caja Pobre de La Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl de nuestra parroquia.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday March 9th 2024

Deacon John Serio

Lectors: George Trevison, John Allen EMHC: Beth Buske, Bob Rorie

Altar Servers: Jack, Jessie & Julie Groce

Sunday January March 10th, 2024

Lectors: Ryan Freling, Thomas Rogers

EMHC: Emily Chartier, Elaine Johnson, Jim Martin, Gary Kennedy

Altar Servers: Brennan & Matthew Jackson

Saturday March 16th 2024

Deacon Robert Ransom

Lectors: George Trevison, Dolly Hurtig EMHC: John Ryan Serio, Bob Rorie

Altar Servers: Cedric, Kevin and, Peter Serio

Sunday March 17th, 2024

Lectors: Paul Jackson, Stacey Denny

EMHC: Tom Bishop, Thomas Rogers, Mary Ghongkedze, Todd Wasson

Altar Servers: Maggie & Georgia Rogers



Please contact the parish office to have names added to our prayer list.

Patti Hooper Allen Quintana Atkins 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

March 2/3

General Sunday Collection \$8,656.00 **Grounds Beautification** \$1,885.00

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.



Theresa Robinson Saturday March 9th

(by Mary Jane Allen)

Bobby Ortego + Sunday March 10th

(by Karen Ortego)

Ignacio Melendez + (by Juana Melendez)

Bernadette Bennett + Tuesday March 12th

(by Barbara Lewis)

Charles Bourgeois + Thursday March 14th

(by Mary Bailey)

Aubrey Rodriguez + Friday March 15th

(by Jonathan & Ailish Rodriguez)

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

Thank you to all the children and families who participated in Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 1st. I'm so thankful for the participation!

March-May PSR Schedule

- March 10th: NO Adult Family of Faith Meeting in the Luffey Center/PSR Meeting grades pre-K-12th grade
- March 17th: PSR Meeting grades pre-K-12th grade.
- March 24th: NO PSR / Palm Sunday
- March 31st: NO PSR / Easter Sunday
- April 7th: PSR Meeting grades pre-K-12th grade.
- April 14th: PSR Meeting grades pre-K-12th grade.
- April 21st: Adult Family of Faith Meeting in the Luffey Center on Holy Matrimony & Holy Orders / Blood Drive / PSR Meeting grades pre-K-12th grade
- April 28th: PSR Meeting grades pre-K-12th grade.
- May 5th: PSR Meeting grades pre-K-12th grade.
- May 12th: PSR Meeting grades pre-K-12th grade.
- May 19th: NO PSR Parish Picnic

Upcoming Confirmation Deadlines

 Mark Your Calendars - Sunday, April 14th from 2:30-8pm in the Luffey Center - Confirmation Retreat for all Confirmation, Year 2/B students. More information to come.

Parish Picnic: Mark your calendars for an upcoming Parish picnic on Sunday, May 19, 2024 (Time: TBA but likely around 11am). This will be our end of the year celebration. All are invited! Details TBA.



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



STAY BOWLS AT THE LAMBRIGHT







Welcome to St. Thomas Reed Allen Frost



Reed Allen Frost 2/11/24 s Kadie and Dusti

Parents Kadie and Dustin Frost Siblings, Elliott, Hayden, and Collins Grandparents Greg and Cindy Bimle



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



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 meeting March 12th, 2024!



Men's Club meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at 6:00 pm, at the Luffey.

All men are welcome! If you have any questions contact Joshua Adams (318)548-6686.



Spring Break!



A throwback picture from our White Elephant party this past St. Nicholas's Feast Day.

The students are enjoying their break and are making use of this time for further reflection during Lent.

The ACTS students wish everyone a good week!

Weekly *ACTS*tivities

No Events this week!

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

LENTEN SCHEDULE

*This schedule is in addition to the regular weekly Liturgical Schedule.

Date	Time	Event	Place
Wed., Feb. 14th	8:15 am, 6pm (Bilingual) & 8:00pm	Ash Wednesday	Church
Fri., Feb. 16th	брип	Stations of the Cross (ACTS)	Church
	6:30pm	Holy Hour and Confession	
Fri., Feb. 23rd	бри	Stations of the Cross (STAY)	Church
	6:30pm	Holy Hour and Confession	
Fri., Mar. 1st	6pm	Stations of the Cross (PSR)	Church
	6:30pm	Holy Hour and Confession	
Fri., Mar. 8 th	брия	Stations of the Cross (OCIA)	Church
	6:30pm	Holy Hour and Confession	
Fri., Mar. 15 th	6pm	Stations of the Cross (Confirmation)	Church
	6:30pm	Holy Hour and Confession	
Fri., Mar. 22 nd	брия	Stations of the Cross (Women's Guild)	Church
	6:30pm	Holy Hour and Confession	





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.





2/29/2024, 4:17 PM

2024 Catholic Service Appeal Report

Parish and Location	Parish ID	Families	Participating 2024 (to date)	Percentage	2024 Parish Goal	Amount Pledged 3024 (to date)	N Goal Pledged	Contributes 2024
Miscellaneous Centributions	1.	0.	У.		5 -	51,710		51,710
St. Joseph, Bastrop		83	2	2%	\$ 9,000	\$630	7,0%	\$110
Mary, Queen of Peace	10	333	17	3%	\$ 69,000	\$30,180	14.8%	\$4,655
Christ the King - Bossier City	11	435	6	1%	\$ 28,000	\$3,760	13.5%	\$630
St. Jude Church - Bossier City	12	1,094	35	3%	5 544,000	\$16,054	11.1%	\$6,779
St. Ann, Ebarb	25	84	4	3%	5 17,000	\$840	4.9%	5420
St. Benedict the Black	31	26	1	4%	\$ 3,000	\$225	7.5%	50
St. Lucy - Hodge	33	40	1	2%	\$ 12,000	\$100	0.8%	\$100
St. Margaret, Homer	34	21	1	5%	\$ 12,000	\$250	2.1%	5250
St. Patrick - Lake Providence	38	50		6%	\$ 9,000		0.0%	
St. Joseph, Mansfield	41	97	10	10%	\$ 70,000	\$8,140	11.6%	52,990
St. John the Baptist - Many	44	160	4	3%	\$ 23,000	53,725	7.5%	\$725
St. Terenor	45	54	1	2%	\$ 8,000	\$3,000	16.7%	\$1,000
Blessed Sacrament, Hinggold	46	19		6%	\$ 3,000		0.0%	
St. Faul - Minden	47	80	1.	1%	\$ 34,000	\$100	0.7%	\$100
Jesus the Good Shepherd	48	600	34	6%	\$ 91,000	537,325	40.8%	\$30,204
Little Flower of Jesus	48	146	5	2%	\$ 5,000	\$570	11.4%	\$570
Dur Lady of Fatima	30	197		3%	\$ 27,000	512,000	44.7%	511,810
St. Matthew	52	383	7	2%	\$ 36,000	\$2,675	7.4%	51,675
Secred Heart, Oak Grove	58	55		0%	\$ 3,000		0.0%	
St. Theresa - Deihi	39	27		0%	S 3,000		0.0%	
St. George, Coustatta	62	30	1	3%	5 12,000	\$100	0.8%	5100
Sacred Heart, Rayville	64	40	2:	5%	\$ 6,000	\$743	12.3%	\$540
St. Thomas Aspainas - Ruston	65	267	13	5N	\$ 32,000	\$7,605	23.8%	\$6,755
Holy Trinity	68	675	7	1%	5 75,000	\$1,775	2.4%	5725
Our Laily of the Blessed Sacrament	69	140	Α.	3%	\$ 11,000	\$1,815	16.5%	\$280
Sacred Heart of Jesus - Shreveport	70	220	0	3%	\$ 33,000	\$703	5.8%	5453
Cathedral of St. John Berchmans	72	978	-30	4%	5 189,000	\$29,895	15.8%	517,715
St. Joseph Church - Shreveport	73	729	54	7%	\$ 240,000	\$66,057	27.5%	\$36,352
St. Mary of the Fines	74	714	14	2%	\$ 55,000	54,R21	8.8%	52,271
St. Flux X	75	152	12	8%	\$ 34,000	\$4,215	12.4%	52,405
St. Clement - Vivien	82	-66	5	11%	5 11,000	\$2,120	19.3%	\$395
St. Paschal - West Monme	83	499	16	3%	\$ 53,000	56,910	13.0%	\$3,510
St. Joseph, Zwalle	86	636	13	2%	5 80,000	\$6,140	7.7%	51,295
St. Lawrence - Swartz	90	75	1.	2%	\$ 5,000	\$210	5.0%	50
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	91	182	1	1%	s 9,000	\$1,000	11.1%	\$100
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	93	913	26	3%	S 176,000	\$18,135	10.3%	510,070
St. Ann, Stonewall	94	110	4	4%	5 15,000	\$2,850	19.0%	5450
TOTAL (DIOCESE)		10,381	360	3%	\$ 1,600,000	\$252,296	15.8%	\$149,06

Catholic Schools Tuition Assistance Fund

Financial Assistance for Catholic Students

Contact vocationsoffice@dioshpt.org

for more information

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

Third Sunday of Lent -- March 3, 2024

"Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." Does a life dedicated to furthering the grace of reconciliation in Christ for others appeal to you? Consider answering the call to the priesthood and serve God and His people. Talk to your priest or to Director of Vocations Father Raney Johnson at rjohnson@sjbcathedral.org

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