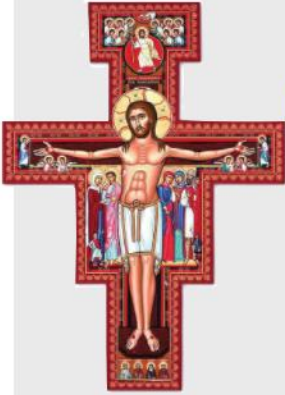


APRIL 7TH, 2024 | 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER



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

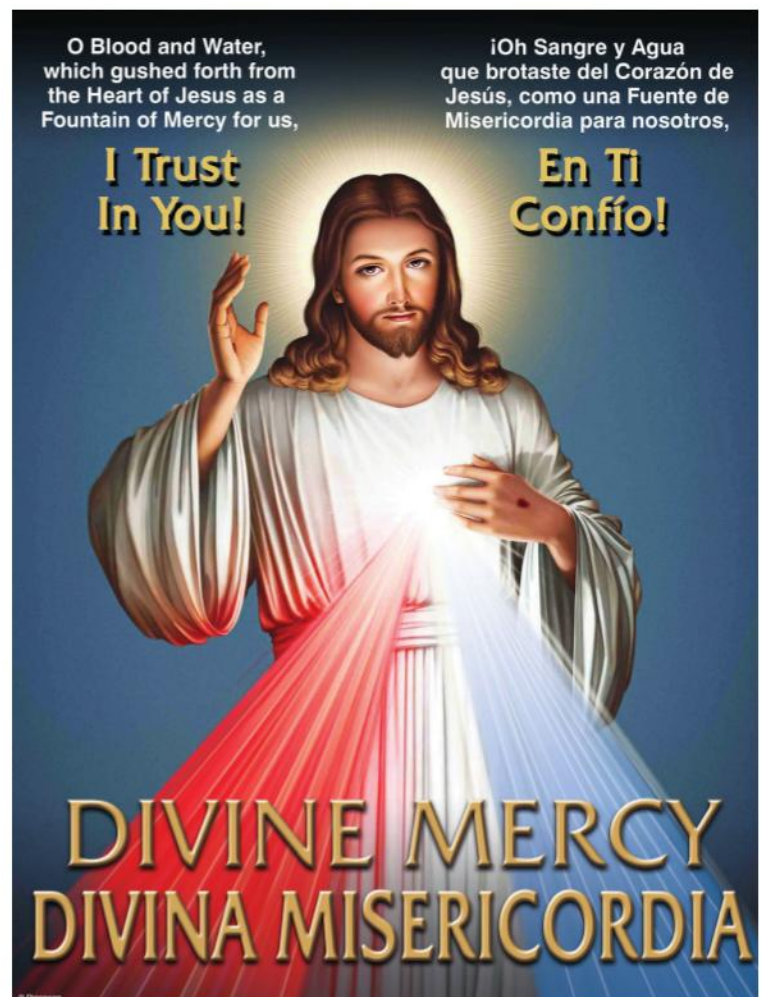
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PENANCE & RECONCILIATION

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
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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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April 3rd	Ilda Ajanel Solis Elliott Frost Barbara Ramos Cedric Serio Camila Carranza
April 4th	Richard Hooper Bill Schodlatz
April 5th	Teresa Richard Teresa Buboltz Wade Watson Saul Salazar
April 6th	Marlene Nammour
April 7th	Brandon Parrie
April 8th	John R Serio Emmanuel Gomez
April 12th	Braydyn Lopez
April 14th	Hannah-Claire Bryan
April 15th	Jimmy Shuff Allie Wilson
April 16th	Tony Jurkus Ty Hickman Julia Guerrero
April 18th	Patricia Plata Paige Denny Julie Richard
April 19th	Sofia Carranza
April 21st	Margie Skipper Hudson St. Clair Taylor Coulter
April 22nd	Johnathan Lopez
April 23rd	Sofia Ulloa Jorge Aguirre
April 25th	Sharon Pettijohn Lee VanderSchaaf Taylor Fincher
April 27th	Carol Mercier
April 28th	Bailey Reger
April 29th	Mallory Taylor

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, April 7th

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

Monday, April 8th

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

Tuesday, April 9th

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

Wednesday, April 10th

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, April 11th


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

Friday, April 12th


8:30 AM - 12:00PM	Church Office Closed
11:15 AM - 11:45AM	Penance & Reconciliation
12:00 PM	Daily Mass
3:00 PM	Living Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 13th

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



Your gift matters.



Scan to give.

The people rejoiced over the offerings, for they had given freely and wholeheartedly to the Lord.

1 Chronicles 29:9

Ministry Schedule

Saturday April 6th 2024

Lectors: Pam Allen, Samantha Groce

EMHC: Trish Carter, George Trevison

Altar Servers: Kevin Serio, Mary Virginia & John Mark Adams

Sunday April 7th, 2024

Lectors: Thomas Rogers, Stacey Denny

EMHC: Todd Wasson, Tom Bishop, Paul Jackson, Emily Chartier

Altar Servers: Brennan, Matthew & Anna Kate Jackson

Saturday April 13th 2024

Lectors: John Allen, Tom Garza

EMHC: John R Serio, Slade Richard

Altar Servers: Jack, Jessie & Julie Groce

Sunday April 14th, 2024

Lectors: Jim Martin, Paul Jackson

EMHC: Mary Ghongkedze, Gary Kennedy, Elaine Johnson

Altar Servers: Maggie & Georgia Rogers, Ramona Bishop



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
 Pearlina 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 23/24

General Sunday Collection \$9,630.00
 Grounds Beautification \$380.00

Thank you for continued and generous support!



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.



Saturday April 6th

Lisa Rose +
 (by Mark Kavanaugh)

Sunday April 7th

For the Parishioners of St. Thomas Aquinas

Monday April 8th

Billy Taylor +
 (by Diane Taylor)

Friday April 12th

Dennis C Kennedy
 (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

March-May PSR Schedule

- **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:** Last day of PSR / grades pre-K-12th grade.
- May 12th: NO PSR / Sacrament Weekend
- **Saturday, May 11, 2024 at 5:00pm: Confirmation** will be celebrated for Year 2 confirmation students during Mass.
- **Sunday, May 12, 2024 at 9:30am: First Holy Communion** will be celebrated during Mass.
- **May 19th: NO PSR – Parish Picnic**

Upcoming Confirmation Dates

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

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!

VBS Update/Important Dates:

- **VBS Planning:** We are still looking for individuals to help lead stations (ex., music, games, registration, snacks, etc.). If you are interested, please come to the above meeting. For questions, please reach out to Niki St. Clair at eminic28@aol.com or 318-243-4469.
- **VBS Week is scheduled for June 10-14th from 8:00am-12:00pm.** Registration information forthcoming the week of April 7th.

UPCOMING

STAY 6-12TH GRADES

6:00 - 7:30 PM

MARCH 27	NO MEETING
APRIL 3	PLANNING AND GAMES
APRIL 10	EASTER GAMES
APRIL 17	SACRAMENT TALK
APRIL 24	GUEST SPEAKERS
MAY 1	MEETING
MAY 8	MEETING
MAY 15	MEETING
MAY 22	MEETING
MAY 29	WELCOME TO RISING 6TH GRADERS

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Save the Date
St Thomas Aquinas
Vacation Bible School
June 10-14th



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 April 9th (lunch meeting), April 18th Women's Guild dinner and Steel Magnolias (RSVP 318-548-7127), May 14th (lunch meeting).



Men's Club meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at 6:00 pm, at the Luffey.

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

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

 The background of the poster shows a priest in white vestments performing the rite of confirmation on a young boy. The priest is on the left, and the boy is on the right, with his hand raised. The scene is set in a church with other people visible in the background.

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

 The background of the poster is a close-up of a hand holding a golden chalice filled with wine. The lighting is warm and focused on the chalice.



BEING CATHOLIC

at Louisiana Tech University

Divine Mercy Sunday!

ACTS students are back on campus and excited for the season of Easter! The Spring quarter is in full swing, and many events are happening on campus.

The students would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the Panda Express fundraiser last week, it was a great success! Your support in this fundraiser will help the organization with expenses to keep up the E. Donn Piatt student center.

Students are also gearing up for "Mass Madness." Each Thursday, for the next few weeks, students will gather to discuss influential Catholics from over the years. Students will vote each week on the "most influential" to find a winner by using a March Madness style bracket.

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

Weekly ACTStivities

Wednesday:

- Dollar Lunch 11:30am
- Girls & Guys Group 6pm

Thursday:

- Mass Madness 5:30 pm

Friday:

- Sports in the Quad 3:30pm

Saturday:

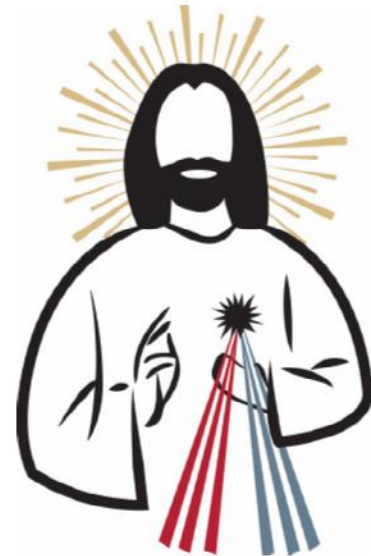
- Spring Cleaning 9am



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APRIL 21, 9 AM - 1 PM



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



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DATE: Divine Mercy Sunday (Sunday, April 7, 2024)
CHURCH: St. Jude Catholic Church
ADDRESS: 4700 Palmetto Road - Benton, Louisiana 71006 (318) 746-2508
SPECIAL MASS IN HONOR OF SAINT JUDE: 3:00 PM
VENERATION OF THE RELIC BEGINS: immediately after Mass
VENERATION ENDS: 8:00 PM

CHECK THE WEBSITE BELOW FOR OTHER LOCATIONS

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2024 Catholic Service Appeal Report

Parish and Location	Parish ID	# of Parish Families	# of Families Participating 2024 (No data)	Participation Percentage	2024 Parish Goal	Amount Plagded 2024 (No date)	% Goal Plagded	Amount Contributed 2024
Miscellaneous Contributions	1	0	16		\$ -	\$4,215		\$4,215
St. Joseph, Ruston	8	83	5	6%	\$ 9,000	\$1,055	11.7%	\$425
Mary, Queen of Peace	10	333	51	15%	\$ 69,000	\$23,820	34.5%	\$15,820
Christ the King - Bossier City	11	435	32	7%	\$ 28,000	\$8,125	29.0%	\$5,900
St. Jude Church - Bossier City	12	1,094	130	12%	\$ 184,000	\$58,560	32.0%	\$39,736
St. Ann, Ebarb	25	84	18	21%	\$ 17,000	\$7,550	44.4%	\$3,790
St. Benedict the Black	31	26	3	12%	\$ 3,000	\$575	19.2%	\$375
St. Lucy - Hodge	33	48	5	10%	\$ 12,000	\$1,950	16.3%	\$1,725
St. Margaret, Homer	34	21	2	10%	\$ 12,000	\$1,000	8.3%	\$325
St. Patrick - Lake Providence	38	50	1	2%	\$ 9,000	\$2,500	27.8%	\$2,500
St. Joseph, Mansfield	41	97	19	20%	\$ 70,000	\$18,065	25.8%	\$5,555
St. John the Baptist - Many	44	160	21	13%	\$ 21,000	\$7,025	33.5%	\$3,825
St. Terence	45	54	2	4%	\$ 6,000	\$1,100	18.3%	\$1,100
Blessed Sacrament, Ringgold	46	19	2	11%	\$ 3,000	\$350	11.7%	\$350
St. Paul - Minden	47	80	9	11%	\$ 14,000	\$1,300	9.3%	\$1,350
Jesus the Good Shepherd	48	600	72	12%	\$ 91,000	\$51,383	56.5%	\$43,314
Little Flower of Jesus	49	146	15	10%	\$ 5,000	\$1,645	32.9%	\$1,415
Our Lady of Fatima	50	182	23	13%	\$ 27,000	\$17,115	63.4%	\$14,640
St. Matthew	52	383	31	8%	\$ 36,000	\$10,325	28.7%	\$8,525
Sacred Heart, Oak Grove	58	55	3	5%	\$ 3,000	\$175	5.8%	\$175
St. Theresa - Delhi	59	27		0%	\$ 3,000		0.0%	
St. George, Cinchatta	62	30	6	20%	\$ 12,000	\$4,550	37.9%	\$1,600
Sacred Heart, Rayville	64	40	3	8%	\$ 6,000	\$940	15.7%	\$760
St. Thomas Aquinas - Ruston	65	267	21	8%	\$ 32,000	\$11,330	35.4%	\$9,665
Holy Trinity	68	675	31	5%	\$ 75,000	\$8,191	10.8%	\$5,396
Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament	69	140	10	7%	\$ 11,000	\$3,715	33.8%	\$1,435
Sacred Heart of Jesus - Shreveport	70	220	23	10%	\$ 13,000	\$5,743	44.2%	\$4,528
Cathedral of St. John Berchmans	72	978	72	7%	\$ 189,000	\$58,520	31.0%	\$48,155
St. Joseph Church - Shreveport	73	729	117	16%	\$ 240,000	\$80,805	33.7%	\$59,696
St. Mary of the Plains	74	734	54	8%	\$ 35,000	\$17,742	50.7%	\$10,582
St. Pius X	75	152	35	23%	\$ 34,000	\$13,565	39.9%	\$6,435
St. Clement - Vivian	82	44	10	23%	\$ 11,000	\$3,780	34.4%	\$860
St. Paschal - West Monroe	83	499	57	11%	\$ 53,000	\$20,130	37.9%	\$14,700
St. Joseph, Ziville	86	636	71	11%	\$ 80,000	\$31,185	39.0%	\$19,130
St. Lawrence - Swartz	90	75	5	7%	\$ 9,000	\$525	10.5%	\$275
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	91	182	10	5%	\$ 9,000	\$2,795	30.4%	\$1,535
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	93	913	106	12%	\$ 176,000	\$61,836	35.0%	\$47,171
St. Ann, Stonewall	94	110	15	14%	\$ 15,000	\$5,950	39.7%	\$3,175
TOTAL (DIOCESE)		10,381	1,100	11%	\$ 1,600,000	\$559,005	34.9%	\$382,419

DE VUELTA A CASA

RETIRO PARA JÓVENES ADULTOS

18-35 años
19-21 de Abril, 2024
\$100
5:00 pm
Camp Bethany
9766 US Highway 79
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<p>Housekeeper - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Shreveport, Louisiana</p> <p>Executive Director - Catholic Charities of North Louisiana</p> <p>Development Director - Catholic Charities of North Louisiana</p> <p>Digital Communications Specialist - Catholic Center</p> <p>Information Technology Technician - Catholic Center</p>	<p>Director of Marriage & Family Life - Catholic Center</p> <p>Director of Religious Education - St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, Ruston, LA</p> <p>Director of Jr. High & High School Youth Ministry - St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, Ruston, LA</p> <p>Organist - St. Paul Catholic Church, Minden, LA</p> <p>https://www.dioshpt.org/job-opportunities</p>
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