APRIL 14TH, 2024 | 3RD 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

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 Ssennyondo

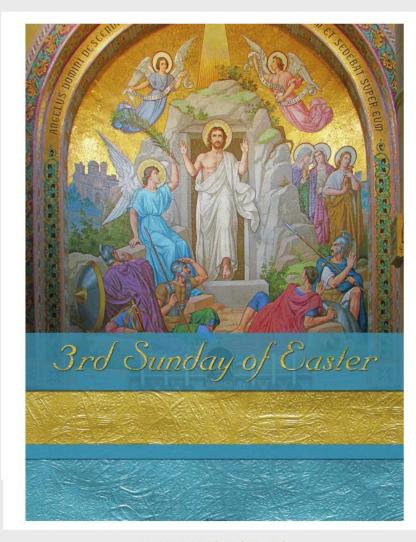
Deacon John Serio

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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April 3rd Ilda Ajanel Solis

> Elliott Frost Barbara Ramos

Cedric Serio Camila Carranza

April 4th Richard Hooper

> Bill Schodlatz Teresa Richard

Teresa Buboltz Wade Watson

April 5th

April 16th

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

Tony Jurkus Ty Hickman

Julia Guerrero

April 18th Patricia Plata

Paige Denny Julie Richard

Sofia Carranza

April 19th 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 14th

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

Monday, April 15th

Penance & Reconciliation 7:30 AM - 8:00AM

8:15 AM Daily Mass

8:30 AM - 4:00PM Church Office Open

Tuesday, April 16th

Penance & Reconciliation 7:30 AM - 8:00AM

Daily Mass 8:15 AM

8:30 AM - 4:00PM Church Office Open

Wednesday, April 17th

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 18th

7:30 AM - 8:00AM Penance & Reconciliation

8:15 AM Daily Mass

8:30 AM - 4:00PM Church Office Close

Friday, April 19th

Church Office Closed 8:30 AM - 12:00PM 11:15 AM - 11:45AM Penance & Reconciliation

12:00 PM Daily Mass

3:00 PM Living Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 20th

3:30PM - 4:45AM Penance & Reconciliation

5:00 PM Vigil Mass



Ministry Schedule

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

Saturday April 20th 2024

Lectors: Dolly Hurtig, Charlotte Wilkerson

EMHC: Bob Rorie, John R Serio

Altar Servers: Cedric, Kevin & Peter Serio

Sunday April 21st, 2024

Lectors: Josie Bishop, Sarah Wilkerson

EMHC: Elaine Johnson, Thomas Rogers, Tom Bishop, Todd Wasson

Altar Servers: Brad Denny, Liam Taylor & Elliott Frost



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 23/24

General Sunday Collection \$10,021.50

March 30/31

General Sunday Collection \$9,295.60

Thank you for continued and generous support!



Saturday April 13th Paul & Mike Buske + (by Dave & Mary Leonard)

Bobby Ortego + Sunday April 14th (by Karen Ortego)

> Por los feligreses de la parroquia Santo Tomas de Aquino

Nolan Kelly (by Ben Kubicek)

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://stthomasaguinasruston.com/calendar/



Altar flowers donated by Candy Gerace in honor of all our parishioners.

If you would like to donate flowers in the church, please call Marcie Tucker at (318)255-2870 for more information.

Parish School of Religion

March-May PSR Schedule

- April 14th: PSR Meeting grades pre-K-12th grade (including Conformation, Year 2/B). Also, Confirmation retreat from 2:30-8pm in the Luffey Center.
- 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
- o Saturday, May 11, 2024 at 5:00pm: Confirmation will be celebrated for Year 2 confirmation students during Mass.
- o Sunday, May 12, 2024 at 9:30am: First Holy Communion will be celebrated during Mass.
- May 19th: NO PSR Parish Picnic at St. Thomas.

Parish Picnic: Mark your calendars for an upcoming Parish picnic on Sunday, May 19, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. on the grounds (outside) at St. Thomas. The Parish will provide meat, and parishioners will be asked to bring sides & deserts. This will be our end of the year celebration. All are invited! More information to follow from the Parish Council.

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 for both online and pen & paper registration.







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 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.







Good Shepherd Sunday

This coming Saturday is Louisiana Tech's BIG EVENT! Students across campus will be participating in this widespread community service affair to celebrate Earth Day. ACTS students will get the chance to serve others on their campus and in the community.

This week is the last week for Mass Madness at the ACTS center. Students will be deciding on the most influential saints from this year's bracket. Stay tuned to find out who wins!

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

For more information, please visit: $\underline{stac\text{-}acts.com}$

Weekly ACTStivities

Wednesday:

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

Thursday:

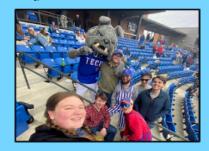
*Mass Madness 5:30 pm

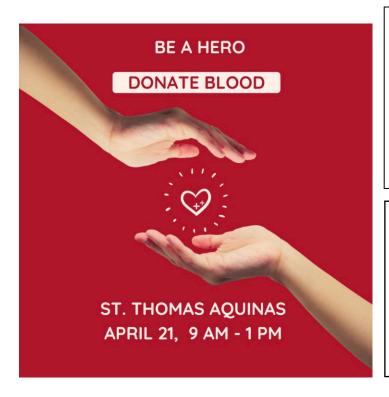
Friday:

* Sports in the Quad 3:30pm

Saturday:

* Big Event! 8am







Third Sunday of Easter:

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus explains the meaning of the scriptures. Like the disciples, when we offer and receive forgiveness our hearts burn because we encounter the risen Christ within us.

Have you considered answering the call to "help the poor find forgiveness and healing in their life" by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?



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.



March 31, 2024

2024 Catholic Service Appeal Report

Perish and Location	Parish IO	# of Parish Families	# of Families Participating 2024 (to date)	Perticipation Percentage	2024 Parish Goal	Amount Piedged 2024 (to date)	N Goal Pledged	Amount Contribute 2024
Miscellaneous Contributions	1	0	17		\$ -	\$4,220		\$3,770
St. Joseph, Bastrop	8	83	8	10%	\$ 9,000	\$1,955	21.7%	\$1,125
Mary, Queen of Peace	10	333	55	17%	\$ 69,000	\$24,620	35.7%	\$16,795
Christ the King - Bossier City	33	435	37	9%	\$ 28,000	\$10,510	37.5%	\$6,685
St. Jude Church - Bossier City	12	1,094	153	14%	5 144,000	\$67,039	46.6%	544,441
St. Ann, Ebarb	25	84	23	27%	5 17,000	\$8,775	51.6%	54,375
St. Benedict the Black	31	26	3	12%	\$ 3,000	\$575	19.2%	\$375
St. Lucy - Hodge	33	48	- 6	13%	\$ 12,000	\$2,000	16.7%	\$1,775
St. Margaret, Homer	34	21	4	19%	\$ 12,000	\$2,065	17.2%	\$490
St. Patrick - Lake Providence	38	50	.3	6%	\$ 9,000	52,775	30.8%	\$2,575
St. Joseph, Mansfield	41	97	25	26%	5 70,000	\$21,797	21.1%	\$8,587
St. John the Baptist - Many	44	160	25	16%	5 23,000	\$8,050	35.0%	\$4,850
St. Terence	45	54	3	6%	\$ 6,000	\$2,100	35.0%	\$1,300
Blessed Sacrament, Ringgold	46	19	3	16%	\$ 3,000	\$600	20.0%	\$600
St. Paul - Minden	47	80	10	13%	\$ 14,000	\$1,800	12:9%	\$1,665
Jesus the Good Shepherd	48	600	79	13%	\$ 91,000	\$56,763	62.4%	\$45,064
Little Flower of Jesus	49	146	21	14%	\$ 5,000	\$2,270	45.4%	\$1,990
Our Lady of Fatima	50	182	26	14%	\$ 27,000	\$17,765	65.8%	\$14,790
St. Matthew	52	385	54	9%	\$ 36,000	\$11,025	30.6%	\$9,075
Sacred Heart, Oak Grove	58	55	3	5%	\$ 3,000	\$175	5.8%	\$175
St. Theresa - Delhi	59	27	1	4%	\$ 3,000	\$100	3.3%	\$100
St. George, Coushatta	62	30	7	23%	\$ 12,000	\$5,050	42.3%	\$3,700
Sacred Heart, Rayville	64	40	3	8%	\$ 6,000	\$840	15.7%	\$760
St. Thomas Aguinas - Ruston	65	267	24	9%	5 32,000	\$13,130	41.0%	\$11,465
Holy Trinity	68	675	40	6%	\$ 75,000	\$12,951	17.3%	\$8,126
Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament	69	140	14	10%	\$ 11,000	\$4,265	38.8%	\$1,910
Sacred Heart of Jesus - Shreveport	70	220	26	12%	\$ 13,000	\$5,983	46.0%	\$4,768
Cathedral of St. John Berchmans	72	978	81	8%	\$ 189,000	\$76,560	40.5%	\$50,045
St. Joseph Church - Shreveport	73	729	139	19%	\$ 240,000	\$106,194	44.2%	\$74,714
St. Mary of the Pines	74	714	67	9%	5 55,000	\$21,842	39.7%	\$12,407
St. Plus X	75	152	40	26%	5 34,000	\$15,715	46.2%	58,895
St. Clement - Vivian	82	- 44	13	30%	\$ 11,000	\$4,580	41.0%	\$1,335
St. Paschal - West Monroe	83	499	68	14%	\$ 53,000	\$27,020	51.0%	\$20,390
St. Joseph, Zwolle	86	636	80	13%	\$ 80,000	\$33,665	42.1%	\$20,385
St. Lawrence - Swartz	90	75	- 6	8%	\$ 5,000	\$575	11.5%	\$325
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	91	182	12	7%	\$ 9,000	\$3,335	37.1%	\$1,785
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	93	915	117	13%	\$ 176,000	\$77,756	44.2%	558,816
St. Ann, Stonewall	94	110	16	15%	\$ 15,000	\$6,150	41.0%	\$3,525
TOTAL (DIOCESE)		10,381	1,292	12%	\$ 1,600,000	\$662,671	41.4%	\$453,95



Diocesan Employment Opportunities

Housekeeper - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Shreveport, Louisiana

Executive Director - Catholic Charities of North Louisiana

Development Director - Catholic Charities of North Louisiana

Digital Communications Specialist - Catholic Center

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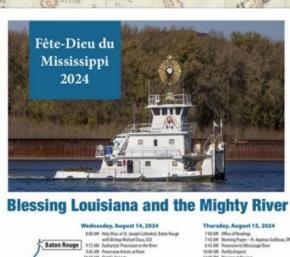
Director of Marriage & Family Life - Catholic Center

Director of Religious Education - St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, Ruston, LA

Director of Jr. High & High School Youth Ministry - St. Thomas Aguinas Catholic Church, Ruston, LA

Organist - St. Paul Catholic Church, Minden, LA

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