## APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2024 | 5<sup>TH</sup> 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 9:30AM Sunday:

> 1:30PM (Spanish) 7:00PM (*Sept. - May*)

### DAILY MASSES

8:15AM Monday: 8:15AM Tuesday:

8:15AM & 8:00PM Wednesday:

8:15AM 12:00PM Friday:

#### 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

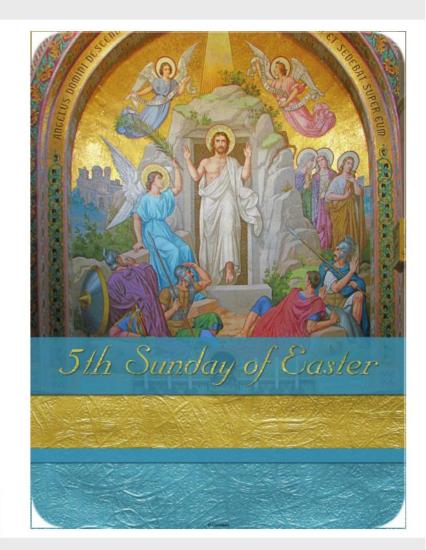
## STAFF/TELEPHONE EXT.

Fr. Kevin Mues (318) 310-4007 **Pastor** Fr. Charles Ssennyondo **Parroquial Vicar** Deacon John Serio

Deacon Robert Ransom

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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 1stBeverly RaymondApril 3rdIlda Ajanel Solis

Elliott Frost Barbara Ramos Cedric Serio

Camila Carranza Richard Hooper

April 4th Richard Hooper
Bill Schodlatz

April 5<sup>th</sup> Teresa Richard
Teresa Buboltz

Wade Watson Saul Salazar

April 6th Marlene Nammour
April 7th Brandon Parrie
April 8th John R Serio

Emmanuel Gomez

April 12<sup>th</sup> Braydyn Lopez
April 14<sup>th</sup> Hannah-Claire Bryan

April 15th Jimmy Shuff

Allie Wilson

April 16<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> Johnathan Lopez

April 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 28th

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

Monday, April 29th

7:30 AM - 8:00 AM Penance & Reconciliation 8:15 AM Daily Mass

8:30 AM - 4:00PM Church Office Open 5:30 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet

Tuesday, April 30th

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

8:15 AM Daily Mass

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

Wednesday, May 1st

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

8:15 AM Daily Mass

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

12:00 PM Dollar Lunch

6:00 PM - 8:00PM STAY 8:00 PM Mass

Thursday, May 2nd

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

8:15 AM Daily Mass

8:30 AM - 4:00PM Church Office Open 6:00PM Choir Practice

Friday, May 3rd

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

12:00 PM Daily Mass 6:00 PM Adoration

Saturday, May 4th

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

5:00 PM Vigil Mass

#### St. Thomas Vacation Bible School Registration is now OPEN!

Date: June 10-14, 2024
Time: 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Where: St. Thomas Luffey Center
Ages: Pre-K 3 (toilet trained) – entering 6th Grade

Register your child for St. Thomas VBS using the OR code below.



Register to be a Volunteer at St. Thomas' VBS (using the QR code below). We would love to have your help!



Paper registration forms also available at the Church office/PSR director.

## **Ministry Schedule**

Saturday April 27th 2024

Lectors: George Trevison, Dolly Hurtig

EMHC: Beth Buske, Bob Rorie

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

Sunday April 28th, 2024

Lectors: Ryan Freling, Stacey Denny

EMHC: Carol Mercier, Emily Chartier, Mary Ghongkedze, Paul Jackson

Altar Servers: Hannah, Brooklynn & Olivia Bryan

Saturday May 4th 2024

Lectors: John Allen, Pam Allen

EMHC: George Trevison, Trish Carter

Altar Servers: Cedric, Kevin & Peter Serio

Sunday May 5th, 2024

Lectors: Paul Jackson, Jim Martin

EMHC: Thomas Rogers, Elaine Johnson, Todd Wasson

Altar Servers: Matthew & Anna Kate Jackson, Jake Taulli



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
Nicole Smith
Polly Smith

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David & Kim St. John Kathleen "Kathy" Walter

Janice Williams

## STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY April 20/21

General Sunday Collection \$10,037.00

Thank you for continued and generous support!





## Please sign up to donate altar flowers

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



Saturday April 27th Paul & Mike Buske+ (by Dave & Mary Leonard)

Sunday April 28th Dennis C Kennedy +

(by Gary & Selene Kennedy)

Juan y Imelda Ramirez (by Imelda Ramirez)

Monday April 29th Angelina Hughes

(by Jonathan & Ailish Rodriguez)

Wednesday May 1st Private Intention

(by Imelda Ramirez)

Friday May 3<sup>rd</sup> Private Intention

(by Imelda Ramirez)

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 <a href="https://stthomasaquinasruston.com/calendar/">https://stthomasaquinasruston.com/calendar/</a>

## **Parish School of Religion**

#### **March-May PSR Schedule**

- · 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: Parish picnic on Sunday, May 19, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. on the grounds (outside) at St. Thomas. The Parish will provide hamburgers and hotdogs (and all the condiments / buns), and parishioners will be asked to bring sides & desserts. Also, please bring outside games and tailgate chairs. 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 for both online and pen & paper registration.















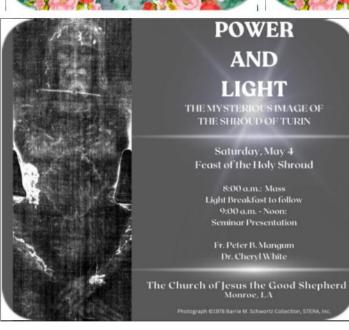




## Fifth Sunday of Easter

In the Gospel today, Jesus says "Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." Indeed, by helping the poor we can "bear much fruit" and we find that with Jesus we can do everything.

Your gift to the Society of St.
Vincent de Paul will show that
you are indeed the disciple of
Jesus as it will bring your love to
those who live in fear and doubt,
loneliness and dread.





Parents, looking for a fun, Christ centered, summer camp for your high school student? Sign up today for Camp Beloved (girls) or Mission Possible (guys)

These summer camps are open to all high school students, throughout the diocese.

Young ladies, from incoming Freshman to Graduating seniors, are invited to Camp Beloved, July 11-July 14

Young men, from incoming Freshman to Graduating seniors, are invited to Camp Mission Possible, July 14- July 17

Click the link below to sign your high school student up to experience three days of faith-filled fun at this unforgettable, life-changing camp. Two camps, one for girls and one for boys, will be held at King's Camp (in McrRouge, La) filled with awesome activities and rooted in Catholic spirituality! This year's camper's will enjoy ropes course, canoeing, archery, pottery, competitive games, great food, Catholic devotions, and of course, time at the pool!

Online registration is now open! Click link below to sign up today! https://shvcamps.com/



Men's Club meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at 6:00 pm, at the Luffey.

All men are welcome! 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 meeting May 14th, 2024 at noon.** 



## Fifth Sunday of Easter

Our ACTS students have stayed busy this week studying for midterms as the Spring Quarter is roughly halfway over! Students really appreciate your prayers for guidance and success at this time!

Last Saturday, ACTS students spent the morning together participating in Louisiana Tech's Big Event. Students of all classifications, majors, and clubs got together to celebrate Earth Day by going into the community and assisting in various outdoor jobs. Our ACTS students had a blast reaching out to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

This past Friday, we celebrated mass and the investiture of Louisiana Tech's new president, Dr. Jim Henderson. We are so excited to welcome him to our school, church, and community! What a great way to close out the month of April!

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



## Weekly ACTStivities:

#### Tuesday:

\* ACTS Executive Team Meeting **5pm** 

## Wednesday:

- \* Dollar Lunch 11:30am
- \* Guys' and Girls' Group 6 pm

## Friday:

- \* Sports in the Quad 3:30 pm
- \* Adoration 6 pm





# eveport Red Mass Society Red Mass

## Holy Trinity Catholic Church Friday, May 3, 2024

Music 8:30A Mass 9A

Principal Celebrant and Homilist
His Eminence Christophe Cardinal Pierre

Concelebrant Most Reverend Francis I. Malone

Master of Ceremonies Reverend Duane Trombetta

Zion Baptist Church Choir

St. Cecilia Choral Society

Shreveport Red Mass Society

Red Mass

# 30th Red Mass Celebration Banquet

**Thursday, May 2, 2024**Petroleum Club

## Cocktail Hour 5:30P Seated Dinner 7P

Guest of Honor: His Eminence Christophe Cardinal Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States

Presentation by Very Reverend Peter B. Mangum on The Five Priests: Servants of God

Tickets and Tables for 10 available Please email interest to Allison Foster afoster@qnins.com

#### **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

Information Technology Technician - Catholic Center

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 Aquinas Catholic Church, Ruston, LA

Organist - St. Paul Catholic Church, Minden, LA

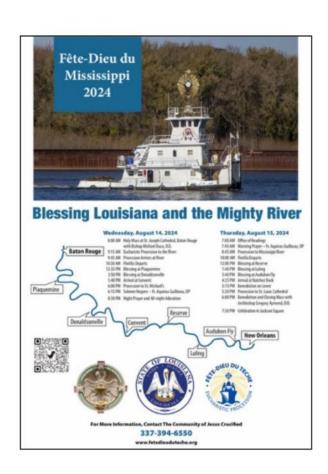
https://www.dioshpt.org/job-opportunities



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### 2024 Catholic Service Appeal Report

Parish and Location	Parish ID	# of Parish Families	# of Families Participating 2024 (to date)	Participation Percentage	2024 Parish Goal	Amount Pledged 2024 (to date)	% Goal Pledged	Amount Contribute 2024
Missellaneous Contributions	1	.0	22		\$ .	\$4,710		\$4,360
R. Joseph, Bastrop		83		10%	\$ 9,000	\$1,955	21.7%	\$1,245
Mary, Gueen of Peace	3.0	333	84	19%	\$ 69,000	\$40,080	58,1%	\$32,705
Christ the King - Bossler City	11	435	44	10%	\$ 28,000	\$12,465	44.5%	\$6,740
St. Jude Church - Bossier City	12	1,094	162	15%	\$ 144,000	571,838	49.9%	\$50,403
St. Ann, Eberts	25	.84	26	31%	\$ 17,000	\$9,300	54.7%	\$5,490
iz. Benedict the Black	31	26	4	15%	\$ 3,000	\$725	24.2%	\$550
St. Lucy - Hodge	93	48		17%	5 12,000	\$3,000	25.0%	\$2,800
St. Margaret, Homer	34	21	5	24%	\$ 12,000	\$2,565	21.4%	\$1,185
R. Patrick - Lake Providence	38	50		10%	\$ 9,000	\$3,525	39.2%	\$3,350
St. Joseph, Wansfield	41	97	26	27%	\$ 70,000	\$22,322	31,9%	\$10,152
St. John the Baptist - Many	44	160	29	18%	\$ 23,000	\$12,918	56,2%	\$8,500
St. Terence	45	54	3	6%	\$ 6,000	\$2,100	35,0%	\$1,500
Blessed Secrament, Ringgold	46	19	4	21%	\$ 3,000	\$1,100	36,7%	\$1,100
St. Paul - Minden	47	80	12	15%	\$ 14,000	\$2,100	15.0%	\$1,965
lesus the Good Shepherd	48	800	86	14%	\$ 91,000	\$58,103	63.8%	\$48,073
Ittle Flower of Jesus	49	346	26	18%	\$ 5,000	\$3,715	74,3%	92,565
Dur Lady of Fatima	50	182	28	15%	\$ 27,000	\$17,905	86.3%	\$15,655
it. Matthew	52	383	37	10%	\$ 36,000	\$11,400	31.7%	\$9,475
Sacred Heart, Clair Grove	58	55	4	7%	\$ 3,000	\$275	9.2%	\$275
St. Theresa - Delhi	59	27	1	4%	\$ 3,000	\$100	3.3%	5100
St. George, Coushatta	62	30	11	37%	\$ 12,000	\$5,590	46.6%	\$4,290
Sacred Heart, Rayville	84	40	4	10%	\$ 8,000	\$1,040	17.3%	\$880
St. Thomas Aquimas - Ruston	65	267	25	9%	\$ 32,000	\$11,105	41.6%	\$11,725
mally Trimity	68	675	49	7%	\$ 75,000	\$16,511	22.0%	\$11,966
Dur Lady of the Blessed Sacrament	69	140	16	11%	\$ 11,000	\$4,390	39,9%	\$2,315
Secred Heart of Jesus - Shreveport	70	220	29	13%	\$ 13,000	56,258	48.1%	\$5,136
Cathedral of St. John Berchmans	72	645	90	14%	\$ 189,000	\$84,075	44.5%	\$60,550
St. Joseph Church - Shreveport	73	729	156	21%	\$ 240,000	\$314,411	47.7%	\$84,813
St. Mary of the Pines	74	714	76	1136	5 55,000	525,994	47.3%	516,504
St. Plus X	75	152	47	31%	\$ 94,000	\$16,490	48.5%	\$10,490
it. Clement - Vivian	82	44	15	34%	\$ 11,000	\$4,990	45,4%	\$2,100
It. Paschal - West Monroe	83	499	71	14%	\$ 53,000	\$28,472	53.7%	\$21,522
R. Joseph, Zwelle	86	636	92	14%	\$ 80,000	\$45,760	37.2%	\$23,598
R. Lawrence - Swartz	90	75	,	3%	\$ 5,000	5675	13.5%	\$675
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	91	382	17	7%	\$ 9,000	\$3,345	37.2%	\$1,795
It. Elizabeth Ann Seton	93	918	133	15%	\$ 176,000	\$85,652	48.7%	\$64,633
it. Ann, Stonewalf	94	110	16	19%	\$ 15,000	\$6,150	41.0%	\$3,650
TOTAL (DIOCESE)		10.048	1,456	14%	\$ 1,600,000	5745,310	46.6%	\$536,64



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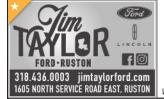


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