MAY 5TH, 2024 | 6TH 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

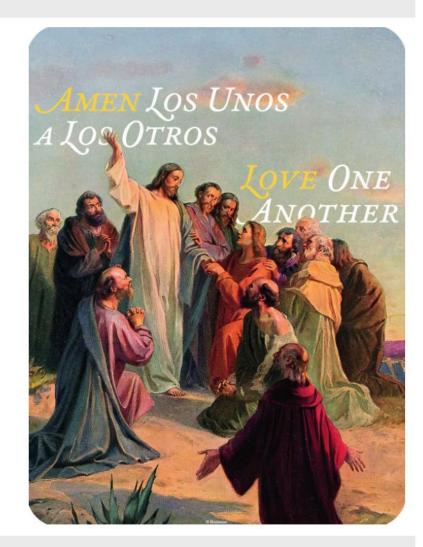
STAFF/TELEPHONE EXT.

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

Pastor **Parroquial Vicar**

Deacon Robert Ransom Marcie Tucker (318) 255-2870 Melinda Bryan (318) 525-4906 Matthew Bryan Thurston Allen St. Vincent de Paul Society (318)255-8090

Business Manager Interim PSR Director President of Pastoral Council Chairman of Finance Council



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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May 2nd	Samantha Groce
	Abraham Priego
May 3rd	Alexander Watson
May 4th	Rel Gray
May 5th	Nancy Roger
May 7th	Amanda Serio
	Juana Turrubiartes
	Sheila Gonzalez
May 9th	Ryan Colvin
	Erin Raab
	Thurston Allen
	Jovanni Navarro Rodriguez
	Alex Lainez
	Virginia Danna
May 10th	Leonor Garcia
	Smith Gillum
May 11th	Daniela Derosa
	Jonah McCumber
May 12th	Steven Shuff
May 14th	Jack Groce
	Erica White
May 15th	Olivia Good
May 16th	Madelynn Bryan
May 17th	Elaine Johnson
	Diana Perez
May 18th	George Gillum
	Cynthia Corcia
	Joseph Gray
May 19th	Charles Barron
May 20th	Bala Ramachandran
	Virginia Rainwater
May 21st	Marina Bishop
	Katie McCumber
May 22 nd	Jason Strickler
May 24th	Mindy Bryan
	Alexander Moore
May 25th	Gregorio Garcia
May 26th	Lorena Lopez
	Whitney Rust
May 27th	Todd Faulkner
	Jesus Salazar
May 30th	Molly Raab
May 31st	Imelda Ramirez
	Rosa Ramirez
	Steven Montgomery

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

THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, May 5th 9:30 AM 1:30 PM 7:00 PM

<u>Monday, May 6th</u> 7:30 AM - 8:00AM 8:15 AM 8:30 AM - 4:00PM 5:30 PM

Tuesday, May 7th 7:30 AM - 8:00AM 8:15 AM 8:30 AM - 4:00PM

Wednesday, May 8th 7:30 AM - 8:00AM 8:15 AM 8:30 AM - 4:00PM 12:00 PM 6:00 PM - 8:00PM 8:00 PM

Thursday, May 9th 7:30 AM - 8:00AM 8:15 AM 8:30 AM - 4:00PM 6:00PM

Friday. May 10th 8:30 AM - 12:00PM 11:15 AM - 11:45AM 12:00 PM 6:00 PM

Saturday, May 11th 3:30PM - 4:45AM 5:00 PM Sunday Mass Misa en Español Sunday Mass

Penance & Reconciliation Daily Mass Church Office Open Divine Mercy Chaplet

Penance & Reconciliation Daily Mass Church Office Open

Penance & Reconciliation Daily Mass Church Office Open Dollar Lunch STAY Mass

Penance & Reconciliation Daily Mass Church Office Open Choir Practice

Church Office Open Penance & Reconciliation Daily Mass Adoration

Penance & Reconciliation 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.

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Ministry Schedule

Saturday May 4th 2024

Lectors: John Allen, Pam Allen

EMHC: George Trevison, Trish Carter

Altar Servers: Jack, Jessie & Julie Groce

Sunday May 5th, 2024

Lectors: Paul Jackson, Jim Martin

EMHC: Gary Kennedy, Thomas Rogers, Elaine Johnson, Todd Wasson

Altar Servers: Matthew & Anna Kate Jackson, Jake Taulli

Saturday May 11th 2024

Lectors: Tom Garza, George Trevison

EMHC: Slade Richard, John R Serio

Altar Servers: Cedric, Kevin & Peter Serio

Sunday May 12th, 2024

Lectors: Ryan Freling, Stacey Denny

EMHC: Jim Martin, Carol Mercier, Mary Ghongkedze, Tom Bishop

Altar Servers: Maggie & Georgia Rogers, Ramona Bishop

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY April 27/28 General Sunday Collection \$4,897.50

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.



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 Mary Lanning 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 Tyler Sorrels Willie Tannerhill Karen Taylor Diane Theriot Pam Turner David & Kim St. John Kathleen "Kathy" Walter Janice Williams



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/

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Remaining PSR Schedule 2023-2024

- 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 at St. Thomas see below.

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 all food items. If you would like to help offset the cost of goods, please donate using a Church envelope (and make a note on your envelope that this money is for Parish picnic) or stop by the Church office. Also, please bring outside games and tailgate chairs. This will be our end of the year celebration. All are invited! See Picnic graphic (in this bulletin) for more information.

VBS Update/Important Dates:

• VBS Planning: We are still looking for individuals to help lead stations (ex., music, games, registration, snacks, etc.). For questions, please reach out to Niki St. Clair at eminic28@aol.com or 318-243-4469 or complete the volunteer form using the QR code in this bulletin. • VBS Week is scheduled for June 10-14th from 8:00am-12:00pm. Registration is open. Please see QR code to register children age pre-k 3 (toilet trained) through entering 6th grade or stop by the Church office for a registration form.



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WELCOME TO RISING **6TH GRADERS, MIDDLE** SCHOOL POOL PARTY

WELCOME TO RISING 9TH GRADERS, HIGH SCHOOL POOL PARTY

SUMMER PLANS: *JUNE 10-14 - VBS VOLUNTEERING *JUNE 12, 12:30 PM - LUNCH AND POOL PARTY *JUNE 19 - MONROE ZOO TRIP 10 AM *JUNE 21/23 ATTEND *ANNIE* DIVIE THEATER *JUNE 24-28 - CAMP LITTLE FLOWER *JUNE 26 - POOL PARTY *JULY 10 - SKATETOWN TRIP "JULY 10 - SKATEROWN TRIP "JULY 11-4 DIOCESAN GIRLS CAMP "JULY 14-7 - DIOCESAN BOY'S CAMP "JULY 17 OR 24 POOL PARTY STAY TUNED FOR POP UP EVENTS! Q UESTIONS: MARINA DISHOP 504-940-8997



on the ACT test. In addition to this amazing achievement. Cedric is captain and founder of the Robotics team which in its second year at Ruston High received the Judges award at the Bayou Regional. The team was also the second pick of the second alliance at the Magnolia Regional and finished third overall.



Cedric Serio

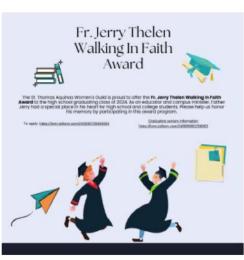
CONGRATULATIONS "Are you with me?"

A sophamore at Ruston High, Trisha Pangilinar won second place for her short story entry "Are you with me?" in Contest sponsored by Louisiana Tech's chap of Sigma Tau Delta. She won a cash prize and her piece will be published in Louisiana Tech's literary journal The Quatrain.



TRISHA

PANGILINAN



Page V 6th Sunday of Easter May 5th, 2024 Picnic St. Thomas 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 SUNDAY, MAY 19 Adams (318)548-6686. Everything will be provided by the parish: hamburgers/hotdogs, chips, drinks and desser oin us for a picnic at the Church grounds with your family and make new friends! Tents will be set up in PSR parking lot: please park farther away if you are able to walk, and allow older members to park closer! There will be a jumpy house! Donations welcome for this event: make a note on your envelopes or bring to church office 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 would like to help offset the cost of goods, please donate using a If you are new to St. Thomas Aquinas parish, please know that we Church envelope (and make a note on your envelope that this would love to meet you and welcome you to our church! For more money is for Parish picnic), stop by the Church office information call or text Rhonda at 318.548.7127. Upcoming SCAN TO DONATE!. Also, please bring outside games and tailgate meeting May 14th, 2024 at noon. chairs. This will be our end of the year celebration. All are invited! ove one another TH SUNDAY OF EAS Save the Date for CONFIRMATION First Holy Communion Mass Sixth Sunday of Easter In the Gospel today, Jesus Save the Date says to us, "This is my commandment: love one MAY another as I have loved SATURDAY 11 5:00 PM you...You are my friends if Sunday, May 12, 2024 you do what I command during the 9:30 Mass* you." By your gift to the Society ***Reception** to Follow ST. THOMAS AQUINAS of St. Vincent de Paul you CATHOLIC CHURCH 813 CAREY AVE, RUSTON LA, 71270 RECEPTION TO FOLLOW fulfill this commandment. St. Thomas Catholic Church 813 Carey Ave, Ruston, LA 71270

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

The ACTS students need your help! Tonight after the 7:00 pm mass, there will be a Hospitality Dinner and raffle drawing in the student center. Students have been working hard to spread the word and raise money for their organization. We will be raffling off several prizes including gift cards, ACTS merchandise, a NutribulletGo blender, and more!

Tickets can be purchased for \$1 dollar each. The more tickets you enter, the better your chances to win! We'd love to see you after mass tonight. If you have any questions, refer to our social media pages or feel free to find an ACTS member after mass today!

Next Sunday evening, we will be celebrating a special mass for all of our ACTS graduates! Mass will be followed by a Birthday Bash with deserts and refreshments in the student center to celebrate everyone with birthdays in April. Please join us for these festivities!

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

Weekly ACTStivities:

Monday:

- * General Body Meeting **6pm** Tuesday:
- * Exec Team Meeting 5pm
- * BLT Meeting 6pm

Wednesday:

- * Dollar Lunch 11:30am
- * Cross Talk **6pm**

Friday:

* Adoration 6 pm







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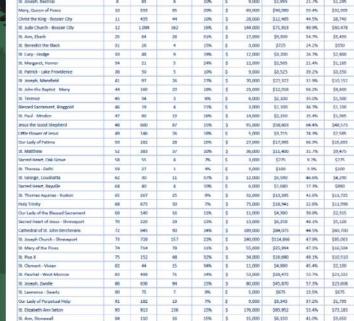
join us for another great year at Camp Little Flower! Space is limited

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TO Register scan the QR Code

For more information contact camplittleflower@dioshpt.org



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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.

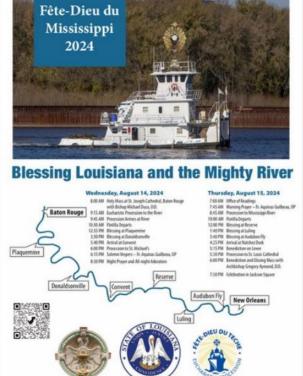
Young ladies, from incoming Freshman to Graduating seniors, are invited to Camp Beloved, July 11-July 14

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 MerRouge, 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/

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Housekeeper - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Shreveport, Louisiana	Director of Marriage & Family Life - Catholic Center
Executive Director - Catholic Charities of North Louisiana	Director of Religious Education - St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, Ruston, LA
Development Director - Catholic Charities of North Louisiana Digital Communications Specialist - Catholic	Director of Jr. High & High School Youth Ministry - St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, Ruston, LA
Center	Organist - St. Paul Catholic Church, Minden, LA https://www.dioshpt.org/job-opportunities



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