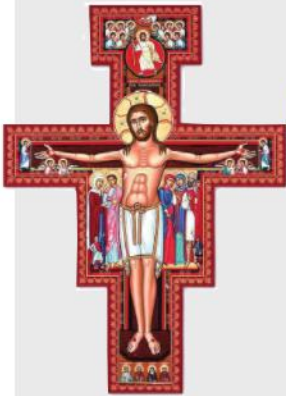


MAY 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2024 | THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



# 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

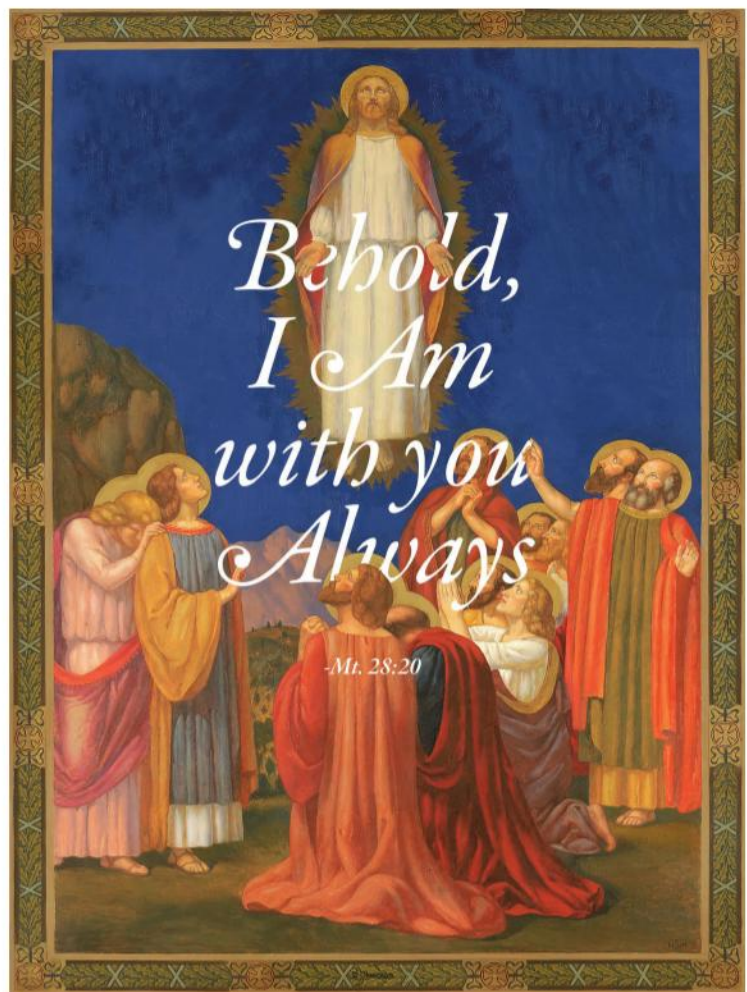
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## PENANCE & RECONCILIATION

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	<b>Pastor</b>
Fr. Charles Ssenyondo	<b>Parroquial Vicar</b>
Deacon John Serio	
Deacon Robert Ransom	
Marcie Tucker (318) 255-2870	<b>Business Manager</b>
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Matthew Bryan	<b>President of Pastoral Council</b>
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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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<u>May 2<sup>nd</sup></u>	Samantha Groce Abraham Priego
<u>May 3<sup>rd</sup></u>	Alexander Watson
<u>May 4<sup>th</sup></u>	Rel Gray
<u>May 5<sup>th</sup></u>	Nancy Roger
<u>May 7<sup>th</sup></u>	Amanda Serio Juana Turrubiarres Sheila Gonzalez
<u>May 9<sup>th</sup></u>	Ryan Colvin Erin Raab Thurston Allen Jovanni Navarro Rodriguez Alex Lainez Virginia Danna
<u>May 10<sup>th</sup></u>	Leonor Garcia Smith Gillum
<u>May 11<sup>th</sup></u>	Daniela Derosa Jonah McCumber
<u>May 12<sup>th</sup></u>	Steven Shuff
<u>May 14<sup>th</sup></u>	Jack Groce Erica White
<u>May 15<sup>th</sup></u>	Olivia Good
<u>May 16<sup>th</sup></u>	Madelynn Bryan
<u>May 17<sup>th</sup></u>	Elaine Johnson Diana Perez
<u>May 18<sup>th</sup></u>	George Gillum Cynthia Corcia Joseph Gray
<u>May 19<sup>th</sup></u>	Charles Barron
<u>May 20<sup>th</sup></u>	Bala Ramachandran Virginia Rainwater
<u>May 21<sup>st</sup></u>	Marina Bishop Katie McCumber
<u>May 22<sup>nd</sup></u>	Jason Strickler
<u>May 24<sup>th</sup></u>	Mindy Bryan Alexander Moore
<u>May 25<sup>th</sup></u>	Gregorio Garcia
<u>May 26<sup>th</sup></u>	Lorena Lopez Whitney Rust
<u>May 27<sup>th</sup></u>	Todd Faulkner Jesus Salazar
<u>May 30<sup>th</sup></u>	Molly Raab
<u>May 31<sup>st</sup></u>	Imelda Ramirez Rosa Ramirez Steven Montgomery

If I've missed your birthday, please email me at [stacbulletin@suddenlinkmail.com](mailto:stacbulletin@suddenlinkmail.com) so that I can add you to the master

## THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>

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

### Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup>

7:30 AM - 8:00AM Penance & Reconciliation  
8:15 AM Daily Mass  
8:30 AM - 4:00PM Church Office Open  
5:30 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet

### Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>

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

### Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>

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 16<sup>th</sup>

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 17<sup>th</sup>

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 18<sup>th</sup>

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 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Register your child for St. Thomas VBS using the QR 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 May 11<sup>th</sup> 2024**

**Lectors:** Tom Garza, George Trevison

**EMHC:** Slade Richard, John R Serio

**Altar Servers:** Cedric, Kevin & Peter Serio

**Sunday May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Lectors:** Ryan Freling, Stacey Denny

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

**Altar Servers:** Maggie & Georgia Rogers, Ramona Bishop

**Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup> 2024**

**Lectors:** Samantha Groce, Charlotte Wilkerson

**EMHC:** Beth Buske, George Trevison

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

**Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Lectors:** Sarah Wilkerson, Josie Bishop

**EMHC:** Thomas Rogers, Elaine Johnson, Emily Chartier, Gary Kennedy

**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  
 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  
 Pearlina 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

**STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY**

**May 4/5**

General Sunday Collection \$10,950.00

*Thank you for continued and generous support!*



**Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup>**

Carol Williams +  
*(by Kim Traina)*

**Sunday May 12<sup>th</sup>**

For the parishioners of St.  
 Thomas Aquinas

Intension privada  
*(by Imelda Ramirez)*

**Tuesday May 14<sup>th</sup>**

Private Intention  
*(by Imelda Ramirez)*

**Thursday May 16<sup>th</sup>**

Private Intention  
*(by Imelda Ramirez)*

**Friday May 17<sup>th</sup>**

Dr. Ayo Omolayole  
*(by Dr. Joe Olu Omolayole)*

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/>



**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.

**Remaining PSR Schedule 2023-2024**

- 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](mailto: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.



UPCOMING  
**STAY 6-12TH GRADES**

WEDNESDAYS 6:00-7:30 PM

MAY 1	REGULAR MEETING
MAY 8	REGULAR MEETING
MAY 15	REGULAR MEETING
MAY 22	REGULAR MEETING
MAY 29	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' DIXIE THEATER  
 \*JUNE 24-28 - CAMP LITTLE FLOWER  
 \*JUNE 26 - POOL PARTY  
 \*JULY 10 - SKATETOWN TRIP  
 \*JULY 11-14 - DIOCESAN GIRLS CAMP  
 \*JULY 14-17 - DIOCESAN BOYS CAMP  
 \*JULY 17 OR 24 POOL PARTY  
 STAY TUNED FOR POP UP EVENTS!  
 QUESTIONS: MARIANA BISHOP  
 504-940-8997

**YOUTH GROUP**



PLEASE SCAN QR CODE TO SIGN UP

STAY - 6-12th grades  
St. Thomas Aquinas Youth

Summer activities plus  
2024/2025 school year  
Wednesdays 6-7:30pm

**STAY**



At our STAY meeting we had a lesson about the the Sacrament of Marriage. We split into groups and were joined by guests Weston Eischen, Louisiana Tech FOCUS missionary and parishioner Chance Skinner to share some of their insights. Thanks to them for the taking time to join us.

THE LOVELIEST  
*Masterpiece*  
OF THE HEART OF GOD  
IS THE HEART OF A  
*Mother*  
*St. Therese of Lisieux*



*Feliz Día de la Madre*



Our Hispanic Ministry Fundraiser was a success! Thank you all so much for your generosity!

# VAYAN POR TODO EL MUNDO Y PREDIQUEN EL EVANGELIO A TODA CREATURA

Marcos 16, 15



**Picnic**  
at  
**St. Thomas**

**SUNDAY, MAY 19**  
11:00 am - 1:00pm



Everything will be provided by the parish: hamburgers/hotdogs, chips, drinks and dessert

**YOU ARE INVITED!** Join 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.

**JUMPY HOUSE!**

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), stop by the Church office SCAN TO DONATE!** Also, please bring outside games and tailgate chairs. This will be our end of the year celebration. All are invited!

The Ascension of the Lord:  
Today as we celebrate the feast of the Ascension we are reminded that Christ's saving work on earth continues through his disciples...and now through us. When we give to the poor, God indeed pours his love, peace and joy into our hearts, into our lives and into the hearts of those who are poor.

**GO INTO THE WHOLE WORLD & PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL TO EVERY CREATURE**

Mark 16:15



# BEING CATHOLIC

at Louisiana Tech University

## The Ascension of the Lord

The ACTS students are nearing the end of their school year! Please pray for our LA Tech friends as they prepare for their final exams.

Tonight after the 7:00 pm mass, students will be hosting the monthly Birthday Bash in the student center. Please join us in celebrating everyone and come enjoy some desserts and refreshments.

As the school year is coming to a close, several end-of-the-year events will be taking place this week. This Wednesday marks the beginning of our finals novena. Each evening for nine days, students will meet in the chapel or student center to dedicate a rosary to a specific college.

Lastly, our quarterly Pancake Dinner will be this Thursday, starting at 6:00 pm in the student center. Please join us for all-you-can-eat pancakes, scrambled eggs, and more!

For more information, please visit: [stac-acts.com](http://stac-acts.com)

### Weekly ACTStivities:

- Monday:**
  - \* General Body Meeting 6pm
- Tuesday:**
  - \* Exec Team Meeting 5pm
- Wednesday:**
  - \* Dollar Lunch 11:30am
  - \* Guys and Girls Group 6pm
  - \* Finals Novena Begins
- Friday:**
  - \* Sports in the Quad 3:30pm
  - \* Adoration 6 pm



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.**

NELA ACTS INVITES YOU TO **PICNIC** AND Praise TO CELEBRATE THE **20 year anniversary** OF NELA ACTS RETREATS!

DATE: SUNDAY, JUNE 9th  
 TIME: Mass at 11:00 AM with food and fellowship after  
 PLACE: JGS gym and playground  
 BYO: Lawn Chair and/or blanket  
 FREE EVENT

2510 Emerson St.  
 Monroe, LA 71203

Scan the QR code to RSVP OR check out the link below  
<https://tinyurl.com/2t6jh8w8>  
 OR email ACTSofNELA@actsofnela.org





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**To Register scan the QR Code**

**For more information contact [camplittleflower@dioshpt.org](mailto:camplittleflower@dioshpt.org)**



**TO JESUS THROUGH MARY**


During the month of May, we will be encouraging our faithful to pray the rosary with special intentions for our diocese.

We are asking everyone to keep count of the number of rosaries prayed!

On our website there is a place to log in your rosaries.

**OUR GOAL IS 10,000 ROSARIES PRAYED.**

Special Rosary intentions for the diocese can be found on our website [www.dioshpt.org](http://www.dioshpt.org)



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 Mer Rouge, 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/>

**Fête-Dieu du Mississippi 2024**



**Blessing Louisiana and the Mighty River**

Wednesday, August 14, 2024	Thursday, August 15, 2024
8:00 AM Holy Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral, Baton Rouge with Bishop Michael Duca, D.D.	7:00 AM Office of Readings
9:15 AM Eucharistic Procession to the River	7:45 AM Morning Prayer - St. Aquinas, Gretna, GA
9:45 AM Procession Arrives at River	8:45 AM Procession to Mississippi River
10:30 AM Florida Departs	10:00 AM Florida Departs
12:15 PM Blessing at Plaquemine	12:00 PM Blessing at Reserve
3:50 PM Blessing at Donaldsonville	1:40 PM Blessing at Luling
5:40 PM Arrival at Convent	3:40 PM Blessing at Audubon Fly
6:00 PM Procession to St. Michael's	4:25 PM Arrival at Natchez Dock
6:15 PM Solemn Vespers - St. Aquinas, Gretna, GA	5:15 PM Benediction on Levee
8:30 PM Night Prayer and All-night Adoration	5:30 PM Procession to St. Louis Cathedral
	6:00 PM Benediction and Closing Mass with Archbishop Gregory Aymond, D.D.
	7:30 PM Celebration in Jackson Square

For More Information, Contact The Community of Jesus Crucified  
**337-394-6550**  
[www.fetedieuduteche.org](http://www.fetedieuduteche.org)

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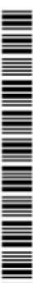
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