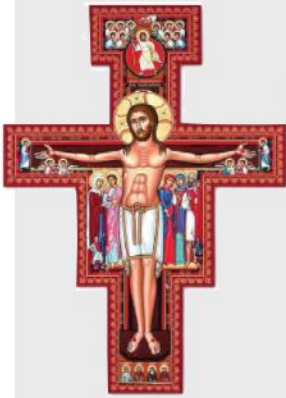


MAY 19TH, 2024 | PENTECOST SUNDAY



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 Ssenyondo

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Deacon John Serio

Deacon Robert Ransom

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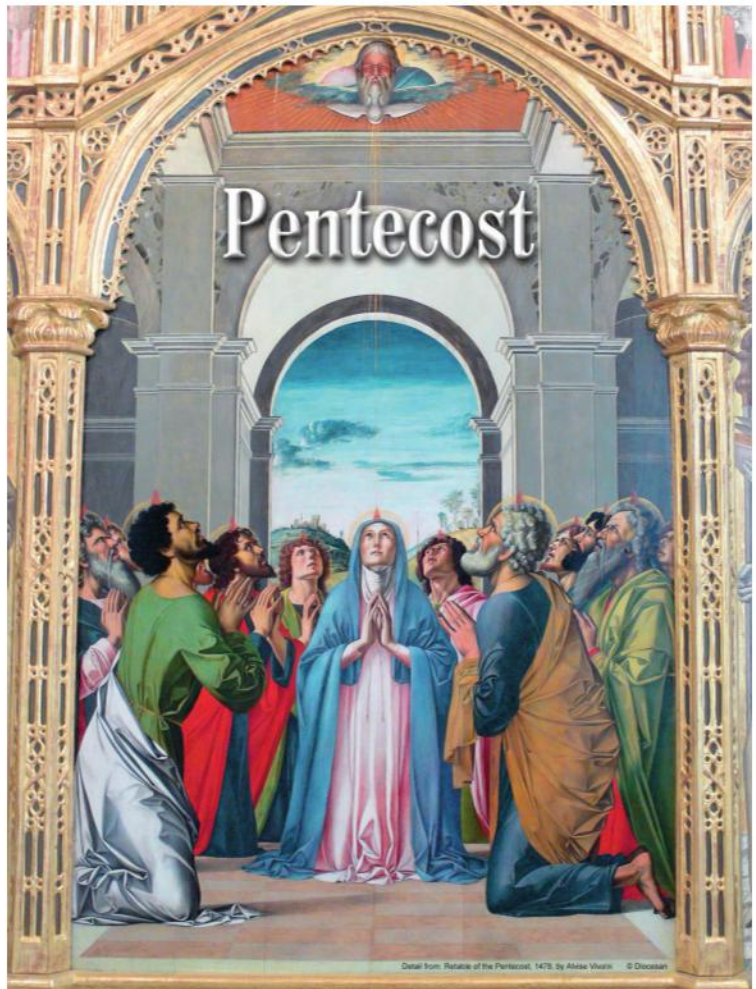
Matthew Bryan

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

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, May 19th

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

Monday, May 20th

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 21st

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

Wednesday, May 22nd

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 23rd

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 24th

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 26th

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 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 18th 2024

Lectors: Samantha Groce, Charlotte Wilkerson

EMHC: Beth Buske, George Trevison

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

Sunday May 19th, 2024

Lectors: Sarah Wilkerson, Josie Bishop

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

Altar Servers: Brad Denny, Liam Taylor & Elliott Frost

Saturday May 25th 2024

Lectors: Tom Garza, John Allen

EMHC: John R Serio, Bob Rorie

Altar Servers: Jack, Jessie & Julie Groce

Sunday May 26th, 2024

Lectors: Josie Bishop, Thomas Rogers

EMHC: Paul Jackson, Tom Bishop, Todd Wasson, Jim Martin

Altar Servers: Hannah, Brooklynn & Olivia Bryan



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 11/12

General Sunday Collection \$10,479.00

Thank you for continued and generous support!



Saturday May 18th

Tom & Becky Garza
(by Barbara Lewis)

Sunday May 19th

Herman & Mary Manuel +
(by Barbara Lewis)

For the parishioners of St. Thomas Aquinas

Friday May 24th

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 <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.

PSR 2023-2024

Thank you to everyone that made PSR possible this academic year. This weekend we will be having an end-of-the-year celebration with a Parish picnic on the grounds of St. Thomas.

Parish Picnic: Parish picnic today, Sunday, May 19, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. The Parish will provide all food items. If you would like to help offset the cost of goods, please make a donation using the box marked Parish Picnic in the back of the Church or stop by the Church office. All are invited!

PSR Registration for 2024-2025: Registration for PSR for both children and volunteers for next academic year is forthcoming in the next few weeks. Information will be dispensed in the bulletin, through email/text, and on the website. More information to come.

VBS Update/Important Dates: 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. Contact Niki St. Clair at eminic28@aol.com or 318-243-4469 with questions.

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: MARINA BISHOP
 504-940-8997



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/>

Receive the Holy Spirit

PENTECOST SUNDAY

First Communion Class



Congratulations to these children who have deepened their relationship with Christ through the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion this past weekend. They have been preparing all year and it has been a blessing seeing their hearts open to Jesus' love.

Confirmation Class





BEING CATHOLIC
at Louisiana Tech University

Pentecost Sunday

The school year is coming to a close and ACTS members are in the midst of finals! Please keep our students and professors in your prayers at this time.

The students would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the raffle fundraiser at the beginning of May. Your support allows the ACTS community to continue to thrive and spread the word of God.

This coming Saturday, May 25, is graduation day! We would love to see you at commencement. Until then, we welcome you to join the ACTS students in praying a finals novena. Students will be praying a specially dedicated rosary each evening in the chapel at 8:00 pm. The novena will end on May 23rd as the last day of classes will be May 24th. We wish you all a great summer!

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

Weekly ACTStivities:

Sunday (today)

*Parish Picnic

Friday:

*Last day of classes!

All week long:

* Finals Novena



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 summer meetings TBA.**

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit

Acts 2:4

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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JUNE 24 - 28 **Cost \$125**

New Location!
SCOTTSVILLE CAMP MARSHALL, TEXAS

CAMP - FUN - FAITH
 join us for another great year at Camp Little Flower! Space is limited register your student today.







To Register scan the QR Code

For more information contact
camplittleflower@dioshpt.org

GUEST SPEAKER:
REV. GABRIEL CISNEROS CAMPOS





NOWELA Chapter Brunch
Saturday, June 1, 2024
 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Catholic Center
 3500 Fairfield Avenue
 Shreveport, LA 71104

After 05/28/2024, call Sandy Chapman at (318) 222-0007 to check availability

Our Lady of Glory Service Team
 Linda Balistrella, Coordinator
 Michele Duet, Assistant Coordinator
 Belle French, Secretary
 Kim DeLouche, Treasurer
 Majorie Ainsworth, Historian

Fr. Gabriel is one of the newest priests in the Diocese, being ordained to the Priesthood June 24, 2023. Father was immediately assigned to St. Joseph's as the Associate Pastor. His journey to become a priest has not been without challenges along the way. He was 30 years old before he accepted an invitation from the Director of Religion to attend courses on preparation of the sacraments. While attending courses, he met St. Martin de Porres through watching a film. The saint's humility and love for Jesus captivated him and he adopted him as his Patron Saint, who helped him meet Jesus.

Come hear fathers' story and be inspired. Men and women are welcome to attend.

Please Print Legibly

Your Name _____

Guest Name _____

Additional Guest names may be written on back of this form.

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ Parish _____

E-Mail Address _____


Enclosed is \$ _____ for _____ reservations.

Mail Reservation Form and check to:

Magnificat NOWELA
 P.O. Box 4293
 Shreveport, LA 71134

Mail Registration Form

- Int'l Ministry based on "The Visitation" 1.04.19
- Diocesan Approval by Bishop Francis I. Malone
- Spiritual Director: Rev. Jean Bosco Uwamungu
- Tickets: \$20 per person
- All Clergy & Religious are Complimentary --
- Call (318) 222-0007 to confirm your attendance.
- Donation to help someone attend \$ _____





NATIONAL Eucharistic Pilgrimage


Juan Diego Route - Diocese of Baton Rouge

THURSDAY 5:00 PM Arrival of the National Eucharistic Pilgrims at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church (2250 Main St, Baton Rouge, LA). Mass followed by Adoration all night.

FRIDAY 9:00 AM Mass at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church.

FRIDAY 10:00 AM Procession of national pilgrims and local pilgrims to St. Joseph Cathedral. The procession will make two more stops until the pilgrims get to LSU-Campus, parade ground and Christ the King Chapel (lunch at one of the stops).

5:00 PM Pilgrims depart for next stop.





2024 Catholic Service Appeal Report

P parish and Location	P parish ID	# of Parish Families	# of families Participating 2024 (to date)	Participation Percentage	2024 Parish Goal	Amount Pledged 2024 (to date)	% Goal Pledged	Amount Contributed 2024
Miscellaneous Contributions	1	0	24		\$ -	\$4,854		\$4,504
St. Joseph, Bayport	8	89	8	10%	\$ 9,000	\$1,955	21.7%	\$1,295
Mary, Queen of Peace	10	333	69	21%	\$ 69,000	\$42,555	61.7%	\$34,755
Christ the King - Bossier City	11	435	50	11%	\$ 28,000	\$12,223	47.2%	\$9,440
St. Jude Church - Bossier City	12	1,094	165	15%	\$ 144,000	\$79,501	51.0%	\$53,591
St. Ann, Elbert	25	84	27	32%	\$ 17,000	\$8,450	49.7%	\$5,770
St. Benedict the Black	31	26	4	15%	\$ 3,000	\$725	24.2%	\$550
St. Lucy - Hodge	33	48	9	19%	\$ 12,000	\$8,200	68.3%	\$9,000
St. Margaret, Homer	34	21	8	38%	\$ 12,000	\$3,415	28.5%	\$2,015
St. Patrick - Lake Providence	38	50	6	12%	\$ 9,000	\$3,925	43.6%	\$3,750
St. Joseph, Mansfield	41	97	26	27%	\$ 70,000	\$22,322	31.9%	\$10,402
St. John the Baptist - Many	44	190	31	16%	\$ 25,000	\$12,678	50.7%	\$8,860
St. Terence	45	54	4	7%	\$ 6,000	\$2,125	35.4%	\$1,525
Blessed Sacrament, Ringgold	46	19	7	37%	\$ 3,000	\$1,500	50.0%	\$1,250
St. Paul - Minden	47	80	13	16%	\$ 14,000	\$2,150	15.4%	\$2,000
Jesus the Good Shepherd	48	600	98	16%	\$ 91,000	\$61,163	67.2%	\$51,323
Little Flower of Jesus	49	146	26	18%	\$ 5,000	\$3,715	74.3%	\$2,585
Our Lady of Fatima	50	182	28	15%	\$ 27,000	\$17,905	66.3%	\$15,680
St. Matthew	52	303	37	12%	\$ 36,000	\$11,900	33.1%	\$10,100
Sacred Heart, Oak Grove	58	55	4	7%	\$ 3,000	\$775	25.8%	\$775
St. Theresa - Oak Hills	59	27	2	7%	\$ 3,000	\$600	20.0%	\$600
St. George, Coushatta	62	30	12	40%	\$ 12,000	\$8,500	71.6%	\$7,340
Sacred Heart, Rayville	64	40	4	10%	\$ 6,000	\$1,040	17.3%	\$900
St. Thomas Aquinas - Ruston	85	267	26	10%	\$ 32,000	\$13,605	42.5%	\$12,025
Holy Trinity	88	675	62	9%	\$ 75,000	\$26,028	34.7%	\$16,183
Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament	89	140	18	13%	\$ 11,000	\$4,800	43.6%	\$2,460
Sacred Heart of Jesus - Shreveport	70	220	33	15%	\$ 13,000	\$6,688	51.4%	\$5,588
Cathedral of St. John the Baptist	72	645	98	15%	\$ 180,000	\$88,325	49.1%	\$65,415
St. Joseph Church - Shreveport	73	729	161	22%	\$ 240,000	\$117,466	48.9%	\$88,998
St. Mary of the Pinus	74	714	80	11%	\$ 55,000	\$27,794	50.5%	\$17,564
St. Pius X	75	153	51	34%	\$ 34,000	\$18,265	53.7%	\$12,645
St. Clement - Vidalia	82	44	15	34%	\$ 11,000	\$5,050	45.9%	\$2,250
St. Paschal - West Monroe	83	499	74	15%	\$ 50,000	\$29,272	58.5%	\$22,822
St. Joseph, Zwolle	86	636	101	16%	\$ 80,000	\$46,760	58.5%	\$34,828
St. Lawrence - Swartz	90	75	7	9%	\$ 5,000	\$675	13.5%	\$675
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	91	182	14	8%	\$ 9,000	\$3,545	39.4%	\$2,095
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	93	913	142	16%	\$ 176,000	\$100,042	56.8%	\$78,778
St. Ann, Stonewall	94	110	16	15%	\$ 15,000	\$6,150	41.0%	\$3,875
TOTAL (DIOCESE)		10,048	1,563	16%	\$ 1,600,000	\$799,228	50.0%	\$587,344

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