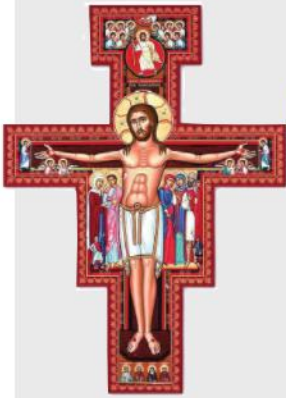


JUNE 2ND, 2024 | CORPUS CHRISTI



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

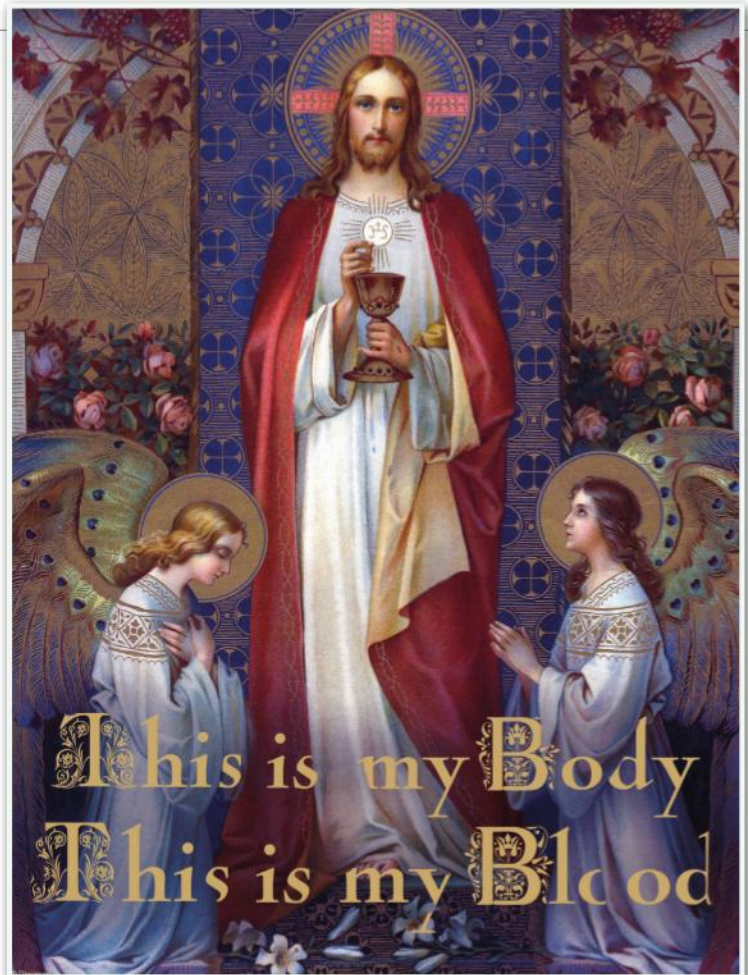
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PENANCE & RECONCILIATION

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	Pastor
Fr. Charles Ssenyondo	Parroquial Vicar
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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<u>June 1st</u>	Kellie Shuff
<u>June 2nd</u>	Peter Serio
<u>June 3rd</u>	Rex Garner Johnson, Jr. Luis Turrubiarres
<u>June 4th</u>	Dolly Hurtig Emily Corcia Robert Corcia
<u>June 5th</u>	Lwini Bembele Rylie Ann Martin Victor Langiulli
<u>June 8th</u>	Ninfa Michel
<u>June 9th</u>	Emily Becker
<u>June 10th</u>	Jennifer Velazquez Patrick Gillum Juan Navarro Mary Lanning
<u>June 11th</u>	Stella White
<u>June 12th</u>	Meghan Lainez
<u>June 13th</u>	Carleigh Reger Esperanza Negrete Serina Bearden Barry Morales
<u>June 14th</u>	James Ned Joshua Adams Kyle White Rodolfo Landaverde, Jr.
<u>June 15th</u>	Amelia Roger Josh Rabb
<u>June 16th</u>	Wynn Rogers Evan Derveloy
<u>June 17th</u>	David Castillo Hunter Smith Theresa Robinson
<u>June 18th</u>	Omar Ramirez, Jr.
<u>June 20th</u>	Amanda Berg Sandi Adams Lorelei Freling
<u>June 21st</u>	Courtney Reger Shea Decerbo Ashlei Martin
<u>June 23rd</u>	Yolanda Medrano
<u>June 27th</u>	Nathaniel Freeman
<u>June 28th</u>	Greg Bimle
<u>June 28th</u>	Greg Bimle
<u>June 29th</u>	Georgia Rogers Pablo Tepole

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

<u>Sunday, June 2nd</u>	9:30 AM 1:30 PM 7:00 PM	Sunday Mass Misa en Español NO Sunday Mass
<u>Monday, June 3rd</u>	7:30 AM - 8:00AM 8:15 AM 8:30 AM - 4:00PM 5:30 PM	Penance & Reconciliation Daily Mass Church Office Open Divine Mercy Chaplet
<u>Tuesday, June 4th</u>	7:30 AM - 8:00AM 8:15 AM 8:30 AM - 4:00PM	Penance & Reconciliation Daily Mass Church Office Open
<u>Wednesday, June 5th</u>	7:30 AM - 8:00AM 8:15 AM 8:30 AM - 4:00PM 6:00 PM - 8:00PM 8:00 PM	Penance & Reconciliation Daily Mass Church Office Open STAY NO Mass
<u>Thursday, June 6th</u>	7:30 AM - 8:00AM 8:15 AM 8:30 AM - 4:00PM 6:00PM	Penance & Reconciliation Daily Mass Church Office Open Choir Practice
<u>Friday, June 7th</u>	8:30 AM - 12:00PM 11:15 AM - 11:45AM 12:00 PM 6:00 PM	Church Office Open Penance & Reconciliation Daily Mass Adoration
<u>Saturday, June 8th</u>	3:30PM - 4:45AM 5:00 PM	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 QR code or website below.



<https://fs9.formsite.com/6b81W/VBS-Registration-STA/index>

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



<https://fs9.formsite.com/6b81W/Volunteer-Registration/index>

Paper registration forms also available at the Church office.
Questions contact Niki St. Clair at 318-243-4469.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday June 1st 2024

Lectors: George Trevison, Dolly Hurtig

EMHC: Beth Buske, Trish Carter

Altar Servers: Jack, Jessie & Julie Groce

Sunday June 2nd, 2024

Lectors: Paul Jackson, Stacey Denny

EMHC: Carol Mercier, Todd Wasson, Jim Martin, Elaine Johnson

Altar Servers: Brennan & Matthew Jackson, Jake Taulli

Saturday June 8th 2024

Lectors: Pam Allen, Samantha Groce

EMHC: Slade Richard, George Trevison

Altar Servers: Cedric, Kevin & Peter Serio

Sunday June 9th, 2024

Lectors: Jim Martin, Ryan Freling

EMHC: Elaine Johnson, Paul Jackson, Emily Chartier, Thomas Rogers

Altar Servers: Maggie & Georgia Rogers, Ramona Bishop



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
 Robert Frasier
 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

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

May 26/27

General Sunday Collection \$4,852.00

Thank you for continued and generous support!



Saturday June 1st

Margaret Oatis +
 (Barbara Lewis)

Sunday June 2nd

Chelsea Landaiche
 (Gary & Selene Kennedy)

Wednesday June 5th

Ben Kubicek
 (by Mary Carol Vidrine)



Altar flowers donated by Ohan & Rose Kitishian offering prayers for peace

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

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/>

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.

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.



STAY celebrated the beginning of summer with pizza and a volleyball game. "Team Jessie" won the match, with some great hits, sets and winning shots. All youth are invited to help at the Habitat for Humanity service project, on June 6 at 4 pm. Call/text Karen Rogers for the specifics (985) 320-2268. Youth are invited and encouraged to use the VBS QR code in the bulletin to sign up to volunteer or participate at VBS. Wednesday June 5 there will be an evening to practice the songs and get acquainted. Melissa Jackson is the person in charge for that event (985) 2091827. Wednesday of VBS week the youth who volunteer are invited to lunch and swim at Paula Martin's house. More details to come. Use the QR code to join the Youth group messages and announcements group.

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

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/>

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There shall be eternal summer
 in the grateful heart.

SUNDAY KIDZ

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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 meeting June 11, 2024 at noon at La Bamba. RSVP to Rhonda

St Thomas Aquinas Men's Club strives to create and foster a spirit of fellowship among our members. **Upcoming meeting dates TBA**
 All men are welcome! If you have any questions contact Joshua Adams (318)548-6686.

I WILL RAISE THE CUP OF SALVATION AND CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD

Psalm 116:13



BEING CATHOLIC

at Louisiana Tech University

Happy Summer

The 2023-2024 school year has wrapped up and many of our ACTS members have headed home for the summer. However, there is still lots happening at the center!

Throughout the summer, students will be coming and going for our freshman orientation sessions. At each of the four sessions, a new group of incoming freshmen will be visiting Louisiana Tech's campus to get a taste of college life. Current ACTS members will be setting up booths for freshman to visit. We appreciate your prayers as we work to spread the word of God and expand our community.

On August 31, Welcome Week will begin! Current ACTS members have been working hard to create fun activities to greet the freshmen. We will also be helping students move in during Dog Haul. We can't wait for another amazing year!

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

Summer ACTStivities

Orientations:

- June 5-7
- June 19 – 21
- July 10-12
- July 24-26

Dog Haul:

Aug 31- Sept 6

Welcome Week:

Starts Aug 31



NATIONAL Eucharistic Pilgrimage

JUNE 7, 2024

Diocese of Baton Rouge

Save the Date for this unprecedented **outpouring of grace** throughout our country and our diocese.

- 8 a.m. - Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church**
 - Mass
 - Grab-and-Go Breakfast
- 9:30 a.m. - Eucharistic Procession**
 - Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church to St. Joseph Cathedral
- 10:20 a.m. - St. Joseph Cathedral**
 - Bishop Duca Addresses Pilgrims
 - Silent Adoration
 - Call to Service
 - Lunch and Perpetual Pilgrim Testimonies
- 2 p.m. - Christ the King Catholic Church**
 - Eucharistic Adoration
 - Praise and Worship
 - Intercessory Prayer Teams
 - Confession

THIS IS OUR DIOCESE'S **EMMAUS MOMENT** ...

and **you're invited.**

RSVP @
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PILGRIMAGE



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NATIONAL Eucharistic Pilgrimage

7 DE JUNIO, 2024

Diócesis de Baton Rouge

Reserva la Fecha para este **derramamiento de gracias** sin precedentes en todo nuestro país y en nuestra diócesis.

- 8 a.m. - Iglesia Sagrado Corazón de Jesús (Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church)**
 - Misa
 - Desayuno para llevar
- 9:30 a.m. - Procesión Eucarística**
 - Desde la Iglesia Católica Sagrado Corazón de Jesús hacia la Catedral San José
- 10:20 a.m. - Catedral San José (St. Joseph Cathedral)**
 - El Obispo Duca se dirige a los peregrinos
 - Adoración y Silencio
 - Llamada al Servicio
 - Almuerzo y Testimonios de los Peregrinos Perpetuos
- 2 p.m. - Iglesia Católica Cristo Rey Christ the King Catholic Church**
 - Adoración Eucarística
 - Alabanza y Adoración
 - Equipo de Oración-Intercesora
 - Confesión

ESTE ES NUESTRO **MOMENTO DIOCESANO DE EMAÚS** ...

y **tú estás invitado.**

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 **To Register scan the QR Code** **For more information contact camplittleflower@dioshpt.org**



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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 Contributed 2024
Miscellaneous Contributions	1	0	25		\$ -	\$0,804		\$4,854
St. Joseph, Bastrop	8	83	8	10%	\$ 9,000	\$1,955	21.7%	\$1,445
Mary, Queen of Peace	10	333	71	21%	\$ 68,000	\$43,055	62.4%	\$36,005
Christ the King - Bossier City	11	435	52	12%	\$ 28,000	\$13,885	49.6%	\$10,515
St. Jude Church - Bossier City	12	1,094	169	15%	\$ 144,000	\$75,096	52.1%	\$55,676
St. Ann, Elbert	25	84	28	33%	\$ 17,000	\$9,850	57.9%	\$6,380
St. Benedict the Black	31	28	4	15%	\$ 3,000	\$725	24.2%	\$575
St. Lucy - Hodge	33	48	10	21%	\$ 12,000	\$4,200	35.0%	\$3,025
St. Margaret, Homer	34	21	9	43%	\$ 12,000	\$3,565	29.7%	\$2,340
St. Patrick - Lake Providence	38	50	7	14%	\$ 9,000	\$4,025	44.7%	\$3,850
St. Joseph, Mansfield	41	97	29	30%	\$ 70,000	\$25,797	36.9%	\$14,417
St. John the Baptist - Many	44	180	31	18%	\$ 23,000	\$13,753	59.8%	\$8,585
St. Terence	45	54	5	9%	\$ 8,000	\$2,425	40.4%	\$1,800
Blessed Sacrament, Ringgold	46	19	6	32%	\$ 3,000	\$1,250	41.7%	\$1,250
St. Paul - Minden	47	80	15	19%	\$ 14,000	\$3,550	25.4%	\$2,080
Jesus the Good Shepherd	48	600	101	17%	\$ 91,000	\$62,333	68.4%	\$53,998
Little Flower of Jesus	49	146	29	20%	\$ 5,000	\$4,145	82.9%	\$3,215
Our Lady of Fatima	50	182	28	15%	\$ 27,000	\$17,905	66.3%	\$15,680
St. Matthew	52	383	40	10%	\$ 36,000	\$13,000	36.1%	\$11,550
Sacred Heart, Oak Grove	58	55	4	7%	\$ 3,000	\$275	9.2%	\$275
St. Theresa - Delft	59	27	2	7%	\$ 3,000	\$600	20.0%	\$400
St. George, Coushatta	62	30	12	40%	\$ 12,000	\$8,590	71.6%	\$7,490
Sacred Heart, Rayville	64	40	4	10%	\$ 6,000	\$1,040	17.3%	\$900
St. Thomas Aquinas - Ruston	65	267	27	10%	\$ 32,000	\$14,430	45.1%	\$12,185
Holy Trinity	68	675	63	9%	\$ 75,000	\$26,588	35.2%	\$18,299
Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament	69	140	20	14%	\$ 11,000	\$4,920	44.7%	\$2,955
Sacred Heart of Jesus - Shreveport	70	220	33	15%	\$ 13,000	\$6,668	51.3%	\$5,648
Cathedral of St. John the Baptist	72	645	101	16%	\$ 189,000	\$90,920	48.1%	\$68,945
St. Joseph Church - Shreveport	73	729	166	23%	\$ 240,000	\$120,986	50.4%	\$89,517
St. Mary of the Pines	74	714	86	12%	\$ 55,000	\$30,704	55.8%	\$19,684
St. Pius X	75	152	51	34%	\$ 44,000	\$19,365	44.0%	\$14,525
St. Clement - Vivian	82	44	17	39%	\$ 11,000	\$5,420	49.3%	\$2,985
St. Paschal - West Monroe	83	489	74	15%	\$ 53,000	\$29,472	55.6%	\$23,417
St. Joseph, Zwolle	86	636	109	17%	\$ 80,000	\$46,585	58.6%	\$27,165
St. Lawrence - Swartz	90	75	7	9%	\$ 5,000	\$675	13.5%	\$675
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	91	182	14	8%	\$ 9,000	\$5,545	61.6%	\$2,145
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	93	913	149	16%	\$ 176,000	\$100,562	57.1%	\$81,646
St. Ann, Stonewall	94	130	17	13%	\$ 15,000	\$6,950	46.3%	\$4,175
TOTAL (DIOCESE)		10,048	1,611	16%	\$ 1,600,000	\$824,468	51.5%	\$625,145

NATIONAL
Eucharistic Pilgrimage

Juan Diego Route - Diocese of Baton Rouge

THURSDAY JUNE 6, 2024 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 JUNE 7, 2024 9:00 AM Mass at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church.
FEAST OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS
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.



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