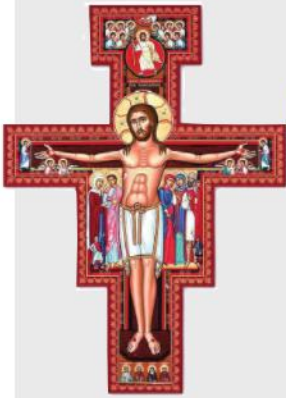


JUNE 16TH, 2024 | 11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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	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	

**11TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

This is how it is with the Kingdom of God;
it is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land...
and the seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how.
1K 4:26-27

El Reino de Dios se parece a lo que sucede
cuando un hombre siembra la semilla en la tierra;
y sin que él sepa cómo, la semilla germina y crece.
1K 4, 26-27

**11^º DOMINGO DEL
TIEMPO ORDINARIO**

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 Lwini Bembele
<u>June 5th</u>	Rylie Ann Martin Victor Langiulli Ninfa Michel
<u>June 8th</u>	Emily Becker
<u>June 9th</u>	Jennifer Velazquez
<u>June 10th</u>	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 Ava Keys
<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 16th</u>	9:30 AM 1:30 PM 7:00 PM	Sunday Mass Misa en Español NO Sunday Mass
<u>Monday, June 17th</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 18th</u>	7:30 AM - 8:00AM 8:15 AM 8:30 AM - 4:00PM	Penance & Reconciliation Daily Mass Church Office Open
<u>Wednesday, June 19th</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 20th</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 21st</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 22nd</u>	3:30PM - 4:45AM 5:00 PM	Penance & Reconciliation Vigil Mass



Ministry Schedule

Saturday June 15th 2024

Lectors: Tom Garza, Charlotte Wilkerson

EMHC: John R Serio, Bob Rorie

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

Sunday June 16th, 2024

Lectors: Sarah Wilkerson, Josie Bishop

EMHC: Mary Ghongkedze, Carol Mercier, Paul Jackson, Todd Wasson

Altar Servers: Brad Denny, Liam Taylor, Elliott Frost

Saturday June 22nd 2024

Lectors: Samantha Groce, John Allen

EMHC: Trish Carter, Joan Mullens

Altar Servers: Jack, Jessie & Julie Groce

Sunday June 23rd, 2024

Lectors: Ryan Freling, Thomas Rogers

EMHC: Tom Bishop, Jim Martin, Todd Wasson, Emily Chartier

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
 Robert Frasier
 Mary Lou French
 Roxana Gamero
 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

June 8/9

General Sunday Collection \$7,652.00

Thank you for continued and generous support!

GOD BLESS
our Fathers



***Altar flowers donated by Eddie & Carol Mercier
 in honor of their 63rd wedding anniversary***

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



Saturday June 15th

Sammy Martino
 (by George & Carmen Trevison)

Sunday June 16th

For the parishioners of St. Thomas Aquinas

Monday June 17th

Pat Smith +
 (by Lee Smith)

Tuesday June 18th

Ben Kubicek
 (by Mary Carol Vidrine)

Friday June 19th

Walter Buboltz +
 (by Terry Buboltz)

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/>



This week, over 50 children of St. Thomas Aquinas enjoyed fun and learning about the Sacraments. From Baptismal cupcakes to water balloons, they took away knowledge of the seven sacraments and how their lives are impacted by them. We had over 40 adult and youth volunteers who spent the week having fun and learning with our children.

A huge thanks goes out to Mrs. Samantha Groce for her assistance in decorating! We truly could not have done it without her. We appreciate all of the support from our volunteers! We had a great week thanks to all of them. It truly takes a village.





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/>

STAY worked at the Habitat for Humanity new home construction site in Ruston.



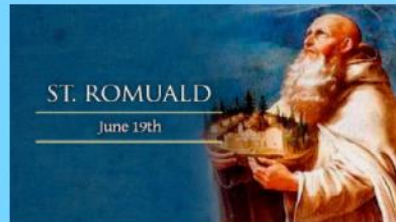
All women of St. Thomas Aquinas are invited to the Women's Guild meetings in the Luffey Center. Please join us for lunch and fellowship. If you are new to St. Thomas Aquinas parish, please know that we would love to meet you and welcome you to our church! For more information call or text Rhonda at 318.548.7127. **Upcoming summer meeting June 18, 2024 at noon at Rotolos. 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.



SAINT ROMUALD (c. 951-1027)

June 19

"God so loved the world," declares John 3:16. "Do not love the world," warns 1 John 2:15. The "world" to love: this planet, entrusted to our stewardship, and its people, God's children all. The "world" to flee: "sensual lust, enticement for the eyes, and a pretentious life" (1 John 2:16). Born in nobility, Romuald's conversion followed the shock of witnessing his father murder an enemy. Renouncing his privileged world, Romuald sought God's world in monastic life. Its winding turns and several dead ends make Romuald's journey resonate with all who find life more maze than superhighway. Both the hermit's solitary struggle and community life's unique challenges shaped Romuald's legacy: his vast Camaldolese Benedictine family of monks, nuns, and lay associates who, these thousand years later, from the mountain solitude of Camaldoli, Italy to an urban monastery in Berkeley, California—in Asia, Africa, South America, Europe—integrate Romuald's experience into their witness of solitary prayer, communal charity and worship, and promotion of contemplative spirituality in this world that can so easily distract us from the God who loves it still.

—Peter Scagnelli



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



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| Dad | Handsome |
| Father | Strong |
| Grandpa | Helpful |
| God | Love |
| Joseph | Protector |
| Caring | Role Model |

Honor thy Father

God our Father,
 in your wisdom and love you made all things.
 Bless these men,
 that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers.
 Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.
 Grant that we, their sons and daughters,
 may honor them always
 with a spirit of profound respect.

Grant this through
 Christ our Lord.
 Amen.

~ Book of Blessings





With thanksgiving to God, the Diocese of Shreveport joyfully announces the acceptance of two new seminarians. Please join us in praying for our newest seminarians, Brett Reggio and Alan Landeros. Brett and Alan will enter seminary in August, God willing.

Brett currently resides in San Antonio, TX but grew up in Haughton. While living in Haughton he was a parishioner at St. Pius X. He graduated from LA Tech and served in the United States Air Force. Alan currently resides in Bossier City. He and his family are parishioners of St. Mary of the Pines. Alan graduated from Parkway High School this May.



2024 Catholic Service Appeal Report

Parish and Location	Parish ID	# of Parish Families	# of Families Participating (to date)	Participation Percentage	2024 Parish Goal	Amount Pledged 2024 (to date)	% Goal Pledged	Amount Contributed 2024
Miscellaneous Contributions	1	0	29		\$ -	\$6,267		\$5,317
St. Joseph, Batrop	8	83	10	12%	\$ 9,000	\$2,355	26.2%	\$1,865
Mary, Queen of Peace	10	333	76	23%	\$ 69,000	\$53,780	77.8%	\$47,905
Christ the King - Bossier City	11	435	56	13%	\$ 28,000	\$15,585	55.7%	\$12,045
St. Jude Church - Bossier City	12	1,094	180	16%	\$ 344,000	\$77,371	22.5%	\$59,239
St. Ann, Ebarb	25	84	28	33%	\$ 17,000	\$8,850	52.1%	\$6,430
St. Benedict the Black	21	26	4	15%	\$ 3,000	\$725	24.2%	\$600
St. Lucy - Hodge	33	48	10	21%	\$ 12,000	\$4,200	35.0%	\$4,025
St. Margaret, Homer	34	21	11	52%	\$ 12,000	\$4,915	41.0%	\$3,240
St. Patrick - Lake Providence	38	30	10	33%	\$ 9,000	\$4,775	53.1%	\$4,630
St. Joseph, Mansfield	41	97	30	31%	\$ 70,000	\$23,847	34.1%	\$14,867
St. John the Baptist - Mary	44	160	34	21%	\$ 23,000	\$4,353	19.0%	\$40,100
St. Terence	45	54	7	13%	\$ 6,000	\$4,135	68.8%	\$3,900
Blessed Sacrament, Bingsold	46	19	6	32%	\$ 3,000	\$1,250	41.7%	\$1,250
St. Paul - Minden	47	80	16	20%	\$ 14,000	\$3,570	25.5%	\$2,115
Jesus the Good Shepherd	48	600	103	17%	\$ 51,000	\$62,663	123.1%	\$54,677
Little Flower of Acous	49	146	21	14%	\$ 5,000	\$4,210	84.2%	\$3,200
Our Lady of Fatima	50	182	30	16%	\$ 27,000	\$18,205	67.4%	\$16,480
St. Matthew	52	383	43	11%	\$ 36,000	\$13,350	37.1%	\$12,000
Sacred Heart, Oak Grove	58	55	5	9%	\$ 3,000	\$475	15.8%	\$475
St. Theresa - Dethi	59	27	2	7%	\$ 3,000	\$600	20.0%	\$600
St. George, Coushatta	62	30	12	40%	\$ 12,000	\$6,590	54.9%	\$7,590
Sacred Heart, Rayville	64	40	5	13%	\$ 6,000	\$1,090	18.2%	\$950
St. Thomas Aquinas - Ruston	65	267	31	12%	\$ 32,000	\$15,410	48.2%	\$13,915
Holy Trinity	68	675	71	11%	\$ 75,000	\$27,413	36.6%	\$18,623
Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament	69	140	25	18%	\$ 11,000	\$5,620	51.1%	\$3,890
Sacred Heart of Jesus - Shreveport	70	229	36	16%	\$ 13,000	\$7,193	55.3%	\$6,208
Cathedral of St. John Berchmans	72	645	111	17%	\$ 189,000	\$93,580	49.5%	\$71,830
St. Joseph Church - Shreveport	73	729	137	19%	\$ 240,000	\$132,138	55.1%	\$106,633
St. Mary of the Pines	74	714	91	13%	\$ 55,000	\$31,924	58.0%	\$21,809
St. Pius X	75	152	55	36%	\$ 34,000	\$21,165	62.3%	\$15,055
St. Clement - Vivian	82	44	17	39%	\$ 11,000	\$5,580	50.7%	\$5,200
St. Paschal - Wood Monroe	83	409	82	20%	\$ 53,000	\$35,547	67.1%	\$30,462
St. Joseph, Zumbie	86	636	113	18%	\$ 80,000	\$48,180	60.3%	\$39,125
St. Lawrence - Swartz	90	75	7	9%	\$ 3,000	\$675	22.5%	\$675
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	91	182	14	8%	\$ 9,000	\$3,345	37.2%	\$2,195
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	93	913	154	17%	\$ 176,000	\$106,797	60.6%	\$88,401
St. Ann, Stonewall	94	110	30	27%	\$ 15,000	\$7,200	48.0%	\$4,600
TOTAL (DIOCESE)		10,048	1,741	17%	\$ 1,600,000	\$880,058	55.0%	\$689,802

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time -- June 16, 2024

“When the crop permits, the harvest has come.” Are you being called by the Lord of the Harvest to proclaim His kingdom as a priest or religious brother or sister? Talk to your priest or reach out to Director of Vocations Father Raney Johnson at rjohnson@sjbcathedral.org

Undécimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario -- 16 de junio de 2024

“Cuando la cultivo lo permite, llega la cosecha”. ¿Estás siendo llamado por el Señor de la Cosecha a proclamar Su reino como sacerdote o hermano o hermana religioso? Hable con su sacerdote o comuníquese con la Father Raney Johnson Oficina de Vocaciones por correo electrónico: rjohnson@sjbcathedral.org



ACTS MEN RETREAT

Registration is now open for the upcoming Men’s acts retreat and will close on June 28th. The retreat dates are August 1-4. Retreatants will leave on Thursday 1st at 5pm and return for 11 am mass both at Good Shepherd Church in Monroe La. The retreat will be held at Maryhill renewal center in Pineville Louisiana. There is a fee of \$200 but please do not let that deter you from coming as financial assistance is available and will be held in strict confidence. For further information as to how to register please contact Jimmy Bradbury at 318 680-9492 or Frank Giovingo at 318 355-1525.



Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time:

In the Gospel, Jesus says: “This is how it is with the reign of God. A man scatters seed on the ground. He goes to bed and gets up day after day. Through it all the seed sprouts and grows without his knowing how it happens.” Through your almsgiving you are sowing seeds that grow far greater than you know. The coins placed in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box bring Christ love and compassion to the poor.

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