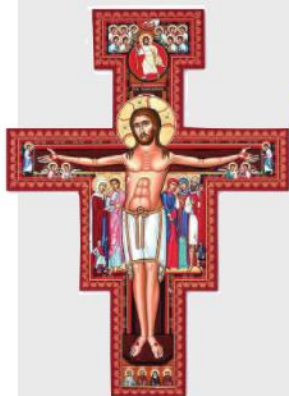


**JUNE 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2024 | 12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



# 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	<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>
Melinda Bryan (318) 525-4906	<b>Interim PSR Director</b>
Matthew Bryan	<b>President of Pastoral Council</b>
Thurston Allen	<b>Chairman of Finance Council</b>
St. Vincent de Paul Society (318)255-8090	

**12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

A violent squall came up and waves were breaking over the boat, so that it was already filling up. They woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?"  
FR. 4:37-38

De pronto se desató un fuerte viento y las olas se estrellaban contra la barca y la iban llenando de agua. Lo despertaron y le dijeron: "Maestro, ¿no te importa que nos hundamos?"  
FR. 4:37-38

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

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

<b><u>Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup></u></b>	9:30 AM 1:30 PM 7:00 PM	Sunday Mass Misa en Español NO Sunday Mass
<b><u>Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup></u></b>	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
<b><u>Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup></u></b>	7:30 AM - 8:00AM 8:15 AM 8:30 AM - 4:00PM	Penance & Reconciliation Daily Mass Church Office Open
<b><u>Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup></u></b>	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
<b><u>Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup></u></b>	7:30 AM - 8:00AM 8:15 AM 8:30 AM - 4:00PM 6:00PM	Penance & Reconciliation Daily Mass Church Office Open Choir Practice
<b><u>Friday, June 28<sup>th</sup></u></b>	8:30 AM - 12:00PM 11:15 AM - 11:45AM 12:00 PM 6:00 PM	Church Office Open Penance & Reconciliation Daily Mass Adoration
<b><u>Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup></u></b>	3:30PM - 4:45AM 5:00 PM	Penance & Reconciliation Vigil Mass



**Ministry Schedule**

**Saturday June 22<sup>nd</sup> 2024**

**Lectors:** Samantha Groce, John Allen

**EMHC:** Trish Carter, Joan Mullens

**Altar Servers:** Jack, Jessie & Julie Groce

**Sunday June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024**

**Lectors:** Ryan Freling, Thomas Rogers

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

**Altar Servers:** Hannah, Brooklynn & Olivia Bryan

**Saturday June 29<sup>th</sup> 2024**

**Lectors:** George Trevison, Dolly Hurtig

**EMHC:** Bob Rorie, Slade Richard

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

**Sunday June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Lectors:** Paul Jackson, Stacey Denny

**EMHC:** Emily Chartier, Carol Mercier, Thomas Rogers, Tom Bishop

**Altar Servers:** Brennan & Matthew Jackson, Jake Taulli



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 Justice  
 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 15/16**

General Sunday Collection \$5,942.00

*Thank you for continued and generous support!*

*Give thanks  
 to the Lord,  
 his love is  
 everlasting.*

**PSALM 107:1**



***Altar flowers donated by Debbie Abrahm in loving memory of Billy Abrahm***

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



**Saturday June 22<sup>nd</sup>**

For the parishioners of St. Thomas Aquinas

**Sunday June 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Ben Kubicek  
 (by Mary Carol Vidrine)

Victor Monjaras +  
 (by Imelda Ramirez)

**Friday June 28<sup>th</sup>**

Charles Ssenyyondo  
 (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/>





We had a Grand Wilderness Adventure through the Sacraments for Vacation Bible School. We appreciate all of the adult and youth volunteers that helped with preparation and during the week. A special thank you to Samantha Groce for her fantastic decorating skills and the time she put in to making our Luffey looking great. Also, Crumbs Catering for donating the cupcakes for snacks. La Bamba Mexican Restaurant for catering our Family Night meal. We also want to thank those who donated items for use in skits and toys/prizes that were used in Bingo and games. We had a wonderful week and pray your children did as well!







Thanks so much to Robert Ransom who held mini tennis clinic for some of our youth. We hope this to be the first of many to share the love of tennis with our youth!



**STAY**  
Summer fun pool time for some of our youth.

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 July meeting TBA**



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.



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](http://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



### The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



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/>







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.



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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	29		\$	\$6,287		\$5,417	
St. Joseph, Bossier	8	83	30	32%	\$	9,000	28.2%	\$3,865	
Mary, Queen of Peace	10	333	77	23%	\$	49,000	78.4%	\$47,355	
Christ the King - Bossier City	11	425	56	13%	\$	28,000	33.7%	\$12,355	
St. Jude Church - Bossier City	12	1,094	385	37%	\$	144,000	54.8%	\$59,539	
St. Ann, Elbert	25	84	29	35%	\$	17,000	60.0%	\$6,410	
St. Benedict the Black	31	36	5	19%	\$	3,000	28.2%	\$750	
St. Lucy - Hedge	33	48	10	21%	\$	32,000	35.0%	\$4,035	
St. Margaret, Homer	34	21	11	52%	\$	32,000	49.5%	\$1,470	
St. Patrick - Lake Providence	38	50	11	22%	\$	9,000	55.0%	\$4,600	
St. Joseph, Mansfield	41	97	32	33%	\$	70,000	32.7%	\$15,867	
St. John the Baptist - Many	44	160	34	21%	\$	23,000	62.4%	\$10,160	
St. Terence	45	54	7	13%	\$	6,000	68.0%	\$3,500	
Blessed Sacrament, Ringgold	46	19	6	32%	\$	3,000	41.7%	\$1,250	
St. Paul - Minden	47	80	16	20%	\$	14,000	25.5%	\$2,115	
Jesus the Good Shepherd	48	600	305	38%	\$	93,000	78.4%	\$53,007	
Little Flower of Jesus	49	146	11	7%	\$	5,000	84.2%	\$3,280	
Our Lady of Fatima	50	182	30	16%	\$	27,000	67.4%	\$18,505	
St. Matthew	52	383	44	11%	\$	36,000	37.2%	\$12,175	
Sacred Heart, Oak Grove	58	55	5	9%	\$	3,000	54.5%	\$475	
St. Theresa - Delhi	59	27	2	7%	\$	3,000	20.0%	\$600	
St. George, Coushatta	62	30	12	40%	\$	12,000	71.6%	\$7,590	
Sacred Heart, Rayville	64	40	5	13%	\$	6,000	38.2%	\$970	
St. Thomas Aquinas - Ruston	65	267	31	12%	\$	32,000	48.2%	\$13,915	
Holy Trinity	68	675	74	11%	\$	75,000	70.3%	\$39,753	
Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament	69	140	25	18%	\$	11,000	51.1%	\$3,890	
Sacred Heart of Jesus - Shreveport	70	220	37	17%	\$	13,000	63.0%	\$6,331	
Cathedral of St. John the Baptist	72	645	114	18%	\$	189,000	58.2%	\$72,007	
St. Joseph Church - Shreveport	73	729	182	25%	\$	240,000	55.8%	\$106,958	
St. Mary of the Pines	74	714	82	11%	\$	55,000	58.4%	\$21,179	
St. Pius X	75	152	55	36%	\$	34,000	62.3%	\$13,765	
St. Clement - Vidalia	82	44	17	39%	\$	11,000	50.7%	\$3,880	
St. Paschal - West Monroe	83	499	82	16%	\$	53,000	67.1%	\$29,462	
St. Joseph, Zwolle	86	636	116	18%	\$	80,000	61.7%	\$30,250	
St. Lamine - Swartz	90	75	7	9%	\$	5,000	33.3%	\$675	
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	91	192	14	8%	\$	9,000	39.4%	\$2,295	
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	93	913	157	17%	\$	176,000	62.8%	\$80,899	
St. Ann, Stonewall	94	110	20	18%	\$	15,000	48.0%	\$4,600	
<b>TOTAL (DIOCESE)</b>		<b>10,048</b>	<b>1,775</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,600,000</b>	<b>\$924,690</b>	<b>57.8%</b>	<b>\$697,142</b>

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time – June 23, 2024

“He indeed died for all, so that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for Him who for their sake died and was raised.” Is Christ calling you to live for Him 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](mailto:rjohnson@sjbcathedral.org)

Duodécimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario – 23 de junio de 2024

“Él ciertamente murió por todos, para que los que viven, ya no vivan para sí, sino para aquel que por ellos murió y resucitó. ¿Cristo te está llamando a morir a ti mismo y vivir para Él 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](mailto: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.



Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time:

In the Gospel today, Jesus calms the sea and then asks the disciples “Why are you lacking in faith.” In our life’s journey, we also must learn to believe in God’s presence and to trust in his care. This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to continue show God’s love and care to others by assisting families, providing food, gifts, and utility and rent bills.

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