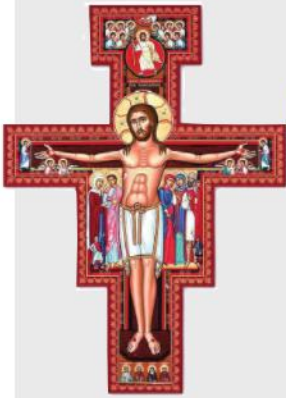


JUNE 30TH, 2024 | 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

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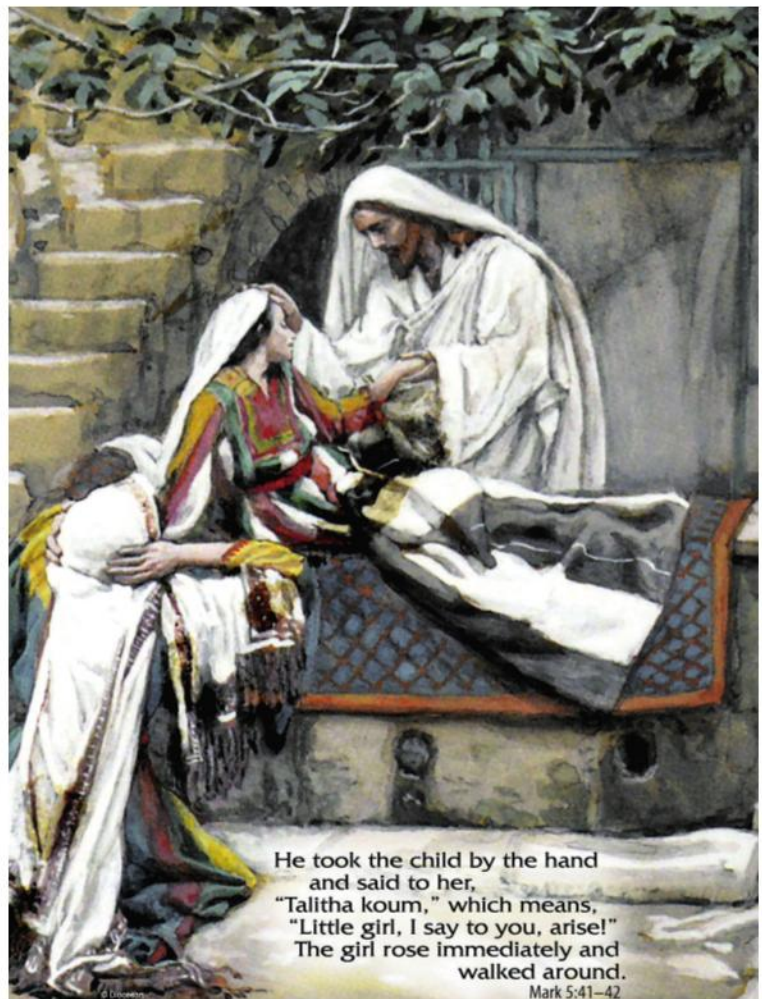
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Thurston Allen

Chairman of Finance Council

St. Vincent de Paul Society (318)255-8090



He took the child by the hand
and said to her,
"Talitha koum," which means,
"Little girl, I say to you,
arise!"
The girl rose immediately and
walked around.

Mark 5:41-42

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>July 1st</u>	Abel Lainez Camille Mhire
<u>July 2nd</u>	Freddy Mujica
<u>July 3rd</u>	Marilyn Priego
<u>July 4th</u>	America Hernandez Dulce Avilez-Vazquez Jose Villa Ava Good Nora Rodriguez
<u>July 5th</u>	Roseanne Skapura
<u>July 7th</u>	Sophia Reis Juana Tomas
<u>July 8th</u>	Ian Ramirez
<u>July 9th</u>	Cecil Crawford Amalia Perez Lopez Leslie Garcia
<u>July 10th</u>	Mallary Adams
<u>July 12th</u>	Michael Nammour Victor Velazquez
<u>July 13th</u>	Brooklyn Bryan Dennis Lopez
<u>July 14th</u>	Samantha McCumber
<u>July 16th</u>	Pat Crawford John Gass
<u>July 17th</u>	Tom Bishop Axel Garcia
<u>July 18th</u>	Steven Groce Kerry Viator Mary Virginia Adams Eimy Lainez Arnulfo Perez Luka Lopez
<u>July 19th</u>	Joseph Luffey
<u>July 20th</u>	Deborah Abraham Mia Morpheu
<u>July 21st</u>	Matthew Jackson Yasmin Torres Lometa Rorie Kathleen Brucia Charlotte Rust
<u>July 22nd</u>	Marissa Gonzalez Cruz Morales
<u>July 23rd</u>	James Cregut Juan Ramirez
<u>July 25th</u>	Charles Menzina
<u>July 26th</u>	Sharon Kelly
<u>July 27th</u>	Mary Ghongkedze Hector Medrano Kim Traina Brooke Rodriguez
<u>July 28th</u>	David Manuel
<u>July 29th</u>	Stacey Denny Lonnie Fauchoux

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 30th</u>	9:30 AM 1:30 PM 7:00 PM	Sunday Mass Misa en Español NO Sunday Mass
<u>Monday, July 1st</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, July 2nd</u>	7:30 AM - 8:00AM 8:15 AM 8:30 AM - 4:00PM	Penance & Reconciliation Daily Mass Church Office Open
<u>Wednesday, July 3rd</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, July 4th</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, July 5th</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, July 6th</u>	3:30PM - 4:45AM 5:00 PM	Penance & Reconciliation Vigil Mass

Independence Day BLESSINGS



Ministry Schedule

Saturday June 29th 2024

Lectors: George Trevison, Dolly Hurtig

EMHC: Bob Rorie, Slade Richard

Altar Servers: Cedric, Kevin & Peter Serio

Sunday June 30th, 2024

Lectors: Paul Jackson, Stacey Denny

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

Altar Servers: Brennan & Matthew Jackson, Jake Taulli

Saturday June 6th 2024

Lectors: George Trevison, Pam Allen

EMHC: Joan Mullens, Bob Rorie

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

Sunday June 7th, 2024

Lectors: Paul Jackson, Stacey Denny

EMHC: Todd Wasson, Tom Bishop, Elaine Johnson, Emily Chartier

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
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
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

June 22/23

General Sunday Collection \$11,672.00

Thank you for continued and generous support!

*Do not be afraid;
only have faith*
MARK 5:36



*Altar flowers donated by John & Beth Buske in
loving memory of Paul & Mike Buske*

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



Saturday June 29th

Arthur G Trevison +
(by George & Carmen Trevison)

Sunday June 30th

Diane Singletary +
(by Gary & Selene Kennedy)

Por los feligreses de la parroquia
Santo Tomas de Aquino

Monday July 1st

Bernadette Bennett +
(by Linda Viator)

Friday July 5th

Mary Jane Trevison +
(by George & Carmen Trevison)

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/>



During the summer, after VBS has concluded, the Luffey gym and the smaller youth room are open for parishioners to reserve to use during regular office hours times. During office hours are the hours the doors are unlocked. The office manager, however is not babysitter or "in charge" of your chosen activity. All minors must have supervision. All events with minors must have two adults present to follow protecting God's children guidelines. The goal of activities should be St. Thomas Aquinas community building through shared interests or activities. Be prepared to share spaces: if one group is in the youth room, another might be in the gym. Label any food or drinks placed in the refrigerator. Wash dishes after use see and run a load of laundry if you use towels. Dump food trash, and sweep food or craft crumbs.

1. <https://stthomasruston.shelbnextchms.com/> This link will allow you to log in to the calendar to sign up for a room or space. When you get logged in you can view the parish calendar.

2. All areas of the facility and bathrooms must be used with respect and cleaned up after use. Any after hours use requests should be made to the office. No children may be left unattended. "leave all areas better than when you arrived" is the goal.

3. If you would like to facilitate a regularly scheduled meeting/club or activity, make sure the office manager (Marcie Tucker) has okayed the space and time.

Ideas: walking club, yoga, crafts, crochet, knitting clubs, bible study, prayer group, and the like.

Use of church owned property such as basketball goals need brief instruction as to how to move them in the gym. They should be returned to their current place by the rolling door. The church owns two pickleball nets which also need instruction for use how to set up and return to closet.

If you would like to host an event or open time and need something announced, Marcie Tucker, Mindy Bryan or Marina Bishop can be contacted for sending messages to the parish.

Happy planning!



This past Sunday many of our prisoners and some of our youth went to support St. Thomas Aquinas members James Roberts as Mr. Bundles/Rooster, Kaejha Stewart as Annie, Ramona Bishop as servant and Hooverville ensemble, Ava Good as Cecile and Hooverville ensemble and Olivia Good as ensemble in the Ruston community theater performance of Annie.





Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel we see how in faith, Jarius asked Jesus to heal his daughter and how Jesus then answered his prayer. In prayer we also come to know that we are loved by God, and in that trust we ask for healing for ourselves, our loved ones and all those who are suffering. This week, please join with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in praying for the healing of all those who are ill and especially those who have no one to pray for them.

Decimotercero Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

En el Evangelio de hoy vemos como en fe, Jairo le pide a Jesús que cure a su hija y como el Señor luego le consintió su súplica. En oración nosotros también aprendemos que somos amados por Dios, y con esa confianza pedimos por curación para nosotros mismos, nuestros seres queridos y para todos que sufren. Esta semana, favor de unirse todos con la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl de nuestra parroquia, en oración para que aquellos que están enfermos sean curados y en manera especial los que no tienen a nadie que rece por ellos.

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY
 YOUR FAITH HAS RESTORED YOU
Go IN PEACE
 AND BE FREE
 IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY

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Independence Day

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St Thomas Aquinas Men's Club strives to create and foster a spirit of fellowship among our members.
Upcoming meeting July 17, 2024 at 6:00pm
 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 July 9, 2024 at noon. Bring a sack lunch, drinks and desert provided.**

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows

BURROWS

If we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him, knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, is never to die again; death no longer is master over him. Rom 6:8-9

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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:

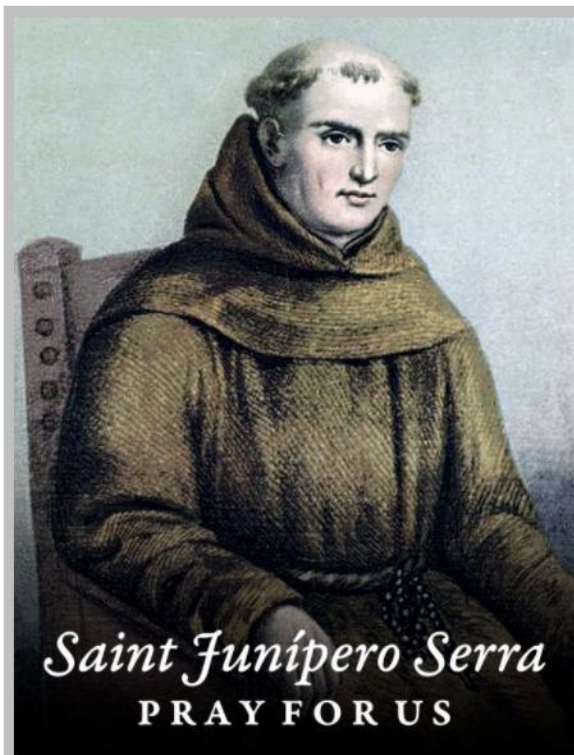
June 5-7
June 19 – 21
July 10-12
July 24-26

Dog Haul:

Aug 31- Sept 6

Welcome Week:

Starts Aug 31



BLESSED JUNÍPERO SERRA (1713-1784)

July 1

No one who has stood before the quiet majesty of Mission San Juan Capistrano, or the altogether different but no less lovely Mission Dolores in San Francisco, or any of the missions from San Diego to Sonoma can fail to bless the Franciscan padre who, while not founder of each, was inspiration for them all, Blessed Junípero Serra. Abandoning the comfortable academic life to which his doctorate in theology entitled him, Serra journeyed to the New World where his tireless traveling, dramatic preaching, and penitential austerity converted thousands of native peoples. Saving souls and celebrating the sacraments were Padre Serra's primary mission but not his only one. Education in letters and crafts, trades and agriculture transformed the people, while roads and irrigation systems transfigured the landscape. His more than thirty years of ministry were not free from conflict with authorities or without controversy in the retrospectively critical eye of history. But when John Paul II beatified him in 1988, he praised Padre Serra for assisting his converts to use their new faith to advance their true human development.

—Peter Scagnelli





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		\$ -	\$6,387		\$5,437
St. Joseph, Bathop	8	83	10	12%	\$ 9,000	\$2,355	26.2%	\$1,865
Mary, Queen of Peace	10	333	78	23%	\$ 49,000	\$54,630	79.2%	\$48,440
Christ the King - Bossier City	11	435	56	13%	\$ 28,000	\$15,585	55.7%	\$12,365
St. Jude Church - Bossier City	12	1,094	187	17%	\$ 144,000	\$78,121	54.9%	\$62,870
St. Ann, Elsie	25	84	30	36%	\$ 17,000	\$10,375	61.0%	\$7,700
St. Benedict the Black	31	26	6	23%	\$ 3,000	\$950	31.7%	\$625
St. Lucy - Hedge	33	48	10	21%	\$ 12,000	\$4,200	35.0%	\$4,050
St. Margaret, Homer	34	21	11	52%	\$ 12,000	\$4,915	41.0%	\$2,865
St. Patrick - Lake Providence	38	50	11	22%	\$ 9,000	\$5,075	56.4%	\$4,900
St. Joseph, Mansfield	41	97	32	33%	\$ 70,000	\$27,722	39.6%	\$17,042
St. John the Baptist - Many	44	180	34	19%	\$ 23,000	\$14,428	62.7%	\$10,410
St. Terence	45	54	7	13%	\$ 6,000	\$4,125	68.8%	\$3,775
Blessed Sacrament, Ringgold	46	19	6	32%	\$ 3,000	\$1,250	41.7%	\$1,250
St. Paul - Minden	47	80	19	24%	\$ 14,000	\$4,270	30.5%	\$2,915
Jesus the Good Shepherd	48	600	306	51%	\$ 91,000	\$48,275	53.0%	\$40,907
Lily Flower of Jesus	49	146	31	21%	\$ 1,000	\$4,210	84.2%	\$3,380
Our Lady of Fatima	50	182	31	17%	\$ 27,000	\$18,205	67.4%	\$17,480
St. Matthew	52	383	44	11%	\$ 36,000	\$15,400	42.8%	\$12,200
Sacred Heart, Oak Grove	58	55	6	11%	\$ 3,000	\$575	19.2%	\$575
St. Thomas - Osht	59	27	2	7%	\$ 3,000	\$600	20.0%	\$600
St. George, Coushatta	62	30	12	40%	\$ 12,000	\$8,580	71.5%	\$7,740
Sacred Heart, Rayville	64	40	6	15%	\$ 6,000	\$1,180	19.8%	\$1,070
St. Thomas Aquinas - Ruston	65	267	91	34%	\$ 32,000	\$15,485	48.4%	\$14,300
Holy Trinity	68	675	75	11%	\$ 75,000	\$52,623	70.4%	\$45,158
Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament	69	140	27	19%	\$ 11,000	\$5,720	52.0%	\$4,050
Sacred Heart of Jesus - Shreveport	70	220	38	17%	\$ 13,000	\$8,208	63.1%	\$7,378
Cathedral of St. John Berchmans	72	645	115	18%	\$ 188,000	\$95,807	50.7%	\$75,772
St. Joseph Church - Shreveport	73	729	182	25%	\$ 240,000	\$134,158	55.9%	\$109,278
St. Mary of the Pines	74	714	92	13%	\$ 56,000	\$32,084	57.3%	\$22,804
St. Pius X	75	152	56	37%	\$ 34,000	\$21,615	63.6%	\$16,295
St. Clement - Vivian	82	44	18	41%	\$ 11,000	\$5,605	51.0%	\$3,725
St. Paschal - West Monroe	83	499	83	17%	\$ 53,000	\$35,597	67.2%	\$30,108
St. Joseph, Zwolle	86	636	117	18%	\$ 80,000	\$49,830	62.3%	\$33,095
St. Lawrence - Searcy	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%	\$2,295
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	93	913	160	18%	\$ 176,000	\$115,257	65.5%	\$97,984
St. Ann, Stonefall	94	110	20	18%	\$ 15,000	\$7,300	48.0%	\$4,725
TOTAL (DIOCESE)		10,048	1,799	18%	\$ 1,600,000	\$984,100	58.4%	\$758,159

Natividad de San Juan Bautista -- 24 de junio de 2024

“El Señor me llamó desde que nací”. Escuchen con el corazón abierto y oren por la vocación a la que el Señor los llama. ¿Podría ser como sacerdote, hermana o hermano? Hable con su sacerdote o comuníquese con la Father Raney Johnson Oficina de Vocaciones por correo electrónico: rjohnson@sjbcathedral.org



Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – June 30, 2024

“She fell down before Jesus and told him the whole truth.”
 Let us lay down our lives before Jesus and share the whole truth with Him. He may be calling you to follow Him as a priest, sister, or brother. Listen. Talk to your priest or reach out to Director of Vocations Father Raney Johnson at rjohnson@sjbcathedral.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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