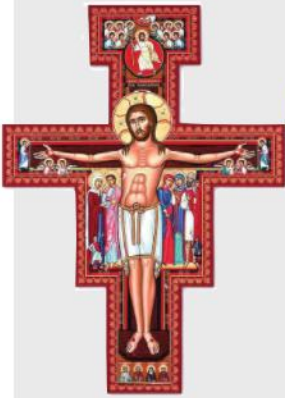


JULY 7TH, 2024 | 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

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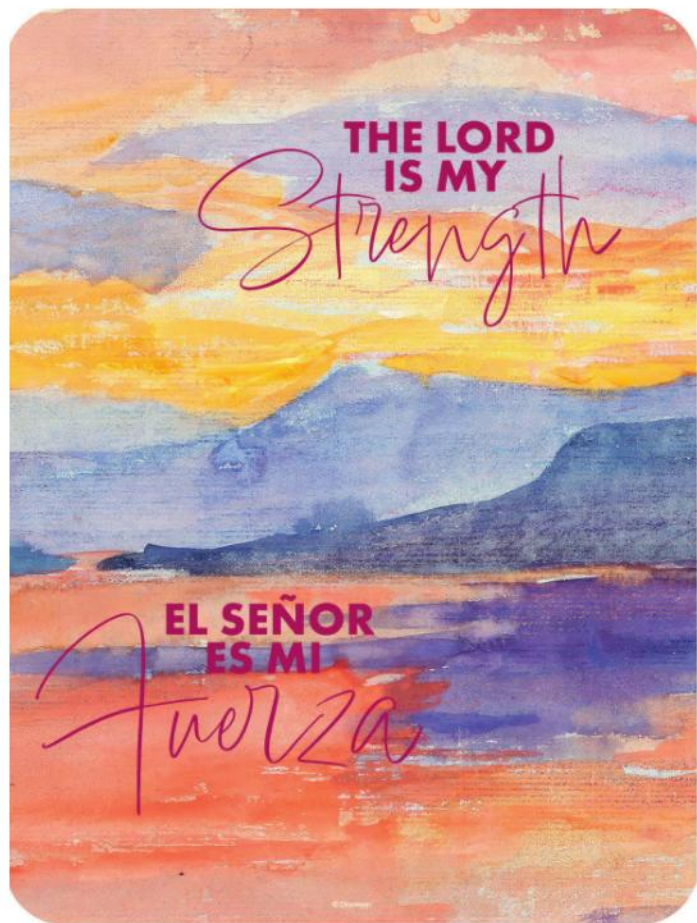
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Thurston Allen

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14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

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, July 7th	9:30 AM 1:30 PM 7:00 PM	Sunday Mass Misa en Español NO Sunday Mass
Monday, July 8th	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
Tuesday, July 9th	7:30 AM - 8:00AM 8:15 AM 8:30 AM - 4:00PM	Penance & Reconciliation Daily Mass Church Office Open
Wednesday, July 10th	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
Thursday, July 11th	7:30 AM - 8:00AM 8:15 AM 8:30 AM - 4:00PM 6:00PM	Penance & Reconciliation Daily Mass Church Office Open Choir Practice
Friday, July 12th	8:30 AM - 12:00PM 11:15 AM - 11:45AM 12:00 PM 6:00 PM	Church Office Open Penance & Reconciliation Daily Mass Adoration
Saturday, July 13th	3:30PM - 4:45AM 5:00 PM	Penance & Reconciliation Vigil Mass

NEW SUNDAY MASS TIME!
Beginning July 21st, 2024
Sunday morning Mass will be
at 10:00 am.



Ministry Schedule

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

Saturday July 13th 2024

Lectors: Samantha Groce, Tom Garza

EMHC: John R Serio, Trish Carter

Altar Servers: Jack, Jessie & Julie Groce

Sunday July 14th, 2024

Lectors: Jim Martin, Ryan Freling

EMHC: Paul Jackson, Gary Kennedy, Tom Bishop, Thomas Rogers

Altar Servers: Brad Denny, Liam Taylor, Elliott Frost



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
 Emily Landry

Chris Letendre
 Ken Martinez
 Tobie McKown
 Claudia Michel
 Leopoldo Michel
 Larry Miller
 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 22/23

General Sunday Collection \$11,672.00

Thank you for continued and generous support!



Altar flowers donated by Rhonda Reed in loving memory of Roserita Lefevre

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



Saturday July 6th

Stanley Viator +
 (by Linda Viator)

Sunday July 7th

For the parishioners of St. Thomas Aquinas

Friday July 12th

Gustavo Denys V +
 (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!



Fr. Jerry Thelen Walking in Faith Award

Fr. Jerry was the Pastor of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church and Associate Director of Campus Ministry from 1993 until his unexpected death December 6, 2002. Shortly thereafter the Women's Guild introduced a scholarship award named in his honor. This year, the Fr. Jerry Thelen Walking in Faith Award is presented to **Thomas Rogers**.

Thomas is a graduate of Ruston High School and will be attending LSU majoring in Chemical Engineering. While at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, Thomas was a participant in the PSR program, the Youth Group, a Lector, a Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, and he assisted with church social events. **Congratulations Thomas!**

Honors and Accomplishments:

RHS Principals list all 4 years, National Merit Finalist, Student Council Representative 9-12, Eagle Scout, FBLA State Champion, LHSAA Track State Champion Ruston High School Cross Country and Track 9-12, Bearcat Motorsports (Eco-Car) 9-12, Bearcat Mentor 11-12 & National Honor Society





Some of our parishioners attended the Camp Little Flower Diocesan Camp last week. Despite the heat they all had a great time.

Two of our parishioners worked at the camp as well, thank you to Elise Reis and Heidi Adams!

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY
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Amidst the busyness of summer, a few came to play pickleball, and even Father Kevin was able to join in playing a game.



Choir Camp

FEATURING CHOIR DIRECTOR
RANDALL BOYD

Dates & Details:

CAMP DAYS:
JULY 16 - 19, 2024
9:30AM-12:00PM

CONCERT TO BE HELD:
SATURDAY, JULY 20TH
@ 10:30AM

\$100 PER CHILD

WHO CAN ATTEND?
(COMPLETED 3RD-8TH GRADE)

605 N. VIENNA ST
RUSTON LA
71270

TEXT (318) 560-3372
FOR MORE INFORMATION!



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



Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel the people ask : "How is it such miraculous deeds are accomplished by his hands?" Because of your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul many "miraculous deeds" are accomplished for the poor. This week put a gift in the St. Vincent de Paul poor box, knowing that through your kindness someone who is suffering will be touched by God in a miraculous way.

Décimo Cuarto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

En el Evangelio de hoy, la gente pregunta: ¿Cuáles hechos poderosos han sido forjados por sus manos? ¿De dónde le viene esa sabiduría y ese poder para hacer milagros? Por medio de tus regalos a la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl, logramos hacer muchos actos milagrosos para los más necesitados en nuestra parroquia. Esta semana deposita un regalo a la caja pobre de San

Vicente de Paúl, reconociendo que por medio de tu benevolencia alguien que está sufriendo será tocado por el Señor en una manera milagrosa.



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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.**





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	30		\$	\$6,412		\$5,562	
St. Joseph, Bossier	8	85	11	13%	\$	\$5,400	26.1%	\$1,980	
Mary, Queen of Peace	10	233	79	24%	\$	\$5,000	75.0%	\$40,000	
Christ the King - Bossier City	11	435	57	13%	\$	\$5,000	55.7%	\$13,385	
St. Jude Church - Bossier City	12	1,094	191	17%	\$	\$44,000	55.5%	\$63,800	
St. Ann, Elmer	25	84	30	36%	\$	\$17,000	61.0%	\$7,700	
St. Benedict the Black	31	36	6	17%	\$	\$3,000	33.3%	\$250	
St. Lucy - Ridge	33	40	10	25%	\$	\$12,000	50.0%	\$4,000	
St. Margaret, Homer	34	21	11	52%	\$	\$12,000	41.0%	\$3,015	
St. Patrick - Lake Providence	48	50	11	22%	\$	\$6,000	55.0%	\$4,400	
St. Joseph, Mansfield	41	97	52	54%	\$	\$70,000	57.1%	\$17,262	
St. John the Baptist - Many	44	160	35	22%	\$	\$5,000	62.0%	\$10,845	
St. Terance	45	54	8	15%	\$	\$6,000	54.3%	\$3,975	
Blessed Sacrament, Ringgold	46	19	6	32%	\$	\$3,000	41.7%	\$1,200	
St. Paul - Minden	47	80	19	24%	\$	\$4,000	30.5%	\$2,000	
Jesus the Good Shepherd	48	800	108	14%	\$	\$1,000	68.7%	\$61,732	
Little Flower of Jesus	49	146	31	21%	\$	\$5,000	74.5%	\$3,300	
Our Lady of Fatima	50	182	31	17%	\$	\$7,000	67.0%	\$17,400	
St. Matthew	52	283	44	16%	\$	\$6,000	51.8%	\$7,520	
Sacred Heart, Oak Grove	58	55	6	11%	\$	\$3,000	33.3%	\$575	
St. Theresa - Delhi	59	27	2	7%	\$	\$3,000	20.0%	\$600	
St. George, Coushatta	62	30	13	43%	\$	\$12,000	58.3%	\$7,800	
Sacred Heart, Rayville	64	40	6	15%	\$	\$5,000	30.0%	\$3,000	
St. Thomas Aquinas - Sulton	65	267	32	12%	\$	\$3,000	58.5%	\$34,475	
Holy Trinity	68	675	73	11%	\$	\$3,000	52.2%	\$45,410	
Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament	69	140	27	19%	\$	\$11,000	82.0%	\$4,070	
Sacred Heart of Jesus - Shreveport	70	220	38	17%	\$	\$18,000	63.0%	\$7,600	
Cathedral of St. John Berchmans	72	645	117	18%	\$	\$89,000	54.0%	\$77,137	
St. Joseph Church - Shreveport	73	728	184	25%	\$	\$45,000	56.4%	\$10,863	
St. Mary of the Pines	74	714	94	13%	\$	\$5,000	58.2%	\$3,744	
St. Pius X	75	152	37	24%	\$	\$4,000	65.0%	\$3,700	
St. Clement - Vivian	82	41	18	44%	\$	\$11,000	81.0%	\$1,825	
St. Paschal - West Monroe	83	499	83	17%	\$	\$5,000	53.7%	67.4%	
St. Joseph, Zeno	86	636	117	18%	\$	\$30,000	62.0%	\$33,113	
St. Lawrence - Swartz	90	75	7	9%	\$	\$5,000	54.5%	\$475	
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	91	182	14	8%	\$	\$6,000	33.3%	\$2,800	
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	93	913	183	20%	\$	\$16,000	55.0%	\$9,729	
St. Ann, Stearns	94	110	30	27%	\$	\$15,000	40.0%	\$4,950	
TOTAL (DIOCESE)		10,048	1,823	18%	\$	\$1,600,000	\$945,490	59.1%	\$709,069

Decimocuarto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
7 de julio de 2024

“Mi gracia te basta”. Considere un llamado al sacerdocio o a la vida consagrada. La gracia de Dios es todo lo que necesitas. Hable con su sacerdote o comuníquese con la Father Raney Johnson Oficina de Vocaciones por correo electrónico: rjohnson@sjbcathedral.org



Vocations

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -
July 7, 2024

“My grace is sufficient for you.” Consider a calling to the priesthood or consecrated life. God's grace is all you need! Talk to your priest or contact Director of Vocations Father Raney Johnson at rjohnson@sjbcathedral.org

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Bidding begins Saturday, July 27th

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Groups of 4 or more are not guaranteed seats together unless a table sponsorship is purchased.

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