## **JULY 14TH, 2024 | 15TH 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

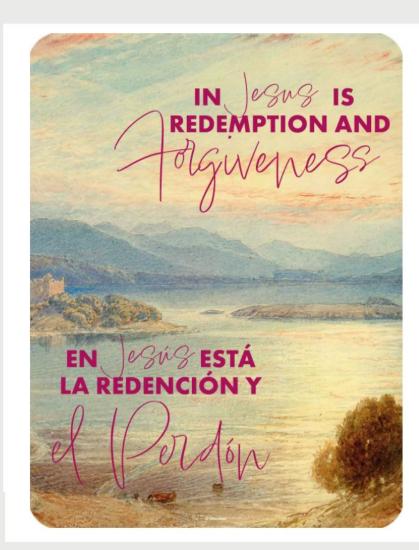
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#### **NEW PARISHIONERS**

"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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Jose Villa

 July 1st
 Abel Lainez

 Camille Mhire

 July 2nd
 Freddy Mujica

 July 3rd
 Marilyn Priego

 July 4th
 America Hernandez

 Dulce Avilez-Vazquez

July 5th Ava Good
Nora Rodriguez
July 7th Roseanne Skapura
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
 Brooklynn Bryan

 Dennis Lopez

 July 14th
 Samantha McCumber

July 14<sup>th</sup> Samantha McCumb

Pat Crawford

 July 17th
 John Gass

 July 17th
 Axel Garcia

 July 18th
 Steven Groce

Kerry Viator
Mary Virginia Adams
Eimy Lainez
Arnulfo Perez

Luka Lopez

July 19<sup>th</sup> Joseph Luffey

July 20<sup>th</sup> Deborah Abrahm

Mia Morphew

July 21<sup>st</sup> Matthew Jackson

Yasmin Torres

Lometa Rorie Kathleen Brucia Charlotte Rust Marissa Gonzalez

 July 22<sup>nd</sup>
 Marissa Gonzalez

 Cruz Morales
 July 23<sup>rd</sup>

 July 23<sup>rd</sup>
 James Cregut

July 25<sup>th</sup> Charles Menzina
July 26<sup>th</sup> Sharon Kelly
July 27<sup>th</sup> Mary Ghongkedze
Hector Medrano
Kim Traina

Brooke Rodrigez
Colt Woodard

 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 14th
9:30 AM Sunday Mass
1:30 PM Misa en Español
7:00 PM NO Sunday Mass

Monday, July 15th

7:30 AM - 8:00AM
Penance & Reconciliation
8:15 AM
Daily Mass
8:30 AM - 4:00PM
Church Office Open
Divine Mercy Chaplet

Tuesday, July 16th

7:30 AM - 8:00 AM
8:15 AM
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM
Church Office Open

Wednesday, July 17th

7:30 AM - 8:00AM Penance & Reconciliation
8:15 AM Daily Mass
8:30 AM - 4:00PM Church Office Open
6:00 PM - 8:00PM STAY
8:00 PM NO Mass

Thursday, July 18th

7:30 AM - 8:00 AM
8:15 AM
Baily Mass
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM
Choir Practice

Penance & Reconciliation
Daily Mass
Church Office Open
Choir Practice

Friday, July 19th

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 20th

3:30PM - 4:45AM Penance & Reconciliation 5:00 PM Vigil Mass

## **NEW SUNDAY MASS TIME!**

Beginning July 21st, 2024 Sunday morning Mass will be at 10:00 am.



### **Ministry Schedule**

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

Saturday July 20th 2024

Lectors: Charlotte Wilkerson, John Allen
EMHC: George Trevison, Slade Richard
Altar Servers: Cedric, Kevin & Peter Serio

Sunday July 21st, 2024

Lectors: Josie Bishop, Thomas Rogers

EMHC: Gary Kennedy, Jim Martin, Paul Jackson, Todd Wasson

Altar Servers: Hannah, Brooklynn & Olivia Bryan



Please contact the parish office to have names added to our prayer list.

Patti Hooper Allen Chris Letendre Quintana Atkins Ken Martinez Tobie McKown Miriam Bishop Jackie Bolden Claudia Michel Frankie Career Leopoldo Michel Bruce Cowan Larry Miller Judy Darcey Cynthia Murry Laurie Duvall Katherine Ned Don Olivier Sean Dwyer Becky Ferrell Matthew Reichert Tristen Roberts Robert Frasier Mary Lou French Pearline Robey Laura Leigh Saleese Roxana Gamero Jennie Schutte-Patrick Emmely Gay Bernice Harrison Nicole Smith Harvey Hayes Polly Smith Maureen Hinton Tyler Sorrels Willie Tannerhill Charles Jacobs Karl Johnson Karen Taylor Diane Theriot Magnolia Johnson Jeffery Judice Pam Turner Mary Lanning

Mary Lanning David & Kim St. John Emily Landry Kathleen "Kathy" Walter

Janice Williams

#### STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

June 29/30

General Sunday Collection \$5,416.00 **July 6/7** 

General Sunday Collection \$8,353.00

Thank you for continued and generous support!

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY
IN HIM WE HAVE

## REDEMPTION

IN ORDINARY TIME



Altar flowers donated by Jeff & Niki St. Clair in loving memory of Jimmy Williams

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



Saturday July 13th For the parishioners of St. Thomas

Aquinas

Stanley Viator +

(by Linda Viator)

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 <a href="https://stthomasaquinasruston.com/calendar/">https://stthomasaquinasruston.com/calendar/</a>



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.shelbynextchms.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!



Morgan Cheatwood and Cedric Serio attended the National FBLA Competition in Orlando, FL, June 26 through July 3rd.



## 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!

## STAY Tennis Clinic by Deacon Ransom



Our youth enjoyed a free tennis clinic! Thank you Deacon Ransom!

#### LINCOLN ROTARY CLUB

#### SUMMER COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVE 2024

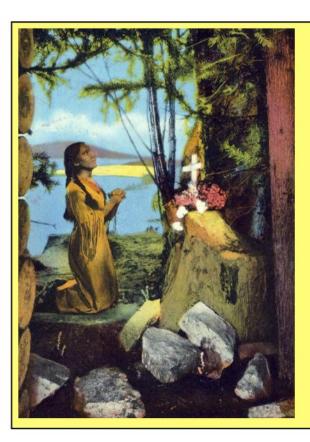
pre-packed bags at Super I Ruston for purchase all bags will go to CCA please help us with this on-going summer food drive

CCA Needs Your Help please buy a bag and place in the bin at Super I Foods Lincoln Rotary members will deliver all bags to CCA

Thanks in Advance!

Pictured is Victoria Sullivan, Lincoln Rotary President along with some of the club members delivering a load of purchased bags to CCA and Stephanie Matthews, Director of CCA.





#### BLESSED KATERI TEKAKWITHA (1656-1680) July 14

Though the New York State Thruway runs close by the North American Martyrs' Shrine, traffic's roar never pierces the peace enveloping Auriesville-Ossernon to Native Americans-in the lovely Mohawk Valley, where Kateri Tekakwitha was born barely ten years after the martyrdom of Isaac Jogues and his Jesuit and lay companions. Daughter of a Christian Algonquin mother and non-Christian Mohawk chief, Kateri's parents died in a smallpox epidemic widely blamed on the missionaries. Moreover, many Native Americans had experienced exploitation at the hands of "Christian" traders and trappers, further discrediting the faith Kateri embraced in baptism, then pledged to live even more intensely in vowed virginity. Misunderstanding led to harassment, prompting her move to a Christian village farther north along the Saint Lawrence River. Despite this, Kateri's faith remained undaunted, her selfless charity undiminished. Both before and after her death at twenty-four, this young "Lily of the Mohawks" drew countless converts to Christ by the fragrance of her goodness. Through us, does "the aroma of Christ" (2 Corinthians 2:15), attract others to the beauty of his gospel?

—Peter Scagnelli



## 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





#### **Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

In the Gospel today we see how Jesus sent his Apostles out two by two. From the beginning of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, members visit in pairs "two by two", those who are poor and needy in their homes. It is there, in the family setting, that Vincentians listen, offer humble advice, and render assistance. Have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

#### Décimo Quinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

En el Evangelio de hoy vemos como Jesús envió a Sus Apóstoles dos por dos. Desde los principios de la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl, miembros hacen visitas domiciliaras "dos por dos," a aquellos en necesidad, en sus propios hogares. Es allí, en escena familiar, que Vicentinos de nuestra parroquia escuchan, ofrecen consejos humildes y rinden asistencia. ¿Nunca has pensado contestar al llamado espiritual de servir a los más necesitados de nuestra parroquia, uniéndote a la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl?



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St Thomas Aquinas Men's Club strives to create and foster a spirit of fellowship among our members. **Upcoming meeting August 14, 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 August 13 2024 at noon.

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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	Parlish ID	Fof Parish Fundics	# of Families Participating 2024 (to date)	Perticipation Percentage	2024 Parish Goal	Amount Pledged 2024 (to detc)	% Goal Picigod	Amount Contribute 2024
Miscellaneous Contributions	1	0	30		9 -	\$6,412		\$5,612
St. Joseph, Bestrop	8	83	13	16%	\$ 9,000	\$3,055	33.9%	\$2,635
Mary, Queen of Peace	10	333	79	24%	\$ 69,000	\$55,205	80.0%	\$49,455
Christ the King - Bossier City	11	435	57	18%	\$ 28,000	\$15,605	55.7%	\$12,515
St. Jude Church - Bussier City	12	1,094	192	10%	\$ 144,000	\$79,791	25.4%	964,680
St. Ann, Ebarb	75	84	30	36%	\$ 17,000	\$10,375	61.0%	\$7,820
St. Benedict the Black	31	26	0	23%	\$ 5,000	\$250	31.7%	\$850
St. Lucy - Hodge	99	48	30	21%	\$ 12,000	\$4,200	35.0%	\$4,050
St. Margaret, Homer	34	21	21	52%	5 12,000	\$4,915	41.0%	53,115
St. Patrick - Lake Providence	30	50	11	22%	\$ 9,000	\$5,075	56.4%	\$4,950
St. Joseph, Mansfield	41	97	33	34%	\$ 70,000	\$27,772	39.7%	\$17,562
St. John the Baptist - Many	44	160	35	22%	\$ 23,000	\$14,463	62.9%	\$10,945
St. Terence	45	54		15%	5 6,000	54,325	72.1%	\$3,975
Dissord Sacrement, Ringgold	40	29	6	32%	\$ 3,000	\$1,250	41.7%	\$1,250
St. Paul - Minden	47	80	19	24%	\$ 14,000	\$4,270	30.5%	\$2,980
Jesus the Good Shepherd	46	600	108	18%	\$ 91,000	\$68,723	75.5%	\$61,764
Little Finuer of Iesus.	40	146	10	22%	5 5,000	\$4,260	85.2%	\$3,440
Our Lady of Fetime	50	192	21	17%	\$ 27,000	\$18,255	67.0%	\$17,460
St. Matthew	52	383	44	31%	\$ 36,000	\$13,400	37.2%	512,525
Secred Heart, Oak Grove	58	55	7	33%	\$ 3,000	\$775	25.8N	\$775
St. Therena - Delhi	59	27	2	7%	\$ 3,000	\$600	20.0%	\$600
St. George, Coushetta	62	30	13	43%	\$ 12,000	\$8,790	73.3%	\$8,040
Sacred Heart, Rayville	64	40	E	15%	\$ 6,000	\$1,190	19.9%	\$1,070
32. Thomes Aguines - Ruston	65	267	33	12%	\$ 32,000	\$19,585	61.2%	518,475
Holy Trinity	68	675	76	3.1%	\$ 75,000	\$53,000	70.7%	\$45,818
Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament	69	140	27	19%	\$ 11,000	\$5,720	52.0%	\$4.115
Secred Heart of Jesus - Shreveport	70	220	40	10%	\$ 13,000	\$8,630	56.4%	\$7,803
Cathedral of St. John Berchmans	72	645	119	38%	\$ 189,000	\$109,082	34.5%	\$77,907
St. Joseph Church - Shreveport	73	729	184	25%	\$ 240,000	3135,368	36.4%	\$111,690
St. Mary of the Sines	74	714	95	13%	\$ 55,000	\$33,414	60.8%	524,854
St. Plus X	75	132	56	38%	\$ 34,000	\$21,940	64.3%	\$17,040
St. Clement - Vivian	82	44	38	41%	\$ 11,000	\$5,605	51.0%	54,010
St. Paschal - West Morroe	83	409	63	37%	\$ 53,000	\$35,747	07.4%	\$30,550
Di. Joseph, Zwolle	96	636	117	10%	\$ 80,000	\$49,990	62.4%	\$33,796
St. Lawrence - Swartz	90	75	7	9%	\$ 5,000	\$675	13.5%	\$675
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	91	182	34	8%	\$ 9,000	\$3,545	39.4%	\$2,545
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	93	915	383	18%	5 176,000	\$135,967	10.9%	599,744
St. Ann, Stonewall	94	110	20	18%	\$ 15,000	\$7,200	46.0%	\$4,975
TOTAL (DIOCESE)		10,048	1,837	18%	\$ 1,600,000	\$953,100	59,6%	\$782,29

#### Decimoquinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario - 14 de julio de 2024

"Comenzó a enviarlos de dos en dos." Así como Jesús enviaba a sus discípulos en parejas, quizás usted también esté siendo llamado al discipulado para esta misión compartida como sacerdote o hermano religioso o hermana religiosa. Hable con su sacerdote o comuníquese con la Father Raney Johnson Oficina de Vocaciones por correo electrónico: rjohnson@sjbcathedral.org



#### Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- July 14, 2024

"He began to send them out two by two." Just as Jesus was sending out His disciples in pairs, perhaps you too are being called to discipleship for this shared mission 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



In Him
we have
redemption
by his blood.

EPHESIANS 1:7

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