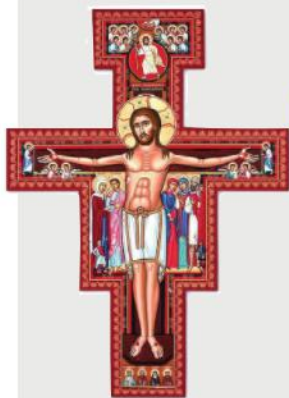


AUGUST 11TH, 2024 | 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

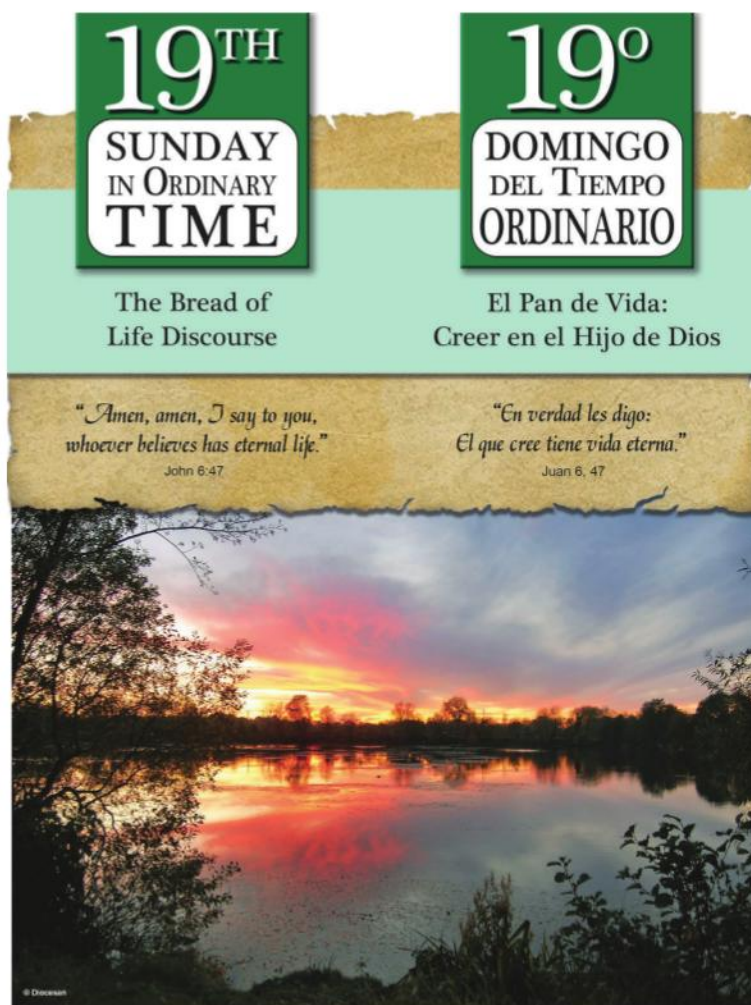
Please call Church Office **SIX MONTHS** in advance to schedule

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	



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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August 2nd	Paola Torres
August 3rd	Danny Nash
August 4th	Anna Kate Jackson Heidi Morpew Gilberto Espinoza, Jr. Elizabeth Salazar Seth Nichols
August 7th	Damian Nash Javier Ramirez
August 8th	Landry Tucker
August 10th	Maria Elena Mendez
August 11th	Stephanie Viator Rosilynn Gillum George Smith
August 12th	Beth Buske
August 13th	Esma Smith
August 15th	Almario Manlutac
August 16th	Jonathan Roger Heather Jach
August 17th	Jerry Drewett
August 18th	Ginger Manuel Michael Gillum Jonathon Rodriguez
August 19th	Ed Jacobs
August 20th	Karen Jacobs Cristina Mariano Fredy Lopez Nicole Hinton
August 21st	Theresa Nichols Allie Jo Martin
August 23rd	Leonardo Rodriguez
August 24th	Trisha Pangilinan Jose Hernandez
August 25th	Traci Maier Frank Cordaro Merlene Morris
August 26th	Bill Tubre Carmen Bishop Kadie Frost Donna Serio
August 27th	Gene Mariano Larry Gomez Adriana Aviles-Vazquez
August 28th	Cynthia Murry Kelly Decerbo Eliza Rust
August 29th	Camilla Derosa Lizeth Ramirez Thomas Hanna
August 30th	Dale Brumett Joseph St. Clair
August 31st	Ronald Barron Diana May Griffin Cortez

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, August 11th	9:30 AM 1:30 PM 7:00 PM	Sunday Mass Misa en Español NO Sunday Mass
Monday, August 12th	7:30 AM - 8:00AM 8:15 AM 8:30 AM - 4:00PM 5:30 PM	NO Penance & Reconciliation NO Daily Mass Church Office Open Divine Mercy Chaplet
Tuesday, August 13th	7:30 AM - 8:00AM 8:15 AM 8:30 AM - 4:00PM 12:00 PM	Penance & Reconciliation Daily Mass Church Office Open Women's Guild
Wednesday, August 14th	7:30 AM - 8:00AM 8:15 AM 8:30 AM - 4:00PM 6:30 PM	Penance & Reconciliation Daily Mass Church Office Open Feast of the Assumption
Thursday, August 15th	7:30 AM - 8:00AM 8:15 AM 8:30 AM - 4:00PM 6:30 PM	Penance & Reconciliation Daily Mass Church Office CLOSED Feast of the Assumption
Friday, August 16th	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, August 17th	3:30PM - 4:45AM 5:00 PM	Penance & Reconciliation Vigil Mass

NO MONDAY DAILY MASS IN AUGUST.
Normal Mass schedule will resume in September.



Ministry Schedule

Saturday August 10th 2024

Lectors: Chalotte Wilkerson, John Allen

EMHC: Trish Carter, Joan Mullens

Altar Servers: Cedric, Kevin & Peter Serio

Sunday August 11th, 2024

Lectors: Josie Bishop, Thomas Rogers

EMHC: Carol Mercier, Todd Wasson, Elaine Johnson, Paul Jackson

Altar Servers: Brad Denny, Liam Taylor, Elliott Frost

Misa en español: Abel Lainez, Dulce Aviles

Saturday August 17th 2024

Lectors: George Trevison, Pam Allen

EMHC: Slade Richard, John R Serio

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

Sunday August 18th, 2024

Lectors: Paul Jackson, Stacey Denny

EMHC: Tom Bishop, Gary Kennedy, Jim Martin, Thomas Rogers

Altar Servers: Hannah, Brooklynn & Olivia Bryan

Misa en español: Karin Lopez, Evelina Lopez



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

Mallary Adams
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
Pearline Robey
Laura Leigh Saleese
Jennie Schutte-Patrick
Nicole Smith
Polly Smith
Tyler Sorrels
Willie Tannerhill
Karen Taylor
Diane Theriot
Danica Tipton
Pam Turner
David & Kim St. John
Kathleen "Kathy" Walter
Janice Williams

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

August 3/4

General Sunday Collection TBA

Thank you for continued and generous support!



***Altar flowers donated by Matthew & Mindy Bryan
in loving memory of Donald Bryan***

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



Saturday August 10th

Barry Schexnaildre +
(by George & Carmen Trevison)

Sunday August 11th

For the parishioners of St. Thomas Aquinas

Tuesday August 13th

Gerald Cosentino
(by Gene Cosentino)

Wednesday August 14th

Billie Desser +
(by Gary & Selene Kennedy)

Thursday August 15th

Oscar Hannibal +
(by Terry Buboltz)

Friday August 16th

Bertha Hunter +
(by Michelle McCumber)

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.

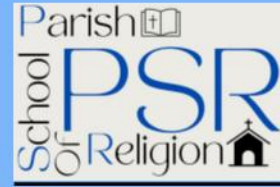
3. If you would like to facilitate a regularly scheduled meeting/club or activity, make sure the office manager (Marcie Tucker) has okayed the space and time.

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!



PSR Registration is Open!

Registration for Children: PSR registration for the 2024-2025 is OPEN. Please use the below QR code to register and pay (for books) for your child. Using this QR code, you are registering for classes on SUNDAY mornings. PSR will immediately follow 10:00am (Sunday morning) mass and be taught from 11:00am-12:00noon. Books this year are \$35 per child (no cap for families). If you have questions or need financial assistance, please contact Mindy Bryan (PSR Director) at 318-525-4906 or melinda@latech.edu.

Sunday Morning Volunteers: We will also be looking for a few volunteers to teach or substitute teach on Sunday mornings. If you are interested, please contact Mindy at your earliest convenience.



Inscripciones para niños: Registro para el PSR para el curso 2024-2025 están ABIERTAS. Utilice el código QR a continuación para registrarse y pagar (por los libros) de su hijo. Con este código QR, se está registrando para las clases de los DOMINGOS por la mañana. PSR empezará inmediatamente después de la misa de las 10:00 a.m. (domingo por la mañana) y se será de 11:00 a.m. a 12:00 del mediodía. Los libros de este año cuestan \$35 por niño (sin límite para las familias). Si tiene preguntas o necesita asistencia financiera, comuníquese con Mindy Bryan (Directora de PSR) al 318-525-4906 o melinda@latech.edu

Use la cámara de su celular para escanear este código y registrar sus niños y pagar.





ACTS - Dollar Lunch

The Dollar Lunch Program will be offered once again for the 2024-2025 academic year! This program is a ministry of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church. We offer all LA Tech students a hot lunch & dessert throughout the year for a donation of \$1.00. This ministry has been in place for over 20 years and gives the students a place to come and enjoy a meal and meet with friends. Lunches are on held on Wednesday, 11:30 am until 1:00pm & coordinated with the academic calendar for each quarter. Volunteers are needed to cook, serve and provide desserts. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Christi Faulkner 318-278-4904 (chair) or Diana May 318-573-0388 (dessert chair). We are looking forward to another year of meeting and serving our LA Tech students!



Peace Makers Sewing Club

All are welcome to join us as we stitch, (crochet, knit, quilt) & visit.

Luffey Catholic Life Center Youth Room
9:15 am - noon

For more information call Cathey Barron (318) 548-3097, Sandi Adams (318) 245-0832

Weekly meetings Thursday



Jesus The Good Shepherd Catholic Church



Whether you're coping with the death of a parent or grandparent ... a spouse ... a child ... a relative ... or a close friend ... we invite you to come and be comforted through a unique support group here at JGS entitled SEASONS OF HOPE. This program, rooted in Catholic tradition, conveys God's consolation through scripture, prayer, reflection, and sharing of faith. We will meet every Thursday beginning September 12 for six weeks from 6:30 to 8:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Call the Church Office (318-325-7549) for further information or to sign up.

Blood Drive



Plan to join us Sunday August 25th,
2025 after 10:00 am Mass.

We will have a community brunch and
welcome the new PSR school year!



St Thomas Aquinas Men's Club strives to create and foster a spirit of fellowship among our members.
Upcoming meeting September 18, 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. **Bring a sack lunch.**

Upcoming meeting August 13 2024 at noon.



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



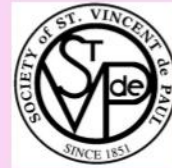
LINCOLN ROTARY CLUB SUMMER COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVE 2024

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.



Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In this Gospel the love that Jesus reveals through the symbol of the cross is:
self-giving, sacrificial, healing, forgiving, in solidarity with the weak,
confident in the power of God.

During the hot summer months many of the elderly, especially those who are
sick, are not able to find relief from the heat. Please help the Society of St.
Vincent de Paul to bring respite and hope to them.

Décimo Noveno Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario:

En el Evangelio de hoy, el amor que Jesús revela por medio del símbolo de
pan, es: generoso, curativo, misericordioso, en solidaridad con el débil,
confiado en el poder de Dios.

Durante los meses calurosos del verano, muchos de nuestros ancianos,
especialmente quienes están enfermos, no tienen manera de encontrar alivio a
la calor. Por favor ayuden a la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl traerles
desahogo y esperanza.



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Internship in Spiritual Direction Informational Meeting

If you have a desire to be formed in the ministry of spiritual direction, please join us on Zoom and learn the process, prerequisites, and structure of the two-year Internship offered by the Archdiocesan Spirituality Center.



Virtual Presentation
Join Facilitator Mike Van Vranken
Monday September 9, 2024
10:00 am or 6:00pm

Register on the web: <https://nolacatholic.org/asc>
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ABIERTO A TODO EL PÚBLICO

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- August 11, 2024
"I will raise him on the last day." Reflect on the profound promise of resurrection and what your path to eternal life looks like. Will your path of holiness be 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



Vocations

Decimonoveno Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario – 11 de agosto de 2024

"Lo resucitaré el último día". Reflexiona sobre la profunda promesa de la resurrección y cómo es tu camino hacia la vida eterna. ¿Su camino de santidad será 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



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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	32		\$ -	\$6,612		\$9,812
St. Joseph, Baytown	8	83	16	19%	\$ 8,000	\$3,250	36.1%	\$2,000
Mary, Queen of Peace	10	333	81	24%	\$ 68,000	\$35,825	50.7%	\$30,830
Christ the King - Bossier City	11	435	59	14%	\$ 28,000	\$17,085	60.0%	\$14,200
St. Jude Church - Bossier City	12	1,094	196	18%	\$ 148,000	\$8,406	5.7%	\$70,401
St. Ann, Elbert	25	84	30	36%	\$ 17,000	\$10,375	61.0%	\$8,145
St. Benedict the Black	31	26	6	23%	\$ 3,000	\$950	31.7%	\$950
St. Lucy - Hodge	33	48	10	21%	\$ 12,000	\$4,200	35.0%	\$4,075
St. Margaret, Homer	34	21	12	57%	\$ 12,000	\$4,965	41.4%	\$9,215
St. Patrick - Lake Providence	38	50	11	22%	\$ 9,000	\$5,075	56.4%	\$4,975
St. Joseph, Mandeville	41	97	36	37%	\$ 70,000	\$28,497	40.7%	\$20,077
St. John the Baptist - Mary	44	160	37	23%	\$ 23,000	\$15,088	65.6%	\$12,380
St. Terence	45	54	8	15%	\$ 6,000	\$4,135	70.1%	\$4,760
Blessed Sacrament, Ringgold	46	19	6	32%	\$ 3,000	\$1,250	41.7%	\$1,250
St. Paul - Minden	47	80	19	24%	\$ 14,000	\$4,370	30.5%	\$1,545
Jesus the Good Shepherd	48	800	109	14%	\$ 91,000	\$6,833	7.5%	\$63,032
Little Flower of Jesus	49	146	32	22%	\$ 5,000	\$4,360	87.2%	\$1,640
Our Lady of Fatima	50	182	32	18%	\$ 27,000	\$19,365	71.8%	\$19,180
St. Matthew	52	383	44	11%	\$ 36,000	\$13,400	37.2%	\$12,775
Sacred Heart, Oak Grove	58	55	7	13%	\$ 3,000	\$795	26.5%	\$795
St. Theresa - Delhi	59	27	2	7%	\$ 3,000	\$600	20.0%	\$600
St. George, Coushatta	62	30	14	47%	\$ 12,000	\$8,340	69.5%	\$8,050
Sacred Heart, Bayouville	64	40	6	15%	\$ 6,000	\$1,180	19.8%	\$1,080
St. Thomas Aquinas - Ruston	65	267	34	13%	\$ 32,000	\$10,230	32.0%	\$18,785
Holy Trinity	68	675	78	12%	\$ 75,000	\$14,238	19.0%	\$48,138
Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament	69	140	38	27%	\$ 11,000	\$4,900	44.5%	\$4,640
Sacred Heart of Jesus - Shreveport	70	132	40	30%	\$ 13,000	\$8,638	66.4%	\$7,880
Cathedral of St. John Berchmans	72	645	123	19%	\$ 189,000	\$104,377	55.2%	\$83,152
St. Joseph Church - Shreveport	73	729	184	25%	\$ 240,000	\$135,818	56.6%	\$128,347
St. Mary of the Pines	74	714	99	14%	\$ 55,000	\$34,374	62.5%	\$27,869
St. Pius X	75	152	58	38%	\$ 34,000	\$22,390	65.8%	\$18,250
St. Clement - Vivian	82	44	19	43%	\$ 11,000	\$5,765	52.4%	\$4,340
St. Paschal - West Monroe	83	499	84	17%	\$ 53,000	\$15,987	30.2%	\$11,735
St. Joseph, Zeno	86	636	121	19%	\$ 80,000	\$14,870	18.6%	\$18,395
St. Lawrence - Swartz	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%	\$3,845
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	93	913	166	18%	\$ 178,000	\$117,772	66.2%	\$104,037
St. Ann, Stoneham	94	110	30	27%	\$ 15,000	\$7,200	48.0%	\$5,450
TOTAL (DIOCESE)		9,960	1,880	19%	\$ 1,600,000	\$989,215	60.6%	\$828,559

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