SEPTEMBER 8TH, 2024 | 23RD 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: 10:00AM

> 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

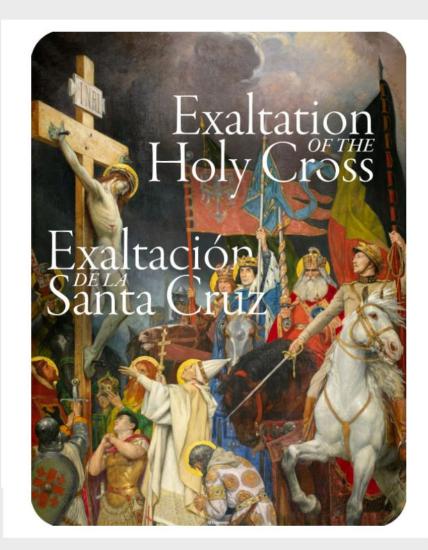
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NEW PARISHIONERS

"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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September 2nd

Becky Giorno-McConnell

September 3rd

Dawn Ransom Jack White Lizet Martinez September 4th

Abrahm Ajanel Douglas Gerace

September 6th

Tracy Oakley

September 7th

Carter Lewis

Karala Buenrostro Valle

Javier Ramirez

September 8th

Rodney Manning Nora Morphew Adalyn Hinton

September 9th

Alyssa Langiulli Anahi Melendez Laisha Mendez Tomas de la Rosa Ailish Rodriguez September 10th

Gabi Burton

September 11th

Tonya Slusher Erskine Lindsey Angela Luffey

Norberto Turrubiartes

Allie DeLeo-Allen Gabriela Ramirez Jason Seth Keys Miraris Martinez

September 14th

Margo Budds Gary Luffey

September 16th

Emma Grace

September 17th

Sergio Hernandez Flores Nicole Mujica

Juan Monjaras

Danielle Gray Lauren Derveloy

September 19th

Deezy Williams Joan Mullens

September 20th

Laila Texcanua David Cannon

September 21st

Rosy Mujica Sonia Francisco Anna Langiulli

September 23rd

Luke White Rebecca Ferrell

September 24th

Tammy Schilling

September 25th

Mia Rabb

Maria Candelaria Ramirez

September 26th

Cindy Hampton Olivia Bryan **Dustin Frost** Rhonda Reed Gabrielle Woodard

September 27th

Hilda Perez

September 28th

Gabriel Mhire Liam Taylor

Sergio Hernandez Flores

Yaretzi Castillo

September 30th

Dayanni Langiulli

If I've missed your birthday, please email me at

starbulletin@suddenlinkmail.com

so that I can add you to the master list.

THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, September 8th

10:00 AM 1:30 PM 7:00 PM

Monday, September 9th

7:30 AM - 8:00AM 8:15 AM 8:30 AM - 4:00PM

5:30 PM

Tuesday, September 10th

7:30 AM - 8:00AM 8:15 AM

8:30 AM - 4:00PM

7:00 PM

Wednesday, September 11th

7:30 AM - 8:00AM

8:15 AM

8:30 AM - 4:00PM

8:00 PM

Thursday, September 12th

7:30 AM - 8:00AM

8:15 AM

8:30 AM - 4:00PM

Friday, September 13th

8:30 AM - 12:00PM 11:15 AM - 11:45 AM 12:00 PM

6:00 PM Saturday, September 14th

3:30PM - 4:45AM 5:00 PM

Sunday Mass Misa en Español Sunday Mass

Penance & Reconciliation

Daily Mass

Church Office Open Divine Mercy Chaplet

Penance & Reconciliation

Daily Mass

Church Office Open El Manto de Maria

Penance & Reconciliation

Daily Mass

Church Office Open

Mass

Penance & Reconciliation

Daily Mass

Church Office Open

Church Office Open

Penance & Reconciliation

Daily Mass Adoration

Penance & Reconciliation

Vigil Mass



Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time -- September 8, 2024

"He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak." If you feel Christ encouraging you to be a transformative instrument as a priest or religious brother or sister, talk to your priest or contact Director of Vocations Father Raney Johnson at rjohnson@sjbcathedral.org



Vigésimo tercer domingo del Tiempo Ordinario - 8 de septiembre de 2024

"Él hace oir a los sordos y hablar a los mudos". Si siente que Cristo lo anima a ser un instrumento transformador 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

Ministry Schedule

Saturday September 7th 2024

Lectors: Samantha Groce, Tom Garza
EMHC: George Trevison, Trish Carter
Altar Servers: Jack, Jessie & Julie Groce

Sunday September 8th, 2024

Lectors: Josie Bishop, Ryan Freling

EMHC: Jim Martin, Todd Wasson, Paul Jackson, Mary

Ghongkedze

Altar Servers: Jack Taulli, Liam Taylor, Elliott Frost

Misa en español: Pablo Tepole, German Lara

Saturday September 14th 2024

Lectors: Charlotte Wilkerson, John Allen

EMHC: Joan Mullens, Slade Richard

Altar Servers: Cedric Serio

Sunday September 15th, 2024

Lectors: Paul Jackson, Jim Martin

EMHC: Carol Mercier, Chris Kennedy, Gary Kennedy, Elaine

Johnson

Altar Servers: Hannah, Brooklynn & Olivia Bryan Misa en español: Angel Ventura, Gabriel de la Cruz

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY August 31/September 1

General Sunday Collection \$9,047.00

Thank you for continued and generous support!



Altar flowers donated by Cynthia Murry in loving memory of Joseph & Ruby Aillet

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



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 Gerald Cosentino 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 Katherine Ned Don Olivier Matthew Reichert Tristen Roberts Pearline Robey Laura Leigh Saleese Jennie Schutte-Patrick Nicole Smith Polly Smith Tyler Sorrels Willie Tannerhill

Polly Smith Tyler Sorrels Willie Tannerhill Karen Taylor Diane Theriot Danica Tipton Pam Turner David & Kim St.

son David & Kim St. John Kathleen "Kathy" Walter

Lanning Janice Williams



Saturday September 7th Estela Fratti +

(by George & Carmen Trevison)

Sunday September 8th For the parishioners of St. Thomas

Aquinas

Marcus Hanna

(by Eddie & Carol Mercier)

Tuesday September 10th Charles Bourgeois +

(by Mary Bailey)

Wednesday September 11th Angela Luffey

(by Barbara Lewis)

Friday September 13th Walter Buboltz +

(by Terry Buboltz)

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/

PSR and Other Faith Opportunities at St. Thomas, Ruston, LA

PSR Updates

- PSR for Dates for September/October/November/December:
 - September 8th: PSR all Grades
 - September 15th: PSR all Grades / Catechetical Sunday
 - September 22nd: PSR all Grades / Confirmation Parent Meeting in the Church (7th & 8th grade parents)
 - September 29th: PSR all Grades / First Holy Communion Parent Meeting in the Church (2nd grade parents)
 - October 6th: NO PSR / Fall Break Confirmation, Year 1 (7th Grade Class) Inscription Ceremony at Jesus the Good Shepherd, Monroe during 11:00 am Mass
 - October 13th: PSR all Grades
 - October 20th: PSR all Grades / Family of Faith meeting with Fr. Kevin in the Luffey Center
 - October 27th: PSR all Grades
 - November 3rd: PSR all Grades
 - November 10th: PSR all Grades
 - November 17th: PSR all Grades / Family of Faith talk with Fr. Kevin in the Luffey Center
 - November 24th: NO PSR / Thanksgiving Break
 - December 1st: PSR all Grades
 - December 8th: PSR all Grades
 - December 15th: NO PSR / Advent Gathering & Christmas Play in the Luffey Center
 - December 22nd, 29th, & Jan 5th: NO PSR / Christmas Break / No Family of Faith meeting in the month of December. PSR will resume on January 12th.
- Pick-Up Procedures: All children should be picked up using the
 carline on the west side of the St. Thomas School building. Only
 those teaching or helping with security will be allowed in the
 PSR building after 11:05am weekly.
- First Communion/Confirmation Meetings
 - Confirmation Parent Meeting: Scheduled for September 22nd - in the Church; at least one parent for all children in both Confirmation A/Year 1 & B/Year 2 should attend.
 - First Holy Communion Parent Meeting: Scheduled for September 29th - in the Church; at least one parent for all children in First Holy Communion preparation (2nd grade) should attend.
- Volunteers: If you are interested in volunteering as a substitute teacher, teacher, or security, please reach out to Mindy Bryan at melinda@latech.edu or 318.525.4906. We are still in need of helpers for pre-K, Kindergarten, and 5th grade.

Other Faith Opportunities

- Women's Small Group Bible Study: Bridget Skinner (phone: 318-243-3081) will be leading Women's Small Group Study on Sunday mornings. The group will begin studying "Becoming Holy, One Virtue at a Time: A Guide to Living the Theological and Cardinal Virtues (Stay Connected Journals for Catholic Women)" in September from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm in the St. Vincent Du Paul room in the Luffey Center. All women in the Parish are encouraged to reach out for more details and to join in! Bridget is anticipating meeting twice monthly; please contact her for more information.
- Adult Education: Adults education meetings are also available and meet weekly in the ACTS student center. For more information regarding this opportunity, please contact Delena Ashworth at 318-245-1932 or by email at delenaashworth@gmail.com.
- EMAUS Meeting: Upcoming Fall EMAUS meetings are scheduled for the Sundays at 7:00 am: October 20th & December 1, 2024.



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







Welcome to 2024-2025 OCIA/OCIC Registration

OCIA/OCIC will begin on Thursday, September 19th and run from 6:00pm-7:30pm most Thursdays (schedule to follow). Please complete this form to register for OCIA/OCIC. You should register for this class if you are...

- an adult interested in learning more about the Catholic religion or are interested in receiving Catholic Sacraments (ex., Baptism, First Holy Communion, and/or Confirmation),
- a child interested in receiving sacraments, but you were not able to receive the sacrament(s) at the following designed age/grade:
 - o Baptism before 2nd grade
 - o First Holy Communion in 2nd grade; and/or
 - o Confirmation in 7th/8th grade

If the above does not apply to you, you are likely eligible to register for Parish School of Religion/Sunday school classes. Those grade-level classes are held on Sunday mornings from 11:00am to 12:00noon.

If you have questions about your specific situation and are not sure what classes to register for, please reach out to Mindy Bryan (DRE) at 318-525-4906 or melinda@latech.edu

Youth @ St. **Thomas Aquinas**

What happens during Wednesday meetings?

6-7:30 pm in the Luffey building

We share a meal, then we either have a short lesson, play games, hear a short talk, or do a service project

Youth team

Marina Bishop Paula Martin Karen Rogers Gracie Barrientos I

Who can be on team?

Any adult age 18 who has had safe environment training who wants to support our youth in their Catholic Journey Why is youth group important?

Christ established a Church because we are called to Please let us know so we ommunity. Our youth group is established to bring together the Catholic children and teens of our area to grow in faith and upport one another as they members can help spread strive to know, love, and

serve the Lord

Who can come to youth night meetings?

Any youth in our parish in 6th grade through 12th grade

Can I bring a friend?

Yest have enough food.

Our youth group is Catholic in identity and practice. Our youth the joy of our faith to others



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!



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. Lunch provided for a \$5.00 donation.

Upcoming meeting September 10 2024 at noon.



Leace 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



St Thomas Aquinas Men's Club strives to create and foster a spirit of fellowship among our members. All men are welcome! If you have any guestions contact Joshua Adams (318)548-6686. Upcoming meeting September 18, 2024 at 6:00pm



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.



Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time:

The gospel today hits home closer than we may think. What traditions do we blindly cling to? Perhaps it is enough for us just to go to Mass on Sunday? Do we keep the letter of the law and miss entirely the spirit of the law. Interior righteousness means a heart turned to God. Purity of heart is expressed in righteous living: self - giving for the sake of others.

As you give your gift to the poor through the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, in your heart you also will find the good news of God's love.

Vigésimo Segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario:

El mensaje del Evangelio de hoy nos llega más cerca al corazón de lo que nos imaginamos. ¿Cuales tradiciones seguimos ciegamente? ¿Quizás es suficiente asistir a la Santa Misa cada Domingo? ¿Nos mantenemos a la letra de la ley pero se nos escapa su espíritu? Honestidad interior significa un corazón dirigido a Dios. Pureza de corazón es expresado en una vida recta: generosidad por el bien de otros. Así como presentas tu regalo a los pobres por medio de la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl de nuestra parroquia, en tu corazón también hallarás la Buena Nueva del amor de Dios.



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Welcome A.C.T.S!!

This is the first full week back to classes for the Tech students! There are lots of exciting things in store for the fall quarter, and we cannot wait to see all of the returning students and meet new ones, too! We are praying for a strong start to the new school year and quarter. Here is a look at what ACTS has planned for this week!

Weekly ACTS tivities

Monday: General Body meeting 6 p Wednesday:

- * Dollar Lunch 11:30a-1p
- * Guys' & Girls' Groups 6p
- * Mass 8p

Thursday:

* Spaghetti Dinner 6p

Friday:

* Adoration 6p

For more information, please visit: stac-acts.com



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Please join us for mass at 9:30 am with Bishop Francis I Malone followed by a program and lunch in the

Please scan the QR code to RSVP by September









The World has come to us!

Friendship Family

New International students will be arriving to campus soon. They want to know Americans, but sadly, more



than 80% of international students never set foot in an American home.

Would you help change that by becoming a Friendship Family? It's very simple. We ask that you connect with your student at least once per month by having a meal together, taking them to Walmart, watching a sporting event together, etc.-- just include them in your life.

To sign up and/or for more information please contact us this month:

Stacy Prescott 318-245-8419 Stacy.Prescott@cru.org
Bill Prescott 318-245-8418

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Thank you for having a heart for the nations.

Bill and Stacy



Please join us in welcoming Angel Gomez, the newest seminarian for the Diocese of Shreveport. Angel is a life-long Benton resident and a parishioner at Christ the King. He will enter the seminary this Fall at St. Joseph Seminary with Nathan Lirette and Alan Landeros.

All six of our diocesan seminarians return to school in the coming weeks, and thanks to your generosity they have no financial burden for their priestly formation. With our number of seminarians DOUBLING over this summer, now more than ever we urge you to consider making a donation to the Catholic Service Appeal. These donations fund ministries including seminarian education. To donate today please click the link below: https://bit.ly/3qorHc8

Stay tuned for the September Catholic Connection to learn more about Angel and his discernment journey! Not subscribed? Message us your address to receive your free monthly magazine from the Diocese of Shreveport.

Please keep all six of our seminarians in your prayers:
Austin Young, Tristan Frisk
Nathan Lirette Brett Reggio
Alan Landeros Angel Gomez



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 or telephone 504-861-3254



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If you or someone you love is hurting from an abortion, please call 318-588-1064 for information, or visit www.rachelsvineyard.org. Absolute confidentiality is maintained by team members and participants prior to, during, and following a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat.

The next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat is October 18-20, 2024

For more information about the upcoming retreats please scan the code





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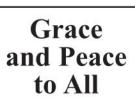
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