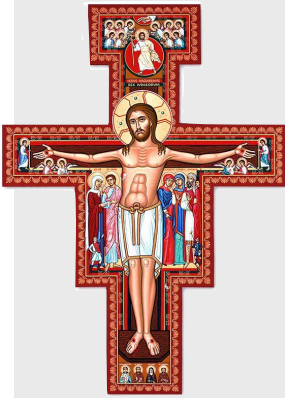


OCTOBER 13TH, 2024 | 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

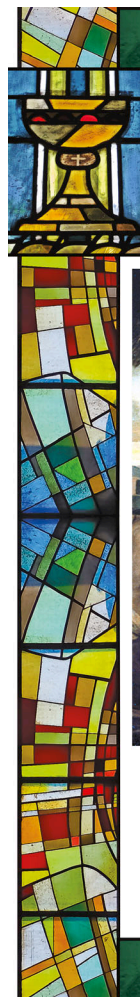
Please call Church Office SIX MONTHS in advance to schedule

PENANCE & RECONCILIATION

Monday-Thursday 7:30AM-8:00AM
Friday 11:15 AM - 11:45 AM
Saturday: 3:30PM to 4:45PM

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



28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me."

Flk 10:21



"Ve y vende lo que tienes, da el dinero a los pobres y así tendrás un tesoro en los cielos. Después, ven y sígueme".

Flk 10, 21

28° DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

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.

813 Carey Ave. | Ruston, Louisiana 71270 | 318-255-2870 | stthomasaquinasruston.com

**October 2nd**

Eric Sutherland
Andres Mujica
Mia Vallez
Jesus Castillo

October 3rd

Andre Ajanel

October 5th

Ileana Espinoza
Douglas Gerace

October 6th

Selene Kennedy

October 7th

Maria Hernandez
Fitzgerald Anderson
Alexander Anderon

October 8th

Virginia Lewis

October 9th

John Buske
Denise Ramirez
Lolita Baudoin

October 11th

Silvana Freeman
John Denny

October 12th

Brad Denny

October 13th

Delena Ashworth
Ramona Adams
Quincy Lewis

October 15th

Ricky Meier
Victoria Velazquez
Niki St. Clair

October 17th

Dylan Nash
Molly Derveloy

October 18th

Will St. Clair

October 19th

Jan Luffey

October 20th

Nina Cazenave
Paula Martin
Ann Van

October 21st

Judi Lalla
Oscar Esau Maradiaga

October 22nd

Adolfo Garcia

October 23rd

Sutton Taylor
Thalia Aguirre
Nadja Haynie

October 24th

Kathie Cordaro
Lander Smith

October 25th

Susan Benedetto

October 27th

Flint Sibayan
Sandra Cannon

October 28th

Michael Villa
Jesus Castillo

October 29th

Barbara Lewis
Kevin Serio
Kristina Stanfield
Enrique Barrientos

October 30th

McKenzie Oakley

October 31st

Jamie Watson
Leila Brumett

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, October 13th**

10:00 AM	Sunday Mass
1:30 PM	Misa en Español
7:00 PM	Sunday Mass

Monday, October 14th

7:30 AM - 8:00AM	Penance & Reconciliation
8:15 AM	Daily Mass
8:30 AM - 4:00PM	Church Office Open
5:30 PM	Divine Mercy Chaplet

Tuesday, October 15th

7:30 AM - 8:00AM	Penance & Reconciliation
8:15 AM	Daily Mass
8:30 AM - 4:00PM	Church Office Open
7:00 PM	El Manto de Maria

Wednesday, October 16th

7:30 AM - 8:00AM	Penance & Reconciliation
8:15 AM	Daily Mass
8:30 AM - 4:00PM	Church Office Open
5:30 PM - 7:30PM	STAY
8:00 PM	Mass

Thursday, October 17th

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

Friday, October 18th

8:30 AM - 12:00PM	Church Office Open
11:15 AM - 11:45AM	Penance & Reconciliation
12:00 PM	Daily Mass
6:00 PM	Adoration

Saturday, October 19th

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

**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) or
- 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



If you are interested in volunteering contact Mr. Greg Bimle (318) 366-5500. **Usher training information to come!**

Ministry Schedule

Saturday October 12th 2024

Lectors: George Trevion, Tom Garza

EMHC: Slade Richard, Bob Rorie

Altar Servers: Cedric Serio

Sunday October 13th, 2024

Lectors: Paul Jackson, Ryan Freling

EMHC: Carol Mercier, Jim Martin, Mary Ghongkedze, Elaine Johnson

Altar Servers: Hannah, Brooklynn & Olivia Bryan

Misa en español: Lwini Bembele, Gabriel de la Cruz

Saturday October 19th 2024

Lectors: Samantha Groce, John Allen

EMHC: Beth Buske, Slade Richard

Altar Servers: Jack, Jessie & Julie Groce

Sunday October 20th, 2024

Lectors: Josie Bishop, Jim Martin

EMHC: Chris Kennedy, Paul Jackson, Emily Chartier, Gary Kennedy

Altar Servers: Brennan, Matthew & Anna Kate Jackson

Misa en español: Juan Ramirez, Ana Ambrosio



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

Kim Lowe
Ken Martinez
Tobie McKown
Claudia Michel
Leopoldo Michel
Larry Miller
Katherine Ned
Odi Okeke
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

September 28/ 29

General Sunday Collection \$7,755.00

Thank you for continued and generous support!



Altar flowers donated by Gene Cosentino in loving memory of Blaise Cosentino.

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



Saturday October 12th

Mike & Paul Buske +
(by Dave & Mary Leonard)

Sunday October 13th

For the parishioners of St. Thomas Aquinas

Herman & Mary Manuel +
(by John & Beth Buske)

Tuesday October 15th

Joseph Ghongkedze +
(by Mary Ghongkedze)

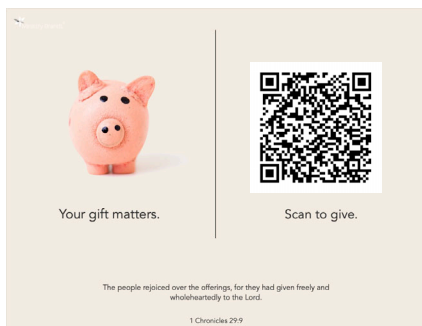
Thursday October 17th

Sandy Gass +
(by John & Beth Buske)

Friday October 18th

Blaise Cosentino +
(by Gene Cosentino)

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 News

Shoutout to our Sunday Morning Volunteers: A HUGE SHOUTOUT to all our Sunday morning volunteers - both adult volunteers and ACTS students. I'm thankful for all the lead teachers, co-teachers, and security volunteers! Thank you to each person that makes Sunday mornings flow smoothly!

PSR for Dates for October - December:

- 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 / **Confirmation, Year 1 (7th Grade Class) Inscription Ceremony at St. Thomas during 10:00 am Mass (All 7th graders and teachers should plan to attend 10:00am Mass).**
- 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.

Protecting God's Children Upcoming Training:

During PSR on Sunday, October 20th, all children will participate in the mandatory Diocesan lessons on Empowering God's Children Safety Program: Teaching Boundaries and Safety. This lesson will be a quick (15 minute) presentation, and then we will continue PSR normally for the remainder of the time. If you would like to opt out of this training, please contact Mindy Bryan for an opt-out form.

Youth @ St. Thomas Aquinas

bishopmg@gmail.com

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 community. Our youth group is established to bring together the Catholic children and teens of our area to grow in faith and support one another as they strive to know, love, and serve the Lord.

Who can come to youth night meetings?

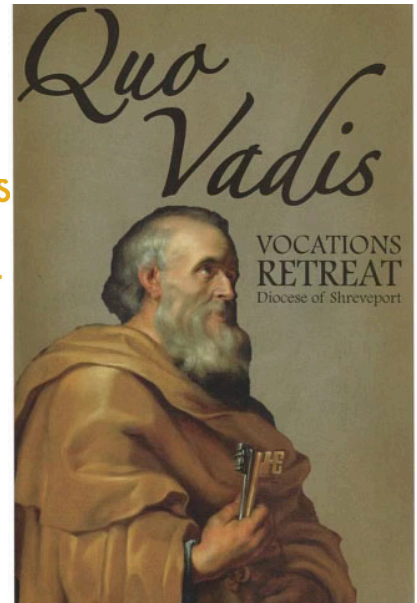
Any youth in our parish in 6th grade through 12th grade

Can I bring a friend?

Yes! Please let us know so we have enough food.

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

FOR HUMAN BEINGS IT IS IMPOSSIBLE, BUT NOT FOR GOD. ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE FOR GOD. MARK 10:27



FEBRUARY 8, 10 AM - 7 PM
CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN BERCHMANS, SHREVEPORT

FEBRUARY 22, 9 AM - 7 PM
JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH, MONROE

Open to all young men currently enrolled in high school in the Diocese of Shreveport.

For more information please contact Vocations Director, Reverend Nancy C. Johnson
rjohnson@sjbccathedral.org or
vocationsoffice@dioshpt.org

To register please scan the QR Code here:



St. Thomas Aquinas Youth 6-12th grades

KARAOKE AT LA BAMBA

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16
DROP OFF AND PICK UP AT LA BAMBA 5:30-7:30

Save the Date for **CONFIRMATION**

MAY SATURDAY 17 5:00 PM

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC CHURCH
813 CAREY AVE, RUSTON LA, 71270
RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

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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 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!



We are seeking volunteers to provide desserts for the Tech students' Dollar Lunch program. Each volunteer would contribute 24 servings of a dessert one or more times during the school year. If you are interested in helping make a student's meal a bit sweeter, please reach out to **Diana May, 318-573-0388.**



Peace Makers Sewing Club

All are welcome to join us as we sew with a mission. All items made will be donated (baby items, pillow cases and rosary bags. Donations will be made to Mary's House, DART and NIC unit.

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



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 your own sack lunch. Upcoming meeting November 12 2024 at noon.**



Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In today's Gospel, Jesus says: "Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then, come follow me." Have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?



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 questions contact Joshua Adams (318)548-6686.
Upcoming meeting October 16, 2024 at 6:00pm

Jubilee OF YOUTH



Embark on a Pilgrimage to Italy with the Department of Multicultural Ministries!

Join us as we celebrate the Jubilee Year 2025 and journey to the sacred sites of Assisi and Rome. This special pilgrimage provides a profound opportunity for young adults to deepen their faith and connect with others on a meaningful spiritual adventure.



ROME & ASSISI



JULY 26 - AUGUST 5TH, 2025



20 YRS AND OLDER



\$4099
PER PERSON



Scan for more info

DIocese of SHREVEPORT
318-219-7257



SOUP'S ON!

Christian Community Action



Silent auction and fundraiser

Helping people in Lincoln Parish

Tuesday, October 15, 2024

11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Ruston Civic Center

Tickets are \$10

Call 318-251-3282 for more information



BEING CATHOLIC

at Louisiana Tech University

It's Fall Y'all!

It has been a busy week at ACTS and there is even more coming up soon! Tomorrow the upperclassmen will host another Freshman crossing. As always, on Wednesday, Dollar Lunch will be served at the center. We would love to see all of you stop by any time from 11:30-1:00pm for a home cooked meal at only a dollar!

On Friday of this week, we will celebrate Eucharistic Adoration again from 6:00-7:00pm. This is a great opportunity for anyone and everyone.

Lastly, next Sunday (October 20th) will be our next Birthday Bash! We will be singing and enjoying desserts to honor all of our friends born in October. We'd love to see you there!

Have a great week and happy fall!

Fall ACTStivities

Mon: Freshmen Crossing 6pm

Wed: Dollar Lunch 11:30-1pm

Girls' & Guys Group 6pm

Mass 8pm

Thu: OCIA 6:00pm

Fri: Adoration 6-7pm



Focus missionaries Hannah and Weston hosted a games night for ACTS members

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

SAVE THE DATE!

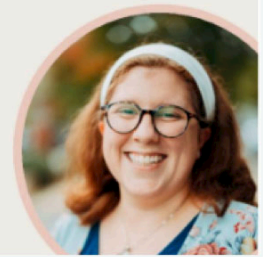


WOMEN'S CONFERENCE 2025

March 14-15, 2025

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

with Keynote
Speaker
Katie McGrady



*Para Dios
todo es posible.*
MARCOS 10, 27

St. Lucy Catholic Church

1100 S Second St., Hodge, LA 71247

All
Souls
Day



Holy Mass 12 noon

Blessing of the graves

Fellowship picnic to follow

November 2, 2024

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF NORTH LOUISIANA


A safety net. We serve the most vulnerable in our communities with the belief that education and temporary assistance lead to long-term independence.

In Fiscal Year 23-24:

- 99 people attended Money School
- 86 families were helped with rent or utility assistance
- 216 people were helped with their SNAP applications

www.ccnla.org
318-361-5198





CREATE

Bishop Malone's Diocesan Christmas Card!



WHO?
Children in grades 3rd to 8th

WHAT?
Christmas-themed religious drawing or painting*
Final card size will be 5 x 7 inches, but can be created larger and scaled down.


WHEN?
Submission deadline is Friday, October 25, 2024

Bishop Malone and his team will carefully choose a winner. The winning art will be showcased on Bishop Malone's diocesan Christmas card for 2024!

Submit entries to:
Diocese of Shreveport, ATTN: Development, 3500 Fairfield Avenue, Shreveport, LA 71104
OR Email bvice@dioshpt.org
QUESTIONS? Email or call Blanca at 318-868-4441 ext. 263 or bvice@dioshpt.org
* All submissions must be the artist's own work.


Artist's Name: _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____
Church or School Name: _____
Parent or Guardian's Name: _____
Contact Phone Number: _____
Email: _____

GUEST SPEAKER:
BARBARA SCHLEBEN



Barb is a Systems Engineer working at Air Force Global Strike Command at Barksdale Air Force Base for the past 7 years. She retired in 2017 as a Senior Master Sergeant serving 26 years in the United States Air Force. They settled here in Shreveport with their combined family of 5 kids and 7 grandkids. Seems simple, but this journey was not easy. Her life decisions were challenging and sometimes it seemed there was no way out. No Hope, But Barb was motivated and knew God had a plan for her in this life. She knew by 10 years old when her Catechism teachers told her that she had a glow about her that God was guiding her. Barb would always return to the church and confession, then hope would return through prayer. She prayed novenas in difficult times and the Blessed Mother Mary answered her prayers many times. She never gave in to giving up. Her perseverance was guided by God's love, and her willingness to trust in Him.

Come, bring a friend and hear Barb's story of career, family, and faith!



NOWELA Chapter Brunch
Saturday, November 9, 2024
10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Catholic Center
3500 Fairfield Avenue
Shreveport, LA 71104

Cost \$20 per person
After Tuesday 11/5/2024
call Sandy Chapman at
(318) 222-0007 to check availability

Our Lady of Glory Service Team

Linda Balistrella, Coordinator
Michele Duet, Assistant Coordinator
Chris Tison, Secretary
Belle French, Treasurer
Majorie Ainsworth, Historian



Healing the pain of abortion – one weekend at a time.

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:



Please Print Legibly

Your Name _____
 Guest Name _____
 Additional Guest names may be written on back of this form.
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone (____) _____ Parish _____
 E-Mail Address _____

Enclosed is \$ _____ for _____ reservations.

Mail Reservation Form and check to:
 Magnificat NOWELA
 P.O. Box 4293
 Shreveport, LA 71134

Mail Registration Form


- Int'l Ministry based on "The Visitation" Luke 1:39
- Diocesan Approval by Bishop Francis I. Malone
- Spiritual Director: Rev. Jean Bosco Uwamungu.
- Brunch, testimony and prayer
- Praise and Worship Music
- All Clergy & Religious are Complimentary – Call (318) 222-0007 to confirm your attendance.

OPEN SEATING

Donation to help someone attend \$ _____

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- October 13, 2024 --
Deacon Sunday

“What must I do to inherit eternal life?” Pray for those men who serve us as deacons. By answering a call to the diaconate, a man seeks to follow Jesus' path by serving and enriching the lives of others. If you are called to the serve as a deacon, speak with your parish priest or contact the Office of the Diaconate.



Vocations



Diocese of SHREVEPORT

Diocesan Employment Opportunities

Diocesan Director of Youth Ministry - Catholic Center, Shreveport, LA
 Ministry Administrative Assistant - Catholic Center, Shreveport, LA
 Director of Religious Education - St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, Ruston, LA
 Director of Jr. High & High School Youth Ministry - St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, Ruston, LA
 Organist - St. Paul Catholic Church, Minden, LA
<https://www.dioshpt.org/job-opportunities>