## **NOVEMBER 3RD, 2024 | 31ST 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.

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SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Greatest Commandment

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength."

"Mark 12:30

"Amarás al Señor tu Dios con todo tu coruzón, con toda tu alma, con toda tu inteligencia y con todas tus fuerzas."

Marcos 12:30

#### **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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#### November 2nd

Sheila Mariano Araceli Rodriguez Sutton Parrie Ezra Bourgeois Waylon Woodard

#### November 3rd

Daniella Rodriguez

#### November 4th

Eugene Pangilinan Steven Cortez Eduardo Castan Medina

#### November 5th

Roland Allen Juan Rodriguez Dalyza Ajanel Glenna Jach Eva Reis

#### November 7th

Emma Moore Demarco Ben Nash Alexis Turrubiartes Larry Mullens

#### November 8th

Joan Allen

#### November 9th

Diane Taylor

#### November 10th

Karen Ortego Valeria Ruiz

#### November 11th

Joanna Ward

#### November 12th

Patricia Carter Sophia Mariano Joseph Mutebi

#### November 13th

Olimpia Lopez John Atilano

#### November 15th

Craig Taylor Leopoldo Michel

#### November 16th

Tom Kelly Ramiro Landaverde

#### November 17th

Jean Vanbenthuysen Brady Berg Yeni Juan Axelle Rodriguez

#### November 18th

Alexander Ulloa Mia Tapia Melissa Castillo

#### November 19th

Juan Gonzalez Claudia Michel

#### November 20th

George Trevison Luna Rodriguez

#### November 24th

Lee Smith

#### November 25th

Tiago Garcia

#### November 26th

Mary Hannibal Jacqueline Houston Christopher Corcia

#### November 27th

Isabella Tucker
Abraham Ajanel, Jr.
Noe Lopez
Adam Cutrer
Benjamin Francis Stanfield

#### November 28th

Angel Daniel Moya Litzy Morales

#### November 29th

John Allen

#### November 30th

Edin Lopez

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, November 3rd

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

#### Monday, November 4th

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

#### Tuesday, November 5th

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, November 6th

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

5:30 PM - 7:30PM STAY 8:00 PM Mass

#### Thursday, November 7th

7:30 AM - 8:00AM Penance & Reconciliation

8:15 AM Daily Mass

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

#### Friday, November 8th

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

12:00 PM Mass 5:30 PM Mass 7:00 PM Spanish Mass

#### Saturday, November 9th

3:30PM - 4:45AM Penance & Reconciliation

5:00 PM Vigil Mass





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

#### **Ministry Schedule**

Saturday November 2nd 2024

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

Sunday November 3rd, 2024

Lectors: Josie Bishop, Paul Jackson

EMHC: Mary Ghongkedze, Christ Kennedy, Elaine Johnson, Jim Martin

Altar Servers: Jack Taulli, Liam Taylor, Elliott Frost Misa en español: Angel Ventura, Marichuy Torres

Saturday November 9th 2024

Lectors: Samantha Groce, George Trevison

EMHC: Slade Richard, Bob Rorie

Altar Servers: Cedric Serio Sunday November 10th, 2024

Lectors: Jim Martin, Stacey Denny

EMHC: Tom Bishop, Chris Kennedy, Paul Jackson, Gary Kennedy

Altar Servers: Hannah, Brooklynn & Olivia Bryan

Misa en español: Ilda Solis, Dulce Aviles

#### STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY **OCTOBER 26/27**

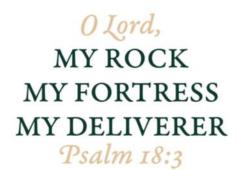
General Sunday Collection \$6,998.00

Thank you for continued and generous support!



#### Flores donadas por Luz Martinez in memory of Hector Villa, Elizardo Villa & Alfredo Morales

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 Butch Doiron Laurie Duvall Sean Dwyer Becky Ferrell Robert Frasier Mary Lou French Roxana Gamero **Emmely Gay** Bernice Harrison Harvey Hayes Maureen Hinton Connie Howard 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

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

Pam Turner

Janice Williams



Saturday November 2nd For the parishioners of St. Thomas

Aquinas

Sunday November 3rd Oscar Hannibal +

(by John & Beth Buske)

Cynthia Murry +

(by Tom & Becky Garza)

Tuesday November 5th Charles Bourgeois +

(by Tom & Becky Garza)

Thursday November 7th Marie Richard +

(by Tom & Becky Garza)

Friday November 8th Ester Sanders +

(by Barbara Lewis)

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**

- 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 Absences: If your child was absent from PSR on Sunday, October 27th, please get with Mindy Bryan. She has a Diocesan form that needs to be completed because your child missed the Protecting God's Children required lecture.

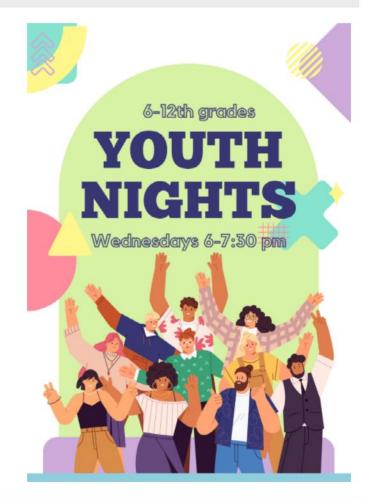
#### Save the Date

- First Holy Communion: Saturday, May 10th during the 5:00pm Mass.
- •Confirmation: Saturday, May 17th during the 5:00pm Mass.

#### **Upcoming Deadlines for Sacrament Classes**

- First Holy Communion:
- 1. December 15, 2024: Please turn in your child's student information form along with your child's baptismal certificate If your child was baptized at St. Thomas, we don't need the baptismal certificate but do need the date the child was baptized on the student information form.
- 2. Confirmation

December 1, 2024: Choose your Sponsor.



## Peace Makers Sewing Club

Peace Makers Sewing Club makes donations to Catholic Charities in North Carolina, Mary's House in Shreveport & St. Francis NIC Unit! Donation included: blankets, burp cloths, nightgowns, crocheted hats & stitched hats.







The next meeting is November 12th at noon in the Luffey Center. Lunch will be provided for a \$5 donation. We will be collecting items for soldier care packages. Scan the QR Code for item ideas!.

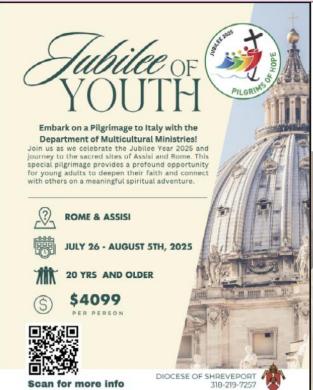




#### Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the Gospel today, Jesus tells us: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength...and you shall love your neighbor as yourself." Through your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you can show your love for our Lord and your love of your neighbor who is hungry, hopeless, alone and frightened.







## Leace 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



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 November 20, 2024 at 6:00pm** 







Choir practice is now on Tuesday at 6 pm in the church. Come try it out!





## **Happy November!**

Our ACTS members are only a couple weeks away from the end of the quarter! Last weekend students visited St. Lucy Catholic Church in Hodge to assist parishioners with cemetery clean up. Students were able to get experience cleaning doors, planting flowers, and washing graves.

Last week students also had fun at Pumpkin Crossing! Upperclassmen hosted this pumpkin carving contest and our winners were freshmen Allie and Shelby.

Students also participated in Pie a Missionary! Everyone who has been signed up for the SEEK Catholic Conference got a chance to pie a missionary. We have almost 60 students signed up to go now!

As always, we hope you have a great week! Happy fall!

Take advantage of this beautiful opportunity. Have a great week!

#### **Fall ACTStivities**

Sun: Hospitality Dinner 6pm

**Mon:** General body meeting 6pm

Wed: Dollar Lunch 11:30-1pm

Girls & Guys group 6pm

Mass 8pm

Thu: OCIA 6pm

Pancake dinner 6pm

Fri: Adoration 6-7pm

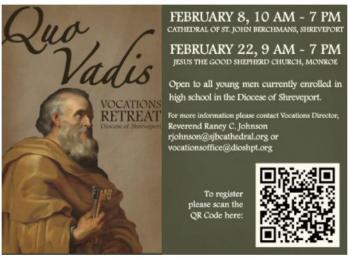


SEEK is an international conference for Catholic college students. It is one week of events, prayer, and speeches by renowned Catholic figures that will be hosted in Salt Lake City this year. If you have any questions or would like to sign up, please email acts.latech.edu@gmail.com or down to a FOCUS Missionary today.

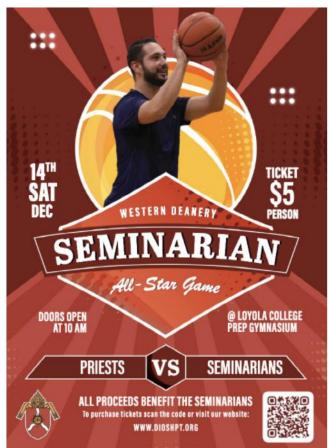
For more information, please visit:  $\underline{stac\text{-}acts.com}$ 







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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 Centributions	1	0	37		5 .	\$8,012		\$7,362
St. Joseph, Bastrep		83	23	28%	\$ 9,000	\$4,450	49.4%	\$4,010
Mary, Queen of Peace	10	333	82	25%	\$ 69,000	\$57,880	83.9%	\$55,655
Christ the King - Bossier City	- 11	435	64	15%	\$ 28,000	\$19,005	67.9%	\$17,225
St. Jude Church - Bossier City	12	850	209	25%	5 144,000	\$86,001	59.7%	\$81,834
St. Ann, Ebarb	25	84	32	38%	\$ 17,000	\$11,225	66.0%	\$10,330
St. Benedict the Black	31	26	7	27%	\$ 3,000	\$1,450	48.3%	\$1,425
St. Lucy - Hodge	33	48	12	25%	\$ 12,000	\$5,800	48.3%	\$5,750
St. Margaret, Homer	34	21	12	57%	\$ 12,000	\$4,965	41.4%	\$4,365
St. Patrick - Lake Providence	38	50	13	26%	\$ 9,000	\$5,375	59.7%	\$5,300
St. Joseph, Mansfield	41	97	39	40%	\$ 70,000	\$90,952	43.4%	\$26,542
St. John the Baptist - Many	44	160	39	24%	\$ 23,000	\$16,823	71.0%	\$14,880
St. Terence	45	54	.9	17%	\$ 6,000	\$4,825	80.4%	\$4,835
Blessed Sacrament, Ringgold	46	19	6	32%	\$ 3,000	\$1,250	41.7%	\$1,250
St. Faul - Minden	47	80	19	24%	\$ 14,000	\$4,270	20.5%	\$3,625
Jesus the Good Shepherd	48	600	117	20%	\$ 91,000	\$71,108	78.1%	568,761
Little Flower of Jesus	49	146	33	23%	\$ 5,000	\$4,410	88.2%	\$4,010
Our Lady of Fatima	50	182	37	20%	\$ 27,000	\$20,025	74.2%	519,975
St. Matthew	52	383	47	12%	\$ 36,000	\$14,600	40.6%	\$14,250
Secred Heart, Oak Grove	58	55	17	22%	\$ 3,000	\$1,950	65.0%	\$1,950
St. Theresa - Delhi	59	27	3	31%	\$ 3,000	\$1,100	16.7%	\$1,100
St. George, Coushetta	62	30	14	47%	\$ 12,000	\$8,340	69.5%	\$8,260
Sacred Heart, Rayville	64	40		20%	\$ 6,000	\$2,290	38.2%	\$2,210
St. Thomas Aquinas - Ruston	65	267	38	14%	\$ 32,000	\$21,705	67.8%	520,585
Holy Trinity	68	675	86	13%	\$ 75,000	\$57,603	76.8%	\$55,343
Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament	69	140	32	23%	\$ 11,000	\$6,870	62.5%	\$6,330
Sacred Heart of Jesus - Shreveport	70	332	41	31%	\$ 13,000	56,688	66.8%	\$8,543
Cathedral of St. John Berchmans	72	645	334	21%	\$ 189,000	\$125,592	66.5%	\$114,987
St. Joseph Church - Shreveport	72	729	199	27%	5 240,000	\$143,285	39.7%	\$134,286
St. Mary of the Pines	74	714	104	15%	\$ 55,000	\$36,734	66.8%	\$33,019
St. Plus X	75	152	59	39%	\$ 34,000	\$23,440	68.9%	\$21,480
St. Clement - Vivian	82	44	21	48%	5 11,000	\$6,245	56.8%	\$5,625
St. Paschal - West Monroe	83	499	87	17%	\$ 33,000	\$37,647	71.4%	\$35,889
St. Juseph, Zwelle	86	636	130	20%	5 80,000	\$54,435	66.0%	\$48,293
St. Lawrence - Swartz	90	75		11%	\$ 5,000	\$975	19.5%	\$855
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	91	182	14	8%	\$ 9,000	\$3,545	39.4%	\$3,445
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	93	913	177	19%	\$ 176,000	\$123,217	70.0%	\$116,157
St. Ann, Stonewall	94	110	25	21%	\$ 15,000	57,400	49.3%	56,625
TOTAL (DIOCESE)		9,716	2,027	21%	\$ 1,600,000	\$1,042,587	65.2%	\$975,896

#### 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 setfled 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, hen 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 lo giving up. Her perseverance was guided by God's love, and her willingness to fusal 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 per After Tuesday 11/5/2024

call Sandy Chapman at (318) 222-0007 to check availability

#### Our Lady of Glory Service Team

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

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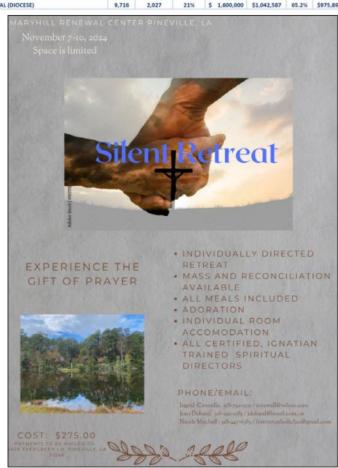
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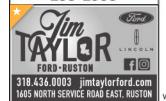
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