

NOVEMBER 10TH, 2024 | 32ND 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
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Matthew Bryan **President of Pastoral Council**
Thurston Allen **Chairman of Finance Council**
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32ND SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

"For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood."
7th: 12:54



"Porque los demás han echado de lo que les sobraba; pero ésta, en su pobreza ha echado todo lo que tenía para vivir".
7th: 12, 44

32° 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.

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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 Turrubiarres
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 Garza
Tom Kelly
Ramiro Landaverde

November 17th

Jean Vanbenthuyesen
Brady Berg
Yeni Juan

November 18th

Axelle Rodriguez
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
Litzzy 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 10th**

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

Monday, November 11th

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, November 12th

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 13th

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, November 14th

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

Friday, November 15th

8:30 AM - 12:00PM	Church Office Open
11:15 AM - 11:45AM	Penance & Reconciliation
12:00 PM	Mass
5:30 PM	Mass
7:00 PM	Spanish Mass

Saturday, November 16th

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



*The jar of flour
shall not go empty,
nor the jug of oil run dry*
I KINGS 17:14

Ministry Schedule

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

Saturday November 16th 2024

Lectors: Charlotte Wilkerson, John Allen

EMHC: Bob Rorie, Slade Richard

Altar Servers: Jack, Jessie & Julie Groce

Sunday November 17th, 2024

Lectors: Ryan Freling, Paul Jackson

EMHC: Elaine Johnson, Emily Chartier, Jim Martin, Todd Wasson

Altar Servers: Brennan, Matthew & Anna Kate Jackson

Misa en español: Lulu Landaverde, Evelio Lopez



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

Mallory 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
Emmely Gay
Bernice Harrison
Harvey Hayes
Maureen Hinton
Connie Howard
Charles Jacobs
Karl Johnson
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Jeffery Judice
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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
Eloise Solis
Tyler Sorrels
Willie Tannerhill
Karen Taylor
Diane Theriot
Danica Tipton
Pam Turner
David & Kim St. John
Kathleen "Kathy" Walter
Janice Williams

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

NOVEMBER 2/3

General Sunday Collection \$8,213.00

Thank you for continued and generous support!



Altar flowers donated by Gay & Selene Kennedy in Thanksgiving

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



Saturday November 9th

Ester Sanders +
(by Barbara Lewis)

Sunday November 10th

For the parishioners of St. Thomas Aquinas

Ester Sanders +
(by Barbara Lewis)

Monday November 11th

All Souls +
(by Pauline Phi)

Tuesday November 12th

Kevin Cuccia +
(by Tom & Becky Garza)

Wednesday November 13th

Mary Antony +
(by Pat & Connie Stuckey)

Thursday November 14th

Dell T Chauff +
(by Eddie & Carol Mercier)

Friday November 15th

Cynthia Murry +
(by Gary & Selene Kennedy)

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/>

**THE FATHERLESS
AND THE WIDOW
HE SUSTAINS
PSALM 146:9**

PSR News

- 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.



First Holy Communion Mass

Save the Date

Saturday, May 10, 2025
during the 5:00pm Mass*
*Reception to Follow

St. Thomas Catholic Church
813 Carey Ave, Ruston, LA 71270



Misa de Primera Comunion

Guarde la fecha

Sábado,
10 de mayo de 2025
Durante la Misa de las 5
p.m.*
*Recepción a seguir.

Iglesia Católica de Santo
Tomás de Aquino
813 Carey Ave, Ruston, LA 71270



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



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



¡Natividad Jugar Cantantes Necesarios!

Los niños de 2º a 6º grado están invitados a unirse al coro de niños para la obra de teatro del belén de este año. La obra se llevará a cabo en el Luffey Center el domingo 15 de diciembre. Si sus hijos están interesados, comuníquese con Mindy Bryan o Heidi Adams.



Nativity Play Singers Needed!

Children who are in 2 - 6 grades are invited to join the children’s choir for this year’s nativity play. The play will be held in the Luffey Center on Sunday, December 15. If your child(ren) are interested, please contact Mindy Bryan or Heidi Adams.



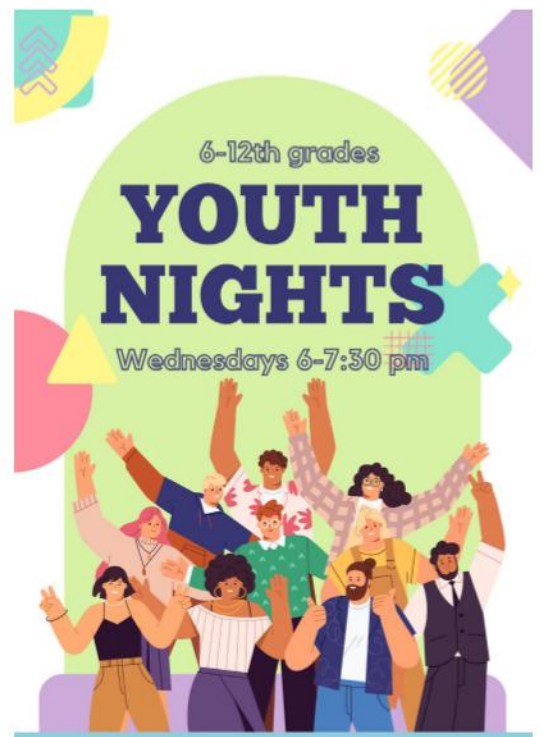
SAVE THE DATE!

Devoted

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE 2025

March 14-15, 2025
ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

with Keynote Speaker
Katie McGrady



6-12th grades

YOUTH NIGHTS

Wednesdays 6-7:30 pm



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-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel Jesus tells us: "I want you to observe that this poor widow contributed more than all the others who donated to the treasury. They gave from their surplus wealth, but she gave from her want, all that she had to live on."

Ask yourself "Am I only giving from my surplus wealth?" and then put your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul poor box so that those who are suffering will be able to know God's love and care.



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 18, 2024 at 6:00pm



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

St. Thomas Aquinas Financials

through 9/30/2024	Jul - Sept Quarter	Jul - Sept YTD
Income		
Parish Support	\$ 110,422	\$ 110,422
Fundraising / Operating Revenues	\$ 13,559	\$ 13,559
	\$ 123,981	\$ 123,981
Expenses		
Clergy & Staff	\$ 48,662	\$ 48,662
Utilities & Maintenance	\$ 37,764	\$ 37,764
Insurance	\$ 11,053	\$ 11,053
Liturgy	\$ 7,328	\$ 7,328
Religious Education	\$ 3,883	\$ 3,883
Ministry Expense	\$ 1,757	\$ 1,757
Office & Administrative	\$ 2,784	\$ 2,784
Diocesan Assessment & Taxes	\$ 24,187	\$ 24,187
	\$ 137,418	\$ 137,418
Surplus or (Deficit)	\$ (13,437)	\$ (13,437)

College Ministry Financials

through 9/30/2024	Jul - Sept Quarter	Jul - Sept YTD
Income		
General Support	\$ 5,995	\$ 5,995
Diocesan Support / Catholic Extension grant	\$ 6,250	\$ 6,250
Fundraising / Operating Revenues	\$ 647	\$ 647
	\$ 12,892	\$ 12,892
Expenses		
Ministers & Staff	\$ 18,098	\$ 18,098
Meetings & Programming	\$ 1,539	\$ 1,539
Office & Administrative	\$ 139	\$ 139
	\$ 19,776	\$ 19,776
Surplus or (Deficit)	\$ (6,884)	\$ (6,884)





BEING CATHOLIC

Happy Thanksgiving!

Our ACTS members have less than one week left of classes this quarter! Next week, campus will be quiet as many of our students will be traveling home for the holiday.

This quarter has been very busy though! Last week, ACTS hosted the quarterly Pancake Dinner. This is a fun event for our students to take brain break and get breakfast for dinner - for free! ACTS members are super appreciative of all the parishioners who donated resources and time to help this event run smoothly – thank you!

Yesterday was another big event: Louisiana Tech's Homecoming! Our ACTS members had a great time catching up with alumni, celebrating at the tailgate, and cheering on the Bulldogs at the game. We hope you have a great Thanksgiving!

Fall ACTStivities

- Sun:** Birthday Bash 8pm
- Wed:** Mass 8pm
- Thu:** OCIA 6pm
Pancake dinner 6pm
- Fri:** Adoration 6-7pm



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

St. Lucy Catholic Church Blessing of the Graves

Thank you all who attended All Souls' Mass and blessing of the graves and contributed to the potluck. It was great seeing you all!



14TH SAT DEC

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All-Star Game

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10/31/2024 2:31 PM

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	37		\$ -	\$8,032		\$7,382
St. Joseph, Badrop	8	83	23	28%	\$ 9,000	\$4,430	49.4%	\$4,030
Mary, Queen of Peace	10	333	82	25%	\$ 89,000	\$58,005	65.2%	\$56,005
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%	\$ 144,000	\$86,001	59.7%	\$81,804
St. Ann, Ebarb	25	84	32	38%	\$ 17,000	\$11,235	66.0%	\$10,330
St. Benedict the Black	31	26	7	27%	\$ 3,000	\$1,430	48.3%	\$1,425
St. Lucy - Hedge	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	\$30,332	43.4%	\$27,162
St. John the Baptist - Many	44	180	39	22%	\$ 23,000	\$16,323	71.0%	\$14,955
St. Terence	45	54	9	17%	\$ 6,000	\$4,825	80.4%	\$4,825
Blessed Sacrament, Ringgold	46	19	6	32%	\$ 3,000	\$1,250	41.7%	\$1,250
St. Paul - Minden	47	80	19	24%	\$ 14,000	\$4,270	30.5%	\$3,640
Jesus the Good Shepherd	48	600	117	20%	\$ 91,000	\$71,108	78.1%	\$69,111
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	\$10,025	37.1%	\$19,975
St. Matthew	52	383	47	12%	\$ 36,000	\$14,600	40.6%	\$14,550
Sacred Heart, Oak Grove	58	55	12	22%	\$ 3,000	\$1,950	65.0%	\$1,950
St. Theresa - Delhi	59	27	3	11%	\$ 3,000	\$1,100	36.7%	\$1,100
St. George, Coushatta	62	30	14	47%	\$ 12,000	\$8,340	69.5%	\$8,280
Sacred Heart, Rayville	64	40	8	20%	\$ 6,000	\$2,290	38.2%	\$2,250
St. Thomas Aquinas - Ruston	65	267	39	15%	\$ 32,000	\$21,805	68.1%	\$20,835
Holy Trinity	68	675	89	13%	\$ 75,000	\$59,633	79.5%	\$57,598
Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament	69	140	32	23%	\$ 11,000	\$6,370	57.9%	\$6,330
Sacred Heart of Jesus - Shreveport	70	132	41	31%	\$ 13,000	\$8,688	66.8%	\$8,543
Cathedral of St. John Berchmans	72	645	134	21%	\$ 189,000	\$125,092	66.2%	\$121,397
St. Joseph Church - Shreveport	73	729	199	27%	\$ 240,000	\$143,315	59.7%	\$134,466
St. Mary of the Pines	74	714	104	15%	\$ 55,000	\$38,834	70.6%	\$33,142
St. Pius X	75	152	59	39%	\$ 34,000	\$23,440	68.9%	\$21,580
St. Clement - Vidian	82	44	21	48%	\$ 11,000	\$6,495	59.0%	\$5,925
St. Paschal - West Monroe	83	499	87	17%	\$ 53,000	\$37,847	71.4%	\$36,049
St. Joseph, Zwolle	86	636	130	20%	\$ 80,000	\$54,435	68.0%	\$48,618
St. Lawrence - Swartz	90	75	8	11%	\$ 5,000	\$975	19.5%	\$855
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	91	182	14	8%	\$ 9,000	\$3,545	39.4%	\$3,495
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	93	913	178	19%	\$ 176,000	\$124,217	70.6%	\$117,517
St. Ann, Stonewall	94	110	23	21%	\$ 15,000	\$7,400	49.3%	\$6,750
TOTAL (DIOCESE)		9,716	2,032	21%	\$ 1,600,000	\$1,046,322	65.4%	\$990,224

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Come and See

NOVEMBER 16, 9:15 AM - NOVEMBER 17, 2:00 PM

The Sisters of Our Lady of Sorrows invite you to a vocations discernment weekend filled with prayer, reflection, and sisterhood. Open to Ladies ages 18-30 in the Diocese of Shreveport.

To register scan the QR Code
For more information contact
Sister AnnaMaria at
annamariampda@yahoo.it or
vocationsoffice@dioshpt.org

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November 7-10, 2024
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