NOVEMBER 17TH, 2024 | 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



St. Thomas Aquinas

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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.

Deacon Robert Ransom

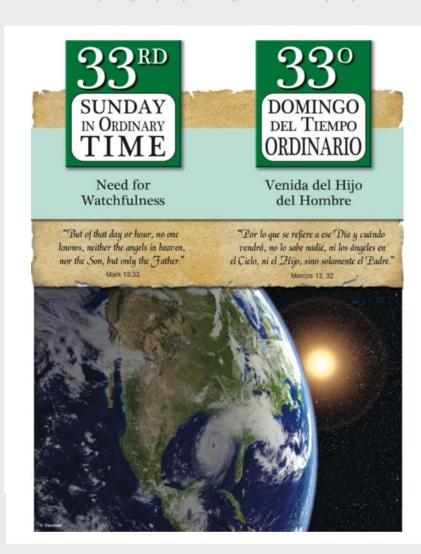
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NEW PARISHIONERS

"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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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 Garza 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 17th

10:00 AM Sunday Mass 1:30 PM Misa en Español 7:00 PM NO Sunday Mass

Monday, November 18th

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

Tuesday, November 19th

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 20th

7:30 AM - 8:00 AM Penance & Reconciliation 8:15 AM Daily Mass 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Church Office Open 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM STAY 8:00 PM NO Mass

Thursday, November 21st

Friday, November 22nd

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

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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 23rd

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

5:00 PM Vigil Mass



NO SUNDAY 7:00 PM MASS Reminder

During quarter break we won't have Sunday 7:00 pm or Wednesday 8:00 pm Mass.

No 7:00 pm Mass Sunday November 17th,

November 24th or December 1st.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday November 16th 2024

Lectors: Charlotte Wilkerson, John Allen

EMHC: Bob Rorie, Slade Richard

Altar Servers: Jack, Jessie & Julie Groce

Ushers: George & AJ Trevison

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

Ushers: Charlie & Wynn Rogers

Saturday November 23rd 2024

Lectors: Dolly Hurtig, Pam Allen

EMHC: Joan Mullens, George Trevison

Altar Servers: Cedric Serio

Ushers: Slade Richard & Joshua Adams

Sunday November 24th, 2024

Lectors: Josie Bishop, Jim Martin

EMHC: Mary Ghongkedze, Paul Jackson, Gary Kennedy, Tom Bishop

Altar Servers: Ramona Bishop, Maggie & Georgia Rogers

Misa en español: |

Ushers: Danny & Damian Nash

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY NOVEMBER 2/3

General Sunday Collection \$8,213.00

Thank you for continued and generous support!



Altar flowers donated by Roland & Pam Allen in honor of their 23rd wedding anniversary.

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 Becky Ferrell Robert Frasier Mary Lou French **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
Carol Mercier
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



Saturday November 16th Jean Schodlatz +

(by John & Beth Buske)

Sunday November 17th Jean Schodlatz +

(by Tom & Becky Garza)

For the parishioners of St. Thomas

Aquinas

Herman & Mary Manuel + (by Tom & Becky Garza)

<u>Tuesday November 19th</u> Doris Cramer +

(by Tom & Becky Garza)

Wednesday November 20th All Souls +

(by Pauline Phi)

Friday November 15th Bernadette Bennett +

(by Tom & Becky Garza)

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 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.









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



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 cor Mindy Bryan o Heidi Adams.

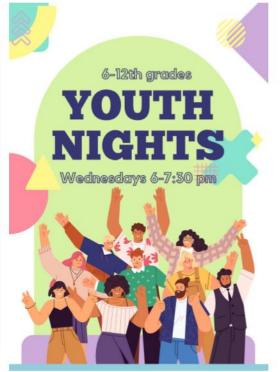


Singers Needed

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.









The next meeting is November 10th 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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Gospel predicts end times; our challenge though is to live faithfully now. When we live in conformity to the Word, hearing Jesus' words and living them out, the future holds no fear for us. As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul poor box, know that you are hearing the words of Jesus and living them out.





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

St. Thomas Aquinas Financials

| through 9/30/2024 | | ul - Sept | Jul - Sept | | |
|----------------------------------|----|-----------|------------|----------|--|
| Income | 9 | Quarter | | YTD | |
| 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

| hrough 9/30/2024 | | ul - Sept | Jul - Sept | | |
|---|----|-----------|------------|---------|--|
| Income | (| Quarter | | YTD | |
| 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) | |



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





Happy Thanksgiving!

Our ACTS members have completed Fall Quarter!
Our students worked very hard this quarter and are now enjoying a well-deserved break.
Last weekend, ACTS members celebrated Louisiana Tech's Homecoming. ACTS members enjoyed catching up with a few alumni and spending time at

Last week ACTS members also enjoyed the quarterly
Pancake Dinner! Students came to the center to
have a wonderful breakfast for dinner. What a great
way to close out the quarter!

the tailgate.

Please keep our students in your prayers as they travel home for the holiday. We hope you have a great Thanksgiving!



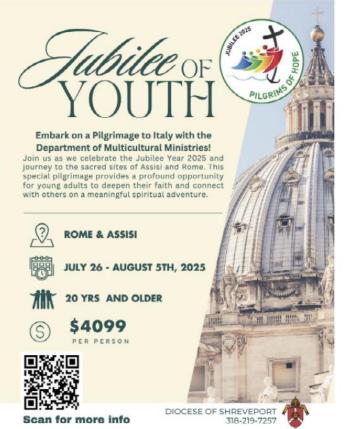
This last week in youth, the kids were the teachers! Students offered short lessons on the past weeks' Sunday gospels, which have all been from Mark. They all did a great job and are so smart and insightful!

Fall ACTStivities

No activities this week



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





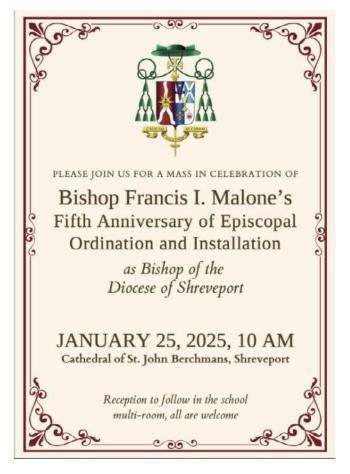
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2024 Catholic Service Appeal Report

| 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 Contributes 2024 |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|--|-----------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| Hiscellaneous Contributions | 1 | 0 | 37 | | \$ - | \$8,012 | | \$7,412 |
| It. Joseph, Bastrop | 8 | 83 | 28 | 28% | \$ 9,000 | \$4,450 | 49.4% | 54,010 |
| Mary, Queen of Peace | 10 | 333 | 82 | 25% | \$ 69,000 | \$56,005 | 84.1% | \$56,055 |
| Christ the King - Bossier City | 31 | 435 | 64 | 15% | 5 28,000 | \$19,005 | 67.9% | 517,355 |
| R. Jude Church - Bossler City | 12 | 850 | 209 | 25% | \$ 144,000 | \$86,711 | 59.9% | \$82,399 |
| It. Ann, Eberb | 25 | 84 | 32 | 38% | \$ 17,000 | \$11,225 | 66.0% | \$10,110 |
| it. Benedict the Black | 31 | 26 | 7 | 27% | \$ 3,000 | \$1,450 | 48.3% | \$1,450 |
| R. Lucy - Hodge | 33 | 48 | 12 | 25% | \$ 12,000 | \$5,800 | 48.3% | \$5,750 |
| it. Margaret, Homer | 34 | 21 | 12 | 57% | \$ 12,000 | \$4,965 | 41.4% | 54,465 |
| it. Patrick - Lake Providence | 38 | 50 | 13 | 26% | \$ 9,000 | \$5,375 | 59.7% | \$5,300 |
| it. Joseph, Mansfield | 41 | 97 | 39 | 40% | \$ 70,000 | \$10,352 | 41.4% | \$27,162 |
| it, John the Baptist - Many | - 64 | 160 | 39 | 24% | \$ 29,000 | \$16,329 | 71.0% | \$14,955 |
| It. Terence | - 45 | 54 | 5 | 17% | \$ 0,000 | \$4,825 | 80.4% | \$4,825 |
| Blessed Sacrament, Ringgold | 46 | 19 | 6 | 32% | \$ 3,000 | \$1,250 | 41.7% | \$1,250 |
| it, Paul - Minden | 47 | 80 | 19 | 24% | \$ 14,000 | \$4,270 | 30.5% | \$3,640 |
| esus the Good Shepherd | 48 | 600 | 117 | 20% | \$ 91,000 | \$71,253 | 78.3% | \$69,558 |
| Jittle Hower of Jesus | 49 | 146 | 53 | 23% | \$ 5,000 | \$4,410 | 00.2% | 54,010 |
| Dur Lady of Fatima | 50 | 182 | 37 | 20% | 5 27,000 | \$20,025 | 74.2% | \$20,000 |
| It, Malthew | 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 |
| it. Theresa - Delhi | 59 | 27 | 3 | 11% | \$ 3,000 | \$1,100 | 36.2% | \$1,100 |
| R. George, Coushatta | 62 | 30 | 34 | 47% | \$ 12,000 | \$8,340 | 69.3% | \$8,910 |
| Sacred Heart, Rayville | 64 | 40 | | 20% | \$ 6,800 | 52,290 | 38.2% | \$2,270 |
| St. Themas Aquinas - Rusten | 65 | 267 | 35 | 15% | \$ 32,000 | \$21,805 | 66.1% | \$20,835 |
| Roly Trinity | 66 | 675 | 89 | 13% | \$ 75,000 | \$59,693 | 79.6% | \$57,738 |
| Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament | 69 | 340 | 92 | 23% | \$ 11,000 | \$6,870 | 62.3% | \$6,460 |
| lacred Heart of Jesus - Shreveport | 70 | 332 | 41 | 31% | \$ 15,000 | \$8,688 | 66.8% | \$8,576 |
| Eathedral of St. John Berchmans | 72 | 645 | 134 | 21% | \$ 189,000 | \$125,692 | 96.5% | \$121,783 |
| it, Joseph Church - Shreveport | 73 | 729 | 200 | 27% | \$ 240,000 | \$143,565 | 59.8% | \$136,215 |
| it. Mary of the Pines | 24 | 714 | 105 | 15% | \$ 55,000 | 536,859 | 67.0% | \$33,607 |
| it, Plus X | 75 | 152 | 55 | 39% | \$ 34,000 | \$29,482 | 69.1% | \$21,712 |
| it. Clement - Vivian | 82 | 44 | 21 | 48% | \$ 11,000 | \$8,555 | 59.6% | \$6,120 |
| it. Paschal - West Monroe | 83 | 499 | 87 | 17% | \$ 53,000 | \$88,097 | 71.9% | \$36,609 |
| R. Joseph, Zwolle | 86 | 636 | 130 | 20% | \$ 80,000 | \$54,535 | 68.2% | \$49,018 |
| it, Lawrence - Swortz | 90 | 75 | | 11% | \$ 5,000 | 5975 | 19:5% | \$915 |
| Dur Lady of Perpetual Help | .91 | 182 | 14 | 8% | 5 9,000 | \$3,545 | 39.4% | \$3,495 |
| it, Elizabeth Ann Seton | 93 | 913 | 178 | 19% | \$ 176,000 | \$126,742 | 72.0% | \$120,845 |
| it. Ann, Stonewall | . 94 | 110 | 23 | 21% | \$ 15,000 | \$7,400 | 49.3% | \$6,800 |
| TOTAL (DIOCESE) | | 9,716 | 2.034 | 21% | \$ 1,600,000 | \$1,049,989 | 65.6% | 5998,78 |







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