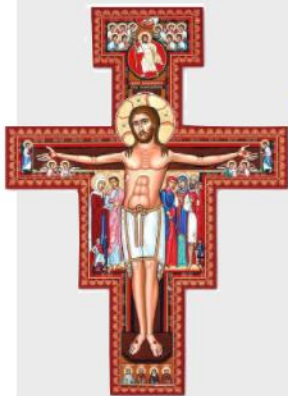


NOVEMBER 24TH, 2024 | OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST



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

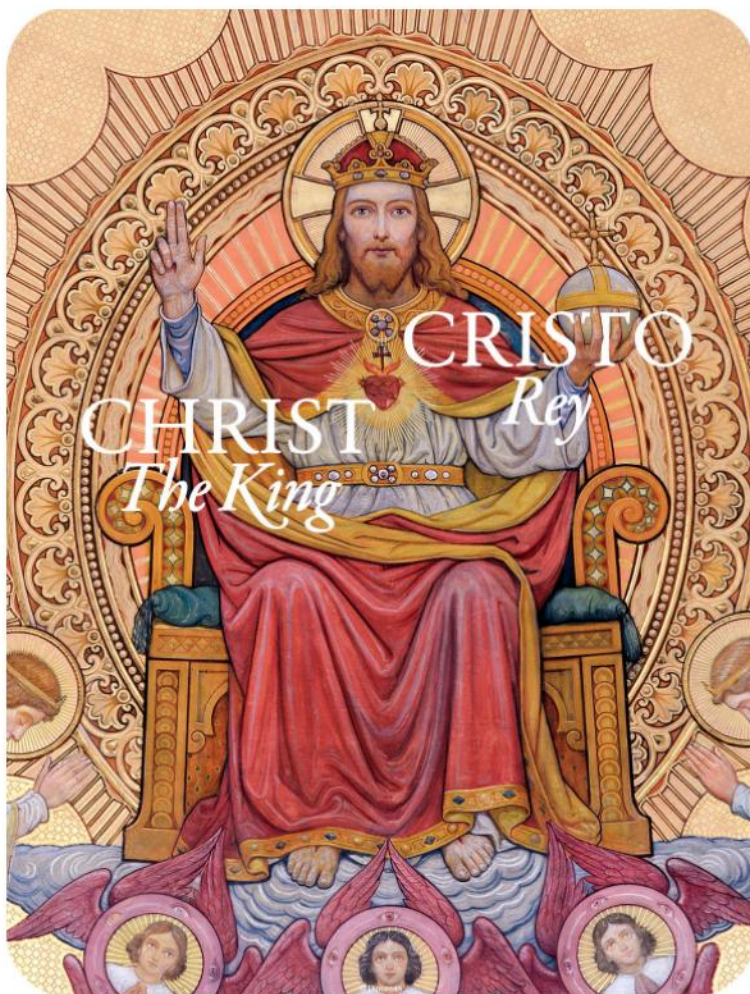
Please call Church Office SIX MONTHS in advance to schedule

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	



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 Vanbenthuyssen
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
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 24th

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

Monday, November 25th

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 26th

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 27th

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 NO Mass

Thursday, November 28th

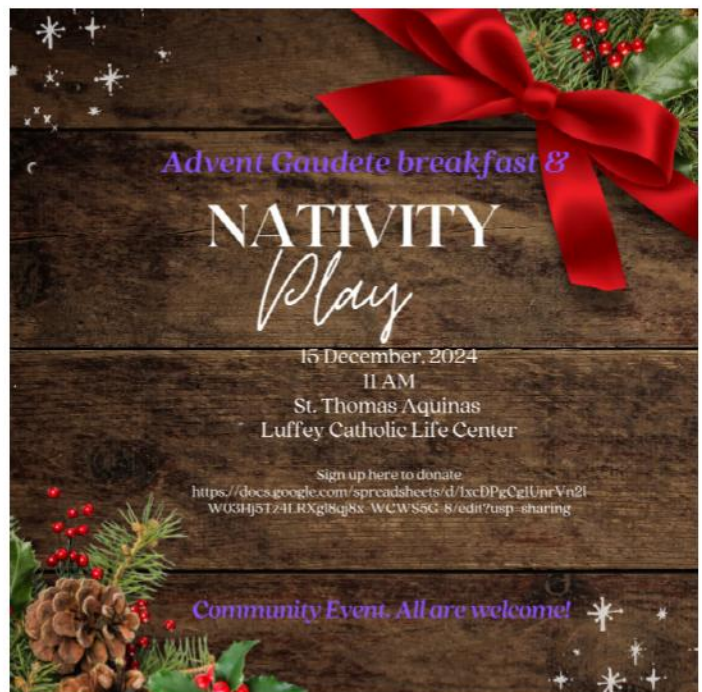
7:30 AM - 8:00AM Penance & Reconciliation
8:15 AM Daily Mass
8:30 AM - 4:00PM Church Office Closed

Friday, November 29th

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

Saturday, November 30th

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



Ministry Schedule

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: Abel Lainez, Pablo Tepole

Ushers: Danny & Damian Nash

Saturday November 30th 2024

Lectors: Samantha Groce, Tom Garza

EMHC: Beth Buske, Trish Carter

Altar Servers: Jack, Jessie & Julie Groce

Ushers: Dolly Hurtig, Slade Richard

Sunday December 1st, 2024

Lectors: Stacey Denny, Ryan Freling

EMHC: Jim Martin, Tom Bishop, Emily Chartier, Mary Ghongkedze

Altar Servers: Jack Taulli, Liam Taylor, Elliott Frost

Misa en español: Rossy Jaramillo, Juan Ramirez

Ushers: Brennan Jackson, Jack Groce

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

NOVEMBER 9/10

General Sunday Collection \$9,918.00

Thank you for continued and generous support!



Altar flowers donated by John & Beth Buske in honor of their 60th 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.

Mallory 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 23rd Cynthia Murry +
(by John & Beth Buske)

Sunday November 24th Billie Desser +
(by Tom & Becky Garza)

Tom Garza
(by Barbara Lewis)

For the parishioners of St. Thomas Aquinas

Monday November 25th Carmelite Smith +
(by Tom & Becky Garza)

Tuesday November 26th Michel Nammour +
(by Tom & Becky Garza)

Wednesday November 27th Theresa Chatelain +
(by Tom & Becky Garza)

Thursday November 28th Thompson, Johnson & Sanders family
(by Barbara Lewis)

Friday November 29th Jean Schodlatz +
(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 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



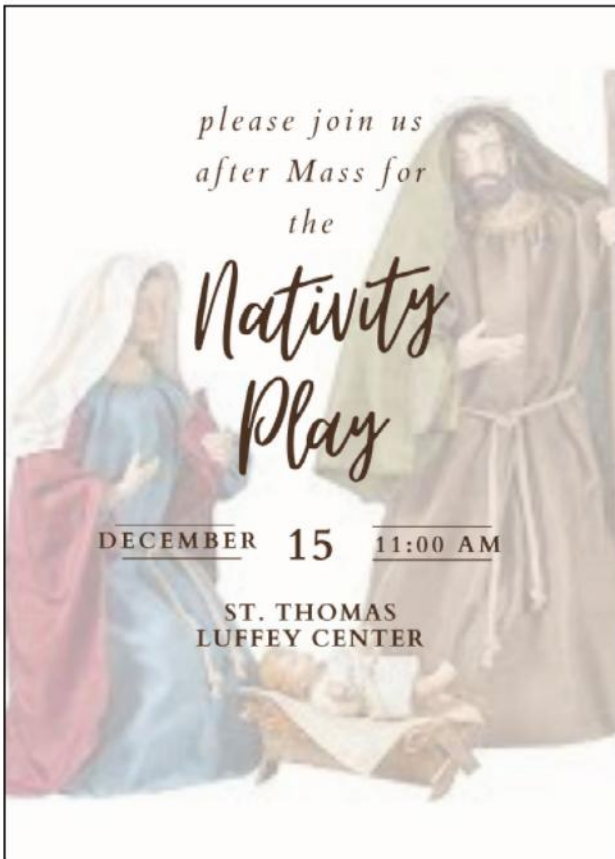
Save the Date for CONFIRMATION

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!



please join us after Mass for the

Nativity Play

DECEMBER 15 11:00 AM


ST. THOMAS LUFFEY CENTER

I AM THE ALPHA AND OMEGA, THE ONE WHO IS AND WHO WAS AND WHO IS TO COME, THE ALMIGHTY
Revelation 1:8



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.

6-12th grades

YOUTH NIGHTS

Wednesdays 6-7:30 pm





The next meeting is December 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!.



Ministry to the Homebound

Please contact the church office or Dr. John Serio (318-278-3600) if you need communion brought to your home. If you are aware of someone that needs communion brought to them please contact us. We do have a team of parishioners ready to assist. If you are a Eucharistic Minister and would like to help with this ministry please contact Dr. John.



Christ the King:

Today as we celebrate Christ the King, may we open the door of our heart so wide that we may listen to the voice of Jesus calling us to help build his kingdom here on earth.

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring God's kingdom of love and mercy to families, providing food, utilities, rent and other bills. God Bless You!



The Devotion to the Divine Mercy is based on the private revelations of Jesus to Polish Saint Faustina in the 1930's. It recognizes God as infinite mercy and involves a decision to accept God's mercy with thanksgiving, to trust in Him, and to be merciful as He is merciful. One element of the devotion is the Divine Mercy Chaplet, a form of prayer using Rosary beads. The Recitation of the Chaplet is prayed each Monday evening from 5:30 to 6:00 PM in the small chapel. All are welcome!



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 December 16, 2024 at 6:00pm



Are you looking for something to do where you make a difference in people's lives? Volunteer at Mary's House – Friday mornings 8:30 – 12:30 as our receptionist. You'll be the first smiling face our patients meet, and you'll work with a great team of ladies on the same mission – to make a difference for moms and babies. Call L'Anne at Mary's House to find out more – 318-220-8009.



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 Peace Makers Sewing Group Handmade Christmas Quilt Raffle

Tickets are \$5 each and available after each Mass in November

The winning ticket will be drawn on December 1



BEING CATHOLIC
at Louisiana Tech University

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 the tailgate.

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!

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

Fall ACTStivities

No activities this week



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

STAY



Youth held a bonfire ! It was a success after all the rain!



Catholic Charities of North Louisiana serves the North Louisiana region with the belief that education and temporary assistance lead to long-term independence.

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1 Chronicles 29:9



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Our Lady of Wisdom Catholic Student Center
University of Louisiana at Lafayette
501 E. St. Mary Blvd.
Lafayette, LA 70503

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22

6:00 PM Vespers Bishop Douglas Deshotel, DD
6:30 PM Introduction Fr. Michael Champagne, CJC, Director AL
7:00 PM St. Thomas and the Dionysian *Triplex Via* for Naming God (Jeanmar Hall) followed by Q&A David Liberto, PhD
8:00 PM Refreshments


REGISTER AT

www.aquinaslafayette.org



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

7:30 AM Morning Prayer Fr. John Joseph, CJC
8:00 AM Coffee and Donuts
8:45 AM Introduction to the Day Fr. Michael Champagne, CJC
9:00 AM The Passionate St. Thomas (Jeanmar Hall) followed by Q&A Jennifer Moorl, PhD
10:00 AM Break
10:15 AM *Break-out Sessions*
The Identity and Spirituality of the Priest in St. Thomas Fr. Luke Buckles, OP, STD
St. Thomas: A Master of the Spiritual Life Archbishop Alfred Hughes, STD
Ores mirabilis: St. Thomas Aquinas and His Eucharistic Hymn Deacon Adam Corque, MA
11:00 AM Break
11:15 AM *Break-out Sessions*
Theology of the Body in Aquinas Jennifer Prather, MA
The Depth of Creatively Casualty in St. Thomas Aquinas Corey Hayes, PhD
Aquinas on the Old Law Gregory Yal, PhD
12:00 PM Midday Prayer Deacon Adam Corque
12:15 PM Lunch
1:30 PM "The seeds of almost infinite truths": Aquinas's Wisdom as the Fountainhead of Reason and Faith (Jeanmar Hall) followed by Q&A James Jacobs, PhD
2:30 PM Break
2:45 PM *Afternoon Break-out Sessions*
The Angelic Doctor on Angels and Demons Fr. John Joseph, CJC, MA
The Sacramental Characteristics of Religious Life in St. Thomas Fr. Michael Champagne, CJC, STD
The Spirit and His Gifts in St. Thomas Fr. Clinton Serrus, STL
3:30 PM Break
3:45 PM Closing Remarks Fr. Michael Champagne, CJC
4:00 PM Anticipated Mass available



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A MASS IN CELEBRATION OF

Bishop Francis I. Malone's Fifth Anniversary of Episcopal Ordination and Installation

as Bishop of the Diocese of Shreveport

JANUARY 25, 2025, 10 AM
Cathedral of St. John Berchmans, Shreveport

Reception to follow in the school multi-room, all are welcome




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WOMEN'S CONFERENCE 2025

March 14-15, 2025
ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

with Keynote Speaker
Katie McGrady



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.

Diocesan is proud to now be printing *St. Thomas Aquinas's Sunday Bulletin*

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