DECEMBER 1ST, 2024 | FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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.

Deacon Robert Ransom

Deacon John Serio

Marcie Tucker (318) 255-2870

Melinda Bryan (318) 525-4906

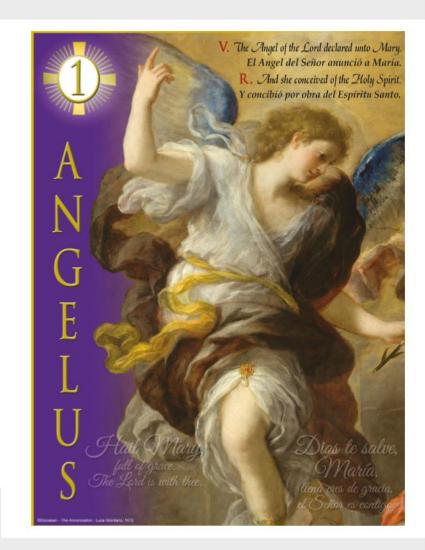
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Thurston Allen President of Pastoral Council

Chairman of Finance Council

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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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December 17th

Karen Rogers Jesus Gonzalez Sheila Montgomery

December 18th

December 19th

Paull Jackson

December 2nd

Patrick Stuckey

December 12th

Harold Cramer

Thomas Rogers Anyi Garcia Solis Susan Faucheux

December 3rd Beatriz Hernandez

Becky Smith Francisco Morales

December 5th December 22nd

Liliana Salazar

Bridney Perez

Kimble Devenin

December 6th

Clifton Sandlin

Gordon Reger Mollie Devening

December 7th December 24th

Christie Weeks John Serio

Bob Rorie
Ximena Ruiz

November 25th
Cruz Medrano

December 8th Bryan Lopez

Louis Reis
Lucas Haynie

December 26th
Clude Volcine

Clyde Vidrine

December 9th Ren Cynthia Murphew
Marilyn Rhodes

December 27th
Pamela Allen

Connor Broussard

Camille Maier Connor Broussard

December 28th

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December 11thOhan KitishianJohn Thomas ColvinJan SibayanJack SmithHarry MayAlice SpearsRobin Kirkham

Renee Garcia Alondra Tapia Steve Danna

Danielle Nash December 29th

Jesus Torres Daniel Lindsey

December 13th December 30th

Sergio Ruiz Scott Martin
Leslie Mendez

December 14th Christopher Montgomery

Elise Reis Christopher Wontgomery

December 15th December 15th Kenneth Carter

Jed Denny Jim Martin Kimberly Landaverde

December 16th Erick Ramirez

Frank Reger

Ella Viator

If I've missed your birthday, please

Mary Vidrine starbulletin@suddenlinkmail.com

so that I can add you to the master list.

email me at

THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, December 1st

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

Monday, December 2nd

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, December 3rd

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

8:15 AM Daily Mass

8:30 AM - 4:00PM Church Office Open 7:00 PM El Manto de Maria

Wednesday, December 4th

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, December 5th

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

8:15 AM Daily Mass

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

Friday, December 6th

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

12:00 PM Mass

Saturday, December 7th

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

5:00 PM Vigil Mass





Ministry Schedule

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

Saturday December 7th 2024

Lectors: Pam Allen, George Trevison

EMHC: Trish Carter, Slade Richard

Altar Servers: Cedric Serio

Ushers: Benny Grafton, AJ Trevison

Sunday December 8th, 2024

Lectors: Jim Martin, Paul Jackson

EMHC: Paul Jackson, Todd Wasson, Gary Kennedy, Chris Kennedy

Altar Servers: Hannah, Brooklynn & Olivia Bryan

Misa en español: Karin Lopez, Evelina Lopez

Ushers: The Nashes

Monday December 9th 2024

Lectors: Charlotte Wilkerson, Dolly Hurtig

EMHC: George Trevison, Bob Rorie

Altar Servers:

Ushers: Josh Adams, Greg Bimle

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY NOVEMBER 16/17

General Sunday Collection \$13,130.00

Thank you for continued and generous support!



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

Mallary Adams Kim Lowe Patti Hooper Allen Ken Martinez Quintana Atkins Tobie McKown Miriam Bishop Carol Mercier Jackie Bolden Larry Miller Frankie Career Katherine Ned Gerald Cosentino Odi Okeke Bruce Cowan Don Olivier Matthew Reichert Judy Darcey Butch Doiron Tristen Roberts Laurie Duvall Pearline Robey Becky Ferrell Laura Leigh Saleese Jennie Schutte-Patrick Robert Frasier Nicole Smith Mary Lou French Polly Smith **Emmely Gay** Bernice Harrison Eloise Solis Harvey Hayes Tyler Sorrels Connie Howard Willie Tannerhill Charles Jacobs Karen Taylor Karl Johnson Diane Theriot **Danica Tipton** Magnolia Johnson Jeffery Judice Pam Turner

Mary Lanning David & Kim St. John Emily Landry Kathleen "Kathy" Walter

Chris Letendre Janice Williams



Saturday November 30th Mike & Paul Buske + (by Dave & Mary Leonard)

Sunday December 1st Deceased members of SVDP +

(by Tom & Becky Garza)

Dr. Odessa Thompson

(by Barbara Lewis)

For the parishioners of St. Thomas

Aquinas

Tuesday December 3rd Linda Viator

(by Barbara Lewis)

<u>Friday November 6th</u> Amelia Collins

(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

- 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.

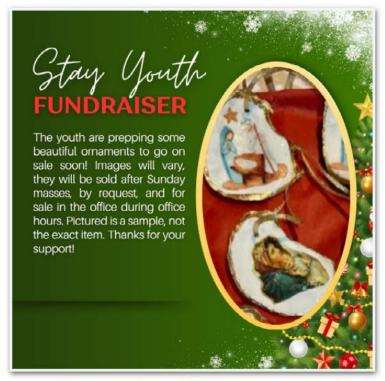
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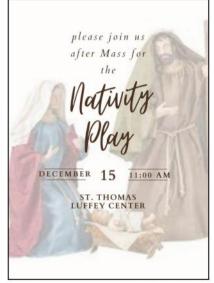
- First Holy Communion: Saturday, May 10th during the 5:00pm Mass
- •Confirmation: Saturday, May 17th during the 5:00pm Mass.

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.

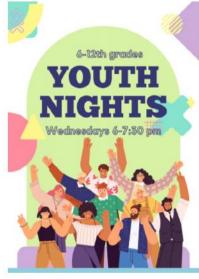




Nativity Play Singers Needed!

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.







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 313 Carey Ave, Ruston, LA 71270

Misa de First Holy Primera Comunión 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



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



Women's Guild next meeting is December 10th at noon in the Luffey Center. Lunch will be provided for a \$5 donation. Bring your favorite Christmas cookie for a Christmas Cookie Exchange!





Ministry to the Homebound

Please contact the church office or Dc. 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 Dc. John.



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!





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.



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



First Sunday of Advent:

As we begin Advent we are called to "wait" in joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless our lives. Wherever you live in our parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the rectory bell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell. Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul poor box will help the poor celebrate the grace of God's love this Christmas.



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









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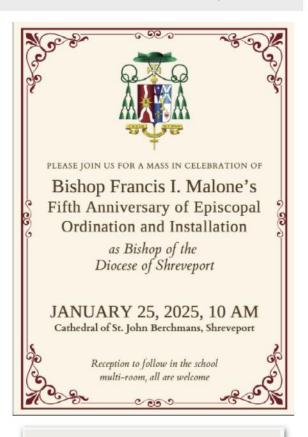
2024 Catholic Service Appeal Report

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 Contributions	. 1	0	37		\$ -	58,162		57,562
St. Joseph, Bastrop		83	23	28%	\$ 9,000	\$4,450	49.4%	54,080
Mary, Queen of Peace	10	333	54	25%	5 69,000	\$58,605	84.9%	\$57,005
Christ the King - Bossier City	11	435	64	15%	\$ 28,000	\$19,005	67.9%	\$17,390
St. Jude Church - Bossier City	12	aso	211	25%	\$ 144,000	\$88,022	61.1%	\$85,420
St. Ann, Ebarb	25	84	33	39%	\$ 17,000	511,325	66.6%	\$10,905
St. Benedict the Black	31	26		31%	\$ 3,000	51,500	50.0%	\$1,500
St. Lucy - Hodge	33	48	12	25%	\$ 12,000	\$5,800	48.3%	\$5,775
St. Margaret, Homer	34	21	12	57%	\$ 12,000	\$4,965	41.4%	54,715
St. Patrick - Lake Providence	38	50	14	28%	\$ 9,000	55,385	59.0%	\$5,385
St. Joseph, Mansfield	41	97	39	40%	\$ 70,000	\$30,827	44.0%	\$28,477
St. John the Baptist - Many	44	160	39	24%	\$ 23,000	516,323	71.0%	\$15,280
St. Terence	45	54	9	17%	\$ 6,000	54,825	80.4%	54,829
Blessed Sacrament, Ringgold	46	19	- 6	32%	\$ 3,000	\$1,250	41.7%	\$1,250
St. Paul - Minden	47	80	19	24%	\$ 14,000	54,270	30.5%	\$3,790
Jesus the Good Shepherd	46	600	118	20%	\$ 91,000	\$71,853	79.0%	\$70,713
Little Flower of Jesus	49	146	33	23%	\$ 5,000	54,410	88.2%	54,110
Our Lady of Fatima	50	182	37	20%	\$ 27,000	\$20,025	74.2%	\$20,000
St. Matthew	52	383	47	12%	\$ 36,000	514,600	40.6%	514,575
Sacred Heart, Oak Grove	58	55	12	22%	5 3,000	51,950	65.0%	\$1,950
St. Theresa - Delhi	59	27	3	11%	\$ 3,000	51,100	36.7%	51,100
St. George, Coushatta	62	30	14	47%	\$ 12,000	58,340	69.5%	58,340
Sacred Heart, Rayville	64	40		20%	5 6,000	52,290	38.2%	52,270
St. Thomas Aquinas - Ruston	65	267	39	15%	\$ 12,000	\$21,805	68.1%	\$20,920
Holy Trinity	68	675	90	13%	\$ 75,000	560,023	80.0%	558,868
Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament	69	140	32	23%	5 11,000	56,870	62.5%	56,535
Sacred Heart of Jesus - Shreveport	70	132	41	31%	\$ 13,000	58,688	66.8%	\$8,603
Cathedral of St. John Berchmans	72	645	135	21%	\$ 189,000	\$126,217	66.8%	5122,997
St. Joseph Church - Shreveport	73	729	201	28%	\$ 240,000	\$144,515	60.2%	\$138,375
St. Mary of the Fines	74	714	106	15%	\$ 55,000	\$36,959	67.2%	\$34,526
St. Pius X	75	152	59	39%	\$ 34,000	\$23,832	70.1%	522,472
St. Clement - Vivian	82	44	21	48%	\$ 11,000	\$6,555	59.6%	\$6,220
St. Paschal - West Monroe	83	406	87	21%	\$ 53,000	\$38,197	72.1%	\$16,961
St. Joseph, Zwoile	86	636	130	20%	5 80,000	\$54,535	68.2%	550,398
St. Lawrence - Swartz	90	75	8	11%	\$ 5,000	5975	19.5%	5915
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	91	182	14	PN:	\$ 9,000	53,645	40.5%	\$3,595
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	93	913	179	20%	5 176,000	5127,213	72.3%	\$123,380
St. Ann, Stonewall	54	110	23	21%	\$ 15,000	57,400	49.3%	56,950
TOTAL (DIOCESE)		9,623	2,047	21%	\$ 1,600,000	\$1,056,711	66.0%	\$1,018,132



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or call (318) 220-8009





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 December 1st.

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