## **DECEMBER 29TH, 2024 | THE HOLY FAMILY**



# 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 John Serio
Deacon Robert Ransom

Marcie Tucker (318) 255-2870

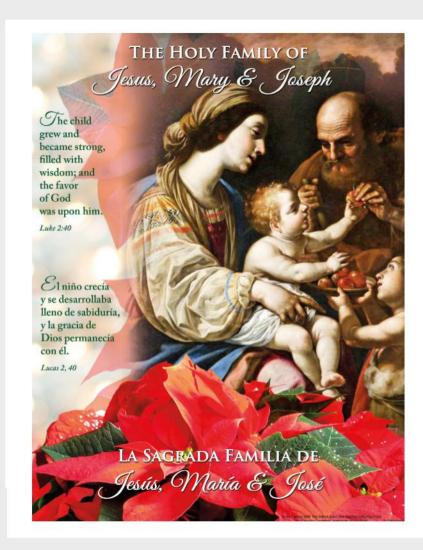
Melinda Bryan (318) 525-4906

Matthew Bryan

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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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#### January 1st

Wayne Skipper
Michael Langiulli
Dolly Garcia

Christopher Esau Castillo

#### January 2nd

Carmen Trevison Ethan Moreno

#### January 3rd

Ethan Moreno Stephanie Martinez Darlene Menzina Alissia Hinton Hudson Hinton Michelle Machen

#### January 5th

Ramona Bishop Juana Melendez

#### January 7th

Josie Bishop Redel Perez Janie Holbron Ashley Landaverde

#### January 10th

Jennifer Youngblood Yanney Hernandez

#### January 11th

Olivia Roger Beth Keys

#### January 12th

David Broussard Melissa Jackson Kaitin Corcia Harryn Lopez

#### January 13th

Joseph Lanning

#### January 14th

Brennan Jackson Marcie Tucker

#### January 15th

Sandy Freeman

#### January 16th

Juana Maria Leon Jaiden Langiulli

#### January 17th

Jerry Berg II

#### January 18th

Linda Oakley

#### January 20th

Christine Hanna Matthew Montgomery

#### January 21st

Rose Kitishian John Mark Adams Jose Maria Garcia

#### January 22nd

Benjamin Denny Hayden Frost Edgar Nunez

#### January 24th

Cindy Bimle

#### January 25th

Fr. Kevin Mues

#### January 26th

Ryan Corcia

#### January 28th

William Slusher

#### January 31st

Pedro de Rosa

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, December 29th

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

#### Monday, December 30th

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

8:15 AM Daily Mass

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

#### Tuesday, December 31st

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

6:00 PM Mass

#### Wednesday, January 1st

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

10:00 AM Mass

1:30 PM Misa en Español

#### Thursday, January 2nd

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

8:15 AM Daily Mass

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

#### Friday, January 3rd

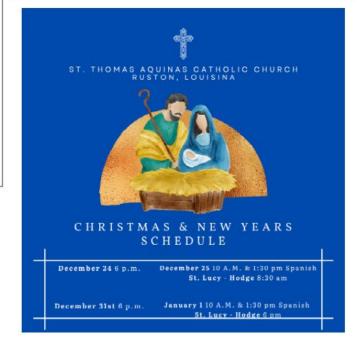
8:30 AM - 12:00PM Church Office Open 11:15 AM - 11:45AM Penance & Reconciliation

12:00 PM Daily Mass

#### Saturday, January 4th

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

5:00 PM Vigil Mass





#### Saturday December 28th 2024

Lectors: Pam Allen, George Trevison EMHC: Bob Rorie, Joan Mullens Altar Servers: Jessie & Julie Groce Ushers: Benny Grafton, Josh Adam

#### Sunday December 29th, 2024

Lectors: Ryan Freling, Jim Martin

EMHC: Todd Wasson, Emily Chartier, Paul Jackson, Elaine Johnson

Altar Servers: Jack Taulli, Liam Taylor, Elliott Frost Misa en español: Pablo Tepole, Angel Ventura

Ushers: Flint Sibayan, Greg Bimle

#### **Tuesday December 31st 2024**

Lectors: Charlotte Wilkerson, Dolly Hurtig

EMHC: George Trevison, Bob Rorie, Mary Ghongkedze, Todd Wasson

Altar Servers:

Ushers: George Trevison, AJ Trevison

#### Wednesday January 1st, 2025

Lectors: Stacey Denny, Tom Garza

EMHC: Slade Richard, Trish Carter, Jim Martin, Paul Jackson

Altar Servers: Misa en español:

Ushers: V. Sae, Flint Sibayan

#### Saturday January 4th 2025

Lectors: Pam Allen, Lauren Gauthier EMHC: Joan Mullens, George Trevison

Altar Servers: Cedric Serio

Ushers: Dolly Hurtig, Slade Richard

#### Sunday January 5th 2025

Lectors: Frank Reger, Jim Martin

EMHC: Tom Bishop, Elaine Johnson, Gary Kennedy, Chris Kennedy

Altar Servers: Hannah, Brooklynn & Olivia Bryan

Ushers: Brennan Jackson, Jack Groce

#### STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY **DECEMBER 14/15**

General Sunday Collection \$29,186.00

Thank you for continued and generous support!





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 Donald Colvin Gerald Cosentino Bruce Cowan Judy Darcey **Butch Doiron** Laurie Duvall Becky Ferrell Robert Frasier Mary Lou French **Emmely Gay** Bernice Harrison Harvey Hayes Connie Howard Charles Jacobs Karl Johnson Magnolia Johnson Jeffery Judice Mary Lanning Emily Landry Chris Letendre Cristian Leon

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 **Hudson Smith** Nicole Smith Polly Smith **Eloise Solis Tyler Sorrels** Willie Tannerhill Karen Taylor Diane Theriot Pam Turner David & Kim St. John Kathleen "Kathy" Walter

Janice Williams

Rodney Wood



Saturday December 28th Mary Antony +

(by Pat & Connie Stuckey)

Sunday December 29th For the parishioners of St. Thomas

Aquinas

Monday December 30th Elaine Johnson

(anonymous)

**Tuesday December 31st** Lolita & Roland Baudoin

(anonymous)

Phyllis Lampo Wednesday January 1st

(anonymous)

Maureen Hinton + Thursday December 2nd

(anonymous)

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 <a href="https://stthomasaquinasruston.com/calendar/">https://stthomasaquinasruston.com/calendar/</a>

#### **PSR News**

PSR for Dates for December 2024 - February 2025:

- December 22nd, 29th, & Jan 5th: NO PSR / Christmas Break
- January February Dates for PSR include (Family of Faith meeting dates TBA next week for January & **February**):
  - · January 12th: PSR all grades.
  - · January 19th: PSR all grades
  - · January 26th: PSR all grades.
  - · February 2nd: PSR all grades.
  - · February 9th: PSR all grades
  - · February 16th: No PSR Lincoln Parish Schools out for Presidents Day.
  - · February 23rd: PSR all grades

#### Save the Date

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

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

- First Holy Communion: If you have not, 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..
- Confirmation: If you have not, please choose your confirmation



Camp Little Flower is a summer camp for youth organized by the Diocese of Shreveport. Our mission is to provide families with the opportunity to experience a Catholic outdoor education and recreation program in North Louisiana.

Campers aged 8 to 13

June 23 - 27, 2025

Scottsville Camp 400 Harkins Lane

Marshall, TX 75672

**Contact Information:** 

If you have any questions, please email us at camplittleflower@dioshpt.org or rjohnson@sjbcathedral.org.

#### Refund Policy:

100% Refund if canceled 60 days or more prior to the camp 50.% Refund if canceled between 59 and 30 days prior to the camp. No Refund if canceled 29 days or less before the camp.

If you are unable to cover the full amount for one camper or multiple campers, please email us at camplittleflower@dioshpt.org to inquire about camperships for financial assistance. If the camp is fully booked, please contact us to be placed on the waitlist. Camp Little Flower Registration Fee 1 \$125.00.

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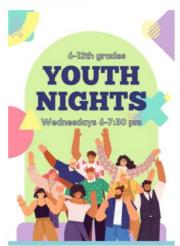
BLESSED IS **EVERYONE WHO** FEARS THE LORD, WHO WALKS IN **HIS WAYS!** 

Psalm 128:1

Thank you for supporting St Thomas Youth ornament fundraiser!











## 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

#### 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!





#### Fourth Sunday of Advent

In this season of celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, we give thanks for the many blessings that we enjoy. Nevertheless, there are many among us in ill health, grieving the loss of loved ones, and living in difficult circumstances. Beyond our community, the world has much unrest, and peace is not as we know it. As we enjoy the happiness and joys of this time, we ask that you please keep in your thoughts and prayers those who suffer in any of these circumstances. "Answer me when I call to you....be merciful to me and hear my prayers" (Ps 4:1).





A.C.T.S stands for for Adoration, Community, Theology, and Service. These four themes are the focus of activities for the three-day retreats, which are patterned after the description of the early church in Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47: "They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to communal life, to the breaking of bread and to prayers...And every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved."

The February 2025 Men's ACTS Retreat Registration is now open.

The retreat date is February 20-23 at Maryhill Retreat Center.

For any questions, please give me a call. John Matherne 318-376-7496



All women of St. Thomas Aquinas are invited to the Women's Guild meetings in the Luffey Center. Please join us for lunch and fellowship. If you are new to St. Thomas Aquinas parish, please know that we would love to meet you and welcome you to our church! For more information call or text Rhonda at 318.548.7127. Lunch provided for a \$5.00 donation.

#### **Upcoming meeting January 14 2025 at noon.**



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 January 20, 2025 at 6:00 pm.** 



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.



#### **Christmas Break!**

Louisiana Tech students are home for the holidays! This week students will be on Christmas break. ACTS members have been busy around the center for the past couple of weeks with events for Habitat for Humanity, socials, Dollar Lunches and more.

Before returning to school in January, many of our ACTS members will be attending the SEEK Conference for Catholic college students from across the country. This year, the conference is being held in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Students will spend a week there attending daily Mass and adoration, listening to speeches, and experiencing widespread Catholic fellowship. Please pray for our students as they travel. We can't wait to see you again soon!

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

#### Winter ACTStivities

When we come back:

Jan 8 - Girls' & Guys' Group 6pm

Jan 9 - Cross Talk 6pm

Jan 10 - Adoration 6pm

Jan 11 - January Social 6pm

Jan 12 - Hospitality Dinner 8pm

WHOEVER HONORS
HIS FATHER
ATONES FOR SINS,
AND PRESERVES
HIMSELF FROM THEM.

Sirach 3:3



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Please consider how you can help Catholic Charities serve our neighbors when they need it most.

## ST. THOMAS AQUINAS FEAST DAY GUMBO

## **SAVE THE DATE**



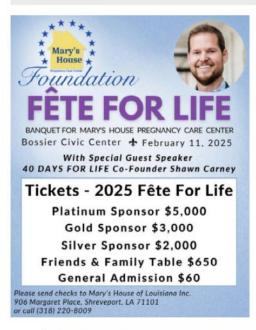
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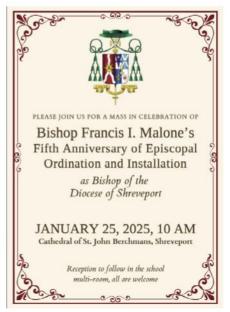


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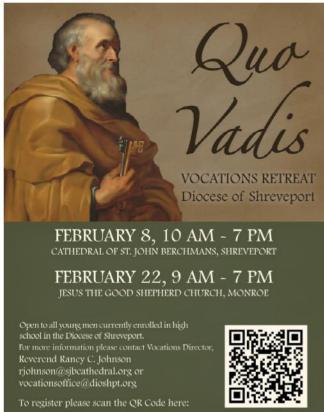
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#### Feast of the Holy Family - December 29, 2024

"Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" (Luke 2:49) The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph serves as a model of love, faith, and obedience. Just as Jesus was guided by His Father's will, so too can we be guided in our marriages by God's love. Reflect on how your family life mirrors the faith and devotion of the Holy Family. Strengthen your commitment to each other by nurturing a deeper relationship with God.

#### Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia – 29 de diciembre de 2024

"¿No sabíais que me es necesario estar en los negocios de mi Padre?" (Lucas 2:49) La Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José es un modelo de amor, fe y

La Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José es un modelo de amor, fe y obediencia. Así como Jesús se dejó guiar por la voluntad de su Padre, también nosotros podemos dejarnos guiar por el amor de Dios en nuestro matrimonio. Reflexiona sobre cómo tu vida familiar refleja la fe y la devoción de la Sagrada Familia. Fortalece tu compromiso mutuo fomentando una relación más profunda con Dios.



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