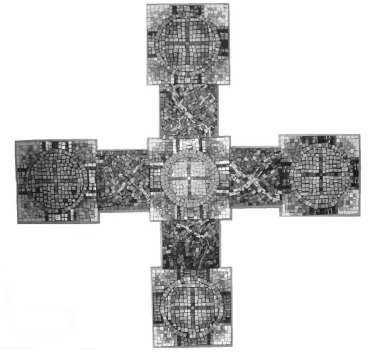


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Mass Schedule

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Saturday Vigil: 5p
Sunday: 10:30 a & 7p
Mon. & Wed.: 12:15p
Tuesday: 7p
(NSU regular session)
Thursday: 8a
Reconciliation for 1/2 hour
before every Mass.

Regular Office hours:

Monday-Friday 9a-3:30p
and by appointment

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August 23, 2009

Dear Community of St. Thomas Aquinas,

Jesus can stand alone in the truth. Can we? As Chapter 6 of the Gospel of John progresses, Jesus hammers down the truth of His Sacrifice and our sharing in it by our eating and drinking. Some of His Disciples began to leave Him because of it. But, does Jesus try to 'soften' His Teaching? On the contrary, He becomes even more insistent. He even turns on His Twelve Apostles, "Do you want to leave me too?" Simon Peter answered, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe, we are convinced that you are God's Holy One." When we share in the Holy Eucharist, we become one with the Holy One.

Can we stand alone in the Call to Holiness? In the gospel for the 22nd Sunday, Jesus condemns "acts of fornication, theft, murder, adulterous conduct, greed, maliciousness, deceit, sensuality, envy, blasphemy, and arrogance." The world would look like a different place if the Children of God constantly took a stand against such things. Jesus pronounced a judgment on the people of his day, "How accurately Isaiah prophesied about you hypocrites when he wrote, 'This people pays me lip service but their heart is far from me.'

In the coming nine weeks, we will once again host an introductory study of Pope John Paul II's *Theology of the Body* as translated by Christopher West. This study calls us to holiness through our calling as man and woman. Anyone the age of a high school senior or above is welcome to participate. Please contact Roch at roch@dumboxproductions.org to register. There is a \$15 fee for the workbook.

May we be God's Holy People – in name AND in fact!

God bless,
Fr. Joey

The Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux Outreach Line

In response to the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux has made the following provision for anyone who has been hurt or sexually abused by anyone who works for the church. The Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux has set up an Outreach Line for all victims/survivors of sexual abuse. The telephone numbers are: 985) 873-0026 or toll free 1-866-444-4241.

MASS INTENTIONS

August 22 Marie Meacham, Sam & Lucille Rodrigue, Leo Naquin, Dr. Dale Naquin, Warren Harang, Jr., Clyde & Michael Dennis, St. Pierre & Durocher fly, Dennis Perk Sr, Angela Montet, Betty Landry, Ronald Waguespack, Donald Toups, J. Van Beary, Jr.

August 23 Frank Musso, Azelda Musso, Linley Collins, Janice Thiac, Laura Lee Thiac, Wade Ledet, Dr. Philip Rabalais, Dale Zedlitz

August 24 Ray Zeringue

August 25 Streamline Industries: Employees, Customers, & fly, Souls In Purgatory

August 28 Estaben Arnold fly

August 29 Marie Meacham, Antoine Roger & Vivian Fauchaux fly, Clyde & Michael Dennis, Warren Harang Jr, St. Pierre & Durocher fly., Betty Landry

August 30 Janice Thiac, Emma Louise Brandt Elston, Jaque Griffin, Dr. Philip Rabalais

September 4 Dr. Philip Rabalais

| Weekly Collection | August 8-9 | August 15-16 | Assumption |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Envelopes | \$ 2615.00 | \$ 3361.00 | \$ 218.00 |
| Loose | \$ 2279.00 | \$ 2125.66 | |
| TOTAL | \$ 4894.00 | \$ 5486.66 | \$ 218.00 |



Please keep the following individuals in your prayers:

Gayle Richard, Brad Hymel, Vicki Morgan, K.T. Snyder, Peter Cancienne, Betty Reese, Casey Gautreaux, Cameron Steib, Donna Ordoyne, Carol Richard, Caitlin Cowen, Dr. Margaret Jolley, S.J., Johanna Crawford, Bro. Aquin Gautier, Mia Chaisson, Aimee Melancon, Joy Schexnayder, Mike Zimmerman, Grant Hebert, Tammy Murray, Penny Zeringue, and Linda Thibodaux.

To place a name on this list, please call the Office at 446-6201.



WELCOME BACK WEEK!

Saturday, Sept. 5th and Sunday, Sept. 6th—
Your generosity in our special collection is **GREATLY APPRECIATED!**

Monday—Christian Block Party with BCM and Chi Alpha Inflatable Games, Food, and Music

Tuesday—Tuesdays with Thomas: Adoration at 6:30 p.m. and Mass at 7 p.m.

Wednesday—Swim Night

Thursday—Open Mic Night

Check out Facebook for more information!



Donut Ministry

Donuts, coffee, juice, and milk are served following 10:30a Mass. It's a delicious way to socialize and get to know your St. Thomas Aquinas family.

Volunteers can sign up to provide the donuts, juice, and milk for this "Donut Ministry."

Introduction to Pope John Paul II's
THEOLOGY OF THE BODY

by Christopher West (via DVD)

Tuesdays starting September 8 following 7 p Mass-10p

Contact Roch at 446-6201 X31 or
roch@dumboxproductions.com

by September 1. \$15 registration includes text.

All Saints Day Memorials



Donations will be accepted for floral memorials through Friday, October 9.

Please place your intention and donation in a **SEALED, LABELED** envelope in a weekend collection or drop it by the Office.

CCD NEWS

All students have completed the Circle of Grace lessons. Parents, please review the material with your child.

NO 10th Grade Confirmation Class on 8/23!

No Class September 6-8 in honor of Labor Day.

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|--|--|---|---|-----|---|
| 23 10:30a Mass 9/11th Confirmation, 5-6:30p NO 10th GRADE 7p Mass | 24 Daily Mass 12:15 p | 25 No Adoration or Tuesday Mass | 26 Daily Mass 12:15 p | 27 Daily Mass 8 a NSU Welcome Back Day | 28 | 29 5pm Mass Woman of God Mini-Conference, Annunziata |
| 30 10:30a Mass 9-11th Confirmation, 5-6:30p 7p Mass | 31 Daily Mass 12:15 p Bulletin Committee 4p | 01 Women's Bible Study 10a 5th-8th CCD, 5:30-6:45p Adoration 6:30p, Mass 7p DEADLINE TO REGISTER FOR TOB! Contact Roch at 446-6201 X31 or roch@dumbboxproductions.com | 02 Men's Bible Study 6a Daily Mass 12:15 p | 03 Daily Mass 8 a | 04 | 05 First Saturday Devotions 9a Adoration, 10a Mass 5pm Mass |
| 06 10:30a Mass NO Conf. CCD 7p Mass—10th Gr. | 07 Daily Mass 12:15 p NO CCD | 08 Women's Bible Study 10a NO CCD Adoration 6:30p, Mass 7p TOB Intro Night following Mass | 09 Men's Bible Study 6a Daily Mass 12:15 p | 10 Daily Mass 8 a | 11 | 12 5pm Mass |
| 13 10:30a Mass 9-11th Confirmation, 5-6:30p 7p Mass | 14 Daily Mass 12:15 p Bulletin Committee 4p 1st-4th CCD, 5:30-6:45p | 15 Women's Bible Study 10a 5th-8th CCD, 5:30-6:45p Adoration 6:30p, Mass 7p TOB Week 1 following Mass CCD Payment Due | 16 Men's Bible Study 6a Daily Mass 12:15 p | 17 Daily Mass 8 a | 18 | 19 5pm Mass |
| 20 10:30a Mass No Confirmation—Attend aNEW Weds. Night! 7p Mass | 21 Daily Mass 12:15 p 1st-4th CCD, 5:30-6:45p | 22 Women's Bible Study 10a 5th-8th CCD, 5:30-6:45p Adoration 6:30p, Mass 7p TOB Week 2 following Mass | 23 Men's Bible Study 6a Daily Mass, 12:15 p aNEW Experience, 7-9p Chackbay (all 8th-11th CCD attend) | 24 Daily Mass 8 a | 25 | 26 5pm Mass |
| Constitution Week ~ Please fly your flag and pray for our nation! sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolution | | | | | | |



“For I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it?...”

Isaiah 43:19 NLT

| | Aug. 22, 5p | Aug. 23, 10:30a | Aug. 23, 7p | Aug. 29, 5p | Aug. 30, 10:30a | Aug. 30, 7p |
|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Commentator | Scott Beslin | Jerry Barbera | Mary Cavalier | Joel Champagne | Sheila Plater | Becky Yates |
| Word 1 | Mike Sobert | Connie Daigle | Fran Smith | Emily Waguespack | Sue Blanchard | Joseph Joseph |
| Word 2 | Joel Champagne | Sarah Kees | Mary Bond | Ken Crochet | Brandie Toups | Bonnie Bourg |
| Body 1 | Michelle Garrad | Leslie Clement | Lynette Boudreaux | Lionel Adams | Violet Chiasson | Kristen Cavalier |
| Body 2 | | Sandra Clement | David Boudreaux | | Jared Lasserre | Stephanie Ordoyne |
| Blood 1 | Charles Caillouet | Sue Blanchard | Wade Rodrigue | | Mary Jo Kees | Joy Martinez |
| Blood 2 | Gretchen Caillouet | Ricky Blanchard | Erin White | Emily Adams | Jan Torres | Mary T. Kees |
| Blood 3 | | Jeff Daigle | Volunteer | Gene Roth | Volunteer | Kristi Badeaux |
| Blood 4 | | Jared Lasserre | Volunteer | | Volunteer | Brian Bartell |
| Altar Servers | Elizabeth Garrad | Thomas Savoie Philp Roth | Jenna Graham | Elizabeth Garrad | Corey Shaw | Avery Theriot Jacob Theriot |
| Music Ministers | Pam Labat | Teddy Baudoin | Abundant Praise | Anne Savoie | Bobble Pitre and E.J. Toups | Abundant Praise |

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PRAYER TO AVERT STORMS
 Father, all the elements of nature obey your command. Calm the storms that threaten us and turn our fear of your power into praise for your goodness. Grant this through Our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

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