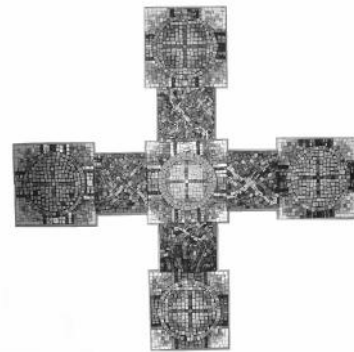


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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5p
Sunday: 10:30 a & 7p
Mon. & Wed.: 12:15p
Tuesday: 7p following
Adoration 6:30p
(NSU regular session)
Thursday: 8a
First Saturday: 10a
following Adoration 9a

Reconciliation for 1/2 hour
before every Mass.

Regular Office hours:

Monday-Friday 9a-3:30p
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January 24, 2010

Dear St. Thomas Aquinas Community,

When Jesus started out in His Public Ministry in His home town of Nazareth, He takes the passage from the book of the prophet Isaiah where it is written, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord." He tells the people, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

Some received it well and "spoke highly of him" while others not only rejected what He said but also rejected Him. Some even wanted to kill Him. No wonder He eventually moved to Capernaum. Acceptance of the Kingdom of God is voluntary; we can take Jesus or reject Him. If we take to heart what Jesus says, we have to change our lives. If we reject Him, how can He save us? If we 'say' we accept Jesus and His Teachings, but still do NOT change our lives – what do we mean by "accepting Jesus" are we not in fact "ignoring His Words"? Isn't this the same as "rejecting Him"?

If I asked you where do you stand on Jesus teaching, I'm sure many of us will say, "Oh yes, I accept Jesus – fully and whole-heartedly." Will our lives say anything to the contrary?

Peace,

Fr. Joey

Prayer of St. Thomas Aquinas ~ Feast January 28

Grant me, O Lord my God,
a mind to know you,
a heart to seek you,
wisdom to find you,
conduct pleasing to you,
faithful perseverance in waiting for you,
and a hope of finally embracing you.

Amen.



MASS INTENTIONS

January 23

Emile Roques, Sam & Lucille Rodrigue, Leo Naquin, Dr. Dale Naquin, Clyde & Michael Dennis, Alyce Chauvin

January 24

Janice Thiac, Dr. Philip Rabalais, Antoine Roger & fly., Vivian Faucheaux & fly., Linley S. Collins, Frank & Azelda Musso, David Bourgeois

January 25

Streamline Industries: Employees, Customers, Fly., Holy Souls in Purgatory

January 27

Ida Edlefsen, Alyce Chauvin

January 28

Joseph St. Michael Anthony Hebert fly., Harry & Julie Arnold & fly.

January 30

Donald A. Toups, Sr., J. Van Beary, Jr., Clyde & Michael Dennis

January 31

Dr. Philip Rabalais, Alyce Chauvin

February 1

Haley Jo Hebert fly., Lisa Freyou fly.

February 3

Kendall Oncale, Antoine Roger & fly., Vivian Faucheaux & fly.

February 5

Dr. Philip Rabalais

	January 9-10	January 23-24	Special Collection for the Victims in Haiti
Loose	\$2021.51	\$1310.25	
Envelopes	\$3281.00	\$3517.00	
TOTAL	\$5222.51	\$4827.25	\$3420.60

Please keep the following individuals in your prayers:
 Gayle Richard, Brad Hymel, K.T. Snyder, Peter Cancienne, Betty Reese, Casey Gautreaux, Cameron Steib, Donna Ordoyne, Carol Richard, Caitlin Cowen, Dr. Margaret Jolley, Johanna Crawford, Bro. Aquin Gautier, Mia Chiasson, Aimee Melancon, Joy Schexnayder, Mike Zimmerman, Tammy Murray, Penny Zeringue, Lorraine and Marco Bourgeois, Virgie Guidry, Mrs. Verna Mae Jones, Pearl Delatte, and Francis Bolten Dumez. *To place a name on this list, please call the Office at 446-6201.*



Youth Rally
Sat., Mar. 26, 2010
 8th-12th graders
 St. Thomas' Registration
 DUE: Fri., Feb. 12
 Cost: \$45 includes
 St. Thomas event shirt

anewEXPERIENCE

~ MARK YOUR CALENDARS ~

aNEW Experience comes to St. Thomas on Wed., Feb. 24.

C.E.N.T.S. is offering a FREE Small Business Course beginning February 23 at Catholic Charities, 1220 Aycock St., Houma. REGISTER with Katie at 876-0490 by February 5.

THE YEAR OF THE PRIEST



We welcome 12 seminarians from St. Paul, Minnesota from January 24-29. Your hospitality is always appreciated!

CALLING ALL BETTY CROCKERS!

Not on Bread Alone for January is Tues., Jan. 26 from 11a-1p. We are asking for help from parishioners with donations of baked goods for the event. They can be dropped by the Office no later than Mon., Jan. 25.



Children's Liturgy
 Jan. 24 ~ Sara K. and Noella L.
 Jan. 31 ~ Amanda M. and Jan L.

WELCOME BACK WEEK

Mon., Jan. 25 Movie Nite 7p, Library
 Tues., Jan. 26 Not on Bread Alone 11a-1p
 Adoration/Mass 6:30p
 Weds., Jan. 27 Game Nite 7p, Café
 Thurs., Jan. 28 Snow Day 10a-3p

CAMPUS MINISTRY STUDENTS:

Mark your calendars for **OREMUS: Let Us Pray** the Spring Teaching Series starting Tues., Feb. 23.

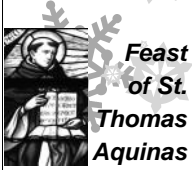
W.E.D. White 2010-11 Registration
February 8-26
Contact Michelle at 446-8486 X103



A FEATURE-LENGTH REALITY FILM featuring some of our favorite young people from the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux

PREMIERE EVENT
January 21 ~ 7p
St. Thomas Aquinas
Café

Tickets \$5
available in the Office

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
24 10:30a Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i> 2-3:30p 9th-11th Conf. Class being held early due to Saints game 7p Mass ABA COMMITMENT WEEKEND	25 12:15p Mass 5:30-6:45p CCD 6:30p Marian Servants Healing Mass 7p Movie Nite	26 10a Women's Bible Study 11a-1p NOBA 5:30-6:45p CCD 6:30p, 7p Adoration/Mass	27 6a Men's Bible Study 12:15p Mass 7p Game Nite	28 8a Mass 10a Snow Day 	29	30 5p Mass ABA FOLLOW-UP WEEKEND
Campus Ministry Welcome Back Week						
31 10:30a Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i> 5-6:30p Conf. Class 3p Diocesan Pastoral Center Dedication 7p Mass ABA FOLLOW-UP WEEKEND	February 01 12:15p Mass 2p Bulletin Committee 5:30-6:45p CCD 6:30p Marian Servants Gathering	02 10a Women's Bible Study 11:30a Food for the Journey, Houma 5:30-6:45p CCD 6:30p, 7p Adoration/Mass	03 6a Men's Bible Study 12:15p Mass 7p Youth Rally Staff Meeting	04 8a Mass	05	06 9a First Saturday Devotion, Adoration and Mass 5p Mass ABA THANK YOU WEEKEND

Upcoming Dates To Remember:

February 7: NO Confirmation class
 February 10: ADORE Worship, Houma Mun. Aud.
 February 14-16: NO CCD
 February 15: NO Tuesday Mass
 February 15-16: Office Closed

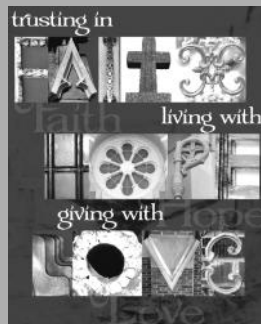
Ash Wednesday Masses

Wed., Feb. 17 12:15p, 7p



Woman of God
 BISHOP OF HOUMA TRIENNIAL
2010 Conference
Led by the Spirit
 February 26-27, 2010
 Diocese Pastoral Center
 Conference Hall
 2779 Hwy. 311 * Schriever, LA 70395
www.htconferences.org

2010 Annual Bishop's Appeal Commitment Weekend is upon us!



Please take some time to prayerfully reflect on making a financial contribution to the Annual Bishop's Appeal and how we can strengthen our Diocese.

All members and friends are encouraged to prayerfully consider a commitment to the Appeal. St. Thomas did great last year with increased commitment. We are aiming to grow in contributions even more so this year. Our parish participation goal is at least 62 families and our monetary goal is \$10,000. For more information, visit www.htstewardship.org

Second Collection

January 23-24
 for the Church in Latin America



SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2010

9th-11th Grade Confirmation Classes will meet from 2-3:30p in light of the Saints NFC Championship

	January 23, 5p	January 24, 10:30a	January 24, 7p	January 30, 5p	January 31, 10:30a	January 31, 7p
Commentator	Scott Beslin	Sheila Plater	Becky Yates	Richard David	Charlene Melvin	Becky Yates
Word 1	Lionel Adams	Sue Blanchard	Joseph Joseph	Emily Waguespack	Ben Roth	Wade Rodrigue
Word 2	Mike Sobert	Brandie Touts	Sally Sobert	Joel Champagne	Connie Daigle	Mitch Chiasson
Body 1	Emily Waguespack	Violet Chiasson	Stephanie Ordoyne	Lionel Adams	Robin Lopez	Stephanie Ordoyne
Body 2		Jared Lasserre	Kristen C. Hernandez		Alice Ledet	Bonnie Bourg
Blood 1	Gene Roth	Mary Jo Kees	Joy Martinez	Emily Adams	Linda Oncale	David Boudreaux
Blood 2	Elizabeth Perez	Jan Torres	Mary T. Kees	Mike Sobert	Renee Barrileaux	Lynette Boudreaux
Blood 3		Linda Oncale	Brian Bartell		Loretta Andry	Loyd Nuesslein
Blood 4		Loretta Andry	Bobbie McDonald		Jeff Daigle	Mary T. Kees
Altar Servers	Elizabeth Garrad	Corey Shaw	Avery Theriot Jacob Theriot	Elizabeth Garrad	Riley Piper	Avery Theriot Jacob Theriot

If visiting seminarians are attending at your assigned Mass, please allow them to serve in your place. *Thanks!*

Prayer for the Year of the Priest
 Heavenly Father,
 Please grant to Your faithful servants, the grace and strength to carry out your mission for the Church each day. Keep our priests close to You and continue to inspire them to serve others in Your Holy Name. Please help to inspire men who are called to a priestly vocation to answer Your call and participate in the fullness that You have planned for them.
Amen.

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