

Saint Thomas the Apostle Church



ASH WEDNESDAY IS THIS WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2018

Masses with distribution of ashes will be:

Oak St. Church:

**6:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m., 4:30 p.m.,
and 6:00 p.m.**

Hispanic Ash Wednesday Mass is at 5:30 a.m. at the Pierson St. Church

Hispanic Ash Wednesday Mass is at 7:30 p.m. at the Oak St. Church

Mission Statement

We are a Catholic family, living our awareness
of Christ's presence through
*worship, service,
evangelization*
and
community
for the benefit of all.

Pastor

Monsignor Daniel J. Hermes

Parochial Vicars

Reverend Jerome P. Koutnik

Reverend Akan S. Simon

Reverend William Tunarosa

Permanent Deacons

Mr. Allen Bondi

Mr. David Deitz

Mr. Edward Morrison

451 W. Terra Cotta Avenue (Oak Street Church)

453 Pierson Street (Pierson Street Church)

272 King Street (Parish Office)

Crystal Lake, Illinois 60014



For Your Information...

New to Saint Thomas Parish?

Being a member means celebrating and making a commitment to Jesus Christ. If you are new to Crystal Lake, or if you have not yet become a member of Saint Thomas, we encourage you to consider joining our community in worship and ministry.



Sacrament of Baptism

Celebrated every Sunday at 1:00 PM. Class, which is held once a month, is required. Parishioners are asked to please call the Parish Secretary at the Parish Office at (815)455-5400 extension 400 to schedule both the Class and Baptism dates. Please note that baptisms are not held during Lent.



Sacrament of Reconciliation—Oak Street Church

Every Saturday, 8:00 AM to 8:45 AM; 3:30 PM to 4:15 PM, Every Monday at 5:30 pm, or anytime by appointment.



Sacrament of Confirmation

Confirmation is celebrated in our parish by the Bishop of the Diocese. There is a two-year preparation for youth 8th grade or older. Contact the Youth Ministry office at (815)455-9037.



Sacrament of Marriage

Couples planning to marry are encouraged to make arrangements at least six months prior to the wedding date. Please contact the Pastoral Center at (815)455-5400 extension 400.



Adult Christian Initiation

If you are interested in RCIA, (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) or learning more about the Catholic Faith tradition, please contact Father Akan Simon at the Pastoral Center (815) 455-5400, ext. 403. Adults interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation can call the Pastoral Center (815)455-5400.



Marian Prayer Group

The rosary is prayed every morning in our Blessed Sacrament Chapel at 7:00 am after Mass. Our Saturday devotion concentrates on our Blessed Mother of Medjugorje with meditation prayer and rosary.



Eucharistic Adoration

Pews in the Holy Hearts Chapel can accommodate approximately 30 people at one time; Every one can come and adore during the hours of 6:00 am to 10:00 pm—Chapel will be open;

Security cards will be needed to enter during the hours of 10:00 pm to 6:00 am; If you wish to apply for a security card, please stop in at the Parish Offices to pick up the form; Any questions, please contact adorationchapel@saintthomascatholicchurch.org.



Saint Thomas the Apostle School

Saint Thomas the Apostle School is a Catholic Pre-3 through 8th grade elementary school serving both the parish communities of Saint Thomas the Apostle and Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton. Every student in our Catholic school receives a strong foundation in all core subjects – Religion, Reading, English, Math, Science, and Social Studies, along with regular classes in Spanish, Computer Technology, Music, Art and Physical Education. For more information, contact Gina Houston, principal at (815)459-0496.



Religious Education Classes

Weekly classes are held for pre-schoolers through 6th grade on Tuesday & Wednesday, from mid-fall through April. Preparation for First Eucharist and First Reconciliation is also given under the direction of the Director of Religious Education. For more information on the program, please contact Charlotte Kolodzick at (815) 455-9787.



Junior High & High School Youth Ministry

We offer many opportunities for faith, fun and service. All youth are welcome! For more information, contact Lisa Kendzior (Junior High) in the Office of Youth Ministry at (815) 455-9037.



Weekly Bulletin Articles

All articles for the Sunday Weekly Bulletin must be turned in Friday, (9 days previous) for consideration of publication in the following Sunday bulletin. Articles should be typed for legibility and accuracy. Insertions may run for a maximum of two weeks consecutively. Please contact Donna Kothera, Parish Secretary, at (815)455-5400, ext. 400.



Hispanic Ministry

Father William Tunarosa offers ministry to the Hispanics of our Parish and of this area. **Sunday Masses for the Hispanic are at 9:30 am AND 11:30 am** in our Church on Pierson Street. **Mass on Thursday evening is at 7:30 pm, AND on Saturday evening at 7:00 pm.** Father's office number 815-356-0860. To schedule baptisms, please call Father Tunarosa at 815-356-0860.



THE PASTOR'S DESK.....

My Dear People,

The **Oregonian** carried this “local story” on January 27, 2017:

Luke is a 21-year-old college student studying to be a paramedic; he also works for the fire department in a small town in Oregon. Not long ago, he went to Portland to celebrate his girlfriend's birthday. He parked in a paid garage. When he returned, he found the window smashed. His backpack and computer were gone. Everything important to him was on that computer; his class notes, papers, and job applications. He felt sick.

Two days after the break-in, an exchange student from the United Arab Emirates named Masoud was approached by a man who said he had a computer for sale. Only \$200. Masoud had been in this country only a year; he admits he was naïve. But he needed a computer, and this was a good deal. He handed the man the cash and took the computer home. Within seconds of turning it on, Masoud saw Luke's files and photographs. *Who would sell a computer with all this on it?* Masoud realized it was stolen.

So Masoud called Luke on the cell number Masoud found on the computer. Luke remembers the call: “This guy with a thick accent told me he had my computer. He told me the story and said it was his fault. With his accent, I thought it was a scam. I told him if he really had the computer, he should take it to the police. I knew that would be the end of it.”

But it wasn't. Masoud took the computer to the police and the police called Luke to come to the station to reclaim his computer. The police were as surprised as Luke — this just doesn't happen. The police also passed along Masoud's number.

Luke called Masoud immediately to thank him and insisted on repaying the \$200 that Masoud was out. But Masoud refused. Masoud said it was his mistake to buy a computer from someone he didn't know. More important, it was his honor and duty as a Muslim to return the property to its rightful owner.

“I saw a photo of this man in his paramedic uniform,” Masoud explains. “Those are great people. They help people. He is a good man. I don't want my money back.”

For Luke, the experience meant more than the return of his computer. Luke had never met a Muslim before. He had a new awareness and perspective of immigrants like Masoud. Masoud, meanwhile, has had a rough first year in America. Shortly after arriving in Oregon, he was physically assaulted by a man who shouted at him to “go home” (the man was later arrested). Now the encounter with the computer thief.

When the president of the university of Portland State University heard what happened, he arranged a new MacBook Pro for Masoud. “We're very proud of you,” the president told him. “You did the right thing.” And Luke later took Masoud to dinner to thank him.

In our Gospel today, a leper comes up to Jesus and kneels before Him and says, “If You wish, You can make me clean.” His words apply to all of us as well. Much like Luke and Masoud in the story above, Jesus gives all of us the grace to live out His compassion and forgiveness, His love and mercy to all those we meet.

Leprosy was an isolating disease — the leper had to stay away from everyone. But Jesus heals him, and his life is totally changed. In much the same way, we can transform our lives with the help of our loving God and His daily grace if we say “Yes” to Him every day. We can walk in the footsteps of Jesus Christ and bring healing and reconciliation to those that our society considers to be “lepers.” We can be living instruments of God's grace to the broken-hearted, the lost, the despairing, and in so doing, follow the example of our Lord Jesus Christ. When we take the first steps to live out our faith in Christ, God's grace is there to help us every step of the way.

Sincerely yours, in Our Lord,

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 12, 2018

6:30 AM (Oak) +Joan Burns
+Mr. and Mrs. Halecki
8:30 AM (Oak) +Hal Helmstetter

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

6:30 AM (Oak) +Joseph Kowasz
+Lloyd and Loretta Smith
8:30 AM (OAK) +Richard Grivett

Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2018

6:30 AM (Oak) +Joshua Nawrocki
+Jim O'Hagan
7:50 AM (Pierson) The People on St. Jude's Prayer List
(Special Intention)
+John Gehrig
12:10 PM (Oak) +Dianne McKibben
4:30 PM (Oak) Edwin Wayne Vasey (Special Intention)
6:00 PM (Oak) +Judy Fues
7:30 PM (Oak) *Hispanic Community*

Thursday, February 15, 2018

6:30 AM (Oak) +Paul Cribb
Laurie Sether and Family (Special
Intention)
8:30 AM (Oak) +Edward Waszak
Emily Leibforth (Special Intention)

Friday, February 16, 2018

6:30 AM (Oak) Francis J. Barciak, Jr. (Special Intention)
8:30 AM (Oak) +The Souls of the Faithful Departed

Saturday, February 17, 2018

7:30 AM (Oak) +Genevieve Sullivan
+Paul Warren
4:30 PM (Oak) +Gloria Novak
+Thomas Stapleton

Sunday, February 18, 2018

7:30 AM +Walter Stevens
Erin Graass (Special Intention)
9:00 AM +Fran Mysliwicz
10:30 AM +Bernard P. Lauber
+Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Ladd
12:00 PM +Marilyn Gillespie
5:30 PM +Helen Johnson

SAINTLY SAYINGS:

**"In God there is happiness forever."
(Blessed Celine Borzecka)**

ADORATION CHAPEL CANDLES DEDICATED FOR THE PERIOD Through February 17, 2018



**Benard Family
Kohls Family
Leahy Family
Sanders Family**

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76;
Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19;
Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17;
2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22;
Mk 1:12-15

Please pray for all those in our Parish who are sick:
Jerry Wahnoutka

Please pray for all the deceased:
Janet Maier
Glenn Waspi
Christopher Lambrecht (nephew of Michael and Paula
Lambrecht)

If you would like Saint Jude's Guild to pray
for your loved one, please contact Georgia
Kostur at 815-459-5432.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED CATHOLICS

Stiles Thomas Carty
(child of Robert and Currens Carty)
Michael John Fenton
(child of Tim and Cassie Fenton)
John James Halford
(child of Scott and Michelle Halford)
Myra JoLee Halvey
(child of Timothy and Amber Halvey)
Michael James McNalis
(child of George and Kelly McNalis)
Benet Simon Telmanik
(child of Robert and Cheralyn Telmanik)



LENTEN REGULATIONS

ABSTINENCE: All persons who have completed their fourteenth year are bound by the Law of Abstinence.

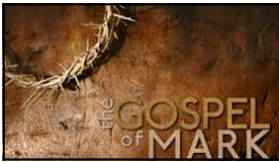
FAST: All adults are bound by the law of fast from their eighteenth year up to the beginning of their sixtieth year.

EXPLANATION: The law of **abstinence** means that a person is bound to abstain **beginning the day after one's fourteenth birthday**.

The law of **fast** means that adults are bound to fast from the day after their seventeenth birthday until the **end of the day of their fifty-ninth birthday**.

APPLICATION: The law of **abstinence** forbids the eating of meat and foods prepared with meat or meat by-products. The law of **fast** allows only one full meal and two lighter meals in the course of a day, and prohibits eating between meals. **In the United States, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. All other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.**

EXCEPTIONS: Women who are pregnant and persons who are sick are not bound by the law of fast.



St. Thomas Lenten Small Groups

The Gospel of Mark will be studied using a published study guide available at the

Little Way Bookstore in Crystal Lake. **We will begin the week of February 19th and end the week of March 26th which is Holy Week. Groups of 10-12 people will meet in people's homes.**

Sign up for these groups is on line at our website at stthomascl.church.

Anyone 19 or over is welcome. Any questions contact JoEllen Gregus at 815-455-5400x404.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT (February 16 through March 23)

All are invited to attend the Stations of the Cross at the Oak Street Church, at 7:00 pm, beginning Friday, February 16. **All are invited to join us on Friday evenings.**

8:30 AM TUESDAY MORNING MASS MOVING TO OAK STREET BEGINNING



TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2018

Beginning Tuesday, February 13, 2018, we will be celebrating the Tuesday 8:30 am Masses at our Oak Street Church.

ASH WEDNESDAY Wednesday, February 14 Masses with distribution of ashes will be:



Oak St. Church:

**6:30 am, 12:10 pm, 4:30 pm,
and 6:00 pm.**

Hispanic Mass at Oak St. Church will be at 7:30 pm.

REVISED MASS SCHEDULE

Due to Father Simon's upcoming surgery, we will **not** be having a 12:10 pm weekday Lenten Mass. We encourage you to attend our morning Masses at 6:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m.

Also, we are **cancelling our 10:30 am Sunday morning Family Mass until further notice.**



Thank you for keeping Father Simon in your thoughts and prayers.

**Mardi Gras —Tuesday,
February 13, 2018—
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm**



Community Center, Oak St. Church

Our Social Events Committee will present our 9th Annual Mardi Gras Get-Together this **Tuesday, February 13, 2018, from 6 pm to 8 pm in the Community Center.** We will have pizza for sale by the slice! There will be kids games, a DJ, dancing, prizes, King Cakes, Cupcakes, beads, and more! No charge, but a free will offering will be accepted!

All are invited! Any questions please contact Sandra Anchor at sandra.anchor@yahoo.com.



PARROQUIA SANTO TOMÁS APÓSTOL / MINISTERIO HISPANO

Dirección: 272 King St. Crystal Lake, IL. 60014 Teléfono: 815-455-5400 Línea Directa: (815)356-0860 Fax: (815) 455-2733

Coordinador: Reverendo William Tunarosa. Atiende al Público: Martes, Miércoles, Jueves, y Viernes de 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Educación Religiosa: José Guimaray. Atención al Público: Jueves 6:00 pm -9:00 pm y Sábados 1:00 pm -7:00 pm

Oficina del Ministerio Hispano-Atención al Público: Lunes a Viernes 9:00 am- 4:30 pm

11 de febrero de 2018

Sexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

A DIOS TODA LA GLORIA

Una característica peculiar de la primera parte del Evangelio según san Marcos es que en general Jesús obra un milagro y luego le dice al beneficiario del milagro que no se lo cuente a nadie. Se ha especulado mucho al respecto: Marcos está preparando el terreno para el gran "secreto" que se revelará cuando Pedro proclame que Jesús es el Mesías en Cesárea de Filipo; otros comentaristas más escépticos sostienen que Jesús, quien era plenamente consciente de su naturaleza humana, sabía que la mejor manera de difundir la Buena Nueva era pidiéndole a las personas que la mantuvieran en secreto. La reflexión de esta manera de guardar el secreto que nos resulta muy útil, sin embargo, es que Jesús estaba comenzando su ministerio público de la forma en que describe Pablo: lo estaba haciendo por la gloria de Dios, no para beneficio propio sino para beneficio de todos. Pablo después escribiría a los filipenses que Jesús "se rebajó a sí mismo" para parecerse a nosotros. Y vemos cómo esta humildad se pone en práctica hoy en la curación del leproso. Jesús está intentando revelar la presencia del Reino de Dios entre las personas, no para recibir gloria sino para que Dios fuera glorificado por él. Imitar esta forma de obrar, lo cual Pablo sugiere que hagan las facciones judías y griegas cristianas de Corintio, todavía nos resulta muy útil hoy.

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MISAS DE IMPOSICIÓN DE CENIZAS

MIÉRCOLES 14 DE FEBRERO

5:30 am Parroquia Santo Tomás Pierson St.

7:00 pm Parroquia Santo Tomás Oak St.

¡Este día es de ayuno y abstinencia!



El Plato de Arroz

Por más de 40 años, El Plato de Arroz ha sido un programa cuaresmal de acción para ayuda de familias alrededor del mundo que sufren necesidad. Llena tu Plato de Arroz con monedas y dólares, cuando tu plato de arroz este lleno por favor traerlo a la parroquia y colocarlo frente a la estatua de la sagrada familia. ¡Gracias por tu generosidad!

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Stgo 1:1-11; Sal 119 (118):67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mc 8:11-13
Martes: Stgo 1:12-18; Sal 94 (93):12-13a, 14-15, 18-19; Mc 8:14-21
Miércoles: Jl 2:12-18; Sal 51 (50):3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Jueves: Dt 30:15-20; Sal 1:1-4, 6; Lc 9:22-25
Viernes: Is 58:1-9a; Sal 51 (50):3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Sábado: Is 58:9b-14; Sal 86 (85):1-6; Lc 5:27-32
Domingo: Gn 9:8-15; Sal 25 (24):4-9; 1 Pe 3:18-22; Mc 1:12-15



PLÁTICA ALCOHOL Y DROGAS

Fecha: Febrero 15

Horario: 6:00 pm

Lugar: Parroquia St. Tomás Pierson St

Presenta: Valeriana Carbajal

Patrocina: El Hospital Advocate Good Shepherd y el ministerio de salud de la parroquia de St. Tomás

Colecta Dominical

Parroquia Oak St. \$ 34,491.88

Parroquia Pierson St. \$ 2,487.38



Rezo del Santo Viacrucis

Te invitamos al rezo del santo viacrucis todos los viernes de cuaresma después de misa de 5:00 pm. En la parroquia Santo Tomás Pierson St.

PARROQUIA SANTO TOMÁS APÓSTOL MINISTERIO HISPANO-ACTIVIDADES LITÚRGICAS

Horarios Misas Dominicales:

Martes 6:00 am
Miércoles 6:00 am
Jueves 7:30 pm
Viernes 5:00 pm
Sábado 7:00 pm
Domingo: 9:30 am Y 11:30 am

Meditación del Santo Rosario:

Viernes: 12:00 pm

Reconciliaciones:

Sábado: 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm
O, haga su cita en horas de oficina.

Unción a los Enfermos:

Favor de llamar a la oficina.

Cursillos Pre -Bautismales:

Primer Domingo del Mes
3:00 pm

Bautizos:

Cada Primer Sábado del Mes a

las 10:00 am

Bodas: Arreglos necesarios en la oficina con 6 meses de anticipación.

Adoración al Santísimo:

Domingo: 10:30 -11:30 am
Viernes: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Reuniones de Monaguillos

Monaguillos del Sábado a las 7:00 pm.

4to. Sábado 8:00 pm

Monaguillos Misa 9:30 am.

4to. Sábado 4:00 pm

Monaguillos Misa 11:30 am.

4to. Domingo 12:45 pm.

Cursillos de Quinceañera:

Domingos 8:30 am- 9:30 am

Grupo de Jóvenes:

Martes 6:00 pm

Club de Mujeres:

Por favor este atento a los anuncios dominicales.

Comunidades:

Lunes: 7:00 pm

Martes: 7:00 pm

Miércoles: 9:15 am

Viernes: 7:00 pm

Práctica Coro Misa 7:00 pm:

Sábado 6:00 pm

Práctica Coro Misa 9:30 am:

Lunes 6:00 pm

Práctica Coro Misa 11:30 am:

Lunes 6:00 pm (solo durante el mes de abril)

Intenciones de Misa

Con 4 días de anticipación (en la oficina parroquial).

Presentación al Templo:

Cada segundo fin de semana del mes después de las misas dominicales.



In observance of Ash Wednesday — Pre-Grade through 6th Grade Religious Education Classes will NOT be held this Tuesday and Wednesday, February 13 and 14. See you at Mass on Ash Wednesday!

SVMR CMP - Save the Date!

Camp is during a new week this year!
June 12 - June 15, 2018 | Grades 6-8

A brand new amazing 4-day Catholic summer camp with swimming, gaga ball, climbing wall and more!

Register now at stthomascl.church/ym

Summit

Grades 6-8 | Sundays 3:30-5:00 PM | 2/25

A place for Junior High to enjoy fellowship and community with one another, and to grow deeper in their faith together.

Flashpoint

Grades 9-12 | Sundays 3:30-5:00 PM | 2/11

A place where high schoolers can have fun, build friendships, and take their faith to the next level!

Lenten Small Groups

Grades 6-12 | Thursdays 6:30-7:30 PM | 2/15, 2/22, 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22

Grow your faith by diving into the weekly readings with other teens this Lent!

InterMISSION

Grades 6-12 | Monday March 12 | 6:15-8:00 PM

InterMISSION is an evening of praise and worship with teens from all across the area! National Catholic Speaker Kris Frank will be speaking and Sonar will be leading praise and worship.

Register now at stthomascl.church/ym

Field Trip to Mundelein

Grades 6-12 | Sunday, March 11th

Roadtrip to visit some of our seminarians at Mundelein and tour the campus.

Register now at stthomascl.church/ym



Join us for our
2018 Lenten Parish Mission
Presented by
Catholic Author and Speaker
Vinny Flynn
Oak St. Church—7:00-8:30pm

- **Monday, February 26**—Divine Mercy and God’s Plan for Your Life
- **Tuesday, February 27**—Healing and Restoration in the Confessional
- **Wednesday, February 28**—The Transforming Power of the Eucharist

There will be babysitting provided. Fellowship in the Community Center will conclude each evening

Any questions call JoEllen Gregus at 815-455-5400x404 or e-mail jgregus@saintthomascatholicchurch.org.

THE OBSERVER
OUR DIOCESAN NEWSPAPER

It is especially important to stay connected to your faith, your church and your fellow Catholics. One way is to read our Diocesan Newspaper, **The Observer**. Cost is still only \$28 for one year’s subscription. **Subscribe online at observer.rockforddiocese.org, or call 815-399-4300, ext. 383.**

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Use the envelope you received in the mail or call 815/399-4300, ext. 383, or visit the web at <http://observer.rockforddiocese.org>.

Want to Learn More?

Do you need more information on the above events?
Do you want to see all the other events Youth Ministry offers?
You can find all that and more on our website!

www.stthomascl.church/ym

JUST TO KEEP YOU POSTED

We like to keep you “current” on some major bills our Parish pays in your name to support the many ministries of our Parish and the many needs of our area. In some cases, checks to different vendors have been grouped together under a particular area of ministry of our Parish. We want to share with you some of these major expenses as a monthly report of our stewardship to you and to keep you posted on our Parish expenses:

January Tithe for the Poor	\$10,492.21
Salaries for 75 employees (1-15-18)	82,142.66
Liturgical Aids	3,019.54
Repairs and Maintenance	7,773.08
Marian High School Subsidy	20,755.00
Property Insurance	7,036.00
Monthly Employee Insurance (38 empls)	36,769.00
Salaries for 71 employees (1-31-18)	77,924.46
Office Supplies/Copiers/Computers Exp.	996.57
Youth Ministry Expenses	490.35
School Cleaning	2,350.00
Utilities	16,550.04
Trash Removal	66.75
AT&T/Verizon	1,164.54
Internet	3,837.49
School Expenses	5,844.23
Table Expense	824.89
RCIA/Adult Educ./Evangelization	1,483.14
Religious Education Expenses	1,628.86
Postage	1,200.00
Church Budget Envelopes	2,265.29
Snow Removal	5,905.00
Seminars/Retreats	2,280.00

St. Thomas Little Saints Catholic Preschool— Registration rescheduled for February 12

St. Thomas Little Saints Catholic Preschool will be hosting walk-in preschool registration the 2018-2019 school year. **Open community** preschool registration will be held **Monday, February 12th at 7:00 pm** at St. Thomas Little Saints Preschool building: 454 Lake St. Please pick-up a registration packet at the preschool or online at the St. Thomas School website www.stthomascl.org. Please contact Preschool Director: Jennifer Gallien with any questions regarding registration at (815) 459-0496 ex. 239 or jgallien@stthomascl.org.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION CLASSES FOR ADULTS Sign up Now to Attend



If you are age 18 or older — a baptized Catholic — have received your First Holy Communion, but have not yet been Confirmed, please join Father Jerome Koutnik for the 4-part series on the basics of the Catholic faith, culminating with the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation in May 2018.

Please register for these 4 class sessions by calling Jo-ellen Gregus at 815-455-5400, ext. 404, or email: jgregus@saintthomascatholicchurch.org. **Class Sessions will be from 7:00 pm to 9:00 p.m. in the lower level of the Oak St. Church on the following Wednesdays in 2018: February 21, March 7, March 14, March 21. Please join us. Did you know a Sponsor for Baptism and Confirmation is to be a practicing Catholic who has received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation?**

BEST LENT EVER

**DON'T GIVE UP
chocolate
FOR LENT**

This year, do something different. Join our parish for BEST LENT EVER, a free email program from Dynamic Catholic that will help you have a life-changing Lent. Each day, you'll receive an email with ...

- Inspirational Videos
- Practical Tips
- Encouraging Stories

SIGN UP AT
DynamicCatholic.com/40Days

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Time - Talent - Treasure

Thank you for your generosity to Our Lord and to your Parish

Our Parish Income (Oak St. Church) for Sunday, February 4, 2018 was \$34,491.88

Our Parish Income (Pierson St. Church) for Sunday, February 4, 2018 was \$2,487.38

Our Parish Tithe this week will go to **Louveture Cleary School in Haiti**, to help the impoverished children of Haiti get a good Catholic education.

TITHING TEACHES: Tithing teaches the happy virtue of gratitude. We tend to think of ourselves as “selfmade.” We forget that all we have, we have received. Tithing changes the attitude too, for tithing is an acknowledgement that “it is God that hath made us and not we ourselves.” (Psalm 100:3). The person who tithes is saying, “Thank you” to God for health, food, family, love and life.

MINISTRY SCHEDULES Sat./Sun. February 17 and 18, 2018

Altar Servers:

4:30 PM: W. Foster, S. Foster, L. Morehead, J. Simms
7:30 AM: C. Dunlea, 3 girl altar servers needed
9:00 AM: R. Brickey, G. Brickey, M. Carzoli, B. Noonan
10:30 AM: O. Arza, S. McManus, R. Mrazsko, L. Newton
12:00 PM: S. Fiedler, T. Niewmann, C. Spreitzer, S.

Truckenbrod

5:30 PM: H. Benard, P. Parlberg, G. Wingett, 1 Girl

Volunteer Needed

Lectors:

4:30 PM: A. Wojcik, B. Blazier
7:30 AM: L. Gajdzik, M. Przybylski
9:00 AM: B. Ferraro, R. Ferraro
10:30 AM: D. Amoruso, K. Cronin
12:00 PM: J. Majewska, C. Kelecus
5:30 PM: C. Milone, J. Saidler

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

4:30 PM: #1 A. O'Connell, #2 Volunteer Needed, S. Baker, C. Brauneis, J. Brauneis, L. Buthod, D. Calcagno, V. Hill, G. Marmol, J. Thompson
7:30 AM: #1 F. Moczulewski, #2 E. Sernett, V. DeLance, L. Doherty, D. Dunlea, B. Flynn, M. Genzler, M. Hunt, D. Schaffer, E. Wojewoda
9:00 AM: #1 I. Carlino, #2 C. Ossman, K. Anderson, J. Brickey, J. Ellinger, B. Frey, K. Krallitsch, J. Tinkham, T. Turner, K. White
10:30 AM: #1 J. Berg, #2 M. Turk, J. Arza, F. Barnes, J. Barnes, F. Ciangi, R. Ellis, G. Houston, M. Klepitsch, T. Lentz
12:00 PM: #1 Sister Appolonia, C. Benkert, 2 Volunteers Needed
5:30 PM: #1 J. Ladd, Jr., S. Gawart, R. Heuel, D. Talaga

Celebrants: Mon., Feb. 12, through Sat., Feb. 17, 2018

2-12-18: 6:30 am Fr. Simon; 8:30 am Msgr. Hermes
2-13-18: 6:30 am Fr. Koutnik; 8:30 am (Oak) Fr. Simon
2-14-18: 6:30 am (Oak) Msgr. Hermes; 7:50 am (Pierson-School) Fr. Koutnik; 12:10 pm (Oak) Fr. Koutnik; 4:30 pm (Oak) Fr. Simon; 6:00 pm (Oak) Fr. Simon
2-15-18: 6:30 am Fr. Koutnik; 8:30 am Fr. Tunarosa;
2-16-18: 6:30 am Fr. Koutnik; 8:30 am Msgr. Hermes;
2-17-18: 7:30 am Msgr. Hermes

Celebrants—February 17 and 18, 2018

4:30 PM Father Jerome Koutnik
7:30 AM Father Akan Simon
9:00 AM Msgr. Daniel Hermes
10:30 AM Msgr. Daniel Hermes
12:00 PM Father Jerome Koutnik
5:30 PM Father Akan Simon

Parish Calendar

Sunday, February 11, 2018

Coffee and Donuts

World Marriage Day/World Day of the Sick

9:00 AM R.C.I.A. (Oak St. Church)
10:00 AM R.C.I.A. (Lower Level-Oak St. Church)
1:00 PM R.E. Home Study (Community Center)

Monday, February 12, 2018

10:00 AM Women's Bible Study (Lower Level-Oak Church)
10:30 AM MMP Rosary Group (Pierson St. Church)
4:45 PM St. Catherine of Siena Guild (Parish Center)
6:30 PM SPRED Friend Session (Parish Center)
7:00 PM Financial Peace (FPU) (Community Center)
7:00 PM Preschool Registration for New Families (Preschool Building)

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

8:30 AM Mass is now at Oak St. Church on Tuesdays

No R.E. Classes

6:00 PM Mardi Gras (Community Center)

Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2018

Day of Fast and Abstinence

Valentine's Day

Masses with Distribution of Ashes

at the Oak St. Church:

6:30 am, 12:10 pm, 4:30 pm, and 6:00 pm

9:00 AM St. Jude Guild Mtg (Parish Center)

No R.E. Classes

7:00 PM Reason to Believe (Lower Level-Oak Church)

7:30 PM Hispanic Mass (Oak St. Church)

Thursday, February 15, 2018

Friday, February 16, 2018

School Dismissed at 11:00 am

8:00 AM St. Monica Guild Meeting (Lower Level-Pierson)

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross (Oak St. Church)

Saturday, February 17, 2018

The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

6:00 AM That Man Is You (Community Center)

8:15 AM Men's Saturday Group (Lower Level-Oak Church)

First Sunday of Lent, February 18, 2018

Knights of Columbus Breakfast

9:00 AM Deaf Mass (Parish Center)

9:00 AM R.C.I.A. (Oak St. Church)

10:00 AM R.C.I.A. (Lower Level-Oak St. Church)



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Friday: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Saturday: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Oak St. Church Office (in Parish Library) Hours:
 Sunday 8:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Office Telephone: 815-455-5400

Mass Schedule:

Daily Mass: 6:30 AM (Oak Street)
 8:30 AM (Oak Street—Mon/Tues/Thurs/
 Friday)

7:50 AM (Pierson St.— Wednesday)

Saturday: 7:30 AM (Oak Street)
 4:30 PM (Oak Street)

Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM,
 12:00 PM, 5:30 PM (Oak Street)
 Family Mass @ 10:30 AM (Oct. — May)

Spanish Mass (Pierson St. Church):

Thursday — 7:15 pm Saturday — 7:00 pm
 Sunday — 9:30 am and 11:30 am

Reconciliation:

Every Saturday (Oak St. Church):

8:00 AM— 8:45 AM and 3:30 PM – 4:15 PM

Every Monday: 5:30 pm –6:30 pm (Oak St. Church)
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