First Sunday of Lent  
March 10, 2019

**Saint Thomas the Apostle 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.

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**Pastor**
Reverend John R. Evans

**Parochial Vicars**
Reverend Jerome P. Koutnik
Reverend Akan S. Simon
Reverend William Tunarosa

**Permanent Deacons**
Mr. Allen Bondi
Mr. David Deitz
Mr. Edward Morrison

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**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**OAK STREET CHURCH**

**STATION #1**
**JESUS IS SENTENCED TO DEATH**

**STATION #2**
**JESUS TAKES HIS CROSS**

**STATION #3**
**JESUS FALLS THE FIRST TIME**
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 Kolodzik 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 Joshua Goodman, Youth Minister, or 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.
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

May Christ, Who fasted forty days and nights, guide and strengthen you this week!

Let’s keep it simple. An all-loving God made my great-great-great . . . grandparents. He gave them the inheritance of unending joy. They gambled on my inheritance, and lost it. Thank God, the story does not end there. A King became a worm. God became man. He invited us to love others unconditionally, and we killed Him for that. Again, thank God, the story does not end there. He came back to life by His own power. He commanded us to spread His message to the whole world, and then went back to His Father. We did not know how to do this, so we hid in a locked room. Suddenly, a great boom came into the room, and filled us with Power. Our diverse group became one. From this unity, we exited the room, and were able to do exactly what that God-Man commanded us to do. We can now live our lives, knowing that when we die, that is not the end. At the end of time, our very bodies will arise, even as our souls, please God, go straight to Him at the hour of our death. We will all be together with God, in perfect, unending joy, forever.

This is beautiful, isn’t it! But how do we remember it all? The Apostles gave us a simple memory tool. Allow me to restate this preceding paragraph. “I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.”

Okay, it’s been bothering me. At Sunday Mass, week after week I have been “rattling off” our Creed, with so little thought as to what I am saying. And yet, as the great singer Rich Mullins so eloquently said of the Creed, “I did not make it; no, it is making me.” For the next several weeks, let’s ponder this prayer, and be “remade.”

Until next week, know that I remain,

Yours in the Heart of Christ,

Fr. Evans
Mass Intentions

Monday, March 11, 2019
6:30 AM (Oak)  +Roger Norden
8:30 AM (Oak)  +The Souls of the Faithful Departed
              Franca Onwualu (Special Intention)
12:10 PM (Oak) Theresa Malkoone (Special Intention)

Tuesday, March 12, 2019
6:30 AM (Oak)  +Edward Waszak
8:30 AM (Oak)  +Marilyn Apostol
12:10 PM (Oak) +Jeff Meyer

Wednesday, March 13, 2019
6:30 AM (Oak)  +Benjamin and Lillian Gavett
7:50 AM (Pierson) +Kevin Leick
              The People on St. Jude’s Prayer List
              (Special Intention)
12:10 PM (Oak) +Siegfried “Zeke” Tietjen

Thursday, March 14, 2019
6:30 AM (Oak)  +The Souls of the Faithful Departed
              Clarence Scheich Family, Living &
              Deceased
8:30 AM (Oak)  +Pat Kacer
12:10 PM (Oak) +Pam Militello

Friday, March 15, 2019
6:30 AM (Oak)  +Patricia Floeter
              Baby Preston Baldwin (Special Intention)
8:30 AM (Oak)  +Paul Cribb
              Larry and Nancy Leibforth (Special
              Intention, 33rd Wedding Anniv.)
12:10 PM (Oak) +The Souls of the Faithful Departed

Saturday, March 16, 2019
7:30 AM (Oak)  +Paul Warren
4:30 PM (Oak)  +Ryan Freeman

Sunday, March 17, 2019
7:30 AM (Oak)  +William and Molly Morrison
              +Robert Ryan
9:00 AM (Oak)  +Solanges Dominique
              +Dianne McKibben
10:30 AM (Oak) +Terrence Crowley
              +David Hanes
12:00 PM (Oak) +Rosann Bussey
5:30 PM (Oak)  The People of St. Thomas the Apostle
              Parish, Living and Deceased

Please pray for all those in our Parish who are sick:
Ralph Backe  Baby Preston Baldwin
Autumn Allen  Tom Lehner

Please pray for all the deceased:
Paula Harrison (mother of Lois Maltry)
Patricia Maher (mother of Mary Frazier)
Bernadine Buell
Mark Cramsey

If you would like Saint Jude’s Guild to pray for
the special intention of a loved one who is
living and in need of prayers, please contact Georgia
Kostur at 815-459-5432.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES RICE BOWL

For more than 40 years, CRS Rice Bowl has been
Catholic Relief Services’ Lenten faith-in-action pro-
gram for families.  Rice Bowls can be found in the Nar-
thex of our Oak St. Church during Lent.  Put a Rice
Bowl and the accompanying calendar in a prominent
place.  Fill your Rice Bowl with coins and dollars;
when your Rice Bowl is full, please bring to the Oak St.
Church or Parish Center and we will send your dona-
tions to Catholic Relief Services for you.  We ask that
these be turned in by April 14, 2019. Thank you for
your generosity to those around the world in need.
Knights of Columbus St. Patrick’s Irish Pub Night - Dinner
Saturday, March 16, 2019
6:00 pm
Come and celebrate the 50th anniversary
(the longest consistent running parish event!)
Tickets: Adults—$20.00
Kids age 12 and under — $10.00
Contact Matt Carzoli at 815-216-1391 for further information

LIGHT OF THE WORLD RETREAT THIS WEEKEND
We ask that you would please keep the Light of the World Team and Retreatants in your prayers this weekend as they attend the Retreat.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT (through April 12)
All are invited to attend the Stations of the Cross at the Oak Street Church, at 7:00 pm, Join us on Friday evenings.

FRIDAY, MARCH 15 SOUP DINNER BEFORE STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Join us on Friday, March 15, for a soup dinner fundraiser followed by Stations of the Cross for families.

Soup will begin to be served at 5:00 pm, and will continue until stations begin at 7:00 pm. Join us for special Stations of the Cross that are geared towards family devotional time.

Soups will be broccoli and cheddar (gluten free) and farmer vegetable. Cost is $7 per bowl or $30 per family. Proceeds will benefit our Junior High Summer Camp.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL
Preschool through 8th Grade
265 King St.
Crystal Lake, IL

Faith Formation—Catholic Doctrine—Christian Values—
Community Service—Academic Excellence
St. Thomas Catholic School 2019-2020 Registration will take place Tuesday, March 12, 2019, and Thursday, March 14, 2019, at 6:30 pm in the School cafeteria (265 King St.)

The school family of St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School in Crystal Lake, Illinois provides faith formation and academic excellence for all students desiring a Catholic elementary education. The uniqueness of each child is developed and celebrated within an environment where God can be encountered. By teaching and modeling Gospel values, we enable our students to become socially responsible leaders of the Third Millennium.

Registration will be held at St. Thomas School on Tuesday, March 12, and Thursday, March 14, at 6:30 pm in the School Cafeteria (265 King St.).

We have openings in all grade levels. If you would like to take a tour of St. Thomas School, please contact Michelle Boppart at 815-459-0496.

St. Thomas the Apostle School
Little Saints Preschool
454 Lake St., Crystal Lake

Are you looking for a wonderfully nurturing, faith-filled, Catholic preschool for your little one?

St. Thomas the Apostle Little Saints Preschool has openings for the 2019-2020 school year. We would love to schedule your family for a tour of our beautiful, state of the art building and show you all we have to offer. Check us out on Facebook to see examples of programs and curriculum choices. For more information, please visit the preschool registration section on the main page of the school website www.stthomasci.org or contact Preschool Director Jennifer Gallien: jgallien@stthomasci.org.
10 de marzo de 2019
Primer Domingo de Cuaresma

ORACIÓN, LIMOSNA, AYUNO Y TENTACIÓN

A medida que empezamos nuestro tiempo de oración, limosna y ayuno, la lectura del libro del Deuteronomio nos recuerda nuestro deber de ofrecer: “Dejarás los frutos en la presencia del Señor tu Dios, te postrarás ante él” (Deuteronomio 26:10). La lectura de la carta a los romanos nos refiere a nuestra oración, recordándonos que “La palabra está cerca de ti, en tu boca y en tu corazón . . . todo el que invoque el nombre del Señor se salvará” (Romanos 10:8, 13). Estas palabras son reconfortantes, y nos animan a pedir a Dios aquello que necesitamos y nos ayuda en nuestra oración. Por último, el Evangelio de Lucas nos muestra a Jesús ayunando, siendo tentado así como lo somos nosotros y además él entiende lo que significa ser humano. Alguien una vez dijo que la tentación surge cuando se está cansado y rendido; y el mal viene y hace una sugerencia perfectamente razonable. Jesús no muestra que, con su ayuda, nosotros también podemos vencer nuestras tentaciones, tan razonable como pueda sonar.

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Sal 19 (18):8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
Martes: Is 55:10-11; Sal 34 (33):4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Miércoles: Jon 3:1-10; Sal 51 (50):3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Le 11:29-32
Jueves: Est 12:14-16, 23-25; Sal 138 (137):1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
Viernes: I Pe 5:1-4; Sal 23 (22):1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
Sábado: Dt 26:15-18; Sal 119 (118):1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
Domingo: Gé 15:5-12, 17-18; Sal 27 (26):1, 7-9, 13-14; Fil 3:17 – 4:1 [3:20 – 4:1]; Le 9:28b-36

Ceremonia de Velas Retiro Luz del Mundo
en Inglés

Si ya recibiste el retiro de luz del mundo, te invitamos, hoy domingo 10 de marzo, a las 6:00 pm, en la parroquia St. Tomás Pierson St., a la ceremonia de las velas del retiro de Nuestros hermanos Anglos.

Gracias por tu generosa donación para la Colecta Internacional el 9 y 10 de marzo.
¡Que Dios bendiga y multiplique tu generosa ofrenda!
LENTEN DAILY MASS SCHEDULE
In addition to our regular morning weekday Masses, this Lent we are offering an additional daily Mass at 12:10 pm at our Oak Street Church (Monday thru Friday). We are doing this in hopes that it will be a possible and convenient time for many of you to come over on your lunch hour and join us for Lenten Mass and then return to work.

URGENT: Your help is needed in Springfield to stop abortion-expansion in Illinois!
Several extreme abortion-expansion bills have been introduced in the Illinois General Assembly, and your help is needed to stop them! If passed, these bills would repeal the state’s ban on partial birth abortions, define abortion as a fundamental right, remove abortion clinics from regulations for serious medical procedures, remove the requirement that only doctors can perform abortions, and repeal the current Parental Notification Law, among other things. We must make our voices heard and you can make a difference!

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Not on FORMED YET? It is easy and FREE.
To register:
1. Go to saintthomascatholicchurch.formed.org
2. Click register, then enter your name, email address and desired password.
3. You are all ready to access the inspiring and engaging content on FORMED. Click STUDY and watch Presence.

PRESENCE: THE MYSTERY OF THE EUCHARIST
Thursday, March 14, 2019
Thursday, March 21, 2019
7:00 pm to 8:30 pm
Lower Level of the Oak St. Church

Please join us for a 2-night parish-wide group study on the Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist—March 14 and March 21, at 7:00 pm, in the Lower Level of the Oak St. Church. All are welcome.

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

Our Parish Income (Oak St. Church) for Sunday, March 3, 2019 was $38,473.14
Our Parish Income (Pierson St. Church) for Sunday, March 3, 2019 was $3,224.59

Our Parish Tithe this week will go to **Pontifical North American College in Vatican City.**

**RESPONSIBILITY:** Stewardship is the direct challenge from deep faith to take responsibility or to be responsible. We respond to the Creator’s gifts to us. We respond with the use of our time and talents. We respond with the decisions about how to use our gifts, including our finances.
### Parish Calendar

**Sunday, March 10, 2019**
- Daylight Savings Time Begins
- Coffee and Donuts
- Light of the World Retreat

**Monday, March 11, 2019**
- 10:30 AM MMP Rosary Group (Pierson St. Church)
- 4:30 PM St. Catherine of Siena Guild (Parish Center)
- 6:30 PM SPRED Prep (Parish Center)
- 6:30 PM Light of the World Retreat (Pierson St. Church)
- 7:00 PM YM Adoration/Confessions (Oak St. Church)

**Tuesday, March 12, 2019**
- 4:30 PM R.E. Grade Classes (Pierson St. Church)
- 6:30 PM School Registration (King St. School Cafeteria)

**Wednesday, March 13, 2019**
- 9:00 AM St. Jude Guild (Parish Center)
- 4:00 PM YM Lenten Bible Study (Parish Center)
- 4:30 PM R.E. Grade Classes (Pierson St. Church)
- 6:00 PM R.E. Family Faith Formation (King St. School)
- 7:00 PM Reason to Believe (Parish Library)

**Thursday, March 14, 2019**
- 12:30 PM St. Anthony Guild (Parish Center)
- 6:30 PM School Registration (King St. School Cafeteria)
- 7:00 PM “Presence” Study (Lower Level-Oak St. Church)

**Friday, March 15, 2019**
- Hispanic Light of the World Retreat
- 9:00 AM St. Monica Guild (Lower Level-Pierson Church)
- 5:00 PM Soup Dinner Fundraiser (Community Center)
- 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross (Oak St. Church)

**Saturday, March 16, 2019**
- Hispanic Light of the World Retreat
- 6:00 AM That Man Is You (Community Center)
- 8:00 AM Women’s Endow Group (Parish Library)
- 8:15 AM Men’s Saturday Group (Lower Level-Oak Church)
- 6:00 PM St. Patrick’s Dinner (Community Center)

**Sunday, March 17, 2019**
- 9:00 AM R.C.I.A. (Oak St. Church)
- 10:00 AM R.C.I.A. Class (Lower Level-Oak St. Church)

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### MINISTRY SCHEDULES  Sat./Sun,  March 16 and 17, 2019

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- Father Jerome P. Koutnik, Parochial Vicar
- Father Akan S. Simon, Parochial Vicar
- Hispanic Ministry:
  - Father William Tunarosa, Parochial Vicar

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- Donna Kothera, Parish Secretary
- Patricia Roatch, Financial Secretary
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