

Saint Thomas the Apostle Church

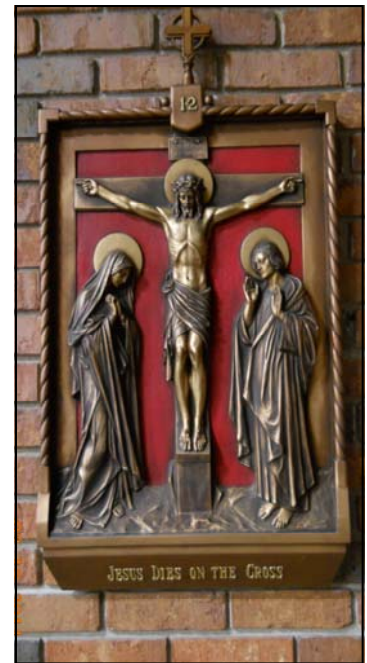
STATIONS OF THE CROSS OAK STREET CHURCH



**STATION #10
JESUS IS STRIPPED OF
HIS GARMENTS**



**STATION #11
JESUS IS NAILED TO
THE CROSS**



**STATION #12
JESUS DIES ON THE
CROSS**

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.



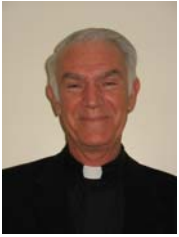
Weekly Bulletin Articles

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,

This article was entitled "Learning to Walk in the Dark," by Barbara Taylor:

When he was seven years old, Jacques Lusseyran was blinded in a schoolroom accident. In France in those years before World War II, the blind and disabled were swept to the margins of society, many left to a life of begging. Doctors urged Jacques' parents to send him to a residential school for the blind in Paris, but they would not hear of it. They kept Jacques in his local school where he would learn to function in the seeing world. His mother learned Braille with him; the principal of the school ordered a special desk for Jacques large enough to hold his Braille typewriter. But the best thing his parents did for him was never to pity him. His father constantly encouraged his son, "Always tell us when you discover something."

Lusseyran quickly learned that he was not a poor blind boy but the discoverer of a new world. Barely ten days after his accident, he writes, "he discovered a "light" within himself that enabled him to "see" things he might never have found any other way. Lusseyran remembers that, from that moment on, he was now guided by a light that was as real as the light he could no longer see:

"I felt this light gushing forth every moment and brimming over; I felt how it wanted to spread out over the world. I had only to receive it. It was unavoidably there. It was all there, and I found again its movements and shades, that is, its colors, which I had loved so passionately a few weeks before.

"This was something entirely new, you understand, all the more so since it contradicted everything that those who have eyes believe. The source of light is not in the outer world. We believe that it is only because of a common delusion. The light dwells where life also dwells: within ourselves."

Lusseyran also came to see how that light changed with his inner condition. When he was sad or afraid the light decreased at once. Sometimes it went out altogether, leaving him deeply and truly blind — but when he was joyful or attentive, it returned as strong as ever. He learned very quickly that the best way to see the inner light and remain in its presence was to love.

Lusseyran went on to become a brilliant student, with an uncanny ability to read people, to hear what was not said, to grasp immediately what was being kept hidden. In 1940, at the age of 17, he joined the French Resistance, helping to smuggle French POWs across the border. He was arrested in 1944 and sent to Buchenwald. That he was one of only 30 to survive Buchenwald was extraordinary — but to survive so as a blind man was miraculous. But Lusseyran later wrote in his memoir **And Then There Was Light** that it was that light he found within himself that enabled him to survive.

"That is what you had to do to live in the camp: be engaged, not live for yourself alone. The self-centered life has no place in the world of the deported. You must go beyond it, lay hold on something outside yourself. Never mind how: by prayer if you know how to pray; through another man's warmth which communicates with yours, or through yours which you pass on to him; or simply by no longer being greedy...Be engaged, no matter how, but be engaged."

In our Gospel today, Jesus says, "...whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God." Jesus offers Himself as our light — a light that through our baptism enters within us and has the power to illuminate what is wise and true and holy, a light that is the very love of God.

This Season of Lent, when we walk with Jesus every day, calls us to embrace the Light of Christ within ourselves, and to let that Light lead us to be Jesus Christ for all those whom we meet.

Sincerely yours, in Our Lord,

Magr. Dan Ferrer

Mass Intentions

Monday, March 12, 2018

6:30 AM (Oak) +Joan Sanders
+Ed Koscak
8:30 AM (Oak) +Edward Waszak
Joseph Klimczak (Special Intention)

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

6:30 AM (Oak) +Joshua Nawrocki
8:30 AM (Oak) +Daniel Dombrowski
+Terri Baseggio

Wednesday, March 14, 2018

6:30 AM (Oak) Clarence Schick Family Members,
Living and Deceased
7:50 AM (Pierson) +Steve Benson
The People on St. Jude's Prayer List
(Special Intention)

Thursday, March 15, 2018

6:30 AM (Oak) +Patricia Floeter
8:30 AM (Oak) +Paul Cribb
Larry and Nancy Leibforth (Special
Intention, 32nd Wedding Anniv.)

Friday, March 16, 2018

6:30 AM (Oak) +Orchid Majikes
8:30 AM (Oak) +Ryan Freeman
+Norb Bechtold

Saturday, March 17, 2018

7:30 AM (Oak) +Walter Stevens
+William Spencer
4:30 PM (Oak) +Chris Iafigliola
+Jim O'Hagan

Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 18, 2018

7:30 AM Louis Kobza (Special Intention)
9:00 AM +Solanges Dominique
+Joseph Misurelli
10:30 AM +Olivia Bongiorno
12:00 PM +Susan Culp
+Marie Bloomquist
5:30 PM The People of St. Thomas the Apostle
Parish, Living and Deceased

**ADORATION CHAPEL CANDLES
DEDICATED FOR THE PERIOD
Through March 17, 2018**



**Benard Family
Jagodzinski Family
Slowey Family
Walsh Family**

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18;
Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23;
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9;
Jn 12:20-33
Alternate readings (Year A):
Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11;
Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

SAINTLY SAYINGS:

“At the end of life the door to eternity stands open; no one can pass through unless he carries a cross.” Pope St. John XXIII

Please pray for all those in our Parish who are sick:
Michael Lambrecht

Please pray for all the deceased:
Richard Coulon
Rose Marie Cain (sister of Mary (Vaughn) Heidenreich)

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



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS
EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT
(Through March 23)**



All are invited to attend the Stations of the Cross at the Oak Street Church, at 7:00 pm.

This Friday, March 16, St. Thomas the Apostle School Students will be presenting the living Stations of the Cross. All are invited to attend.

**LIGHT OF THE WORLD
RETREAT
THIS WEEKEND**



We ask that you would keep the Light of the World Team and Retreatants in your prayers this weekend as they attend the Light of the World Retreat.

**REKINDLE THE FLAME RETREAT
FOR PAST LIGHT OF THE WORLD
RETREATANTS—March 24, 2018**



Saints Peter and Paul could be considered the *Proto* or First Evangelists of our Catholic Tradition. What fueled their courage? What was their secret? How is it that a fisherman and a persecutor of Christians ended up bringing the Gospel to the far corners of the known world? What was it about them that converted aristocrats and peasants alike? **If you're looking to rekindle the flame of your own apostolic courage, join Father Jonathan Bakkelund as he discusses Saints Peter and Paul: Rome's Great Evangelizers! The retreat will take place, Saturday, March 24, from 9 am to 12 Noon at Saint Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, 451 W. Terra Cotta, Ave., Crystal Lake, IL. Lunch is provided.** This talk is intended for those who have already attended a Light of the World Retreat. Father Bakkelund was a seminarian and deacon at Saint Thomas Parish from 2009-2010. He currently is the Pastor of St. Peter Catholic Church in Geneva, IL.

Individual Confessions at the Oak St. Church:
Saturday, March 17, 2018, from 8:00 am to 9:00 am and from 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm;
Saturday, March 24, 2018, from 8:00 am to 9:00 am and from 3:00 pm to 4:15 pm;
Monday, March 26, 2018, from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm (no 5:30 pm);
Tuesday, March 27, 2018, from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm;
Wednesday, March 28, 2018, from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm.
This concludes our Easter Confessions.



POPE FRANCIS — ON THE SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

“When people tell me, ‘but Father, I am ashamed,’ I say, shame is also good; it is healthy to feel a little ashamed, because being ashamed is salutary. Shame does good because it makes us more humble, and the priest receives this confession with love and tenderness and forgives us on God’s behalf.” “Also, in order to unburden oneself, it is good to talk with a brother and tell the priest these things which are weighing so much on our heart. And one feels that one is unburdening oneself before God, with the Church, with his brother the priest.” **“Do not be afraid of confession!** When one finishes confession, one leaves feeling free, grand, beautiful, forgiven, candid, happy. This is the beauty of confession! I would like to ask you — when was the last time you made your confession? And if much time has passed, do not lose another day. Go, the priest will be good. **Jesus is there, and he receives you with so much love. Be courageous and go to confession!** Going to confession means being enfolded in a warm embrace: it is the embrace of the Father’s infinite mercy and love.”

**COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES
SCHEDULE**

Tuesday, March 20, 2018, at 7:00 pm, at
 SS. Peter & Paul Church in Cary;
Tuesday, March 27, 2018, at 7:00 pm, at
 St. Thomas the Apostle Oak St.
 Church in Crystal Lake;
Wednesday, March 28, 2018, at 7:00 pm, at
 St. Margaret Mary Church in Algonquin.

**DAY OF RECONCILIATION
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2018**

**9:00 am in the morning to
8:00 pm in the evening**

There are many people who have felt the longing for reconciliation but, because of fear or other reasons, have put off going to confession. If you know someone who has been away from the Sacrament of Reconciliation, invite them to **“Be Reconciled”** on **Wednesday, March 21.** If that person is you, the opportunity for reconciliation to talk about your questions or concerns with a priest or just to make your Lenten confession is there.

Come and **“Be Reconciled.”**

**English Confessions—Oak St. Church —
from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm;**

**Hispanic Confessions:
Parish Center (272 King St.) from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm and at the Pierson St. Church from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm**





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 Guimaráy. 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 marzo de 2018

Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma RESPONSABILIDAD COMUNAL

El pueblo de Dios olvidó la alianza y se burló de las leyes de Dios. No escucharon a los profetas que había entre ellos, los cuales les advertían en nombre de Dios. Los profetas son enviados por Dios para recordarnos por qué estamos aquí, pero muchas veces, incluso en nuestra época, nos burlamos de ellos, los despreciamos y los maltratamos, en vez de escucharlos y agradecerles.

El libro de las Crónicas nos cuenta los resultados de estos pecados: la destrucción del Templo y de toda Jerusalén, asesinatos, caos y por último el exilio a una tierra desconocida. ¿Por qué hallamos estos relatos en la Biblia? ¿Están ahí sólo para informarnos lo que les sucedió a nuestros antepasados? ¿Qué bien nos puede traer eso a menos que también haya un mensaje y una advertencia para nosotros? ¿Somos personas que respetan las enseñanzas de Dios, que obedecen las palabras de Cristo en la segunda alianza en su sangre? ¿O continuamos sembrando obras de maldad y violencia? Estas lecturas nos recuerdan que seremos juzgados como pueblo, no sólo como individuos.

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ENSAYO DE JUEVES SANTO Y VIERNES SANTO

Lunes 12 de Marzo 6:30 pm.
Parroquia Santo Tomás Oak St.
¡Para todos los servidores del jueves Santo y el Viernes Santo!



Domingo de Ramos-Horario de Procesión y Misa

Sábado 24 de Marzo-Procesión y Misa de Ramos 7:00 pm.
Domingo 25 de Marzo-Procesión y Misa de Ramos 9:00 am
Domingo 25 de Marzo-Procesión y Misa de Ramos 11:30 am



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!

REZO DEL SANTO VIACRUCIS



Los viernes de cuaresma después de misa de 5:00 pm.
Parroquia Santo Tomás Pierson St.

COLECTA DOMINICAL

Parroquia Oak St. \$ 44,729.08
Parroquia Pierson St. \$ 3,405.60

HORARIO DE TRIDUO PASCUAL

Jueves 29 de Marzo-Jueves Santo-Misa del Ultima Cena 8:00 pm. Parroquia St. Tomás Oak St. Seguidamente Adoración hasta las 11:59 pm.
Viernes 30 de Marzo-Viernes Santo-Viacrucis en Vivo 4:00 pm. Estacionamiento St. Tomas Oak St. Seguidamente la Liturgia de la Pasión Parroquia St. Tomás Oak St.
Sábado 31 de Marzo-Sábado de Gloria-Vigilia Pascual 7:30 pm Parroquia St. Tomás Pierson St.



CONFESIONES COMUNITARIAS

Fecha: Martes 27 de Marzo
Horario: 7:00 pm
Lugar: Community Room St. Tomás Oak St.



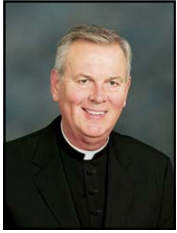
RECONCILIARSE (CONFESARSE)

Fecha: Miércoles 21 de Marzo
Horarios: 2:00-4:00 pm Oficina Parroquial y 6:00-9:00 pm St. Tomás Pierson St.

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Is 65:17-21; Sal 30 (29):2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
Martes: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Sal 46 (45):2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Miércoles: Is 49:8-15; Sal 145 (144):8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
Jueves: Ex 32:7-14; Sal 106 (105):19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Viernes: Sab 2:1a, 12-22; Sal 34 (33):17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Sábado: Jer 11:18-20; Sal 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
Domingo: Jer 31:31-34; Sal 51 (50):3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33
Lecturas alternativas (Año A): Ez 37:12-14; Sal 130 (129):1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]





**WOMEN'S
ANNUAL DAY OF
RECOLLECTION
Wednesday, March 14, 2018
10:00 am Mass
Oak St. Church**

All women of the Parish are invited to attend the Women's Club Day of Recollection on **Wednesday, March 14, 2018**, beginning with Mass at the Oak St. Church at 10:00 am, followed by a "brown bag" lunch in the Community Center. St. Jude's Guild will provide refreshments and dessert.

Father Geoffrey Wirth will be the guest celebrant and speaker. Father will talk on "Living Faithfully." For information, please call Helen Comiskey at 815-459-3832. **All women of the Parish are invited.**



Lenten Small Groups

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

Grow your faith by diving into the weekly readings with other teens this Lent! We meet in the YM Office.

Steubenville Youth Conference

Grades 8-12 | July 20-22, 2018

An intense conference with literally *thousands* of other teens for a powerful weekend as you dive deeper in your faith! There's live music, inspiring talks, moving testimonies and profound experiences in prayer.

Register now at stthomascl.church/ym

True Beauty Retreat: Striving

Grades 7-12, girls only | April 14-15

Join the girls of St. Thomas and St. Mary for an overnight retreat filled with fun, friends, surprises and learning more about how you are a daughter of God! Space is limited so sign up soon!

Register now at stthomascl.church

Confirmation March Session

Monday, March 19th | OR | Wednesday, March 21st

You have two options, you only need to choose one. Both are from 7:00-8:30 PM at the Oak Street Church. Confirmand is expected to attend with the parent and/or sponsor.

Summit


Grades 6-8 | Sundays 3:30-5:00 PM | 3/18

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

Movie Night: Wonder Woman

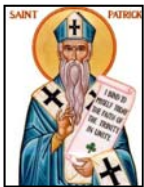
Grades 6-12 | April 4 | 5 PM

Come watch a movie with us in the YM Office! The movie will begin at 5 PM and we will get Domino's pizza for dinner!



ALL PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS

Join us for an evening presentation on apps (focusing on texting and chatting apps that our children use) on **Wednesday, March 14, 2018, from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm at St. Thomas King Street School Cafeteria.** Refreshments (wine and cheese) will be served; Lisa Kendzior, our Junior High Youth Minister, will be the presenter.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
49TH ANNUAL ST. PAT'S
DINNER PARTY
Saturday, March 17, 2018**

Wearin' O the Green! It's that time again for the 49th Annual *Knights of Columbus St. Pat's Dinner Party*. Mark your calendars for **Saturday, March 17, 2018** to join us for the traditional *Corned Beef and Cabbage* dinner that you love so well. All the great food and fun you have always enjoyed are just around the corner and you know this sells out every year... Call or see a Knight for your tickets: \$15.00 for adults and \$7.00 for children under 12. Doors open at 6:00 pm; Buffet line begins at 6:45 pm. Call Matt Carzoli (815) 216-1391.

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!

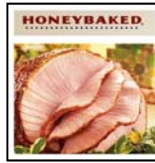
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JUST TO KEEP YOU POSTED

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:

February Tithe for the Poor	\$ 9,581.18
Salaries for 80 employees (2-15-18)	90,861.81
Liturgical Aids	2,832.70
Repairs and Maintenance	8,784.54
Marian High School Subsidy	20,755.00
Property Insurance	7,036.00
Monthly Employee Insurance (38 empls)	35,461.00
Salaries for 73 employees (2-28-18)	85,047.76
Office Supplies/Copiers/Computers Exp.	1,736.06
Youth Ministry Expenses	998.54
School Cleaning	2,350.00
Utilities	5,963.23
Trash Removal	982.99
AT&T/Verizon	797.13
Internet	3,466.83
School Expenses	4,843.30
RCIA/Adult Educ./Evangelization	165.00
Religious Education Expenses	223.08
Personal Appreciation	547.39
Snow Removal	5,905.00

Are you purchasing a yummy Honey Baked Ham for Easter?



If so, please purchase a gift card through this online link: <https://honeybakedfundraising.com/fundraisers/STSHam>. This is a really easy way to support St. Thomas the Apostle School as we will receive 20% of all gift cards purchased. *New this year! You can order an electronic gift card that will be sent to your email address immediately (or you can order a plastic one to be mailed to you).* **Orders must be placed by March 21, 2018!**

GARDEN—OAK ST. CHURCH

You’ve seen our beautiful garden bordering the parking lot and Oak Street. Last year, the lovely woman who took care of the garden passed away, leaving no one to care for the flowers and plants she so lovingly nurtured. We are starting a St. Thomas Garden Ministry and are looking for parishioners to lead the ministry and take care of the garden. If you are interested in being a part of this brand new ministry, please go to our website for more information: www.stthomascl.church/garden.



Saint Thomas School Track and Field Season Begins Parent/Student Sign-up Meeting—March 19, 2018 6:30PM – 7:30PM at the St. Thomas School Gym 265 King Street, Crystal Lake



Memorialize a Loved One on Easter Sunday

Would you like to memorialize your loved one in a special way? Please consider sponsoring one of our brass/string players in honor/memory of a loved one at one of our Easter Masses. The instrumentalist will play at an Easter Mass and the bulletin will have the memorial to your loved one, e.g. “The instrumentalist at our 9:00am Mass was sponsored by the Smith Family in honor of John Smith”. The fee for a brass player is \$100 per Mass. If you are interested in memorializing your loved one at Easter, please contact Julie

Hermann at [815-455-5400 x416](tel:815-455-5400) for more information.

Time - Talent - Treasure

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

Our Parish Income (Oak St. Church) for Sunday, March 4, 2018 was \$44,729.08

Additional parish income (Oak St. Church) for Sunday, February 25, 2018 was \$15,697.32

Our Parish Income (Pierson St. Church) for Sunday, March 4, 2018 was \$3,405.60

Our Parish Tithe this week will go to **St. Patrick Church in Rockford**, to help them minister to the people in need in their area of Rockford.

RESPONSIBILIITY: 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.

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

Altar Servers:

4:30 PM: M. Bucci, T. Kohls, B. Noonan, P. Parlberg
7:30 AM: J. Cormier, E. Pachla, M. Pachla, L. Tabat
9:00 AM: M. Stanger, A. Tinkham, E. White, S. White
10:30 AM: N. Costantini, K. Johnson, M. Johnson, A. Krallitsch
12:00 PM: A. Buckingham, A. Kinghorn, K. Piwnicki, J. Simms
5:30 PM: S. Fiedler, J. Paffrath, B. Smith, III, M. Speziale

Lectors:

4:30 PM: B. Blazier, T. Hicklin
7:30 AM: S. Haugh, J. Streit
9:00 AM: B. Ferraro, R. Ferraro
10:30 AM: B. Tuszynski, M. Kohlbacher
12:00 PM: R. Shustitzky, C. Kelecius
5:30 PM: C. Milone, B. Wolek

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

4:30 PM: #1 A. O'Connell, #2 Volunteer Needed, D. Bucci, L. Buthod, M. Caliendo, D. Dunlea, G. Marmol, S. Smith, J. Thompson, 1 Volunteer Needed
7:30 AM: #1 F. Moczulewski, #2 Volunteer Needed, C. Clark, V. DeLance, L. Doherty, M. Genzler, M. Hunt, A. Kumar, M. Przybylski, E. Sernett
9:00 AM: #1 Volunteer Needed, #2 Volunteer Needed, I. Carlino, B. Frey, L. Godfrey, V. Roberts, J. Tinkham, S. VanHerzeele, M. VanHerzeele, K. White
10:30 AM: #1 Sister Appolonia, #2 Volunteer Needed, F. Barnes, J. Barnes, A. Costantini, M. Johnson, M. Klepitsch, K. Krallitsch, J. Luehrs, T. Turner
12:00 PM: #1 Volunteer Needed, D. Bauer, J. Majewska, B. Montanaro
5:30 PM: #1 R. Heuel, D. Palmer, C. Palmer, D. Talaga

Celebrants: Mon., March 12, 2018 thru March 17, 2018

3-12-18: 6:30 am Msgr. Hermes; 8:30 am Msgr. Hermes
3-13-18: 6:30 am Fr. Koutnik; 8:30 am Msgr. Hermes
3-14-18: 6:30 am Fr. Koutnik; 7:50 am Msgr. Hermes
3-15-18: 6:30 am Fr. Koutnik; 8:30 am Fr. Tunarosa
3-16-18: 6:30 am Fr. Koutnik; 8:30 am Msgr. Hermes
3-17-18: 7:30 am Fr. Koutnik

Celebrants— March 17 and 18, 2018

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

Parish Calendar

Sunday, March 11, 2018

Coffee and Donuts

Daylight Savings Time Begins

Light of the World Retreat

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 Knights of Columbus Degree (Community Center)

Monday, March 12, 2018

10:00 AM Women's Bible Study (Lower Level-Oak Church)
10:30 AM MMP Rosary Group (Pierson St. Church)
5:00 PM St. Catherine of Siena Guild (Parish Center)
5:30 PM Confessions (Oak St. Church)
6:30 PM SPRED Prep (Parish Center)

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

9:00 AM Moms Tuesday Group (Community Center)
4:30 PM Grade R.E. Classes (Pierson St. Church)
7:00 PM St. Martha Guild (Off site)

Wednesday, March 14, 2018

10:00 AM Women's Day of Recollection Mass (Oak Church)
11:00 AM Women's Day of Recollection Luncheon (Community Center)
4:30 PM Grade R.E. Classes (Pierson St. Church)
7:00 PM Parents Social on texting/apps (School Cafeteria)
7:00 PM Reason to Believe (Parish Library)

Thursday, March 15, 2018

4:30 PM Marian Group (Parish Center)

Friday, March 16, 2018

Hispanic Light of the World Retreat

8:00 AM St. Monica Group (Lower Level-Oak St. Church)
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross by St. Thomas School Students (Oak St. Church)

Saturday, March 17, 2018

St. Patrick

Hispanic Light of the World Retreat

6:00 AM That Man Is You (Community Center)
8:15 AM Men's Saturday Group (Lower Level-Oak Church)
6:45 PM Knights St. Patrick's Dinner (Community Center)

Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 18, 2018

Knights of Columbus Breakfast

Hispanic Light of the World Retreat

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 7th Grade R.E. Class (Lower Level-Oak 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)

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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