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
Reverend John R. Evans

Parochial Vicars
Reverend Jerome P. Kouthnik
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 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 Brother/Sister in Christ,

May Christ guide and strengthen you this week!

So, we continue our reflection on the baptismal creed that we received from the Apostles. I must admit, this week’s Article of Faith scares me. Christ “will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead.” I will be judged. I can be tempted to think, “Well, at least I’m not Hitler, or Stalin, or a child abuser, or ISIS, etc. I’ve never done this or that heinous crime.” But that’s not going to cut it at the Judgement. The questions are these two. What has God given me? (A lot.) And, what have I done with His gifts? (If I’m honest, very little.) Scary.

But here’s what gives me hope: the other truths of our Holy Faith that come before and after this one. My Judge was willing to die a horrendous death, so that I could live with Him forever. The Holy Spirit will strengthen me to live better and better each day, and I am surrounded by a world of wonderful, holy people, living and deceased, who help me by their example and prayers. If I remember the suffering and death of Christ, and pray to the Holy Spirit, and live in union with our holy Church, I have nothing to fear!

Until next week, know that I remain,

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Evans
Mass Intentions

Monday, May 13, 2019
6:30 AM (Oak)  +Edward Waszak
+Jan Bouley
8:30 AM (Oak)  +Jerry Kearney
Shaunna Little (Special Intention)

Tuesday, May 14, 2019
6:30 AM (Oak)  +Lou Bylina
8:30 AM (Oak)  +Mariellen Mader
Kerri Little (Special Intention)

Wednesday, May 15, 2019
6:30 AM (Oak)  +Paul Cribb
+Carol Boulet
7:50 AM (Pierson)  Father Jerome Koutnik (Special Intention)

Thursday, May 16, 2019
6:30 AM (Oak)  Father John Evans (Special Intention, 10th Anniversary of Ordination)
8:30 AM (Oak)  Father Akan Simon (Special Intention)

Friday, May 17, 2019
6:30 AM (Oak)  +Peggy Pagliarulo
8:30 AM (Oak)  Msgr. Daniel Hermes (Special Intention)
+Fred and Gen DeLance

Saturday, May 18, 2019
7:30 AM (Oak)  +Leonard and Luella Streit
4:30 PM (Oak)  +Michael Laughlin
+Lucy and Louis Bianchi, Sr.

Sunday, May 19, 2019
7:30 AM (Oak)  +Larry Williams
9:00 AM (Oak)  +Jennifer Riley
Vaughn and Mary Heidenreich (Special Intention, 40th Wedding Anniv.)
10:30 AM (Oak)  +Bill Cunningham
12:00 PM (Oak)  The People of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Living and Deceased
+Maureen Skinner
5:30 PM (Oak)  +Steve Crnkovich

WEDDING BANNS
Please pray for the following members of our community who will marry soon:
Matthew DiCicco and Mary Gehrig (I)

CONGRATULATIONS
To all our First Holy Communicants in our Hispanic Community who will be receiving our Lord for the first time on May 18. May you always grow in your love for Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist!

ADORATION CHAPEL CANDLES
DEDICATED FOR THE PERIOD
May 12, 2019 through May 25, 2019
Boulet Family  Grivett Family
Daya Family  Vossler Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday:  Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday:  Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17
Wednesday:  Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Jn 12:44-50
Friday:  Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
Saturday:  Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14

Please pray for all those in our Parish who are sick:
Dan Pearl  Zachary Colandera
Carl Wiloff  Dennis O’Donnell
Autumn Allen  John Havlis

Please pray for all the deceased:

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.

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS BOX
During the month of May, we are honoring Our Lady by decorating her altar in the chapel behind our Altar in our Oak St. Church. When you make a visit to the back chapel, you will also have the opportunity to ask for Mary’s intercession with your own special prayer request. A special box marked for prayer requests will be located near the altar.

“If you wish to present something to God, no matter how small it may be” says St. Bernard, “place it in the hands of Mary to ensure its certain acceptance.” (St. Louis de Montefort, The Secret of Mary). Mary, the Virgin Mother of God is our mother, too. By the power of God, she was conceived without the stain of original sin. Devotion to Mary brings us to a closer relationship with her son, Jesus. Her intercession is powerful as evidenced at the Wedding of Cana when at her request, Jesus performed his first public miracle.
2019 DIOCESAN APPEAL
This Year’s Theme is:
“Come Follow Me.
I am the Light of the World; he who follows Me will not walk in
the darkness, but will have the
Light of life.”
Diocesan Annual Appeal was
held May 4-5. Our 2019 target
amount is $253,524.00 With
your help we can attain this goal.

If you have not yet made a pledge, we ask that you
would prayerfully do so. It is not too late.

If you wish to make a contribution online, visit
www.rockforddiocese.org/donate for easy, secure
giving.

Thank you for your continued generosity to our
Diocese of Rockford.

GARDEN MINISTRY
We are getting blooms in our
beautiful garden at the Oak Street
Church and the Garden Ministry
needs your help! It would be
greatly appreciated if you could come out and
help us weed the garden for a few “group weed-
ing” events.

We will be weeding 2 different times this week-
please join us at 1 or both:

Tuesday, May 14th at 6:30 pm
Thursday, May 16th at 9:00 am

Please bring your own gloves and tools! If you
have any questions, please contact our Ministry
Head, Linda Fisher at
queenso4@gmail.com.
Many Hands Make Light Work! Thank you.

EASTER FLOWER
DONATIONS
This Easter Season we are
inviting parishioners to offer
a FLOWERING PLANT
to the Parish to help decorate our Oak Street Church
in the weeks following Easter. In order that our
Church will continue to be dressed in beautiful flowers
throughout the Easter Season, we invite families to
bring their flowers to the Church. Please place your
donated flowers in the Narthex of the Oak St.
Church by St. Thomas Statue (by the interior
Church doors). Thank you.

HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY
A happy and blessed Mother’s Day
to all of our wonderful mothers and
grandmothers, and all those
who nurture life in so many won-
derful ways. Thank you for the precious gift of
life that you have given. May God bless you and
protect you always.

Adult Formation
Presents
“Who Am I to Judge?”
May 2—June 27
What is “right” and
“wrong”? Is what’s right for
you right for me? Is there a right and
wrong for eve-
ryone, all the time?

These are difficult questions to discuss in our cul-
ture. We live in a society that supports the opinion
that each person should make up his or her own mo-
rality—that there is no moral truth that applies to eve-
yone.

How do we talk about morality in a relativistic
world? In this small group study program featuring
Edward Sri, we’ll explore the classical view of morality
and find that it’s not merely a set of guiding princi-
bles for theoretical situations—it is an entire way of
life.

• Thursday nights (May 16, May 23, May 30, June 6,
June 20, and June 27); not meeting June 13.
• 7:00—8:00 pm
• Lower Level—Oak St. Church—451 W. Terra Cotta
Ave.
• An 8 pt. Study—attend one or all—facilitated by
Allyson Svigelj
Questions, contact Allyson Svigelj at 815-455-5400x404 or
asvigelj@stthomascl.church
12 de mayo de 2019 - Cuarto Domingo de Pascua
PASTORES COMO JESÚS

Cada año en este Cuarto Domingo de Pascua celebramos a Jesús como el Buen Pastor. El Evangelio de hoy parece especialmente oportuno, para los cristianos de todo el mundo que sufren por ser perseguidos como Pablo y Bernabé, Jesús promete a sus ovejas una seguridad duradera y fortalecida. “No perecerán. Nadie puede quitármelos de la mano”. Pero nosotros que somos libres para vivir nuestra fe de forma pacífica algunas veces damos por hecho nuestra pertenencia al rebaño de Jesús, vagando por el mal camino buscando nuestro propio placer y prosperidad. La cruz simple que el Papa Francisco lleva puesta parece mostrarnos cómo Jesús responde a eso. La cruz del Papa Francisco muestra una imagen de Jesús, que fue a buscar y encontró a una oveja perdida, luego la coloca alegremente sobre sus hombros para llevarla gentilmente a casa. Que el Domingo del Buen Pastor nos inspire, frecuentemente perdidos y encontrados, para asistir a Jesús a buscar, encontrar y gentilmente llevar a casa a nuestros compañeros corderos preciosos. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Un Mensaje Para Mamá

Madre... Tu nombre es sinónimo de un amor puro, sacrificado y abnegado. Llevas impregnada la esencia más grata de la dulzura. Eres la más exquisita rosa del jardín de Dios. Das todo sin esperar nada a cambio. Tiene en tu interior una fuerza increíble, te fu remueve montañas y provoca milagros maravillosos. Eres ejemplo de lo que es el perdón y la dedicación. Madre... Perdón por el dolor que muchas veces sin querer, he causado a tu corazón. Pido a Dios que renueve tus fuerzas, y te llene de alegría y energía. Que yo pueda seguir tu ejemplo y ser una persona que marca la diferencia. Que no olvide nunca tus consejos ni la influencia que has causado en mi vida. Madre... ¿Qué palabras podría yo decir para hacerte saber lo mucho que significas para mí y lo importante que eres en mi vida? Eres virtuosa, tienes belleza, tu corazón es reflejo del mismo amor de Dios. Doy gracias a Dios por haber permitido que existieras, por tener la fortuna de llamarte Mamá y porque en medio del camino, si algo bueno yo he hecho, es porque tu compañía siempre ha estado cercana y con tu ejemplo me has inspirado a ser cada día mejor. Por todo ello y muchísimo más, ¡feliz día de las madres, mamá!

El Sábado 18 de Mayo

Los promotores y las promotoras de salud estarán revisando gratuitamente la presión arterial y nivel de azúcar a la salida de la misa de 7 pm, en el sótano de la parroquia Pierson St.

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

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Ceremonia de Primera Comunión
Fecha: Sábado 18 de mayo.
Hora: 10:00 am.
Lugar: Iglesia Santo Tomás Oak St.

Cofre de Ofrenda
Parroquia Santo Tomás Oak St. $ 40,223.69
Parroquia Santo Tomás Pierson St. $ 2,682.00
Next Financial Peace University Session
To be held for 9 weeks beginning June 3, 2019
Have you ever said, “We make way too much money to be this broke!” We know that the leading reason for divorce in this country is money fights and money issues. If you want to reduce stress, strengthen your marriage and get the financial traction that can give you opportunities to pay your bills with confidence, save for your future, and give like no one else, please consider joining our next Financial Peace University (FPU) class. FPU is a 9 week course that walks you through many aspects of financial prudence, including budgeting, saving, paying down debt, insurance, and more.

The 9-week St. Thomas Parish class will start on Monday, June 3, 2019 in the evening.

Hope to see you there! For more details please call, text, or email Mark Hryniewicz at 815-355-2774 (mark.hryniewicz@bairdwarner.com). It is best to contact Mark directly and he can send you a link for the class and you will receive a discount on the materials.

RESUME REVIEW—
MAY 18, 2019
For those in job transition, ever wonder how your resume comes across to recruiters and HR personnel?? You have an opportunity to find out how your resume comes across……for free…at the St. Thomas the Apostle parish resume review, part of the St. Hubert extension network. Meet face to face with HR professionals who will give you tips on how to make your resume more effective and catch the eye of recruiters.

You cannot afford to miss this event. It will be at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Center, 272 King St., next to the Pierson St. Church on Saturday, May 18, from 9 am to 12 noon. For additional information or if you have any further questions, please contact Pete Harren 815-814-7819, Peterhharren@gmail.com
Thank you for your generosity to Our Lord and to your Parish

Our Parish Income (Oak St. Church) for Sunday, May 5, 2019 was $40,223.69
Our Parish Income (Pierson St. Church) for Sunday, May 5, 2019 was $2,682.00

Our Parish Tithe this week will go to Catholic Evangelization Efforts.

The Role of Time: Time is an important part of total stewardship. It is a gift from God, and the steward realizes that she or he will be held accountable to the way in which time is used on this earth. Once one recognizes the importance of the role of time, one begins to explore the many ways one can use time for God’s work, as well as the treasure that our Lord has entrusted into our keeping.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

God our Father, we thank You for calling men and women to serve in Your Son’s Kingdom as priests, deacons, religious, and consecrated persons.

Send Your Holy Spirit to help us respond generously and courageously to Your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

St. Thomas the Apostle Little Saints Preschool
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.stthomascl.org or contact Preschool Director Jennifer Gallien: jgallien@stthomascl.org.

All are invited to attend the Mass at St. Patrick Church in Dixon and the luncheon immediately following.
If you wish to write a message and/or submit a picture for a memory book that is being planned, please go to our St. Thomas Web Page - www.stthomascl.church/msgr-dan for further details.
**Parish Calendar**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter, May 12, 2019**

- **Mother’s Day**
- **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**
- **Coffee and Donuts**
- **No R.C.I.A.**

9:00 AM Deaf Mass (Parish Center)

**Monday, May 13, 2019**

- Our Lady of Fatima

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)

7:00 PM YM Adoration/Confessions (Grades 6-12) (Oak St. Church)

**Tuesday, May 14, 2019**

- St. Matthias

9:30 AM Moms Group (Community Center)

6:30 PM Garden Ministry (Oak St. Church Grounds)

**Wednesday, May 15, 2019**

- St. Isidore the Farmer

7:00 PM Reason to Believe (Parish Library/Office)

**Thursday, May 16, 2019**

9:00 AM Garden Ministry (Oak St. Church Grounds)

7:00 PM “Who Am I to Judge?” Presentation (Lower Level-Oak St. Church)

**Friday, May 17 , 2019**

9:00 AM St. Monica Guild (Lower Level-Pierson Church)

**Saturday, May 18, 2019**

- St. John I

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

9:00 AM Resume Review by HR Professionals (Parish Center– King St.)

**Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 19, 2019**

- Knights of Columbus Breakfast

10:00 AM RCIA Class (Lower Level-Oak St. Church)
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451 W. Terra Cotta Avenue (Route 176 & Oak St.)
Crystal Lake, Illinois 60014

St. Thomas Pierson St. Church:
453 Pierson Street, Crystal Lake, IL

Saint Thomas the Apostle Pastoral Office:
272 King Street
Crystal Lake, Illinois 60014
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Web-Site
www.saintthomascatholicchurch.org

St. Thomas School—815-459-0496
School Office hours: 7:30 am to 3:00 pm

Pastoral Center (272 King St.):
Monday - Thursday: 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM
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)
or anytime by appointment

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING COUPLE:
ALFONSO (815-236-7905) AND MARGARITA (815-245-5427) MARTINEZ (nfp.foxvalley@gmail.com)

LITTLE CHRISTOPHER RESALE SHOPPE:
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(815) 459-9442

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(815) 455-1249