**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**
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Reverend Akan S. Simon
Reverend William Tunarosa

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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 6:00 pm during the summer, 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 Sister/Brother in Christ,

May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen you this week. “I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life!” What does this mean?

Have you ever poured chocolate syrup into a glass of milk? What happens? It goes to the bottom of the glass, right? Or what if you were given a Porsche, a BMW, or some other fine car, but didn't have the ignition key?

St. John Paul II, St. Thomas Aquinas and others, remind us that infant baptism is "valid, but not yet fruitful." It gives us the "capacity to believe." It's like having a Porsche with no ignition, or a glass of milk with the chocolate at the bottom. What do we do? How do we stir the glass or turn the key?

Find five minutes alone. Close your eyes, and tell the Holy Spirit to come into your life again, anew. Come, Holy Spirit. Come, Holy Spirit! Our Church is often called a "sleeping giant." It's time for the giant to wake up!

Until next week, know that I remain

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Evans
Mass Intentions

Monday, May 20, 2019
6:30 AM (Oak) +The Souls of the Faithful Departed
Christina Moran (Special Intention)
8:30 AM (Oak) +John Kalama
+Iluminada Felina Pascual Ponsaran
Tuesday, May 21, 2019
6:30 AM (Oak) +Kenneth Wunder
+Gene Burnidge
8:30 AM (Oak) +Doug Mills
Laura Mills (Special Intention)
+Nicky Fues
Wednesday, May 22, 2019
6:30 AM (Oak) +Joan Robaczewski
Chester Robaczewski (Special Intention)
7:50 AM (Pierson) Noreen Sheehan (Special Intention)
Thursday, May 23, 2019
6:30 AM (Oak) +The Souls of the Faithful Departed
8:30 AM (Oak) +Jesus Avila Ibarra
+Lisa Conlon
Friday, May 24, 2019
6:30 AM (Oak) +Sam Termini
8:30 AM (Oak) +Mary Lou VanBuskirk
Saturday, May 25, 2019
7:30 AM (Oak) May Special Requests to Our Blessed
Mother (Special Intention)
4:30 PM (Oak) +June and Gene Prosser
+Angeline Huber
Sunday, May 26, 2019
7:30 AM (Oak) St. Thomas Women’s Club Members,
Living and Deceased
9:00 AM (Oak) +Paul Warren
Patrick and Dee Slowey (Special Intention)
10:30 AM (Oak) The People of St. Thomas the Apostle
Parish, Living and Deceased
12:00 PM (Oak) +Eric Mathisen
+Jacob Keltner
5:30 PM (Oak) +Richard and Mary Ellen Gustin

Wedding Banns
Please pray for the following members of our community who will marry soon:

Matthew DiCicco and Mary Gehrig (II)
Drew Fisher and Sheila Mulville (I)
Ryan Hoch and Nicole Svec (I)

Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rv 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

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

Please pray for all those in our Parish who are sick:
Peter McArule Bernadette Jarosz
Dennis O’Donnell Carl Wiloff
Zachary Colandera Dan Pearl

Please pray for all the deceased:
Velma Villarreal
Josephine “Bunny” Evans (grandmother of Fr. John R. Evans)

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.

Congratulations to our newly baptized Catholic
Margaret Douglas Fischer
(child of Richard and Catherine Fischer)

May — The Month of Our Blessed Mother
In our Catholic faith, the month of May is always dedicated in a special way to Mary, the Mother of Jesus and our mother as well. We encourage you as a family to pray the family Rosary, or at least one decade of the Rosary, together every day during the month of May. A simple May Altar in your home dedicated to our Blessed Mother is a wonderful idea as well. “Mary, Mother of our Savior and our mother, we love you!”
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. Pledge envelopes are available at the Oak St. Church and at the Parish Center.

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.

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.

Next Financial Peace University Session
To be held for 9 weeks beginning June 3, 2019
Don’t Hesitate—Register Today

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.
¡Regresó Pablo! Después del “violento abuso” de la semana pasada, los oponentes organizaron una muchedumbre de linchamiento que golpeó casi hasta la muerte a Pablo. Sin embargo, llama Pablo el “evangelista energizante”, transformando la crueldad mortal en un fervor vivificante. El valor pasado de Pablo debe inspirarnos a nuestro compromiso; el Apocalipsis futuro “nuevo cielo, nueva tierra” debe inspirar nuestro optimismo. Pero el Apocalipsis presente nos asegura: “Esta es la morada de Dios entre los hombres”, debe desafiar a hacernos “misioneros de misericordia”. Ya que el Papa Francisco declaró que la credibilidad de la Iglesia está completamente dependiendo de nuestra muestra incondicional de misericordia. La misericordia, como dice Francisco, hace la Iglesia, el mundo y a cada uno joven otra vez, despertando a las virtudes más nobles de la vida. De manera apropiada, en el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús refuerza ese tema: “Así sabrán todos que ustedes son mis discípulos, si se aman unos a otros”.

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes:  Hch 14:5-18; Sal 115 (114):1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
Martes: Hch 14:19-28; Sal 145 (144):10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
Miércoles: Hch 15:1-6; Sal 122 (121):1-5; Jn 15:1-8
Jueves: Hch 15:7-21; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
Viernes: Hch 15:22-31; Sal 57 (56):8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
Sábado: Hch 16:1-10; Sal 100 (99):1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

¡Felicidades a todos los niños de Santo Tomás Apóstol que recibieron el Sacramento de la Primera Comunión el 18 de mayo de 2019! ¡Que Dios los cuide siempre! Gracias a los que hicieron posible la celebración. ¡Dios los bendiga!
American Heritage Girls
Countryside Fundraiser!
Spring is in the air and the flowers are blooming! The American Heritage Girls are having a fundraiser at Countryside this weekend, Sunday, May 19 and Monday, May 20. The girls are trying to raise money for badges and extra activities.

When shopping at Countryside Flower Shop this weekend 10% of the sales are going to support our troop here at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish. Please show them this bulletin or let them know you are supporting our troop for us to get credit. If you have any questions about this fundraiser or our troop please call Kate Krallitsch at 815.560.1613. Thank you for your support.

Countryside Flower Shop
5301 E. Terra Cotta Avenue
Crystal Lake, IL

TOTUS TUUS
July 2019
Our Summer week-long program for youth — growing in faith while having fun.
Grades 1-6: July 8th—July 12th — 9:00 am to 2:15 pm
Grades 7-12: July 8th—July 11th — 7:00 pm to 9:15 pm - (Please note that due to the Crystal Lake Parade and Fireworks, the evening program will begin on Monday this year.)

Where: 451 W. Terra Cotta Ave. (Oak St. Church)
Registration is now open.
Totus Tuus Registration is live. https://stthomascl.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/243645

The teen volunteering link is also live: https://stthomascl.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/243657

www.stthomascl.church/ym
Thank you for your generosity to Our Lord and to your Parish

Our Parish Income (Oak St. Church) for Sunday, May 12, 2019 was $41,934.21
Our Parish Income (Pierson St. Church) for Sunday, May 12, 2019 was $3,281.03

Our Parish Tithe this week will go to International Seminary in Ars, France.

MANAGE SKILLS AND TALENTS: Take the trouble to explore what you can do for your Church or community with your skills and talents.

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.

CUB SCOUT INFORMATIONAL MEETING
Wednesday, May 22, 2019
Cub Scout Pack 127 is having an informational meeting on Wednesday, May 22, starting at 7:00 pm in the St. Thomas Community Center at the Oak St. Church (451 W. Terra Cotta Avenue). Our Family Scouting Program is underway! All boys and girls in Pre-K4yrs through 4th grade and their parents are invited! Cub Scouts has a lot to offer, such as community service, fun outdoor activities, the opportunity to try new things, and much more! Cub Scouts supports the family values of the Catholic Church and encourages family involvement in activities.

Come find out more! Questions? Contact April Bautista (april.bautista@hotmail.com)

ROAD TRIP FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
This Summer, July 19-21 (Friday – Sunday), Youth Ministry and Fr. Evans are inviting all students currently in 8th-12th grade to take a road trip to St. Louis. They are visiting points of interest such as the Gateway Arch, the City Museum, Shrines of St. Joseph and the Miraculous Medal, and the Basilica Cathedral and will partake in some of the delicious cuisine including Fr. Evans’ favorite, Bandana’s BBQ. The cost is only $200 which covers all food, lodging, travel, and museum admissions.

Sign up online at the Youth Ministry website! Spots are limited.

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.

Ultrasound Scans through 1st Way Life Center
3714 Fairview Avenue, Johnsburg, IL 60051
www.1stwaymchenry.com
815-385-2999

1st Way Life Center, which offers assistance to women and families facing unplanned pregnancies, is offering Limited Ultrasound services to clients. Ultrasound provides a window to the womb, hence empowering young women through knowledge to make fully informed decisions regarding their pregnancies.

Volunteer models are currently being sought who are in the 1st trimester or early 2nd trimester of pregnancy. The purpose is for continued training of Registered Nurses who have completed an ultrasound training course. Scanning instruction on models is done under the supervision of a registered (RDMS) ultrasound instructor. For further information, call 1st Way at 815-385-2999 and leave your contact information to the attention of Jan Doyle to set up an appointment.

Time - Talent - Treasure
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Parish Calendar

Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 19, 2019
Knights of Columbus Breakfast
10:00 AM R.C.I.A. (Lower Level-Oak St. Church)

Monday, May 20, 2019
St. Bernardine of Siena
10:00 AM Women’s Bible Study (Lower Level-Oak Church)
10:30 AM MMP Rosary Group (Pierson St. Church)
6:30 PM SPRED Total Community (Parish Center)

Tuesday, May 21, 2019
St. Christopher Magallanes & Companions
9:30 AM Moms Bible Study (Community Center)
7:00 PM Knights of Columbus (Lower Level-Oak Church)

Wednesday, May 22, 2019
St. Rita of Cascia
7:00 PM Reason to Believe (Lower Level-Oak Church)
7:00 PM Cub Scout Info Night (Community Center)

Thursday, May 23, 2019
7:00 PM “Who Am I to Judge?” Presentation (Lower Level-Oak St. Church)

Friday, May 24, 2019
10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry (Lower Level-Oak Church)

Saturday, May 25, 2019
St. Bede the Venerable/St. Gregory VII/
St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi
8:15 AM Men’s Saturday Group (Lower Level-Oak Church)

Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 26, 2019
No Coffee and Donuts
10:00 AM RCIA Class (Lower Level–Oak St. Church)

Monday, May 27, 2019
Memorial Day
No 6:30 am Mass
No 8:30 am Mass
Parish Center Closed
9:00 AM Mass (Oak St. Church)
Saint Thomas the Apostle Church  
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
Office Telephone: 815-455-5400  
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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/ Fri)  
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

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