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 Charles P. Fitzpatrick
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 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 God the Creator guide and strengthen you this week.

An Island in Time. This was the title of a Jewish article on the Sabbath. We set foot on the island at sundown, and leave it the following sundown. I must admit, as a priest, while I love to see you all, sometimes, by Sunday afternoons, I’m too exhausted to rest. But I don’t think I’m alone. Shops being open, sports going on, brunch appointments, so many things clamor for our attention on this, the Lord’s Day. The Third Commandment was made for us, for our pleasure. While Sunday Mass is definitely a minimum, the Sunday Rest was not made to be a burdensome list of things that we must or must not do. It was made for us, for me, for my enjoyment.

St. John Paul II saw this “crisis of Sunday,” as he called it. He responded by a letter entitled Dies Domini, the Lord’s Day. In it, he calls Sunday by five different nicknames. We’ll ponder those nicknames over the next five weeks. Until then, try this. Imagine that this next “Lord’s Day” (Sunday) is going to be the “Day of the Lord” (Christ’s second, final coming). What would I do differently this week? What would I do the same? It’s time we started living every Sunday as if it were our last.

Below is a typical Jewish Sabbath table, such as our Lord might have seen. Does anything look familiar?

Until next week, know that I remain

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Evans
Mass Intentions

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**PRAYER INTENTION OF POPE FRANCIS**

“Lord, Jesus, during these months of July/August, we pray for all families. Bless them and help them to love each other. Through their life of prayer and service, may they become schools of true human growth and reflect Your unfailing love. Amen.”

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Seminarian James Linkenheld, who is studying at the Pontifical North American College in Rome, is doing a 4-part study called 'Christ et al', focusing on the radicality of Christ throughout the ages, and the newness that Christ has brought to every age.

The third session will be streamed live this Monday, July 29, at approximately 9:15 am.

The fourth and last session will be at the Oak St. Church on Thursday, August 8, 2019, at 7:00 pm (with a reception to follow). All are invited.

The first session of the study, “Christ and the Ancient World” was streamed live on our YouTube Channel on Monday, June 24th. The second session on “Christ and the Early Church” was streamed live on our YouTube Channel on Monday, July 15. Can't join us for the live stream? No problem, a recording of each session will also be available on our YouTube channel and will be sent out via the weekly e-newsletter.

Mark Your Calendars
And join us on August 12 for the “Future of the Church Seminarians Panel”

Join us as we hear from several of our seminarians about how they have gone forward with their studies and the discernment of their priestly vocation during this time of scandal in the Church. They will also discuss where they see our Church going in the future and how they, as future priests, will help us grow deeper in faith and move past the present scandal.

- Monday, August 12
- 7:00 – 8:30 pm
- Oak St. Church Community Center

Forty Hours Devotion for Priests of the Rockford Diocese

The Diocese is encouraging everyone to offer a holy hour for priests anytime from 7 a.m. on Sunday, August 4 until 11 p.m. on Monday, August 5. You can do this in our Adoration Chapel at the Oak St. Church.

For more information and to sign up for a holy hour, go to www.rockforddiocese.org/fortyhours

Masses will be offered for our priests on August 4 at 8 a.m. at St. Bridget Church, Loves Park, and at Holy Family Church, Rockford, IL.
28 de julio de 2019
Decimoséptimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
PIDIENDOAYUDA
Las beatitudes alaban al pobre de espíritu. Una de las características de quienes son pobres de espíritu es su habilidad para pedir ayuda; ellos saben cuando otros pueden proveerles lo que les hace falta. Las lecturas de hoy nos animan a practicar la pobreza de espíritu pidiéndole a Dios aquello que necesitamos.
¿Qué podría ser más natural pedir a Dios que buenas cosas? Dios es, después de todo, el hacedor de la bondad y el dador de buenas cosas.
Pidiendo ayuda a Dios nos pone en una conversación con Dios. Esta conversación o conversaciones pueden ser de muchas formas. La lectura del libro del Génesis muestra a Abraham negociando con Dios de una manera graciosa, pero como un hábil negociador; por otro lado la carta de san Pablo a los colosenses alaba a Dios respondiéndonos aún cuando no lo merecemos. En el Evangelio de san Lucas, Jesús no solo nos da las palabras y frases para usar en nuestras conversaciones con Dios (el Padre Nuestro), sino también promete que Dios siempre escuchará nuestras oraciones.

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA
Martes: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Sal 103 (102):6-11; Mt 13:36-43
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MISA DE LA ASUNCIÓN DE MARÍA LA VIRGEN
Fecha: Jueves 15 de agosto
Horario: 6:00 pm
Lugar: Parroquia Santo Tomás Pierson St.

Colecta 21 de Julio de 2019
Parroquia Oak St. $ 43,505.91
Parroquia Pierson St. $ 2,811.24
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES
Pre-school through 6th Grade
REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

Registration (on-line only) for our 2019-2020 Religious Education Classes is now open.
Please log on to stthomascl.church/re to register for the coming year.

We will offer the following Religious Education options:

**Traditional Classroom** - Tuesdays or Wednesdays 4:30 pm to 5:45 pm;

**Family Faith Formation** - Wednesday evenings 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm (2 x month);

**Home Study** - online or with book/parent guide, plus 4 community sessions on Sunday afternoons.

We are searching for volunteers to act as Catechists for the coming year and sow seeds of faith.

Please contact the RE office (815-455-9787) for more information or to be part of this AWE-SOME program!

VIANNEY VOCATIONS STATION
Narthex—Oak St. Church
As a way to provide support for the discernment of vocations, including marriage, the priesthood and consecrated life, Father John Evans has purchased the Vianney Vocations Station.

Located in the Oak St. Church Narthex, just outside the main Church doors, the Vocations Station has materials designed to help us discern our vocation and to pray for those in the discernment process. The resources are for people of all ages: kids, teens, young adults & parents.

We encourage you to utilize this wonderful free resource!
Thank you for your generosity to Our Lord and to your Parish

Our Parish Income (Oak St. Church) for Sunday, July 21, 2019 was $43,505.91
Our Parish Income (Pierson St. Church) for Sunday, July 21, 2019 was $2,811.24

Our Parish Tithe this week will go to St. Thomas Outreach.

AN ATTITUDE: Ultimately, good stewardship is an attitude of faith, trusting that everything tangible and intangible belongs to God and eventually will return to God. Certainly, the concept of tithing ought to govern the way we financially support our Church. Stewardship also means that we take what we need to live and share part of our time in order to serve the Kingdom of God.
## Parish Calendar

### Sunday, July 28, 2019
- **Coffee and Donuts**
- 10:00 AM Hispanic Outdoor Mass (Lake St. Grounds, 469 Lake St.)
- 11:00 AM Hispanic Gran Kermes Food Festival (Lake St. Grounds, 469 Lake St.)

### Monday, July 29, 2019
- **St. Martha**
- 2:00 PM YM Bible Study (Milkshake Mondays) (Parish Center)

### Tuesday, July 30, 2019
- **St. Peter Chrysologus**

### Wednesday, July 31, 2019
- **St. Ignatius of Loyola**
- 1:00 PM YM Movie (Parish Center)

### Thursday, August 1, 2019
- **St. Alphonsus Liguori**

### First Friday, August 2, 2019
- **St. Eusebius of Vercelli**
- **St. Peter Julian Eymard**

### First Saturday, August 3, 2019
- 7:30 AM to 12:30 PM Knights of Columbus Blood Drive (Community Center—Oak St. Church)
- 8:15 AM Men’s Saturday Group (Lower Level-Oak Church)

### Sunday, August 4, 2019
- **Coffee and Donuts**

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### MINISTRY SCHEDULES  Sat./Sun., August 3 and 4, 2019

#### Altar Servers:
- **4:30 PM:** J. Dalton, S. Foster, W. Foster, L. Morehead
- **7:30 AM:** J. Hermann, A. Kobeluch, L. Schaffer, W. Standley
- **9:00 AM:** R. Brickey, M. Piwonka, H. Piwonka, F. Wolff
- **10:30 AM:** O. Arza, M. Johnson, M. Lyons, L. Newton
- **12:00 PM:** A. Arliskas, M. Carzoli, E. Piedmont, B. Telmanik
- **5:30 PM:** K. Hamill, G. Wingett, **2 Girl Volunteers Needed**

#### Lectors:
- **4:30 PM:** C. Ossman, B. Blazier
- **7:30 AM:** L. Gajdzik, E. Schaffer
- **9:00 AM:** B. Ferraro, R. Ferraro
- **10:30 AM:** J. Wiedenfeld, P. Godfrey
- **12:00 PM:** J. Majewska, M. Chmiel
- **5:30 PM:** L. Buthod, **1 Volunteer Needed**

#### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
- **4:30 PM:** #1 A. O’Connell, R. Ellis, G. Marmol, D. Matousek
- **7:30 AM:** #1 F. Moczulewski, B. Frey, D. Schaffer, E. Wojewoda
- **9:00 AM:** #1 S. VanHerzeele, **#2 Volunteer Needed,** J. Brickey, J. Gallagher, K. Ives, T. Lentz, J. Pappas, C. Parise-Miller, P. Slowey, M. VanHerzeele
- **10:30 AM:** #1 Sister Appolonia, #2 J. Arza, D. Amoruso, F. Ciangi, J. Ellinger, L. Godfrey, M. Klepitsch, M. Popp, S. Popp, M. Turk
- **12:00 PM:** **#1 Volunteer Needed,** A. Costantini, M. Krikorian, B. Montanaro
- **5:30 PM:** #1 B. Ladd, M. Foerster, S. Gawart, **1 Volunteer Needed**

#### Celebrants: Mon., July 29, 2019 thru Aug. 3, 2019
- 7-29-19: 6:30 am Fr. Lipinski; 8:30 am Fr. Evans
- 7-30-19: 6:30 am Fr. Fitzpatrick; 8:30 am Fr. Fitzpatrick
- 7-31-19: 6:30 am Fr. Fitzpatrick; 7:50 am Fr. Evans
- 8-1-19: 6:30 am Fr. Lipinski; 8:30 am Fr. Wirth
- 8-2-19: 6:30 am Fr. Fitzpatrick; 8:30 am Fr. Evans
- 8-3-19: 7:30 am Fr. Evans

#### Celebrants— August 3 and 4, 2019
- **4:30 PM** Father George Birungi
- **7:30 AM** Father John Evans
- **9:00 AM** Father George Birungi
- **10:30 AM** Father George Birungi
- **12:00 PM** Father Charles Fitzpatrick
- **5:30 PM** Father John Evans

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**Note:** The above schedule includes details for various events and activities taking place on the specified dates, including Mass times, food festivals, Bible studies, and community drives, among other events. The schedule also lists the names of individuals involved in various roles such as Altar Servers, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and Celebrants, indicating their presence or absence for various services or activities.
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MELINDA POPP, FINANCIAL ASSISTANT  
VAL DELANCE, RECEPTION  
NANCY LEIBFORTH, RECEPTION  
RENEE NOONAN, RECEPTION

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MEG STRUTTMAN, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

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MAUREEN SULLIVAN, SECRETARY

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MICHELLE DEITZ, BOOKKEEPER

**St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Council Members:**  
REV. JOHN R. EVANS, ROBERT BLACK KATHLEEN CORMIER, AMY DEITZ, SOCORRO ESPINOZA, DON FURLANO, HUGO HERNANDEZ, MATTHEW HRONICK, KIM MARRY, ROBERT TELMANIK

**Spanish Mass (Pierson St. Church):**  
7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 PM, 5:30 PM (Oak Street)

**Sunday — 9:30 am and 11:30 am**

**Reconciliation:**  
8:30 AM — 8:45 AM and 3:30 PM — 4:15 PM  
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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