Saint Thomas the Apostle Church

Feast of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary — Holy Day of Obligation
Masses at Oak Street Church are:
Wednesday, August 14, at 7:00 pm; Thursday, August 15, at: 6:30 am, 8:30 am, 12:10 pm, 4:30 pm, and 6:00 pm

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; Everyone 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 He guide and strengthen you this week.

The recent tragic shootings have reminded me of a conversation I had with a fellow student while at Catholic University. He said that violence begins in the mind, then travels to the voice, and finally is made manifest in the body. This friend, whom I initially thought to be a pushover, was in reality quite strong. When people would attack him verbally, he would peacefully respond “I am not prepared to have this discussion with you now.” He never lost control of his emotions. As the song says, let peace begin with me.

Strange question, but this Thursday, will you have dinner? At that moment, why not remember what happened on a Thursday night? As you take that first bite of food, hear Jesus say, “Take, eat, here is all of Me. This is My Body.” At that moment, the food you eat is not the most blessed Sacrament, but Jesus does truly come into your heart. While there, He prepares you to receive Him sacramentally. Davinci painted his famous Last Supper (seen below) for the refectory (dining room) of a monastery. The mural was painted lifesize, and the dining tables would be as high as the painted tables. Even the table cloths matched. Eating in that room gave the impression that one was actually eating at the last supper.

The next day, Friday, set an alarm for 3PM. When the alarm goes off, think, “Jesus just died for love of me.”

I share these two simple practices with you, because I myself have been doing them for the past several months. Do you know what’s happened since then? I’ve noticed that I’m more awake for Sunday Mass, with fewer distractions. When we bother to prepare for Holy Mass, we get to meet the risen Lord in a new way, each week.

Last week, we remembered the Old Testament Sabbath, the Dies Domini, the Day of the Lord. Since that first Easter Sunday, the Dies Domini has become the Dies Christi. The Day of Christ.

Observe Thursday and Friday, and make every week, a Holy Week. Know that I remain

Yours in the Heart of Christ,

Fr. Evans
Mass Intentions

Monday, August 12, 2019
6:30 AM (Oak)  +The Souls of the Faithful Departed
                +Mr. and Mrs. Halecki
8:30 AM (Oak)  +Karen Spitznogle

Tuesday, August 13, 2019
6:30 AM (Oak)  +Helen Barciak
                +Blaine Heaton
8:30 AM (Oak)  +Pauline Fawkes

Wednesday, August 14, 2019
6:30 AM (Oak)  +Anthony and Frances Krysinski
                +Frank and Clara Waszak
7:50 AM (Pierson)  The People on St. Jude’s Prayer List
                (Special Intention)
                +Stephen Koch
7:00 PM (Oak)  St. Thomas The Apostle School 8th Grade
                Class of 2020 (Special Intention)
                +Jim Kuhn

Thursday, August 15, 2019
6:30 AM (Oak)  +Paul Cribb
                +Carol Boulet
8:30 AM (Oak)  +Art and Herta Savaiano
                +Irene Zeman
12:10 PM (Oak)  +Robert J. Flood
4:30 PM (Oak)  The People of St. Thomas the Apostle
                Parish, Living and Deceased
6:00 PM (Oak)  +Joan Robaczewski
                Chester Robaczewski (Special Intention)

Friday, August 16, 2019
6:30 AM (Oak)  +Edward Waszak
8:30 AM (Oak)  +Barbara Hayes

Saturday, August 17, 2019
7:30 AM (Oak)  +Salvador Armando Lasala
4:30 PM (Oak)  +Carol Grivett
                +Bill Walker

Sunday, August 18, 2019
7:30 AM (Oak)  The People of St. Thomas the Apostle
                Parish, Living and Deceased
9:00 AM (Oak)  St. Thomas Women’s Club Members,
                Living and Deceased
10:30 AM (Oak)  Marilyn Little (Special Intention)
12:00 PM (Oak)  +Tom O’Malley
                Dee and Len Smagatz (Special Intention,
                65th Wedding Anniv.)
5:30 PM (Oak)  Father Jerome Koutnik (Special Intention)

WEDDING BANNS
Please pray for the following members of
our community who will marry soon:
Joshua Smith and Carly Clark (I)
Dominic Famolaro and Baylee Huseby (I)

ADORATION CHAPEL CANDLES
DEDICATED FOR THE PERIOD
through August 17, 2019
Kothera Family       O’Connell Family
Little Family         Shirazi Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday:  Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20;
               Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday:  Dt 31:1-8; Dt 32:3-4ab, 7-9, 12;
               Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday: Dt 34:1-2; Ps 66:1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17; Mt 18:15-20
Thursday:  Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7,
               9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28
            Day:  Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;
                   Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
Friday:  Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24;
               Mt 19:3-12
Saturday: Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 11;
              Mt 19:13-15
Sunday:  Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40:2-4, 18; Heb 12:1-4;
               Lk 12:49-53

Please pray for all those in our Parish who are sick:
Celine Bush

Please pray for all the deceased:
Theresa Kovac (mother of Nancy (Paul) Nicholson)

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 CATHOLICS
Devlin Michael Gargano
(child of Michael and Natalie Gargano)
Kendall Janet Wolf
(child of Robert and Katherine Wolf)

GOD BLESS YOU SEMINARIAN
JAMES LINKENHELD
As our summer seminarian’s time
draws to a close, we surround James
with our prayers as he enters the fi-
nal years of his preparation for the
priesthood. God bless you, James,
and thank you for your faith-filled
presence here this summer. May God bless you
always.
This Thursday, August 15, 2019, is the Feast of the Assumption of our Blessed Mother into Heaven, and is a Holy Day of Obligation for all Catholics.

Holy Day Masses are:
- Vigil Mass in the Evening — Wednesday, August 14, at 7:00 pm (Oak).
- Thursday, August 15 — 6:30 am (Oak); 8:30 am (Oak); 12:10 pm (Oak); 4:30 pm (Oak) and 6:00 pm (Oak).

R.C.I.A. (short for Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is an official Church program that helps individuals become a full member of the Catholic Church by receiving the three Sacraments of Initiation — Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

If you have heard of R.C.I.A. and want to learn more and/or have considered joining the program; or even if you know of someone who is interested in and may benefit from the program, please come to one of these informal sessions to have your questions answered:

**Sunday, August 25**, from 8:00 am to 10:30 am, Oak St. Church Lower Level (451 W. Terra Cotta Ave.);

**Thursday, August 29**, from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Oak St. Church Lower Level (451 W. Terra Cotta Ave.);

**Wednesday, September 4**, from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Oak St. Church Lower level (451 W. Terra Cotta Ave.);

Find out what R.C.I.A. is and who it is for. Get an overview of the R.C.I.A. Program:

- **topics to be covered**, requirements, schedule
- **If you have any questions**, please contact Donna Kothera, Parish Secretary, at 815-455-5400, ext. 400.

The R.C.I.A. Process will begin **Sunday, September 8, 2019**, in the lower level of the Oak Street Church at 10:00 am (following the 9:00 am Mass).

Music Ministry Needs You!
Do you enjoy singing? The 9:00am traditional choir would love to have you join us! **We will begin rehearsals on Thursday, September 5th.** Our Handbell Choir is in need of 1 ringer - if you can read music we can teach you how to ring a bell! 😁

If you are interested or have any questions please contact Julie Hermann at the Parish Center 815-455-5400 (x416) for more details.

PARISH BLOCK PARTY—AUGUST 24
As summer comes to an end, we would like to celebrate our wonderful parish family!
You are cordially invited to celebrate with us on **Saturday, August 24th**, from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm - rain or shine! Our celebration will include:

- Fun games & bounce house for the kids
- Music from two bands: WAY and The Josh Goodman Band
- Food trucks with food available for purchase, including beer & wine
- A large tent that will keep us protected from the elements!
- A petting zoo, bounce house, games for the kids, BINGO and lots of other fun surprises!

We do hope you and your family will join us on Saturday, August 24, from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the Oak St. Church to celebrate our St. Thomas Parish Family!
11 de agosto de 2019

Decimonoveno Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

LA FE Y LA ESPERANZA

En las lecturas de hoy la fe y la esperanza están muy unidas. Los israelitas sabían cuando la Pas-cua se acercaba, y eso no les atemorizaba, sino que tenían fe y animo; “y de común acuerdo se impusieron esta ley sagrada”. En esto podemos vislumbrar un anuncio de la Eucaristía que celebramos de acuerdo al mandato del Señor Jesús “Hagan esto en memoria mía”.

Vemos que Abraham, Sara, Isaac y Jacob murieron en la fe, aun cuando ellos no vieron cumplida la promesa. Vivimos con la esperanza que nuestra fe llegará a su cumplimiento cada vez que celebramos este sacramento. Nosotros tampoco debemos de tener miedo, sino tener esperanza que nuestra fe llegará a su cumplimiento en la venida de Cristo.

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Dt 10:12-22; Sal 147 (146):12-15, 18-20; Mt 17:22-27
Martes: Dt 31:1-8; Dt 32:3-4ab, 7-9, 12; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Miércoles: Dt 34:1-2; Sal 66 (65):1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17; Mt 18:15-20
Jueves: Vigilia: 1 Cr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Sal 132 (131):8-9, 10-11, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lc 11:27-28 Dios: Ap 11:3a, 12:1-6a, 10ab; Sal 45 (44); 10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lc 1:39-56
Viernes: Jue 24:1-10; Sal 136 (135):1-3, 16-18; 21-22, 24; Mt 18:3-12
Sábado: Jue 24:14-26; Sal 16 (15):1-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Mt 19:13-15
Domingo: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Sal 40 (39):2-4, 18; Heb 12:1-4; Lc 12:48-53

Colecta 4 de agosto de 2019
Parroquia Oak St. $ 40,485.90
Parroquia Pierson St. $ 2,736.38

DEPARTAMENTO DE EDUCACIÓN DE ADULTOS

Clases de Inglés, Ciudadanía, y Preparación de HSE (GED)
Para información llame al (815) 455-8752
Sin Costo Alguno Para los Estudiantes.

St. Thomas the Apostle Little Saints tiene registración abierta para el Pre-Escolar 2019-2020. Las familias interesadas tendrán una cita para recibir información y conocer las instalaciones, para más detalles email Jennifer Gallien jgallien@stthomascl.org
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES
Pre-school through 6th Grade  
To begin in September  
Catechists are also needed  
Registration (on-line only) for our 2019-2020  
Religious Education Classes is now open.

Please log on to stthomascl.church/re to register for this school year. We are offering 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 still in need of several Catechists and Aids for this school year. Can you please help? Please contact the RE office (815-455-9787) for more information or to be part of this AWESOME program!

PILGRIMAGE OF A LIFETIME!!!
Join Father Evans, Julie Hermann and Music Ministry as we sing our way to Lourdes, France! We will spend time in Paris, Lisieux, Bayeux, Normandy, Mont St. Michele and Lourdes. Our trip is scheduled for July 2020 - so there is time to save!

Join us at the trip informational meeting this Thursday, August 15th at 7:00 pm (after the Holy Day Mass) in the Community Center at the Oak St. Church, where we will have a representative from the tour company with us to show us the itinerary and answer any questions (refreshments will be served).

This trip is open to everyone - not just musicians! Can't wait to see you - and feel free to bring friends!

BACKPACK BLESSING
Next Saturday,  
AUGUST 17  
5:30 PM  
Oak St. Church  
Bring your school backpack to be blessed for the 2019-20 school year. Father Evans will bless the backpacks on Saturday, August 17, 2019, at 5:30 pm, following the 4:30 pm Mass, at the Oak St. Church.

YOUTH MINISTRY
MILKSHAKE MONDAYS WITH MARK  
AUG 12TH  
2-4 PM IN THE PARISH OFFICE!

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Tuesdays from 3-5 PM

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

Our Parish Income (Oak St. Church) for Sunday, August 4, 2019 was $40,485.90

Our Parish Income (Pierson St. Church) for Sunday, August 4, 2019 was $2,736.38

Our Parish Tithe this week will go to St. Joseph Dream Home.

PROPER VALUES: Jesus does not condemn money in itself, but neither does He uphold material wealth as an ultimate goal in itself. He wants us to learn to value things rightly, understanding that our lives are transitory and short, and our goals should not be wealth and security here and now, but the surpassing wealth of eternal life with Him.
Parish Calendar

Sunday, August 11, 2019
Coffee and Donuts

Monday, August 12, 2019
St. Jane Frances de Chantal  
SS. Pontian and Hippolytus

Tuesday, August 13, 2019
6:00 PM Holy Day Vigil Mass (Oak St. Church)

Thursday, August 15, 2019
Holy Day of Obligation—The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Masses at the Oak St. Church:
6:30 am, 8:30 am, 12:10 pm, 4:30 pm, 6:00 pm
6:00 PM School KN & New Family Orientation (School Cafeteria)  
7:00 PM France Trip Informational Meeting (Community Room)

Friday, August 16, 2019
St. Stephen of Hungary

Saturday, August 17, 2019
8:15 AM Men’s Saturday Group (Lower Level-Oak Church)

Sunday, August 18, 2019
Knights of Columbus Breakfast

Monday, August 19, 2019
Parish Center Closed—Staff Retreat  
8:00 AM—11:00 AM School Meet the Teacher (School)

Louisville Parish

MINISTRY SCHEDULES Sat./Sun., August 17 and 18, 2019

Altar Servers:

4:30 PM: N. Bucci, S. Foster, W. Foster, L. Morehead
7:30 AM: M. Carzoli, C. Dunlea, L. Wolff, F. Wolff
9:00 AM: E. Pachla, M. Pachla, D. Sankot, E. White
10:30 AM: B. Arza, J. Brickey, A. Dovidio, J. Hermann
12:00 PM: C. Kurzeja, B. Reckamp, P. Reckamp, 1 Boy Altar

Server Needed
5:30 PM: A. Arliskas, K. Hamill, B. Telmanik, G. Wingett

Lectors:

4:30 PM: A. Wojcik, N. Carpenter
7:30 AM: B. Williams, M. Przybylski
9:00 AM: M. Chmiel, J. Saidler
10:30 AM: P. Godfrey, D. Amoruso
12:00 PM: S. Reckamp, J. Majewska
5:30 PM: L. Buthod, 1 Volunteer Needed

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

4:30 PM: #1 J. Meisner, L. Kirk, D. Matousek, M. Meisner
7:30 AM: #1 F. Moczulewski, V. DeLance, D. Dunlea, L. Gajdzik
9:00 AM: #1 J. Pollasttrini, #2 Volunteer Needed, J. Gallagher, K. Ives, T. Lentz, J. Pappas, M. Popp, S. Popp, L. Tevyaw, J. Tinkham
12:00 PM: #1 Volunteer Needed, A. Costantini, M. Krikorian, B. Montanaro
5:30 PM: #1 A. O’Connell, M. Foerster, S. Gawart, E. Wojewoda

Celebrate Mon., Aug. 12, 2019 thru Aug. 17, 2019  
8-12-19: 6:30 am Fr. Simon; 8:30 am Fr. Evans
8-13-19: 6:30 am Fr. Fitzpatrick; 8:30 am Fr. Evans
8-14-19: 6:30 am Fr. Simon; 7:50 am Fr. Fitzpatrick; 7:00 pm Fr. Evans
8-15-19: 6:30 am Fr. Fitzpatrick; 8:30 am Fr. Fitzpatrick; 12:10 pm Fr. Simon; 4:30 pm Fr. Simon; 6:00 pm Fr. Evans
8-16-19: 6:30 am Fr. Fitzpatrick; 8:30 am Fr. Evans
8-17-19: 7:30 am Fr. Simon

Celebrants—August 17 and 18, 2019
4:30 PM  
Father John Evans
7:30 AM  
Father Charles Fitzpatrick
9:00 AM  
Father Charles Fitzpatrick
10:30 AM  
Father Charles Fitzpatrick
12:00 PM  
Father John Evans
5:30 PM  
Father John Evans

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Celebrants—August 17 and 18, 2019
4:30 PM  
Father John Evans
7:30 AM  
Father Charles Fitzpatrick
9:00 AM  
Father Charles Fitzpatrick
10:30 AM  
Father Charles Fitzpatrick
12:00 PM  
Father John Evans
5:30 PM  
Father John Evans