Saint Thomas the Apostle Church

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

Saint Thomas the Apostle Block Party
Saturday, August 24th at 6 PM
451 W. Terra Cotta Ave. Crystal Lake, IL

Food trucks available to purchase from, games, petting zoo, live music, and more!
stthomascl.church/blockparty

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!
   Come and join us!
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 Brother/Sister in Christ,

May the Son of Man guide and strengthen you this week.

Sunday Brunch (see below) is not an option; it’s an obligation. The Sunday rest, when done properly, restores the body AND the soul, not just the soul.

The following really happened at my former parish. Two men asked me to settle a dispute. They wanted to know whether lawn-mowing was an acceptable Sunday activity. As is often the case, the issue is not the issue. The one man worked with his hands all week. So, on Sundays, all he wanted to do, was sit and read. The other man had a desk job, so the thought of pushing a lawnmower was a welcome change from sitting all week.

Of course, both men were right. Remember, Jesus said, "The Sabbath was made for you." Sunday is your time. It's the day where we get back on balance. Today is the human day, the day of humanity, the dies hominis. Ask yourself, where is my life off kilter? Where have I overemphasized, and underemphasized? What do I need to do to feel like a human being again? Do it! How you feel on Monday morning, is a good indicator of how well you observed Sunday. Until then, know that I remain

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Evans
**Mass Intentions**

**Monday, August 19, 2019**
6:30 AM (Oak)  Frances M. Barciak (Special Intention)  
+Mr. and Mrs. George S. Arnold
8:30 AM (Oak)  Philomena Cyboran (Special Intention)  
+Marsha Lanza
**Tuesday, August 20, 2019**
6:30 AM (Oak)  +The Souls of the Faithful Departed
8:30 AM (Oak)  +The Holy Souls in Purgatory  
+Zulema Chavez
**Wednesday, August 21, 2019**
6:30 AM (Oak)  +Anthony Bevacqua
7:50 AM (Pierson)  +Dave Castetter
**Thursday, August 22, 2019**
6:30 AM (Oak)  +Francis X. Barciak
8:30 AM (Oak)  +Brian Kelly
**Friday, August 23, 2019**
6:30 AM (Oak)  +Francis J. Barciak, Jr.
8:30 AM (Oak)  +Edna Menner
+Jesus Avila Ibarra
**Saturday, August 24, 2019**
7:30 AM (Oak)  +The Souls of the Faithful Departed  
+Daniel Silvestri
4:30 PM (Oak)  +Maggie Cowlin Lucchetti  
+Olympia and Antoni Arciuch
**Sunday, August 25, 2019**
7:30 AM (Oak)  +Marge and George Flynn, Jr.
9:00 AM (Oak)  +Janina Nowak  
Rebekah Lalor (Special Intention)
10:30 AM (Oak)  +Raymond and Marcella Dolan  
+Diane O’Donnell
12:00 PM (Oak)  +Gerry Knapowski
5:30 PM (Oak)  The People of St. Thomas the Apostle  
Parish, Living and Deceased

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**ADORATION CHAPEL CANDLES**

DEDICATED FOR THE PERIOD  
August 18, 2019 through August 31, 2019  
Gifford Family   Noonan Family  
Lauber-Reilly Family   Richie Family

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:**  
Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44; Mt 19:16-22

**Tuesday:**  
Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30

**Wednesday:**  
Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16

**Thursday:**  
Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-10; Mt 22:1-14

**Friday:**  
Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10; Mt 22:34-40

**Saturday:**  
Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51

**Sunday:**  
Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1-2; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

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

Raymond A. Marlewski

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**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.

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED CATHOLICS**

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**Thank You to Members of our Oak St. Church Garden Ministry**

Thank you to Linda Fisher and all the many gardeners for doing the amazing work in making our Oak St. Church Garden absolutely beautiful. All of you have made such a difference and we are so very grateful for your hard work. God bless you.
R.C.I.A.
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
Informal Inquiry Sessions
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
This coming Saturday, 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!

PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS
The Parish Center Office (272 King Street) will be Closed Monday, August 19.
Beginning Tuesday, August 20, the office will be open from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm Monday through Thursday, Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, and on Saturday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RECITATION OF THE ROSARY TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2019 7:30 pm
Oak St. Church Rosary Walk
Knights of Columbus will be in attendance. Come and join them in reciting the Rosary. Refreshments will be served after the Rosary.
In case of inclement weather, rosary will be recited in Church. All are invited
ESCUCHA A JESÚS Y A LOS PROFETAS
Los profetas siempre han tenido un hueso muy duro que roer. Sus palabras, a menudo poco deseadas ser escuchadas, se usan en contra de ellos para perseguirlos y aún para matarlos. Ese fue el destino de muchos profetas del Antiguo Testamento, y Jeremías es uno de esos grandes ejemplos. Jesús trato con pecadores y aceptó su muerte y luego resucitó a una vida gloriosa. El último profeta, Jesús buscó prevenir a las personas de su tiempo y del nuestro de las divisiones que sus palabras causarían, mostrándose él mismo ser el profeta de todo el tiempo. Todos necesitamos ver a nuestras divisiones y dilemas a la luz de las enseñanzas y advertencias, y buscar comprender todo lo que él proclamó y enseñó de las cosas que pasarían si no lo escuchamos. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Jue 2:11-19; Sal 106 (105):34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44; Mt 19:16-22
Martes: Jue 6:11-24a; Sal 85 (84):9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30
Miércoles: Jue 9:6-15; Sal 21 (20):2-7; Mt 20:1-16
Jueves: Jue 11:29-39a; Sal 40 (39):5, 7-10; Mt 22:11-14
Viernes: Rut 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Sal 146 (145):5-10; Mt 22:34-40
Sábado: Ap 21:9b-14; Sal 145 (144):10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51

¡Todos están invitados!
Vengan a divertirse en la fiesta de la cuadra, toda la comunidad de nuestra Parroquia St. Tomas Apóstol reunida para celebrar.
Sábado 24 de agosto 6pm-9pm
Habrá música en vivo, comida, cerveza, vino, juegos, brincolines para los niños, bingo y muchas sorpresas mas.
451 W. Terra Cotta Ave.
(Ruta 176 & Oak St.)
Crystal Lake, IL.
¡Te esperamos, no faltes!
Time & Talent Sunday –
September 7 and 8, 2019
“Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it” – 1 Corinthians 12:27

The Body of Christ is His Church, the entire Church and the individual parishes. In order for this parish to serve her members, we need you to be part of our ministries!
There are so many ways you can participate, whether you want to serve in a ministry or join a ministry that helps you build your faith through fellowship.

Our most important need is catechists for Religious Education Classes. We need people to teach the next generation of Catholics all about this beautiful faith of ours, from the Sacraments to the Saints!
Other ministries in need of help are:
Outreach Office Sunday Coffee & Donut
Women’s Club C.L. Food Pantry
Little Christopher Resale Shoppe

Please prayerfully consider joining one or more of the amazing ministries that serve the Body of Christ! If you want to join a new ministry, pull the Time & Talent section out of the Guidebook that was delivered to your house and return it to Mass the weekend of 9/7-8. There is no need to fill it out if you are staying in a ministry you currently serve.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES
Pre-school through 6th Grade
To begin September 17-18
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 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!
Thank you for your generosity to Our Lord and to your Parish.

Our Parish Income (Oak St. Church) for Sunday, August 11, 2019 was $42,308.31

Our Parish Income (Pierson St. Church) for Sunday, August 11, 2019 was $2,374.25

Our Parish Tithe this week will go to Poor Clares of Rockford, Illinois.

JESUS CALLS US AS HIS DISCIPLES: Jesus calls us, as His disciples, to live a Christian way of life — of which stewardship is a central part. Stewardship is a reflection of our faith, a faith which touches our lives and calls each of us to respond generously with a planned, proportionate, sacrificial gift to God.
Parish Calendar

Sunday, August 18, 2019
Knights of Columbus Breakfast

Monday, August 19, 2019
St. John Eudes
Parish Center Office Closed
8:00 AM to 11:00 AM School Meet the Teacher (School)

Tuesday, August 20, 2019
St. Bernard
First Day of School (No Buses)
Parish Center Office Open 8 am to 8 pm
7:50 AM School Blessing of Backpacks (Washington St. Parking Lot)
7:30 PM Recitation of the Rosary (Rosary Walk—Oak St. Church Grounds)

Wednesday, August 21, 2019
St. Pius X
1:00 PM School Early Release
6:30 PM School Parents Curriculum Night (School Gym)

Thursday, August 22, 2019
The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday, August 23, 2019
St. Rose of Lima

Saturday, August 24, 2019
St. Bartholomew
8:15 AM Men’s Saturday Group (Lower Level-Oak Church)
6:00 PM Parish Block Party (Oak St. Church Grounds)

Sunday, August 25, 2019
Coffee and Donuts
8:00 AM to 10:30 am R.C.I.A. Information Session (Lower Level-Oak St. Church)
9:00 AM Deaf Mass (Parish Center)
PASTORAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

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MICHELLE BOPPART, SECRETARY

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