CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

Prayer for Catechists

O God, our Heavenly Father, You have given us the gift of these catechists to be heralds of the Gospel to our parish family. We lift them up to You in thanksgiving and intercede for them concerning their hopes and needs.

May we be attentive to the presence of Your Word in them, a Word that lifts up and affirms, calls forth and challenges, is compassionate and consoles. We pray that our parish family will always be blessed with those who have responded to the call to share in Christ’s prophetic mission as catechists.

May we too be open to the universal call to service that Christ addresses to all of His disciples, contributing our gifts to the communion of faith, the Church. We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.
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.
My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

A week ago Friday, I met with the Pastor, Fr. Evans, to brief him on our RCIA process. After our meeting, I came back to my office. Seconds later, Father knocked on the door and asked if I would write the article for this weekend’s bulletin. On any topic, he added. I remember thinking to myself - I hope he doesn’t regret telling me, “on any topic”!

So here we go… The last time I had the privilege of writing to you, in this manner, was in 2013. I shared with you my plans for the mini-sabbatical that I was taking. I told you then, that one of my goals for the Sabbatical was to finally spearhead the construction of a new Church Building in my Village, to replace an old Church structure that was falling apart. We broke ground in November 2013. As we speak, the Church Project, dubbed “Building For God”, is in the final stages. The new Church is roofed, and the ceiling work is about 95% completed – thanks to the generosity of so many of you. I hope you have had the chance to see the progress of the Construction on our Parish website (if you have not, please visit the website). You will be amazed at the ingenuity and the manual labor of my people, at great risks to their lives, doing what machines usually do here. They are overwhelmed by your generosity and willingness to help build a befitting place of worship for them, that they want to supply labor where they are not able to contribute financially!

One topic that has been on my mind, and keeps me awake at night, is how to bring this “Building For God” Church Project to completion. The General Contractor in-charge estimates that we need $118,000 to finish up the Building Project – construction of the Pews, equipping the Sanctuary, the Altar and the Sacristy, etc. So much sacrifice has already been expended to bring this project to the present level, and it will be a shame to abandon it at this stage! If you can help us complete this “Building For God”, or know of anyone who may, the community of St. Joseph Catholic Church in my home village, and myself, will remain eternally grateful to you. God bless you!

Another topic is on the recent retirement of our dear Msgr. Hermes, and the subsequent appointment of a new Pastor, Fr. John Evans. Many of you have asked me how I was doing with the change of Pastors. I thank you deeply for your concern. Like I have always said – I could not ask for better parishioners. And now God has blessed us with a new Pastor, who loves the Church. Having been around him since June, let me assure you, HE LOVES THIS PARISH AND YOU! I am blessed to work with him, and pledge to him my unreserved support as he continues with great success from where Msgr. Hermes brought us. For when Fr. Evans succeeds as our Pastor, we ALL succeed!

My last topic is on the theme of this weekend Sunday Scripture message. We should take the question of Jesus to his disciples: “Who do you say that I am?” as addressed to each one of us. Now, as at the time of Jesus, there can be a difference between the words we use to profess our faith and what we really believe. The terms, Messiah and Son of God, for Jesus meant the giving up of his life for others, but what do they mean for us? This is the central theme of the gospel, prepared for us by the message of the first reading that tells how in the Old Testament God began to invite Israel to change. The second reading shows how the words of our profession of faith may be in the right area, but in practice our religion may lack the essentials of belief: works of mercy and love of others,

- Feeding the Hungry, Giving Drink to the Thirsty, Clothing the Naked, Sheltering the Homeless, Visiting the Sick, Visiting the Imprisoned, Burying the Dead (Corporal Works of Mercy).

- Counseling the Doubtful, Instructing the Ignorant, Admonishing Sinners, Comforting the Afflicted, Forgiving Offenses, Bearing wrongs Patiently, Praying for the Living and the Dead (Spiritual Works of Mercy).

Give your faith a face lift … Believe what you profess!

May the blessings of the Almighty God, the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, come down and remain upon you and all your loved ones, now and forever more. Amen.

Fr. Simon
Mass Intentions

**Monday, September 17, 2018**
6:30 AM (Oak) Scott and Melinda Popp (Special Intention)
8:30 AM (Oak) +Janet Ford
+Dominic and Lela Butitta

**Tuesday, September 18, 2018**
6:30 AM (Oak) +The Souls of the Faithful Departed
8:30 AM (Oak) +Shirley Bockman
+Bob Thomas

**Wednesday, September 19, 2018**
6:30 AM (Oak) +Frances Moczulewski
7:50 AM (Pierson) +The Souls of the Faithful Departed
+Judy Fues

**Thursday, September 20, 2018**
6:30 AM (Oak) +The Souls of the Faithful Departed
8:30 AM (Oak) +Dianne McKibben

**Friday, September 21, 2018**
6:30 AM (Oak) Francis X. Barciak (Special Intention)
+Pat and Ken Artner (Special Intention)
8:30 AM (Oak) +The Souls of the Faithful Departed

**Saturday, September 22, 2018**
7:30 AM (Oak) +The Souls of the Faithful Departed
Madonna Swenson (Special Intention)
4:30 PM (Oak) +Eugene Baseggio

**Sunday, September 23, 2018**
7:30 AM (Oak) The People of St. Thomas the Apostle
Parish, Living and Deceased
9:00 AM (Oak) Hryniewicz Family (Special Intention)
+James Carver
10:30 AM (Oak) +Andrew Decker
Father John Evans (Special Intention)
12:00 PM (Oak) +Thomas O’Connor
+Dorothy P. Cyr
5:30 PM (Oak) +Gordon Dennison

**ATTENTION SNOWBIRDS**
Please let us know when you will be leaving and the approximate date of your return. There is a new policy at the Post office, envelopes will be returned to us for $1.22 per envelope. In years past they would forward these on but that is no longer true. Your help in this matter would be greatly appreciated to try and curb those costs.
Either email Melinda Popp at mpopp@saintthomascatholicchurch.org or a phone call to 815-455-5400 ext: 405. Thank you.

**Today we give thanks for the way God has blessed our Parish Family through those who teach our faith to our children and adults.**

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**ADORATION CHAPEL CANDLES DEDICATED FOR THE PERIOD**
September 16, through September 29, 2018
Mosolino Family    Wojtowicz Family
Turczynski Family   Wolf Family

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 7:1-10
**Tuesday:** 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1-5; Lk 7:11-17
**Wednesday:** 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13; Ps 33:2-5, 12, 22; Lk 7:31-35
**Thursday:** 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Lk 7:36-50
**Friday:** Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
**Saturday:** 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-14; Lk 8:4-15
**Sunday:** Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54:3-8; Jas 3:16 — 4:3; Mk 9:30-37

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

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**Please pray for all the deceased:**
Tatyana Shkutyak
William Slowey (son of Patrick (Dee) Slowey)
R Chuck Schwartz, Jr.
Redmond Harkins

If you would like Saint Jude’s Guild to pray for your loved one, please contact Georgia Kostur at 815-459-5432.

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED CATHOLICS**
Liam Joseph Henke
(child of Brian and Rocio Henke)
Avery Angel Villarreal
(child of B. Villarreal and Ashley Holm)

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**WEDDING BANNS**
Please pray for the following members of our community who will marry soon:
Ben Popp and Agnes Zielinski (III)
Ryan Miller and Alissa Rosga (I)
R.C.I.A.
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.

The R.C.I.A. Process began Sunday, September 9, 2018, in the lower level of the Oak Street Church at 10:00 am (following the 9:00 am Mass). You may still join us this Sunday morning!

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH
Thank you to all who signed up last weekend for Time and Talent Weekend. If you did not have a chance to sign up, you can still do so. Forms can be found in the bulletin racks at Church or at the Parish Office. Treasure Sign Up Weekend will be next weekend. Thank you for all you do for our Parish. God bless.

THAT MAN IS YOU
Saturday mornings at 6:00 a.m. to 7:30 a.m.

Community Center, Oak St. Church
Men of all ages are encouraged to join the more than 60 men who make TMIY a start of their weekends. This year nine different Catholic men and apologists will be featured each week. For more information call Greg Ives at 847-338-4672 or email him at gregives@att.net.

ANNUAL TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE
SEPTEMBER 21 and 22, 2018
The Knights of Columbus Annual Tootsie Roll Drive for the Mentally Handicapped Learning Disabled is Friday and Saturday, September 21 and 22. Volunteers are needed to fill a 2-hour shift. Sign up for volunteers is this weekend. For more information, please contact John Orso, Jr. at 815-477-1048.

BABY SHOWER FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES
September 30, 2018
Please join us for our biennial Catholic Charities Baby Shower to be held on Sunday, September 30th from 7:30 am to 12 noon in the Community Room. All are invited to join us for refreshments.

If you would like to donate a baby item, please stop by our table located outside the Community Room after the Masses on the weekends of September 15/16th and September 22/23rd. Gift slips with suggested baby items will be available for you. Purchased gifts may be dropped off before the 4:30 pm mass on Saturday September 29th until noon on Sunday, September 30th. Gifts do not need to be wrapped. Diapers, sleepers, outfits, wipes, baby wash and lotion are among the items requested. Checks donated should be made out to Catholic Charities Crisis Pregnancy Program. Questions, please call Jean Bianchi @ 815-459-6954.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL
16th Annual Golf Outing/ Dinner Fundraiser
Wednesday, September 26, 2018
Turnberry Country Club, Village of Lakewood — Noon Registration/Lunch; 1 pm Shotgun Start
Cost—$135.00 includes golf (scramble format), lunch and dinner;
(Non-golfers, join us for 6 pm dinner - $35.00 )
To register or any questions—call Steve Notaro at 847-343-6822 or email NotaroREM@hotmail.com
Jim McManus at 847-414-7656 or email jimmymacmanus@yahoo.com
16 de septiembre de 2018   Vigésimo Cuarto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
ESCUCHANDO Y RESPONDIENDO
En las lecturas de hoy se entrecruzan tres temas: escuchar a Dios, la fe vs. las buenas obras y perder nuestra vida para poder salvarla. ¿De qué manera están relacionados estos temas?
En Isaías, el Siervo Sufriente padece muchos disgustos y burlas, pero puede soportarlos porque ha escuchado los mensajes de Dios día tras día. El salmo nos dice que Dios también escucha. Dios escucha nuestras súplicas y siempre está dispuesto a salvarnos. Cuando nuestra fe se profundiza, también se profundiza nuestro deseo de hacer obras de justicia y caridad que fortalecen el Reino de Dios. Dios guía nuestras acciones de maneras que muchas veces no podemos ver y no siempre vemos los resultados. Se nos llama en fe a confiar en que lo que hacemos es suficiente y que nuestra disposición a escuchar los mensajes de Dios nos guiará por el camino correcto.

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TRIP TO BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS
HOLY HILL, WISCONSIN
1525 Carmel Rd., Hubertus, Wisconsin
Father Jerome Koutnik is having a “Day of Reparation for the Abused Victims” at Holy Hill in Wisconsin on Saturday, September 29. Day will include prayers, penance and Mass. As soon as we have the final details as to times, amount of the check, etc. we will post them. This is open to the first 50 people. Please watch for next Sunday’s bulletin and our parish web page.

SINGERS NEEDED!
The St. Thomas the Apostle Children’s Choir is accepting new members; all children grades 2-8 are invited to join us! Rehearsals begin on Thursday, September 27th from 4:00pm-5:15pm in the Oak St. Church. We will sing 1-2 times per month at Sunday Mass and the children will sing at the Music Ministry Christmas Concert on December 21st. If you have any questions, please contact our Music Director, Julie Hermann at 815-455-5400 (x416) or email her at hermannjulieann@gmail.com. You may also register your child online: https://www.saintthomascatholicchurch.org/childrens-choir.html Hope to see you there!

St. Thomas Women’s Club
Ladies Night Out
Mix and mingle with ladies of the parish at this fun event featuring light appetizers and ongoing “how to” demos by local experts!
• Discover the power of essential oils
• Learn to make the perfect bow
• Fall fashion styling including scarf tying
• Make decadent white chocolate covered popcorn
• Stamp gift tags and paint wooden plaques
• Quick and easy make-up tips “All for You!”

Tuesday, October 2, 2018
6:30 – 8:30 pm
Oak Street Church Community Room
Hosted by St. Martha Guild
Event begins after a brief general meeting of the Women’s Club

Want to Learn More?
Do you need more information on the above events?
Do you want to see all the other events Youth Ministry offers?
You can find all that and more on our website!

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

Our Parish Income (Oak St. Church) for Sunday, September 9, 2018 was $44,860.33
Our Parish Income (Pierson St. Church) for Sunday, September 9, 2018 was $3,020.47

Our Parish Tithe this week will go to St. Joseph Church in Umonokon, Nigeria (Father Simon’s Church)

MANAGEMENT OF HIS MONEY: In the parable of the talents, God is the Master Who calls His servants into account for their management of His money. It is true that the story can be applied to wider interpretations, but we can take it literally as well as figuratively. It is about money. How we manage money tells us about our life and whether or not we are Christians at all.
Parish Calendar

Sunday, September 16, 2018
Knights of Columbus Breakfast
9:00 AM Deaf Mass (Parish Center)
10:00 AM R.C.I. A. Class (Lower Level –Oak St. Church)

Monday, September 17, 2018
St. Robert Bellarmine
10:00 AM Monday Bible Study Group (Lower Level-Oak
St. Church)
10:30 AM MMP Rosary Group (Pierson St. Church)
6:30 PM SPRED Total Community (Parish Center)
7:00 PM High School YM  (Grades 9-12) Paint War (Oak
St. Church)

Tuesday, September 18, 2018
9:30 AM Moms Bible Study (Community Center)
4:30 PM R.E. Opening Day & Parent Meeting (Pierson St.
Church)
7:00 PM Knights of Columbus (Lower Level-Oak Church)

Wednesday, September 19, 2018
St. Januarius
4:30 PM R.E. Opening Day & Parent Meeting (Pierson St.
Church)
6:30 PM R.E. Family Catechesis-Meet the Teacher (Pierson
St. Church)
7:00 PM Reason to Believe (Parish Library)

Thursday, September 20, 2018
SS. Andrew KimTae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang and
Companions
7:00 PM Junior High YM Summit (Community Center)

Friday, September 21, 2018
St. Matthew
Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive
9:00 AM St. Monica Guild (Lower Level-Pierson St. Church)

Saturday, September 22, 2018
Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive
6:00 AM That Man Is You (Community Center)
8:00 AM Women’s Endow Group (Parish Library)
8:15 AM Men’s Saturday Group (Lower Level-Oak Church)

Sunday, September 23, 2018
Coffee and Donuts
Treasure Signup Weekend
10:00 AM R.C.I.A. Class (Lower Level-Oak St. Church)
1:00 PM R.E. Home Study (Community Center)
### Saint Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

**Address:**
451 W. Terra Cotta Avenue (Route 176 & Oak St.),
Crystal Lake, Illinois 60014

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

**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:**
469 Lake Street, Crystal Lake, IL
(815) 459-9442

**St. Thomas Outreach:**
469 Lake Street, Crystal Lake, IL
(815) 455-1249

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