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

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 preschoolers 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 Anna Roche (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 Allyson Svigelj, at (815)455-5400, ext. 404 or go to www.stthomascatholicchurch.org/bulletin

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 7:30pm, 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.

Sitting with a friend in the hospital. Consoling a crying child. It’s sometimes easier to suffer oneself, than to watch another suffer, isn’t it? It is to us that our Lord said, “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.” When I endure a painful moment such as the above, I have a saying that seems to console me. “This wouldn’t hurt… if I didn’t love.” Praise God; I have a heart, and it’s not made of stone! Blessed am I who mourn!

Bishop Barron has a slightly different way of looking at this divine blessing. He paraphrases it as “How lucky you are if you are not obsessed with your own comfort!” An occasional self-forgetfulness is not a bad thing. It never hurt anyone. Another wise priest used to say, if you want to make yourself miserable, keep asking yourself, “am I happy?” He would go on, saying, forget yourself, and do the work you need to do.

Until next week, know that I remain

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Evans
Mass Intentions

Monday, September 30, 2019
6:30 AM (Oak) Helen Barrett Family Members, Living & Deceased
8:30 AM (Oak) +Fernando Salvacion

Tuesday, October 1, 2019
6:30 AM (Oak) +The Souls of the Faithful Departed
+ Sue Sonin
8:30 AM (Oak) Father Akan Simon (Special Intention)

Wednesday, October 2, 2019
6:30 AM (Oak) Kostrzewski and Wojciga Families, Living and Deceased
7:50 AM (Pierson) +Johannaetta Millot
Elizabeth Beto (Special Intention)

Thursday, October 3, 2019
6:30 AM (Oak) +Albert Kasluga
+Sheila M. Corrigan
8:30 AM (Oak) +Matthew Dombrow
Susan Moran (Special Intention)

Friday, October 4, 2019
6:30 AM (Oak) +Paul Cribb
8:30 AM (Oak) +John Harrington

Saturday, October 5, 2019
7:30 AM (Oak) +The Souls of the Faithful Departed
+ Jim O’Hagan
4:30 PM (Oak) +Bill Walker
+Ryan Freeman

Sunday, October 6, 2019
7:30 AM (Oak) The People of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Living and Deceased
9:00 AM (Oak) +Richard Weidner
9:00 AM (Oak) +Don & Ginny Batastini
10:30 AM (Oak) +Richard M. Biestek
+Eve Poth
12:00 PM (Oak) +Marilyn Orso
5:30 PM (Oak) +Josephine Evans

ADORATION CHAPEL CANDLES DEDICATED FOR THE PERIOD September 29 through October 12, 2019
Bauer Family Orso Family
Kuhn Family Turczynski Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1b-7; Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-6, 10-11; Mt 18:1-5, 10
Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8-11; Lk 10:1-12
Friday: Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9; Lk 10:13-16
Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-37; Lk 10:17-24
Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10

Please pray for all those in our Parish who are sick:
J. Jesus Avila
Robert Botts

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.

St. Thomas School Mission Statement
The school family of St. Thomas the Apostle School of Crystal Lake, Illinois provides faith formation and academic excellence for all students desiring a Catholic elementary education. The uniqueness of each child is developed and celebrated within an environment where God can be encountered. By teaching and modeling Gospel values, we enable our students to become socially responsible Catholic leaders of the Third Millennium.

If you would like more information about our school or to schedule a tour, please contact Michelle Boppart at St. Thomas School; 1-815-459-0496 or mboppart@stthomascl.org.
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. The R.C.I.A. Process began on Sunday, September 8, 2019, in the lower level of the Oak Street Church at 10:00 am (following the 9:00 am Mass). If you still wish to attend, you are welcome to come next Sunday. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Kothera, Parish Secretary, at 815-455-5400, ext. 400.

MEN — Make That Man is You Part of Your Faith Journey
Men: Are you looking to enhance your faith life and your family's, too? Every Saturday, fellowship and breakfast start at 6:00 a.m. in the Community Center at the Oak St. Church, with video and small-group discussions that conclude by 7:30 a.m. Call Greg Ives at 847-338-4672 for more details. See you there!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #3880 NOVENA FOR LIFE
Next Sunday, October 6, is Respect Life Sunday. To commemorate and bolster this important cause, the Knights of Columbus Council #3880 will begin a Novena for Life (nine days of sustained prayer, to build up the Culture of Life in our parish, homes and community) beginning next weekend of October 5 and 6.

A special Novena Prayer Card “Celebrate the Gospel of Life” will be available in the Narthex next Sunday for you to pray daily from October 6 through October 14, along with the Prayer Card “Rosary for Life.”

The Knights of Columbus will also be leading the recitation of the Rosary at the Oak St. Church at 7:30 pm, on the 2 Mondays—October 7 and October 14. All are invited to join them.

Thank you for joining the Knights of Columbus in this Novena and special recitations of the Rosary in October.

Time & Talent
Please prayerfully consider joining one or more of the amazing ministries that serve the Body of Christ! To join a new ministry, pull the Time & Talent section out of the 2019 Guidebook that was delivered to your home. Guidebooks and Forms are available in the Narthex at the Oak St. Church. Thank you for your willingness to be of service.

Where Should I Volunteer?

2019 NATIONAL LIFE CHAIN
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2019
2:30 pm to 3:30 pm
Route 14 and Teckler Blvd in Crystal Lake
(in front of Hobby Lobby Store)
Signs are provided and will be distributed
Please park in the Hobby Lobby parking lot
For information, please contact George Jost at 847-658-8379
Or go to www.lifechain.net

The Life Chain is a national event that is a peaceful show of solidarity in the Christian community for the sanctity of human life. We will stand in prayer to honor the millions of lives that have been lost to abortion, while holding signs such as “adoption the loving option,” etc. Come join us for one hour on Sunday, October 6th.

DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER
The Marian Table will be in the Narthex of our Oak St. Church.

On display will be the Four Marian Dogmas. Holy cards, mission rosaries and rosary instruction booklets are complimentary and available at the table.

“Give me an army saying the Rosary and I will conquer the world.” Blessed Pope Pius IX
CÓMO DIOS PRETENDE QUE VIVAMOS

Las lecturas de hoy una vez más están dirigidas a los creyentes, comunidades de fe. Así como la lectura de la semana pasada. Amós nos conforta con una condena de aquellos cuyas vidas están enfocadas en el placer y la autoabsorción. El Salmo contrasta ese enfoque con el del Señor: justicia para los oprimidos, alimentos para los hambrientos, libertad para los cautivos, vista para los ciegos, levantar a los agachados, amor al justo, proteger a los extranjeros, huérfanos y las viudas; y al hacerlo, frustrando el camino a los malvados. Timoteo nos insta a la búsqueda de la justicia, la devoción, la fe, el amor, la paciencia y la mansedumbre. Lucas cuenta la historia familiar de un hombre rico y un mendigo en su puerta, que lleva una vida muy diferente en este mundo y en el otro. Una vez más estamos recibiendo indicaciones acerca de cómo Dios quiere que vivamos nuestras vidas.

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“AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA” ROSARY  
ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2019  
FROM 11:00 am-12:30pm  
Oak St. Church Grounds  
Please join with us and over 1 million Catholics to pray the rosary for the protection of life, religious liberty, and traditional marriages and families.

On Saturday, October 12, 2019, at 11:00 am, we will gather outside the Oak St Church grounds near the statue of our Blessed Mother. (rain or shine) Please bring a lawn chair and umbrella, if needed.

“The rosary is a powerful weapon, use it with confidence and you will be amazed at the results” St. Josemaria Escriva

LIGHT OF THE WORLD  
PARISH RETREAT  
November 8, 9, 10 and 11, 2019  
Pierson Street Church  
Experience a fresh start in your faith through a strengthening of your relationship with Christ! Get away from the world screaming at you about everything for a weekend and find peace in just spending time with Him!

Come discover what thousands of people across the world have experienced through this wonderful retreat. Give yourself some rest & peace and get to know fellow parishioners in a deep and meaningful way.

Dates are Friday—Monday, November 8, 9, 10 and 11, 2019. Go to www.stthomascl.church/lotw for all of the details and to register. Questions? Call Allyson Svigelj at 815-455-5400x404.

YOUTH MINISTRY  
Lead To The Heights  
HIGH SCHOOL LEADERS NEEDED  
APPLY ONLINE  
STTHOMASCLCHURCH/YM

HS Community Dinner  
Oak St. Church  
Sept. 30th 5:15 PM

SUMMIT  
GRADRES 6-8  
Oak St Church  
7:00 - 8:30PM  
THURSDAY

www.stthomascl.church/ym
HELPING YOU FIND PEACE, POWER AND PASSION AFTER YOUR DIVORCE
Tuesdays, October 1 through December 17, 2019
St. Mary Church, 10307 Dundee Rd., Huntley, IL
Cost—$20.00 for materials
Contact Kristin at 847-372-8080 or send email to hopeandhealing@yahoo.com
Surviving Divorce is for those newly separated and divorced and those still struggling with issues many years later.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS (AGES 18 AND OLDER)
Are you an adult Catholic (age 18 and older) who has been baptized but not yet received your First Communion and/or your Sacrament of Confirmation? If so, join us as we accompany those becoming Catholic in the RCIA program. Together you will discover the history, theology, and traditions of the faith that brings us the sacraments. Discover the Saints, understand the Sacraments, come to know why the Church does what she does and teaches what she teaches. Your faith will be stronger and you will form lasting bonds with your fellow confirmandi!
Please go to: www.stthomascl.church/adult-confirmation to register. Classes begin December 1, 2019 in Lower Level of Oak St Church from 10:00 am – 11:50 am. Questions? Call Allyson Svigelj at 815-455-5400x404

BUILDING 4 GOD
Turnberry Country Club
Saturday, November 9, 2019
Cocktail hour: 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm
Dinner: 6:30 pm
$100.00 per person
Entertainment by Last Horizon
Details to follow
For more information or to make a contribution: http://www.building4god.com

LADIES NIGHT OUT
OCTOBER 16, 2019
6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
Community Center, Oak St. Church
We invite all the women of our Parish to join us for an evening of fun playing “Left Right Center.” “Left Right Center” is an easy, fun game of dice and can easily be enjoyed over drinks, appetizers and desserts. Playing coins will be available to purchase.

Come on Wednesday, October 16, at 6:30 pm and make new friends—reconnect with old friends and enjoy the evening.

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

Our Parish Income (Oak St. Church) for Sunday, September 22, 2019 was $37,791.66
Our Parish Income (Pierson St. Church) for Sunday, September 22, 2019 was $2,627.91

Our Parish Tithe this week will go to St. Peter Church in Aurora, IL.

BE KIND TO SOMEONE ELSE: A beautiful creed to live by was expressed by Etienne De Grellet: “I expect to pass this way but once; any good therefore that I can show to any fellow creature, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.”
MINISTRY SCHEDULES  Sat./Sun. October 5 and 6, 2019

**Altar Servers:**

- **4:30 PM**: J Dalton, S. Foster, W. Foster, T. Niemann
- **7:30 AM**: J. Anchor, J. Dunlea, L. Schaffer, L. Tabat
- **9:00 AM**: M. Fisher, J. Hermann, M. Pachla, E. Pachla
- **10:30 AM**: A. Arliskas, O. Arza, I. Pollastrini, B. Telmanik
- **12:00 PM**: M. Carzoli, T. Kohls, E. Piedmont, F. Wolff
- **5:30 PM**: J. O’Neill, K. Piwnicki, L. Polston, D. Sankot

**Lectors:**

- **4:30 PM**: C. Ossman, T. Hicklin
- **7:30 AM**: E. Schaffer, M. Przybylski
- **9:00 AM**: C. Kelecius, G. Ives
- **10:30 AM**: J. Wiedenfeld, D. Amoruso
- **12:00 PM**: J. Majewska, M. Chmiel
- **5:30 PM**: P. Godfrey, C. Milone

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**

- **4:30 PM**: #1 D. Matousek, R. Heuel, J. Meisner, M. Meisner
- **7:30 AM**: #1 F. Moczulewski, L. Gajdzik, D. Schaffer, P. Wyman
- **9:00 AM**: #1 V. Cuchna, #2 S. VanHerzeele, C. Anderson, J. Gallagher, K. Ives M. Johnson, P. Slowey, L. Tevyaw, J. Tinkham, M. VanHerzeele
- **10:30 AM**: #1 J. Pollastrini, #2 M Turk, Sister Appolonia, J. Arza, J. Barnes, F. Barnes, J. Brickey, L. Kirk, M. Popp, S. Popp
- **12:00 PM**: #1 Volunteer Needed, M. Klepitsch, M. Krikorian, A. O’Connell
- **5:30 PM**: #1 I. Carlino, L. Godfrey, D. Talaga, E. Wojewoda

**Celebrants—October 5 and 6, 2019**

- **4:30 PM**: Father John Evans
- **7:30 AM**: Father Charles Fitzpatrick
- **9:00 AM**: Father Charles Fitzpatrick
- **10:30 AM**: Father John Evans
- **12:00 PM**: Father John Evans
- **5:30 PM**: Father Akan Simon

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**Parish Calendar**

**Sunday, September 29, 2019**

- **Coffee and Donuts**
- **10:00 AM R.C.I.A. Class (Lower Level-Oak St. Church)**
- **7:00 PM R.E. First Reconciliation Parent Meeting (Oak St. Church)**

**Monday, September 30, 2019**

- **St. Jerome**
  - **5:15 PM High School Community Dinner (Lower Level-Oak St. Church)**
  - **6:30 PM SPRED Total Community (Parish Center)**

**Tuesday, October 1, 2019**

- **St. Therese of the Child Jesus**
- **9:30 AM Moms Bible Study (Community Center)**
- **12:30 PM Women’s Club Board Meeting (Parish Center)**
- **1:00 PM Mum Plants Pick Up (Community Center)**
- **4:30 PM R.E. Classes (Pierson St. Church)**
- **7:00 PM Knights of Columbus (Lower Level-Oak Church)**

**Wednesday, October 2, 2019**

- **The Holy Guardian Angels**
- **4:30 PM R.E. Classes (Pierson St. Church)**

**Thursday, October 3, 2019**

- **First Friday, October 4, 2019**
  - **St. Francis of Assisi**

**First Saturday, October 5, 2019**

- **Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos**
  - **6:00 AM That Man Is You (Community Center-Oak Church)**
  - **8:15 AM Men’s Saturday Group (Lower Level-Oak Church)**
  - **8:30 AM SPRED Total Community (Parish Center)**
  - **5:30 PM Recitation of the Rosary (Oak St. Church)**

**Sunday, October 6, 2019**

- **Respect Life Sunday**
- **Coffee and Donuts**
- **The Little Way Bookstore in Narthex**
  - **10:00 AM R.C.I.A. Class (Lower Level-Oak St. Church)**
  - **1:00 PM 7th Grade RE Class (Lower Level-Oak St. Church)**
  - **3:30 PM YET –Youth Evangelization Team**
    - (Community Center)
Pastoral and Administrative Staff

**Priests**

**815.455.5400**

Father John R. Evans, Pastor
Father Charles P. Fitzpatrick, Parochial Vicar
Father Akar S. Simon, Parochial Vicar

**Spanish Ministry**

Father William Tunarosa, Parochial Vicar

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**Administrative Services**

**815.455.5400**

Donna Kothera, Parish Secretary
Patricia Roatch, Financial Secretary
Marisa Lopez, Hispanic Secretary
Melinda Popp, Financial Assistant
Val Delance, Reception

**Evangelization & Adult Formation**

**815.455.5400**

Allyson Svigelj, Director of Evangelization

**Music and Liturgy**

**815.455.5400**

Julie Hermann, Music Director
Meg Strittman, Administrative Assistant

**Religious Education**

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Charlotte Kolodzik, Director
Christina Benkert, Secretary
Nancy Miller, Coordinator

**Youth Ministry**

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Lisa Kendziorek, Junior High Youth Minister
Anna Roche, Youth Minister
Maureen Sullivan, Secretary

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Gina Ruffolo, Assistant Principal
Jennifer Gallien, Preschool Director
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St. Thomas School — 815-459-0496
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/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 — 7:30 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 Margaret (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
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