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 Jerome P. Koutnik
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

Adoration Chapel, Oak St. Church
Our goal is to have at least 2 adorers for each hour. This will help ensure that Jesus is never left alone.
“Won’t you spend an hour with Me?”
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,

I hope this letter finds you well.

Islamic extremists threatened to attack us. We were severely outnumbered. We sailed out and arranged our ships in the form of a cross. At the middle of the cross was a picture of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Empress of All America. The terrorists’ ships were in the form of a crescent. Each of our sailors had a rosary in one hand, a sword in the other. Guess who won? Right! We did! This victory happened on October 7th, 1571, making October forever the month of the Holy Rosary.

Years later, a Pope saw our beloved Church under attack again, though this time from an enemy more subtle and dangerous than any terrorist. Pope Leo XIII reminded us to keep praying the rosary, and urged us to pray to St. Joseph after praying to our Lady. He composed the prayer below.

One of our Protestant friends called the Rosary, “a continual prayer, always at hand, especially if it’s in your pocket.”

St. John Paul II reminded us of the three great intentions when praying the Holy Rosary. He said our world today is in greatest need of peace, and yet, praying the rosary, we feel peace immediately. We also need to strengthen the family; there is no stronger family than one that prays a rosary. Finally, we need to pray for life, for the celebration of life, for the protection of life. Finish a rosary, and I dare you to tell me you feel less alive. He adds, “The Rosary has accompanied me in moments of joy and in moments of difficulty. To it I have entrusted any number of concerns; in it I have always found comfort” (RVM 2).

If there is anyone reading this, who has never prayed a rosary, or has tried, but struggles to see the appeal, I am here to tell you, it’s okay. St. John Paul told us, there is no wrong way to pray the rosary. Holding the rosary is a prayer in itself. Keeping it in your pocket is a continual prayer. Your challenge this month is to give our Lady a daily rosary. Even if, for you, it just means going before a picture of Mary every day, and holding up your rosary and saying, “Here!” Do it every day this month, and see what happens!

Until next week, know that I remain

Yours in the Heart of Christ,

Fr. Evans

PS: Prayer for after the Rosary:

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our tribulation, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also. Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities. O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ; O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness. As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God’s Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.
## Mass Intentions

**Monday, October 1, 2018**
- 6:30 AM (Oak) +The Souls of the Faithful Departed
- 8:30 AM (Oak) +Illuminada Pascual Ponsaran
  - Father Akan Simon (Special Intention)

**Tuesday, October 2, 2018**
- 6:30 AM (Oak) +Joseph Dockendorff
- 8:30 AM (Oak) +Father John Evans (Special Intention)

**Wednesday, October 3, 2018**
- 6:30 AM (Oak) +Albert Kaslug
- 7:50 AM (Pierson) +The Souls of the Faithful Departed
- 8:30 AM (Oak) +Matthew Dombrow

**Thursday, October 4, 2018**
- 6:30 AM (Oak) +The Souls of the Faithful Departed
- 7:50 AM (Pierson) +The Souls of the Faithful Departed

**Friday, October 5, 2018**
- 6:30 AM (Oak) +Raymond L. Pe
- 8:30 AM (Oak) +Shirley Ray

**Saturday, October 6, 2018**
- 7:30 AM (Oak) Kendall, Christi, and Aaron Wojewoda
  - John and Patty McFadden (Special Intention)
- 4:30 PM (Oak) +Ryan Freeman
- 10:30 AM (Oak) +Walter and Stella Kalowy
- 12:00 PM (Oak) +Harry Kranz
- 5:30 PM (Oak) +Lorraine Hack

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- **Monday:** Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50
- **Tuesday:** Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Ps 88:2-8; Mt 18:1-5, 10
- **Wednesday:** Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-15; Lk 9:57-62
- **Thursday:** Jb 19:21-27; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14; Lk 10:1-12
- **Friday:** Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14ab; Lk 10:13-16
- **Saturday:** Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130; Lk 10:17-24
- **Sunday:** Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128:1-6; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16 [2-12]

## WEDDING BANNS
Please pray for the following members of our community who will marry soon:

- Ryan Miller and Alissa Rosga (III)
- Sean Chambers and Audra Kelly (II)
- Nicholas Hevesy and Michelle Żabkiewicz (II)

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED CATHOLICS

- Ruby Therese Gebert (child of Jack and Anna Marie Gebert)
- Elizabeth Taylor Wyatt (child of Michael and Kirsten Wyatt)

## 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
R.C.I.A.
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
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!

BABY SHOWER FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES
This Sunday morning, September 30, 2018
7:30 am to 12:00 noon
Please join us for our biennial Catholic Charities Baby Shower to be held today, Sunday, September 30th from 7:30 am to 12 noon in the Community Room. All are invited to join us for refreshments. Checks donated should be made out to Catholic Charities Crisis Pregnancy Program. Questions, please call Jean Bianchi @ 815-459-6954. Thank you for your support and prayers.

2018 NATIONAL LIFE CHAIN
NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2018
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
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 7th.

Johnsburg’s 1st Way Life Center has a new Center in McHenry
Open House on Monday, October 1, at 6:30 pm
409 N. Front St. (Highway 31)
All are invited to the open house on October 1.

Mark Your Calendars
If you've heard the invite before, and have wondered what it is all about, sign up and find out how you can get closer to Jesus through the...
Light of the World Retreat
November 9, 10, 11, 12, 2018
Call JoEllen Gregus @ (815) 455-5400 x404
or E-mail jgregus@saintthomascatholicchurch.org for more information

St. Thomas Women’s Club
Ladies Night Out
All women are invited—
come join us
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

Support St. Thomas School through our Football Mania Fundraiser!
You can help support St. Thomas the Apostle School by purchasing a Football Mania Fundraiser card. Our School’s PTO will be selling the cards for $20.00 each after the weekend Masses on the weekends of October 6/7 and October 13/14.
The cards will include a Football Mania Sweepstakes and $20 worth of music downloads! You can win prizes for the last 10 weeks of the regular season NFL football games through the Football Mania Sweepstakes! Cash or checks made to the St. Thomas School PTO will be accepted. Cards will ONLY be available for purchase after the weekend Masses on October 6/7 and October 13/14. Any questions — please email sttsclpto@gmail.com

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¿QUÉN ESTÁ A NUESTRO FAVOR?

Jesús, como Moisés que estuvo antes que él, corrige los malentendidos de los discípulos sobre el don del Espíritu. Vieron a personas, que no eran parte de su grupo, echar demonios y hacer otros milagros como Jesús había hecho. Jesús señala que nadie que hace milagros en su nombre puede luego hablar mal de él. Luego señala la importancia de la “gente sencilla”: los pobres, las personas sencillas, los niños, los humildes que no son importantes en el mundo. Es a ellos a quienes fue enviado, no a los ricos ni a los farisaicos. Jesús hace hincapié en la importancia de las pequeñas obras hechas con fe, de la misma manera que las grandes obras como echar a los demonios. “Todo aquél que les dé a beber un vaso de agua…por el hecho de que son de Cristo… les aseguro que no se quedará sin recompensa” (Marcos 9:41). Dios construye el Reino por venir poco a poco con nuestras acciones, sin importar que sean pequeñas o sencillas, si se las hace por amor a Dios y al prójimo.

LAS FLORECITAS - GRUPO DE NIÑAS

Si tienes hijas entre los 6 y 13 años de edad te invitamos a registrarlas en el grupo de Las Florecitas de nuestra parroquia. Las registraciones se llevarán acabo en la Oficina parroquial de lunes a jueves entre 9:00 am y 4:30pm. El costo de la registración es de $50.00 por el año.

La primera sesión será el domingo 7 de octubre comenzando con la Santa Misa de Celebración de los 25 años de aniversario desde que se formó el grupo de Las Florecitas.

Las clases de Las Florecitas se llevan acabo un domingo por mes a las 12:45 pm. En el sótano de nuestra parroquia de Santo Tomás Pierson St.
On Saturday, October 13, 2018, Americans all across our Country will be praying the “America Needs Fatima” Rosary for the unborn and for our Nation’s leaders. We will pray from 11 am to 12:30 pm (rain or shine) on our Church Grounds of our Oak Street Church on Route 176, at the Rosary Garden. You may bring a lawn chair/umbrella. Prayer does work! Come and join us Saturday, October 13, at 11:00 am to join us along with over 1 million Catholics who will be praying to protect life, religious liberty, and traditional marriage and families.

Rosary to be recited every Saturday in October
Saturdays—October 6, 13 and 27, our Parish Marian Group will recite the Rosary after the 4:30 pm Saturday Mass at the Oak St. Church. All are invited to pray with them beginning next Saturday, October 6th.

On Saturday, October 20, the Knights of Columbus will be reciting the Rosary (for Pro-Life) after the 4:30 pm Mass at the Oak St. Church. Please join us.

Want more details?
www.stthomasmrlchurch/ym
Thank you for your generosity to Our Lord and to your Parish

Our Parish Income (Oak St. Church) for Sunday, September 23, 2018 was $40,729.62
Our Parish Income (Pierson St. Church) for Sunday, September 23, 2018 was $2,714.65

Our Parish Tithe this week will go to St. Peter Church in Aurora, Illinois, to help them provide religion classes for their students in need.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT: The Scriptures call each of us to deeper awareness of the wonders of God’s blessings, the gifts that He has showered on us in so great abundance, and to the challenge to use those gifts and talents creatively and responsibility.
### Parish Calendar

#### Sunday, September 30, 2018

**Catholic Charities Baby Shower**—7:30 am to Noon
**Adoration Chapel**—Adorers Sign Up
10:00 AM R.C.I. A. Class (Lower Level –Oak St. Church)
7:00 PM Parent Meeting-First Reconciliation (Oak Church)

#### Monday, October 1, 2018

**St. Therese of the Child Jesus**
10:00 AM Monday Bible Study (Lower Level–Oak Church)
10:30 AM MMP Rosary Group (Pierson St. Church)
6:30 PM SPRED Total Community Session (Parish Center)
7:00 PM High School Flashpoint (Oak St. Church)

#### Tuesday, October 2, 2018

**The Holy Guardian Angels**
9:30 AM Moms Bible Study (Community Center)
12:30 PM Women’s Club Board Meeting (Parish Center)
4:30 PM R.E. Grade Classes (Pierson St. Church)
6:30 AM Ladies Night Out (Community Center)
7:00 PM Ushers Meeting (Oak St. Church)
7:00 PM Knights of Columbus (Lower Level–Oak Church)

#### Wednesday, October 3, 2018

4:30 PM R.E. Grade Classes (Pierson St. Church)
6:00 PM R.E. Family Faith Formation (King St. School)
7:00 PM Reason to Believe (Lower Level-Oak Church)

#### Thursday, October 4, 2018

**St. Francis of Assisi**
7:00 PM Junior High Summit (Oak St. Church)

#### First Friday, October 5, 2018

**Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos**
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)
5:30 PM Recitation of the Rosary (Oak St. Church)

#### Sunday, October 7, 2018

**RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY**
Coffee and Donuts
10:00 AM R.C.I.A. Class (Lower Level-Oak St. Church)
1:00 PM 7th Grade R.E. (Community Center)

#### Monday, October 8, 2018

**Columbus Day**
Parish Center Closed; No School
PASTORAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

PRIESTS
FATHER JOHN R. EVANS, PASTOR
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FATHER AKAN S. SIMON, PARROCHIAL VICAR
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St. Thomas School—815-459-0496
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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
Finance Office Telephone: 815-455-5400

Mass Schedule:
Daily Mass: 6:30 AM (Oak Street)
8:30 AM (Oak Street—Mon/Tues/Thurs/ Fri)
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:
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