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
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.
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

May Christ guide and strengthen you this week!

“The altar today was beautiful, Father!” said a non-parishioner friend.

“Thanks! But when were you in my parish church today?” I’d ask.

“I wasn’t. My friend Bill was, and he posted on Instagram.”

On another occasion, I was told, “Father, it was beautiful how you said….!”

“When did you hear me say that?”

“A friend tweeted it from your homily last weekend.”

We continue our discussion of ways to evangelize. Today, we consider the “media apostolate,” a type that works in all the other previous ways, but adds an extension. So, let’s briefly review the different ways of evangelizing, and see how the use of technology can help us forward our apostolate.

Before we go too far, remember that “media” is a broad term. Don’t think you need to be, as Monsignor Hermes would say, “too techie.” St. Paul used the media apostolate of letter writing (see picture below). More recently, Bishop Sheen used the radio and television. Closer to home, a lady (with great-grandchildren) at a former parish bragged, “Father, I’ll call anybody!” We talked. Before Christmas, she called everyone in our town, inviting them to Mass. Don’t tell me you’re not “tech enough.” The following quotes are, of course, just examples to get the creative juices flowing, and they can be used on any form of media, new or old, email or snail mail, landline or FaceTime.

Apostolate of prayer. “Dear Bill, I heard you were sick, so I’m offering my rosary for you this week.” This also goes by the term “spiritual bouquet.”

Suffering apostolate. “Dear Bill, I’m offering my sufferings this week so that you do well on that test.”

Family apostolate. “You know you’re a brother to me.” Yes, it can be that simple. This also applies to any reaching out to long-distance relatives. The letter/text/phone call does not need to include the phrase “Go to church” to be truly apostolic. Your non-Catholic relatives know that you’re a Catholic, so your kindness IS evangelizing them.

Example. A cousin of mine went on retreat. She posted the dates on her social media pages, so people knew not to expect messages from her that weekend.

Profession. This is a trickier one. Last week, I mentioned how I worked for the Military Archdiocese in their records department. Well, I had a desk, with a computer. It was so very tempting to surf, when I was supposed to be working. So, in this case, what about the “no media professional apostolate”? Yes, I am talking to you, who, like me, are tempted to surf the web on company time. If your boss knows that you’re Catholic, and catches you wasting company time, you are not making Christ or His Church look good. Of course, certain rules apply. Some jobs require email or web use, but you know what is authentically working versus not. Thank you for working when it’s time to work, and playing when it’s time to play.

Friendship. Is there a friend whom you haven’t heard from in awhile? What about sending him/her a note/text/e-mail/phone call?

We must not let distance get in the way of evangelization. After all, St. Paul wouldn’t let that stop him! Until next week, know that I remain

Yours in the Heart of Christ,

Fr. Evans
Mass Intentions

Monday, October 29, 2018
6:30 AM (Oak) Francis J. Barciak, Jr. (Special Intention)
8:30 AM (Oak) +Marilyn Obermeier
Chris Ryan (Special Intention)

Tuesday, October 30, 2018
6:30 AM (Oak) +John Orso, Sr.
8:30 AM (Oak) +John Leonetti
+Anthony Pintozzi

Wednesday, October 31, 2018
6:30 AM (Oak) +Bud Thompson
7:50 AM (Pierson) Scott Moran (Special Intention)
+Ron Modrich
7:00 PM (Oak) +Redmond Harkins

Thursday, November 1, 2018, All Saints Day
No 8:30 am Mass
6:30 AM (Oak) +The Souls of the Faithful Departed
7:50 AM (Pierson) +Donald Brinckman
+Matthew Kischuk
12:10 PM (Oak) +Kathryn Burke Beisell
+Carol Grivett
4:30 PM (Oak) +Floyd Rogers
6:00 PM (Oak) +Rob Ryan

Friday, November 2, 2018
6:30 AM (Oak) +Marilyn Pedersen
+Annette Wavering
8:30 AM (Oak) +Ben VanCamp
+Robert and Gloria Novak
7:00 PM (Oak) All Souls Mass

Saturday, November 3, 2018
7:30 AM (Oak) +The Souls of the Faithful Departed
4:30 PM (Oak) +Marilyn Scanlan
+Stanley and Charlotte Pachucki

Sunday, November 4, 2018
7:30 AM (Oak) +Raymond L. Pe
Ann Schmidt (Special Intention)
9:00 AM (Oak) St. Thomas Women’s Club Members,
Living and Deceased
10:30 AM (Oak) +Donald and Joy Palmer
+Nancy Cruz
12:00 PM (Oak) +Joseph and Grace Popelec
5:30 PM (Oak) The People of St. Thomas the Apostle
Parish, Living and Deceased

ADORATION CHAPEL CANDLES
DEDICATED FOR THE PERIOD
October 28, 2018 through November 10, 2018
Hopkins Family Madison Family
Loyola Family Makowski Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Eph 4:32 — 5:8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33 or 5:2a, 25-33; Ps 128:1-5;
Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday: Eph 6:1-9; Ps 145:10-14; Lk 13:22-30
Thursday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3;
Mt 5:1-12a
Friday: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9;
Jn 6:37-40, or any readings from no. 668 or
from the Masses for the Dead, nos. 1011-1016
Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26; Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef;
Lk 14:1, 7-11
Sunday: Dt 6:2-6; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; Heb 7:23-28;
Mk 12:28b-34

Please pray for all those in our Parish who are sick:
Dolores Fabbri Jeff Sciackitano
Scott Medford

Please pray for all the deceased:
Freida Uner

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR
NEWLY BAPTIZED CATHOLIC

Caelyn Nicole Holland
(child of Edward and Emily Holland)

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

Robert Rink and Alysse Schutz (II)
In a couple of weeks, many St. Thomas parishioners will be experiencing a powerful event. Why not join them?

The Light of the World Retreat starts in 2 weeks!!!
Prayerfully consider attending this parish-based Retreat! If you feel God is calling you to strengthen or deepen your relationship with Him, or if you have just plain run out of excuses on why you can’t come to a retreat then, register for this retreat, this time!

Friday, November 9  7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Saturday, November 10  8:00 am – 8:00 pm
Sunday, November 11  8:00 am – 8:00 pm
Monday, November 12  6:30 pm – 9:30 pm

Call JoEllen Gregus @(815) 455-5400 x404 or jgregus@saintthomascatholicchurch.org. You can also register online on our website.

THIS THURSDAY , NOVEMBER 1, 2018
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
FEAST OF ALL SAINTS
We join together as a Parish Family on this Holy Day of Obligation for all Catholics — which begins November—a month of prayer for all of our loved ones who have departed, and which honors all the Saints in Heaven.

Our Mass Schedule on Thursday, November 1, will be:
6:30 am  Oak St. Church
7:50 am  Pierson St. Church (All-School - students/faculty Mass)
12:10 pm  Oak St. Church
4:30 pm  Oak St. Church
6:00 pm  Oak St. Church

We will have a Vigil Mass on Wednesday evening, October 31, 2018, at the Oak Street Church at 7:00 pm.

Mass of Remembrance
FRIDAY, November 2, 2018
All Souls’ Day
Oak St. Church
7:00 PM Mass

Please arrive between 6:30 pm and 6:50 pm All are invited to join us for a Mass of Remembrance and Candle Lighting to be celebrated on Friday, All Soul’s Day, November 2, 2018 at 7:00 pm. At this Mass we will remember and celebrate the lives of our deceased loved ones. We invite you to join us for this special Mass and to bring a photo or memento of someone you have lost, which will be placed in front of the Altar before Mass. Please bring photos size 5x7 or smaller and arrive between 6:30 pm – 6:50 pm to place your photo and light a candle during the prelude music. The Mass of Remembrance will begin at 7:00 pm.

CHANGE CLOCKS BACK NEXT WEEKEND—November 3 and 4
This coming Saturday night/Sunday morning, —November 3 and 4, remember to set your clocks back one hour as we end Daylight Savings Time.
LA ESPERANZA Y PROMESA DE REDENCIÓN

El profeta Jeremías anuncia el fin del exilio en Babilonia. Describe cómo los débiles y los tristes ahora regresarán con alegría. Éste es el pueblo dispersado de Dios: los ciegos y cojos; preñadas y paridas. Serán guiados por un camino llano para que nadie tropiece. La bondad y misericordia del Señor están con este pueblo débil y deshecho.

Aquí y en el Salmo 126 (125) encontramos imágenes poéticas extremadamente hermosas del amor y cuidado que Dios tiene por nosotros. “Los que sembraban con lágrimas, / cosechan entre cantares. Al ir, iba llorando, / llevando la semilla; / al volver, vuelve cantando, / trayendo sus gavillas” (Salmo 126[125]:5-6). Si bien Dios tuvo que castigar a Israel por sus muchos pecados, nunca se olvidó de ellos aun cuando estaban dispersos, y los llevó de regreso a la tierra de sus ancestros para que prosperaran y fueran felices de nuevo. En esto encontramos la esperanza y la promesa de nuestra propia redención al reunirnos, desde todos los rincones del mundo, para celebrar el gran banquete de Dios. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.
Check out the box in the narthex with this logo on it. Drop off a note to tell our priests how much we appreciate them. Feel free to take a notecard and return it in the box today after Mass.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS
JOURNEY HOME SEMINAR
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2018
9:30 AM
COMMUNITY CENTER, Oak St. Church
As we and our parents age, we are confronted with a host of questions and decisions to make. All are invited to join Father John Evans, Pastor, as well as others on our panel, as we discuss these topics:
Church Teachings on Funerals
Estate/Financial Planning
Funeral Services and Funeral Liturgy Planning
Extended Care Transitions and Nursing Homes
Planned Giving and Heritage Society

SPECIAL BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE BOOK OF LIFE
In a special way in the month of November, we pray for our loved ones who have died and for all of the faithful departed. Let us remember them in our prayers, and ask them to pray for us as well. On the table in the rear of our Oak Street Church, throughout the month of November, we will keep a Special Book of Remembrance (Book of Life) in their honor. We encourage you to write the names of any of your loved ones who have died, and we will remember them in prayer during the month of November in a special way.

SIGNATURE AD IN THE Northwest Herald
This weekend of October 27 and 28 after the weekend Masses, we will have volunteers at the Oak St. Church doors who will accept your signatures and donations (suggested amount is $5.00) for the newspaper ad to be placed in the Northwest Herald in January 2019. January 22, 2019 will mark the 46th anniversary of Roe v Wade. Thank you.
Diocese of Rockford Permanent Deacon Information Days

The beginning of 2019 reopens the time period of accepting new applications to the Rockford Diocese Permanent Diaconate Formation Program. Men between the ages of 35 and 55 who are interested in becoming a Permanent Deacon in the Diocese of Rockford and who would like to apply must attend one Deacon Information Days scheduled this Fall. For married men, wives must also attend. These days explain both the application process and give an overview of the Permanent Diaconate Formation Program. While there is no commitment required to attend one of these days, only those who attend will be eligible to apply. The next dates are: November 17, 2018, and December 1, 2018. All meetings are held between 10:00 am and 12:30 pm at the Diocesan Administration Building (555 Colman Center Drive, Rockford, IL 61125). Although not required, those interested are encouraged to contact the Permanent Diaconate Office (815-399-4300) to indicate which meeting they plan on attending or to ask further questions.

24th ANNUAL GREAT LAKES CATHOLIC MEN’S CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2018
Northern Illinois University, Holmes Student Center, DeKalb, IL

Activities begin at 8:50 a.m. & end at 4:00 p.m.
Featured Speakers: Elvis Grbac, NFL player, Father Stan Fortuna, one of the founding members of the Community of Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, Brian Greenfield, Catholic evangelist, Pete Burak, Director of a Catholic Outreach. Mass Celebrant is Bishop David Malloy of the Rockford Diocese; Master of Ceremonies is Wayne Messner. Early Bird Registration by Oct. 29 is $40; $45 after October 30; $50 at door; College students or younger $15. Deacons $5. To register with credit card, please go to the website: www.thetalk.org, and click on registration button. For information, call 888-849-2282 or visit www.thetalk.org.

Catholic Knights of Columbus

CRISTAL LAKE FOOD PANTRY
42 East Street, Crystal Lake, IL 60014
815-455-0961

**C R Y S T A L L A K E F O O D P A N T R Y**

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Hours:
Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday: 10:00 am to 2:00 pm; Thursday: 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

**The Food Pantry Shelves are currently bare.** You can bring food donations next Sunday, November 4, to the Community Room (St. Thomas collects food the first Sunday of the month). You can also drop off donations at the Pantry during the hours the Pantry is open (see hours above). **Please do not drop off donations in the front office lobby as they are busy serving clients during open hours.** The back double doors have a sign "Food Donations Accepted". Knock on the door and a volunteer will be in the back room to assist you with your donation. For large donations email the Pantry at info@clfoodpantry.org for assistance in delivering your generous donations. **Thank you.**

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

Our Parish Income (Oak St. Church) for Sunday, October 21, 2018 was $47,474.88*
Our Parish Income (Pierson St. Church) for Sunday, October 21, 2018 was $5,031.71*

*includes both Sunday collection and Mission Appeal donations

Thank you for your continued generosity

Our Parish Tithe this week will go to Good Samaritan, to help them minister to those in need in our Crystal Lake area.

**USE OF OUR TALENTS TO SERVE OTHERS:** Successes and joys in our work will hopefully prompt us to thanksgiving and to also realize that we do not use our talents only for our own needs, but also for the service of others through our Church.
Parish Calendar

Sunday, October 28, 2018
Coffee and Donuts
Priesthood Sunday
Pro-Life Signature Ad Signatures
10:00 AM R.C.I.A. Class (Lower Level-Oak St. Church)

Monday, October 29, 2018
10:00 AM Monday Bible Study (Lower Level-Oak Church)
10:30 AM MMP Rosary Group (Pierson St. Church)
7:00 PM Flashpoint (Oak St. Church)

Tuesday, October 30, 2018
4:30 PM RE First Reconciliation Retreat (Pierson Church)
4:30 PM NO R.E. Grade Classes

Wednesday, October 31, 2018
4:30 PM NO R.E. Grade Classes
7:00 PM Reason to Believe (Lower Level-Oak St. Church)
7:00 PM Vigil Mass (Oak St. Church)

Thursday, November 1, 2018
ALL SAINTS DAY - HOLY DAY
OF OBLIGATION
Masses at Oak St. Church: 6:30 am, 12:10 pm, 4:30 pm, and 6:00 pm
All-School Mass at Pierson St. Church at 7:50 am

Friday, November 2, 2018
All Souls Day
7:00 PM All Souls Mass of Remembrance (Oak St. Church)

Saturday, November 3, 2018
St. Martin de Porres
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)
9:30 AM Journey Home Seminar (Community Center)

Sunday, November 4, 2018
Coffee and Donuts
National Vocation Awareness Week
10:00 AM R.C.I.A. Class (Lower Level-Oak St. Church)
Pastoral and Administrative Staff

PRIESTS
- Father John R. Evans, Pastor
- Father Jerome P. Koutnik, Parochial Vicar
- Father Akan S. Simon, Parochial Vicar

HISPANIC MINISTRY:
- Father William Tunarosa, Parochial Vicar

PERMANENT DEACONs
- Allen Bondi
- David Deitz
- Edward Morrison

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
- Donna Kothera, Parish Secretary
- Patricia Roatch, Financial Secretary
- Esmeralda Montoya, Hispanic Secretary
- Melinda Popp, Financial Assistant
- Val Delance, Reception
- Nancy Leibforth, Reception
- Renee Lyons, Reception
- Kris Noonan, Reception
- Allyson Svigelj, Public Relations/Promotions

EVANGELIZATION & ADULT FORMATION
- Joellen Gregus, Retreat Coordinator

MUSIC AND LITURGY
- Julie Hermann, Music Director
- Meg Struttman, Administrative Assistant

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
- Charlotte Kolodzik, Director
- Christina Benkert, Secretary
- Nancy Miller, Coordinator

YOUTH MINISTRY
- Josh Goodman, Youth Minister
- Lisa Kendzior, Junior High Youth Minister
- Maureen Sullivan, Secretary

SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL
- Gina Houston, Principal
- Gina Ruffolo, Assistant Principal
- Jennifer Gallien, Preschool Director
- Michelle Boppart, Secretary
- Karen Campos, Secretary
- Michelle Deitz, Bookkeeper

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Council Members:
- Rev. John R. Evans, Kathleen Cormier, Amy Deitz, Socorro Espinosa, Don Furlano, Hugo Hernandez, Matthew Hronick, Kim Marry, Robert Telmanik, James VanBosch