MISSION STATEMENT

WE ARE A CATHOLIC FAMILY LIVING
OUR AWARENESS OF CHRIST’S
PRESENCE THROUGH WORSHIP,
SERVICE, EVANGELIZATION &
COMMUNITY FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL.
Mass & Confession Schedule

**Daily Mass at Oak St. Church:**
- M-F - 6:30 AM
- M, T, TH, F - 8:30 AM
- S - 7:30 AM - OAK ST.

**Daily Mass at Pierson St. Church:**
- W - 7:50 AM with St. Thomas School

**Sunday Mass at Oak St. Church:**
- Sat. Vigil - 4:30 PM
- Sunday - 7:30, 9:00, 10:30, NOON & 5:30 PM

**Confession at Oak St. Church:**
- Monday - 5:30 PM
- Saturday - 8:00 AM & 3:30 PM

**Hispanic Mass at Pierson St. Church:**
- T, W - 6:00 AM
- TH - 6:00 PM - DURING SCHOOL
- 7:30 PM - DURING SUMMER
- F - 5:00 PM
- Sat. - 7:00 PM Vigil
- Sunday - 9:30 & 11:30 AM

Parish Locations

**Parish Office:**
- 272 King St.
- Crystal Lake, IL 60014
- 815-455-5400

**School:**
- 265 King St.
- Crystal Lake, IL 60014
- 815-459-0496

**Oak St. Church:**
- 451 W Terra Cotta Ave.
- Crystal Lake, IL 60014

**Pierson St. Church:**
- 453 Pierson St.
- Crystal Lake, IL 60014

Parish Center Hours

**September - May:**
- M-TH - 8:00 - 8:00
- F - 8:00 - 5:00 PM
- SAT - 9:00 - 1:00 PM

**June - August:**
- M-F - 9:00 - 5:00, SAT - 9:00 - 1:00 PM

**Oak St. Office:**
- Sunday - 8:30 - 1:30 PM

**Hispanic Ministry:**
- M-F - 9:00 - 4:30 PM

**Hispanic RE:**
- Jueves - 6:00 - 9:00 PM
- Sabados - 1:00 - 7:00 PM

Parish Resources

**Little Christopher Resale Shoppe:**
- 469 Lake St., Crystal Lake, IL
- 815-459-9442
- T-F - 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM, SAT 10:00 AM - NOON

**St. Thomas Outreach:**
- 469 Lake St., Crystal Lake, IL
- 815-455-1249
- W, SAT - 9:00 - 11:00 AM

**Crystal Lake Food Pantry:**
- 42 East St., Crystal Lake, IL
- 815-455-0961
- M, W, F - 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
- TH - 5:00 - 7:00 PM
- SAT - 9:00 AM - NOON

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Website: www.stthomascl.church
Dear Brother/Sister in Christ,

May Christ among us guide and strengthen you this week!

What’s the worst thing you’ve ever done to someone? Got it? Did that person forgive you? Or not? What did that feel like? I often say, I’m not a priest because I’m a good person. I’m not. I’m a priest because I know what it feels like to be forgiven. Once I experienced that, I had to pass it on.

Here’s your challenge. Who has hurt you the most? It’s okay. The pain and the anger will take time to go away. For your own sake, forgive. If you need time away from that person, take it. If that time needs to be for the rest of your life, that’s okay too. But forgive, and forgive and forgive. Feelings will follow; the blessing comes immediately. Which one?

Blessed are the merciful, for they will obtain mercy. Until next week, know that I remain Yours in Christ,
Fr. Evans

ST. THOMAS SCHOOL CORNER

Catholicity & Mentoring:
8th-graders work with 1st-graders on their Saint reports.

STS Restaurant Fundraiser
No need to cook dinner Monday night! Come out to Georgio’s in Crystal Lake, 75 E. Woodstock St. for pizza night - dine in or carry out!
20% of the proceeds from your purchase will directly benefit St. Thomas School!
Be sure to mention the fundraiser when ordering!

Monday, October 21
Georgio’s Pizza
4:00 - 9:00 pm

1st-graders will present the reports as their Saint on All Saints Day.
Mass & Prayer Intentions

Monday, October 21
6:30 Frances M. Barciak, Special Intention
8:30 Jackie Faber, Special Intention
8:30 +Lorelee Pietrzak

Tuesday, October 22
6:30 +Mr. & Mrs. Peter F. Barciak
8:30 Chester Robaczewski, Special Intention
8:30 +Joan Robaczewski
8:30 - Fr. Charles Fitzpatrick, Special Intention

Wednesday, October 23
6:30 +Souls of the Faithful Departed
6:30 +Jesus Avila Ibarra
7:50 (at Pierson) +David Fues

Thursday, October 24
6:30 +Mr. & Mrs. Halecki
8:30 Marie Chmiel, Special Intention
8:30 +Jacob Turner

Friday, October 25
6:30 +Susan Batastini
8:30 +Betty Knauf
8:30 +Michael Marsh

Saturday, October 26
7:30 +Joseph Popera
4:30 +Bill Dwyer
4:30 +Judy & Nicky Fues

Sunday, October 27
7:30 +Sam Termini
7:30 +Lisa Conlon
9:00 The People of St. Thomas Parish, L&D
10:30 Gina Houston & Family, Special Intention
10:30 Agata & Matthew Watson, 1st Wedding Anniversary, Special Intention
Noon Dr. Kevin Cronin & Family, Special Intention
5:30 +Catherine Armstrong

Please visit or call the Parish Center to schedule a Mass Intention

Please pray for the sick:
Mary Johnson
Phyllis Peters
Lee Peters

Please pray for the deceased:
Teodora Ramon Claudio Cervantes
Lois Madsen
Isabel Mortimer
Vicky Farrelly

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

Congratulations to our newly baptized:
Edgar Domínguez Olague & Emiliano Domínguez
Olague - children of Edgar Domínguez and María del Refulio Olaug Pérez

Adoration Chapel Candles Dedicated Oct. 13 - Oct. 26:
Spitznogle Family
DeLance Family
Kohls Family
Kuhn Family

Readings for the week of October 20, 2019
Sunday: Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [cf. 2]/2 Tm 3:14—4:2/Lk 18:1-8
Monday: Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [cf. 68]/Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [8a and 9a]/Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8a]/Lk 12:39-48
Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5]/Lk 12:49-53
Friday: Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94 [68b]/Lk 12:54-59
Saturday: Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 13:1-9
Next Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23 [7a]/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14

Thank you for your generosity to our Lord and to our Parish!

Sunday, October 13, 2019:
Oak St. - $42,911.39
Pierson St. - $3,010.87

Our Parish Tithe will go to Refuge for Women

"And He looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the treasury. And He saw a poor widow putting in two small copper coins. And He said, “Truly I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all of them; for they all out of their surplus put into the offering; but she out of her poverty put in all that she had to live on.” Luke 21:1-4
Ministry Schedules - October 26 & 27, 2019

Altar Servers:
4:30 pm: M. Bucci, F. Liparato, A. Liparato, M. Lyons
7:30 am: T. Dolter, C. Ghita, A. Kobeluch, W. Standley
9:00 am: J. Hermann, D. Hronick, J. Hronick, L. Tabat
10:30 am: N. Barnes, J. Bricker, B. Reckamp, P. Reckamp
Noon: K. Pliwinkci, J. Simms, C. Truckenbrod
5:30 pm: A. Arliskas, K. Hamill, B. Telmanik, G. Wingett

Lectors:
4:30 pm: N. Carpenter, T. Hicklin
7:30 am: S. Haugh, M. Jasinski
9:00 am: M. Winnecke, J. Stefani
10:30 am: B. Tuszyński, S. Reckamp
Noon: B. Wolek, L. Dalton
5:30 pm: N. Carpenter, C. Milone

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion:
4:30 pm: #1 J. Mickow, M. Carpenter, L. Kirk, G. Marmol
7:30 am: #1 V. Delance, G. Houston, B. Williams, E. Wojewoda
9:00 am: #1 V. Cuchna, #2 M. Johnson, J. Gallagher, S. Baker, J. Ellinger, B. Frey, M. Popp, S. Popp, V. Kosin, P. Slowey
10:30 am: #1 Sr. Appolonia, #2 M. Turk, D. Amoruso, J.M. Brickey, F. Ciangi, J. Barnes, F. Barnes, J. Nissen, R. Nissen, V. Roberts
Noon: #1 A. O’Connell, A. Costantini, M. Krikorian, B. Montanaro
5:30 pm: #1, D. Talaga, M. Foerster, B. Ladd, J. Ladd, Jr.

Celebrants: Monday, October 21 - Saturday, October 26, 2019
10/21 - 6:30 am - Fr. Simon, 8:30 am - Fr. Evans
10/22 - 6:30 am - Fr. Fitzpatrick, 8:30 am - Fr. Simon
10/23 - 6:30 am - Fr. Fitzpatrick, 7:50 am - Fr. Evans
10/24 - 6:30 am - Fr. Fitzpatrick, 8:30 am - Fr. Simon
10/25 - 6:30 am - Fr. Evans, 8:30 am - Fr. Fitzpatrick
10/26 - 7:30 am - Fr. Evans

Sunday Masses-October 26 & 27 (subject to change):
4:30 pm: Fr. Charles Fitzpatrick
7:30 am: Fr. Charles Fitzpatrick
9:00 am: Fr. Akan Simon
10:30 am: Fr. Akan Simon
Noon: Fr. John Evans
5:30 pm: Fr. John Evans

Parish Calendar
Sunday, October 20:
Mission Appeal Sunday
Knights of Columbus Breakfast
9:00 am - Parish Center - Deaf Mass
10:00 am - Lower Level Oak - RCIA

Monday, October 21:
10:00 am - Lower Level Oak - Women’s Bible Study
4:00 pm - Georgio’s Crystal Lake - STS Restaurant Fundraiser
5:30 pm - Oak St. Church - Confession
6:30 pm - Parish Center - SPRED Total Community
7:00 pm - Community Center - YM Confirmation Session
7:00 pm - Oak St. Church - Lector Training

Tuesday, October 22: Feast of St. John Paul II
9:30 am - Community Center - Mom’s Group
6:30 pm - Community Center - American Heritage Girls
7:00 pm - Lower Level Oak - Back to School with Fr. Evans

Wednesday, October 23: Feast of St. John Capistrano
6:00 pm - STS Cafeteria - Family Faith Formation

Thursday, October 24: Feast of St. Anthony Mary Claret
7:00 pm - Community Center - YM Confirmation Session

Friday, October 25:
10:00 am - Lower Level Oak - Prayer Shawl Ministry

Saturday, October 26:
6:00 am - Community Center - That Man is You
8:00 am - Community Center - Spiritual Retreat for Homebound & Hospital EMs
8:15 am - Lower Level Oak St. - Men’s Group
8:30 am - Parish Center - SPRED Saturday Total Community
3:30 pm - Oak St. Church - Confession
5:30 pm - Oak St. Church - Rosary

Sunday, October 27:
Coffee & Donuts
10:00 am - Lower Level Oak - RCIA
## Parish Events

### Prolife Signature Ad
Many churches in the area will join forces for this ad protesting the Supreme Court decision making it legal to kill an unborn child at any time, for any reason. The ad will be placed in a January 2020 Northwest Herald Newspaper. Take a moment to sign your name to the ad and make a free will donation to help support the ad ($5.00 suggested donation) and help us fight for the most vulnerable among us.

**October 26 & 27, 2019**  
Narthex, Oak St. Church  
After all Masses

### Mom Confidential: Reproductive Health & your teen, a Catholic Perspective
Moms - join us for an evening with Mary E. O’Grady - RN BSN CFCP - OSF Women’s Health and Fertility Care-Rockford on how to navigate your daughter’s reproductive healthcare as she becomes a woman.

**Monday, October 28**  
Community Center  
7:00 - 8:00 pm

### To The Heights JH Retreat
Attention Junior High students! You’re all invited to our Fall Middle School Retreat! Come join us for time to grow in faith and community! Please go to stthomascl.church/ym for more info.

**November 1-3**  
Oak St. Church  
Grades 6-8

### McHenry County Prayer Breakfast
Join Catholics in McHenry County at the 9th Annual McHenry County Prayer Breakfast, featuring Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers as the keynote speaker & guest speaker, Nick Redd. Mass will be held at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, in Crystal Lake at 7:30 am. Breakfast will be held at the Holiday Inn Crystal Lake  
Tickets are $35/person, $300/table of 10 and can be purchased at mchenrycountycatholics.org

**November 2, 2019**  
9:00 am  
Holiday Inn, Crystal Lake, IL

### Building for God Fundraising Dinner
Help us continue to build Fr. Simon’s home church in Nigeria with a wonderful evening of food and entertainment! Register and make payment after any Mass during October. $100/person  
We’ll have a cocktail hour & dinner. Entertainment will be provided by Last Horizon. For all the details or to donate to the campaign, go to www.building4god.com/upcoming-events or call 847-915-0134

**November 9, 2019**  
Turnberry Country Club - Lakewood

### Light of the World Retreat
Are you looking for a fresh start to your faith life? Take a weekend to shut out the world and find peace with your brothers & sisters in Christ while you tend to your relationship with Him. You will sleep in your own bed each night and you will be well-fed by your fellow parishioners! Invite someone to come along with you & discover how your faith can bring peace to your life. See the website for all the details & to register: www.stthomascl.church/lotw

**November 8-11, 2019**  
Lower Level  
Pierson
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| **Catholic Men’s Conference**  
Come and celebrate 25 years of inspiring others in their relationship with Jesus! Hear from some great speakers and recharge your battery and faith life. This year’s speakers include: Chicago radio legend, Kevin Matthews; Cubs chaplain, Fr. Burke Masters; award-winning movie producer, Eric Groth; and popular speaker, Dan DeMatte. | **Saturday, November 23**  
NIU Holmes  
Student Center  
8:30 am - 4:00 pm |
| **Youth Ministry Fundraiser**  
Youth Ministry is selling poinsettias now through Sunday, November 10th. Poinsettias are available in five sizes and colors. Pick up will be Tuesday, December 3rd from 3-6 PM. They are available for purchase on our website. | **December 3rd**  
3:00 - 6:00 PM  
Community Center |
| **Pilgrimage to Lourdes**  
PILGRIMAGE OF A LIFETIME!! Join Father Evans, Julie Hermann and Music Ministry as we sing our way to Lourdes, France! We will spend time in Paris, Lisieux, Bayeux, Normandy, Mont St. Michele and Lourdes. Our trip is scheduled for July 2020 - so there is time to save! See all of the details on our website: www.stthomascl.church/france | **July 2020**  
Registration is now open! |
| **Adult Confirmation**  
Are you an adult Catholic 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, especially the Body & Blood of Jesus Christ. Register online: www.stthomascl.church/adult-confirmation | **December 1, 2019**  
Lower Level Oak  
10:00 am |
| **Ladies Wood Sign & Christmas Punch Night**  
Join us for an evening out with crafting your own wood sign, eating appetizers, and drinking Christmas Punch (adult version)! Several different stencils will be available for you to choose from and the Holiday Punch (along with the recipes) will be provided. The cost is $40. We ask that you bring your favorite Christmas party appetizer to share and be ready to share the recipe! www.stthomascl.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/309646 | **Tuesday, December 3**  
Community Center  
7:00 - 9:30 pm |
| **Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner?**  
Join your fellow parishioners for food & fun once a month while sharing in fascinating conversation and experiencing shared diversion. Getting curious? We gather as a group at different homes, each person/couple bringing a dish to pass. Contact Rose-Marie to find out where next month’s dinner will be held. The first month you will be our guest, no need to bring a dish! Call Rose-Marie at 815-455-6470 for all the details! | **Monthly**  
Various Parishioner Homes |
## Youth Ministry

### Summit
- **All Junior High students are welcome to join us on Thursday nights for our weekly Middle School Youth Group.** This semester we are talking about how God made each of us. **Our next session is November 7th.**
- **For more info go to stthomascl.church/ym.**

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### Confirmation Class
- **Our next session of Confirmation is on October 21st or October 24th at 7:00 PM. Confirmand must attend with a parent or sponsor.**
- **For more info go to stthomascl.church/confirmation**

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### Community Dinner
- **All HS students are welcome to join us on Monday nights for our weekly Community Dinners.** Every week we enjoy a meal brought to us by a generous volunteer and enjoy fellowship as we eat, laugh, and pray together! **Our next dinner is on Monday, October 28th.**
- **For more info go to stthomascl.church/ym.**

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### SVMR CMP 2020
- **Our Junior High Summer camp will be June 9-12! Counselor night will be June 8th. This summer we’ll be diving into how being a child of God makes us fearless!**
- **More information will be available in early winter.**

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## Religious Education Corner

*Take a walk with me.* The journey seems long but you can help me to reach my destination. The Religious Education program is looking for people who are willing to walk with our First Reconciliation and First Communion students and their families.

This is a big year of spiritual grow and we know that the devil doesn’t like That and wants to make the road to the dumping of our sins and receiving the Eucharist bumpy. We would be most appreciative if you would agree to commit to covering these children and their families in prayer for the next 6 months of their journey of faith. If you are able to help us please stop by the table in the Narthex the weekend of 10/27/19 and we will outfit you with a postcard with a child’s name for you to pray for until next May. No prayer ever goes unheard and no one walks alone.

Char Kolodzik  
Director of Religious Education
Las lecturas de hoy son acerca de la persistencia, persistencia apasionada. El Éxodo narra una batalla ganada a pesar del cansancio porque Moisés, con la ayuda de Aarón y Jur, mantuvieron sus brazos levantados. Timoteo pide esa misma persistencia de su comunidad y de nosotros. Lucas cuenta un caso de justicia que gana una viuda, a pesar del juez injusto, porque ella no dejaba de acudir a él. El Salmo nos recuerda que Dios está en todos lados, cuidándonos día y noche de cualquier daño, yendo y viniendo, ahora y por toda la eternidad. Las lecturas son acerca de la persistencia, la búsqueda constante e inquebrantable de lo no se debe perder. Las lecturas son acerca de la persistencia apasionada de Dios en buscarnos, buscarnos para ganar nuestros corazones.

### Riesgos del Vapeo
Personal capacitado del hospital Good Shepherd, nos impartirá gratuitamente una sesión educativa acerca del uso de cigarrillos electrónicos, también conocido como “Vapeo”. Todos los interesados favor de asistir.

#### Jueves 24 de octubre, 2019
St. Tomas Pierson St.  
6:00 pm

### Retiro de Jovencitas
Invitamos a todas las jóvenes de entre 12 a 19 años de edad, al retiro de quinceañeras; el retiro se impartirá de manera gratuita. Todas las interesadas son bienvenidas. ¡No falten!

#### Domingo 27 de octubre, 2019
Sotano St. Tomas Pierson St.  
8:00am a 5:00pm

### Curso Prematrimonial y de Santificación del Hogar
Este curso es para parejas que no han recibido el Sacramento del Matrimonio Católico. Los interesados llamar a la oficina parroquial para registrarse; el curso es sin ningún costo.

#### Domingo 27 de octubre, 2019
ST. Tomas Pierson St.  
2:00pm a 5:00pm

### Colecta para las Misiones
Nuestra generosidad a través de la oración y el apoyo financiero permite a otros propagar la buena nueva de Jesucristo hasta tierras y pueblos que nosotros no podemos visitar personalmente. El 19 y 20 de octubre, 2019 tendremos la colecta anual por las misiones. Por favor considere hacer su donación a la colecta. Gracias.

#### Sábado y Domingo
19 y 20 de octubre, 2019
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Reverend Akan Simon, Parochial Vicar
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