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
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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 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 enlighten and strengthen you this week!

My second year of seminary had just begun. The new first-year students were saying that their advisor (the priest who’d guided me the year before) seemed very bitter toward them, not wanting to work in the seminary, preferring parish life. Several students told me they found this very discouraging.

I had another reason to visit Father in his office. So after we spoke a bit, I said, “Father, this is very hard for me to say, but if this was happening to me, I would want to know, so I will tell you. A number of first-year students have said that you told them you don’t like being here with us. I cannot believe that that is the message you want to send to them.”

Father then explained how he had spent at least 20 years in a parish, and missed being with the People of God, sharing their joys and sorrows. I thanked him for his witness of true pastoral charity, and told him that everything we seminarians would ever do, he did through us. Our victories for souls were his victories. A year later, he told me could still remember my comments, and was grateful for them.

As we consider the different ways to be an apostle, we have now come to the hardest, that of fraternal correction, also called fraternal encouragement. Example, penance and prayer are the most important forms of apostolate, but they are not enough. Eventually, we must use our words.

Our good friend, Fr. Bakkelund, once reminded me, fraternal correction must be fraternal. In other words, before we can correct, we must be a frater, a brother (or sister, as the case may be). We have to invest in the relationship, before we can really encourage someone on their way.

Not every conversation can be as serious as mine with that seminary priest. So for now, let’s just get our feet wet. Pick a friend, one you’ve already invested in, one who seems just a little uneasy. Invite him or her to adoration for 5-10 minutes. If he/she accepts the invite, go; if not, say, “Okay, anything I can pray for?” Repeat for two more friends.

Below is an image of twin doctors, SS. Cosmas and Damian. I like to picture them encouraging each other to be better, both in medicine and in virtue. Until next week, know that I remain

Yours in the Heart of Christ,

Fr. Evans
### Mass Intentions

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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- **Monday:** Phil 2:1-4; Ps 131:1bcde-3; Lk 14:12-14
- **Tuesday:** Phil 2:5-11; Ps 22:26b-30ab, 30e, 31-32; Lk 14:15-24
- **Wednesday:** Phil 2:12-18; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 14:25-33
- **Thursday:** Phil 3:3-8a; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 15:1-10
- **Friday:** Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
- **Saturday:** Phil 4:10-19; Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a, 9; Lk 16:9-15
- **Sunday:** 1 Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 146:7-10; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44 [41-44]

### WEDDING BANNS

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

- Robert Rink and Alysse Schutz (III)
- Austin Smith and Shannon Calahan (I)
- Brian Frericks and Katina Tole (I)
Many St. Thomas parishioners will be experiencing a powerful event in a few days — Why not join them?

The Light of the World Retreat starts next weekend !!!

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.

28th ANNUAL COMMUNITY HARVEST
FOOD AND FUND DRIVE
Crystal Lake Food Pantry
Hoping to reach its goal of 85,000 pounds of food

Next weekend — November 10/11 — Food Drive Coordinators are handing out empty bags after the Masses at the Oak St. Church. Please help us assist the Crystal Lake Food Pantry in feeding local families by filling up these bags with non-perishable items. Please bring these food items next weekend (November 17/18). We will be collecting in the Food Pantry Truck stationed in the Oak St. Church Parking Lot.

Suggested food items are: cooking oil, canned fruit, mac and cheese, canned beans, chili, juice, condiments and salad dressing, pasta, cereal, side dishes, dinner helpers, tomato sauce, canned tuna and canned chicken, cereal, toilet paper/paper towels, personal products.

If you wish to give a monetary donation, information can be found online at clfoodpantry.org. If you wish to volunteer, please sign up also at clfoodpantry.org or CLCommunityHarvest.org. Thank you for helping us help those in need.

A SPIRITUAL RETREAT ON THE SACRAMENT OF THE MOST HOLY EUCHARIST
For those who minister to the sick in the hospitals, nursing homes and homebound, as well as the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at Mass

The Church of Holy Apostles
5211 W. Bull Valley Rd.
McHenry, IL 60050

Saturday, December 1, 2018
7:30 am to 12:00 noon
7:30 am Mass followed by Breakfast and Workshop

Presenters will be
Father John Hoffman and Sister Appolonia, DMMM

Please RSVP by November 19, 2018, to Jeanne Fraser at 815-388-0164 or email jfraser@tchoha.org.
4 de noviembre de 2018

LAS LEYES DE DIOS

Las leyes de Dios no intentan atormentarnos o ser una carga. Al contrario, son señales que nos guían por el sendero de la buena vida. Por lo tanto, la buena vida requiere que amemos a Dios y nos amemos unos a otros. No debemos seguir las leyes divinas por miedo a lo que pudiera ocurrir si no las seguimos, más bien verlas como un fundamento sobre el cual construir nuestras relaciones y entablar confianza con los demás y con Dios.

La oración Shema de los judíos ortodoxos se basa en la lectura de hoy del Deuteronomio: “Escucha, pues, Israel”. Cada mañana la persona recita la oración como una profesión de amor a Dios y un compromiso de obediencia a Dios a lo largo del día. Así transmiten el amor a Dios a sus hijos, de generación en generación.

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Fil 2:1-4; Sal 131 (130):1bcde-3;
Lc 14:12-14
Martes: Fil 2:5-11; Sal 22 (21):26b-30ab, 30e,
31-32; Lc 14:15-24
Miércoles: Fil 2:12-18; Sal 27 (26):1, 4, 13-14;
Lc 14:25-33
Jueves: Fil 3:3-8a; Sal 105 (104):2-7;
Lc 15:1-10
Viernes: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Sal 46 (45):2-3,
5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9e-11, 16-17;
Jn 21:3-22
Sábado: Fil 4:10-13; Sal 112 (111):1b-2, 5-6, 8a, 9;
Lc 16:9-15
Domingo: 1 Re 17:10-16; Sal 146 (145):7-10;
Heb 9:24-28; Mc 12:38-44 (41-44)

Grupo Las Florecitas

Este Noviembre al final de las Misas Dominicales el grupo de Las Florecitas estará colectando dinero para ayudar con los costos de adopción de Ryder Hermreck, quien fue abandonado en Nanjing China. Ryder tiene 2 años de edad y tiene Síndrome de Down. Bryan and Betsy Hermreck escucharon sobre este caso y lo pusieron en oración. Dios contestó sus oraciones y ellos decidieron adoptarlo en su hogar Cristiano y salvar su vida. El costo de adopción es de $40,000.00. Las Florecitas estarán recibiendo donaciones el sábado 17, domingo 18, sábado 24 y domingo 25 de noviembre de 2018. Por favor sea generoso para esta causa.

El sábado 10 de noviembre de 2018 se cancela:
La práctica del coro de la misa de 11:30 am.
La comunidad del viernes.
El ensayo del coro del sábado.
Las clases de quinceañera.
La practica del coro de la misa de 9:30 am.
La comunidad del lunes.
El grupo de jóvenes IGNITE.
No habrá servicio de oficina.

Retiro de quinceañeras
Fecha: Domingo 18 de Noviembre
Horario: 8:00am
Lugar: Sótano de la Parroquia St. Tomás 453 Pierson St. Crystal Lake, IL 60014
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.

Volunteers needed for SPRED!

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish’s SPRED Ministry has an immediate need for 6 adult volunteers to serve as Helper Catechists for a new SPRED group that is forming. The group will meet on Saturdays from 9 to 11 am (December 2018 to May 2019) and will serve our special friends in the 17+ age group.

SPRED stands for Special Religious Development and serves children and adults with developmental disabilities and learning challenges, helping them to grow in their faith and feel welcome in the church.

No experience is necessary. Training will be provided in November. All that is needed is a desire to be a friend to someone with disabilities and helping them along their faith journey.

If you’d like to volunteer, please contact our SPRED Parish Chairperson, Beth Montanaro at 815-715-6035 or bethmontanaro@yahoo.com to begin the registration process.

For more information about SPRED, visit our webpage at: http://www.saintthomascatholicchurch.org/spred.html
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 of the three 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. 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.

LADIES OF THE PARISH
AGES 21 AND OLDER

Save the Date
**Wednesday, November 28, 2018**
7:00 pm

Join us for another Paint and Sip Evening with ladies of the Parish
November 28, 2018 at 7:00 pm
Create a Christmas or Holiday wood sign
Enjoy wine and other treats
Age 21 and up
$40.00 per person
Registration is required — please see our website to register or go to:
https://stthomascatholicchurch.org/Registration/events/170184

**Time - Talent - Treasure**
Thank you for your generosity to Our Lord and to your Parish

Our Parish Income (Oak St. Church) for Sunday, October 28, 2018 was $39,095.56
Our Parish Income (Pierson St. Church) for Sunday, October 28, 2018 was $2,888.50

Our Parish Tithe this week will go to **St. Mary Oratory in Rockford, IL**.

**FAITH NOT MONEY IS THE BOTTOM LINE:** Become a partner in God’s work on earth. Our active partnership with Christ as stewards is motivated by love rather than legal requirements or purely managerial roles. Christian stewardship is the putting of Christian faith into practice. The expression of commitment surpasses word and formality and this practice reflects itself in conduct. If being a disciple of Christ is important to you, then stewardship should be, too.

Join Father Jerome Koutnik and Father Kevin Butler for a Pilgrimage to Rome & Padre Pio
**Friday, February 22, 2019** to **Saturday, March 2, 2019**

Visit the historic sites of the Eternal City; attend a Papal Audience with Pope Francis! Two days in San Giovanni Rotondo and Pietrelcina visiting the sites of St. Pio of Pietrelcina. Round Trip airfare Chicago to Rome. Seven nights, four-star hotel, all tours, tips, transfers, guides, taxes included. **Early Bird cost is $3,000.00** (if $1,000 deposit is made by December 1, 2018 (double occupancy). As of December 2, the early bird price is $3,150. Final payment is due January 10, 2019. Please see St. Thomas website—saintthomascatholicchurch.org, for the brochure, itinerary and registration form, or call 815-455-5400, ext. 400.
**Parish Calendar**

**Sunday, November 4, 2018**
National Vocation Awareness Week
10:00 AM R.C.I.A. Class (Lower Level – Oak St. Church)

**Monday, November 5, 2018**
10:00 AM Monday Bible Study (Lower Level – Oak Church)
10:30 AM MMP Rosary Group (Pierson St. Church)
6:00 PM SPRED Prep (Parish Center)
7:00 PM Flashpoint (Oak St. Church)

**Tuesday, November 6, 2018**
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)
7:00 PM Knights of Columbus (Lower Level – Oak Church)

**Wednesday, November 7, 2018**
4:30 PM R.E. Grade Classes (Pierson St. Church)
7:00 PM Reason to Believe (Lower Level – Oak St. Church)

**Thursday, November 8, 2018**
12:30 PM St. Anthony Guild (Parish Center)
6:30 PM First Reconciliation (Oak St. Church)
7:00 PM YM Summit (Community Center)

**Friday, November 9, 2018**
The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry (Lower Level – Oak Church)
7:00 PM Light of the World Retreat (Pierson St. Church)

**Saturday, November 10, 2018**
St. Leo the Great
6:00 AM That Man Is You (Community Center)
8:00 AM Women’s Endow Group (Parish Library)
8:00 AM Light of the World Retreat (Pierson St. Church)
8:15 AM Men’s Saturday Group (Lower Level – Oak Church)
5:00 PM Hispanic RCIA (Lower Level – Oak St. Church)
7:00 PM Hispanic Saturday Evening Mass (Oak St. Church)

**Sunday, November 11, 2018**
Coffee and Donuts
8:00 AM Light of the World Retreat (Pierson St. Church)
Saint Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church  
451 W. Terra Cotta Avenue (Route 176 & Oak St.)  
Crystal Lake, Illinois  60014  

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

Saint Thomas the Apostle Pastoral Office:  
272 King Street  
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Office Telephone:  815-455-5400  
Fax —  815-455-2733  

Web-Site  
www.saintthomascatholicchurch.org  

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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265 King St. (School Office)  
Crystal Lake, Illinois  60014  
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St. Thomas the Apostle Preschool  
454 Lake St.  
Crystal Lake, Illinois  60014  
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