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
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!

As Catholics, we are given many different expectations, guidelines, rules and regulations from Christ and His Church. Some are difficult; we all have our vices that we must battle every day. Some are a bit easier. For example, St. Benedict, in his Rule, commands a daily nap after lunch. It was then that I fell in love with the Rule of St. Benedict. I read that and thought, I can do that! If you ever have lunch with me, at the end you will hear the words “Pardon me. I must go observe the Holy Rule.”

In a similar vein, there is one command, straight from our Lord Himself, that, I must admit, is my absolute favorite. “Come aside to a place where you won’t be disturbed, and rest awhile,” Mark 6:31. Our Lord has been asking, telling, begging us apostles to do that, for 2,000 years now. And though this is, for me, the most pleasant command, I’ve also discovered it is also the most necessary. You see, if I don’t follow that command, it soon becomes very difficult, if not impossible, for me to follow our Lord’s other commands like, “Feed my sheep,” “I was a stranger; welcome Me,” “go and make disciples.”

But this command is not just for me, or even only for priests. There’s a phrase buzzing around cyberspace: the “work-life balance.” I have met many husbands, fathers, wives, mothers, students and professionals who go on retreat every year. They will tell me that the retreat is the best way for them to see if one aspect of their life (spiritual) is out of balance with the others. One young man told me that his father and mother each went on a retreat every year as he was growing up. He looked forward to each time, as Mom or Dad would always come back with candy for the kids. Even as a child, he knew that that time made them better parents.

Why all this talk of retreat? Well, as you read this, I will be attending my first Light of the World retreat. As far as I can tell, this is the easiest way to fulfill our Lord’s command to come aside and rest. There are other ways, but this could be the easiest.

Other places to make a retreat include our own diocesan retreat center, Bishop Lane (http://www.bishoplane.org, 815-965-5011), the Jesuit Retreat House (https://jesuitretreat.org, 847-381-1261), and Shelbourne Retreat Center (http://www.shellbourne.org, 773-283-5800, ext. 298 for men, 219-548-8791 for women). I have attended retreats at all three places, so I can vouch that all of them are wonderful.

Below is a picture of a man who wrote guidelines on how to lead a retreat, and who thus became the patron saint of all retreats, St. Ignatius of Loyola.

Remember one simple truth, straight from Ignatius. A retreat will keep you from evil; evil will keep you from a retreat. Until next week, know that I remain

Yours in the Heart of Christ,

Fr. Evans
**Mass Intentions**

**Monday, November 12, 2018**
6:30 AM (Oak)  +The Souls of the Faithful Departed
8:30 AM (Oak)  +Helen Montavon
               +Celia Kovalchik

**Tuesday, November 13, 2018**
6:30 AM (Oak)  +Conrad F Floeter
               +Tim Swanson
8:30 AM (Oak)  Msgr. Daniel Hermes (Special Intention)
               +The Souls of the Faithful Departed

**Wednesday, November 14, 2018**
6:30 AM (Oak)  +The Souls of the Faithful Departed
7:50 AM (Pierson)  The People on the St. Jude Prayer List
                    (Special Intention)

**Thursday, November 15, 2018**
6:30 AM (Oak)  +Mr. and Mrs. Francis J. Barciak, Sr.
8:30 AM (Oak)  +Leo Jerzak
               +Dianne McKibben

**Friday, November 16, 2018**
6:30 AM (Oak)  +Mr. and Mrs. George. S. Arnold
8:30 AM (Oak)  +Bill Conlon
               +Paul Riopel

**Saturday, November 17, 2018**
7:30 AM (Oak)  +The Souls of the Faithful Departed
4:30 PM (Oak)  Joe and Bernie Jarosz (Special Intention, 59th Wedding Anniversary)
               +Walter J Byrdak

**Sunday, November 18, 2018**
7:30 AM (Oak)  +Edward Waszak
9:00 AM (Oak)  The People of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Living and Deceased
10:30 AM (Oak)  +Dick Coulon
                +James White
12:00 PM (Oak)  +Joseph Verdi
                +Joan Zumski
5:30 PM (Oak)  Diana Gabaldon (Special Intention)

**GODSPEED**
Father Jerome Koutnik is leading a pilgrimage tour to Rome this week and will be returning on Sunday, November 18. Thank you for keeping them in your prayers.

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**ADORATION CHAPEL CANDLES DEDICATED FOR THE PERIOD**
November 11, 2018 through November 24, 2018
Georgy Family  Orso Family
Jagodzinski Family  Slowey Family

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:**  
Ti 1:1-9; Ps 24:1b-4ab, 5-6; Lk 17:1-6

**Tuesday:**  
Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Ps 37:3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29; Lk 17:7-10

**Wednesday:**  
Ti 3:1-7; Ps 23:1b-6; Lk 17:11-19

**Thursday:**  
Phlm 7-20; Ps 146:7-10; Lk 17:20-25

**Friday:**  
2 Jn 4-9; Ps 119:1-2, 10-11, 17-18; Lk 17:26-37

**Saturday:**  
3 Jn 5-8; Ps 112:1-6; Lk 18:1-8

**Sunday:**  
Dn 12:1-3; Ps 16:5, 8-11, Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32

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**Please pray for all those in our Parish who are sick:**
Betty Knauf  James Kratochvil

**Please pray for all the deceased:**
Carole Ann Griffin
Emery Duffy

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

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED CATHOLICS**
Brayden Michael Bradley  
(child of Michael Bradley and Michaelynn Pesut)
Theodore John Richmond  
(child of Bradley and Valerie Richmond)

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

Austin Smith and Shannon Calahan (II)
Brian Frericks and Katina Tole (II)
28th ANNUAL COMMUNITY HARVEST FOOD AND FUND DRIVE
Crystal Lake Food Pantry
Hoping to reach its goal of 85,000 pounds of food
This 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 the bags 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.

ALL ARE INVITED TO THE PRESENTATION ON CYBER TARGETING
December 4, 2018
You Are a Cyber Target: Learn How to Build a Defense
We all are in a growing cyber battle, with criminals who seek our hard-earned money. FBI Deputy Special Agent in Charge Todd Carroll, from the FBI Chicago office, will provide valuable and much-needed tips on how you can protect yourself and your family during the Christmas season and beyond. He will discuss the current status of the internet and conduct an honest and open discussion of current threats and dangers, including identifying fraudulent emails that want to separate you from your money. Other topics include debit cards vs. credit cards, what’s on the dark web, file sharing, social media and social engineering attacks.

- Tuesday, December 4, 2018
- 7:00 pm
- Oak St. Church—Community Center

LIGHT OF THE WORLD RETREAT THIS WEEKEND
We ask that you would please keep the Light of the World Team and Retreatants in your prayers this weekend as they attend the Retreat.
11 de noviembre de 2018       Trigésimo Segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

**LLAMADOS A SER DISCÍPULOS**

La vocación central en el Evangelio según san Marcos es la vocación, o el llamado de ser discípulos. El pasaje del Evangelio de hoy nos brinda por lo menos un ejemplo de qué significa la vocación de ser discípulo y un ejemplo de lo que no significa. Una viuda pobre nos muestra que ser un buen discípulo significa seguir el camino de servicio de Jesús, incluso si implica entregar todo lo que tenemos para vivir (o incluso nuestra vida). Los letrados nos muestran con su mal ejemplo que ser un buen discípulo implica la vocación de hacer llegar el cuidado de Dios a los más necesitados.

En nuestra lectura del libro de los Reyes otra viuda y su hijo corren peligro de morir. Ellos también entregan lo poco que tienen, pero son recompensados por Elías con comida suficiente para un año. Y la lectura de la carta a los hebreos nos recuerda que Jesús sacrificó su vida “para salvación de aquellos que lo aguardan” (Hebreos 9:28).

**LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA**

- **Lunes:** Tit 1:1-9; Sal 24 (23):1b-4ab, 5-6;
  Lc 17:1-6
- **Martes:** Tit 2:1-8, 11-14; Sal 37 (36):3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29; Lc 17:7-10
- **Miércoles:** Tit 3:1-7; Sal 23 (22):1b-6; Lc 17:11-19
- **Jueves:** Flm 7-20; Sal 146 (145):7-10;
  Lc 17:20-25
- **Viernes:** 2 Jn 4-9; Sal 119 (118):1-2, 10-11, 17-18;
  Lc 17:26-37
- **Sábado:** 3 Jn 5-8; Sal 112 (111):1-6; Lc 18:1-8
- **Domingo:** Dn 12:1-3; Sal 16 (15):5, 8-11;
  Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mc 13:24-32

**Misa de Acción de Gracias**

**Fecha:** Jueves Noviembre 22, 2018.
**Horario:** 11:00 am
**Lugar:** Parroquia St. Tomas Apóstol
451 W. Terra Cotta Ave.
Crystal Lake, IL .60014

**Oficina Cerrada**

La oficina parroquial estará cerrada este lunes 12 de noviembre, 2018. En observación a el día de los veteranos.
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

Join Father Jerome Koutnik and Father Kevin Butler for a Pilgrimage to Rome & Padre Pio Sites
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.

Congratulations to all our children receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. We are so proud of you! May you stay close to our Lord always.

www.stthomascatholicchurch.org/ym
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.

SAINTLY SAYINGS:

“Let us offer to the Lord the gifts received from Him, so that we may be partners with our children in glory; going before Him together with them and standing with them in His presence.”

St. Basil

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
♦ Ages 21 and up
♦ $40.00 per person
♦ Registration is required — please see our website to register or go to:
  https://stthomasccl.churchcenter.com/
  Registration/events/170184

ADORATION CHAPEL AT OUR OAK ST. CHURCH
Will be open all day and all evening on Thanksgiving Day, November 22, 2018

The Adoration Chapel will be open on Thanksgiving Day, November 22, and we are counting on our regular adorers to adore during their regular assigned time slots, as our regularly scheduled adorers will still be scheduled. We are looking for additional help on this day.

There are sign up sheets in the Narthex at the Oak St. Church for additional adorers. Thank you to all our adorers for all your prayers and time and Thanksgiving blessings to all of you!

Time - Talent - Treasure

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

Our Parish Income (Oak St. Church) for Sunday, November 4, 2018 was $39,960.52
Our Parish Income (Pierson St. Church) for Sunday, November 4, 2018 was $3,335.03

Our Parish Tithe this week will go to St. Thomas Outreach, to help them minister to those in need in our immediate area.

A SACRIFICIAL OFFERING: This concept of sacrifice must be determined by each individual, but Jesus does guide us: on several occasions He notes that there is a proportion between what we have been given and what we should give (Mt 25:14-30). Then He leaves the matter to our own free will.
**Parish Calendar**

**Saturday, November 17, 2018**
**St. Elizabeth of Hungary**
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)
9:00 AM J.H. Retreat (Oak St. Church)

**Sunday, November 18, 2018**
**Knights of Columbus Breakfast**
9:00 AM Deaf Mass (Parish Center)
10:00 AM R.C.I.A. Class (Lower Level-Oak St. Church)
10:30 AM Mass—J. H. Retreat (Oak 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
Crystal Lake, Illinois 60014
Office Telephone: 815-455-5400
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Web-Site
www.saintthomascatholicchurch.org

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 — 7:15 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 SHOFFEE:
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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FATHER JEROME P. KOUTNIK, PAROCHIAL VICAR
FATHER AKAN S. SIMON, PAROCHIAL VICAR
HISPANIC MINISTRY:
FATHER WILLIAM TUNAROSA
PAROCHIAL VICAR

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