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.
REVEREND JOHN R. EVANS, PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen you this week!

Last week, I spent a couple of days with our Rockford seminarians studying in St. Paul, MN. A classic nickname for seminarians is the “Spes Gregis,” the Hope of the Flock. Whether you know it or not, you are waiting for their ordinations, which cannot come soon enough! The national projection is that in 10 years, our nation will lose 65% of her priests to retirement or death. We priests do not get younger, and we do not hatch out of eggs. Young men hear and answer a call. This call is very mysterious, but usually includes random parishioners telling them “Have you thought about becoming a priest?” I myself heard that question a few too many times, and here I am! So grateful for those “naggings.”

Speaking of which, gratitude is the foundation of virtue. If I am not grateful, I will be resentful and bitter. It is one or the other.

I have too much to thank God for. My priesthood, and all the consolations that brings. Holding God in my hand, absolving future saints to their heavenly Father. Interceding for my flock. The flock's kindness to me. My family and friends. Our parish and school staff, best in the country! I could go on.

Your challenge this week, in preparation for Thanksgiving. Find someone less fortunate than you. They exist! If you can't find one, take a look at your crucifix. He suffered more than you. Thank Him!

And when you enjoy the delights of the table, remember this beautiful prayer from our monasteries, “May the King of eternal glory lead us to the banquet of eternal life!” (See image below.)

Until next week, know that I remain,

Yours in the Heart of Christ,

Fr. Evans
Mass Intentions

Monday, November 19, 2018
6:30 AM (Oak)  +The Souls of the Faithful Departed
8:30 AM (Oak)  +Illuminada Pascual Ponsaran
               +William Slowey

Tuesday, November 20, 2018
6:30 AM (Oak)  +Charles and Laura Martin
               +Johanna Leamy
8:30 AM (Oak)  +Anna Jerzak

Wednesday, November 21, 2018
6:30 AM (Oak)  +Mr. and Mrs. Peter F. Barciak
               +Blaine Heaton
7:50 AM (Pierson)  +The Souls of the Faithful Departed

Thursday, November 22, 2018
No 6:30 am and No 8:30 am Masses
9:00 AM (Oak)  +Marilyn Kopp
               +Jim O’Hagan

Friday, November 23, 2018
No 6:30 am Mass
8:30 AM (Oak)  +The Souls of the Faithful Departed

Saturday, November 24, 2018
7:30 AM (Oak)  +Redmond Harkins
               Rev. Akan Simon (Special Intention)
4:30 PM (Oak)  +Bob Thomas

Sunday, November 25, 2018
7:30 AM (Oak)  +Albert Kasluga
9:00 AM (Oak)  +Kathie Personius
               +Elizabeth Marie Volpe
10:30 AM (Oak) +John Adrowski
               +Randolfo Rene Arza
12:00 PM (Oak) +Joan Robaczewski
               Chester Robaczewski (Special Intention)
               +Edna C. Menner
5:30 PM (Oak)  +The People of St. Thomas the Apostle
               Parish, Living and Deceased

Please pray for all those in our Parish who are sick:
Rhett Chance

Please pray for all the deceased:
Scott Medford (son of Lorraine Medford)
Elizabeth “Betty” Knauf
Edna Menner

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

Jamison Patrick Moran
(child of Patrick and Sarah Moran)

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:  Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday:  Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday:  Rv 4:1-11; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 19:11-28
Thursday:  Rv 5:1-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 19:41-44
Thanksgiving Day—Suggested:
Sir 50:22-24; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19
Friday:  Rv 10:8-11; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131;
               Lk 19:45-48
Saturday:  Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10;
               Lk 20:27-40
Sunday:  Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Rv 1:5-8;
               Jn 18:33b-37

Parish Center Office Hours

The Parish Center Office (272 King St.) will be closed:
Wednesday, November 21, at 2 pm
Thanksgiving Day, November 22
Friday, November 23
Saturday, November 24
Sunday, November 25 (Oak Office)
28th ANNUAL COMMUNITY HARVEST
FOOD AND FUND DRIVE
Crystal Lake Food Pantry
Hoping to reach its goal of 85,000 pounds of food
Thank you to all who brought food items this weekend (November 17/18) to assist the Crystal Lake Food Pantry in feeding local families.
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.

THANKSGIVING DAY
Please join us for our special Thanksgiving Day Mass this Thursday, November 22, at 9:00 am, at our Oak Street Church. Let us join together in thanking God for all the incredible blessings with which He floods our lives.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23
On Friday, November 23 (the day after Thanksgiving), we will have only one morning Mass at 8:30 am at our Oak St. Church.

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU
Thank you to all of the Light of the World Retreat Team who served our Retreat last weekend in any way. What a blessing you are to our retreatants and to all of us. Special prayers for our new retreatants as they begin the next chapter of their lives. God bless you always as you continue to live out your relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ, and share that relationship with others.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHERS NEEDED
The Religious Education Department has a need for two additional classroom teachers. Tuesday afternoon we need a Grade 2 teacher/aide. Wednesday afternoons we are in need of a Grade 1 aide. Classes start at 4:30pm and conclude at 5:45pm. Please consider helping to pass on the faith to our little ones. Contact the RE office at 815.455.9787. Thank you!

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.
ALIENTO

El Evangelio de este domingo es nuestra selección final de Marcos para este año litúrgico. Pertenece a las últimas enseñanzas de Jesús en Jerusalén y se encuentra inmediatamente antes del relato de su arresto y pasión. En este, Jesús da a sus discípulos esperanza para sostenerlos en su pasión y muerte y en cualquier persecución o sufrimiento que enfrenten después de su resurrección.

Las palabras del libro de Daniel también les brindan esperanza y aliento a los contemporáneos de Daniel. El aliento de estas lecturas también nos sirve a nosotros, ya que ninguno de nosotros puede evitar transitar tiempos difíciles en su vida. Los seguidores de Jesús podrán soportar el sufrimiento con esperanza porque saben que el amor de Cristo nos guiará para poder ser buenos discípulos y nos dará la vida eterna junto a Dios.
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

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.
Time - Talent - Treasure

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

Our Parish Income (Oak St. Church) for Sunday, November 11, 2018 was $45,593.58
Our Parish Income (Pierson St. Church) for Sunday, November 11, 2018 was $3,462.22

Thank you for your continued generosity

Our Parish Tithe this week will go to Great Lakes Catholic Men’s Conference.

I HAVE LEARNED TO MANAGE: “I have learned to manage on whatever I have. I know how to be poor and how to be rich. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One, Who gives me strength.”
Parish Calendar

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 Junior High Retreat (Oak St. Church)

Monday, November 19, 2018
No School; Parent Teacher Conferences
10:00 AM Monday Bible Study (Lower Level-Oak Church)
10:30 AM MMP Rosary Group (Pierson St. Church)
5:00 PM St. Catherine of Siena Guild (Parish Center)
5:30 PM Confessions (Oak St. Church)
7:00 PM LOTW Growing in Christ (Lower Level-Oak Church)

Tuesday, November 20, 2018
No R.E. Grade Classes
No School
9:30 AM Moms Bible Study (Community Center)
7:00 PM Knights of Columbus (Lower Level-Oak Church)

Wednesday, November 21, 2018
No R.E. Grade Classes
No School
Parish Center closes at 2:00 pm
1:00 PM YM Movie (Parish Center, 272 King)
7:00 PM Reason to Believe (Lower Level-Oak Church)

Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 22, 2018
No 6:30 am and 8:30 am Masses
9:00 AM Mass (Oak St. Church)
11:00 AM Hispanic Mass (Oak St. Church)

Friday, November 23, 2018
No 6:30 am Mass
Parish Center Closed
No School
No 6:30 am Mass
8:30 AM Mass (Oak St. Church)
10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry (Lower Level-Oak Church)

Saturday, November 24, 2018
Parish Center Closed
8:00 AM Women’s Endow Group (Parish Library)
8:15 AM Men’s Saturday Group (Lower Level-Oak Church)

Christ the King Sunday, November 25, 2018
Coffee and Donuts
Parish Office (Oak) Closed
Advent Giving Tree
10:00 AM R.C.I.A. Class (Lower Level-Oak St. Church)
Saint Thomas the Apostle Church  
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St. Thomas Pierson St. Church:  
453 Pierson Street, Crystal Lake, IL  

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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.— Saturday)  
7:30 AM (Oak Street)  
4:30 PM (Oak Street)  
7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 PM, 3:00 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  

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