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 - 7:30 PM - DURING SCHOOL, 6:00 PM - DURING SUMMER
- F - 5:00 PM
- Sat. - 7:00 PM Vigil
- Sunday - 9:30 & 11:30 AM

### Parish Locations

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### 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

**Hispanic Ministry:**
- M-F - 9:00 - 4:30 PM
- Jueves - 6:00 - 9:00 PM

**Sábados - 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

### Connect with Us!

- [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/saintthomascl)
- [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/st.thomascl)
- [Flocknote](https://www.stthomascl.flocknote.com)
- [Church Website](https://www.stthomascl.church)

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Dear Sister/Brother in Christ,

May the coming King guide and strengthen you this week!

“We are a parish of missionaries and apostles!” my venerable predecessor told me, right before I was sent here. He was very correct!

So it makes perfect sense that, the first stained-glass window on the right side of our adoration chapel is a picture of St. Francis Xavier. The great Spanish friend of St. Ignatius was sent to Asia to bring the faith. Only, the faith was already there. OUR patron saint, Thomas, went east after Pentecost, and carried the gospel as far as India. We called those people “the Thomas Christians.”

Yes, it is true that “our zip code is our mission” and “everyone is called to be a missionary.” I think, however, that we must applaud those who leave home and country to bring the gospel to a place where it perhaps has not been heard before. And I will lament the following. Of all the vocations in the Church, marriage, priesthood and the various forms of religious life, the missionary religious orders seem to be the most depleted. Let us keep praying for an increase of apostolic zeal in ourselves and in those around us.

Until next week, know that I remain
Yours in Christ,
Fr. Evans

Is there room in the Inn? As we wait in joyful anticipation of our savior’s birth, let’s take a few minutes to ask ourselves…is there room in the inn of my heart for Jesus? When he knocks on the door and asks something of me, do I open the door? Do I turn him away?

Do I give him my largest and best room or do I give him the smallest room in need of a total remodel? Each of us is faced with this decision daily and our response says it all.

What people, things or activities get the largest rooms in your heart? Which get the smallest? Do we treat him as an honored guest or an annoyance?

Come, Emanuel, come!

May we all greet him with an open heart this Christmas! Tidings of great JOY to you and yours.
Monday, December 23
6:30 +Joseph Misurelli
8:30 +Maureen Jagier Skinner
8:30 +Jesus Avila Ibarra

Tuesday, December 24
4:00 +Joseph & Kevin Kowasz
4:00 +Matthew Dombrow
4:00 (Community Center) +Judy Fues
4:00 (Community Center) +Dennis O’Donnell
6:00 The People of St. Thomas Parish, Living and Deceased
7:30 +Jerry Rueff
7:30 +Frank Moczulewski
Midnight Moran Family, Special Intention
Midnight +Joan Robaczewski
Midnight Chester Robaczewski, Special Intention

Wednesday, December 25
7:30 +Benjamin & Lillian Gavett
7:30 +Jim O’Hagan
9:00 +Zofia Bylina
9:00 +Gene Baseggio
10:30 Tamara Kenney & Family, Special Intention
Noon +Edward Waszak
Noon +Gordon McKinley

Thursday, December 26
NO 6:30am MASS
8:30 Carole Mantia

Friday, December 27
6:30 +Patricia Floeter
8:30 +Raymond Martin

Saturday, December 28
7:30 +Karen Spitznogle
4:30 Mark & Gerri Kemner, 50th Wedding Anniv., Special Intention
4:30 +Ron Lazarski

Sunday, December 29
7:30 +Charles Chrisman
7:30 +Ruth Mary
9:00 +Les & Erma Ream
10:30 +Clare Doran
10:30 +Rita Wiedenfeld
Noon The People of St. Thomas Parish, Living and Deceased
5:30 +Penny Burns

Please pray for the sick:
Don and Arline Phalin
Carol Martin

Please pray for the deceased:

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:
Lillian Ann Zimmerman - child of Josh and Kristina Zimmerman

Adoration Chapel Candles Dedicated December 22 - January 4:
Richie Family
Little Family
Kratochvil Family
McCoy Family

Weekly Readings: December 23 - December 29
Monday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66
Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79
Christmas:
Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14
Thursday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22
Friday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Saturday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18
Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/ Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Thank you for your generosity to our Lord and to our Parish!
Giving information will be listed in the next bulletin
Our Parish Tithe will go to St. Patrick Church in Rockford, IL
Ministry Schedules - December 28-29, 2019

Altar Servers:
4:30 pm: C. Dunlea, C. Katta, M. Lyons, Volunteer Needed
7:30 am: J. Anchor, T. Dolter, L. Schaffer, W. Standley
9:00 am: K. Kurzeja, H. Piwonka, M. Piwonka, F. Wolff
10:30 am: J. Brickey, D. Sankot, J. Simms, S. Struttman
Noon: B. Reckamp, P. Reckamp, C. Truckenbrod, S. Truckenbrod
5:30 pm: A. Arliskas, K. Hamill, B. Telmanik, G. Wingett

Lectors:
4:30 pm: N. Carpenter, B. Blazier
7:30 am: E. Schaffer, S. Haugh
9:00 am: C. Bush, M. Chmiel
10:30 am: P. Godfrey, B. Tuszynski
Noon: S. Reckamp, B. Wolek
5:30 pm: C. Milone, J. Saidler

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion:
4:30 pm: #1 J. Mickow, M. Carpenter, R. Heuel, G. Marmol
7:30 am: #1 V. Delance, M. Genzler, M. Hunt, D. Schaffer
9:00 am: #1 J. Arza, #2 M. Johnson, J. Ellinger, B. Frey, J. Gallagher, T. Lentz, M. Popp, S. Popp, J. Tinkham, Volunteer Needed
10:30 am: #1 Sr. Appolonia, #2 M. Turk, D. Amoruso, J.M. Brickey, F. Ciangi, J. Barnes, F. Barnes, R. Ellis, L. Godfrey, V. Roberts
Noon: #1 A. O’Connell, A. Costantini, M. Krikorian, D. Rose
5:30 pm: #1 D. Talaga, M. Foerster, E. Wojewoda, Volunteer Needed

Celebrants: December 23-28, 2019
12/23 - 6:30 am - Fr. Simon, 8:30 am - Fr. Evans
12/24 - 4:00 pm - Comm. Cent. - Fr. Fitzpatrick, Church - Fr. Evans, 6:00 pm - Fr. Fitzpatrick, 7:30 pm - Fr. Simon, Midnight - Fr. Evans
12/25 - 7:30 am - Fr. Simon, 9:00 am - Fr. Evans, 10:30 am - Fr. Fitzpatrick, Noon - Fr. Simon
12/26 - 8:30 am - Fr. Fitzpatrick
12/27 - 6:30 am - Fr. Evans, 8:30 am - Fr. Fitzpatrick
12/28 - 7:30 am - Fr. Fitzpatrick

Sunday Masses: December 28 & 29, 2019
4:30 pm: Fr. John Evans
7:30 am: Fr. John Evans
9:00 am: Fr. Charles Fitzpatrick
10:30 am: Fr. George Birungyi
Noon: Fr. George Birungyi
5:30 pm: Fr. Charles Fitzpatrick

Parish Calendar

Sunday, December 22: 4th Sunday of Advent
Coffee & Donuts
Knights of Columbus Blood Drive Signup
12:00 pm - Church - RCIA/Adult Confirmation

Monday, December 23: St. John of Kanty
No 5:30 Confessions
10:30 am - Pierson St. Church - MMP Rosary Group
11:00 am - Lower Level Oak - YM ELF Christmas Party

Tuesday, December 24: Vigil of Christmas
Parish Center Closed
No Morning Daily Masses
4:00 pm - Community Center & Oak St. Church - Vigil Mass
6:00 pm - Oak St. Church - Vigil Mass
7:30 pm - Oak St. Church - Vigil Mass
9:00 pm - Oak St. Church - Hispanic Vigil Mass
11:30 pm - Oak St. Church - Caroling and Midnight Mass

Wednesday, December 25: The Nativity of the Lord
Merry Christmas
Parish Center Closed
7:30 am - Oak St. Church - Christmas Mass
9:00 am - Oak St. Church - Christmas Mass
10:30 am - Oak St. Church - Christmas Mass
12:00 pm - Oak St. Church - Christmas Mass
No 5:30 pm Mass

Thursday, December 26: St. Stephen
No 6:30 am Mass
8:30 am - Oak St. Church - Daily Mass

Friday, December 27: St. John

Saturday, December 28: The Holy Innocents
8:00 am - Oak St. Church - Confession
8:15 am - Lower Level Oak St. - Men’s Group
3:30 pm - Oak St. Church - Confession

Sunday, December 29: The Holy Family
Coffee & Donuts
Knights of Columbus Blood Drive Sign Up
Parish Events

**Brass Player Memorials**
The trumpet at the 7:30 am Mass is sponsored by Scott & Melinda Popp in loving Memory of Bob Thomas.

The trumpet at the 9:00 am Mass is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus in memory of their deceased members.

The trumpet at the 10:30 am Mass is sponsored by Bob & Rosemary Blazier in memory of the deceased members of the Blazier & Riva families.

**Christmas Mass Brass Players**
January 4, 2020
Community Center
7:30 am - 12:30 pm

**Knights of Columbus Blood Drive**
Help the Knights of Columbus Council #3880 continue to give the gift of life by participating in their semi-annual blood drive. Sign up in the Narthex after Masses through December 29, 2019.
Questions? Call John Orso, Jr. for more details - 815-477-1048

**Polish Dinner**
Mówimy Po Polsku?? It’s time again for the annual Fr. McCormickski Knights of Columbus Council 3880 Polish Dinner. We’re getting ready to serve up scrumptious beef barley mushroom soup, roast pork, polish sausage, pierogi, sauerkraut, golabki, bigos and blintzes. Entertainment will include the Polinia Dance Ensemble. Get your tickets ASAP. $20.00 per adult and $10.00 per child under 12. Tickets will go on sale starting at the Knights breakfast on 12/15 and after masses on the following weekends. “Nie będzie późno”

**A Holy Day of Obligation**

The Nativity of the Lord

**Vigil Masses**
Tues. December 24
4:00, 6:00, 7:30 pm & Midnight*

*There will be a 9:00 pm Hispanic Mass at Oak

**Feast Day**
Wed. December 25
7:30, 9:00, 10:30 am and Noon*

*There will not be a 5:30 pm Mass on Christmas Day
### Parish Events

**Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition**

OPEN TO ALL BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 9-14. Participants need to bring a copy of their Birth Certificate and have a parent sign a Consent to Participate form upon arrival. Age group winners receive a championship plaque and will advance to the district competition in February. All contestants will be recognized for their participation in the event. Contact Bill Kolton (815)477-9527 or Kolton784@sbcglobal.net with questions. Day of competition call (708)341-9380

**January 11, 2020**

STS Gym
8:30 am - Register
9:00 am - Compete

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**MARCH FOR LIFE - CHICAGO**

Grades 6-12 are invited to join us for the March for Life in Chicago. We’ll take the train down to Chicago, go to Mass as a group, and join in the procession in Downtown Chicago for the unborn. For more info go to stthomascl.church/ym.

**January 11, 2020**

Grades 6-12

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**Parish Chili Cook Off hosted by St. Thomas School**

Do you have a great chili recipe that’s worthy of a blue ribbon? Spicy? Beans? No Beans? Unique? Why don’t you let US be the judge? Fill out the entry form at www.stthomascl.church/chili to enter.

If you want to beat the winter chill and come cheer on your fellow parishioners, put this date on your calendar and come out to try and vote for the winning chili! All are welcome!

**January 18, 2020**

Community Center
5:30 pm - Doors open

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**Financial Peace University**

If you want to reduce stress, strengthen your marriage and get the financial traction that can give you opportunities to pay your bills with confidence, save for your future, and give like no one else, please consider joining our next Financial Peace University (FPU) class. FPU is a 9-week course that walks you through many aspects of financial prudence, including budgeting, saving, paying down debt, insurance, and more. For more details & to register please call, text, or email Mark Hryniewicz at 815-355-2774, mark.hryniewicz@gmail.com

**January 20, 2020**

Lower Level Oak
7:00 - 8:30 pm

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**Trivia Night - Save the Date!!!**

Save the date now for the most fun evening of the winter, St. Thomas School PTO’s Trivia Night! Get your thinking caps on for a fun night of trivia while you get creative with your table’s theme! BYO food & beverages - sweets & coffee will be provided. All are welcome - just form a team of 8-10 people!

Registration is open now! www.stthomascl.church/trivia

**February 1, 2020**

St. Mary Huntley
6:00 pm

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To our wonderful St. Thomas the Apostle Parish - we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year! Thank you for all you have done to make this the best Parish in the Diocese! We are so grateful for your donations of time & treasure. In addition, thank you for the wonderful gifts you gave us throughout the year and for Christmas. You take such great care of us! May God bless you & yours abundantly in the coming new year!

Fr. Evans, Fr. Simon, Fr. Fitzpatrick, Fr. Tunarosa and the entire Parish staff
St Thomas School faculty, staff, and students wish you and your family a magnificent, fun-filled, and blessed Christmas! Stop by the trees of Christmas Tree Lane downtown Crystal Lake (by the train station) to see our school’s tree. Merry Christmas and God’s blessings to all!
22 de diciembre de 2019 Cuarto Domingo de Adviento

CONFIANZA EN DIOS

En este último domingo de Adviento las lecturas se enfocan en el nacimiento histórico de Jesús: el hijo de David e Hijo de Dios, niño y rey, Jesús y Emmanuel. El profeta Isaías le suplica a Ajaz que pida una señal, para permitir a Dios que le asegure la sobrevivencia de la dinastía de David. El rey hipócrita rehúsa “tentar al SEÑOR” de esa manera (Isaías 7:12), pero el profeta predice el nacimiento de un hijo, un heredero al trono, quien probará la duradera protección divina del linaje elegido del trono de David. El niño será llamado Emmanuel. Mateo se refiere a esta historia en su descripción de los puntos principales del nacimiento de Jesús que contrasta a Ajaz quien rehúsa confiar por falta de fe, y la completa confianza en Dios que María y José demostraron al cooperar con el nacimiento de Jesucristo. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Concierto de Navidad
¡Ven a celebrar esta época de Navidad, tendremos el Concierto Navideño con nuestros hermanos del coro! Domingo 22 de diciembre, a las 6:00 pm Parroquia St. Tomás de la calle Pierson. ¡No falten!

Posadas Navideñas
Invitamos a todos a celebrar nuestras últimas Posadas Navideñas de este año, domingo 22 y lunes 23 de diciembre, a las 6:00 pm. Parroquia St. Tomás de la calle Pierson. ¡Todos invitados!

Oficina Parroquial Cerrada
La Oficina Parroquial estará cerrada martes 24, miércoles 25 y martes 31 de diciembre de 2019 y miércoles 1ro de enero de 2020. ¡Feliz Navidad Y Año Nuevo!

Misas de Navidad
Misa de Nochebuena: martes 24 de dic. 2019, a las 9:00 pm Iglesia St. Tomás de la calle Oak.
Misa de Navidad: miercoles 25 de dic. 2019 a las 11:00 am Iglesia St. Tomás de la calle Pierson. ¡Feliz Navidad, los esperamos!

Misa de Año Nuevo
Martes 31 de diciembre de 2019, 8:00 pm St. Tomás, Pierson St. ¡Feliz Año Nuevo!

Misa en Honor a María Madre de Dios
Miércoles 1ro de enero de 2020, 11:00 am St. Tomás, Pierson St. ¡No falten!
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