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

**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

**Sept - May:**
- M-TH - 8:00 - 8:00 PM
- 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
- JUEVES - 6:00 - 9:00 PM
- SABADOS - 1:00 - 7:00 PM

**Hispanic RE:**
- SAT - 9:00 - 1:00 PM
- OAK ST. OFFICE:
- SUNDAY - 8:30 - 1:30 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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Dear Brother/Sister in Christ,

May Christ the newborn King, guide and strengthen you this week!

A happy feast day to all our families! All shapes and sizes, two-person, nuclear, extended, blended, you’re all wonderful! Be glad you’re together through thick and thin.

To those of you with no living relatives, or who are estranged from them, WE. ARE. YOUR. FAMILY. Please let the parish know how we can do that.

In fact, in our adoration chapel (right side, middle window) is a picture of a woman who, with her sisters in religious life, sought to provide family for those without family. St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, the leader of a religious community in northern Italy, sought to be a missionary to Asia. She went to Rome to seek the blessing of the Holy Father, Leo XIII. His response was “Go West, not East!” His Holiness knew that many of his fellow Italians were traveling to our beloved country to build a better life for themselves. These poor people would arrive, feel loneliness, and were thus ripe to be recruited into organized crime. She came here and established schools and hospitals.

Dear Mother Cabrini, fill us with your zeal to bring Christ to our city and state!

Yours in the Heart of Christ,
Fr. Evans

Are you looking for a wonderfully nurturing, faith-filled Catholic preschool for your little one? Little Saints Preschool has openings for the 2020-2021 school year. We will be hosting an Open House on Sunday, January 26th from 2:30pm-4:30pm at the preschool building: 454 Lake St. Crystal Lake. At this time, preschool registration will officially open for the 2020-2021 school year. Families can take a tour of our beautiful, state of the art building, meet our amazing teaching staff and allow us to show you all we have to offer. Check us out on Facebook to see examples of programs and curriculum choices. For more information, please visit the preschool registration section on the main page of the school website www.stthomascl.org or contact Preschool Director Jennifer Gallien: jgallien@stthomascl.org
Monday, December 30
6:30 +Christian B. Hamoy
    Jay & Renee Caan Family, Special Intention
8:30 +Betty Dean Hegner

Tuesday, December 31
6:30 +Holy Souls of Purgatory
8:30 +Rose Marie Partyka
    Fr. Akan Simon, Special Intention
4:00 +John Douglas
5:30 The People of St. Thomas Parish, Living & Deceased

Wednesday, January 1
9:00 +Zofia Bylina
    Lou Bylina
10:30 +Elaine Warren
    +Gene Baseggio

Thursday, January 2
6:30 Dan Riley Family, Living & Deceased
8:30 Jeanine Dombrow, Special Intention
    Cat Richter, Special Intention

Friday, January 3
6:30 +Souls of the Faithful Departed
8:30 +Betty Koppa

Saturday, January 4
7:30 +Paul Cribb
    +Souls of the Faithful Departed
4:30 +Isabel Mortimer
    +Olivia Corpuz

Sunday, January 5
7:30 +Mary Ann Lerner
    +Lottie Kobza
9:00 Daniel & Susan Moran, Special Intention
    +James Hayden, Jr.
10:30 +Kyle McCoy
Noon St. Thomas Women’s Club Members, Living & Deceased
5:30 The People of St. Thomas Parish, Living & Deceased

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

Please pray for the sick:
Don Phalin       Deanne Meseck
Arlene Phalin    Carol Martin
Jack Johnson

Please pray for the deceased:
Joan Zacharias   Jeanette Lanier

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:
Ophelia Grace Dougherty - child of Michael and Karyn Dougherty
Michael Joseph Hanley - child of Michael and Marina Hanley

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

Weekly Readings:
Monday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18
Wednesday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 1:19-28
Friday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6 [3cd]/Jn 1:29-34
Saturday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [3cd]/Jn 1:35-42
Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2019:
OAK ST. – $52,131.91
PIERSON ST. – $3,274.37

OUR PARISH TITHE DECEMBER 22 WILL GO TO PIONEER CENTER/PADS OF McHENRY AND DECEMBER 29 WILL GO TO LOUVERTURE CLEARY SCHOOL IN HAITI

“Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”

- Luke 6:38
Altar Servers:

4:30 pm:  J. Dalton, L. Morehead, K. Piwnicki, L. Schaffer
7:30 am:  M. Davis, E. Pachla, M. Pachla, L. Tabat
9:00 am:  J. Brickey, M. Fisher, J. Hermann, C. Kurzeja
10:30 am: B. Arza, W. Nieckula, S. White, E. White
Noon:     M. Carzoli, K. Kurzeja, L. Wolff, F. Wolff
5:30 pm:  J. O’Neill, L. Polston, Volunteer Needed

Lectors:

4:30 pm:  E. Schaffer, A. Wojcik
7:30 am:  L. Gajdzik, J. Streit
9:00 am:  J. Stefani, T. Walters
10:30 am: M. Chmiel, B. Tuszynski
Noon:     A. Svigelj, L. Dalton
5:30 pm:  N. Carpenter, C. Milone

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion:

4:30 pm:  #1 A. O’Connell, M. Krikorian, D. Rose, D. Schaffer
7:30 am:  #1 F. Moczulewski, M. Przybylski, E. Sernett, B. Williams
9:00 am:  #1 S. VanHerzeele, #2 Volunteer Needed, J. M. Brickey, J. Ellinger, B. Frey, M. Johnson, V. Kosin, N Miller, L. Teyyaw, M. VanHerzeele
10:30 am: #1 J. Arza, #2 R. Heuel, G. Houston, T. Lentz, R. Nissen, M. Popp, S. Popp, P. Slowey, M. Turk, K. White
Noon:     #1 Volunteer Needed, J. Gallagher, M. Klepitsch, B. Montanaro
5:30 pm:  #1 I. Carlino, M. Carpenter, A. O’Connell, D. Talaga

Celebrants: December 30 - January 4, 2020

12/30 - 6:30 am - Fr. Evans, 8:30 am - Fr. Evans
12/31 - 6:30 am - Fr. Fitzpatrick, 8:30 am - Fr. Fitzpatrick, 4:00 pm - Fr. Evans, 5:30 pm - Fr. Birungyi
1/1 - 9:00 am - Fr. Evans, 10:30 am - Fr. Fitzpatrick
1/2 - 6:30 am - Fr. Fitzpatrick, 8:30 am - Fr. Fitzpatrick
1/3 - 6:30 am - Fr. Fitzpatrick, 8:30 am - Fr. Evans
1/4 - 7:30 am - Fr. Evans

Sunday Masses: January 4 & 5, 2020

4:30 pm: Fr. Charles Fitzpatrick
7:30 am: Fr. George Birungyi
9:00 am: Fr. George Birungyi
10:30 am: Fr. John Evans
Noon: Fr. Charles Fitzpatrick
5:30 pm: Fr. John Evans

Parish Calendar

Sunday, December 29: The Holy Family
Coffee & Donuts
Knights of Columbus Blood Drive Sign-up

Monday, December 30:
8:30 am - Oak St. Church - YM Mass and a Movie
10:30 am - Pierson St. Church - MMP Rosary Group
5:30 pm - Oak St. Church - Confession

Tuesday, December 31: St. Sylvester 1
Parish Center Closed
5:00 pm - Oak St. Church - Holy Day Vigil Mass
6:30 pm - Oak St. Church - Holy Day Vigil Mass
8:00 pm - Pierson St. Church - Hispanic Holy Day Vigil Mass

Wednesday, January 1: B.V.M, Holy Mother of God
Parish Center Closed
9:00 am - Oak St. Church - Holy Day Mass
10:30 am - Oak St. Church - Holy Day Mass
11:00 am - Pierson St. Church - Hispanic Holy Day Mass

Thursday, January 2: SS. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

Friday, January 3: The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Saturday, January 4: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
7:30 am - Community Center - Knights of Columbus Blood Drive
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, January 5: The Epiphany of the Lord
Coffee & Donuts
The Little Way Bookstore in Narthex
10:00 am - Lower Level Oak - RCIA/Adult Confirmation
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 póżno"

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

Parish Events
January 4, 2020
Community Center
7:30 am - 12:30 pm

Knights of Columbus Blood Drive
January 4, 2020
Community Center
7:30 am - 12:30 pm

Polish Dinner
January 11, 2020
Community Center
6:00 pm

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition
January 11, 2020
STS Gym
8:30 am - Register
9:00 am - Compete
**GODSPEED FATHER SIMON!**

Father Akan Simon will be in Nigeria December 26-January 17 to visit his mom and family, as well as checking on the building progress of St. Joseph Church in Umon Okon, Nigeria. Our prayers and our love go with him and we pray that this will be a truly blessed time for him. God bless you always, Father Simon!
**Religious Education**

**The Holy Family Prayer**

*Jesus*, Son of God and Son of Mary, bless our family. Graciously inspire in us the unity, peace, and mutual love that you found in your own family in the little town of Nazareth. *Mary*, Mother of Jesus and Our Mother, nourish our family with your faith and your love. Keep us close to your Son, Jesus, in all our sorrows and joys. *Joseph*, Foster-father to Jesus, guardian and spouse of Mary, keep our family safe from harm. Help us in all times of discouragement or anxiety. *Holy Family of Nazareth*, make our family one with you. Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass. May we always have God at the center of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you. Amen.

---From the Missionaries of Holy Family
29 de diciembre de 2019 La Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José

SALVACIÓN EN LA VIDA DIARIA

Este domingo es la fiesta de la Sagrada Familia que cae en el primer domingo después del Día de Navidad. La fiesta de hoy celebra cómo la humanidad de Jesús (incluso toda su familia) ha dado significado salvífico a los quehaceres diarios de nuestra propia vida familiar. Las lecturas ofrecen instrucción y aliento sobre cómo compartir –dentro de nuestras familias, en la familia de la parroquia y en la más amplia familia humana– el amor que Dios comparte con nosotros en Jesús. Seleciones de Eclesiástico, del salmo 128 (127), y colosenses nos alientan a ser reflejo del amor divino y así encontrar la santidad en todas nuestras relaciones humanas. La lectura del Evangelio según Mateo ofrece un ejemplo vivo de amor en las medidas que José tomó para proteger a su joven familia del peligro y para que creciera dentro de la gran familia de fe de su época. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

¡Gracias!
Nuestro más sincero agradecimiento a:
Todos los que hicieron posible las fiestas decembrinas.

Diciembre 2019
¡Gracias!
St. Tomás Pierson St.

Oficina Parroquial Cerrada
La Oficina Parroquial estará cerrada:
Martes 31 de diciembre de 2019 y Miércoles 1ro de enero de 2020.

Oficina Parroquial Cerrada el 31 de dic. de 2019 y 1ro de enero de 2020.

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

Martes 31 de dic. 2019
St. Tomás Pierson St.
8:00 pm

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

Miercoles 1ro de enero 2020
St. Tomás Pierson St.
11:00 am

¡Nuestro eterno agradecimiento y nuestros mejores deseos en este Año Nuevo 2020!
¡Que Dios los bendiga durante todo el año que estamos por comenzar y siempre!

Sinceramente:
El pastor Reverendo John R. Evans, el Reverendo William Tunarosa, los Sacerdotes de nuestra parroquia y personal de la Oficina de Santo Tomás Apóstol/Ministerio Hispano.
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