January 12, 2020 | The Baptism of the Lord

St. Thomas The Apostle
Catholic Church

Mission Statement
We are a Catholic family, living our awareness of Christ's presence through worship, service, evangelization & community for the benefit of all.

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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:**
- M - 6:00 AM
- T, W - 7:30 PM - During School
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- M, F - 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

**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

**Oak St. Office:**
- Sunday - 8:30 - 1:30 PM

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

**Hispanic RE:**
- Sabados - 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

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Dear Sister/Brother in Christ,

May Christ newly baptized guide and strengthen you this week!

“It’s so good to hear your voice!” “It’s so good to finally see your face!” “All hands on deck!”

Sometimes, when we speak of a part of a person (voice, face, hands, etc), we really mean the whole person. This explains why, as Catholics, we are happy to worship Christ’s Heart. In our adoration chapel, right next to our patron Saint Thomas, is an image of our Lord’s Heart.

When people ask me how to practice devotion to the Sacred Heart, I always start with the devotion OF the Sacred Heart. Anything that we do to honor Christ’s Heart, is really just a tiny response, to His love for us. In other words, His Heart’s devotion to ME, is infinitely greater that MY devotion to HIM. Many books, pamphlets and articles are all about our Lord’s Heart. Start learning!

This afternoon, I will be flying to Vienna. My main purpose for this trip is to visit the tomb of the last Empress of Austria, Zita. Like me, she tried to follow the Rule of St. Benedict in her life, but not as a monk, but as a community leader. I am also excited to see the Frauenkirche (Lady Church). Emperor Franz Jozef II built the chapel, thanking our Lady for keeping him alive after an attempt was made on his life. And of course, my usual reason for travel, is to collect more stories for homilies! Until I return, know that I am always

Yours in the Heart of Christ,
Fr. Evans

Have you considered sending your child to St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School? We will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week January 26 – February 1, 2020 and we would like to invite students from our community to spend a day at St. Thomas School. On Monday, January 27, we are welcoming students to shadow with a St. Thomas School student for the day. Parents must register students before January 22 to participate in shadow day. For more information, please call St. Thomas School for details: 815-459-0496.
MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

Monday, January 13
6:30  George Boulet, Special Intention
      +Rita Rausch
8:30  +Karen Spitznogle
      Augustine Onwualu, Special Intention

Tuesday, January 14
6:30  +James Tefft
     +Luella Streit
8:30  +Jane Mann
     +Barbara Powers

Wednesday, January 15
6:30  +Sydney & Magdalene Kamysz
7:50  (at Pierson) Those Listed on the St. Jude Prayer List, Special Intention

Thursday, January 16
6:30  +Judy Harding
8:30  +Colleen Zervic
     +Jeffrey Jones

Friday, January 17
6:30  +Chris Crnkovich
8:30  +Souls of the Faithful Departed

Saturday, January 18
7:30  +Bernard Spina
4:30  +Joyce Behrman

Sunday, January 19
7:30  +Norine Thomas Dalessandro
     +Robert Thomas
9:00  +Daniel Linklater
10:30 +James McTague
      McCoy Family, Special Intention
Noon  +Dr. Robert Zelechoski
5:30  Souls of the Faithful Departed

Please pray for the sick:
Debra Hermansen    Deanne Mesick
Deacon Ralph Statter

Please pray for the deceased:
Virginia Kleinfelter Rosa Gregory
Beverly Dockendorff

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:
Zachary Roy Kratenstein - child of Jonathan and Brigitte Kratenstein

Adoration Chapel Candles Dedicated January 5 - January 18:
Benard Family    Leibforth Family
Jones Family     Ponsaran Family

Weekly Readings: January 12-19, 2020
Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19 [17a]/Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1]/Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [8a and 9a]/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25 [27b]/Mk 1:40-45
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19 [2]/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [2a]/Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

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

Christmas 2019:
Oak St. - $81,621.35
Pierson St. - $2,230.25

Sunday, December 29, 2019:
Oak St. - $36,808.87
Pierson St. - $2,171.25

Our Parish Tithe January 5 will go to Crystal Lake Food Pantry and January 12 will go to St. Thomas Outreach

“It’s not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving.”
   - St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta
## Ministry Schedules - January 18-19, 2020

### Altar Servers:
- **4:30 pm:** C. Dunlea, F. Liparoto, A. Liparoto, M. Lyons
- **7:30 am:** M. Davis, T. Dolter, A. Kobeluch, W. Standley
- **9:00 am:** E. Johnson, M. Johnson, K. Johnson, T. Kohls
- **10:30 am:** J. Brickey, A. Dovidio, L. Morehead, S. Struttman
- **Noon:** A. Kinghorn, W. Nieckula, C. Truckenbrod, S. Truckenbrod
- **5:30 pm:** A. Arliskas, K. Hamill, C. Truckenbrod, G. Wingett

### Lectors:
- **4:30 pm:** T. Hicklin, C. Ossman
- **7:30 am:** B. Williams, M. Przybylski
- **9:00 am:** J. Ladd, G. Ives
- **10:30 am:** J. Wiedenfeld, P. Godfrey
- **Noon:** A. Svigelj, M. Chmiel
- **5:30 pm:** C. Milone, **Volunteer Needed**

### Extraordinary Ministers of Communion:
- **4:30 pm:** #1 A. O’Connell, R. Heuel, G. Marmol, J. Mickow
- **7:30 am:** #1 V. Delance, W. Bransley, E. Wojewoda, P. Wyman
- **9:00 am:** #1 M. Johnson, #2 **Volunteer Needed**, C. Brauneis, J. Brauneis, B. Frey, V. Kosin, T. Lentz, M. Popp, S. Popp, J. Tole
- **10:30 am:** #1 J. Berg, #2 **Volunteer Needed**, D. Amoruso, J.M. Brickey, F. Ciangi, G. Houston, R. Nissen, V. Roberts, J. Tinkham, K. White
- **Noon:** #1 **Volunteer Needed**, A. Costantini, B. Montanaro, D. Rose
- **5:30 pm:** #1 D. Talaga, I. Carlino, M. Foerster, **Volunteer Needed**

### Celebrants: January 13 - January 18, 2020
- **1/13 - 6:30 am:** Fr. Sarnicki, 8:30 am - Fr. Adamczyk
- **1/14 - 6:30 am:** Fr. Fitzpatrick, 8:30 am - Fr. Sarnicki
- **1/15 - 6:30 am:** Fr. Adamczyk, 7:50 am - Fr. Fitzpatrick
- **1/16 - 6:30 am:** Fr. Fitzpatrick, 8:30 am - Fr. Fitzpatrick
- **1/17 - 6:30 am:** Fr. Simon, 8:30 am - Fr. Simon
- **1/18 - 7:30 am:** Fr. Fitzpatrick

### Sunday Masses: January 18 & 19, 2020
- **4:30 pm:** Fr. Akan Simon
- **7:30 am:** Fr. Charles Fitzpatrick
- **9:00 am:** Fr. Charles Fitzpatrick
- **10:30 am:** Fr. Charles Fitzpatrick
- **Noon:** Fr. Akan Simon
- **5:30 pm:** Fr. Akan Simon

## Parish Calendar

### Sunday, January 12: The Baptism of the Lord
- **Coffee & Donuts**
- **10:00 am:** Lower Level Oak - RCIA/Adult Confirmation
- **1:00 pm:** Lower Level Oak - 7th-grade RE

### Monday, January 13: St. Hilary
- **10:30 am:** Pierson St. Church - MMP Rosary Group
- **5:15 pm:** Lower Level Oak - H.S. Community Dinner
- **5:30 pm:** Oak St. Church - Confession

### Tuesday, January 14:
- **9:30 am:** Community Center - Mom’s Group
- **6:30 pm:** Community Center - American Heritage Girls

### Wednesday, January 15:

### Thursday, January 16:
- **7:00 pm:** Community Center - Summit

### Friday, January 17: St. Anthony, Abbot
- **No School - STS - Teacher Institute**
- **9:00 am:** Lower Level Pierson - St. Monica Guild

### Saturday, January 18: Blessed Virgin Mary
- **6:00 am:** Community Center - That Man is You
- **8:00 am:** Oak St. Church - Confession
- **8:15 am:** Lower Level Oak St. - Men’s Group
- **8:30 am:** Parish Center - SPREAD Prep
- **3:30 pm:** Oak St. Church - Confession

### Sunday, January 19:
- **Knights of Columbus Breakfast**
- **9:00 am:** Parish Center - Deaf Mass
- **10:00 am:** Lower Level Oak - RCIA/Adult Confirmation
**Parish Events**

**That Man is You**
That Man is You begins its Spring Semester on Saturday, Jan. 18, 2020, at 6:00 am, in the Community Center. Come join us and help enhance your faith life and your domestic church at home! Questions? Call Greg Ives at 847-338-4672

**January 18, 2020**
6:00 am
Community Center

**Superbowl Squares for Trivia Night**
St. Thomas School will be selling Superbowl Squares after Masses the weekends of 1/18 & 1/25 for $10 each. Cash & checks made out to St. Thomas PTO will be accepted. You do not need to be present at Trivia Night to win. All proceeds benefit St. Thomas School!

**January 18 & 25, 2020**
Oak St. Church
Narthex after Masses

**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

**Mental Health Awareness for Parents**
Parents, do you worry about your child’s stress, anxiety, and overall mental health? Join us for an evening with a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor who will educate you how to recognize and deal with concerns regarding various mental health topics and how to support your child during an era of increased pressures and stress. This group is educational in nature and not intended to treat. For more info go to stthomascl.church

**January 23, 2020**
Lower Level Oak
7:00 pm

**Little Saints Preschool Registration**
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. Questions? Please contact Preschool Director Jennifer Gallien: jgallien@stthomascl.org.

**January 26, 2020**
Little Saints Preschool

**Trivia Night**
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
Parish Events

Pilgrimage to Lourdes
PILGRIMAGE OF A LIFETIME!! Join Father Evans, Julie Hermann and Music Ministry as we sing our way to Lourdes, France! We will spend time in Paris, Lisieux, Bayeux, Normandy, Mont St. Michele and Lourdes. Our trip is scheduled for July 2020 - so there is time to save! See all of the details on our website: www.stthomascl.church/france

February 1, 2020
Registration deadline

Mime for Life
Students from Marian Central High School will present a powerful and dramatic pro-life presentation at St. Mary, Woodstock, followed by a keynote address by Eric Scheidler. Eric, son of Joe Scheidler, is a 2nd-generation pro-life activist & was among the first to speak out against Obamacare’s Dept. of Health & Human Services contraception & abortion-inducing drug mandate. He speaks frequently on pro-life activism, religious liberty, marriage & family to audiences across the country.

February 3, 2020
St. Mary, Woodstock
6:30 pm

Light of the World Retreat
Save the date now for our Spring Light of the World Retreat! Has life got you dragging? Has your faith been bogged down with busyness and stress? The Light of the World Retreat is the perfect remedy to the stress and constant busyness of life. With the retreat taking place right here in the parish, you can take a break and connect - or reconnect - with Jesus and your faith.
Register: www.stthomascl.church/lotw
Questions: Call Allyson Svigelj - 815-455-5400x404

March 13-16, 2020
Registration is now open!

My Dear Friends,

I tell you this with a heart overflowing with joy! It was truly a Christmas miracle! At Christmas, Building4God REACHED the goal of raising $250,000 to open the new Church Building in my Village for Sunday and Weekday Masses!

Efforts to the full completion of the Church Building continues!

A huge THANK YOU to you and many others for your outpouring support in prayers and donations!

I am in Nigeria to ensure that this stage of the Church Building is done and the Church is opened!

Gratefully,

Father Akan Simon

New Church with lower windows installed
**YOUTH MINISTRY**

**HIGH SCHOOL HANGOUT**
All high schoolers are invited to join us for our high school hangouts, Tuesdays at Taste of Benedict’s. Bring your homework or a game to play and relax after school with friends and coffee!

For more info go to stthomascl.church/ym.

**HS WINTER RETREAT**
Don’t miss the chance this winter to come on a weekend retreat you’ll never forget. Our theme for this winter retreat is I AM and will focus on the Trinity and what our relationships with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit look like. There will be a mix of great speakers, praise and worship, and prayer. Of course, on top of all of that, we will have tons of time for food, games, and a fun weekend. For more info go to stthomascl.church/ym.

**SVMR CMP 2020 COUNSELOR APPLICATIONS**
Our Junior High Summer camp will be June 9-12! Counselor night will be June 8th. This summer we’ll be diving into how being a child of God makes us fearless!

Counselor applications now open at stthomascl.church/ym and close on 2/1.

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Counselor applications and camper registration are now open at stthomascl.church/ym

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Baptism of the Lord - January 12

This is a great time to share the story of your baptism with your children. As parents and faith leaders of our homes, it is a good time to also recall our children’s baptism details. When and where were they baptized? Who are their godparents? Why did you choose those individuals to be models of faith for them? What does it mean to be an adopted child of God? Perhaps you and your child could write a thank you note to their godparents thanking them for their prayers. What a great new tradition to begin this year!
Con la celebración del Bautismo del Señor este domingo concluye el tiempo de Navidad. En las lecturas vemos más de una epifanía o manifestación del Espíritu de Dios en Jesús, sólo que esta vez ya no como niño, sino como adulto. El Bautismo de Jesús es también la inauguración de su misión profética y de la era mesiánica. En la lectura de hoy Isaías describe al Mesías elegido por Dios sobre el cual ha puesto su Espíritu. En los Hechos de los Apóstoles Pedro dice que “Dios ungió con el poder del Espíritu Santo a Jesús de Nazaret” (Hechos 10:38). Finalmente, en las proclamación del Evangelio de Mateo el Bautismo de Jesús en el agua casi pasa desapercibido. El momento crucial ocurre cuando el Espíritu de Dios desciende sobre Jesús y una voz del cielo viene como un eco de las palabras de Isaías: “Éste es mi Hijo muy amado, en quien tengo mis complacencias” (Mateo 3:17).
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