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
- 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

**Hispanic RE:**
- JUEVES - 6:00 - 9:00 PM
- SABADOS - 1:00 - 7:00 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

Connect With Us!

- [www.facebook.com/saintthomascl](http://www.facebook.com/saintthomascl)
- [www.instagram.com/st.thomascl](http://www.instagram.com/st.thomascl)
- [www.stthomascl.flocknote.com](http://www.stthomascl.flocknote.com)
- [www.stthomascl.church](http://www.stthomascl.church)

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The third of six children born to devout parents of poor farmers, John Vianney’s necessity to work the family farm as a boy resulted in a meager formal education, which inadequately prepared him for the rigors of seminary studies. His failure to comprehend Latin forced him to leave seminary for a while. But as he was determined to be a priest from a very young age, he persevered with the aid of private tutors. After a long battle with his studies, he was finally ordained. His work in his tiny parish in Ars, France is legendary. He could “read souls” and spent up to 12 hours a day hearing Confessions in the winter. In the summers, with no air conditioning, he spent up to 16 hours a day in the confessional, reconciling people with God. He fasted often, ate mainly just a few potatoes a day, and slept just a few hours a night. His reputation for holiness and as a confessor grew and spread throughout the world. Every year thousands of people travelled to Ars just to have their confession heard by this little French priest who almost didn’t get ordained.

In a contemporary world in dire need of holy priests, St. John Vianney pray for all of us.

May Christ’s Peace Be With You,
Fr. Fitzpatrick.

Service to others is woven through the fabric of our Catholic Faith. Religious Education students weave an interesting tapestry of various service projects throughout the year. Our first grade students brightened the tables of many Meals on Wheels dinner recipients by creating Thanksgiving Placemats. Our preschool and Kindergarten students made Christmas ornaments for the local nursing homes. Our St. Nicholas sock drive helped to warm the toes of many homeless men and women throughout our area.

We will be having our “Souper Bowl” drive for the food pantry the last week of January, a diaper wipe collection for the crisis pregnancy center and a toiletries collection for children in foster care. Our second grade students will be composing Valentines for Veterans. Grade 6 students help to serve dinner to our Family Faith Formation group on Wednesday evenings.

How do you serve? Is your family taking an active role in lifting up our suffering brothers and sisters in Christ? We are envisioning 2020 as a year of service to the poor in our midst. Join us in our efforts…many hands make light work!
Thank you for your generosity to our Lord and to our Parish!

Sunday, January 5:

Sunday, January 12, 2020:

Oak St. - $46,203.75
Pierson St. - $2,508.00

Our Parish Tithe January 19 will go to Hope for Haitians

“And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.” - Hebrews 13:16

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**Mass & Prayer Intentions**

**Monday, January 20**
6:30 +Charles Brennan
  +Mary Vogrinc
8:30 +Souls of the Faithful Departed
  +Olivia Corpuz

**Tuesday, January 21**
6:30 +Karen Lee
8:30 +Iluminada Pascual Peling Ponsaran

**Wednesday, January 22**
6:30 The Galvin Family, Special Intention
7:50 (at Pierson) +Paul Riopel
  +Anna Cerny

**Thursday, January 23**
6:30 +Souls of the Faithful Departed
8:30 +Jesus Avila Ibarra
  +Jerry Byrd

**Friday, January 24**
6:30 +Souls of the Faithful Departed
8:30 Fr. Akan Simon, Special Intention
  Members of the Prayer Shawl
  Ministry, Living & Deceased

**Saturday, January 25**
7:30 Helen Moran, Special Intention
4:30 Noreen Sheehan, Special Intention

**Sunday, January 26**
7:30 +Charles Chrisman
  Onie Rinn, Special Intention
9:00 +Jean Clark
  Zane Shropshire & Family, Special Intention
10:30 +Virginia & Robert Kucera, Sr.
  Robert Kucera, Jr., Special Intention
Noon +Kurt Teubner
5:30 The People of St. Thomas Parish, Living and Deceased

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

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Please pray for the sick:
Deanne Meseck           Dorothy Frett

Please pray for the deceased:
Jean O’Hara                      Joseph Scotillo

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:
Emmerson Grace Riggsby - child of Bryan and Rachel Riggsby

Adoration Chapel Candles Dedicated January 19 - February 1:
Wojtowicz Family          Batalden Family
Maslowski Family           Bourns Family

**Weekly Readings: January 19 - February 2:**

**Monday:** 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mk 2:18-22

**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28 [21a]/Mk 2:23-28

**Wednesday:** 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 [1]/Mk 3:1-6

**Thursday:** 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13 [5b]/Mk 3:7-12

**Friday:** 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11 [2a]/Mk 3:13-19

**Saturday:** Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1, 12-13 [1a]/Mk 16:15/Mk 16:15-18

**Next Sunday:** Is 8:23—9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17
Ministry Schedules - January 25-26, 2020

Altar Servers:  
4:30 pm: J. Dalton, S. Foster, W. Foster, K. Piwnicki  
7:30 am: C. Dunlea, G. Wingett, Volunteer Needed, Volunteer Needed  
9:00 am: D. Hronick, C. Kurzeja, T. Niemann, L. Tabat  
10:30 am: B. Arza, N. Barnes, D. Sankot, J. Simms  
Noon: A. Arliskas, M. Carzoli, K. Kurzeja, A. Verzal  
5:30 pm: N. Bucci, W. Nieckula, J. O’Neill, L Polston

Lectors:  
4:30 pm: A. Wojcik, C. Ossman  
7:30 am: L. Gajdzik, J. Streit  
9:00 am: J. Tole, M. Winnecke  
10:30 am: A. Svigelj, G. Houston  
Noon: M. Krikorian, J Majewska  
5:30 pm: P. Godfrey, C. Milone

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion:  
4:30 pm: #1 D. Matousek, R. Heuel, J. Mickow, A. O’Connell  
7:30 am: #1 E. Sernett, D. Dunlea, M. Hunt, F. Moczulewski  
9:00 am: #1 M. Johnson, #2 Volunteer Needed, V. Cuchna, J. Gallagher, N. Miller, J. Pappas, C. Parise-Miller, P. Slowey, L. Teyyaw, J. Tinkham  
10:30 am: #1 J. Berg, #2 Volunteer Needed, D. Amoruso, J. Arza, J. Barnes, F. Barnes, L. Kirk, M. Klepitsch, V. Roberts, M. Turk  
Noon: #1Volunteer Needed, A. Costantini, J. Ellinger, Volunteer Needed  
5:30 pm: #1, K. Bucci, I. Carlino, S. Gawart, Volunteer Needed

Sunday Masses: January 25 & 26, 2020  
4:30 pm: Fr. Charles Fitzpatrick  
7:30 am: Fr. Charles Fitzpatrick  
9:00 am: Fr. John Evans  
10:30 am: Fr. Akan Simon  
Noon: Fr. Akan Simon  
5:30 pm: Fr. John Evans

Parish Calendar

Sunday, January 19:  
Knights of Columbus Breakfast  
9:00 am - Parish Center - Deaf Mass  
10:00 am - Lower Level Oak - RCIA

Monday, January 20: St. Fabien, St. Sebastian  
No School - MLK Day  
10:00 am - Lower Level Oak - Women’s Bible Study  
10:30 am - Pierson St. Church - MMP Rosary Group  
5:30 pm - Oak St. Church - Confession  
6:30 pm - Parish Center - SPRED Prep  
7:00 pm - Lower Level Oak - Financial Peace University

Tuesday, January 21: St. Agnes  
9:30 am - Community Center - Mom’s Group Bible Study  
7:00 pm - Lower Level Oak - Knights of Columbus

Wednesday, January 22: Prayer for Protection of Unborn  
1:00 pm - St. Thomas School - Early Release  
6:00 pm - St. Thomas School Cafeteria - Family Faith Formation

Thursday, January 23: St. Vincent, St. Marianne Cope  
7:00 pm - Community Center - Summit  
7:00 pm - Lower Level Oak - Mental Health Awareness for Parents

Friday, January 24: St. Francis de Sales  
10:00 am - Lower Level Oak - Prayer Shawl Ministry

Saturday, January 25: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle  
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 - SPRED Total Community  
3:30 pm - Oak St. Church - Confession

Sunday, January 26: Catholic Schools Week  
Coffee & Donuts  
10:00 am - Lower Level Oak - RCIA/Adult Confirmation  
2:30 pm - St. Thomas School - Open House  
2:30 pm - Little Saints Preschool - Open House & Registration for 2020-21 School Year
| Parish Events |
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| **Financial Peace University** | **January 20, 2020** | Lower Level Oak |
| 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 | 7:00 - 8:30 pm |
| **St. Thomas School Restaurant Fundraiser** | **January 22, 2020** | Chipotle |
| Ditch the dishes for a night and head to Chipotle to help support St. Thomas School! Let them know you are there to support St. Thomas School and they will give 33% of their proceeds back to our school! It doesn’t get easier than that! | 4:00 - 8:00 pm |
| **Mental Health Awareness for Parents** | **January 23, 2020** | Lower Level Oak |
| 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 | 7:00 pm |
| **Superbowl Squares for Trivia Night** | **January 25, 2020** | Oak St. Church |
| St. Thomas School will be selling Superbowl Squares after Masses next weekend 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! | Narthex after Masses |
| **Little Saints Preschool Registration** | **January 26, 2020** | Little Saints Preschool |
| 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. | |
| **Confirmation Class** | **January 27 or 30, 2020** | Oak St. Church |
| Our upcoming Confirmation Classes are Monday, Jan 27th or Thursday, Jan 30th. We’ll be bringing in a guest speaker to share with us the power of Jesus in the Eucharist! Confirmand must attend with a parent or sponsor. | 7:00 - 8:30 pm |
# Parish Events

## 2019 Contribution Letters:
The 2019 year contribution letters will be sent out from our Parish Office by e-mail (if we have your e-mail) or by regular snail mail at the end of January 2020. Please be advised that all Diocesan appeal donations (National appeal, International appeal, Mission appeal, and Diocesan appeal) you gave in 2019 will come in a separate mailing directly to you from the Diocese of Rockford; if you do not receive a letter from the Diocese of Rockford by January 31, 2020, please contact the Office of Charitable Giving at the Diocese of Rockford - 815-399-4300. Thank you for your kind cooperation in this matter. For questions regarding your St. Thomas the Apostle contributions, please contact Pat Roatch - proatch@stthomascl.church

## 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](http://www.stthomascl.church/trivia)

### February 1, 2020
- **St. Mary Huntley**
- Time: 6:00 pm

## Winter Morning Movie
The St. Kateri Tekakwitha Guild will feature 'Unplanned - Based On A True Story' on Monday, Feb. 3, 2020 at 9:00 am, in the lower level of the Oak St. Church. The movie is rated for mature audience. Light snacks and warm refreshments will be served!

### February 3, 2020
- **Lower Level - Oak St. Church**
- Time: 9:00 am

## 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**
- Time: 6:30 pm

## St. Thomas School Required Parent Meeting
*This is a required meeting for all parents of STS students.* The meeting will be led by the St. Thomas Finance Council who will introduce our new third-party fair ability collection agency, FACTS. This is the same system used by other schools in our deanery. STS will continue using Fair Ability Tuition but will be outsourcing the collection. Reps from FACTS will be available to answer any questions you may have. Registration for the 2020-2021 school year will take place later.

### February 6, 2020
- **Community Center**
- Time: 7:00 pm

## Theology on Tap for Couples
Grab your valentine and join us for love, romance, faith and dinner! We’ll have wine & craft beer along with a lovely catered dinner for you and your special someone, along with a talk by Fr. Robert Blood, a newly ordained priest from Holy Family in Rockford! Childcare will be available on a limited basis (due to space & volunteer availability) so register right away! $50/couple covers the meal and beverages. Register at: [https://stthomascl.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/358281](https://stthomascl.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/358281)

### February 15, 2020
- **Community Center**
- Time: 6:00 pm
Youth Ministry

Community Dinner
All HS students are welcome to join us on Monday nights for our weekly Community Dinners. Every week we enjoy a meal brought to us by a generous volunteer and enjoy fellowship as we eat, laugh, and pray together!

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.

SVMR CMP 2020
Junior High students, finishing 6th-grade through 8th-grade, join us for an awesome summer camp adventure at Lutherdale Camp in Wisconsin! You’ll participate in lots of fun outdoor activities and grow in your faith through talks, small groups & Mass.

This summer we’ll be diving into how being a child of God makes us fearless! Register now: stthomascl.church/ym

St. Thomas School Corner

St. Thomas School (K-8) and Little Saints Preschool (PK2-PK4/5)
Open House and Art Show

- **When:** 2:30 - 4:30 pm
- **Where:** St. Thomas School - 265 King St., Little Saints Preschool - 454 Lake St.

You are invited to the St. Thomas School and Little Saints Preschool Open House and Art Show. Enjoy an afternoon finding out more about our awesome school! Take a tour or enjoy casually strolling through classrooms meeting teachers and looking at student projects. Meet our school families while enjoying delicious treats. Artwork will be displayed in our gym, and our band will perform. Our Little Saints Preschool will begin Community Enrollment this day, so please come see us because slots fill up quickly. For more information, please call St. Thomas School at 815-459-0496.
Este domingo comienza el Tiempo Ordinario. Las lecturas nos hablan sobre la relación de Dios con Israel y la relación de Juan Bautista con Jesús. La relación entre Dios e Israel es tan estrecha, tan íntima, que es por mediación de Israel que “la salvación [de Dios] llega hasta los últimos rincones de la tierra” (Isaías 49:6). Pero sabemos por Juan Bautista que para que Israel cumpla la voluntad de Dios, debe reconocer que Jesús es el Hijo de Dios. Durante estas semanas también llegamos a conocer a Jesús. Comenzamos a entender más profundamente nuestra relación con Jesús y lo que la misma significa para nosotros, que somos “su pueblo santo” (1 Corintios 1:2).
Parish Staff

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Reverend Akan Simon, Parochial Vicar
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Pierson Street Church (Hispanic)
453 Pierson St.
Crystal Lake, IL 60014

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