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

**Parish Office:**
- 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
- OAK ST. OFFICE:
- SUNDAY - 8:30 - 1:30 PM
- HISPANIC MINISTRY:
- M-F - 9:00 - 4:30 PM
- HISPANIC RE:
- JUEVES - 6:00 - 9:00 PM
- 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

Connect with Us!

- **Facebook:** www.facebook.com/saintthomascl
- **Flocknote:** www.stthomascl.flocknote.com
- **Instagram:** www.instagram.com/stthomascl
- **Church Website:** www.stthomascl.church

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Dear Sister/Brother in Christ,

May Christ, the Light of the Nations, presented as a child in the temple, guide and strengthen you this week!

There’s a saying. If you want to know yourself better, spend time with someone different from you. I am a man, a celibate, and a priest. Our next window portrays St. Gianna Molla, a woman, a natural mother, a pediatric physician, and very married. But that’s the point. Holiness is for everyone! In St. Gianna’s time, many assumed that one could not be both a doctor and a mother; well, she was, AND she became a saint.

Her most famously heroic act was giving up her life, that her youngest child could be born. Little Gianna Emmanuela, as she was named, later became a geriatric physician. I find it interesting that the mother cared for children, while the daughter worked with the elderly St. Gianna became a saint her way; what’s yours? Know that I remain

Yours in the Heart of Christ,
Fr. Evans

Pastor’s Corner

Religious Education

First Communion Night of Reflection for Parents will be held tomorrow, Monday, February 3 @ 7:00 pm in the Community Center. We will conclude by 8:00 pm. We encourage all parents to attend this evening, even if you have had an older child receive their First Communion here at St. Thomas. Informational packets will be distributed. Packets are not available in advance of the event.

Home Study Community Session #3 – RSVP due now! We will be hosting our 3rd Home Study session of the year on Sunday, February 9th at 1:00 pm in the community center.
Thank you for your generosity to our Lord and to our Parish!

Sunday, January 26, 2020:
Oak St. - $31,540.67
Pierson St. - $3,238.00

Our Parish Tithe will go to Crystal Lake Food Pantry

“Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will reward them for what they have done.”

Monday, February 3
6:30  Kathleen Galvin, Special Intention
8:30  +Russell Fredrickson
      Fr. Akan Simon, Special Intention

Tuesday, February 4
6:30  +Steve Crnkovich
      +Paul Cribb
8:30  +Kyle McCoy
      +Mildred Engelson

Wednesday, February 5
6:30  +Souls of the Faithful Departed
7:50  (at Pierson)  +Dale Heckman
      Vogrinc Family Members, Living & Deceased

Thursday, February 6
6:30  +Arthur Martin
8:30  +Isabel Mortimer

Friday, February 7
6:30  +Judith Harding
      +Leonard & Virginia Junroe
8:30  +Carol Grivett

Saturday, February 8
7:30  +Souls of the Faithful Departed
      +Rosa E. Gregory
4:30  +Frances Swire
      +Mary Ellen Kratochvil

Sunday, February 9
7:30  +Jeff Sippy
      +Janice Felix
9:00  +Helen Bird
      +Larry Kriete
10:30 The People of St. Thomas Parish, Living & Deceased
      Noon  +Gene Baseggio
      5:30  St. Thomas Women’s Club Members, Living & Deceased

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

Please pray for the deceased:
Lorraine Leland    Elaine Kolner
Deacon Ralph Statter  Tom Peters
Nancy Hoolehan

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:
Avery Marie Sebby - child of Steven and Brittany Sebby
Jose Tomas Avalos, Jr. - child of Jose Avalos & Kimberly Ariadna Hernández
Darian Neri-Martinez - child of Julio Cesar
Neri-Ramírez & Ana Rosa Martinez-Landa

Wedding Banns:
Please pray for the following members of our community who will marry soon
Patrick O’Brien and Ashley Moersch (I)

Adoration Chapel Candles Dedicated February 2-
February 15:
Balcke Family    Lehner Family
Benard Family    Blazier Family

Weekly Readings: February 3 - February 9
Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1a]/Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [cf. 5c]/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd [12b]/Mk 6:7-13 this is correct
Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51 [cf. 47b]/Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 [12b]/Mk 6:30-34
Next Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16
Altar Servers:
4:30 pm: J. Dalton, S. Foster, W. Foster, K. Piwnicki
7:30 am: A. Kobeluch, E. Pachla, M. Pachla, L. Schaffer
9:00 am: D. Hronick, J. Hronick, C. Kurzeja, L. Tabat
10:30 am: B Arza, L. Morehead, W. Nieckula, S. White
Noon: A. Dovidio, J. Hermann, C. Truckenbrod
5:30 pm: M. Bucci, K. Hamill, K. Kurzeja, G. Wingett

Lectors:
4:30 pm: T. Hicklin, A. Wojcik
7:30 am: E. Schaffer, A. Svigelj
9:00 am: J. Stefani, J. Tole
10:30 am: P. Godfrey, G. Houston
Noon: L. Dalton, M. Krikorian
5:30 pm: N. Carpenter, J. Majewska

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion:
4:30 pm: #1 D. Matousek, R. Heuel, J. Mickow, A. O’Connell
7:30 am: #1 V. Delance, F. Moczulewski, D. Schaffer, E. Sernett
9:00 am: #1 S. VanHerzeele, #2 Volunteer Needed,
C. Anderson, W. Bransley, C. Brauneis, J. Brauneis,
V. Cuchna, J. Gallagher, P. Slowey, M. VanHerzeele
10:30 am: #1 M. Turk, #2 Volunteer Needed, D. Amoruso,
J. Arza, J. Barnes, F. Barnes, R. Ellis, M. Klepitsch,
V. Roberts, K. White
Noon: #1 Volunteer Needed, J. Ellinger, B. Montanaro,
D. Rose
5:30 pm: #1, K. Bucci, I. Carlino, M. Carpenter, D. Talaga

Celebrants: February 3 - February 8, 2020
2/3 - 6:30 am - Fr. Simon, 8:30 am - Fr. Evans
2/4 - 6:30 am - Fr. Fitzpatrick, 8:30 am - Fr. Simon
2/5 - 6:30 am - Fr. Evans, 7:50 am - Fr. Fitzpatrick
2/6 - 6:30 am - Fr. Simon, 8:30 am - Fr. Fitzpatrick
2/7 - 6:30 am - Fr. Fitzpatrick, 8:30 am - Fr. Fitzpatrick
2/8 - 7:30 am - Fr. Simon

Sunday Masses: February 8-9, 2020
4:30 pm: Fr. Akan Simon
7:30 am: Fr. John Evans
9:00 am: Fr. John Evans
10:30 am: Fr. Charles Fitzpatrick
Noon: Fr. Charles Fitzpatrick
5:30 pm: Fr. Akan Simon

Sunday, February 2: The Presentation of the Lord
Coffee & Donuts
Little Way Bookstore in the Narthex
Food Pantry Sunday
10:00 am - Lower Level Oak - RCIA/Adult Confirmation
1:00 pm - Lower Level Oak - 7th-grade RE

Monday, February 3: St. Bloslie, St. Ansgr
6:30 am - Oak St. Church - Mass and Blessing of Throats
8:30 am - Oak St. Church - Mass and Blessing of Throats
10:30 am - Pierson St. Church - MMP Rosary Group
12:10 pm - Oak St. Church - Blessing of Throats - No Mass
5:30 pm - Oak St. Church - Confession
6:30 pm - Parish Center - SPRED Prep
7:00 pm - Community Center - First Communion Parent Meeting
7:00 pm - Lower Level Oak - Financial Peace University

Tuesday, February 4: St. Thomas Aquinas
9:30 am - Community Center - Mom’s Group Bible Study
7:00 pm - Lower Level - Knights of Columbus

Wednesday, February 5: St. Agatha
6:00 pm - St. Thomas School Cafeteria - Family Faith Formation

Thursday, February 6: St. Paul Miki & Companions

Friday, February 7:

Saturday, February 8: St. Josephine Bakhita
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, February 9: World Marriage Day
Coffee & Donuts
10:00 am - Lower Level Oak - RCIA/Adult Confirmation
1:00 pm - Community Center - RE Home Study
**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
9:00 am

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**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

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**St. Thomas School Athletics Shoot for a Cure**

Support the St. Thomas Girls Basketball Program as they raise money to help find a cure for ALS. The entrance fee will be donated directly to the cause and there will be a bake sale, t-shirts for sale and more. This is also a great way to check out St. Thomas School and the athletic program! Girl’s 5th, 6th & 8th-grade teams will be playing an area Catholic School. If you’re curious about Catholic school, this will be a wonderful way to learn about the awesome athletic program we have!

**February 4, 2020**
St. Thomas School Gym
6:00 pm

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**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.

**February 7-9, 2020**
Bishop Lane Retreat Center
Grades 9-12
Registration Closes February 3rd

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**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

**February 15, 2020**
Community Center
6:00 pm

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**Diocesan Women’s Retreat**

Come experience a grace-filled retreat learning about the fruits of a life rooted in the Trinity, what it means to be called to a deeper relationship with the Lord, and how the Holy Spirit watches over the needs of every moment. There will be opportunities for praise and worship, reconciliation, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and relaxation.

Register: https://www.rockforddiocese.org/life/womens-retreat/

**February 28 - March 1, 2020**
Bishop Lane Retreat Center
Rockford
**Parish Mission**
Start off your lenten journey with this Parish Mission presented by Fr. Sean Grismer, Parochial Vicar of St. Bridget’s in Loves Park (and former summer seminarian here at St. Thomas the Apostle!)
Fr. Grismer will focus on moving us from our past to our future and allow God to increase in us as we decrease!
A reception will follow on the final day of the mission.

**March 2-4, 2020**  
Oak St. Church  
7:00 - 8:30 pm

**Silent No More Awareness**
Many of our friends and family have been affected by abortion. If you know someone experiencing post-abortive suffering, please come to hear three personal testimonies of post-abortive hope & healing.  
A representative of post-abortive counseling will provide information on the next step toward hope & healing.  
MCC Luecht Conference Center, Door B

**March 5, 2020**  
McHenry County College  
7:00 pm

**Nun Run - Diocese of Rockford**
The Vocation Office will be hosting a vocational discernment “Nun Run” for women 18 years of age, college age and older who are interested in a religious vocation. We will be visiting various religious communities, in Missouri and Illinois. Cost is only $90.00. Deadline for registration is February 21, 2020, space is limited. You can contact the Vocation Office at 815/399-4300 ext. 375, our web-site www.rockforddiocese.org/vocations Women or dbarger@rockforddiocese.org for more information.

**March 12-15**  
Diocese of Rockford

**Parish Light of the World Retreat**
Because life can be tiresome and overwhelming sometimes, why not join us for a retreat to refresh your soul and properly prepare your heart to receive Christ at Easter? This retreat is a wonderful way to grow closer to Christ, a goal we all have during Lent.

Registration is open, please go to:  
https://stthomascl.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/325588

**March 13-16**  
Pierson St. Church

**Lenten Companions**
The parish is making 2 Lenten companions conveniently available for your purchase. Enhance your lenten journey with the Magnificat Lenten Companion and/or Lenten Gospel Reflections from Bishop Robert Barron. Both will be available in the Narthex while quantities last for $2/each

**While Quantities Last**

**That Man is You**
That Man is You meets each Saturday, from 6-7:30 a.m., in the Community Center. This popular program is geared for men of all ages, helps men enhance their faith life, and builds their domestic church at home. Call Greg Ives at 847-338-4672 for more details.

**Saturdays**  
6:00 am  
Community Center
A special thank you to the St. Thomas School alumni and parents who spoke at mass last week; hearing so many wonderful things about our school was a heartwarming way to kickoff Catholic Schools Week! Catholic Schools Week at St. Thomas School was filled with numerous activities including a prayer service and pep rally, welcoming prospective students on Shadow Day, a diaper collection for those in need, pajama day, bingo, as well our traditional students vs. adults volleyball game. Thank you alumni, parents, our priests, administration, faculty, PTO & students for a great week and an AWESOME Catholic school!

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**SVMR CMP 2020 - 6 spots remaining**

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

**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!

Our next dinner is on Monday, February 3, 2020

For more info go to stthomascl.church/ym.

**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.

**St. Thomas School Corner**

February 7-9, 2020
Bishop Lane Retreat Center
Grades 9-12

February 3, 2020
5:15 pm-7:00 pm
Lower Level Oak
Grades 9-12

February 9-12, 2020
Bishop Lane Retreat Center
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June 9-12, 2020
Lutherdale, Elkhorn, WI
2 de febrero de 2020 La Presentación del Señor
Retorno a la Navidad

La celebración de hace tres semanas del Bautismo del Señor señaló el fin “oficial” del tiempo de Navidad para la Iglesia. La fiesta de hoy de la Presentación del Señor parece extender la celebración un poco más allá. En realidad, algunos han nombrado esta fiesta una “Segunda Epifanía”. La primera lectura nos recuerda la anticipación del Adviento, como escribe Malaquías: “Envío a mi mensajero para que prepare el camino ante mí”. La lectura de los Hebreos nos recuerda la Encarnación, proclamando que Jesús tuvo una “parte” de la misma “carne y sangre”. El Evangelio encuentra al niño Jesús en su primera visita a Jerusalén, y a sus padres una vez más sorprendidos y asombrados por los acontecimientos de su nacimiento.

Curso Pre Bautismal
Para los padres o padrinos que van a presentar a un niño o niña para recibir el sacramento del bautismo.

Domingo 2 de febrero 2020
St. Tomás Pierson St.
3:00 pm

Las Florecitas - Grupo de Niñas
La siguiente reunión del grupo de Las Florecitas es el domingo 9 de febrero 2020 a las 12:45 pm en el sótano de la Iglesia Santo Tomas de la calle Pierson. ¡No falten!

Domingo 9 de febrero 2020
Sotano St. Tomás
Pierson St.
12:45 pm

Presentación informativa sobre Alcohol y Drogas
La Ciudad de Crystal Lake, La Coalición de Abuso de Substancias del Condado de McHenry y los Servidores de la Catequesis del Ministerio Hispano de St. Tomás, los espera. ¡Todos Invitados!

Jueves 13 de febrero 2020
St. Tomás Pierson St.
6:00 pm

Sesión Educativa sobre Primeros Auxilios AED y CPR
Personal capacitado del Hospital Good Shepherd, nos impartirá gratuitamente una sesión educativa sobre Primeros Auxilios (AED y CPR). ¡No falten!

Jueves 20 de febrero 2020
St. Tomás Pierson St.
6:00 pm

Misas de Imposición de las Cenizas
Miércoles 26 de febrero, 2020
5:30 am Misa de Imposición de Cenizas
Iglesia Santo Tomás Pierson St.
7:30 pm Misa de Imposición de Cenizas
Iglesia Santo Tomás Oak St.
¡Los Esperamos!
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