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

**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

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My Dear People,

May Christ the High Priest guide and strengthen you this week!

This hurts. We take so many things for granted, even simple things like coffee/donuts, parties, and huge things like gathering for Holy Mass. I am going to do what I have always done, namely, pray and work that our parish continue to grow in knowledge, virtue and number. That will not stop, even if, sadly, public Masses must not be offered for a time. As painful as this is, I fully support our Bishop’s decision.

Leadership, by definition, involves making difficult decisions for the good of souls. On the other side of things, I have been edified by how bothered people are at the thought of not being able to attend Holy Mass. It reminds me what a gift the priesthood (and what I do) is!

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An earlier Christian, St. Ignatius of Antioch (b. 35 AD, friend of St. John the Evangelist), said “Nihil sine episcopo!” “Nothing without the Bishop!” Pastors of parishes in other dioceses (not here) have told me that some of their people have asked them to offer public Masses against their Bishops’ will. This goes without saying. Such an action, even if the vestments are beautiful, even if the music is angelic, even if the faithful are transported to the height of ecstasy, such an action is a serious offense before God. Remember, “Obedience is better than sacrifice” 1 Samuel 15:22. Until next time, know that I remain

Yours in the Heart of Christ,
Fr. Evans

Students in the St. Thomas After School Science Club participated in an engineering challenge at the University of Wisconsin Energy Institute on Saturday March 7. The challenge involved designing, building and testing wind turbines that maximize the highest level of energy production. Students got the opportunity share ideas with their peers and discuss possible wind turbine designs with professional engineers.

Great job! We are so proud of you!
Thank you for your generosity to our Lord and to our Parish! We will update this section once we start Masses again.

Mass & Prayer Intentions

Monday, March 23
6:30 Mary Beth Zolecki, Special Intention
   Carrie & Kristy Mosolino, Special Intention
8:30 +Jesus Ibarra Avila
   +Mary Sherwood
12:10 Anna-Belle Willet, Special Intention

Tuesday, March 24
6:30 Gerald L. Boulet Family, Living & Deceased
8:30 +Souls of the Faithful Departed
   +Jane Kraemer
12:10 Greg Thillman, Special Intention

Wednesday, March 25
6:30 +Dolores Koch
7:50 +Jackie Toweson
12:10 +Milton Bunker

Thursday, March 26
6:30 +Souls of the Faithful Departed
8:30 +Mato Nikic
   +Isabel Mortimer
12:10 +Dianne McKibben

Friday, March 27
6:30 +Deceased Family & Friends of Paul & Alina Crib
8:30 +Frank Popp, Sr.
   +Ron Charley
12:10 +Souls of the Faithful Departed

Saturday, March 28
7:30 +Jeanette Lanier
   +Adrienne Selles
4:30 +Otto & Angeline Huber
   +Deacon Ralph Statter

Sunday, March 29
7:30 +Gen & Fred DeLance
9:00 +William Christian
   Jean & Billy Rinn, Special Intention
10:30 +Margarett Coltharp
      Noon The People of St. Thomas Parish, Living & Deceased
5:30 +Mary Jane Hall
   +Arthur Fitzpatrick & Jim Varney

Please pray for the sick:
Baby Dutch Trainor

If you or your family member would like to be listed, please call the parish center - 815-455-5400

Please pray for the deceased:
Mary Collins  Ginny Howley

If you would like the St. Jude Guild to pray for your loved one, please contact Georgia Kostur at 815-459-5432

Adoration Chapel Candles Dedicated March 15 - March 28:
Dunn Family  Mueller Family
Schrempf Family  Rinn Family

Weekly Readings: March 23 - March 29
Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46: 2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11 [8a and 9a]/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 [19a]/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53
Next Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO OUR LORD AND TO OUR PARISH! WE WILL UPDATE THIS SECTION ONCE WE START MASSES AGAIN.
### Ministry Schedules - March 28 & 29, 2020

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<td>#1 J. Johnson</td>
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<td>#1 I. Carlino, M. Foerster, D. Talaga</td>
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#### Celebrants:

March 23 - 28, 2020

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#### Sunday Masses: March 28 & 29, 2020 - 3rd Sunday of Lent

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By order of Bishop Malloy, all parish events, including daily & Sunday Mass, are canceled through April 4, 2020.

Regular confessions will still take place:
- Saturdays - 8:00 am & 3:30 pm
- Mondays - 5:30 pm
### Parish Events

**CASA Clothing Drive**
The Mom's group is hosting a Lenten fundraiser to raise money and material items for CASA. Items for collection (not limited to) new, unworn: Underwear, Sports Bras, Sweatpants/sweatshirts/t-shirts, Socks. This fundraiser will run from Ash Wednesday (Feb. 26th) through Palm Sunday (April 5th) and items/money to be delivered during Holy Week. A box will be located in the library of the Oak St. Church and all monetary donations can be sent to: https://paypal.me/pools/c/8m3RAxlPfd

| February 26 Through April 5, 2020 | Oak St. Church Library |

**Life Advocacy Day**
As the March 17 primary Election Day in Illinois draws near, the expected challenge to Illinois’ Parental Notice of Abortion law is set to continue. The Diocese of Rockford Life Advocacy Day will include an informative training session provided by the staff of the Catholic Conference of Illinois prior to our meetings with legislators. Lunch will be provided. Visit www.rockforddiocese.org for details and to sign up online. Questions? Contact the Life & Family Evangelization Office at life@rockforddiocese.org.

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<td>Diocesan Mass of Thanksgiving</td>
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<td>Please join us on Thursday, March 26, at St. Peter Cathedral at 6:00 p.m. for a Mass of Thanksgiving. If you cannot attend this event in person, the Communications Office will be streaming the Mass live on the Diocese of Rockford Facebook page.</td>
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**Knights of Columbus Blood Drive**
Help the Knights of Columbus Council #10678, of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, continue to give the gift of life by participating in their blood drive. Go to: https://donate.illinois.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/5577001 Questions? Contact Bob Schafer via email at bob.schafer@yahoo.com or phone at 850-830-5737.

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<td>7:30 am - 12:30 pm</td>
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**Parish Mission - St. Mary Woodstock**
Please join us for our Parish Mission with Fr. Ervin Caliente, Sunday, March 29 - Tuesday, March 31 - 7:00 - 8:00 pm
Day 1 - Identity: Beloved daughters, beloved sons
Day 2 - Relationship: A call to deeper communion
Day 3 - Where misery and mercy meet

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**Parish Events**

**Communal Penance Services**
Catholics are required to go to Confession once a year. Every Christmas & Easter, area parishes offer communal penance services where several priests are present to hear confessions.

*Tuesday, April 7* - St. Thomas the Apostle, Crystal Lake  
*Wednesday, April 8* - St. Margaret Mary, Algonquin

**April 7, 2020**  
St. Mary, Huntley  
7:00 pm

**Be Reconciled**
There are many people who have been longing for reconciliation but, because of fear or other reasons, have put off going to confessions. If you know someone who has been away from the sacrament, invite them to “Be Reconciled” on Wednesday, April 1, 2020. Priests will be available all day to hear confessions.

*Oak St. Church* - 9:00 am - Noon, 1:00 pm - 8:00 pm (English)  
*Parish Center* - 9:00 am - 11:30 am, 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm (Hispanic)  
*Pierson St. Church* - 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm (Hispanic)

**April 1, 2020**  
Oak St. & Pierson St. Churches  
All Day

**Brass Player Memorial**
Would you like to memorialize your loved one in a special way? Please consider sponsoring one of our brass or string players in honor/memory of a loved one at one of our Easter Masses. The bulletin will have the memorial to your loved one, e.g. “The instrumentalist at our 9:00 am Mass was sponsored by the Smith Family in honor of John Smith”. The fee for an instrumentalist is $100 per Mass. If you are interested in memorializing your loved one please go to stthomascl.church/brass or contact Julie Hermann at 815-455-5400 x416 for more information.

**April 7, 2020**  
St. Mary, Huntley  
*Brass Player Memorial*

**2020 Holy Week Schedule**
- Holy Thursday - 6:00 pm (English), 8:00 (Hispanic), 9:00 - Midnight - Adoration in back chapel
- Good Friday - 12:10, 7:30 (English)
- Good Friday Stations - 2:00 pm (English), 5:00 pm (Hispanic)
- Holy Saturday - 7:30 pm - Easter Vigil (English)
- Easter Sunday - 7:30, 9:00, 10:30, Noon (English)

*There will not be a 5:30 Mass on Easter Sunday*

**April 9-12, 2020**  
Oak St. Church

**Hispanic Living Stations of the Cross**
Every year our Hispanic Community presents a moving and powerful living Stations of the Cross. Presented at the Oak St. Church, weather permitting it will be in the parking lot.

We hope you will make plans to attend this incredible event. Even if you don’t know Spanish, it is easy enough to follow along. We highly encourage you to attend!

**April 10, 2020**  
Oak St. Church

**Divine Mercy Sunday**
St. Faustina revealed to us this promise of Christ: “On that day . . . The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.”


**April 19, 2020**  
Oak St. Church  
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<td>Anyone currently in grades 8-12 is welcome to join us this summer for our trip to Rochester, MN for a weekend away where you can expect live music, inspiring talks, moving testimonies and profound experiences in prayer. Spots are limited! For more info go to stthomascl.church/ym</td>
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<td>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 and camper registration are now open at stthomascl.church/ym</td>
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22 marzo de 2020 Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma LUZ
“Despierta, tú que duermes; levántate de entre los muertos y Cristo será tu luz” (Efesios 5:14). Estamos a medio camino en la jornada de Cuaresma para la conversión. Como siempre, Dios no se da por vencido con nosotros, especialmente con aquellos que “duermen” en el camino a la conversión. Los más grandes relatos de conversión se proclaman en estas semanas finales de la Cuaresma. Estos tienen el poder de sacudirnos de nuestro sueño. El relato del Evangelio de hoy sobre la curación del ciego de nacimiento expone la verdadera ceguera en tiempos de Cristo –la ceguera de los líderes religiosos que se creían muy buenos y justos. Dentro de pocas semanas, en la Vigilia Pascual, la Iglesia proclamará a “Cristo nuestra Luz” cuando el Cirio Pascual es llevado dentro de las iglesias oscuras de todo el mundo. Que la oscuridad del pecado que impregna nuestra vida, comunidades y nuestro mundo sea disipada por Cristo quien viene trayendo vista al ciego y luz al mundo.

Estimados hermanos: Por disposición de la diócesis se suspenden todas las misas diarias como de fin de semana, a partir de hoy hasta el 4 de abril. Bendiciones
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Reverend Charles Fitzpatrick, Parochial Vicar
Reverend Akan Simon, Parochial Vicar

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Marissa Lopez, Hispanic Ministry Secretary
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Christina Benkert, Secretary
Nancy Miller, Coordinator
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Young Adult & Youth Ministry:
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