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.  
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**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

**Hispanic Ministry:**
M-F - 9:00 - 4:30 PM  
Hispanic RE:
Jueves - 6:00 - 9:00 PM  
Sábados - 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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We've gotten some phone calls with questions. To preemptively reply. I'm sorry, no, the Sacrament of Penance (Confession) cannot be administered over the phone. The requirement to go to confession and receive Holy Communion at least once a year around Easter, has been suspended this year, just for this year, as we battle this pandemic.

We will have extra confession times the moment the Bishop and Uncle Sam give the “all clear!” For now, please do the following:

1. Each night, remember your sins of that day, and pray an act of contrition like this one. “O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended You, and I detest all my sins because I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell, but most of all because they offend You, my God, Who are all good, and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Your grace, to confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life. Amen.”

2. When you are able to go to confession, simply confess what you remember.

And as a guiding star in the midst of stormy sea, please remember my dream. All of us, priests, religious, seminarians, and parishioners, come through this mess healthier (physically, mentally and spiritually) than we have EVER been before. In other words, make sure you eat well, exercise, manage stress, and above all, spend extra time in spiritual reading and prayer. Until next time, know that I remain

Yours in the Heart of Christ,
Fr. Evans

Pastor's Corner

Religious Education Corner

Prayer in the time of a pandemic

We are all in this together. We are working from home and spending all our time at home with our family. This brings new challenges and blessings. St. Mother Teresa says if we want to change the world (and we certainly do) go home and love your family. At times they can be the hardest ones to love. This can be a time of unity and growth in the spirit. We have an opportunity to reboot our priorities. We are able to make changes to our routines. Let’s make an effort to build moments of prayer into our daily routine.

● An offering to God, of our day, before breakfast, offering a prayer for all those who are making decisions.
● Pray the angelus at midday, and prayers for those who are experiencing food insecurity.
● At 3pm, the hour of mercy, pray for mercy on those hardest hit by this pandemic…patients, caregivers, first responders.
● At dinner offer a prayer for the financial concerns of your neighbors.
● Perhaps a decade of the rosary in the evening or at bedtime prayers give all our anxieties to our Mother to hold through the night.

Our conversation with God need not be elaborate, simply intentional. Know that God takes each of these moments of family prayer as tremendous offerings. He can do great and miraculous things with whatever little we give Him. So let’s offer more. If you are looking for ways to engage your children or even take advantage of this time to learn something new…remember St. Thomas has a parish wide membership to FORMED. Our family faith group has enjoyed viewing the Wild Goose series each week. There is great content for the children to view and learn from at home. There are even movies to watch. Check it out.

www.formed.com Know that we look forward to the day we can all be together again.
Thank you for your generosity to our Lord and to our Parish!

Sunday, March 15, 2020:
Oak St. - $29,796.68
Pierson St. - $2,426.56

Our Parish Tithe March 8 will go to St. Gregory the Great Seminary in Seward, NE

Mass & Prayer Intentions

Monday, March 30
6:30 +Jim O’Hagan
8:30 Fran Hicks, Special Intention
12:10 +Souls of the Faithful Departed
   +Naomi Chamberlain

Tuesday, March 31
6:30 +Kevin Kowasz
8:30 +Dr. William Hillstrom
12:10 +Myrtle McDonough

Wednesday, April 1
6:30 Fr. Sean Grismer, Special Intention
7:50 +Souls of the Faithful Departed
12:10 +Marie Pawelski

Thursday, April 2
6:30 Fr. Charles Fitzpatrick, Special Intention
8:30 +Doug DeLance
   +Jane Pawelski
12:10 +Souls of the Faithful Departed

Friday, April 3
6:30 Fr. John Evans, Special Intention
8:30 +Robert Sund
   +Souls of the Faithful Departed
12:10 +Deacon Ralph Statter
   +John Feeley

Saturday, April 4
7:30 +Jeff Arison
4:30 +Isabel Mortimer
   +Jeff Sippy

Sunday, April 5
7:30 +Joan Robaczewski
   Chester Robaczewski, Special Intention
9:00 +James Hayden, Jr.
   +Janet Smith
10:30 +Gary Zamecnik
   +Larry Kriete
   Noon +Illuminada Pascual Peling Ponsaran
5:30 The People of St. Thomas Parish, Living & Deceased

Please pray for the sick:
Baby Dutch Trainor           Richard Hoferle

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

Please pray for the deceased:

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

Wedding Banns:
Please pray for the following members of our community who will marry soon
Justin Majernik & Lisa Kendzior (I)

Adoration Chapel Candles Dedicated March 29 - April 11:
Ponsaran Family              Kothera Family
Mink Family                 Lyons Family

Weekly Readings: March 30 - April 5
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Jn 11:45-56

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By order of Bishop Malloy, all parish events, including daily & Sunday Mass, are canceled through April 11, 2020

We do not know the status of Easter Sunday at this time.
**Parish Events**

**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.

**Ongoing**
Until Easter

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**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
2:30 pm

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**Baby Bottle Fundraiser**
Baby Bottle Boomerang helps to support 1st Way Life Center as we serve women and girls who find themselves in an unplanned pregnancy. On average over 75 babies are born each year to our clients. We so happy to welcome these little ones into this world and thank you for anything that you can do to help stand with us for Life.
It is a very simply way to help 1st Way moms. Take a baby bottle home, fill with loose change, dollar bills or a check, then, return the bottle to church. If you have any questions about 1st Way, please call 815-385-2999.

**April 19, 2020**
After all Masses

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**Thank you!**
We would like to say thank you to the many people who have continued to make things happen during the Covid-19 lockdown. First and foremost, to all the priests for providing the sacraments on an emergency basis and the medical professionals & first responders who are fighting directly on the front lines, putting themselves at risk every day. We are praying for you!

We would also like to extend a special thank you to Donna, our Parish Secretary, who has been keeping the lines of communication open to our priests and continues to help schedule funerals, among the many other things she does. And of course, we thank Pat & Melinda, who are making sure that our bills are paid on time so we don’t lose any of the important services that we need during the shelter-in-place order.

In addition, our maintenance team continues to work, doing things around the parish & school campuses that still need to get done.

And most of all, thank you to our wonderful parishioners. Your prayers and support (both emotionally and financially) have been a huge help to our staff and our priests. Keep those prayers coming!
Lazarus was a good friend of Jesus. His sisters, Mary and Martha, were also devout followers of the Lord. So when Lazarus was ill, they called to Jesus, asking Him to come and heal Lazarus. But Jesus waited. After a couple days, he told the disciples he was going to Bethany. Now Bethany was only two miles from Jerusalem, where there were Jews who wanted to kill Jesus. The disciples felt it was dangerous to go there. But Jesus was not afraid. He knew that God would protect him if he did the Father’s will.

When Jesus arrived, Martha met him on the road. She told Jesus Lazarus wouldn’t have died if he had come sooner. But she also added that she still believed the Father would do anything Jesus asked of him. Her faith was very strong. Jesus said Lazarus would live again. Martha replied that she knew he would rise again on the last day. Jesus answered, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” Martha said yes, she believed Jesus was the Messiah.

Then Martha went back and sent Mary to Jesus. She also told Jesus that Lazarus would not have died if he had come sooner. The other Jews gathered around wondered why this great healer didn’t heal his good friend. Jesus was greatly upset and asked to be shown where Lazarus lay. He told them to take away the big stone that blocked the tomb. Martha protested that it was so late, the body would be decaying already. But Jesus reminded her of the glory of God. Jesus thanked the Lord for answering his prayer, so that the crowd would believe God sent him. And he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” And he came out of the tomb, still wrapped in the burial cloths.
**Students and Teachers Dive into eLearning**

The STS family has embraced the e-Learning situation with creativity and imagination. Teachers are videoing themselves reading story time. Kitchens and backyards have become science labs. Language arts and math have taken over family rooms. Hanging out with your friends for recess takes place within a child protective-parent monitored chat application. And of course, Religion is still a focus of our Catholic School as all of STS continues with their Religion curriculum and prayer everyday.
En el Quinto Domingo de Cuaresma, justo antes de entrar en la Semana Santa, somos llamados a Betania. Si hubiéramos sido amigos de María, Lázaro y Marta, y nos hubiéramos enterado que Lázaro estaba gravemente enfermo, probablemente lo habríamos dejado todo para estar con ellos. Eso es lo más sorprendente del comportamiento de Jesús. Pese a que era su amigo cercano, eligió mantenerse alejado, para que la gloria de Dios se manifestara. Este es un tema persistente en el Evangelio de Juan. Hasta el mismo final, las obras de Jesús son para dar gloria al Padre. A medida que nuestra jornada de Cuaresma llega a su apogeo, recordemos que, como personas que “se han revestido de Cristo” en el Bautismo, también somos llamados a dar gloria a Dios en nuestras actitudes y acciones.

Esta enfermedad no es de muerte, es para la gloria de Dios, para que el Hijo de Dios sea glorificado por ella.» que expresión más propicia para este momento especial que vivimos. Nos correspondió estar este tiempo de cuaresma en medio de una pandemia y a lo mejor sabíamos, porque nos habíamos informado, de lo que esa palabra significaba, pero una cosa es tener conocimiento y otra tener la experiencia de la situación.

Las palabras de Jesús con respecto a la enfermedad de Lázaro nos deben llevar a la conclusión de que Dios quiere nuestro bien y nada de lo que ocurra es para nuestro mal, pero hay que descubrir el bien que podemos sacar de las cosas negativas que ocurren a nuestro alrededor. Nos quedamos hoy con la profesión de fe de Marta que deposita toda su confianza en Jesús; “Señor, yo creo que tú eres el Cristo, el Hijo de Dios, el que iba a venir al mundo.” y todos decimos: “Jesus yo confío en ti.”

Tuyo en el corazón de Cristo,
Fr. Tunarosa

Estimados hermanos: Por disposición de la diócesis se suspenden todas las misas diarias como de fin de semana, a partir de hoy hasta el 11 de abril. Bendiciones
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