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

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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

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W, SAT. - 9:00 - 11:00 AM

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My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

May Christ, risen from the dead, guide and strengthen you this week!

Today is about the beauty of forgiveness. A number of psychologists and psychiatrists, even some atheists, have pointed out the psychological benefits of forgiveness. Resentment is a weight our minds were not meant to carry.

Let the mercy flow through our parish, beginning with me. Our Lord entrusted His Gospel not to angels, not to devils, but to us men, with all our foibles. If, during this past year, in any way, it has been difficult for you to see Christ when you look at me, I am sorry. My Mass today will be for you and your healing.

Now, pay the mercy forward. Phone a friend.

If there is anyone you are struggling to forgive, please allow me to help. First, take comfort in knowing that forgiveness is a decision, not a feeling. The anger may take time to go away. Decide to forgive and the feeling of freedom will follow.

Secondly, our gospel today reminds us. Our Lord LOVES to share His power to forgive. Of course, first and above all, He entrusts this power to His Apostles, which power we priests use within the Sacrament of Penance. But secondarily, if any of us are struggling to forgive one who has hurt us, we know that our Lord wants to give each of us the power to forgive outside of the Sacrament of Penance. So, if you are struggling to forgive someone, start praying for that ability daily. How long does it take? Remember our very Catholic practice of novenas. Nine days of consistent begging will often see a prayer answered.

We cannot talk about mercy without justice. I OWE a huge thank you to all who helped us make Holy Week and Easter Triduum a reality. I hesitate to name names, but you know who you are! From our staff and volunteers who work in Art and Environment, to our wonderful musicians, to our people who know how to use tech (I don’t! So I’m so grateful in THAT department!) to our seminarians always willing to step in and help. And you, our faithful, dutifully staying at home, not because you want to, but because you know you should, thank you!

It’s funny, as one who tests as 95% introvert, I never thought there was such a thing as too much solitude. It took a plague; I think I’m finally at that point…. I could use a party!

Until next week, know that I remain

Yours in the Heart of Christ,
Fr. Evans

ST. THOMAS SCHOOL CORNER

We are very egg-cited to share that we are hatching chicks! Mrs. Gvozdjak and Mr. Reiva have been planning this project since last spring, partnering with Terra Vitae Farms to bring aspects of this project to life. Due to COVID, the project plans have been scaled back to accommodate some changes. Various classes will be observing the eggs and chicks through pictures and video as well as collecting and tracking data. These eggs have been laid in the last few days and were placed in the incubator yesterday. The typical chick incubation period is 21 days. The X’s were drawn to help monitor the egg rotation in the incubator. Stay tuned for more updates to follow our progress!
All prayer intentions are being prayed by the priests in their private Masses

**Monday, April 20**
6:30  +Josh Nawrocki  
     +Fran & Frank Barciak  
8:30  +Judith Harding

**Tuesday, April 21**
6:30  Mr. & Mrs. Peter F. Barciak, Special Intention  
8:30  +Bobby Morrison  
     +Anita Haughey

**Wednesday, April 22**
6:30  +Dale & Kathleen Greenwald  
     +Katie & John Cimaroli  
7:50 (at Pierson)  +Souls of the Faithful Departed

**Thursday, April 23**
6:30  +Brian Berg  
8:30  +Jesus Ibarra Avila  
     +Ken Ryan

**Friday, April 24**
6:30  Helen Wojciga Family, Living & Deceased  
8:30  Claire Moran, Special Intention

**Saturday, April 25**
7:30  +Souls of the Faithful Departed  
4:30  +Michael Hansen  
     +Joyce Behrman

**Sunday, April 26**
7:30  St. Thomas Women’s Club Members, Living & Deceased  
     Jean & Billy Rinn, Special Intention  
9:00  +Charles & Laura Martin  
     Joe Luehrs, Special Intention  
10:30 The People of St. Thomas Parish, Living and Deceased  
Noon  John & Sue Von Harz, Special Intention  
5:30  Holy Hearts Eucharistic Chapel Adorers, Special Intention

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

Please pray for the sick:
Lillia Chlibovytsch

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

Please pray for the deceased:
Sheryl O'Donnell

*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 April 12 - April 25:
Conlon Family  Feeley Family  
Jones Family  Kelecius Family

Weekly Readings: April 19 - April 26
**Monday:** Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 [cf. 11d]/Jn 3:1-8  
**Tuesday:** Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Jn 3:7b-15  
**Wednesday:** Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [7a]/Jn 3:16-21  
**Thursday:** Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 [7a]/Jn 3:31-36  
**Friday:** Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [cf. 4abc]/Jn 6:1-15  
**Saturday:** 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17 [2]/Mk 16:15-20  
**Next Sunday:** Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [11a]/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

Thank you for your generosity to our Lord and to our Parish both monetary and prayers.

Please send your contribution envelopes to the parish office: 272 King St, Crystal Lake, IL 60014 or click [here](#) to access our online giving page.

Our Parish Tithe April 12 will go to First Way Pregnancy Center in Johnsburg.
Ministry Schedules - April 18 & 19

Altar Servers:
- 4:30 pm: NO
- 7:30 am: MASSES
- 9:00 am: DUE
- 10:30 am: TO
- Noon: DIOCESAN AND STATE ORDERS
- 5:30 pm: STATE ORDERS

Lectors:
- 4:30 pm: NO
- 7:30 am: MASSES
- 9:00 am: DUE
- 10:30 am: TO
- Noon: DIOCESAN AND STATE ORDERS
- 5:30 pm: STATE ORDERS

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion:
- 4:30 pm: NO
- 7:30 am: MASSES
- 9:00 am: DUE
- 10:30 am: TO
- Noon: DIOCESAN AND STATE ORDERS
- 5:30 pm: STATE ORDERS

Beginning Sunday, April 19, the Noon Mass will be live-streamed at the Oak St. Church. For the health and safety of everyone involved, the Oak St. Church will be closed on Sundays from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm.

On Sunday, April 19, the Church will be closed from 11:00 am - 4:30 pm to allow for the streaming of the Noon Mass and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Please do not come to the Church during these times, so as to permit us to comply with the Governor’s orders of gatherings no larger than 10 people. Thank you for your kind cooperation.

From Bishop Malloy

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we prepare to enter into the Sacred Triduum, the holiest days of the Church’s liturgical year, I write to you once more. As I stated in my letter to you of March 26, 2020, we are a people of hope and trust in the Lord. Since my previous letter, the saga of the coronavirus has continued and even worsened throughout the country and in the State of Illinois. The guidance from health officials indicates that the coming days may bring the peak of the spread of the virus. For that reason, our vigilance in conforming to practices to mitigate the spread of the virus continue to be necessary and a contribution to the health and common good of our communities.

Given the extension of the coronavirus outbreak, I take this opportunity to extend the dispensation given to all the faithful from the obligation of attending Sunday Mass beyond the original Easter Sunday limit. That dispensation will now be extended indefinitely until such time as circumstances allow for the lifting of the suspension of public Masses in the Diocese of Rockford. Any change in that dispensation will of course be clearly communicated at the appropriate time.

With the assurance of my prayers for all of you during this challenging time, and wishing you a Blessed Easter, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend David J. Malloy
Bishop of Rockford
Parish Events

Back to School with Fr. Evans
Join Fr. Evans live on YouTube for a study on the Apostolic Exhortation, *Verbum Domini* by Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI. This 3-part study will take place over 3 days. You can watch on YouTube and ask questions during the live stream!

Copies of the exhortation will be available in the Narthex at the Oak St. Church, or click [here](#) to view & print.

April 27-29, 2020
5:00 - 6:30 pm

**Divine Mercy Sunday amid a Global Crisis (from DivineMercySunday.com)**
For those, who have been wondering, whether or not, if, it is, still, possible to receive the special Plenary Indulgence for Divine Mercy Sunday, this answer is, most definitely, yes! In the original Vatican decree, establishing the plenary indulgence, in June of 2002, there is a special provision, to, still, obtain the plenary indulgence, without attending Mass. It is in the last section of the decree, titled “For those who cannot go to church or the seriously ill”. The document, which has perpetual force, clearly states that “all who for a just cause cannot leave their homes” “may obtain a plenary indulgence on Divine Mercy Sunday”. We must remember, this does not remove the 3 conditions, which must be fulfilled, to receive the plenary indulgence, which are: (a sacramental confession, a Eucharistic communion, and a prayer for the intentions of Supreme Pontiff). The decree clearly states that these must be done “as soon as possible” The decree reads, as follows: “if totally detesting any sin, as has been said before, and with the intention of fulfilling as soon as possible the three usual conditions, will recite the Our Father and the Creed before a devout image of Our Merciful Lord Jesus and, in addition, pray a devout invocation to the Merciful Lord Jesus (e.g. Merciful Jesus, I trust in you).” The decree, also, has many other, special, provisions, including “the sick and those who nurse them”. The decree goes, even, further by saying “If it is impossible that people do even this, on the same day, they may obtain the Plenary Indulgence, if, with a spiritual intention they are united with those carrying out the prescribed practice for obtaining the Indulgence, in the usual way, and offer to the Merciful Lord a prayer and the sufferings of their illness and the difficulties of their lives, with the resolution to accomplish as soon as possible the three conditions prescribed to obtain the plenary indulgence”.

**Divine Mercy Sunday Live Stream with the Seminarians**
Seminarians John McFadden and Ryan Noorae will lead a Divine Mercy Sunday recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, featuring an image of the Divine Mercy to venerate. Please join them on our YouTube Channel.

- Sunday, April 19
- 3:00 pm
HOW TO PRAY THE

Chaplet of Divine Mercy

FOR THE SAKE OF HIS SORROWFUL PASSION, HAVE MERCY ON US AND ON THE WHOLE WORLD.

ETERNAL FATHER, I OFFER YOU THE BODY AND BLOOD, SOUL AND DIVINITY OF YOUR DEARLY BELOVED SON, OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST, IN ATONEMENT FOR OUR SINS AND THOSE OF THE WHOLE WORLD.

APOSTLES CREED
HAIL MARY
OUR FATHER

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Finally

HOLY GOD, HOLY MIGHTY ONE, HOLY IMMORTAL ONE, HAVE MERCY ON US AND ON THE WHOLE WORLD. (REPEAT 3 TIMES)
STEUBENVILLE CONFERENCE
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!
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER

Walk with us...pray with us... a little bit longer, please...

Thank you to everyone who has been covering out First Communion preparation students and their families in prayer. Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, First Communions have been postponed until further notice. Please continue to keep these children and their parents in your prayers as they wait a little longer to meet Jesus in the Eucharist.

Hopefully we will be together soon celebrating this wonderful encounter with Jesus.
¡BÁJENSE DE LAS NUBES!
Los que nos felicitamos por ser “realistas” en este mundo podemos escuchar la primera lectura de hoy y decir, “¡bájense de las nubes!” cuando oímos el relato de Lucas sobre los primeros días ideales del movimiento cristiano. Todo parece color de rosa, se obnan muchos prodigios, todos comparten sin egoísmo, comen juntos “con alegría” y el Señor aumentaba el número de creyentes. ¿Cómo no sentirse atraído a un grupo semejante? Desde el viento que llenó el cuarto en la planta alta durante Pentecostés así como el Espíritu de Dios sobre las aguas en Génesis, y el fuego que apareció sobre cada discípulo, como la luz que apareció en el albor de la Creación, la intensión de Lucas en Hechos es mostrar una nueva creación, una restauración de la bondad original de la Creación por la obra del Espíritu Santo. Es el Espíritu quien continúa formándonos en el Cuerpo de Cristo. En ciertas ocasiones, así como Tomás en el Evangelio, decimos ¡bájense de las nubes!” pero la última realidad es que el Espíritu obra continuamente para hacer que nuestra comunidad cristiana sea una nueva creación, una en que los demás encontrarán el gozo y la belleza de Dios.
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