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 - 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
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**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

**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
- 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
- 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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Many of us, myself included, are very sad that these two forms of piety are necessarily being curtailed for now. But perhaps, just perhaps, God is calling us to focus on the other two, often forgotten, levels of piety.

Individual Piety: I hope you have a list of prayers and practices that you fulfill daily and weekly. A friend in college used to do 15 minutes of slowly reading the gospel every day, but on Sundays that would bump to half an hour. Something like that. Repetition does not mean routine. Look at the child bouncing on dad’s knee “Again! Again!” What wife, when her husband kisses her before parting for work, says “Do you have to do that EVERY morning?!!” Authentic love demands repetition. Of course, leave some room for the spontaneity of the Holy Spirit, but as the saying goes, “To fail to plan, is to plan to fail.” Make some realistic resolutions and stick to them.

And here’s the one that (I think) is most out of our comfort zone. Family Piety. Those of you fortunate enough to live with a group of people in these times, how do you as a group come before God? Through my years of priestly ministry, some couples have said that they find it difficult to pray together. In that case, I often suggest the following. What about, once a day, you make the sign of the cross together, and have a minute of silence? God is happy to take the little we give Him.

I hope prayer before meals is a minimum, NOT a maximum. Cardinal Burke remembers as a child, how a picture of Jesus’ Heart was solemnly placed in the family room of his home. The family would gather there every morning before breakfast to dedicate the day to God, praying the Morning Offering. Then, after dinner, they would gather there again and have a moment of silence, each person thinking how Christlike he/she was that day, then as a family praying the act of contrition, with the father or mother of the house sprinkling the kids with holy water for their protection through the night.

For now, with it being Holy Week, what about the stations of the cross? Many online pictures exist. Click here to print them out. Have the kids color them if you like. Then stick them, in a row, onto a wall in the house. Even if you never use them, your house is always “a house of prayer.” Until next week (Easter! Woohoo!), know that I am always

Yours in the Heart of Christ,
Fr. Evans

St. Thomas School Corner

Teachers have been practicing social distancing while preparing for e-learning. They have been busy converting classroom assignments to online assignments. We have shared ideas and helped each other navigate a few stumbling blocks at our faculty meetings . . . virtual faculty meetings! With a video chat conference call, we were able to meet together, see each other, collaborate and give each other support. These are unchartered waters, but the STS Faculty is sailing through. Please pray for us as we pray for you.
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. Thank you.

Our Parish Tithe April 5 will go to Pioneer Center/PADS of McHenry County.
Liturgical Schedule & Parish Calendar

Ministry Schedules - April 11 & 12

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

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

Celebrants: April 6-11, 2020
4/6 - 6:30 am - Fr. Simon, 8:30 am - Fr. Evans, 12:10 pm - Fr. Evans
4/7 - 6:30 am - Fr. Fitzpatrick, 8:30 am - Fr. Evans, 12:10 pm - Fr. Simon
4/8 - 6:30 am - Fr. Evans, 7:50 am - Fr. Simon, 12:10 pm - Fr. Fitzpatrick
4/9 - 6:00 pm - Fr. Evans 
4/10 - 6:30 am - 12:10 pm - Fr. Simon, 7:30 pm - Fr. Fitzpatrick
4/11 - 7:30 pm - Fr. Simon

Parish Calendar

By order of Bishop Malloy, all parish events, including daily & Sunday Mass, are canceled until further notice, including Easter Sunday.

Holy Week - 2020 - Due to the requirements set forth by the Bishop, all Holy Week Masses and Services will be live-streamed on our YouTube Channel and our website

April 5 - Palm Sunday - Noon (No Blessing of the Palms)
April 9 - Holy Thursday - 6:00 pm (No Washing of the Feet)
April 10 - Good Friday - 12:10 pm, Bilingual Stations of the Cross - 3:00 pm
April 11 - Easter Vigil - 7:30 pm (the Oak St. Church will be closed from 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm)
April 12 - Easter - Noon

Please note - we will not have a Blessing of the Easter Baskets this year
### Parish Events

#### Food Pantry Weekend

This weekend is food pantry weekend. The food pantry will **NOT** be accepting donations of food due to the lockdown. **They WILL be accepting monetary donations.** Please note, the food pantry can buy FAR MORE food with your monetary donation than you can buy and bring to them, so this will be extremely helpful. They are feeding over 60 families right now, with more signing up each day.

Please click [here](#) to donate directly to the food pantry or mail a check to: Crystal Lake Food Pantry, 42 East St., Crystal Lake, IL 60014

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#### Word Among Us

The April issue of the Word Among Us will be available in the Narthex starting April 5, 2020

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#### Good Friday Fasting & Abstinence

Fasting and abstinence allows us to empty ourselves so we can be filled with the Lord.

*Abstinence:* The law of abstinence requires a Catholic 14 years of age until death to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday & Fridays in honor of the Passion of Jesus on Good Friday.

*Fasting:* Catholics from the age of 18 -59 may have 1 meal & 2 smaller meals which added together do not exceed the main meal in quantity on Good Friday.

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#### Women’s Club Spring Luncheon

Postponed

The Women’s Club Spring Luncheon is being postponed. It will be rescheduled for a date in the summer.

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### Bishop Malloy’s Holy Week, Easter Services Online Schedule

To comply with Vatican and state guidance about group gatherings during this time of pandemic, Bishop David Malloy has cancelled all in-person Masses and other prayer gatherings in the Rockford Diocese until further notice. In accord with general instruction from the Holy See in celebrating Holy Week and Easter, the following liturgies will be celebrated and streamed live from the Cathedral of St. Peter in Rockford. The Triduum and Easter celebrations can be seen via the Diocese Rockford Facebook page and at the diocesan website, [www.rockforddiocese.org](#).

(Note: Holy Thursday and Good Friday will also be streamed lived on the Diocese of Rockford YouTube Channel)

[**Bishop Malloy's Holy Week Schedule**](#)
Our parish and school staff have all completed the Safe Environment requirements, including the 2020 DCFS Mandated Reporter Training, and continue to be up-to-date with the requirements for our volunteers. For more information on how the Diocese handles Safe Environment, please go to: https://www.rockforddiocese.org/safe-environment/
This Sunday marks the holiest week in the church. We journey through those final days that lead to Jesus gift of self. The current isolation of the pandemic may give us some food for thought about how Christ may have felt in the garden. Read the account of the Last Supper. What must it have been like for Jesus to know that it would be his last meal with those so dear to him. Throughout his final days on earth he shows us that we need to rely on the Father and call out to him for guidance and strength especially when we know the path ahead is difficult. This will certainly be a Holy Week to remember.

I encourage parents to take some time to read the Gospel of the Passion with your children this week and discuss what is so unique and important about each of these holy days. If you have access to the movie Prince of Egypt by Dreamworks (currently available on Amazon Prime) watch it with your children. Another good resource are the materials on Formed. (Subscription paid for by our parish)

Lastly, I encouraged our Religious Education families to take part in this modern-day Passover. Tap the link to see how you can also participate. Let’s seal the doorposts. [https://youtu.be/Ot3tVMXnOzl](https://youtu.be/Ot3tVMXnOzl)
5 de abril de 2020 - Domingo de Ramos “De la Pasión del Señor”

Mensage de inicio de Semana Santa:

Queridos hermanos y hermanas: con la celebración del domingo de Ramos empezamos la semana más importante del año, por qué celebramos los acontecimientos más relevantes de nuestra fe. Nada va a impedir celebrar nuestra fe, aunque este año tengamos que hacerlo de una manera extraña, a través de una pantalla de televisión, una tableta, un computador o un celular; nada nos va a impedir proclamar como el día en que Jesús entró a Jerusalén: “Hosanna!, viva el hijo de David!, Bendito el que viene en el nombre del Señor! , Hosanna en el cielo!”

Que el señor nos ayude a que, bajo las circunstancias del Covid-19 podamos vivir más profundamente la pasión y muerte de nuestro señor Jesucristo, y con fe firme y esperanza viva podamos proclamar la alegría de la resurrección.

Dios bendiga a todos sus hogares, familiares y amigos dentro y fuera del país en las diferentes circunstancias que estén viviendo.

Reverendo William Tunarosa.

Celebraciones de semana Santa 2020 por el canal de YouTube:

Jueves Santo 9 de abril: Misa vespertina de la Cena del Señor - 6:00 pm en Inglés, 8:00 pm en Español

Viernes Santo 10 de abril: Viacrucis bilingüe, 3:00 pm - Viernes Santo de la Pasión del Señor: 12:00 pm en Inglés, 5:00 pm en Español

Sábado Santo 11 de abril: Vigilia Pascual, 7:30 pm en Facebook

Domingo de Resurrección 12 de abril: 9:30 am

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