Wishing all of our mothers a blessed and joyful mother’s day!

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Sunday - 7:30, 9:00, 10:30, Noon & 5:30 PM

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Parish Center Hours

**Sept. - May:**
M-Th - 8:00 - 8:00
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Sat - 9:00 - 1:00 PM

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M-F - 9:00 - 5:00, Sat. - 9:00 - 1:00 PM

**Oak St. Office:**
Sunday - 8:30 - 1:30 PM

**Hispanic Ministry:**
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**Little Christopher Resale Shoppe:**
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W, Sat. - 9:00 - 11:00 AM

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M, W, F - 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
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My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

May Christ, Son of Mary, guide and strengthen you this week!

We’ve been considering various examples/reminders of self-care. A certain Fr. Pacelli was hospitalized for two weeks. At the end of his convalescence, his doctor said, “Father, now when you return home, you need to take an hour-long walk, followed by an hour-long nap. And you will need to do that, every day for the rest of your life, after your lunch.”

Father said, “But Doctor, that is such a waste of time. I cannot take two hours away from my important priestly work to walk and sleep!”

The doctor said, “Father, it is your choice. Two hours, or two weeks! You will either take your walk and nap, and stay healthy, or, if you don’t, you will be back in this hospital sooner rather than later.”

Father obeyed. We may well wonder, if he hadn’t, would Fr. Pacelli have lived long enough to become the Venerable Pope Pius XII?

This plague (not unlike Fr. Pacelli in hospital) has been good for me, as it has made me take an honest look at what I need to be a more holy, healthy, happy (and thus, effective) priest. It is my sincere prayer for you, that, whatever your vocation and/or profession, this may be a similar opportunity for you. Until next week, know that I remain

Yours in the Heart of Christ,

Fr. Evans

Today we celebrate our mother and all women and thank God for the great gift of mothers and for the gift of life they gave each of us.

Last week we talked about planting a Mary Garden to honor our Mother, Mary...now let’s take it a step further by making a Marian Shrine to honor Our Lady. Here is a link to make your own shrine from Katie at the blog “Look to Him and Be Radiant”.


You could also use a picture or statue of Mary that you may have in your home if you prefer.

The tradition of the May Crowning of Mary as Queen, dates back for centuries. Due to circumstances this year, we will be unable to hold a public May Crowning. So here is how to have your own crowning at a safe distance.

Gather the family around the Marian Shrine you created. Sing the Ave Maria or Bring Flowers of the Rarest. Traditionally, the oldest girl would be chosen to place the crown on Mary’s head. All the other participants may lay a flower at Mary’s feet. Say a rosary, asking Mary to be the Queen of your heart.

Want to share your shrine with us? Take a photo of your shrine or your crowning ceremony and share it with us at pr@stthomascl.church. Help us keep our faith and traditions alive!
Thank you for your generosity to our Lord and to our Parish, both monetarily and prayerfully.

Weekly Donations can be mailed or dropped off at the Parish Center:
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Our Parish Tithe May 10 will go to Good Samaritan in Crystal Lake.

Mass & Prayer Intentions

All prayer intentions are being prayed by the priests in their private Masses

Monday, May 11
6:30 Frances M. Barciak, Special Intention
8:30 +Denny Shannon
+Tom Babcock

Tuesday, May 12
6:30 Frances J. Barciak, III, Special Intention
8:30 +Charles & Laura Martin

Wednesday, May 13
6:30 +Souls of the Faithful Departed
7:50 (at Pierson) +Jerry Kearney
St. Jude Prayer List, Special Intention

Thursday, May 14
6:30 +Lou Bylina
8:30 +Iluminada Pascual Peling Ponsaran
Phyllis & Leroy Peters, Special Intention

Friday, May 15
6:30 +Carol A. Boulet
8:30 Emily O'Toole
+Jeff Sippy

Saturday, May 16
7:30 Fr. Akan Simon, Special Intention
4:30 +Joseph Scotillo
Gudrun & Kenneth Chadwick, 50th Wedding Anniv., Special Intention

Sunday, May 17
7:30 The People of St. Thomas Parish, Living & Deceased
9:00 +Peg Pagliarulo
+Leonard & Norbert Junroe
10:30 +Jerry McKay
+Mary Chabus
Noon St. Thomas Women's Club Members, Living & Deceased
5:30 +Herbert Vincent Dutt

Please pray for the sick:
Lillia Chlibovytsch Richard Hoferle
Jeff Sciackitano

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

Please pray for the deceased:
Mayor Aaron Shepley Robert Knapp

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 May 10 -
May 23:
Kalecius Family Kolberg Family

Weekly Readings: May 11 - May 17

Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16
[1ab]/Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]/Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8]/Jn 15:9-17
Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5 [2a]/Jn 15:18-21
Next Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 [1]/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21
The Litany of The BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

LORD, have mercy on us.
CHRIST, have mercy on us.
LORD, have mercy on us.
CHRIST, hear us.
CHRIST, graciously hear us.
GOD THE FATHER OF HEAVEN, have mercy on us.
GOD THE SON, REDEEMER OF THE WORLD, have mercy on us.
GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT, have mercy on us.
HOLY TRINITY, ONE GOD, have mercy on us.

Response: PRAY FOR US.

HOLY MARY, SINGULAR VESSEL OF DEVOTION,
HOLY MOTHER OF GOD, MYSTICAL ROSE,
HOLY VIRGIN OF VIRGINS, TOWER OF DAVID,
HOLY MOTHER OF CHRIST, TOWER OF IVORY,
MOTHER OF DIVINE GRACE, HOUSE OF GOLD,
MOTHER MOST PURE, ARK OF THE COVENANT,
MOTHER MOST CHASTE, GATE OF HEAVEN,
MOTHER INVOLATE, MORNING STAR,
MOTHER UNDEFINED, HEALTH OF THE SICK,
MOTHER MOST AMIABLE, REFUGE OF SINNERS,
MOTHER MOST ADMIRABLE, COMFORTER OF THE AFFLICTED,
MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL, HELP OF CHRISTIANS,
MOTHER OF OUR CREATOR, QUEEN OF ANGELS,
MOTHER OF OUR SAVIOR, QUEEN OF PATRIARCHS,
VIRGIN MOST PRUDENT, QUEEN OF PROPHETS,
VIRGIN MOST VENERABLE, QUEEN OF APOSTLES,
VIRGIN MOST RENOWNED, QUEEN OF MARTYRS,
VIRGIN MOST POWERFUL, QUEEN OF CONFESSORS,
VIRGIN MOST MERCIFUL, QUEEN OF VIRGINS,
VIRGIN MOST FAITHFUL, QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS,
MIRROR OF JUSTICE, QUEEN CONCEIVED WITHOUT
SEAT OF WISDOM, ORIGINAL SIN,
CAUSE OF OUR JOY, QUEEN ASSUMED INTO HEAVEN,
SPIRITUAL VESSEL, QUEEN OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY,
VESSEL OF HONOR, QUEEN OF PEACE,
The incredible power of a mother’s love is most certainly a gift beyond comprehension. As we celebrate Mother’s Day this weekend, I am reminded not only of my two beautiful children, Ben and Sophie, but also our Blessed Mother Mary and her deep and compassionate love for her son Jesus. As mothers, we often look to other mothers in our world for guidance, acceptance, perseverance and assistance. We seek out other mothers to share our challenges, accomplishments, experiences and joy. Mother Mary has always been one of the mothers that I have turned to so many times along my journey as a mother. I have asked myself, “How would Mary handle this situation with her child Jesus?”

As a mother, Mary is seen as a teacher, mentor and true example of the best way to love. A mother’s love shapes cultures, forms trust and creates a profound and long-lasting impact on the heart of a child. God has entrusted mothers with the greatest gift of all.

At St. Thomas the Apostle Little Saints Preschool, we recognize the vital role that veteran parents can play in the lives of younger parents. Many times, we have young mothers come into the preschool to talk to our staff about a variety of topics that do not necessarily have to deal exclusively with the preschool classroom. Topics such as napping schedules, nutrition, potty training, family fun activities and so much more. Mothers have shared their struggles, worries and frustrations. Mothers have shared their success stories, happiness and positivity. Our preschool staff is so blessed to be able to serve as parent mentors in the lives of our Little Saints Preschool families.

We love our Little Saints mothers and truly enjoy the relationships we build. God bless all the mothers in our world. May we share our lives with each other and always look to the greatest mother of all, Mother Mary. Happy Mother’s Day!

Jennifer Gallien
Directo, St. Thomas the Apostle Little Saints Preschool

We are grateful for our beautiful statue of Mary, donated last year by the Women’s Club.
Virtual Junior High Hangout

We are continuing JH youth ministry VIRTUALLY! All junior high students are invited to join us for our JH hangouts, Thursday afternoons via Skype! A link to join the Skype call is sent out 5-10 minutes before each call. If you’d like to join and don’t receive an email aroche@stthomascl.church for the link.

Thursday afternoons
Grades 6-8
Via Skype call
4-5:30PM

Virtual High School Hangout

We are continuing HS Hangout VIRTUALLY! All high schoolers are invited to join us for our high school hangouts, Tuesday afternoons via Skype! A link to join the Skype call is sent out 5-10 minutes before each call. If you’d like to join and don’t receive an email aroche@stthomascl.church for the link.

Tuesdays
Grades 9-12
Via Skype
3-5PM

Gospel Reflection

Twice a week we get together on Skype to pray with and reflect on the gospel of the day. This is an opportunity to add some structured prayer time in this season of confusion and chaos, as well as keeping a sense of community in the midst of social distancing.
I send out a link for the video chat just minutes before the call, if you don’t receive an email please email aroche@stthomascl.church and I’ll email you the link to join!

Mondays and Wednesdays
Grades 6-12
Via Skype
10am

Although the traditional May Crowning could not take place due to remote learning and social distancing, STS families still found a way to honor our Blessed Mother on the first day of May.
VOCACIÓN
Los católicos en los Estados Unidos pasan mucho tiempo hablando de “vocación” y la manera en que cada uno de nosotros discierne nuestra vocación en la vida. Sin embargo, en la carta apostólica de hoy, Pedro nos da la “piedra angular” de nuestra vocación, lo primero y principal en el llamado de cada uno de nosotros a raíz de nuestro Bautismo. Él describe nuestra vocación como “estirpe elegida, sacerdocio real, nación consagrada a Dios, pueblo de su propiedad para que proclamen las obras maravillosas de aquél [Cristo] quien nos llamó de las tinieblas a su luz admirable” (1 Pedro 2:9). Todos nosotros, sin importar la senda por la cual nuestra vocación de vida nos lleve, hemos sido elegidos por Dios, hechos santos, y ungidos como sacerdotes en el alto sacerdocio de Cristo por nuestro Bautismo. Todo esto, para que podamos anunciar las maravillas de Cristo. Se nos da una vocación para que proclamemos mediante el servicio, la palabra y el sacramento dentro del hogar, en el trabajo y dondequiera que nos lleve la vida. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

MARÍA NUESTRA MADRE
¡Qué alegría recordar que María es nuestra Madre! Ya que ella nos ama y conoce nuestras debilidades, ¿de qué tendríamos miedo?
—Santa Teresa de Lisieux

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Se les comunica a todas las personas que deseen contribuir a la colecta dominical que lo pueden hacer en línea, a través del sitio web de nuestra parroquia: www.saintthomascatholicchurch.org
Así como también pueden utilizar el buzón de correo localizado a la entrada de la oficina parroquial, dejando su contribución en un sobre cerrado con su nombre escrito; de igual manera pueden enviar su contribución por correo a la oficina parroquial con dirección: 272 King St. Crystal Lake, IL. 60014
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