MISSION STATEMENT

WE ARE A CATHOLIC FAMILY, LIVING OUR AWARENESS OF CHRIST’S PRESENCE THROUGH WORSHIP, SERVICE, EVANGELIZATION & COMMUNITY FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL.
Masses are by registration only. Click HERE to select masses.

Confession at Oak St. Church:
Monday - 5:00 - 6:00 PM
Saturday - 8:00 - 9:00 AM & 3:00 - 4:00 PM

No Confessions July 20 & 27 due to high school confirmation ceremonies.

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:
Monday - Thursday - 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Friday - 9:00 AM - Noon

Parish Resources:

Little Christopher Resale Shoppe:
469 Lake St.
Crystal Lake, IL
815-459-9442
Currently Closed - Working hard to reopen soon!

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 Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

May Christ guide and strengthen you this week!

Not gonna lie. I shed a tear or two when I was FINALLY able to place our Eucharistic Lord back in the center of our adoration chapel. I have a saying: there is little that eight hours’ sleep and one/two hours with Jesus will not cure. Isn’t it wonderful to know that two people are praying for you all day? Those of you signed up for a weekly adoration hour, THANK YOU! You are Jesus’ Guard of Honor! While we priests pray for all parishioners, I must admit that the Guard of Honor have a special place in my heart, right after the sick and homebound, who of course, have to come first.

Likewise, I have been amazed at how many people have stepped up to help us through these unique COVID regulations as greeters, ushers and cleaners. You know who you are. You are the backbone of the St. Thomas Parish Family. Thank you so much for all you do! More sign-ups needed; please check this bulletin or the parish website for details.

Those of you who feel called to stay home for susceptibility, please keep doing that for now. You are in our hearts as we trust we are in yours. Until next week, know that I remain

Yours in the Heart of Christ,
Fr. Evans

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**Volunteers needed!!!**

As Fr. Evans mentioned in his letter, we are in need of more volunteers. We need Greeters, Ushers and Cleaners at each Mass. With the addition of funerals, weddings & baptisms, this need has increased. In order to keep up with our current, extended Mass schedule and these additional sacramental Masses, your help is needed!

Please go to [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b4bafad2aa6fd0-mass](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b4bafad2aa6fd0-mass) to volunteer for Masses. We will train you at Mass. We are especially in need of help for:

- 4:30 Saturday Vigil Mass
- 5:30 Sunday Mass
- All daily Masses but especially the Noon and 5:00 pm Masses

Thank you for answering the call to help our Parish continue to provide the sacraments! We can’t do it without you!
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:**
**St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church**
Attn. Business Office
272 King St.
Crystal Lake, IL 60014

Want to avoid the cost of checks & stamps and make budgeting easier? Click [here](#) to download the EFT form for automatic deduction!

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**Mass & Prayer Intentions**

**Monday, July 13: St. Henry**
7:00 + Mr. & Mrs. Francis J. Barciak, Sr.
Noon + Isabel Mortimer

**Tuesday, July 14: St. Kateri Tekakwitha**
7:00 + John Greene
Noon + Dawn Murphy
+ Souls of the Faithful Departed

**Wednesday, July 15: St. Bonaventure**
7:00 + Paul Cribb
Noon + Margaret Foreman

**Thursday, July 16: Our Lady of Mount Carmel**
7:00 + Mr. & Mrs. George S. Arnold
Noon + Dianne McKibben

**Friday, July 17**
7:00 + Souls of the Faithful Departed
Noon + Mr. & Mrs. Peter F. Barciak

**Saturday, July 18: St. Camillus de Lellis**
+ Gene Baseggio
  Bishop Camillus Raymond Umoh, Special Intention
4:30 + Jeff Sippy
  + Dr. David Marx

**Sunday, July 19: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
7:30 + Robert Thomas
  + Norine Thomas Dalessandro
9:00 + The People of St. Thomas Parish, Living & Deceased
10:30 + Elaine Warren
Noon + Jeff Stokes
4:00 + Souls of the Faithful Departed
5:30 + Souls of the Faithful Departed

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

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**Please pray for the sick:**

**Please pray for the deceased:**
Gertrude Lehmann

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

**Weekly Readings: July 13 - July 19:**

**Monday:** Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 10:34—11:1
**Tuesday:** Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8 [cf. 9d]/Mt 11:20-24
**Wednesday:** Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15 [14a]/Mt 11:25-27
**Thursday:** Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21 [20b]/Mt 11:28-30
**Friday:** Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 11, 12abecd, 16 [cf. 17b]/Mt 12:1-8
**Saturday:** Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14 [12b]/Mt 12:14-21
**Next Sunday:** Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 [5a]/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-3

**Celebrants: July 6 - July 10, 2020**
7/13 - 7:00 am - Fr. Evans, Noon - Fr. Simon, 5:00 - Fr. Simon
7/14 - 7:00 am - Fr. Evans, Noon - Fr. Simon, 5:00 - Fr. Fitzpatrick
7/15 - 7:00 am - Fr. Fitzpatrick, Noon - Fr. Simon, 5:00 - Fr. Evans
7/16 - 7:00 am - Fr. Simon, Noon - Fr. Simon, 5:00 - Fr. Fitzpatrick
7/17 - 7:00 am - Fr. Evans, Noon - Fr. Fitzpatrick, 5:00 pm - Fr. Evans

**Sunday Masses: July 18-19, 2020**
4:30 pm: Fr. Fitzpatrick
7:30 am: Fr. Fitzpatrick
9:00 am: Fr. Fitzpatrick
10:30 am: Fr. Evans
Noon: Fr. Evans
4:00 pm: Fr. Simon
5:30 pm: Fr. Simon
Online registration for the 2020-21 Religious Education School Year will open August 1.

Unfortunately, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Totus Tuus will not be held this summer.

Still want to have some fun and learn about Jesus? Check out Katie Bolger’s blog https://www.looktohimandberadiant.com/

Katie is a catholic school teacher and DRE in the Peoria diocese. She has developed and shares several VBS options for families to use at your domestic church around your kitchen table. She is also a great resource for catholic children’s literature. Her America the Beautiful VBS at Home is a wonderful way to teach your children about the amazing holy people of this country!

You’re Invited!

Please join us this Sunday as we welcome our RCIA Candidates into full communion with the Catholic Church!

● **Sunday, July 12, 2020**
● **2:00 pm**
● **Live Stream of the Mass on our YouTube channel**
● **Click [here](#) to join**
The official dictionary definition of tradition states, “The transmission of customs or beliefs from generation to
generation; the handing down of statements, beliefs, legends, customs, information, etc., from generation to
generation, especially by word of mouth or by practice.”

Quite simply, tradition is the way we share our experiences and lives with others. Family traditions are not only a
vital part of growth and history, but also can have so many added benefits to our families. Naturally, when asked
about our family traditions, we may reference the major holidays and how we choose to celebrate. Trimming the
family tree on Christmas Eve, hosting a Valentine’s Day dinner at a table of red food and drinks or attending Easter
Mass with extended family may be some examples of how family establishes tradition. Tradition can also come in the
simple ways we live our daily life. Praying before bedtime as a family, reading a story each night before bed, special
family catch phrases such as, “love you…I love you more,” can be great ways to bond the family and create patterns
of familiarity that are special to our group.

As a young mother back some years ago, I decided to make family traditions a special part of my family. As
preschoolers, my children began to look forward to the celebrations. Some traditions were as tiny as giving each of
my children a book with a sweet message written inside the front cover on Valentine’s Day to setting the kitchen
table the night before the first day of school with encouraging notes and delicious breakfast. We Galliens love to
enjoy popcorn with M&M’s mixed in for our family movie nights. At first, I thought that my traditions were just a fun
way to be part of a family, but as my children entered their teen years, I understood a deeper importance. Traditions
make us who we are as the Gallien Family. Family traditions solidify our group…our team…our connection.
Traditions give us something to look forward to and something that establishes just how wonderful it is to be a
member of our family. You would think that my teenagers really would not care anymore if I added holiday colored
sprinkles and whipped cream to the top of their hot chocolate as we decorate our Christmas tree, but they do. This
tiny tradition reminds them that they are loved and cherished as important members of our family.

At Little Saints Preschool, we pride ourselves in the fact that our staff is not only a talented and faithful group of
educators, but also a fantastic group of parents. Each of us has been blessed to participate in raising a family. We
represent several stages of that journey. Whether it be Mrs. Mazurk and Mrs. Simms as grandmothers to Mr. Fisher
who is just starting off on the path to raising little ones, we bring a wealth of knowledge to share with others. One of
our favorite topics to share is our special family traditions. It warms our hearts to hear our preschool parents sharing
their ideas for how to bond their families with traditions. God has entrusted us with our precious children. May we
always embrace that gift and enjoy life within our beautiful families.
## YOUTH MINISTRY

### 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.

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### 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.

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### 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!

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## ST. THOMAS SCHOOL CORNER

St. Thomas is now accepting registrations for the 2020-2021 school year. Class sizes are small, and teachers give personal attention to each individual child’s proficiencies. Every Wednesday begins with the entire school attending Mass. Teachers at St. Thomas are highly qualified and caring.

Kindergarten at St. Thomas not only teaches social, emotional and fine and gross motor skills but includes a full range of academics as included in our entire elementary program: math, language arts, science, social studies, music, art, physical education and technology.

St. Thomas provides an extracurricular athletic program beginning at grade 5 for both boys and girls. Other after school activities include science clubs, photography club, and choir.

Tuition is customizable through our FairAbility Program. For more information please call 815-459-0496
Las palabras de Isaías en la lectura de este domingo anticipan la bondad y abundancia de Dios en la parábola del sembrador pronunciada en los labios de Jesús. “Como baja la lluvia y la nieve de los cielos y no vuelven allá sin haber empapado la tierra, sin haberla fecundado y haberla hecho germinar, para que dé la simiente para el sembrador el pan para comer, así será la palabra que salga de mi boca. No volverá a mí con las manos vacías, sino después de haber hecho lo que yo quería, y haber llevado a cabo lo que le encargue. (Isaías 55:10-11).

Cada vez que asistimos a Misa y cada vez que leemos la palabra de Dios en casa y en familia Dios abre el corazón de quien la escucha, y si está preparado, el terreno germina y los frutos brotan en abundancia de justicia y amor. Dios espera corazones con esperanza y llenos de fe y gratitud. El Evangelio nos narra que mucha gente estuvo alrededor de Jesús cuando él explicó esta parábola. ¿Qué fue lo que ellos escucharon? Escucharon hablar de un sembrador, de la semilla, de cómo cae la semilla en la tierra, y del cuidado que se debe tener para que dé fruto. ¿Cómo cuido a mi familia para que crezca en compasión y amor de unos para con los otros? ¿Qué tipo de abono y cuidado le doy a mi esposa, esposo e hijos? Este es un reto, el saber trabajar la tierra de cada corazón. En resumen, lo que Dios desea de nosotros es que demos fruto en abundancia.

**Evangelio — El que tenga oídos, que entienda y reciba las enseñanzas de Jesús (Mateo 13:1-23 [1-9])**

**VIVE HOY**

Vive hoy como desearías haber vivido cuando estés ante el trono del juicio de Dios.

—Anónimo

**IMPORTANTE:**

Hermanos, su parroquia los necesita, si desean contribuir a la colecta dominical lo pueden hacer en línea, a través del sitio web de nuestra parroquia: [www.saintthomascatholicchurch.org](http://www.saintthomascatholicchurch.org) (ver foto). Los esperamos.

Queridos hermanos y hermanas, para poder asistir a misa, por favor, no olviden registrarse con tiempo de anticipación en el website de la Iglesia [www.saintthomascatholicchurch.org](http://www.saintthomascatholicchurch.org) (ver foto). Los esperamos.
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