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!

It’s been really wonderful seeing bigger and bigger crowds at Holy Masses. Some priests clamor for bigger audiences (I mean, congregations), as if the sanctuary were a stage. I, however, have always agreed with Fr. Patrick Peyton, CSC (the Rosary Priest, who drew thousands to his conventions). He used to say, “One congregant is enough; one million… is not too much!” That said, I really missed you all! It’s so great being able to chat with people outside, even at a good distance.

Some priests from other parishes told me, “Our people are just going to watch Masses on their computers indefinitely; they’ll think it’s the same.” NOT here at St. Thomas! We know that praying and receiving Jesus together, can never really be substituted.

Those of you, for whatever reason, that are susceptible to this virus, please continue to stay home. We love you, and want you healthy! Your prayers, sufferings and support are literally our bread and butter. They always have, and always will be.

The rest of you, who have stronger immune systems, see you in Church!

Know that I remain

Yours in the Heart of Christ,
Fr. Evans
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 6: St. Maria Goretti**
- 7:00 am +Conrad F. Floeter
- Noon +Deceased Family & Friends of Paul & Alina Cribb

**Tuesday, July 7**
- 7:00 am +Souls of the Faithful Departed
  - +James Peterson
- Noon Nancy Wigand, Special Intention
  - +Hernan Guzman

**Wednesday, July 8**
- 7:00 am +Ron Arison
- Noon Those Listed on the St. Jude Guild Prayer List,
  Special Intention

**Thursday, July 9: St. Augustine**
- 7:00 am +Bill Zeman
  - +Jim O’Hagan
- Noon +Thomas O’Connor

**Friday, July 10**
- 7:00 am +Tim Swanson
- Noon +Souls of the Faithful Departed

**Saturday, July 11: St. Benedict**
- +Dolores & Eugene Koch
- +Lois Kirchberg
- 4:30 pm +Robert Sund

**Sunday, July 12: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- 7:30 +Souls of the Faithful Departed
- 9:00 +Kyle McCoy
  - +Wayne Macklin
- 10:30 Stasiak Family Members, Living & Deceased
- Noon The People of St. Thomas Parish, Living & Deceased
- 2:00 (RCIA Mass) +Souls of the Faithful Departed
- 5:30 +Judy Fues

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

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Please pray for the sick:

- Peter Krallitsch      John Greene
- Arline Olsen         John Dalton, Sr.

**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 6 - July 12:**

**Monday:**
- Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mt 9:18-26
**Tuesday:**
- Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10 [9a]/Mt 9:32-38
**Wednesday:**
- Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [4b]/Mt 10:1-7
**Thursday:**
- Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16 [4b]/Mt 10:7-15
**Friday:**
- Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17 [17b]/Mt 10:16-23
**Saturday:**
- Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Mt 10:24-33
**Sunday:**

**Celebrants: July 6 - July 10, 2020**
- 7/6 - 7:00 am - Fr. Evans, Noon - Fr. Simon, 5:00 - Fr. Evans
- 7/7 - 7:00 am - Fr. Fitzpatrick, Noon - Fr. Fitzpatrick, 5:00 - Fr. Simon
- 7/8 - 7:00 am - Fr. Evans, Noon - Fr. Simon, 5:00 - Fr. Fitzpatrick
- 7/9 - 7:00 am - Fr. Simon, Noon - Fr. Fitzpatrick, 5:00 - Fr. Fitzpatrick
- 7/10 - 7:00 am - Fr. Fitzpatrick, Noon - Fr. Evans, 5:00 pm - Fr. Evans

**Sunday Masses: July 11-12, 2020**
- 4:30 pm: Fr. Simon
- 7:30 am: Fr. Simon
- 9:00 am: Fr. Evans
- 10:30 am: Fr. Fitzpatrick
- Noon: Fr. Fitzpatrick
- 2:00 pm RCIA Mass: Fr. Simon
- 5:30 pm: Fr. Fitzpatrick
Little Saints Preschool

Are you looking for a wonderfully nurturing, faith-filled, Catholic preschool for your little one? St. Thomas the Apostle Little Saints Preschool has openings for the 2020-2021 school year. We would love to schedule your family for a tour of our beautiful, state of the art building and show you all we have to offer. Check us out on Facebook to see examples of programs and curriculum choices. For more information, please visit the preschool registration section on the main page of the school website www.stthomascl.org or contact Preschool Director Jennifer Gallien: jgallien@stthomascl.org.
Throughout the month of July we will be working to offer the Sacraments to those who were not able to receive them earlier in the year due to the pandemic. Many important sacramental moments in the lives of brothers and sisters in Christ were postponed. We have completed 50 First Communions through June and are starting to welcome new members to God’s family through baptism. Soon we will be calling down the Holy Spirit on those awaiting Confirmation. Check out this infographic from catholic link to learn what the effects of Confirmation are on the soul.

Please keep all of our RCIA candidates and Confirmands in your prayers as we say, “Come, Holy Spirit!”
## 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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<th>Grades 6-8</th>
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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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<th>Mondays and Wednesdays</th>
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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
El domingo pasado, la lectura del Evangelio retaba al creyente a tomar la cruz y seguir a Jesús, ahora, la invitación es reposar en quien podemos confiar y profundizar en amistad. Es el amigo íntimo que nunca falla, está ahí en las buenas y en las no tan buenas. Ahora, Jesús nos invita a ir a él. “Vengan a mí los que van cansados, llevando pesadas cargas, y yo los aliviaré. Carguen con mi yugo y aprendan de mí, que soy paciente y humilde de corazón, y sus almas encontrarán descanso. Pues mi yugo es suave y mi carga liviana”. (Mateo 11:28-30). La palabra yugo significa sujetar y dar dirección, ya sea a mulas o bueyes para trabajar. Muy distinto es el yugo del que habla Jesús en esta ocasión. Muchas manos trabajando juntas por la justicia logran grandes cosas. Juntos, para hacer tareas maravillosas en la misión del Evangelio. Cuando nos unimos a Jesús es que la carga es ligera y suave, porque la cargamos todos y él nos sostiene. En una enfermedad, en familia juntos lo podemos todo. El ministerio no se hace aislado, se trabaja en equipo, nadie es número uno. En la familia los esposos están atados al yugo de la mancuerna de su si el día de su boda. Esa mancuerna es lo suave del matrimonio para dar dirección y apoyo a los hijos. El trabajo es duro, demandante y a veces imposible de hacer. Entonces, aprendamos y tomemos el yugo de Jesús. Él es el único camino, el da a lo difícil un nuevo comienzo y se logra con la oración y la intimidad con Jesucristo. ©LPi

“Vengan a mí, todos los que están fatigados y agobiados por la carga, y yo los aliviaré”. — Mateo 11:28

IMPORMTANTE:
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

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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