



St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

January 14, 2024—2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

451 W. Terra Cotta Ave., Crystal Lake, IL 60014

815-455-5400/www.stthomascl.church



Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, “What are you looking for?”
They said to him, “Rabbi” - which translated means Teacher - “where are you staying?”
He said to them, “Come, and you will see.” - Jn 1:38-39a

Mission Statement

*We are a Catholic family, living our awareness of Christ's presence through
worship, service, evangelization and community for the benefit of all.*

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Mondays: 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Saturdays: 8:00 am - 9:00 am and 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

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Crystal Lake, IL 60014

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Crystal Lake, IL 60014

Parish Office - 272 King St. Crystal Lake, IL 60014

St. Thomas School - 265 King St. Crystal Lake, IL 60014

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Monday, 6:15 am - Friday, 9:00 pm

Saturday, 7:15 am - 5:45 pm

Sunday, 7:15 am - 6:45 pm

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From the Pastor's Desk...



In our brief two paragraph selection today from John's Gospel, we have the words "look" and "see" six times. "Seeing" is important throughout John's Gospel. But he does not always mean the same thing when he uses that word and neither do we. Let's "look" at three possible meanings of "see" and then make some connections to the journey of faith.

Two people can be watching the same baseball game, and yet two different types of "seeing" may be happening. A casual fan or mere spectator might see the fielders, the batter, the runners on base, and someone warming up in the bullpen. However, when looking at exactly the same scene an avid fan may see a double steal possibility with runners on first and third. Or, that fan may see a possible squeeze play, because the hitter on deck is lefthanded and the pitcher warming up is a lefty, so the team at bat wants to get a run in any way they can to avoid having their lefty hitter face the lefty in the bullpen. The avid fan may also notice the right fielder playing shallow, which means there will be a play at third if the runner on first tries to score on a single. Two people are viewing the exact same game but in entirely different ways.

Now let's turn to today's Gospel. The two disciples of John see Jesus, but respond in a rather impersonal way. "Where do you live?" They have Jesus in front of them and all they want to know is his address. It is like looking at a baseball game in which the bases are loaded and the score tied and saying "Where does the third basemen live in the off-season?" John, however, sees it in an entirely different way. He "stares hard" at Jesus and sees who Jesus really is: "Look, there is the Lamb of God." He gives a title to Jesus which shows that John sees not only a man before him, but the meaning of that man.

Reality can be that way for us. We can just see what goes on around us: the laughing, the crying, the loving, the dying and on and on. Or we can see what it all points to. We can see God at work, not in a far-off place, but right here among us. Elizabeth Barrett Browning gives us an example of this second type of seeing:

Earth's crammed with heaven,
And every common bush afire with God;
But only he who sees, takes off his shoes...

Jesus can take our superficial sight and bring us further than we ever intended to go. We all need a companion for a journey in darkness, and our faith gives us that companion in Christ. Looking at Jesus, on the deepest level means union with Him. Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Light that we need to truly see. Jesus is our door to the Sacred. No matter what kind of seeing we are doing now, we have a God who is beckoning, calling us to look so deep that we can exchange glances of love with the Lord.

Peace be with you,

Fr. Bob Jones

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, January 15th

6:30 am † Dan Full
12:10 pm Fr. Charles Fitzpatrick
(Special Intention)

Tuesday, January 16th

6:30 am † Ted Pieper
12:10 pm † Judith Brown

Wednesday, January 17th

6:30 am † Joseph M. O'Connor, Sr.
12:10 pm † Rosemary Mahoney
† Ralph Polinski

Thursday, January 18th

6:30 am † Souls in Purgatory
12:10 pm Beth and Fred McCally
(Special Intention)

Friday, January 19th

6:30 am † Cesar Aseron
12:10 pm † Souls of Religious in Purgatory

Saturday, January 20th

7:30 am † Thomas Methenitis
4:30 pm † Joan Robaczewski
Chester Robaczewski
(Special Intention)

Sunday, January 21st

7:30 am † Norine Dalessandro Thomas
† Robert Thomas
9:00 am † Ervin LeCoque
10:30 am † Kenneth Huff
12:00 pm The People of St Thomas Parish,
Living & Deceased
5:30 pm † Laurence McMahon



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

Parish Calendar

Sunday, January 14, 2024

8:30 am Coffee & Donuts (Community Rm.)
10:00 am R.C.I.A. Class (Lower Oak)
10:30 am Family Mass (Community Room)

Monday, January 15, 2024*

Parish Center Closed
St. Thomas School Closed

Tuesday, January 16, 2024*

9:30 am St. Jude Guild Meeting (Parish Center)
7:00 pm "Upper Room" Adoration and Prayer
(Oak St. Church)

Wednesday, January 17, 2024*

9:30 am Bible Timeline (Lower Oak)
4:30 pm Grade R.E. Classes (Pierson St. Church)
7:00 pm High School YM (Community Room)
7:00 pm Bible Timeline (Lower Oak)

Thursday, January 18, 2024*

7:00 pm Junior High YM (Community Room)

Friday, January 19, 2024*

Saturday, January 20, 2024

7:30 am Knights Blood Drive (Community Rm.)
6:00 am That Man Is You (Lower Oak)
7:30 am Mass (Oak St. Church)
8:00 am Confessions (Oak St. Church)
8:15 am Men's Group (Lower Oak)
3:00 pm Confessions (Oak St. Church)

Sunday, January 21, 2024

8:30 am Knights Breakfast (Community Rm.)
10:00 am R.C.I.A. Class (Lower Oak)
1:30 pm 7th Grade RE (Community Room)
7:00 pm YM Confirmation Classes (Comm. Rm.)

**6:30 am and 12:10 pm daily Mass at Oak Street*

Adoration Candle Intentions

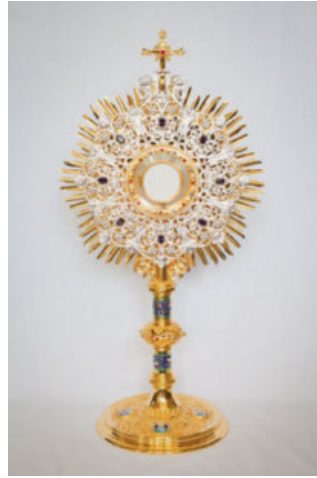
Jan. 7 - Jan. 20

Widger Family

† Dennis Lannert

† Paul Witt

† Jerry Wilkerson



Holy Water Bottles

In honor of the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, Monday, January 8, we will be offering holy water for use in your homes. (Your donation of \$1.50 will help defray the cost of these containers—it is not to pay for the holy water!) Holy water is always available for you in the receptacle in the Narthex of Oak Street Church. We encourage frequent and reverent use of this wonderful sacramental to call down God's protection on your homes, families, and loved ones throughout the year.



January 14

Coffee & Donuts in
the Community Room after
morning Masses!

Celebrant Weekday Masses

1/15	6:30 am	Fr. Jones
	12:10 pm	Fr. Linkenheld
1/16	6:30 am	Fr. Linkenheld
	12:10 pm	Fr. Fitzpatrick
1/17	6:30 am	Fr. Fitzpatrick
	12:10 pm	Fr. Jones
1/18	6:30 am	Fr. Linkenheld
	12:10 pm	Fr. Fitzpatrick
1/19	6:30 am	Fr. Jones
	12:10 pm	Fr. Fitzpatrick
1/20	7:30 am	Fr. Jones

Celebrant Weekend Masses

1/20	4:30 pm	Fr. Linkenheld
1/21	7:30 am	Fr. Linkenheld
	9:00 am	Fr. Fitzpatrick
	10:30 am	Fr. Fitzpatrick
	12:00 pm	Fr. Jones
	5:30 pm	Fr. Jones

Please pray for the Deceased

Ralph Backe
Melissa Duda

WEEKEND MASS MINISTERS - 1/20 & 1/21

	Lector	EM	Altar Server
4:30 pm	Clare Ossman	Christine Kosiba, Patrick Slowey, Gloria Marmol	
7:30 am	Mark Przybylski	William Bransley, Nancy Tomaso, Pam Wyman, Eleanore Wojewoda	
9:00 am	Greg Ives	Jim Nissen, Rhonda Nissen, Carol Anderson, Brad Frey	Flynn Wolff, Lucy Wolff, Maureen Kelly
10:30 am	Bob Tuszynski	Vicki Roberts, Rick Wojcik, Maureen Carpenter, Mike Klepitsch	Seth White, Jack Dickson, Anthony Alvarado
12:00 pm	Emily Holland	Deb Sosnowski	Isabella Costantini, Lauren Dovidio, Julia Dovidio
5:00 pm	Joanna Majewska	Annette O'Connell	Jake Polston, Luke Polston, Daniel Polston

Weekly Collection - December 31	
Sunday Envelopes	\$26,177.75
Online Giving	\$13,082.00
Sunday Offering	\$2,409.35
Total Collection	\$41,669.10
Weekly Tithe	Turning Point

Weekly Collection - January 7	
Sunday Envelopes	\$17,473.00
Online Giving	\$9,293.50
Sunday Offering	\$2,196.07
Total Collection	\$28,962.57
Weekly Tithe	Crystal Lake Food Pantry

An Evening of Recollection for Women

The January 15th Evening of Recollection has been cancelled.



Readings for the week of January 14, 2024

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a)/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

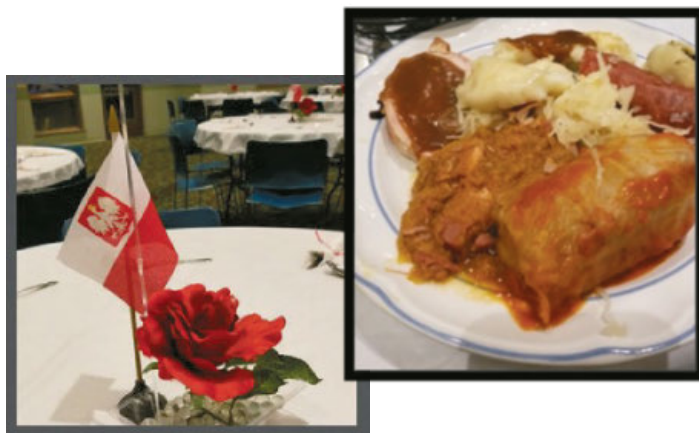
Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-2

Mówimy Po Polsku?? Well, get your Polish ready, St. Thomas! The Annual *Fr. McCormickski Knights of Columbus Council 3880* Polish Dinner is coming! Mark your calendar for **Saturday, January 27, 2024**. Doors open at 6:00 pm to the Oak Street Community Room. We are getting ready to serve up all of the scrumptious menu with *Irene Skaja's* Beef Barley Mushroom soup, Roast Pork, Polish Sausage, Pierogi and Bigos to name a few and save room for some Kolaczki and Raspberry Nalesniki!

A great evening for a low price, \$25.00 per adult, and \$10.00 per child. **Tickets are on sale through January 21st after most Sunday Masses!!! "Nie będzie późno"**



Knights of Columbus Blood Drive

Saturday, January 20th

7:30 am to 12:30 pm - Community Room

Please use the following link to sign up for a time slot to donate blood. The link can also be found on the St. Thomas website or use the QR code.

https://donate.illinois.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/5606089

Any questions, please call John Orso at 815-575-6359.



St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School Open House
Sunday, January 28, 2024
12:30 pm to 2:30 pm

265 King St. Crystal Lake, IL – 815-459-0496

You are cordially invited to experience the warmth and excellence of education at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School! **Join us for our highly anticipated Open House on January 28, 2024, where the spirit of learning comes alive.**

Explore Our Dynamic Classrooms: Witness our dedicated educators in action, providing engaging lessons that inspire a love for learning. Experience firsthand the vibrant and nurturing environment that fosters academic growth and character development.

State-of-the-Art Facilities: Take a guided tour of our modern and well-equipped facilities. From interactive classrooms to our technology-rich learning spaces, we are committed to providing a conducive environment that prepares students for the challenges of tomorrow.

Nurturing Faith: At St. Thomas the Apostle School, we embrace the values of the Catholic faith. Learn about our holistic approach to education, where spiritual development is interwoven with academic excellence, instilling strong moral foundations in our students.

Meet Our Dedicated Faculty: Engage with our experienced and passionate educators who are committed to shaping young minds and fostering a love for lifelong learning. Discover how our personalized approach ensures every child receives the attention they need to thrive.

Enriching Extracurricular Activities: Learn about the array of extracurricular activities that complement our academic curriculum. From sports to arts and community service, we provide opportunities for students to explore their passions and develop well-rounded skills.

Community Connection: Connect with current parents, staff, and fellow prospective families. Experience the sense of community that defines St. Thomas the Apostle and learn about the support network that contributes to the success of our students.

Saint Thomas the Apostle School Upcoming Events

On Thursday, January 25, 2024, at 7:00 pm, in the Community Room at the Oak Street Church (451 W. Terra Cotta Ave.), Chris Mominey from Avanti Advisors will update us on our progress to date and the plans for the spring for our School. This is an exciting time for our School, and all are invited to attend!

Saint Thomas School (265 King St., Crystal Lake) will be holding its Open House on Sunday, January 28, 2024, beginning at 12:30 pm. The first two hours of the day are reserved for prospective families that are interested in enrolling their children in our school. At 2:30 pm, we welcome our current families for the Student Showcase and Fun Fair that will take place as in years past. Please spread the word to any families who you might know who are interested in our wonderful School (815-459-0496).

Finally, please take note of our winter fundraiser for the school that is coming up on Saturday, February 10, 2024 (showtime at 7:00 pm) at The Vixen located at 1208 N. Green Street in McHenry, IL. The evening features Felix and Fingers Dueling Pianos and doors open at 6:00 pm. You can call the School (815-459-0496) or see our website to obtain tickets. We would love to see our parishioners come out for this evening and enjoy a night out while supporting our School. This is a “age 21 and over” event with a cash bar.

The Upper Room

Join us on January 16, at 7:00 pm. Deacon Neal Carpenter will preach a holy hour of Adoration in the church at Oak Street. This “Upper Room” will be an opportunity for us as a community to set aside the stress and worries of the recent holiday planning and celebrations and simply let ourselves be approached by the only Person who can truly say to each of our hearts, “I will give you rest”.



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Horario de Misas

Martes 6:00 am Miércoles 6:00 am

Jueves 7:30 pm Viernes 7:30 pm

Sábado 5:00 pm y 7:00 pm

Domingo 9:30 am y 11:30 am

La Adoración al Santísimo es en la Capilla de Adoración ubicada en la esquina de la calle Oak/Ruta 176.

De Lunes 6:15 am a Viernes 9:00 pm

Sábado: 7:15 am a 5:45 pm

Domingo: 7:15 am a 6:45 pm

“Ven y Adora, Él espera por ti”

La Liturgia de hoy nos coloca inmediatamente en un sentido de alerta al llamado de Dios, al encuentro y a la respuesta. Samuel, aun siendo niño, fue llamado en el silencio de la noche. A la tercera vez responde y da comienzo su preparación para su misión profética: “¡Samuel, Samuel! Samuel respondió. Habla, que tu servidor escucha” (1 Samuel 3,10). Los primeros discípulos, a la voz de Juan que les indica: “Ese es el Cordero de Dios”, lo siguen y se quedan con él aquel día. Los cristianos, por el bautismo, se encuentran con Cristo. Desde aquel momento, por la fe, da comienzo la preparación para dar respuesta a la misión y al compromiso de seguir a Jesús en el servicio de los más necesitados.

¿Cómo ha sido nuestro encuentro, respuesta y seguimiento a la misión encomendada por Dios en nuestra vida? Las respuestas varían de acuerdo a nuestra vocación, a nuestros ideales y metas trazadas en la vida. ¿Quiénes son nuestros modelos a seguir en la actualidad? ¿Qué miran los hijos en sus padres que puedan seguir como ejemplo? Preguntémonos que buscamos, a quien seguimos, como cultivamos nuestra relación con Dios, con la familia, con la naturaleza y el cosmos. Si Jesús en esta Eucaristía me pregunta ¿Qué buscas? ¿Cuál será mi respuesta? Cabe también preguntarle ¿Dónde vives? Nos diría, vivo en los pobres, los enfermos, los desamparados, y los tristes. ¿Tú, dónde crees que vive Jesús?

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Horario para confesiones:

Viernes de 6:00-7:00pm

Sábados después de misa de 7pm

O hacer una cita en la oficina parroquial.

Coordinador: Reverendo William Tunarosa

Atención al Público: Martes a Jueves de 9:00am a 4:00pm

Llamar a la Oficina Parroquial para hacer su cita: (815-356-0860)

Oficina del Ministerio Hispano, Atención al Público:

Irene Garcia: Lunes a Viernes 9:00am a 5:00pm

Colecta Semanal - 12/31 & 1/7	
Pierson St.	\$4,926.58 / \$2,423.49
Pierson Online	\$195.00 / \$180.00



13 Y 14 DE ENERO DE 2024

La Colecta Nacional refleja la variedad de formas con las que podemos comunicar el mensaje de Cristo. El Papa Francisco nos ha convocado a dedicarnos a expandir el mensaje del Evangelio a todos los que conozcamos.

Una de las maneras con las que podemos hacerlo es participando en el fin de semana del 13 y 14 de enero en nuestra colecta anual para la Colecta Nacional.

Simplemente ofrezca lo que usted pueda para ayudar a promover el Evangelio a través de estas nobles causas.

- Fondo para la Jubilación de Religiosos
- Campaña Católica para el Desarrollo Humano
- Campaña de la Comunicación Católica
- Universidad Católica de América
- Pensión para los sacerdotes de la Diócesis de Rockford
- Ayuda Financiera para Escuela Católica de la Diócesis de Rockford

Por favor traiga el sobre de la Colecta Nacional a la misa o done en línea: www.rockforddiocese.org/donar

¡Muchas gracias por su generosa donación!

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Reserva la fecha 01.28.24



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\$50 GENERAL ADMISSION, STANDING ROOM
\$100 VIP ADMISSION, TABLE OF 4
\$125 BALCONY VIP

*This is a 21+ event. Cash Bar with STS Signature Drink Available for Purchase
Heavy Hors D'oeuvres Provided
Feel free to bring your own appetizers and sweets*



January 13-14, 2024

The National Appeal reflects the varied ways we seek to communicate Christ's message. Pope Francis has called upon us to dedicate ourselves to spreading the Gospel Message to everyone we meet.

One of the ways we could do this is by participating on the weekend of January 13 and 14 in our annual collection for the National Appeal.

Simply offer what you can to help promote the Gospel through these worthy causes:

- Retirement Fund for Religious
- Catholic Campaign for Human Development
- Catholic Communication Campaign
- Catholic University of America
- Rockford Diocesan Priests' Pension
- Catholic School Financial Support for the Diocese of Rockford

Please bring the National Appeal envelope to Mass, or donate online at rockforddiocese.org/donate.

Thank you for your generous gift.

Youth Ministry

Wed., Jan. 17	HS Youth Ministry / 7 – 8:30 / Community Room
Thur., Jan. 18	Jr. High Youth Ministry / 7 – 8:30 / Community Room
Sun., Jan. 21	7 th Grade RE / 1:30-3 / Community Room
Sun., Jan. 21	Year 1 & 2 Confirmation Session / 7 – 8:30 / Community Room



If you would like the St. Jude Guild to pray for the special intention of a loved one who is living, please contact Norine Pontarelli - 815-356-1157



That Man is You Has Started. Come Join Us!

If you are looking for a great New Year's resolution consider joining some of the best guys in the parish at That Man is You. Join us for breakfast and fellowship and strengthen the important Catholic role you play. Email Greg Ives at gregives@att.net for more information.



Christ Is Anything but Ordinary

We're about to dive headlong into week two of Ordinary Time, and we need to admit, after the hustle and bustle of the holidays, things are indeed looking more ... ordinary, at least in our spiritual lives.

The transcendent highs of the Christmas season are flatlining a bit and the vivid imagery of the Nativity scene has faded. The solemn anticipation of the Advent season is by now a distant memory.

Are you bored yet? Here's a secret: I think that Ordinary Time can actually be quite extraordinary, if we're really living out our baptismal call.

In today's Gospel, Jesus point-blank asks Andrew, who is following him after hearing John the Baptist's testimony: "What are you looking for?" He's asking us the same question.

What are you looking for? Why are you following me? Is it for the Christmas cookies and the Advent carols? Is it for the King's Cake on the Epiphany? Is it for the feeling we get on Christmas when we just know God has done a wondrous thing?

None of those things are bad, but they are not what Andrew was looking for, and they were not what Christ promised him when he said, "Come, and you will see." Andrew was looking for the Messiah — the One who makes even Ordinary Time extraordinary. The One who can sanctify the longest and dullest of to-do lists, on the longest and dullest of days. The One whose peace can reign in our homes on January 25, not just December 25.

Remember what you are looking for. Come, and you will see.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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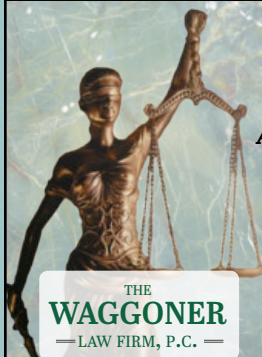
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