



St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

February 4, 2024 - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

815-455-5400/www.stthomascl.church



He told them, “Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.” - Mk 1:38

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.

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Center Hours:

Monday-Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Confessions (Reconciliation - Oak Street Church):

Mondays: 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

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

Locations:

Oak Street Church - 451 W. Terra Cotta Ave.

Crystal Lake, IL 60014

Pierson Street Church - 453 Pierson St.

Crystal Lake, IL 60014

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

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

Little Saints Preschool - 454 Lake St. Crystal Lake, IL 60014

Holy Hearts Adoration Chapel:

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

Saturday, 7:15 am - 5:45 pm

Sunday, 7:15 am - 6:45 pm

adorationchapel@stthomascl.church

Resources:

Crystal Lake Food Pantry

42 East St. Crystal Lake, IL 60014

(815) 455-0961

M, W, F - 10:00 am-2:00 pm

Th - 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

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Donations accepted: During Store Hours

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From the Pastor's Desk...



Our very dedicated and perceptive Parish Secretary, Donna Kothera, recently presented me with the following August 29, 2010, Bulletin Column from the late Fr. Jon Bakkellund, which he wrote at the end of his assignment at St. Thomas where he served as a Seminarian and a Deacon:

"It's hard to believe that my time here is drawing to a close. Fourteen months went by so quickly. It is truly hard for me to say goodbye. Your goodness to me has been felt in every aspect of parish life and in every endeavor I have undertaken. God has truly blessed this parish with faithful Christians who are intent on doing His Will and serving one another. You have much cause for rejoicing. I want to thank you most deeply for your kindness, your warmth, and your generosity of spirit.

I go back to Rome to prepare for priestly ordination (God-willing) in May of 2011. So long as my bishop calls me to ordination, I will be ordained at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Rockford. I hope to celebrate a First Mass of Thanksgiving at my home parish, St. Bridget in Loves Park. I hope to see many familiar 'St. Thomas faces' on what will undoubtedly be one of the happiest days of my life. My residence and place of pastoral formation in Rome will continue to be the Pontifical N. American College. There I will learn how to hear confessions, how to say Mass, I will take some *practica* in marriage counseling, and so forth. I am very excited to again join my brother seminarians on the path to priesthood. For academics I will attend the Pontifical Gregorian University. I will begin the first year of a two-year program with a special focus on Dogma. Of particular interest to me is 'The Doctrine of Grace'. I beg that you keep me in prayer during this upcoming stage in my life.

I imagine anyone who would return to such a beautiful city as Rome would be filled with great excitement to study and to pray at the heart of the Church. But I will admit to you that I carry some sadness along with me because I know this is where God is ultimately call me, to parish life. This is 'what it's all about'. Please know that this year has filled me with greater joy than I have yet experienced in my life. Every day I pray that Our Lord will grant me a shepherd's heart, a heart that will burn with love for souls. Your souls have been so easy to love. Thanks to each and every one of you who has made this year so wonderful. I could never even begin to thank each of you by name but in a particular way I would like to thank the children of St. Thomas School as well as all of our children enrolled in Religious Education. You are each so amazing and I cannot wait to see what God has in store for you. I would like to thank our school staff for your efforts in service of quality Catholic Education. The Church and the world desperately need faithful Catholic teachers. Please always strive to live the ideals that you teach. I would like to thank the Pastoral Center Staff. I hope you understand what you mean to me and how fondly I will remember you. Sadly, your efforts are sometimes known to God alone, but one day in heaven we will each be able to see clearly the fruits of our labor.

Finally, thank you to my brothers, Monsignor Hermes, Father Simon, Father Barr, and Father Rafael Tunarosa. Your example and love for the priesthood has been a gift to me that I will never be able to repay. I am so grateful to God for having been able to develop such a deep relationship with each of you and I cannot wait to join your ranks as a brother priest!

Dear Good People, again, thank you. I promise you my daily prayers for the rest of my life. You will always be remembered quite fondly by this deacon of yours. God bless you and protect your families. **Sincerely in Christ, Deacon Jon."**

I am sure I speak for a great many when I say, Dear Father Jon Bakkellund, may you now realize the kind embrace of our Savior, Jesus Christ, as he welcomes you into the gates of heaven, and says to you, "Well done my good and faithful servant".

Peace be with you, Fr. Bob Jones

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, February 5th

6:30 am † Karen Kokoruz
12:10 pm Lisa Moran (Special Intention)

Tuesday, February 6th

6:30 am Communion Service
12:10 pm All Souls in Purgatory
(Special Intention)

Wednesday, February 7th

6:30 am Communion Service
12:10 pm Fr. Charles Fitzpatrick
(Special Intention)

Thursday, February 8th

6:30 am † Vernon Kolberg
12:10 pm † William Morkes

Friday, February 9th

6:30 am Vera Marie Baldoza
(Special Intention)
12:10 pm † Robert Johnson

Saturday, February 10th

7:30 am † Joe Lamm
4:30 pm † Adele Klaczek

Sunday, February 11th

7:30 am The People of St Thomas Parish,
Living & Deceased
9:00 am † Carol Zaharias
10:30 am † Paul Warren
12:00 pm † Nancy Cichero
5:30 pm † Dan Full



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

Parish Calendar

Sunday, February 4, 2024

8:30 am Coffee & Donuts (Community Rm.)
8:30 am Blood Pressure Screening (Library)
10:00 am R.C.I.A. Class (Lower Oak)
10:30 am Family Mass (Community Room)
1:00 pm R.E. Home Study (Community Room)

Monday, February 5, 2024*

No 5:00 pm Confessions

7:00 pm Book Club (Lower Oak)

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

6:30 am Communion Service (Oak St. Church)
12:10 pm Mass (Oak St. Church)
12:30 pm Women's Club Bd. Mtg. (Parish Center)
7:30 pm Knights of Columbus Mtg (Lower Oak)

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

6:30 am Communion Service (Oak St. Church)
12:10 pm Mass (Oak St. Church)
9:30 am Bible Timeline (Lower Oak)
4:30 pm Grade R.E. Classes (Pierson St. Church)
6:00 pm R.E. Family Faith (King St. School)
7:00 pm High School YM (Community Room)
7:00 pm Bible Timeline (Lower Oak)

Thursday, February 8, 2024*

12:30 pm St. Anthony Guild (Parish Center)
7:00 pm Junior High YM (Community Room)
7:00 pm St. Vincent DePaul (Lower Oak)

Friday, February 9, 2024*

10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry (Lower Oak)

Saturday, February 10, 2024

6:00 am That Man Is You (Community Room)
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)
4:30 pm Mass (Oak St. Church)

Sunday, February 11, 2024

8:30 am Coffee & Donuts (Community Rm.)
10:00 am R.C.I.A. Class (Lower Oak)
1:30 pm 7th Grade R.E. (Community Room)

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

Adoration Candle Intentions

Feb. 4 - Feb. 17

Widger Family

† Michiko Casey

† Leopold Ziembra

† John Orso



February 4 & February 11

Coffee & Donuts in
the Community Room after
morning Masses!



Mental Health Minute

Heavenly Father, we pray for those who are facing loneliness due to loss of a loved one, divorce, or any type of relational separation. We ask that you comfort us and fill our hearts with your love and peace. Help us to find solace in your presence and to know that we are never truly alone. We pray that you guide us towards the path of healing and restoration, and that you bless us with new relationships that are grounded in your love. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



Celebrant Weekday Masses

2/5	6:30 am	Fr. Linkenheld
	12:10 pm	Fr. Vogel
2/6	6:30 am	Deacon Neal Carpenter
	12:10 pm	Fr. Vogel
2/7	6:30 am	Deacon Neal Carpenter
	12:10 pm	Fr. Vogel
2/8	6:30 am	Fr. Fitzpatrick
	12:10 pm	Fr. Linkenheld
2/9	6:30 am	Fr. Jones
	12:10 pm	Fr. Tunarosa
2/10	7:30 am	Fr. Fitzpatrick

Celebrant Weekend Masses

2/10	4:30 pm	Fr. Jones
2/11	7:30 am	Fr. Jones
	9:00 am	Fr. Linkenheld
	10:30 am	Fr. Linkenheld
	12:00 pm	Fr. Fitzpatrick
	5:30 pm	Fr. Fitzpatrick

Please pray for the Deceased

Rev. Jonathan P. Bakkelund, S.T.L.

Patricia Deppert

Donald Bayerle (*Uncle of Kathy Dulaney*)

WEEKEND MASS MINISTERS - 2/10 & 2/11

	Lector	EM	Altar Server
4:30 pm	Monica Caldicott	Carol Anderson, Gloria Marmol	
7:30 am	Mark Przybylski	Emily Pachla, Pam Wyman, Eleanore Wojewoda, Lori Gajdzik	Michael Davis, TJ Pachla
9:00 am	John Stefani	Nancy Miller, Cathy Mueller, Tom Mueller, Valerie Cuchna	James Wolff, George Cuchna, Anthony Alvarado
10:30 am	Lily Langos	Don Amoruso, Frank Ciangi, Patrick Slowey, Jerry Lyons	Maureen Kelly, Addison Justen, Isabella Costantini
12:00 pm	Emily Holland	Deb Sosnowski	
5:00 pm	Lisa Dalton	Annette O'Connell	

Weekly Collection - January 28	
Sunday Envelopes	\$15,120.95
Online Giving	\$12,850.00
Sunday Offering	\$2,565.41
Total Collection	\$30,536.36
Weekly Tithe	Dominican Sisters of Springfield, Illinois

Annual Clergy Conference February 5, 6 and 7

The Annual Clergy Conference for all priests in the Diocese of Rockford will be held on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday --- February 5, 6 and 7.

On Monday, February 5, we will have Mass at 6:30 am and Mass at 12:10 pm (Fr. Vogel). Confessions on Monday at 5:00 pm will not be held.

On Tuesday, February 6, we will have a Communion Service at 6:30 am. Mass will be celebrated at 12:10 pm by Father Vogel.

On Wednesday, February 7, we will have a Communion Service at 6:30 am. Mass will be celebrated at 12:10 pm by Father Vogel.

Readings for the week of February 4, 2024

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (see 3a)/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 (7)/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-4

Blessed Candles

Friday, February 2, 2024, was the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple – Candlemas Day. This is the day we bless candles because Christ came into the temple as the Light of the World. We will use these blessed candles on the Feast of St. Blaise and you can use them in your homes all throughout the coming year. The candles were blessed at the 6:30 am morning Mass on February 2. Blessed candles will be available the weekend of February 3-4 at the Oak St. Church. A donation of \$3.00 for the candles is appreciated.



What can you do this year to make Lent truly special? How can you be fully alive and joyful for His resurrection at Easter? Why not join fellow parishioners for the St. Thomas Light of the World Retreat. Prayerfully consider attending this parish-based Retreat! Treat yourself and feed your soul. If you feel God is calling you to strengthen or deepen your relationship with Him, register for this retreat.

Friday, March 8 - 6:30 - 9 pm

Saturday, March 9 - 8 am - 8 pm

Sunday, March 10 - 8 am - 6 pm

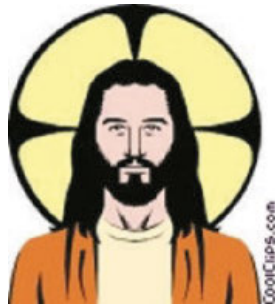
Monday, March 11 - 6:30 - 9 pm

The retreat takes place in Lower Pierson. Meals and snacks are provided. For more information contact Patrick Haviland at 815-455-5400x410 or email phaviland@stthomascl.church.

Please know that what you will gain from attending the Light of the World retreat will far outweigh your investment in time and commitment.

Discipleship Evening
"A Man of the Cloth" on the Shroud of Turin
Presented by David Babicz
Tuesday, February 20, 2024, 7:00 pm
Community Center, Oak St. Church

David Babicz will present "A Man of the Cloth" on the Shroud of Turin on February 20, at 7:00 pm. There is the cloth, secured in a chapel in northern Italy, that has both inspired and perplexed humanity over the centuries. David will explore the Shroud of Turin through the lenses of history, art, scientific and technological study, and ultimately faith, pondering the question, "Who is the Man of the Cloth?" David is a Knight of Columbus at St. Mary Church in Huntley, Illinois. All are invited. See you on February 20th.



In the Gospel today, we find that Jesus would rise very early before dawn and go to a deserted place to pray and then he went out to preach and to heal.



Please pray for the poor and suffering, knowing that you are bringing the love and peace of Jesus to those who live in fear and doubt, loneliness and dread.

Thank You St. Thomas & Friends!
Father McCormick Council 3880 of the *Knights of Columbus* gratefully thanks all of our supporters of the recent **2024 POLISH DINNER**. With your support of this event, we were able to fill the Community Center with the sights, smells and sounds of Poland! The over 200 diners enjoyed the feast, and the less fortunate of our community will reap the benefits of our Charitable work. Because of your tremendous support for this event, as well as the annual Christmas Tree Sales, (upcoming!) **St. Pat's** dinner, Monthly Knight's Breakfast, among others, we are able to provide many benefits to those whose fortunes are at a low point these days. Without you, we could never fulfill our Principle of Charity to the extent that we do. One person CAN make a difference, but with so many of you helping, it becomes an avalanche of good will. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts and know that you are all in our daily prayers!

Volunteer Opportunity
McHenry Catholic Charities Office

Catholic Charities – Diocese of Rockford seeks a volunteer for the Emergency Assistance Program in the McHenry office. The volunteer must be at least 18 yrs. old and will provide general office and program support. This position requires basic computer skills.

For more information regarding this volunteer opportunity please email Amber Emmert, Program Director, at aemmert@rockforddiocese.org or call 815-344-6956, ext. 2.

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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”

¿Dónde nos reunimos ahora, dónde nos apiñamos? Y ¿cuándo lo hacemos, a quien buscamos? Pues, podríamos decir que, en los estadios de fútbol y béisbol, o en los conciertos de artistas famosos, por mencionar algunos lugares. De hecho, en sobradas ocasiones, se sufre de accidentes y hasta mueren las personas por estampidas. Pero, Señor, con dolor te decimos, que esos tumultos de gente no suceden en tu Iglesia, ahí sobran lugares, ahí no hay accidentes por sobrecupo. El Evangelio nos dice que: “El pueblo entero estaba reunido ante la puerta”. Querían verte, tenían ansias de tocarte, de escucharte. De quedar sanos de sus dolencias físicas y espirituales.

Este pasaje del Evangelio nos enseña cuanto se tiene que trabajar si se dedica la persona a hacer el bien. La Oración Colecta de este domingo nos da el ánimo necesario para continuar el camino con Jesús como centro: “Te rogamos, Señor, que guardes con incesante amor a tu familia santa, que tiene puesto su apoyo sólo en tu gracia. Para que halle siempre en tu protección su fortaleza”. Después de una larga jornada de trabajo, Jesús se retira a orar: “De madrugada, cuando todavía estaba oscuro, Jesús se levantó, salió y se fue a un lugar solitario. Allí se

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

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puso a orar” (Mateo 1, 35). Nos hace falta orar más. Nos hace falta asumir esa actitud con más responsabilidad. “Si buscas a Dios y no sabes cómo empezar, aprende a orar y tómate la molestia de orar todos los días” (Santa Teresa de Calcuta). ¿Lo harás.

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March 9th/10th

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Oak Street Church

~OR~

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- *PAPER TOWELS**
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Youth Ministry

Wed., Feb. 7 High School & Jr. High YM / 7:00 pm / Battle House Laser Tag

Thur., Feb. 8 No Jr. High YM



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Date: March 10th
Time: 9am-3pm
Place: Marian Central
Catholic High School
Who can attend? Any 6th, 7th, or
8th grader

SIGN UP HERE!



Camp WOW

All current 6-8th graders are invited to join us for an amazing overnight camp, this summer. There will be swimming, zip-lining, team building, small groups, Mass, Confession, Adoration, hanging out, lots of games, friends, and food and memories to last a lifetime.

When: June 8-11, 2024

Where: Camp Timber-Lee in Wisconsin

Steubenville Youth Conference

St. Thomas the Apostle Youth Ministry is headed to a Steubenville Youth Conference again this summer! This is open to any students currently in grades 8-12th grades. We are headed to Steubenville, Ohio on the campus of Franciscan University.

When: June 28-30, 2024

Where: Steubenville, Ohio

For more information, please see the St. Thomas website: <http://tinyurl.com/STTYM>



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





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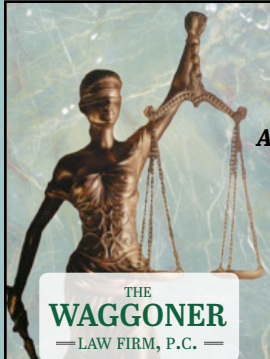
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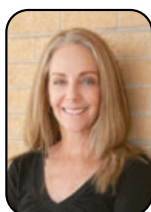
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