



St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

February 18, 2024 - First Sunday in Lent

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

815-455-5400/www.stthomascl.church



**We Adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.
Because, by Your holy cross, You have redeemed the world.**

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

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

Th - 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Sat. - 9:00 am - Noon

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Th. 12:30 pm - 3:00 pm

Donations accepted: During Store Hours

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From the Pastor's Desk...



Only after venturing into the desert and submitting to the temptations of Satan is Jesus free to begin his public ministry. He was surrounded by wild beasts! He emerges from that trial with his central theme: "This is the time of fulfillment. The reign of God is at hand! Reform your lives and believe in the good news." This message of Jesus is worth closer examination as we begin our Lenten experience.

"The time of fulfillment." We often think of time in terms of calendars and watches. Time is mathematical and easily quantified: 60 seconds equals one minute; 60 minutes equals one hour, and so on. This notion of time is referred to as *Chronos* by the Greeks. *Chronos* time is uneventful and lacking in personal meaning. On the other

hand, there is what the Greeks called *Kairos* time. This is the time that is beyond measurement because it is so deep with meaning. *Kairos* time is the inbreaking of the sacred into the profane and ordinary things of this world. Jesus is speaking of *Kairos* time. God is doing a new thing in Jesus. Jesus not only announces the fullness of God's presence, but Jesus is the fullness of God's presence. What the prophets of the Old Testament longed to see, God's salvation, is here in Jesus.

"The reign of God is at hand!" Nowhere in scripture is the reign or kingdom of God defined. Jesus' audience knew well what it meant. God's active rule and presence in human history and in the history and life of Israel was reaching its zenith. The reign of God cannot be limited to a geographical area or equated with military power. The reign of God is the transforming presence of God in the hearts of men and women. This active presence of God is not for the end of the world or even for the end of the week. God's rule is *now*!

"Reform your lives." If we really hear the preaching of Jesus and respond to his message and person, this costs us something. We will need to *change*. However, this change is not a mere shallow rearrangement of our schedules, likes and dislikes, or the way we spend our leisure time. It is a process of having one's heart of stone transformed into a heart of flesh. In other words, it is a continual daily commitment of placing Christ first in our lives, and making sure he sits on the throne all that guides us. This will require Christ-like attitudes and values. It will require a way of being very different than many of society's accepted norms and customs. The structure of history and our lives are radically changed by and through Jesus.

"Believe in the Good News." Jesus challenges his audience and us to believe that in him God is doing salvation. Authentic belief requires that we live our personal and community lives in such a way so as to give evidence that Jesus is Lord. Authentic belief is more than mere correct doctrine; it also requires correct acting in our everyday lives. A first step in this direction is to believe that Jesus is the Good News of God. Jesus is the news and announcement that God is a passionate, saving, loving Father who wants to share his life with us. We must resist the temptation to turn the Good News of Jesus into mere information.

Come, Holy Spirit, take hold of our lives, and help us embrace the spirituality of Lent, which sees all our Lenten practices as sincere attempts to live fuller lives with the Lord Jesus as our Master and Guide.

Peace be with you, Fr. Bob Jones

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, February 19th

6:30 am † Peggy Pagliarulo
12:10 pm † Michael Gannon

Tuesday, February 20th

6:30 am † Genevieve Sullivan
8:30 am † Barbara McArthur
12:10 pm † Joseph Hnetyuka

Wednesday, February 21st

6:30 am For Those on St. Jude's Prayer List
(Special Intention)
12:10 pm † Diane Horne
Robert Horne (Special Intention)

Thursday, February 22nd

6:30 am † George Gregus
8:30 am † Elizabeth Waytula
12:10 pm † Francisco Barbas

Friday, February 23rd

6:30 am † Robert Schmidt
12:10 pm † Elaine Morkes
12:10 pm † Matthew Dombrow

Saturday, February 24th

7:30 am Kostrzewski and Wojciga Families,
Living & Deceased
4:30 pm † Frank & Jean Rydzinski

Sunday, February 25th

7:30 am † Amy Odom
9:00 am The People of St Thomas Parish,
Living & Deceased
10:30 am † Kristin Rylko
12:00 pm Nick Sinski (Special Intention)
5:30 pm † Patricia Maher



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

Parish Calendar

Sunday, February 18, 2024

8:30 am Knights Breakfast (Community Rm.)
1:00 pm R.C.I.A. Walk Through (Oak St. Church)

Monday, February 19, 2024*

Parish Center & St. Thomas School Closed

10:30 am MMP Rosary Group (Community Room)
5:00 pm Confessions (Oak St. Church)
7:00 pm Book Club (Lower Oak)
7:00 pm Women's Evening of Recollection
(Oak St. Church)

Tuesday, February 20, 2024*^

7:00 pm Shroud of Turin Presentation (Comm. Rm.)

Wednesday, February 21, 2024*

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 Bible Timeline (Lower Oak)
7:00 pm YM High School (Community Room)

Thursday, February 22, 2024*^

5:30 pm Vespers (Oak St. Church)
7:00 pm YM Junior High (Community Room)

Friday, February 23, 2024*

10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry (Lower Oak)
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross (Oak St. Church)

Saturday, February 24, 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)
9:00 am Confirmation II Retreat (Comm. Room)
3:00 pm Confessions (Oak St. Church)
4:00 pm Deaf Mass (Parish Center)
4:30 pm Mass (Oak St. Church)

Sunday, February 25, 2024

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

**6:30 am and 12:10 pm daily Mass at Oak Street
^8:30 am Mass at Oak Street*

Adoration Candle Intentions

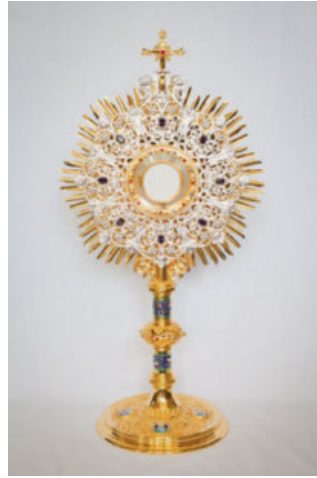
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Daya Family

Widger Family

†Ralph Biasello

†Clarence Kleinfelter



Parish Center Closed

Monday, February 19

St. Thomas Woman's Club Day of Recollection

Thursday, March 7, 2024

All women of the parish are invited to attend the Women's Club Day of Recollection on March 7, beginning with Mass at Oak Street Church at 10:45 am, followed by a "brown bag" lunch in the Community Center. Desserts and refreshments will be provided. Father Romke will be the guest celebrant and speaker.

Celebrant Weekday Masses

2/19	6:30 am	Fr. Linkenheld
	12:10 pm	Fr. Jones
2/20	6:30 am	Fr. Linkenheld
	8:30 am	Fr. Fitzpatrick
	12:10 pm	Fr. Jones
2/21	6:30 am	Fr. Jones
	12:10 pm	Fr. Fitzpatrick
2/22	6:30 am	Fr. Linkenheld
	8:30 am	Fr. Fitzpatrick
	12:10 pm	Fr. Tunarosa
2/23	6:30 am	Fr. Fitzpatrick
	12:10 pm	Fr. Jones
2/24	7:30 am	Fr. Jones

Celebrant Weekend Masses

2/24	4:30 pm	Fr. Linkenheld
2/25	7:30 am	Fr. Jones
	9:00 am	Fr. Jones
	10:30 am	Fr. Fitzpatrick
	12:00 pm	Fr. Fitzpatrick
	5:30 pm	Fr. Linkenheld

Please pray for the Deceased
Mike Scherb (*Father of Joe (Rose) Scherb*)

WEEKEND MASS MINISTERS - 2/24 & 2/25

	Lector	EM	Altar Server
4:30 pm	Clare Ossman	Christine Kosiba, Gloria Marmol, Michele Hunt, Michelle Kohlbacher	
7:30 am	Lori Gajdzik	Monica Caldicott, Mark Przybylski, Emily Pachla, Eleanore Wojewoda	Michael Davis, TJ Pachla
9:00 am	Greg Ives	Brad Frey, Nancy Tomaso, Judy Gallagher, Vicki Roberts	Flynn Wolff, Lucy Wolff, Naomi Wozniak
10:30 am	Bob Tuszyński	Susan Gawart, Frank Ciangi, Valerie Cuchna, Maureen Carpenter	George Cuchna, Cade Justen, Sean Kelly
12:00 pm	Joanna Majewska	Deb Sosnowski, Cheralyn Telmanik	Carson Telmanik, Spencer Telmanik, Mitchell Schwartz
5:30 pm	Mardel Warren	Annette O'Connell	Jake Polston, Luke Polston, Daniel Polston

Weekly Collection - February 11	
Sunday Envelopes	\$19,338.00
Online Giving	\$14,364.00
Sunday Offering	\$2,552.07
Total Collection	\$36,254.07
Weekly Tithe	First Way Life Center

Director of Religious Education

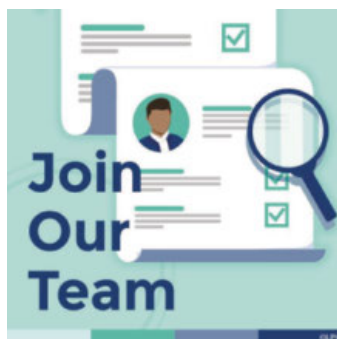
As you know we **do not** have a Director for Religious Education...

Our Ministry is seeking to hire a full or part time **Religious Education Director** to provide leadership for our Ministry.

This candidate will provide spiritual, social, and service opportunities which enable our youth to grow in their Catholic faith as they are immersed in the living tradition of the Church.

Please pass this information along to the ideal candidate! Pray for our Ministry and all that are involved in the faith formation of our youth.

If interested, please contact Sandi DePaul, Business Manager at sdepaul@stthomascl.church.



Readings for the week of February 18, 2024

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (see 10)/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 (116:9)/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

In the Gospel today Jesus is moved with pity, touched the leper and healed him. Let us pray today for the grace to be generous with our gifts to help those who are suffering.



By your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you indeed put your faith into action as you bring healing to the poor, hungry and weeping.



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.



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

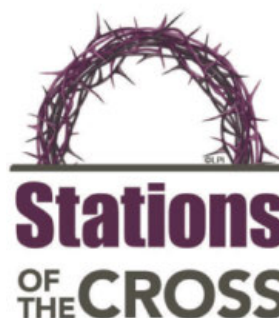


An Evening of Recollection for Women

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church
451 W Terra Cotta Avenue in Crystal Lake
Monday, February 19 from 7:00 -8:45 pm
Confessions starting at 6:30 pm

Pause. Recollect. Pray. A recollection is an opportunity to recharge and process our thoughts, plans, and actions in the presence of God. It includes adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, meditations led by a priest of Opus Dei, an examination of conscience, and a brief talk. Please join us for refreshments after benediction.

Please contact Monica Blanchette at blanchette.monica@gmail.com with any questions.



Stations of the Cross

All are invited to attend the Stations of the Cross at the Oak Street Church, at 7:00 pm, each Friday from February 16 through March 22.

Solemn Vespers

This Lent please join us for Solemn Vespers, the Evening Prayer of the Catholic Church. We will be doing Vespers at 5:30 pm on Thursday evenings at the Oak Street Church. They will begin on Thursday, February 15th and continue through Thursday, March 21st.



Hope for Haitians

During Lent we will once again focus our almsgiving on supporting the work of Hope for Haitians. Based in the Rockford diocese, this charity serves the poorest of the poor in Northeast Haiti. Your gifts this Lent will be joined with the gifts from other Catholic faithful in our diocese and be transformed in to homes, clean water, and an opportunity for self-sufficiency for 50 families in Northeast Haiti. There are boxes available for your donations. Please help this worthwhile cause that provides works of mercy to families in desperate need.

If you would like to find out more about this ministry, or donate online, scan the code with your phone, call 815-847-0656, or visit hopeforhaitians.org/church-206/.

Thank you for opening your hearts to generously help the poorest of the poor.

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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”

Ha llegado el Tiempo de Cuaresma, que va desde el Miércoles de Ceniza hasta antes de la Misa de la Cena del Señor del Jueves Santo, dando inicio al Triduo Pascual, donde celebramos los acontecimientos principales de la Vida, Pasión, Muerte y Resurrección de Jesús. La Iglesia nos motiva a estar atentos, porque es un tiempo favorable para convertirnos de corazón. La Cuaresma es un tiempo que nos prepara al Tiempo Pascual, el acontecimiento más importante del Calendario Litúrgico. También es un tiempo para recordar la historia de la salvación. Tiempo fuerte para acercarnos a los Sacramentos especialmente de la Reconciliación.

La Liturgia, con sus signos visibles, nos prepara a escuchar y creer en el Evangelio, ya que éste debe ocupar un lugar particularmente importante en nuestra vida. En este primer Domingo de Cuaresma, se nos dice que Jesús, antes de comenzar su misión, será guiado por el Espíritu Santo y será llevado hasta el desierto, donde será tentado por el demonio. Ahí, Jesús, con oración y ayuno, discernirá el plan divino que Dios tiene planeado para él. ¿Qué plan tenemos para esta Cuaresma? ¿Quizá unas buenas vacaciones? Convertirnos, cambiar el corazón, ser

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 - 2/11	
Pierson St.	\$3,629.32
Pierson Online	\$260.00

mejores. ¡Eso es para después! Este tiempo es para reaccionar. El Señor nos espera, cuenta con cada uno de nosotros para mejorar la sociedad. Es tiempo de trabajar en ello. “El tiempo se ha cumplido, el Reino de Dios está cerca. Renuncien a su mal camino y crean en la Buena Nueva” (Marcos 1,15) ¿Lo haremos?

@LPI





LoveEd

Help Parents have "The Talk"
Help Kids get "Love Right"

This evening is presented by Jack Rigert,
Director of the John Paul II Center

This is the *first of 3 presentations*:

LoveEd for Parents (February 26, 2024) of children
ages 2–14. Any concerned adults are invited, like
grandparents or any wishing to know more.

The next 2 sessions are:

LoveEd Level 1 (Spring 2024) for Parents with
their preteens ages 9–11, (5th grade)
Father/Sons are held in a separate room than
Mother/ Daughters.

3. **LoveEd Level 2 (Fall 2024)** for Parents with
their teens ages 12–14 (7th grade). Father/Sons
are in a separate room than Mother/Daughters.

LoveEd was created
so that our *parishes*
could *empower parents*
to effectively teach
their children about
the beauty of love
and sexuality within
the context of our
Catholic Faith.

The LoveEd video-discussion
program helps parishes and schools
teach both the theology and science
of human sexuality within the context
of God's plan for love and life. It helps
young people discover the beauty
and the purpose of their sexuality,
while protecting their innocence.

When: Monday, February 26 from 7—8:30 PM

Where: Oak Street Church, Community Room

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

This is an evening just for our **parents** and those **adults** who are interested in learning more. There is no babysitting.
For more information, call the parish office 815-455-5400 or e-mail phaviland@stthomascl.church

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SS. Peter & Paul Parish Hall
410 North First St. Cary, IL 60013

An evening of prayer, education, & testimony on the
faith-based response to mental health & substance
use challenges. Refreshments will be served.

Monday, Feb. 26th 6:45–8:15PM

Questions or to Register contact:

Mary Fuller (815) 520-7549

cmhm@rockforddiocese.org.

(include name, home parish, email address)

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within our St. Thomas Parish boundaries

Thank you for all YOU do!!!

Youth Ministry

Wed., Feb. 21 High School YM / 7:00 pm
Thur., Feb. 22 Jr. High YM / 7:00 pm
Sat., Feb. 24 Confirmation II Retreat / 9:00 am - 4:00 pm / Community Room

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

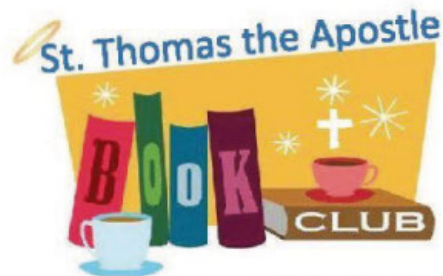
For more information, please see the St. Thomas website: <http://tinyurl.com/STTYM>



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Place: Marian Central
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Who can attend? Any 6th, 7th, or
8th grader

SIGN UP HERE!



Don't Miss This Book!

"The Great Divorce"

(...of heaven and hell)
by C.S. Lewis

Mon 2/19, 3/4, & 3/18
Lower Oak St. Church, 7 - 8:30pm

A profound but lighthearted short story that has become a Christian classic! It tells a fictional tale about a journey from hell to heaven that makes us realize how our thoughts and actions in this life will determine if we go to heaven or hell in the next life.

Please join us. *This book is a personal favorite.*

Register: 1) Via the QR Code. 2) Via parish website.
3) via form in narthex or at parish center. -or-
Contact: Terry O Hagan 815-236-2345
terry_ohagan@hotmail.com



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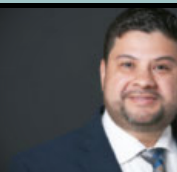
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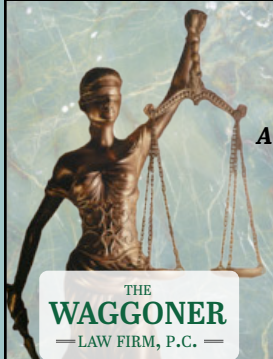
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