# St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

February 16, 2025 - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time 451 W. Terra Cotta Ave., Crystal Lake, IL 60014 815-455-5400/www.stthomascl.church



"Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who are now weeping, for you will laugh." - Lk 6:21

# **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):

Monday: 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Saturday: 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

St. Vincent DePaul Society: (779) 800-6742

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469 Lake St., Crystal Lake, IL 60014

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Tues., Wed., Sat. - 10:00 am - 1:00 pm,

Th. 12:30 pm - 3:00 pm

Donations accepted: During Store Hours

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# From the Pastor's Desk...



Dear Friends in Christ,

As you know, over the past two years, we have been looking closely at the operational vitality of our school, as well as the need for a stronger model of governance for the future. Fortunately, we have been able to increase enrollment this year and install new leadership in both the Principal position and the new Director of Advancement role.

As recommended by our current consulting group, Avanti Advisors, our next step is to assemble a School Commission that can move our vision forward and serve as my del-

egates to assure that this work continues in a thoughtful way. The role of the Commission at least entails the following things:

- Assist me with making our vision of a vibrant school a reality by actively participating in regular meetings and committee assignments.
- Assist our team with recruiting members of the committees who, while not serving as commissioners,
   will be important to the work that we are undertaking.
- Work with Avanti Advisors on the implementation of work in mission/identity, academics, facilities, financial projections, marketing plans, enrollment management, development goals, and overall culture of the school.
- Support our work through their prayers and be a voice of positivity in the larger community as we undertake this work.

I am thankful to these individuals who have said yes to my request to serve on the Commission at this time:

Olivia Arza Michelle MacCarthy Danielle Swat
Marty Castleton Larry Pollastrini Bob Telmanik
Sandi DePaul Aida Prado Matt Turk
Jana Dickson Elizabeth Rios Joe Verzal

Mary Foerster

Ex Officio: Samantha Anderson Ex Officio: Colleen Nieckula

Our school is an important ministry of the parishes of Crystal Lake and some surrounding communities. We remain committed to its future growth and sustainability!

Peace, be with you,

Fr. Bob Jones

# **Mass Intentions for the Week**

# Monday, February 17th

6:30 am Smorczewski and Cribb families

(Living & Deceased)

12:10 pm † Tom & Dianne McKibben

# Tuesday, February 18th

6:30 am Sr. Jacqueline of the Little Sisters

of the Poor (Special Intention)

12:10 pm † Mary Johnson

## Wednesday, February 19th

6:30 am † Peggy Pagliarulo

12:10 pm St. Jude Guild Members

(Living & Deceased)

# Thursday, February 20th

6:30 am Danil Ndulue (Special Intention)

12:10 pm † Mike O'Leary

# Friday, February 21st

6:30 am Lisa Wajrowski (Special Intention)

12:10 pm † Matthew Dombrow

# Saturday, February 22nd

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## Sunday, February 23rd

7:30 am † Randall Demas

9:00 am † Benedict & Amelia Kampwerth

5:30 pm The People of St. Thomas Parish

Living & Deceased)



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

## **Parish Calendar**

## Sunday, February 16, 2025

8:30 am Knights Breakfast (Community Room)

1:00 pm O.C.I.A. Class (Oak St. Church)

# Monday, February 17, 2025\* – President's Day St. Thomas School & Parish Center Closed

10:30 am MMP Rosary (Community Room) 5:00 pm Confessions (Oak St. Church)

6:30 pm Sanctuary Course (Community Room) 7:00 pm Women's Evening of Recollection

(Oak St. Church)

# Tuesday, February 18, 2025\*

# Wednesday, February 19, 2025\*

4:30 pm Grade R.E. Classes (Pierson St. Church)
7:00 pm YM High School (Community Room)
7:00 pm St. Vincent DePaul (Lower Oak)

# Thursday, February 20, 2025\*

7:00 pm YM Junior High (Community Room)

#### Friday, February 21, 2025\*

# Saturday, February 22, 2025

6:00 am That Man Is You (Community Room)

7:30 am Mass (Oak St. Church)

8:00 am Confessions (Oak St. Church)

9:00 am Confirmation II Retreat (Oak St. Church)

8:15 am Men's Group (Lower Oak)
3:00 pm Confessions (Oak St. Church)
4:00 pm Deaf Mass (Parish Center)
4:30 pm Mass (Oak St. Church)

#### Sunday, February 23, 2025

8:30 am Coffee & Donuts (Community Room) 9:00 am O.C.I.A. at Mass (Oak St. Church)

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

# Adoration Candle Intentions

Feb. 16 - Mar. 1

Rule Family

Wiggs Family

St. Katherine Drexel LOTW

Martinec Family





**Feb. 16** - Knights of Columbus Breakfast after the morning Masses in the Community Room. *Free Rosary repair available during the Knights breakfast.* 



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

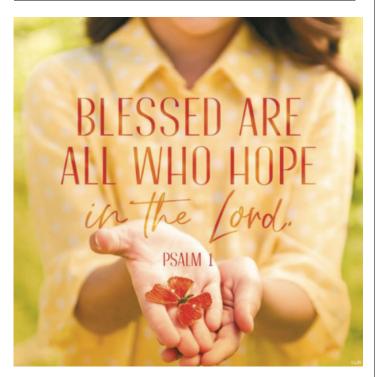


Celebrant Weekday Masses				
2/17	6:30 am	Fr. Jones		
	12:10 pm	Fr. Jones		
2/18	6:30 am	Fr. Jones		
	12:10 pm	Fr. Fitzpatrick		
2/19	6:30 am	Fr. Fitzpatrick		
	12:10 pm	Fr. Jones		
2/20	6:30 am	Fr. Fitzpatrick		
	12:10 pm	Fr. Tunarosa		
2/21	6:30 am	Fr. Jones		
	12:10 pm	Fr. Fitzpatrick		
2/22	7:30 am	Fr. Jones		
Celebrant Weekend Masses				
2/22	4:30 pm	Fr. Downing		
2/23	7:30 am	Fr. Downing		
	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 Kristin Famolaro

WEEKEND MASS MINISTERS - 2/22/25 & 2/23/25					
	Lector	EM	Altar Server		
4:30 pm	Michelle Garner	Gloria Marmol, Michelle Kohlbacher, Michele Hunt, Seminarian Bailey			
7:30 am	John Streit	Pam Wyman, Gina Houston, Seminarian Bailey, Eleanore Wojewoda	TJ Pachla		
9:00 am	Ed Holda	John T., Cathy M., Tom M., Judy G., Karen K., Dawn A., Monica C., Vicki R.	Naomi Wozniak, Lucy Jacobs		
10:30 am	Bob Tuszynski	Jerry Lyons, Mike Klepitsch, Matt Turk, Michele Johnson	Erin Johnson, Maureen Kelly, Addison Justen		
12:00 pm	Joanna Majewska	Deb Sosnowski, Seminarian Bailey	Mitchell Schwartz, Bradley Schwartz, Michael Davis		
5:30 pm		Annette O'Connell, Susan Ludwig	Jake Polston, Luke Polston, Daniel Polston		

Weekly Collection - February 9		
Sunday Envelopes	\$20,327.00	
Online Giving	\$10,848.00	
Sunday Offering	\$2,486.84	
Total Collection	\$33,661.84	
Weekly Tithe	First Way Life Center	



#### Readings for the week of February 16, 2025

Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6, (40:5a)/1 Cor

15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21/

Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b

and 9c-10/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18

-19/Mk 8:22-26

<u>Thursday</u>: Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-

23/Mk 8:27-33

Friday: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Mk

8:34-9:1

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

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/1 Cor 15:45

-49/Lk 6:27-38



Have you thought of joining the choir, but can't commit to weekly rehearsals? Give us a try with our EASTER CHOIR! This is a wonderful time for those who cannot



commit to weekly rehearsals, to sing with the 9am choir on a temporary basis. We will begin rehearsing Easter Music on 3/6 – however, you only need to commit to coming to a minimum of 3 rehearsals from then until Easter!

Any adult or High School Student is welcome to join us. We will be singing at the Easter Vigil on 4/19 (7:30pm) & at the 9am Mass on Easter Day (you are not required to sing at both).

We rehearse Thursday evenings from 6:45 to 7:45 in the Church. We will want to have a folder prepared for you, so if you are interested in joining or have questions, please contact our Music Director, Julie Hermann at <a href="mainto:hermannjulieann@gmail.com">hermannjulieann@gmail.com</a> or 815-690-9096.

#### Did You Know?

Did you know that we have a Tithe Box? What is the Tithe Box? The Tithe Box enables parishioners to drop off their weekly donation envelopes in case they forget to place them in the basket during Mass. It can also be used for donations for holy water bottles, oplatki (Christmas wafers), or Candlemas candles. Envelopes for school donations, the building fund or other special donations can also be dropped in there.

The Tithe box is in the Narthex on the wall near the library. There is another box next to it specifically for St. Vincent DePaul donations.



Prayer of God's Blessing

Bless me, Lord, mold my heart in imitation of Yours. Bless me, Lord, help me to see people as You do, and to hear their needs.

Bless me, Lord, replace my understanding with Yours. Amen.

## In the End, Does it Matter?

When I was a teenager, the priest I would go to for confession used to tell me, over and over: "In the end, we all get the same dirty hole in the ground."

What he meant was, it doesn't matter how rich or smart or well-liked we are. We're all heading to the same place. This life comes to an end for every man. All the money he earns, all the stuff, all the worldly esteem, will at some point be of no further use. We all get the same dirty hole in the ground.

It was an important message for me to hear, because at the time, it all seemed so important: my after-school job and my FAFSA application and my grades. The admiration of my friends and teachers. I was so consumed with what I was going to become that I wasn't spending a lot of time thinking about who I was going to become. But the who is the only thing that lasts until the next life.

And to be honest, it's all still too important to me. Avoiding sadness and disappointment. Saving money and being liked. Focusing on "the five-year plan" when it comes to career, house plans, and a whole bunch of other things I can't take to my dirty hole in the ground.

Jesus was radical in his teaching that the "stuff" in life wasn't all that important. It was radical for him to say that the worldly signs of success — wealth, popularity, pleasure — did not amount to a whole lot in the grand scheme of things and that suffering could sanctify us. It was radical in the ancient world, and it's radical today.

Are we ready to be radical, too?

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#### Catholic Trivia - Just for Fun!

**Question:** What is the term for sharing of the faith through witness of life and word?

**Answer:** Evangelization

# Ministerio Hispano

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## Horario de Misas

Martes 6:00 am Miércoles 6:00 am Jueves 7:30 pm Viernes 7:30 pm

Sábado 6:00 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"

#### Horario para confesiones:

Viernes de 6:00-7:00pm Sábados después de misa de 6pm 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 - Feb. 9		
Pierson St.	\$3,398.60	
Pierson Online	\$110.00	

# BAUTISMOS MARZO 2025

PLATICA PRE-BAUTISMAL:

Domingo 2 de Marzo de 3 a 5 PM

BAUTISMOS MARZO:

No hay Bautismos, por Tiempo de Cuaresma

# OFICINA CERRADA Lunes 17 de marzo President Day

# PEQUEÑAS COMUNIDADES PARROQUIALES

Te Invitamos a participar en nuestras reuniones semanales

 Lunes:
 07:00 PM a 09:00 PM

 Martes:
 07:00 PM a 09:00 PM

 Miércoles:
 10:00 AM a 12:00 M

 Viernes:
 07:00 PM a 09:00 PM

# RETIRO LUZ DEL MUNDO 2025

Inscripciones abiertas.

Después de Misas de fin de semana.



# Fechas del Retiro Marzo 2025

Viernes 21: 06:30 PM - 09:30 PM Sábado 22: 07:30 AM - 08:00 PM Domingo 23: 07:00 AM - 08:00 PM Lunes 24: 06:30 PM - 09:30 PM

Descubre cuanta alegría, paz y amor puedes tener en tu vida. **REGISTRATE!!!** 





# Day of Giving Results

Hearts of Gratitude and Joy!
Thank you to everyone who supported our Day of
Giving. Every dollar is an act of love and we are so grateful. We are constantly humbled by the support we receive from our St.
Thomas community, please keep us in your prayers, we will keep you in ours!
We can't wait to share the progress on the library with you - stay tuned!



# Celebrating our Success!

Day of Giving

Goal: \$19,000Actual: \$21,000Total Donors: 147

· Allocated: Library Updates

# Trivia Night

• Goal: \$9,500

Actual: \$11,200

Total Attendees: 176

Allocated: New Curriculum







## **Upcoming Dates:**

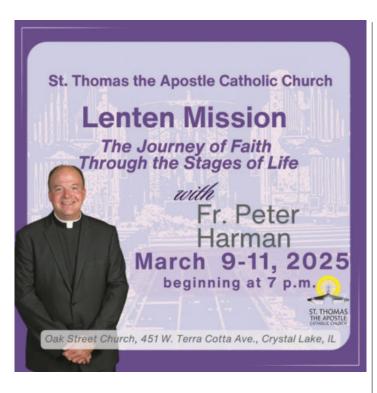
February 17 No School

February 26 Early Release 1:00pm

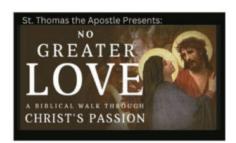
March 1 Bookfair











#### Morning session

Wednesday, 9-11:00 am March 12, 19, 26 April 2, 9

#### **Evening session**

Thursday, 7-9 PM March 13, 20, 27 April 3, 10

In No Greater Love, a Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion, we are going to walk step-by-step with Jesus on his journey from his agony in the garden to his crucifixion on Calvary.

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Where: 451 W. Terra Cotta Ave. Crystal Lake, IL. 60014
How can I register: you can register on our website,
paper copy in the Narthex or QR Code.
You can also call the parish office: 815-455-5400







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