St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church March 30, 2025 - 4th 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):

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

<u>Holy Hearts Adoration Chapel</u>: Monday, 6:15 am - Friday, 9:00 pm Saturday, 7:15 am - 5:45 pm Sunday, 7:15 am - 6:45 pm adorationchapelstthomascl@gmail.com

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 Sat. - 9:00 am - Noon

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

Little Christopher Resale Shoppe: 469 Lake St., Crystal Lake, IL 60014 (815) 459-9442 Tues., Wed., Sat. - 10:00 am - 1:00 pm, Th. 12:30 pm - 3:00 pm Donations accepted: During Store Hours

Marian Central High School: (815)-338-4220 www.marian.com

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www.saintthomascatholicchurch.org

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Pastor: Rev. Robert Jones

<u>Parochial Vicars</u>: Rev. Charles Fitzpatrick Rev. Aaron Downing Rev. William Tunarosa <u>Permanent Deacons</u>: Mr. Allen Bondi Mr. Neal Carpenter Mr. Jose Aguilar

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From the Pastor's Desk...



At the turn of the century, there were many predictions that the U.S. Catholic experience would increasingly become more Hispanic. These predictions have not only materialized but also accelerated. Nearly half of all Catholics in the U.S. (about 45 percent) are Hispanic. When you look at Catholics under the age of 30 more than half self -identify as Hispanic. As this trend marches forward, in many parts of the U.S., ministry with Hispanic Catholics is simply Catholic ministry.

During the last 25 years, what church leaders call Hispanic ministry has evolved significantly, thanks to demographic and cultural changes. By the middle of the 1990's,

most Hispanic people in the U.S. were immigrants. Today, more than two-thirds of all Hispanics are U.S.-born (68 percent). They are mainly English-speaking, although most also communicate comfortably in Spanish. Culturally, they are American and Hispanic. Politically, they are discerning citizens in a polarized nation. The ratio of immigrants to U.S.-born among Hispanic Catholics is about 50/50.

Pastoral leaders doing Hispanic ministry are much more conscious of the urgency to better accompany, form, and serve the fastest growing sector of the Catholic community – i.e., second and third generations of young Hispanics. These are the children and grandchildren of immigrants from Latin America and the Spanish-speaking Caribbean. This has not been an easy task, and many young Hispanics have simply stopped self-identifying as Catholic. Hispanic ministry leaders are recalibrating their approaches to be more intentional about accompanying these younger, mostly U.S.-born generations of Catholics.

As the Hispanic Catholic population grows swiftly, the overall Catholic ministerial infrastructure in the country is experiencing contraction. There have never been more school-age Catholic children in the country as there are today – most of them Hispanic – but we have closed more than half of our Catholic schools. As millions of Hispanics seek faith communities in which to worship and grow in their faith, some dioceses are closing their parishes, many of them with Hispanic ministry, while others do not have resources to build new ones.

I mention all of this, not only to point out a great challenge facing the Catholic Church in the U.S., but also a tremendous opportunity. We must be both aware of the challenge and look for ways to embrace this wonderful opportunity. It is not too late to turn things around. Many ministerial organizations have sprung up throughout our country up to embrace this opportunity. I share the excitement of these organizations and look forward to journeying with them. We live in a new moment, *un Nuevo Momento*.

Peace be with you, Fr. Bob Jones

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, March 31st

6:30 am Daniel Ndulue (Special Intention)12:10 pm + Kevin Kowasz

Tuesday, April 1st

6:30 am ⁺ Jack Wojewoda 12:10 pm ⁺ Julie Arza

Wednesday, April 2nd

6:30 am Smorczewski & Cribb Families (Living & Deceased)
12:10 pm † David Byrnes

Thursday, April 3rd

6:30 am ⁺ Robert Lamping 12:10 pm ⁺ Barbara Methenitis

Friday, April 4th

6:30 am	+ Clement Heiberger
12:10 pm	+ Mary Holevas
	+ Kathy Stefani

Saturday, April 5th

7:30 am	† Debra Robaczewski	
4:30 pm	† Dee and Paul Scherman	

Sunday, April 6th

7:30 am	St. Thomas Women's Club Members
	(Living & Deceased)
9:00 am	+ Karen Obernuefemann
10:30 am	† Bob Bouley
12:00 pm	+ Thomas & Mary Lerner
5:30 pm	People of St. Thomas Parish
	(Living & Deceased)



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

Parish Calendar

Sunday, March 30, 2025

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

Monday, March 31, 2025*

10:30 am	MMP Rosary (Community Room)
5:00 pm	Confessions (Oak St. Church)
7:00 pm	SPRED Catechist Mtg. (Parish Center)

Tuesday, April 1, 2025*

1:00 pm	Women's Club Bd. Mtg. (Parish Center)
7:30 pm	Knights of Columbus Mtg. (Lower Oak)

Wednesday, April 2, 2025*

Bible Study (Lower Oak)		
Grade R.E. Class (Pierson St. Church)		
YM High School (Community Room)		
St. Vincent DePaul Mtg. (Lower Oak)		

Thursday, April 3, 2025*

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

Friday, April 4, 2025*

3:00 pm	Outdoor Stations of the Cross
	(Oak Parking Lot)
7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross (Oak St. Church)

Saturday, April 5, 2025

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

Sunday, April 6, 2025

8:30 am	Knights of Columbus Breakfast	
	(Community Room)	
8:30 am	Blood Pressure Screening	
	(Parish Library)	
10:00 am	O.C.I.A. Class (Lower Oak)	
12:00 pm	Family Mass (Oak St. Church)	

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

Adoration Candle Intentions

March 30 - April 12

Wolf Family Thomas Family Lysy Family Kosiba Family



Knights of Columbus Early Breakfast in April!

Please mark your calendars!! The "Normally Third Sunday of the Month" world famous *Knights of Columbus Breakfast* will be held way earlier in April due to observance of Easter! The Breakfast will be held on Sunday, April 6, 2025!

Hope to see you there!

Your continued support of the *Knights of Columbus* is appreciated, God Bless!



Celebrant Weekday Masses		
2/21	6:30 am	Fr. Jones
3/31	12:10 pm	Fr. Downing
4/1	6:30 am	Fr. Jones
4/1	12:10 pm	Fr. Fitzpatrick
4/2	6:30 am	Fr. Downing
4/2	12:10 pm	Fr. Jones
4/3	6:30 am	Fr. Downing
	12:10 pm	Fr. Fitzpatrick
4/4	6:30 am	Fr. Fitzpatrick
4/4	12:10 pm	Fr. Tunarosa
4/5	7:30 am	Fr. Fitzpatrick
Celebrant Weekend Masses		
4/5	4:30 pm	Fr. Downing
4/6	7:30 am	Fr. Downing
	9:00 am	Fr. Downing
	10:30 am	Fr. Fitzpatrick
	12:00 pm	Fr. Jones
	5:30 pm	Fr. Fitzpatrick

Please pray for the Deceased

Anthony Pollastrini (Father of Larry (Jan) Pollastrini) Shirley Frericks (Grandmother of Brian (Katina) Frericks)

	WEEKEND MASS MINISTERS - 4/5/25 & 4/6/25				
	Lector	EM	Altar Server		
4:30 pm	Jim Kruger	Karen Kruger, Michelle Kohlbacher, Gloria Marmol, Michele Hunt			
7:30 am	Ed Holda	Gina Houston, Pam Wyman, William Bransley, Liz Sernett			
9:00 am	Tad Walters	Cathy M., Tom M., Rick W., Jerry L., Vicki R., Nancy M., Dawn A.,	Naomi Wozniak, Alayna Verzal, Scarlett Verzal		
10:30 am	Patrick Slowey	Kristy White, Valerie Cuchna, Mike Klepitsch	Seth White, George Cuchna, Michael Robson		
12:00 pm	Youth Lector	Joanna Majewska, Cheralyn Telmanik, Spencer Telmanik, Carson Telm Bob Telmanik Michael Davis			
5:30 pm	Lisa Dalton	Annette O'Connell, Susan Ludwig			

Weekly Collection - March 23		
Sunday Envelopes	\$16,813.00	
Online Giving	\$17,522.00	
Sunday Offering	\$2,099.32	
Total Collection	\$36,434.32	
Weekly Tithe	Good Samaritan Ministry	

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH



Readings for the week of March 30, 2025

<u>Sunday</u>: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 (9a)/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

<u>Scrutiny</u>: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

<u>Monday</u>: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/ Jn 4:43-54

<u>Tuesday</u>: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16 <u>Wednesday</u>: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

<u>Thursday</u>: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47 <u>Friday</u>: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

<u>Saturday</u>: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53

<u>Next Sunday</u>: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11 Scrutiny: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-4





This evening is presented by the John Paul II Center

LoveEd (April 24, 2025) for Parents with their preteens ages 9–11, (5th grade).

Father/Sons are held in a separate room than Mother/ Daughters.

Use the QR Code, go to our parish website or call the parish office to register. Help Parents have "The Talk" Help Kids get "Love Right"

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

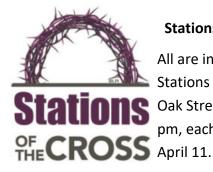


When: Thursday, April 24 from 7 - 8:45 Where: Oak Street Church, Community Room 451 W. Terra Cotta Ave. Crystal Lake, Il. 60014

This is an evening for our parents. There is no babysitting

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





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 through April 11.

Outdoor Stations of the Cross

On Fridays, April 4 and 11 we will be doing outdoor stations of the cross at 3pm, weather permitting. The stations are next to Birdies garden, which is located by the Oak Street entrance to the Oak Street Church parking lot.

"Be Reconciled" All-Day Confessions

Wednesday, April 9, 2025 9:00 am to 8:00 pm

Almsgiving

Are you looking for a worthy cause to give alms to this Lent? Why not consider our very own St. Thomas St. Vincent de Paul conference.



- \$60,392 was given out to
 551 Friends in Need in the last 12 months (including 46 homeless)
- 53% of assistance given for rent and mortgage
- 16% of assistance given for utilities
- 31% of assistance given for medical, insurance, transportation, security deposits, and gas cards

Every little bit you can offer helps us help others in need within our St. Thomas Parish boundaries. You can drop a check in the St. Vincent DePaul box in the Narthex, or place it in the collection basket during Mass. If you would rather give digitally, go to https://membership.faithdirect.net/IL1116

Thank you to all of you who have donated to St. Vincent de Paul this past year! Your generosity is overwhelming!!!



Attention Mid-life Singles!

Mid-life Singles (mid-30s to 50s): Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the Carmelite Spiritual Center, in Darien, IL (in the southwestern suburbs), on April 25-27, 2025. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Visit www.ReflectRetreat.com, e-mail reflect.chicagoland@gmail.com, or call (630) 222-8303 for details.







Prayer Breakfast Saturday, April 5, 2025 9AM - Noon Early-Bird RSVP - \$30



Location: St.Mary's Catholic Church 10307 Dundee-Huntley Rd Huntley, IL 60142

Online: Magnificat-Ministry.net/chapters/il-mchenry/ Sponsored by Magnificat, Mary ~ Mother of the Eucharist, McHenry IL Chapter

Knights of Columbus Marian Central High School Scholarship

All 8th grade students, who plan on attending Marian Central High School in Woodstock in the Fall 2025, are encouraged to apply for a 4-year scholarship totaling \$2,500 sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 3880.

The scholarship totals \$2,500.00 over a four-year period. In the first year the Knights will assist at a level of \$1,000.00. After the first year the student will be required to maintain a 2.5 grade point average in order to receive \$500.00 in aid for the following three years.

If you are interested, pick up the forms at the St. Thomas Parish Center (272 King St.). Deadline for applying is April 8, 2025. Interviews will take place on Tuesday, April 22, 2025, beginning at 4:00 pm at the Parish Center. You will be called with a timeslot for your interview.

Little Christophenis Resale Shoppe 50% OFF STOREWIDE MARCH 25TH TO APRIL 5TH

> 469 LAKE STREET, CRYSTAL LAKE TUESDAY 10 TO 1 WEDNESDAY 10 TO 1 THURSDAY 12:30 TO 3 SATURDAY 10 TO 1 PROCEEDS BENEFIT ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH

Ministerio Hispano

Horario de Misas

Martes 6:00 am Miércoles Jueves 7:30 pm Viernes 7: Sábado 6:00 pm Domingo 9:30 am y 11:30 am

Miércoles 6:00 am Viernes 7:30 pm

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"

Dirección: 272 King St. Crystal Lake, IL. 60014 Teléfono: 815-455-5400 Línea Directa: 815-356-0860 Fax: 81<u>5-455-2733</u>

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 - Mar. 23			
Pierson St.	\$3,845.50		
Pierson Online	\$190.00		

VIA CRUCIS Pierson St. (en Español)

Viernes 4 de abril 06:00 Viernes 11 de abril 07:0

06:00 P.M. 07:00 P.M.

DIA DE RECONCILIACIONES Miércoles 9 de abril

En la oficina parroquial: De 09:00 a 12:00 y de 02:00 a 4:00 PM





St. Joseph's Day celebration!



Our preschoolers delighted us with songs of joy and praise celebrating music as movement, rhythm, and Glory to God! Thank you Mrs. Brown, bravo to you and the students!



Upcoming Dates:

- March 31 BVB Spikes for Soup Fundraiser
 - April 3 K-5 Spring Concert
 - April 11 Middle School Stations

Loving God, During the sacred season of Lent, bring me closer to you. Prepare a place in my home and heart for silence so I may pray without distraction. Help me to fast from those things that separate me from you. Help me to be generous to those in need. May this season rekindle my love and faith in you. Amen

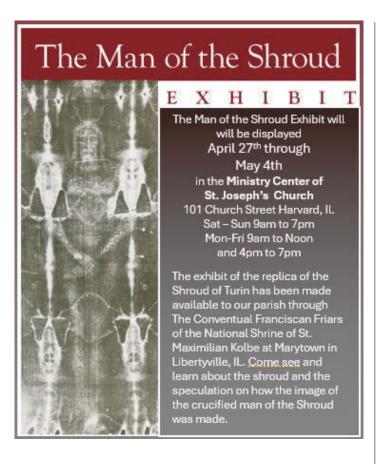






Students enjoyed donuts and a rosary craft with special male role models in their life! St. Joseph - Pray for Us!





Solemn Vespers

This Lent please join us for Solemn Vespers. We will be doing Vespers at 5:30 pm on Thursday evenings at the Oak Street Church. They will continue through Thursday, April 10th.



Save This Date - April 05, 2025

St Elizabeth Ann Seton Church **Blood** Drive

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council #10678



• Use the QR code to set up a time to donate or Use the Versiti Blood Drive Link by holding control and click link: https://donateblood.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/11606680 Call Rob Berens @ 815-404-6191 or Carrie Futchko @ 815-271-2910 with questions *Walk-ins are welcome, Appointments are honored please call ahead for available time slots to donate. Call Rob @ 815-404-6191

- Download the Donor Versiti smartphone app.
 - Questions: Call 800-7To-GIVE

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50TH REUNION

SAVE THE DATE SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2025 6:00 - 10:00 PM

SNUGGERY RIVER ROADHOUSE **801 N RIVER ROAD** MCHENRY, IL 60050



MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW WE NEED YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS. PLEASE FORWARD TO ANNETTE (PITZEN) COUGHLIN AT MIKE1711@COMCAST.NET

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