

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church



April 13, 2025 - Palm Sunday

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

815-455-5400/www.stthomascl.church



“Blessed is the king who comes
in the name of the Lord.”

- Lk 19:38

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):

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

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Resources:

Crystal Lake Food Pantry

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Donations accepted: During Store Hours

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From the Pastor's Desk...



Fr. Tommy Lane offered a homily very similar to this 20 years ago in Maryland. I believe it bears repeating today: Who would have thought that the crowd which welcomed Jesus with such enthusiasm during his entry into Jerusalem would turn against him so quickly within days and demand his crucifixion and the release of Barabbas who had been condemned for murder? These are the scenes that play out in our Palm Sunday Liturgy. We begin the service with praises for Jesus, "Hosanna, hosanna, to the King!" However, by the time we get to the Passion reading the focus has shifted to calling for the crucifixion of our Lord.

The crowd was fickle. Their welcome and shouts for Jesus were superficial. Their support for him was only skin deep. It was easy to be part of a crowd that welcomed Jesus, and it was easy to be part of a crowd that condemned him to death. It is easy to be part of a crowd. But in the account of the Passion, the crowd was not there for Jesus when he needed them the most. The crowd did not go to the cross. The crowd abandoned Jesus. Only a few women and John went to the cross. So much for the crowd!

During the Last Supper, Peter said he would be willing to go to prison with Jesus, even to death with him (Luke 22:33). Yet a few hours later that same evening he denied Jesus (Luke 22:56-62). How quickly he changed. How quickly he turned when the pressure was on him. He could make fine promises during the Last Supper but when things got rough he decided to save his skin.

How would we react if placed in a similar situation? Would we cave into the pressure like Peter, or do we stand by Jesus like the women and John and go right to the cross? Peter heard the cock crow crowing after he denied Jesus (Luke 22:60) but our world is so addicted to sin that maybe we don't even hear our consciences crowing any more when we sin.

The Passion of Jesus should move us because it is we who have inflicted this suffering on Jesus. It was not just the Jewish leaders and the cruel Roman soldiers who brought this suffering on Jesus. No, it was our sins, as well that inflicted this suffering. There is no past, present or future for Jesus. He is outside of time. Remember the Jubilee 2000 motto, "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8) and when we sin, we crucify Jesus. We nail him again. The account of the Passion of Jesus should move us to flee sin and leave it behind. That is why the Sacrament of Reconciliation is so stressed during this time of year. There are still opportunities this Holy Week to partake in this important sacrament of our Lord's mercy, love and forgiveness.

Peace, be with you, Fr. Bob Jones

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, April 14th

6:30 am † Sydney & Magdalene Kamysz
12:10 pm † Busse Cericola

Tuesday, April 15th

6:30 am † Patricia A. Deutsch
12:10 pm † Rosemary Blazier

Wednesday, April 16th

6:30 am † Michael Heiberger
12:10 pm St. Jude Guild Members
(Living & Deceased)

Thursday, April 17th

6:00 pm Mass of Our Lord's Supper

Friday, April 18th

12:10 pm Liturgy of Our Lord's Passion
7:30 pm Liturgy of Our Lord's Passion

Saturday, April 19th

7:30 pm Easter Vigil

NO 7:30 AM AND 4:30 PM MASSES

Sunday, April 20th

7:30 am People of St. Thomas Parish
(Living & Deceased)
9:00 am* † Charles Engelson
9:00 am † Michael Georgy
10:30 am † Lee Stevens
10:30 am* † Sol Daya
12:00 pm Martinec Family (Living & Deceased)

NO 5:30 PM MASS

* Mass in Community Room



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

Parish Calendar

April 13, 2025, Palm Sunday

4:00 pm Confessions (Oak St. Church)
7:00 pm YM Confirmation Students (Oak St. Church)

Monday, April 14, 2025*

10:30 am MMP Rosary (Community Room)
5:00 pm Confessions (Oak St. Church)
6:30 pm SPRED Group (Parish Center)

Tuesday, April 15, 2025*

7:00 am Confessions (Oak St. Church)
5:00 pm Confessions (Oak St. Church)

Wednesday, April 16, 2025*

Adoration Chapel closes at 9:00 pm
7:00 am Confessions (Oak St. Church)
4:30 pm Grade R.E. Class (Pierson St. Church)

April 17, 2025, Holy Thursday

Adoration Chapel & Parish Center Closed

6:00 pm English Mass (Oak St. Church)
8:00 pm Hispanic Mass (Oak St. Church)
9:00 pm Adoration until Midnight (Oak St. Church)

April 18, 2025, Good Friday

Adoration Chapel & Parish Center Closed

12:10 pm English Liturgical Service (Oak St. Church)
2:00 pm English Stations of the Cross
(Oak St. Church)
4:00 pm Hispanic Stations of the Cross
(Oak St. Church)
5:00 pm Hispanic Liturgical Service (Oak St. Church)
7:30 pm English Liturgical Service (Oak St. Church)

April 19, 2025, Holy Saturday

Adoration Chapel Closed

10:00 am Blessing of Food Baskets (Oak St. Church)
7:30 pm Easter Vigil Mass (Oak St. Church)

April 20, 2025, Easter Sunday

Adoration Chapel Closed

Masses at Oak St. Church:

7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, and 12:00 noon

No 5:30 pm Mass

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

Adoration Candle Intentions

April 13 - April 26

Benkert Family

Notaro Family

Pierce Family

Loeffler Family



Hispanic Living Stations of the Cross

Good Friday, April 18

All are invited to attend the Live Stations of the Cross by the Hispanic Community on Good Friday, April 18, at 4:00 pm at the Oak Street Church, followed by their Liturgical Service.



Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday, April 17, 2025

English Mass of the Lord's Supper **6:00 pm**

Spanish Mass of the Lord's Supper **8:00 pm**

9:00 pm Adoration until Midnight

Good Friday, April 18, 2025

Liturgical Service of the Lord's Passion at

12:10 pm **and** at 7:30 pm

Stations of the Cross at 2:00 pm (English)

Stations of the Cross at 4:00 pm (Spanish)

Holy Saturday, April 19, 2025

(No 4:30 pm Mass)

Blessing of Food Baskets (*Święconka*) at 10:00 am

Easter Vigil Mass at 7:30 pm

Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025

Masses at 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am,

and 12:00 noon; **(No 5:30 pm Mass)**

(Masses in the Community Room at 9:00 & 10:30 am)

Celebrant Weekday Masses		
4/14	6:30 am	Fr. Jones
	12:10 pm	Fr. Downing
4/15	6:30 am	Fr. Downing
	12:10 pm	Fr. Fitzpatrick
4/16	6:30 am	Fr. Jones
	12:10 pm	Fr. Downing
4/17	Holy Thursday	
	6:00 pm (<i>English</i>)	Fr. Fitzpatrick
	8:00 pm (<i>Spanish</i>)	Fr. Tunarosa
4/18	Good Friday	
	12:10 pm	Fr. Downing
	7:30 pm	Fr. Downing
Celebrant Weekend Masses		
4/19	Holy Saturday	
	7:30 pm	Fr. Jones
4/20	Easter Sunday	
	7:30 am	Fr. Downing
	9:00 am (<i>Church</i>)	Fr. Downing
	9:00 am (<i>Comm.</i>)	Fr. Jones
	10:30 am (<i>Church</i>)	Fr. Fitzpatrick
	10:30 am (<i>Comm.</i>)	Fr. Jones
	12:00 pm	Fr. Fitzpatrick



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Thomas the Apostle Oak St. Church

Individual Confessions:

Monday, April 14, 2025

5:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

7:00 am to 8:00 am

5:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

7:00 am to 8:00 am

1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

This concludes our Easter Confessions.

Weekly Collection - April 6	
Sunday Envelopes	\$18,554.00
Online Giving	\$9,245.50
Sunday Offering	\$3,100.57
Total Collection	\$30,900.07
Weekly Tithe	Bishop Lane Retreat Ctr.

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



Readings for the week of April 13, 2025

Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 (see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 (Lk 23:46)/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday: Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Ex 14:15—15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/ Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/ Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 (12a)/ Rom 6:3-11/Lk 24:1-12

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/ Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12

LENTEN REGULATIONS

Good Friday, April 18, is a day of fast and abstinence.

ABSTINENCE: All persons who have completed their fourteenth year are bound by the Law of Abstinence, which means no meat may be eaten.

FAST: All adults are bound by the law of fast from their eighteenth year up to the beginning of their sixtieth year (only one full meal, and two other light meals). While not a law, the Church does encourage us to continue the fast and abstinence through Holy Saturday if we possibly can.

EXCEPTIONS: Women who are pregnant and persons who are sick are not bound by the law of fast.

Holy Thursday, April 17

At our 6:00 pm Holy Thursday Mass, we will be taking a collection for the Crystal Lake Food Pantry. It is customary to take a collection on Holy Thursday. Thank you for your generosity and support.

Collection for the Holy Land on Good Friday

At the Liturgies on Good Friday, April 18, we will take the annual collection for the support of the Holy Land. We ask you to be generous. Your financial contribution will support the works of the Catholic Community in the Middle East and to protect the Holy Places and Christian shrines. The need is great right now, because the violence in the Holy Land has caused many Catholic Christians to leave, so those who remain are in dire need of our help.

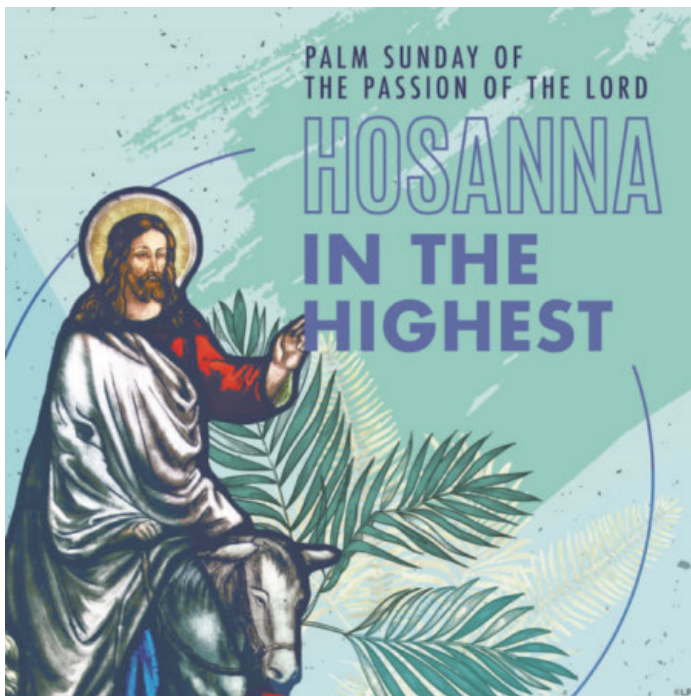


Holy Hearts Adoration Chapel

Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament must not take place during the Triduum. Our Adoration Chapel will be closed:

Wednesday, April 16, at 9:00 pm through Easter Sunday. The Adoration Chapel will be open on Easter Monday, April 21, beginning at 6:15 am. We thank our adorers for their continued presence and prayers.

We encourage you to become an adorer. Please sign up at adorationchapel@sainthomascatholicchurch.org
Thank you to all our adorers!



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.

Palm Sunday, April 11, 1965

On Palm Sunday, April 11, 1965, a massive tornado ripped through Crystal Lake, Illinois killing five people, destroying or damaging hundreds of homes and businesses. On this 60th anniversary, we remember all those who were affected by this event.

On Saturday, April 12, 2025, at the Oak St. Church, we will recite a rosary for these families following the 4:30 pm Mass. All are invited to participate.



Divine Mercy Sunday – April 27, 2025

3:00 pm to 4:30 pm - Oak Street Church

Confessions will be heard during the “Hour of Mercy,” from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm.

In preparation for this Feast there is a Divine Mercy Novena which will begin on Good Friday, April 18. It was given to St. Faustina as a way to pray for all God's people to receive His Divine Mercy.

The intentions are:

Day 1 (Good Friday) is “all mankind, especially sinners;”

Day 2 (Holy Saturday) is “the souls of priests and religious;”

Day 3 (Easter Sunday) is “all devout and faithful souls;”

Day 4 (Easter Monday) is “those who do not believe in Jesus and those who do not yet know Him;”

Day 5 (Easter Tuesday) is “the souls of separated brethren;”

Day 6 (Easter Wednesday) is “the meek and humble souls and the souls of children;”

Day 7 (Easter Thursday) is “the souls who especially venerate and glorify Jesus' mercy;”

Day 8 (Easter Friday) is “the souls who are detained in purgatory;”

Day 9 (Easter Saturday) is “the souls who have become lukewarm.”

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

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Horario para confesiones:

Viernes de 6:00-7:00pm

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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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¡Gracias a todos los que han donado a St. Vicente de Paúl este último año! ¡Su generosidad ha sido increíblemente maravillosa!!

SEMANA SANTA - Abril 2025

Sábado 12	Domingo 13	Lunes 14	Martes 15	Miercoles 16
Domingo de Ramos	Domingo de Ramos	Lunes Santo	Martes Santo	Miércoles Santo
6 P.M.	09:30 AM y 12 PM	06:00 A.M.	06:00 A.M.	06:00 A.M.
Pierson St.	Pierson St.	Pierson St.	Pierson St.	Pierson St.
Jueves 17	Viernes 18	Viernes 18	Sábado 19	Domingo 20
Jueves Santo	Via Crucis en Vivo	Liturgia de la Pasión	Vigilia Pascual	Domingo de Pascua
08:00 P.M.	04:00 P.M.	05:00 P.M.	07:30 P.M.	09:30 y 11:30 PM
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Upcoming Dates:

April 18 Good Friday, No School

April 21 Easter Monday, No School



8th Grade Co-Ed Volleyball Tournament

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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

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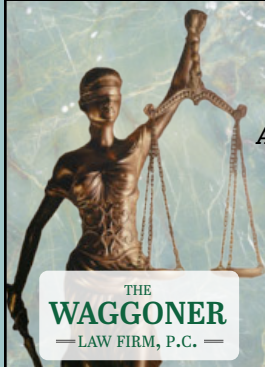
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