

# St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church



April 20, 2025 - Easter Sunday

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

815-455-5400/[www.stthomascl.church](http://www.stthomascl.church)



The other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. - Jn 20:8

## ***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.

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

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

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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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Crystal Lake Food Pantry

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Sat. - 9:00 am - Noon

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## From the Pastor's Desk...



A parishioner recently shared this story with me, and I thought I would share it with you this Easter Sunday. It was Easter morning. My Lenten preparations were dutifully finished. One would expect I felt renewed, happy, and grateful as the springtime sunlight embraced me with warmth through the windowpanes.

Instead, this morning I entered the tomb of my bedroom with dragons crowding my mind. The weight of responsibility to provide for my young family was bearing down on me. The year had not gone well. I lost my job. My new one didn't pay well and was demoralizing. Every tiny expense was a burdensome decision.

My 5-year-old son walked in cheerfully holding out a package, recklessly covered in expensive paper I was saving for an anniversary gift to my wife. He clasped his hands against his mouth, bouncing on his toes as he handed it to me with excited anticipation.

Dragging myself half away from my self-pity, I removed the paper to find a small plastic Easter egg. I opened it. It was empty.

I began to lecture him on the value of money and the importance of not wasting expensive wrapping paper on an empty plastic egg. With a startled, sad face he looked up and said, "But daddy, I put a kiss in it."

Immediately I was crushed by my selfish, prideful sin. I hugged him, thanked him, and said I was sorry. Naturally, he smiled and said, "That's OK daddy. I love you."

Easter is like that. We find Christ's face in the most unassuming, unexpected places if we prepare for it and watch for it.

I'm an older man now. The small plastic egg is nestled safely in my sock drawer. Over 55 years later, I still occasionally take it out, remember, repent, renew its lessons. Like the empty tomb on Easter morning, God's unseen blessings are all around us. And are often in things as gentle and forgiving as a young child's eyes.

May the story of the empty tomb (and the empty egg) fill you with great joy and hope throughout this Easter season. Today we celebrate the fact that Christ did what he said he would do. He conquered sin and death, which opened up our path to salvation. For that we can all proclaim, "Alleluia!"

Peace, be with you,

Fr. Bob Jones

### Mass Intentions for the Week

#### **Monday, April 21st**

6:30 am † Richard H. Hall  
12:10 pm † Roland Gigon & Michelle Gigon

#### **Tuesday, April 22nd**

6:30 am Noreen Sheehan (Special Intention)  
12:10 pm † Geno Wright

#### **Wednesday, April 23rd**

6:30 am † Elizabeth Maynen  
12:10 pm † Bob Blazier

#### **Thursday, April 24th**

6:30 am Kostrzewski & Wojciga Families  
(Special Intention)  
12:10 pm † Joe Cosenza  
† Jerry Ciezadlo

#### **Friday, April 25th**

6:30 am † Jerry Galvin  
12:10 pm † Tom & Dianne McKibben

#### **Saturday, April 26th**

7:30 am Klara Kasjanski (Special Intention)  
4:30 pm † Frank & Jean Rydzinski

#### **Sunday, April 27th**

7:30 am Family of Vincent A. Martin  
(Living & Deceased)  
9:00 am People of St. Thomas Parish  
(Living & Deceased)  
10:30 am † Helen Bremer  
12:00 pm † Gene Baseggio  
† Karen Bielas  
5:30 pm † Marie Polinski



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

### Parish Calendar

#### **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**

#### **April 21, 2025 - Easter Monday\***

*St. Thomas School & Parish Center Closed*

*Adoration Chapel opens at 6:15 am*

5:00 pm Confessions (Oak St. Church)  
7:00 pm Women's Evening of Recollection  
(Oak St. Church)  
7:00 pm SPRED Catechist Mtg. (Parish Center)

#### **Tuesday, April 22, 2025\***

#### **Wednesday, April 23, 2025\***

4:30 pm Grade R.E. Class (Pierson St. Church)  
6:00 pm R.E. Family Faith (King St. School)  
7:00 pm YM JH/HS (Community Room)

#### **Thursday, April 24, 2025\***

6:30 pm LOTW Growing in Christ (Parish Center)  
7:00 pm Love Ed (Community Room)

#### **Friday, April 25, 2025\***

#### **Saturday, April 26, 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)  
9:00 am SPRED Group (Parish Center)  
10:00 am STS First Holy Communion (Oak St. Church)  
3:00 pm Confessions (Oak St. Church)  
4:00 pm Deaf Mass (Parish Center)

#### **April 27, 2025 - Divine Mercy Sunday**

8:00 Coffee & Donuts (Community Room)  
3:00 pm Divine Mercy Hour/Confessions  
(Oak St. Church)  
7:00 pm YM Confirmation (A-M) Practice  
(Oak St. Church)

*\*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



### Celebrant Weekday Masses

4/21	6:30 am	Fr. Downing
	12:10 pm	Fr. Jones
4/22	6:30 am	Fr. Fitzpatrick
	12:10 pm	Fr. Downing
4/23	6:30 am	Fr. Jones
	12:10 pm	Fr. Fitzpatrick
4/24	6:30 am	Fr. Fitzpatrick
	12:10 pm	Fr. Tunarosa
4/25	6:30 am	Fr. Fitzpatrick
	12:10 pm	Fr. Jones
4/26	7:30 am	Fr. Downing

### Celebrant Weekend Masses

4/26	4:30 pm	Fr. Fitzpatrick
4/27	7:30 am	Fr. Jones
	9:00 am	Fr. Jones
	10:30 am	Fr. Downing
	12:00 pm	Fr. Downing
	5:30 pm	Fr. Fitzpatrick



**April 27**

Coffee & Donuts in the Community Room after morning Masses!

### WEEKEND MASS MINISTERS - 4/26/25 & 4/27/25

	Lector	EM	Altar Server
4:30 pm	Clare Ossman	Gloria Marmol, Michele Hunt, Seminarian Baiely	
7:30 am	Gina Houston	Lori Gajdzik, Nancy Tomaso, James Cormier, Deacon Ian	
9:00 am	Greg Ives	Cathy M., Tom M., Lis T., Deacon Ian, John T., Patrick S., Kristy W., Brad F.	Flynn Wolff, Lucy Wolff, Annie Wolff
10:30 am	Kathleen Jacobs	Matt Turk, Susan Gawart, Frank Ciangi, Seminarian Bailey	Lucy Jacobs, Andrea Alvarado, Maureen Kelly
12:00 pm	Judy Wiedenfeld	Joanna Majewska, Seminarian Bailey	
5:30 pm	Lisa Dalton	Annette O'Connell, Deacon Ian	

## April Recollection for Women

Join us and bring a friend!

Pause. Pray. Reflect.

April 21, 2025 at 7pm - Oak Street Church

Confessions begin at 6:30pm

*Conversion is the matter of a moment. Sanctification is the work of a lifetime. (The Way 285)*

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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Examination Of Conscience

Personal time for prayer

Meditation guided by a priest of Opus Dei

A brief talk on a topic pertaining to the spiritual life

Solemn Benediction

Easter celebration with refreshments to follow

For more information on women's activities, visit

[www.sherlake.org](http://www.sherlake.org)

Please contact Monica Blanchette at

[blanchette.monica@gmail.com](mailto:blanchette.monica@gmail.com) with any questions.

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 20, 2025

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

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31

## Welcome with Joy!

We welcome those received into the full membership of the Catholic Church this year 2025:

Anastasiya Adefeso

Giselle Cocom

Marti Davis

Karla Gomez

Monica Echavarria Lopez

Marc Marquez

Julian Montemayor

Rachel Feters Pahl

Tracy Peters

Benjamin Pickel

Zachary Reed

William Romphf

Picasso Ruiz

Jordan Walker

Lexi Zabel

Jehkson Sevastian Aleman

Karen Aniceto

Maritza Aniceto

Miguel Angel Antonio

Santiago Antonio

Ian Giuseppe Leon

Katharine Sophia Leon

Diego Andres Hernandez Lopez

Maribel Lopez

Rocio Martinez

Elizabeth Rohe-Hernandez

Jared Santiago

Dolly Sorto Arevalo

Andres Valdivia Gallardo

Andres Vargas Manjarrez

## Prayer for Easter

Blessed be God who has triumphed over the grave!

Our Lord is victorious! Alleluia, alleluia!

May the joy of Easter fill every part of our lives!

Amen.

## St. Thomas School Plant Sale

The St. Thomas School Home and School Association (HSA) annual Plant Sale is coming!

We are in need of donations of perennials and annuals including (but not limited to) **greenery, flowers, fruits and veggies, herbs, house plants, and shrubs**. Your donations are an excellent way to share the blessings of your yard and garden with others in our parish and community!

**The Plant Sale will be held after Sunday Masses on May 18th from 8:00 am - 1:30 pm.** Pots will be available for donors after Masses on May 3rd and 4th (first come, first served). All plant donations should be dropped off to the Oak Street church on Saturday, May 17 between 3:00 - 6:00 pm.

**All proceeds from the Sale will support the amazing students and staff at STS!**

With any questions, please contact Kristin Miller (HSA Representative) by email at [kristin.theros@gmail.com](mailto:kristin.theros@gmail.com) or 815.814.5952. **Thank you for your generosity, and happy planting!**

## "Beautiful Eucharist"

by Matthew Kelly

*(the book was a gift from our parish Feb. 2024)*

:::::::::::: HEADLINE ::::::::::

**GOD APPEARS**

**AT CRYSTAL LAKE CHURCH**

City and State officials expect traffic jams for miles around St. Thomas the Apostle Church. Huge crowds are gathering from across the globe to catch a glimpse of God.

Imagine if we really saw the Eucharist this way. It would change everything. God appears every day at mass. It is His gift to us. It is an outward sign that He is always with us. Do we really believe this? Do our hearts long for Him as deeply as they should? Join us to learn how to deepen our gratitude for this beautiful gift...The Eucharist.

Monday 4/28 and 5/5 Lower Oak St. Church, 6:30 - 8:00pm No registration required. Please read Chapters 1 to 6 for our 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. For Info Contact: Terry O Hagan 815-236-2345 [terry\\_ohagan@hotmail.com](mailto:terry_ohagan@hotmail.com)

St. Thomas the Apostle Presents



# LoveEd

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

This evening is presented  
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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.

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

**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

“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



## SACRAMENTO DE CONFIRMACION - 2025

### **FECHAS IMPORTANTES**

<b>Fecha</b>	<b>Horario</b>	<b>Evento</b>	<b>Lugar</b>
viernes, 25 de abril de 2025	6:00 PM	<b>RETIRO DE CONFIRMACION</b>	Sto.Tomas-Pierson
domingo, 27 de abril de 2025	7:00 PM	<b>Ensayo de ceremonia de Confirmacion. GRUPO A- Misa de 09:00 A.M.</b>	Santo Tomas-Oak
lunes, 28 de abril de 2025	6:00 PM	<b>RECONCILIACION: Confirmacion - Salones 1, 2 y 3</b>	Sto.Tomas-Pierson
martes, 29 de abril de 2025	6:00 PM	<b>RECONCILIACION: Confirmacion - Salones 4, 5 y 6</b>	Sto.Tomas-Pierson
miércoles, 30 de abril de 2025	7:00 PM	<b>Ensayo de ceremonia de Confirmacion. GRUPO B - Misa de 11:30 A.M.</b>	Santo Tomas-Oak
sábado, 03 de mayo de 2025	9:00 AM	<b>CEREMONIA DE CONFIRMACION GRUPO A</b>	Santo Tomas-Oak
sábado, 03 de mayo de 2025	11:30 AM	<b>CEREMONIA DE CONFIRMACION GRUPO B</b>	Santo Tomas-Oak



# Happy Easter!

May the peace of Easter fill our hearts and homes, and may we find joy in serving others! We are so proud of our 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade classes who organized our Lenten service project. The students learned about Hope for Haitians from the program Executive Director, Chris Weickert. The students then broke out into small groups and presented the service project to each of our

classes. Each morning a 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> grade student gave a Lenten reflection and challenge for the day. We are so proud of their commitment and servant leadership!



## Upcoming Dates:

April 18 Easter Monday, No School

April 21 Earth Day Celebration

April 26th First Communion

May 2nd May Crowning



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**Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.**

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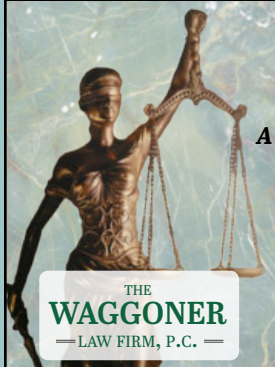
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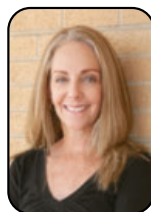
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