



St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

May 4, 2025 - Third Sunday of Easter

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

815-455-5400/www.stthomascl.church



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

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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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Crystal Lake Food Pantry

42 East St. Crystal Lake, IL 60014

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Th - 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Sat. - 9:00 am - Noon

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469 Lake St., Crystal Lake, IL 60014

(815) 459-9442

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Donations accepted: During Store Hours

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From the Pastor's Desk...



Upon the death of Pope Francis, I would like to share the words of our Bishop, David J. Malloy, which I very much agree with, and are worth repeating:

“With the sad news of the death of Pope Francis, I join with the faithful of the Diocese of Rockford and with the Church throughout the world that mourns his passing. For the past 12 year, he has carried out the singular task entrusted to each of the Successors of St. Peter. That is, in union with the teaching of Christ, to be a witness to the Catholic faith and a source of unity for the faithful.”

“Pope Francis, by living and preaching simply, sought to remind the world of the love of God and the love we must have for each other. He sought to raise up the plight of the poor and of refugees and immigrants, especially those fleeing oppression. Pope Francis reminded the world of the goodness and sacredness of creation and the environment. But he reminded us as well that the human person is the highest good of creation and that we are the special recipients of God’s love. For that reason, he was a tireless witness of the right to life of the child in the womb and of those close to death. He emphasized the gift of gender given to every person as part of creation, and its link to the family.”

“During his pontificate, many have sought to label the pontiff in political terms of being liberal or conservative. But because he fulfilled his papal calling as a witness to faith, those who sought to impose political categories upon his pontificate have been disappointed. In reality, Pope Francis was liberal with his love for God and conservative in keeping the teachings of the faith constant and consistent with the teaching of Jesus Himself.”

“His life and vocation have been a lesson to the world in this moment and will be the cause for reflection for years to come. The current Jubilee Year, with its theme stressing Christian Hope, will be a final testament to the legacy of Pope Francis.”

I thought it was most fitting, that in his weakened condition, he was still able to gather up the strength to greet the crowds on Easter Sunday as he rode through the square in his Pope mobile. Let us pray for the repose of the soul of the Holy Father. Let us also offer our prayers for the Cardinals of the Catholic Church who (after an appropriate period of mourning) will soon gather to select the next Successor of St. Peter who will begin his own service, faithfully teaching and witnessing to Jesus Christ.

Peace, be with you,

Fr. Bob Jones

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, May 5th

6:30 am James Davis (Special Intention)
12:10 pm † Richard Plunkett

Tuesday, May 6th

6:30 am Dawn Ahsmann (Special Intention)
12:10 pm † Roland Gigon

Wednesday, May 7th

6:30 am Kostrzewski & Wojciga Families
(Special Intention)
12:10 pm † David Byrnes

Thursday, May 8th

6:30 am Smorzewski & Cribb Families
(Living & Deceased)
12:10 pm † Charles & Laura Martin

Friday, May 9th

6:30 am Oliver O'Hagan (Special Intention)
12:10 pm † James Hayden

Saturday, May 10th

7:30 am † Michelle Gigon
4:30 pm Justin Husch (Special Intention)

Sunday, May 11th

7:30 am † Patricia Martin
9:00 am † Joseph & Barbara Georgy
10:30 am † Linda Palm
12:00 pm The People of St. Thomas Parish
(Living & Deceased)
5:30 pm † Helena and Stanislaw Kolacz



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

Parish Calendar

Sunday, May 4, 2025

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

Monday, May 5, 2025*

5:00 pm Confessions (Oak St. Church)
6:00 pm Altar Server Training (Oak St. Church)
6:30 pm Book Club (Lower Oak)
6:30 pm SPRED Group (Parish Center)

Tuesday, May 6, 2025*

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

Wednesday, May 7, 2025*

7:00 pm YM High School (Community Room)
7:00 pm St. Vincent DePaul Society (Lower Oak)

Thursday, May 8, 2025*

7:00 pm YM Junior High (Community Room)

Friday, May 9, 2025*

10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry (Lower Oak)

Saturday, May 10, 2025

7:30 am Mass (Oak St. Church)
8:00 am Confessions (Oak St. Church)
8:00 am Men's Group (Lower Oak)
10:00 am R.E. First Holy Communion
(Oak St. Church)
12:00 pm R.E. First Holy Communion
(Oak St. Church)
3:00 pm Confessions (Oak St. Church)
4:00 pm Deaf Mass (Parish Center)

Sunday, May 11, 2025 – Mother's Day

8:00 am Coffee & Donuts (Community Room)
No O.C.I.A. Class

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

Adoration Candle Intentions

April 27 - May 10

Benard Family
Draths Family
Dinschel Family
Kostka Family



Women's Club Luncheon

Women of the parish, please join us for the Women's Club Luncheon on Wednesday, May 14th. We will be attending the 12:10 daily Mass, followed by lunch in the Community Room. Enjoy good food, fellowship and celebrating our Woman of Inspiration for 2025.

Cost is \$20.00 per person. Please RSVP at the Parish Office no later than May 5th.

May society more deeply
respect the human person,
who is created, redeemed, and made holy
by the gracious action of the Trinity,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Celebrant Weekday Masses

5/5	6:30 am	Fr. Downing
	12:10 pm	Fr. Vogel
5/6	6:30 am	Fr. Fitzpatrick
	12:10 pm	Fr. Downing
5/7	6:30 am	Fr. Jones
	12:10 pm	Fr. Downing
5/8	6:30 am	Fr. Downing
	12:10 pm	Fr. Fitzpatrick
5/9	6:30 am	Fr. Fitzpatrick
	12:10 pm	Fr. Jones
5/10	7:30 am	Fr. Downing

Celebrant Weekend Masses

5/10	4:30 pm	Fr. Fitzpatrick
5/11	7:30 am	Fr. Downing
	9:00 am	Fr. Downing
	10:30 am	Fr. Jones
	12:00 pm	Fr. Jones
	5:30 pm	Fr. Fitzpatrick

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



WEEKEND MASS MINISTERS - 5/10/25 & 5/11/25

	Lector	EM	Altar Server
4:30 pm	Clare Ossman	Christine Kosiba, Gloria Marmol, Michelle Kohlbacher	
7:30 am	Lori Gajdzik	Pam Wyman, Emily Pachla, Eleanore Wojewoda	TJ Pachla
9:00 am	Tad Walters	Jim N., Cathy M., Tom M., Lis T., Monica C., Brad F.	Jake Polston, Luke Polston, Daniel Polston
10:30 am	Mardell Warren	Michele Johnson, Kristy White, Mike Klepitsch	Julia Dovidio, Lauren Dovidio, Ayanna Haynes
12:00 pm	Joanna Majewska	Deb Sosnowski	
5:30 pm	Lisa Dalton	Susan Ludwig	

Weekly Collection - April 27	
Sunday Envelopes	\$18,873.00
Online Giving	\$13,016.50
Sunday Offering	\$2,566.25
Total Collection	\$34,455.75
Weekly Tithe	McHenry County PADS

God bless our First Communicants

Congratulations to all our First Holy Communicants who will be receiving our Lord for the first time in April and May. May you always grow in your love for Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist.



Readings for the week of May 4, 2025

Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14
Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51
Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69
Next Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 (3c)/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

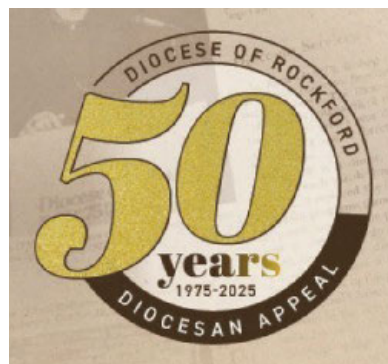
Diocesan Annual Appeal May 3-4, 2025 “That All May Be One”

Our Annual Diocesan Appeal for 2025 will be held this weekend May 3-4, 2025. **Our Parish Target Goal Amount is \$207,957.00** (this is a decrease from our 2024 target amount of \$222,140.00). Please know how deeply grateful we are to you for your continued support of this Annual Appeal. Through your generosity and prayers, we have continually made our target goal amounts. Thank you. The theme for this year’s Appeal is “That All May Be One.” Bishop Arthur O’Neill began the Diocesan Appeal in 1975. Bishop O’Neill’s intent was for us to understand and recognize more deeply the importance of what it means to be a Diocesan Church, and for all of us to be more connected to its life and mission.

We have been fortunate to have had the following seminarians at our Parish these last few years. Through your generosity to the Diocesan Appeal, they have been able to pursue their seminarian education:

Patrick Glanville, Bailey Peterson, Michael Wojnarowski, who will be ordained transitional deacons on June 7, 2025, and Rev. Mr. Ian Ordenez and Rev. Mr. Ryan Nooraee, who will be ordained priests on June 7, 2025.

If you forgot your pledge envelope, please bring it to Mass next weekend. Pledge envelopes will be in the pews. You can also donate online. Once our target amount has been reached, our parish will receive the overpayment amount. **Thank you for your support and prayers so “that all may be one.”**



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 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)

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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 1st meeting. For Info Contact: Terry O Hagan 815-236-2345 terry_ohagan@hotmail.com

Thank You.

A very special thank you to all who helped to make our Holy Week and Easter Liturgies so beautiful. Thank you to our Musicians and Choirs, our Art & Environment team, all our Deacons, Seminarians, Lectors, Ushers, Altar Servers, Sacristans, Acolytes, Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and to everyone who played a part in helping to give glory to God during Holy Week 2025. Thank you!

Altar Flower Donations

Please help us keep our altar beautiful throughout the Easter season! If you would like to donate a blooming/flowering, colorful plant to help decorate our altar, please put it by the St. Thomas statue in the Narthex. Thank you for your generosity and help!



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Thank you to Bishop Malloy, who administered the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, May 3rd.

We ask that you would please keep all our Confirmandi and their Sponsors in your prayers.



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 - Apr. 27

Pierson St.	\$3,422.30
Pierson Online	\$65.00

BAUTISMOS **Iglesia Pierson Street**

Plática Pre-Bautismal:
Domingo 04 de Mayo 3 P.M.

Bautismos:
Sábado 17 de Mayo 10 A.M.

CONFIRMACIONES 2025
Muchas felicidades a los
jóvenes que han
recibido el sacramento
de la Confirmación este
sábado 3 de mayo.

PRIMERA COMUNION - 2024 - 2025 **FECHAS IMPORTANTES**

Fecha	Horario	Evento	Lugar
jueves, 08 de mayo de 2025	6:00 PM	ULTIMO DIA DE CLASES DE PRIMERA COMUNION	Sto.Tomas-Pierson
jueves, 15 de mayo de 2025	6:00 PM	RETIRO DE PRIMERA COMUNION	Sto.Tomas-Pierson
lunes, 19 de mayo de 2025	6:00 PM	RECONCILIACION: Primera Comunion & SPRED. Salones 1, 2,3 y 4	Sto.Tomas-Pierson
martes, 20 de mayo de 2025	6:00 PM	RECONCILIACION: Primera Comunion & SPRED. Salones 5, 6,7 y 8	Sto.Tomas-Pierson
viernes, 23 de mayo de 2025	6:30 PM	Ensayo de ceremonia de Primera Comunion	Santo Tomas-Oak
sábado, 24 de mayo de 2025	10:00 AM	CEREMONIA DE PRIMERA COMUNION	Santo Tomas-Oak



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- May 9th HSA Meeting
- May 9th Food Pantry
Out of Uniform Day
- May 14th Early Release
- May 18th Plant Sale



Congratulations to our First Communicants!

On Saturday April 26th we celebrated a beautiful Mass where our 2nd graders received their First Holy Communion!

We are so proud of their hard work in preparing for this Sacrament and their reverence as they received our Lord for the first time!

Stay close to Jesus in the Eucharist!



Stepping Stones for Those in Need

Brick Fundraiser

Our bricks have arrived! Installation will begin soon! We look forward to a Garden Blessing by Fr. Jones upon completion. Thank you to everyone for your generous donations to St. Thomas' St. Vincent DePaul Society! Keep in mind that our fundraiser will continue for the purchase of bricks for any occasion; in memory of, or in honor of, your loved ones. Brochures are available in the Narthex or order online through www.thatsmybrick.com/svdp.



The Rosary, Explained

Christians have used beads to mark the recitation of prayers since ancient times. In the 12th century, the Rosary emerged as a meditative devotion centering on significant moments in the lives of Jesus and Mary. In the words of St. Leo XIII, "there is no more excellent way of praying."

The Rosary is traditionally attributed to a Marian vision received by St. Dominic de Guzman (1170-1221). Though scholarship on this point is uncertain, the Dominican Order was undoubtedly crucial in establishing and evangelizing the Rosary as a devotional prayer.

Over the centuries, the formula of the devotion eventually took the shape of 50 Hail Marys divided into five "decades," with each decade focused on a different mystery. The Church has defined the Joyful Mysteries (to be recited on Saturdays and Mondays), the Glorious Mysteries (Sundays and Wednesdays), the Sorrowful Mysteries (Tuesdays and Fridays), and most recently the Luminous Mysteries (to be recited on Thursdays). ©LPi



What's Next?: A Discernment Retreat

A special time away for women 35-55 years of age who are in transition and searching to find what God is calling them to next.

When: Friday, May 23, 7:00 p.m. - Sunday, May 25, after noon meal

Location: Nazareth Spirituality Center, 717 N. Batavia Ave., Batavia, IL

Presenters: Kathy Brady-Murfin, Vocation Director & Spiritual Director; Sr. Evelyn Varboncoeur, sscm, Formation Director; Sr. Linda Hatton, sscm, Spiritual Director

Cost: \$50

Hosted by the servants of the Holy Heart of Mary Register at sscm-usa.org

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**BOBBY SCHINDLER**
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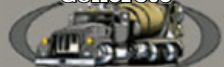
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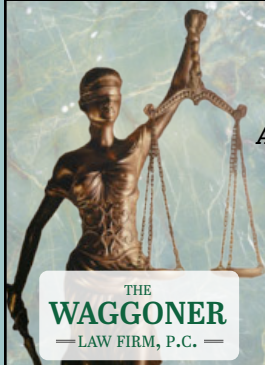
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