St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

May 25, 2025 - Sixth Sunday of Easter 451 W. Terra Cotta Ave., Crystal Lake, IL 60014 815-455-5400/www.stthomascl.church



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We are a Catholic family, living our awareness of Christ's presence through worship, service, evangelization and community for the benefit of all.

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Saturday: 8:00 am - 9:00 am and 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

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Sunday, 7:15 am - 6:45 pm

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From the Pastor's Desk...



Our Memorial Day was originally known as "Decoration Day," an opportunity to decorate many graves of the over 600,000 men who died in the Civil War. It was, by far, our nation's costliest war in terms of human life, about 2 percent of the entire population. Today, that would translate into 6.5 million people. Memorial Day honors all who have died in military service to our country since its inception. But why should we, as a nation and as Catholics, remember something so grim?

It was September 2006. The rooftop was sweltering. Three U.S. Navy SEALS were in an "overwatch" position on a Ramadi home with two Iraqi soldiers. It had been an

eventful morning, but it was quiet at the moment. From below, without warning, someone lobbed a grenade. It bounced off Petty Officer 2nd Class Michael A. Monsoor's chest, then clattered on the deck. Penned together, all five were easy prey for the grenade's deadly spray of shrapnel. At point-blank range, it couldn't miss.

Monsoor yelled, "Grenade!" and made a snap decision that would mark him for all time. He flung himself onto the device, smothering it with his torso, just in time to absorb the blast. The result was predictable; he lived only 25 minutes before dying of his injuries. His companions escaped with only scratches and minor wounds.

Because of the configuration of the rooftop, only one of the five men had a pathway of escape, had he chosen to use it. Yes, that man was Michael Monsoor. For his stunningly self-sacrificial action, he received the Medal of Honor, our nation's highest military honor, posthumously. As is written in his official Navy Summary of Action, "Monsoor's actions that day could not have been more selfless or clearly intentional."

This story of great heroism has been shared with recently commissioned Catholic Marine officers. They have been challenged to recall who, further back in history, perfectly embodied a sacrifice that "could not have been more selfless or clearly intentional." The answer of course: Jesus Christ. What our Lord did to save us could not have been more selfless or clearly intentional. "Do this in memory of me" (1 Cor 11:24).

We know from his official biography that Michael Monsoor "devotionally" attended Catholic Mass prior to his missions. Apparently, he was a man who intentionally sought to integrate his faith with his daily life of military service. How many times did he hear the words following the consecration, "Do this in memory of me"? Please take some time this weekend to remember the brave sacrifices of those who have paid the ultimate price for the freedom we enjoy.

Peace, be with you, Fr. Bob Jones

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, May 26th

9:00 am † Janina Marek

† Julian Marek

Tuesday, May 27th

6:30 am Brian Kelly (Special Intention)

Wednesday, May 28th

12:10 pm Austin and Kaylee Truffelli

(Special Intention)

Thursday, May 29th

6:30 am Samantha Podgorski (Special Intention)

12:10 pm † Patricia A. Deutsch

Friday, May 30th

6:30 am † Maureen Bingham 12:10 pm † Charles Engelson

Saturday, May 31st

7:30 am † Dan Full 4:30 pm † Joe Cosenza

† Jerry Ciezadlo

Sunday, June 1st

7:30 am People of St. Thomas Parish

(Living & Deceased)

9:00 am † Michael Bast

10:30 am † Thomas McKibben12:00 pm † Edwin J. Raica5:30 pm † Helena Czapla

† Jan Czapla

Mass

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

Parish Calendar

Sunday, May 25, 2025

8:30 am Coffee & Donuts (Community Room)

No O.C.I.A. Class

Monday, May 26, 2025 - Memorial Day

Adoration Chapel Closed

St. Thomas School & Parish Center Closed

9:00 am Mass (Oak St. Church)

Tuesday, May 27, 2025*

7:30 pm Knights of Columbus Officers (Lower Oak)

Wednesday, May 28, 2025*

6:00 pm Ministry of Hope Meeting (Lower Oak)

6:30 pm LOTW "The Lord's Pathfinders"

(Parish Center)

6:30 pm School 8th Grade Graduation Mass

(Oak St. Church)

Thursday, May 29, 2025*

Friday, May 30, 2025*

Saturday, May 31, 2025

7:30 am Mass (Oak St. Church)

8:00 am Confessions (Oak St. Church) 8:00 am Men's Group (Lower Oak)

3:00 pm Confessions

Sunday, June 1, 2025

8:30 am Coffee and Donuts

8:30 am Blood Pressure Screening 10:00 am O.C.I.A. Class (Lower Oak)

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



Adoration Candle Intentions

May 25 - June 7

Garlicki Family
Lambrecht Family
Salisbury Family
Orso Family





May 25 & June 1
Coffee & Donuts in
the Community Room after
morning Masses!

The Adoration Chapel will be closed Monday, May 26th.

Wedding Banns

Please pray for the following members of our community who will marry soon:



Andrew Grzybek and Lydia Weltzien (III)

Celebrant Weekday Masses				
5/26	9:00 am	Fr. Downing		
E /27	6:30 am	Fr. Fitzpatrick		
5/27	12:10 pm	Fr. Jones		
5/28	6:30 am	Fr. Downing		
	12:10 pm	Fr. Fitzpatrick		
F /20	6:30 am	Fr. Fitzpatrick		
5/29	12:10 pm	Fr. Downing		
5/30	6:30 am	Fr. Jones		
	12:10 pm	Fr. Fitzpatrick		
5/31	7:30 am	Fr. Fitzpatrick		
	Celebrant Wee	kend Masses		
5/31	4:30 pm	Fr. Downing		
	7:30 am	Fr. Jones		
6/1	9:00 am	Fr. Jones		
	10:30 am	Fr. Fitzpatrick		
	12:00 pm	Fr. Downing		
	5:30 pm	Fr. Fitzpatrick		

Please pray for the Deceased

Julie Miklasz-Hughes Gregory Johnson Alberto Hernandez Santana Robert Weymouth Rosemary Weisbruch

WEEKEND MASS MINISTERS - 5/31/25 & 6/1/25				
	Lector	EM	Altar Server	
4:30 pm	Clare Ossman	Kathy Pfeiffer, Michele Hunt, Gloria Marmol		
7:30 am	Lori Gajdzik	Emily Pachla, Eleanore Wojewoda, Liz Sernett, Gina Houston	TJ Pachla	
9:00 am	Greg Ives	Cathy M., Tom M., John T., Vicki K., Patrick S., Nancy M., Joanna M.	Flynn Wolff, Lucy Wolff, Annie Wolff	
10:30 am	Kathleen Jacobs	Dawn Ahsmann, Vicki Roberts, Valerie Cuchna	Lucy Jacobs, Maureen Kelly, Erin Johnson	
12:00 pm	Judy Wiedenfeld			
5:30 pm	Monica Caldicott	Susan Ludwig		

Weekly Collection - May 18				
Sunday Envelopes	\$16,181.00			
Online Giving	\$12,631.00			
Sunday Offering	\$2,623.82			
Total Collection	\$31,435.82			
Weekly Tithe	St. Vincent de Paul Society			



Monday, May 26 is Memorial Day and there will be one Mass at 9:00 am. The Parish Center will be closed.



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 May 25, 2025

Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/Rv

21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/

Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn

16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12,

13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 16:16-20 Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph

1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53

Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3,

4bcd, 5-6/Lk 1:39-56

Next Sunday: Acts 7:55-60/Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/Jn 17:20-26 Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53



Congratulations to
Paulina Guiterrez,
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Paulina Gutiérrez,
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St. Thomas School Summer Hours

June 2-5- 8:00- 2:00 pm Closed on the 6th

June 9-13- 8:00-11:00 am Closed on the 13th

July by appointment

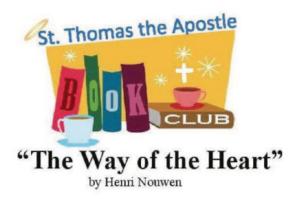
August 4-7- 8:00-2:00 pm August 11-15- 8:00-2:00 pm





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.



Do you need your cell phone to feel whole? Do you panic when WIFI goes down? Do you tailgate when the car in front is driving slow?

If you suffer any or all of these symptoms you need... SILENCE!

Join us to discuss this short book and rediscover the early church's appreciation for silence, meditation, and solitude. It's there we hear God's gentle voice louder and clearer. It's there we find peace and true joy.

Monday 6/16 (only 1 session as it's a short book) Lower Oak St. Church, 6:30 - 8:00pm

No registration required.

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



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!



Youth Ministry Envelope Fundraiser

Our young people have many options, opportunities, and stresses today. At St. Thomas, we strive to offer a wide range of ministry events to give our teens an opportunity to feel welcomed, grow in their faith, meet new friends, have a safe place to gather, pray, have lots of fun and of course snacks.

We offer weekly youth ministry for both our High School and Jr. High Students with social events, retreats, peer ministry team, service, confirmation, summer camp and conferences.

We are asking for your help to continue offering these opportunities and allowing more of our young people to attend.

In the Narthex, we have a board of brightly colored envelopes with dollar amounts from \$1 to \$100. Take an envelope with the amount on it you would like to give. Place the filled envelope in the Tithe Box, the collection basket or return it to the church office by June 8th. There is also a prayer intention box for us to bring your prayers with us and offer them up as we encounter and learn more about Jesus.

THANK YOU for your Support!!!

Ministerio Hispano

Dirección: 272 King St. Crystal Lake, IL. 60014 Teléfono: 815-455-5400

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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 - May 18		
Pierson St.	\$3,546.38	
Pierson Online	\$69.00	

OFICINA CERRADA

Lunes 26 de Mayo Memorial Dayn Street

REUNION DE SERVIDORES

Jueves 29 de Mayo Después de Misa de 7 P.M. Parroquia de Pierson Street

HORA SANTA

Viernes 30 de Mayo Después de Misa de 7 P.M. Parroquia de Pierson Street

BAUTISMOS Iglesia Pierson Street

Plática Pre-Bautismal: Domingo 01 de Junio 3 P.M.

Bautismos: Sábado 14 de Junio 10 A.M.

NOVENA DE PENTECOSTES						
Iglesia de Pierson Street						
jueves, mayo 29, 2025	7:00 PM	Primer día de la Novena de Pentecostes				
viernes, mayo 30, 2025	7:00 PM	Segundo día de la Novena de Pentecostes				
sábado, mayo 31, 2025	6:00 PM	Tercer día de la Novena de Pentecostes				
domingo, junio 01, 2025	11:30 AM	Cuarto día de la Novena de Pentecostes				
lunes, junio 02, 2025	7:00 PM	Quinto día de la Novena de Pentecostes				
martes, junio 03, 2025	7:00 PM	Sexto día de la Novena de Pentecostes				
miércoles, junio 04, 2025	7:00 PM	Septimo día de la Novena de Pentecostes				
jueves, junio 05, 2025	7:00 PM	Octavo día de la Novena de Pentecostes				
viernes, junio 06, 2025	7:00 PM	Noveno día de la Novena de Pentecostes				
domingo, junio 08, 2025	09:30 y 11:30	Domingo de Pentecostés				











Upcoming Dates:

May 28 8th Grade Graduation

May 30 Last Day of School

June 6 Golf Outing

8th Grade Dinner & Dance

What a wonderful night full of beautiful traditions! It is so important to celebrate this milestone together as a class that has experienced so much together! Many of these students have been together since they were in preschool! We pray their connection continues to grow as they move into high school. We also love that our 7th graders were there to serve this dinner, a beautiful tradition and symbolism of the leadership they will soon take on.



Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Our Lady of Perpetual Help refers both to a title conferred upon the Blessed Mother as well as to a corresponding icon that dates to the late Middle Ages.

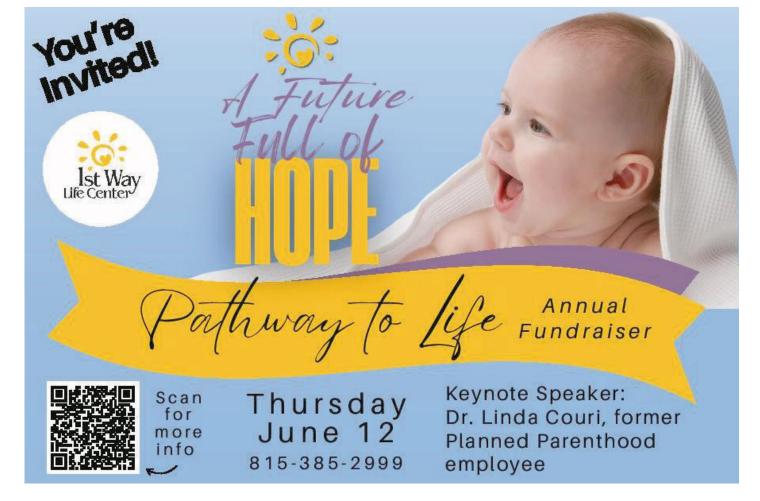
Painted on wood, the original icon has a Byzantine style and depicts the Blessed Mother holding the Christ Child. She is flanked by St. Michael and St. Gabriel, who hold the instruments of Christ's passion, including a spear, nails and the Crown of Thorns. In the image, Christ seemingly leans into his mother's embrace for comfort and strength as he contemplates these objects.

The icon is thought to have originated in Crete, but for 300 years was venerated in the Church of San Matteo in Merulana in Rome. Blessed Pope Pius IX entrusted the image to the Order of Redemptorists, who moved it to the Church of St. Alphonsus. He later established the Feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Help on June 27.

The First Holy Communion photos from Saturday May 10, 2025 can be found at <u>CameraLady.com</u> or, use the QR below to go directly to the gallery! The password to view the gallery is: May 10









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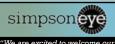
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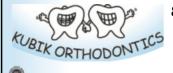
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