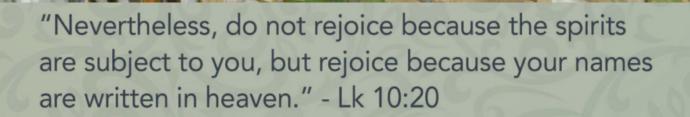
St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

July 6, 2025 - 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time 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 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

<u>Resources</u>: 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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From the Pastor's Desk...



This weekend, our nation celebrates its 249th birthday. Despite the many challenges that our nation faces, it is important to reflect on all the blessings we have as members of this nation. This is certainly a time for us to thank God for the freedoms we enjoy and to pray for God's special blessings on our nation's leaders and the vast populace they serve throughout our country.

This is a time to remember with gratitude the founding fathers of our democratic republic, especially, Thomas Jefferson, the author of the Declaration of Independence, and James Madison, the architect of the Constitution, who believed that all power,

including political power, came from God and was given to the people who entrusted this to their elected leaders. We must pray that all our leaders see this responsibility as a Sacred obligation to protect and serve.

This is very much a time to remember and pray for all our brave soldiers who made the supreme sacrifice of their lives to keep this country safe and free. We also pray for all who are now engaged in efforts to protect and serve the people of our country – both home and abroad.

This is a time to remember the basic principle underlined in the constitution, that "all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness." It is a good time to pray for the fundamental right to life that is denied to far too many pre-born children – who need to grow and develop in their mother's wombs (as we all needed). It is a good time to also remember the sick and elderly. May they be able to experience full lives with natural deaths, without fear of euthanasia.

This is a good time to pray for and work for liberation for those who are still slaves in our free country – slaves to evil habits and addictions to alcohol, drugs, pornography, sex trafficking and many other harmful behaviors. It is a time to become recommitted to our own growth in Christ, and to living as Americans who contribute something to our religion, Church, country, and the lives of others. It is a time to remember Whose we are, where we came from, what we stand for, and the sacrifices that thousands of our countrymen have made on our behalf. It is a day to offer our country and all its citizens on the altar of God, asking for our ongoing conversion and for His providential care, protection and blessings.

I pray you all have a most blessed Independence Day Weekend!

Peace, be with you, Fr. Bob Jones



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, July 7th6:30 am+ James Peterson12:10 pm+ Gatto Family

Tuesday, July 8th

6:30 am ⁺ Dan Full 12:10 pm ⁺ Les & Erma Ream

Wednesday, July 9th

6:30 am ⁺ Eugene & Dolores Koch 12:10 pm St. Jude Guild Members (Living & Deceased)

Thursday, July 10th

6:30 am	+ Roland Gigon	
	+ Michelle Gigon	
12:10 pm	† Geno Wright	

Friday, July 11th

6:30 am	+ Lois Kirchberg
12:10 pm	† Wayne Macklin

Saturday, July 12th

7:30 am	Sue Zbierski (Special Intention)
4:30 pm	+ Bob and Rosemary Blazier

Sunday, July 13th

7:30 am	People of St. Thomas Parish	
	(Living & Deceased)	
9:00 am	+ Vivian Strickland	
10:30 am	+ Rosemary Blazier	
12:00 pm	† Jan Felix	
5:30 pm	† Elaine Warren	



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

Parish Calendar

Sunday, July 6, 2025 8:30 am Coffee and Donuts (Community Room)

Monday, July 7, 2025* 10:30 am MMP Rosary (Oak St. Church) 5:00 pm Confessions (Oak St. Church)

Tuesday, July 8, 2025*

Wednesday, July 9, 2025* 6:30 pm LOTW "The Lord's Pathfinders" (Parish Center)

Thursday, July 10, 2025* 7:00 pm Holy Happy Hour (The Quarry)

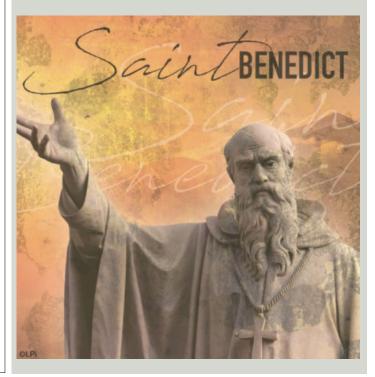
Friday, July 11, 2025*

Saturday, July 12, 20257:30 amMass (Oak St. Church)8:00 amConfessions (Oak St. Church)8:00 amMen's Group (Lower Oak)3:00 pmConfessions (Oak St. Church)

Sunday, July 13, 2025

8:30 am	Coffee and Donuts (Community Room)
8:30 am	Blood Pressure Screening (Library)

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



Adoration Candle Intentions

July 6 - July 19 Lyons Family Arza Family Knapp Family Bauer Family





July 6 Coffee & Donuts in the Community Room after morning Masses!

St. Thomas School Summer Hours

July by appointment

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



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



Celebrant Weekday Masses			
- 1	6:30 am	Fr. Jones	
7/7	12:10 pm	Fr. Jones	
7/0	6:30 am	Fr. Jones	
7/8	12:10 pm	Fr. Fitzpatrick	
7/0	6:30 am	Fr. Fitzpatrick	
7/9	12:10 pm	Fr. Jones	
7/10	6:30 am	Fr. Fitzpatrick	
	12:10 pm	Fr. Tunarosa	
7/11	6:30 am	Fr. Jones	
	12:10 pm	Fr. Tunarosa	
7/12	7:30 am	Fr. Fitzpatrick	
	Celebrant Wee	kend Masses	
7/12	4:30 pm	Fr. Jones	
	7:30 am	Fr. Jones	
7/13	9:00 am	Fr. Jones	
	10:30 am	Fr. Fitzpatrick	
	12:00 pm	Fr. Fitzpatrick	
	5:30 pm	Fr. Fitzpatrick	

Prayer for Evangelization

As You reach out to the world, Lord, let us be Your hands! As You answer those crying, send us. Let us be Your people, answer to prayers prayed, comfort to the afflicted. May we be laborers in Your harvest. Amen.

WEEKEND MASS MINISTERS - 7/12/25 & 7/13/25			
	Lector	EM	Altar Server
4:30 pm	Emily Holland	Christine Kosiba, Michele Hunt Michelle Kohlbacher	
7:30 am	Mark Przybylski	Lori Gajdzik, Pam Wyman, Laura Buthod, Nancy Tomaso	
9:00 am	Tad Walters	Jodi M., Matt M., Judy G., Rick W., Monica C., Nancy M.	Sean Kelly, Ian Varys, George Cuchna
10:30 am	Patrick Slowey	Susan Gawart, Craig Gawart, Cheralyn Telmanik, Bob Telmanik	Carson Telmanik, Spencer Telmanik, Isaac Gebert
12:00 pm	Judy Wiedenfeld	Joanna Majewska, Jerry Lyons	
5:30 pm	Mardel Warren	Annette O'Connell, Susan Ludwig	

St. Thomas the Apostle

AUGUST 17, 2025

DIOCESE OF ROCKFORD

Silver & Gold

SILVER & GOLD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS: Are you and your spouse celebrating a special milestone anniversary in 2025? Couples celebrating the milestone wedding anniversaries of 25, 50, 55, 60, 65, and 70 or more years of marriage in 2025 are invited to a special Mass in their honor at St. Mary Parish in Huntley, IL on Sunday, August 17 at 2:30 PM celebrated by Bishop David J. Malloy. A reception with celebration cake will immediately follow. The Life & Family Evangelization Office welcomes your registration by phone (815) 399-4300 or online at www.rockforddiocese.org/anniversary by August 4. Commemorative certificates to mark this special occasion will be available for those who pre-register for this event.



Catholic Charities

MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY

cmhm@rockforddiocese.org

\$30 PP REGISTER BY JULY 31

Youth Ministry Summer:

Join St. Thomas the Apostle's Youth Ministry this summer to have fun, build community, and grow in your faith. Grades 6-12 - Friends Welcome!!

7/2 The Freeze 6:30 to 8:30. Meet behind Little Christopher's. The First round is on us. This is a reschedule due to all the rain.
7/9 Youth Ministry Evening 6:30 - 8:30 at Oak Street Church
7/15 Youth Ministry Evening 6:30 - 8:30 at Oak Street Church
7/23 Mini-Mission Trip at Cor Jesu! Registration Required 9 AM-4 PM
7/29 Crystal Lake Beach Summer Band Series 7 - 8:30 PM
8/6 Youth Ministry Evening 6:30 - 8:00 at Oak Street Church
8/24 Water Wars behind Little Christopher's 1:30 - 3:30 PM

8/27 Road Trip to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton! 6:00 - 8:00 PM



Readings for the week of July 6, 2025

<u>Sunday</u>: Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 (1)/Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

<u>Monday</u>: Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab/Mt 9:18-26

<u>Tuesday</u>: Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15/ Mt 9:32-38

<u>Wednesday</u>: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19/Mt 10:1-7

<u>Thursday</u>: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 10:7-15

<u>Friday</u>: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mt 10:16-23

<u>Saturday</u>: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 10:24-33

<u>Next Sunday</u>: Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 (see 33)/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37

Carry Your Cross

As Catholics, we talk a lot about "redemptive suffering" and "carrying your cross." What does that mean practically in daily life?

When Jesus spoke these words, they would have sounded quite intense to his hearers. "Pick up your cross daily and follow me." At the time, Jesus hadn't yet been crucified. A cross was a Roman torture instrument. "Pick up the thing that tortures you the most," Jesus seemed to say. Unfortunately, most of us have no real shortage of these in our life. To take up the cross isn't to seek out new sufferings in our life. It's to accept the life we have.

Of course, unjust or unhealthy circumstances should be rectified when possible. But there are always circumstances that remain out of our immediate control. It could be pain management, the defiance of our teenage child, or an unhealthy work environment ... but you need the paycheck to pay the bills. In difficult circumstances, it can be easier to blame, complain, or daydream our way out of it. None of these are real solutions, since none of them accept the reality of the situation at hand. Those options only add to our suffering, since they damage relationships, fixate on the problem, or set up unrealistic expectations.

Instead, Jesus invites us to take up our cross — to look at the uncomfortable situation square in the eyes, take a deep breath, and do our best to be present to God's grace in the moment. To love those in our path. To take things one step at a time. *©LPi*



children and the ages you will be bringing. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, 1023 S. McHenry Ave, Crystal Lake

St. Michael Prayer

The prayer to St. Michael invokes the protection of

the archangel Michael in the ongoing spiritual battle for the souls of all mankind. This prayer was composed by Pope Leo XIII and its use was instituted in 1886 at the end of Low Mass, a tradition which continued until the liturgical reforms of the Second



Vatican Council. A popular story regarding its origin claims that the Pope wrote this prayer after having a vision of demonic spirits descending on Rome.

Michael is mentioned as one of God's seven archangels in the Book of Enoch and is presented by Revelations 12:7-12 as the warrior angel who cast Satan from heaven. He is therefore traditionally venerated as a protector against the forces of evil and a guardian of the Church.

The Prayer to St. Michael is still commonly said at the end of the rosary and by some parishes after the conclusion of Mass. *©LPi*



Knights of Columbus Recitation of Rosary

All are invited to join the Knights of Columbus who will recite the Rosary at the Oak St. Church outside at the Rosary Walk on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at 7:00 pm. The Knights will be praying for all the living and de-

ceased English and Hispanic parishioners of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish.

Mark your calendars for July 15 and join us.



Ministerio Hispano

Horario de Misas

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

Miércoles 6:00 am Viernes 7:00 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: 815-455-2733

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



TERCERA VENTA DE COMIDA Después de Misas Sábado 12 de julio 6 P.M. Domingo 13 de julio 09:30 y 11:30 AM

BAUTISMOS

Iglesia Pierson Street Plática Pre-Bautismal:

Domingo 06 de Julio 3 P.M.

Bautismos:

Sábado 12 de Julio 10 A.M.

PRIMERA COMUNION Y CONFIRMACION INSCRIPCIONES ABIERTAS LLAME A LA OFICINA PARA LA ENTREGA DE SU PAQUETE DE

INSCRIPCION.

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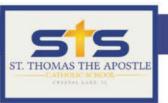
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SI TIENE UN NIÑO CON NECESIDAES ESPECIALES Y AUN NO TIENE LOS SACRAMENTOS DE PRIMERA COMUNION O CONFIRMACION. Puede registrarlo a este programa. LLAME A LA OFICINA PARA REGISTRARLO.



Library Update

Continuing in our series of the library update, this week we feature the technology classroom. Our students meet weekly for technology. This new space will provide an optimal learning environment to learn new skills and digital responsibility!







Fresh Start!

Everyone is moving swiftly on the work in the library and technology lab. It is so exciting to see the fresh new room, ready to be made into a wonderful reading space for St. Thomas students, we can't wait - God is so good!





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Holy Happy Hour makes its long-awaited return this Summer! Join Dcn. Bailey Peterson for 20-30 minutes of faith discussion followed by adult beverages at The Quarry (5517 Northwest Highway) in Crystal Lake from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. July 10 and July 24. We look forward to seeing you there!





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