

# St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

August 17, 2025 - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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



"There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three." - Lk 12:50-52

## ***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

adorationchapelstthomascl@gmail.com

### Resources:

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

Wed. & Thur. 12:30 pm - 3:00 pm

Sat. - 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

*Donations accepted:* During Store Hours

Marian Central High School: (815)-338-4220

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

[www.instagram.com/st.thomascl](http://www.instagram.com/st.thomascl)

Pastor: Rev. Robert Jones

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Rev. Aaron Downing

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## From the Pastor's Desk...



The process that had been formerly known as RCIA is now called OCIA. The “rites” are still part of the “order”, but the new emphasis is meant to invite candidates and catechumens into a continuous process of formation as opposed to fixed check-points on the path to Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation. Furthermore, by making the entire process an “order”, the candidate or catechumen understands the “rites” received in church or at the parish are just one part of the ongoing journey of discipleship that will culminate with Baptism and Confirmation – usually during the Easter Vigil – but will continue throughout their lives.

The new name also emphasizes that the process to become Catholic should not be rushed and can be entered at any time. While most converts enter the Church at the Easter Vigil, this new structure acknowledges that converts could be converted or welcomed into the Church at any point in the year, even taking multiple years before making the final decision. Becoming a Catholic is a major commitment, which involves a great deal of discernment and prayer. It is not and never should be simply a matter of going through the “rites” at fixed points of the calendar year.

The OCIA consists of several distinct stages, each aimed at preparing participants for full communion with the Church:

- **Evangelization and Pre-Catechumenate:** In this initial stage, inquirers learn about Christ and the Catholic faith, often through conversations with a priest or parish director.
- **Catechumenate:** This phase typically lasts the better part of a year, during which catechumens deepen their understanding of the faith and participate in various rites, including the Rite of Acceptance.
- **Purification and Enlightenment:** Occurring during the Penitential Season of Lent, this stage involves more prayer and reflection as catechumens prepare for their initiation into the Church, usually at the Easter Vigil.
- **Mystagogy:** After initiation, newly baptized Catholics continue their formation in faith, engaging with the community and deepening their understanding of the sacraments and their implications for daily life.

Individuals interested in becoming Catholic are encouraged to reach out to their parish for information on inquiry sessions and the steps to begin their journey. Please contact a priest (or director) or call the parish office if you are interested.

Peace, be with you,

Fr. Bob Jones

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### **Monday, August 18th**

6:30 am Victor Onwualu (Special Intention)  
12:10 pm † Kyle McCoy

### **Tuesday, August 19th**

6:30 am † Bill Norris  
12:10 pm † Sol Daya

### **Wednesday, August 20th**

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

### **Thursday, August 21st**

6:30 am † Joseph & Barbara Mitera  
12:10 pm † John and Mary Lou Van Buskirk

### **Friday, August 22nd**

6:30 am † Edmund Strzepa  
12:10 pm † Lloyd & Loretta Smith

### **Saturday, August 23rd**

7:30 am † Felipe Kalaw  
4:30 pm † Craig Streit

### **Sunday, August 24th**

7:30 am People of St. Thomas Parish  
(Living & Deceased)  
9:00 am † Cecelia Heiberger  
10:30 am † Julie Arza  
12:00 pm † Maureen Dolan Yerkes  
5:30 pm † Marcy Leigel



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

## Parish Calendar

### **Sunday, August 17, 2025**

8:30 am Knights Breakfast (Community Room)  
10:00 am OCIA Information Mtg. (Lower Oak)

### **Monday, August 18, 2025\***

10:30 am MMP Rosary (Oak St. Church)  
5:00 pm Confessions (Oak St. Church)  
7:00 pm Women's Evening of Recollection  
(Oak St. Church)  
7:00 pm Diocesan Meeting (Community Room)

### **Tuesday, August 19, 2025\***

### **Wednesday, August 20, 2025\***

*First day of St. Thomas School*  
7:00 pm St. Vincent DePaul (Lower Oak)

### **Thursday, August 21, 2025\***

### **Friday, August 22, 2025\***

10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry (Lower Oak)

### **Saturday, August 23, 2025**

6:00 am That Man Is You (Community Room)  
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 (Oak St. Church)  
4:00 pm Deaf Mass (Parish Center)

### **Sunday, August 24, 2025**

8:30 am Coffee & Donuts (Community Room)  
11:30 am OCIA Information Mtg. (Lower Oak)  
1:30 pm YM (Little Christophers Field)

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



## Adoration Candle Intentions

**Aug. 17 - Aug. 30**

Richard Murphy Family

Eugene Murphy Family

Noonan Family

Gullo Family



**Aug. 17** - Knights of Columbus  
Breakfast after the morning  
Masses in the Community Room.

**Free Rosary repair available during the Knights breakfast.**

**Aug. 24** - Coffee & Donuts



## Wedding Banns

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

Rachel Noonan & Justin Tillman (II)



## Celebrant Weekday Masses

8/18	6:30 am	Fr. Downing
	12:10 pm	Fr. Downing
8/19	6:30 am	Fr. Fitzpatrick
	12:10 pm	Fr. Downing
8/20	6:30 am	Fr. Downing
	12:10 pm	Fr. Fitzpatrick
8/21	6:30 am	Fr. Fitzpatrick
	12:10 pm	Fr. Downing
8/22	6:30 am	Fr. Jones
	12:10 pm	Fr. Fitzpatrick
8/23	7:30 am	Fr. Fitzpatrick

## Celebrant Weekend Masses

8/23	4:30 pm	Fr. Jones
8/24	7:30 am	Fr. Jones
	9:00 am	Fr. Downing
	10:30 am	Fr. Fitzpatrick
	12:00 pm	Fr. Fitzpatrick
	5:30 pm	Fr. Downing

## Please pray for the Deceased

Rodney Tole (*Father of Jeff (Natalie) Tole*)

## WEEKEND MASS MINISTERS - 8/23/25 & 8/24/25

	Lector	EM	Altar Server
4:30 pm	Ed Holda	Michelle Kohlbacher, Michele Hunt, Gloria Marmol	
7:30 am	Bob Lohmann	Lynn Doherty, Mark Przybylski Eleanore Wojewoda, Lori Gajdzik	
9:00 am	Monica Caldicott	Cathy M., Tom M., Rick W., Vicki K., Joanna M., Patrick S.	Sean Kelly, Ian Varys, Jack Golonka
10:30 am	Bob Telmanik	Cheralyn Telmanik, Valerie Cuchna, Jerry Lyons	Noel Telmanik, Andrea Orellana, Hanna Piekut
12:00 pm	Judy Wiedenfeld		Mitchell Schwartz, Bradely Schwartz, Michael Davis
5:30 pm	Mardel Warren	Annette O'Connell, Susan Ludwig	

Weekly Collection - August 10	
Sunday Envelopes	\$20,808.00
Online Giving	\$15,264.50
Sunday Offering	\$2,633.31
Total Collection	\$38,705.81
Weekly Tithe	Catholic Diocese of Bomadi
Mission Collection	\$16,605.10



**St Thomas SPRED Ministry is Seeking Adult Volunteers!**

We are looking for adult men and women (over the age of 21) to serve as **Helper Catechists** in our small faith communities.

**Special Religious Development, aka SPRED**, is designed to help children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities grow together in their faith and feel welcomed in the church.

Please prayerfully consider serving in **SPRED**. No experience is necessary. Training is provided locally this year on September 6th. Sessions with our Friends run from Sept to May and are set in a relaxed and beautiful context. The process is comfortable, experiential and relational. Catechists attend 24 meetings and the group takes a break during the winter months.

If you'd like more information, or to join our group and attend the September 6th training, please contact **SPRED** Parish Chairperson, Beth Montanaro at 815-715-6035 or [bethmontanaro@yahoo.com](mailto:bethmontanaro@yahoo.com)

### Readings for the week of August 17, 2025

Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 (14b)/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2 (Mk 16:15)/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

REST MEANS RECUPERATION: TO GAIN STRENGTH, FORM IDEALS AND MAKE PLANS. IN OTHER WORDS IT MEANS A CHANGE OF OCCUPATION, SO THAT YOU CAN COME BACK LATER WITH A NEW IMPETUS TO YOUR DAILY JOB. (FURROW, 514)

JOIN US FOR QUIET TIME WITH OUR LORD  
**LADIES' EVENING OF RECOLLECTION**



AUGUST 18, 2025  
7:00-8:45 PM

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH  
IN CRYSTAL LAKE

CONFESSION BEGINS AT 6:30  
ADORATION, MEDITATION,  
EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE  
BRIEF TALK ON THE VALUE OF DIFFICULTIES  
BENEDICTION

Do you have an 8<sup>th</sup> Grader?

**2025-2026**  
**Confirmation**  
**Registration is**  
**Now Open**  
**YEAR 1 and YEAR 2**

The link to Confirmation Registration is on the  
Youth Ministry/Confirmation page on the St.  
Thomas website.

Or Use the QR Code below to register.

If you have an older student looking to be confirmed,  
please call the parish office.



Questions? Call Pat Haviland  
815-455-9037



## Religious Education Register NOW!



Meet the teachers  
at the Parish Picnic  
Sept. 6th, 5:30pm

Classes Start:  
Sept. 10th & Sept. 17th

<https://saintthomascatholicchurch.org/religious-education>  
or call 815-455-5400 ext. 415

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



## The Bible Timeline

*The Story of Salvation*

Reading the Bible should bring us closer to Christ, but understanding it is often difficult. Presenter Jeff Cavins shows you how fourteen of the Bible's narrative books tell the biblical story from beginning to end, providing the keys to understanding the amazing story woven throughout Scripture.

The Bible Timeline, a twenty-four-part  
Bible study makes it easy.

**When:** Sept. 16, 2025 - April 14, 2026  
Tuesdays from 9:00 - 11:00 AM

**Cost:** \$40

**Registration** is on our parish website,  
paper forms in the narthex, or QR Code



JEFF CAVINS, SARAH CHRISTMYER, and TIM GRAY

Do you desire a  
deeper understand-  
ing of God's great  
love for you?

Are you interested in  
being active in a  
community of seek-

ers and believers with diverse backgrounds and gifts?

Are you feeling called to explore the faith you already  
have and want to grow it stronger?

Would you like to know more about the Catholic  
Church's history, beliefs, traditions, and teachings?

Do any of the following describe your spiritual journey  
thus far?

- Never been baptized
- Validly baptized in another Christian faith tradition besides Catholic
- Baptized Catholic but has not received Holy Communion and/or Confirmation

If you answered yes to any of the above, we invite you to prayerfully consider attending the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) Process. Or, if you know someone who might be interested in exploring the Faith and entering into full communion with the Catholic Church let them know of this opportunity.

Our OCIA team is excited to host **informational meetings** in the Lower-level of Oak St church on the following dates:

**Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup> from 10:00AM-11:00AM**

**Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup> from 11:30AM-12:30PM**

**Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM-8:00PM**

These meetings will be informal and offer a great opportunity to have all of your questions answered and to learn about the Process. Please join us for any one of them

In the event you are interested but are unable to attend one of the meetings, please contact Mark Przybylski at [mprzybylski@stthomascl.church](mailto:mprzybylski@stthomascl.church)

OCIA classes will be weekly at 10am in the lower level of the Oak Street church beginning Sunday, September 7.



# Ministerio Hispano

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## Horario de Misas

Martes 6:00 am Miércoles 6:00 am

Jueves 7:00 pm Viernes 7:00 pm

Liturgia de la Palabra 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”

**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:**



### Colecta Semanal - Aug. 10

Pierson St.	\$3,091.75
Pierson Online	\$732.00

## MISAS

**NO HABRA MISAS DE MARTES  
Y MIERCOLES A LAS 6 A.M.  
HASTA NUEVO AVISO.**

**LITURGIA DE LA PALABRA  
JUEVES Y VIERNES A LAS 7  
P.M.**

**CLASES DE QUINCEAÑERAS  
LAS CLASES DE  
QUICEAÑERAS SE INICIARAN  
EL DOMINGO 24 DE AGOSTO  
DE 08:30 A 9:30 A.M. EN EL  
SOTANO DE LA PARROQUIA.**

## APARTA LA FECHA PICNIC PARROQUIAL



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August 19 Meet the Teacher & Picture Day  
August 20 First Day of School K-8  
August 23 Trojan Day Athletics Kick off  
August 25 First Day of School PK  
August 26 Curriculum Night

St. Thomas the Apostle School

**PRAYER FOR OUR STUDENTS**

Lord our God,

Send your Spirit upon these students and fill them with your wisdom and blessings

Grant that they may devote themselves to their studies and draw ever closer to you the source of all knowledge

**STS**  
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**JOIN US FOR A BACK TO SCHOOL SWEET TREAT AT**

*Julie ann's*  
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**6500 NW HWY-CRYSTAL LAKE**  
**2PM - 9PM**

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St. Thomas the Apostle School

**BACKPACK BLESSING 2025**

**AUG 20 & 25**



**August 20: K-8**  
7:30am | Washington St. Lot

**August 25: PK**  
8am | Little Saints Preschool

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### A Blessing for Birdie's Garden Brick Pathway

We are looking forward to our Parish Picnic when Fr. Bob will bless our Brick Garden Pathway! A big thanks to all of you, both individuals and ministries, that supported our initial fundraiser. **WE HAVE SOLD 235 BRICKS** which have helped us to continue our mission to support those in need in our community. Our fundraiser will continue for our Hispanic community, and for anyone who would like to commemorate a family member or occasion in any way. Hope to see you at the Picnic!!



### Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come

An intriguing look at one of the most-talked-about books in Scripture shows how the kingdom established by Christ in his Church is intimately connected with the kingdom of heaven and is more than an apocalyptic vision of the "end times."

**When:** Sept. 18, 2025 - Dec 11, 2025  
Thursdays from 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

**Cost:** \$30

**Registration** is on our parish website, paper forms in the narthex, or QR Code



St. Thomas the Apostle Oak Street Location | Lower Level

### Learn About TMIY Aug. 16 and 23!

For 12 years That Man is You (TMIY) has been held at St.

Thomas. Have you ever won-



dered what TMIY is all about? It's a Men's Ministry developed by Paradisus Dei and is currently being offered in over 1,000 parishes. TMIY is designed to meet men wherever they are in their spiritual lives and help them take one step further.

TMIY honestly addresses the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, especially those relating to their roles as husbands and fathers.

If your inner spiritual voice is telling you to "do more" or "be more," take some time on two upcoming Saturday mornings and see for yourself. There will be special presentations on Saturday, Aug. 16 (Spiritual Headship) and another on Saturday, Aug. 23 (The Mystery of the Holy Family).

Both days will be held at the Oak St. church. Coffee and donuts are served at 6 a.m., video starts at 6:30 a.m., followed by small group discussions. We conclude by 7:30 a.m.

Please come and join us. We believe that you will find it worthwhile. Learn more about TMIY on the link on the parish website or contact Carl Marhoefer at [cmarhoefer@gmail.com](mailto:cmarhoefer@gmail.com).

### CHILDREN'S CHOIR NEEDS SINGERS!

Attention parish families! We are looking for interested young singers in grades 2-8 to join our St Thomas parish children's choir! We re-



hearse on Tuesday evenings and sing for one mass a month during the school year. Rehearsals start at the end of August! If you have an interested student, please contact Emily Holland at [enholland18@gmail.com](mailto:enholland18@gmail.com) for more information or to sign up!





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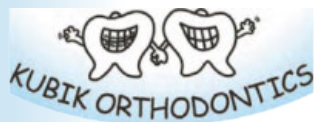


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