

# St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church



August 24, 2025 - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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



"People will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God. For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." - Lk 13:29-30



## 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

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

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

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## From the Pastor's Desk...



One of our parishioners, T.K. O'Hagan, shared the following story with me and I would like to share it with you today. "In the days before computers and cell phones ruled the Earth, families depended on refrigerator doors to organize and mark our achievements. Magnets strained to hold our children's crayon drawings, report cards, awards, etc. from Pre-K to Grad School.

I like to imagine our Heavenly Father having a refrigerator. In His eyes, the greatest accomplishments of humanity, from Aquinas to Einstein, are like crayon drawings of His children on His fridge. He must love them in the same way I loved my children's 1<sup>st</sup> drawings, printed words, and handmade birthday cards.

When I feel self-important or the devil sneaks back into my soul with his favorite vice (pride), it helps me to think of myself this way in God's eyes. He loves me. He loves every single time I try to please Him. I imagine the door of God's fridge reflects how He cherishes my childlike efforts to know and imitate Him.

Isn't it delightful to have a heavenly Father who loves each and every one of His children this much! I long for the day He will hug me and delight in showing me the door to His Heavenly fridge and the crayon drawings of my life hanging there."

In our Gospel today we hear about the narrow gate which leads to eternal life. The warnings might tend to frighten us, but Jesus doesn't want to scare us. He wants to save us. Jesus wants to help us enter the narrow gate by our acts of love and our obedience to His commands. The best news is that *Jesus is the Gate!* Yes, He is the door that leads to our eternal life. So, basically Jesus is saying keep your eyes fixed on Him and He will guide our way and lead us on that narrow path. He wants to save us. He will help us!

I would like to invite everyone to put the date of our St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Picnic on your refrigerator door. On Saturday, September 6, we will have a Bilingual 4:30 pm Mass, with our Parish Picnic to follow from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm. There will be Live Music by two different Bands, a Bounce House, an Obstacle Course, Games for all ages, Face Painting, Free Food from 2 different Trucks, Beer and Wine for purchase, and more! Please come and join in the fun and fellowship on Saturday, September 6. Put this date on your refrigerator today!

Peace, be with you,

Fr. Bob Jones

### Mass Intentions for the Week

#### **Monday, August 25th**

6:30 am † Charles Copley  
12:10 pm Jerry Bonilla-Diaz (Special Intention)

#### **Tuesday, August 26th**

6:30 am † Ben Stepp  
† Bob DiFiore  
12:10 pm † Lodi Mula

#### **Wednesday, August 27th**

6:30 am Edie Berry (Special Intention)  
12:10 pm † Terry Bolling

#### **Thursday, August 28th**

6:30 am † Felicisimo Ventocilla  
12:10 pm † Jack Johnson.

#### **Friday, August 29th**

6:30 am † Rosalie Wiggs  
12:10 pm † Ardis Lynn Kolter

#### **Saturday, August 30th**

7:30 am † David Daily  
4:30 pm † Joan Robaczewski  
Chester Robaczewski  
(Special Intention)

#### **Sunday, August 31st**

7:30 am † Robert Blazier  
9:00 am Knights of Columbus Members  
(Living & Deceased)  
10:30 am People of St. Thomas Parish  
(Living & Deceased)  
12:00 pm † Mary Johnson  
5:30 pm † David Grassini



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

### Parish Calendar

#### **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)

#### **Monday, August 25, 2025\***

10:30 am MMP Rosary (Oak St. Church)  
5:00 pm Confessions (Oak St. Church)

#### **Tuesday, August 26, 2025\***

6:00 pm School Parents Mtg. (Gym)  
7:30 pm Knights Officers Mtg. (Lower Oak)

#### **Wednesday, August 27, 2025\***

6:00 pm Ministry of Hope (Lower Oak)  
6:00 pm YM (St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church)

#### **Thursday, August 28, 2025\***

#### **Friday, August 29, 2025\***

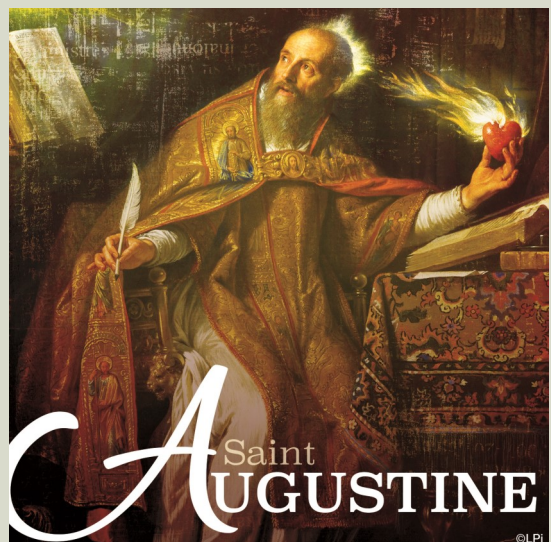
#### **Saturday, August 30, 2025**

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)

#### **Sunday, August 31, 2025**

8:30 am Coffee & Donuts (Community Room)

*\*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



**August 24**

Coffee & Donuts in  
the Community Room after  
morning Masses!



## Wedding Banns

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

Rachel Noonan & Justin Tillman (III)



## *Please pray for the Deceased*

Nancy Doyle

Christine Dembinski

## Celebrant Weekday Masses

8/25	6:30 am	Fr. Jones
	12:10 pm	Fr. Downing
8/26	6:30 am	Fr. Downing
	12:10 pm	Fr. Fitzpatrick
8/27	6:30 am	Fr. Downing
	12:10 pm	Fr. Fitzpatrick
8/28	6:30 am	Fr. Downing
	12:10 pm	Fr. Fitzpatrick
8/29	6:30 am	Fr. Fitzpatrick
	12:10 pm	Fr. Jones
8/30	7:30 am	Fr. Jones

## Celebrant Weekend Masses

8/30	4:30 pm	Fr. Fitzpatrick
8/31	7:30 am	Fr. Downing
	9:00 am	Fr. Fitzpatrick
	10:30 am	Fr. Jones
	12:00 pm	Fr. Downing
	5:30 pm	Fr. Jones

## WEEKEND MASS MINISTERS - 8/30/25 & 8/31/25

	Lector	EM	Altar Server
4:30 pm	Clare Ossman	Christine Kosiba, Gloria Marmol	
7:30 am	Gina Houston	James Cormier, Liz Sernett, Pam Wyman, Nancy Tomaso	
9:00 am	Laura Buthod	Brad F., Emily P., Judy G., Vicki R., Nancy M., Dawn A.	TJ Pachla, Ian Varys, Isaac Gebert
10:30 am	Mardel Warren	Matt Turk, Bob Telmanik, Cheralyn Telmanik, Michele Johnson	Spencer Telmanik, Carson Telmanik, Cade Justen
12:00 pm	Judy Wiedenfeld		
5:30 pm		Annette O'Connell	

Weekly Collection - August 17	
Sunday Envelopes	\$14,919.40
Online Giving	\$13,412.50
Sunday Offering	\$2,354.12
Total Collection	\$30,686.02
Weekly Tithe	St. Vincent De Paul Society



### 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 24, 2025

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

**Monday:** 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Mt 23:13-22

**Tuesday:** 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/Mt 23:23-26

**Wednesday:** 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab/Mt 23:27-32

**Thursday:** 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 24:42-51

**Friday:** 1 Thes 4:1-8 (429)/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12/Mk 6:17-29

**Saturday:** 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt 25:14-30

**Next Sunday:** Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 (1a)/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14

### TMIY Goes Back to the Future!

Join Us Saturday, Sept. 6

# TMIY

THAT MAN IS YOU!

That Man is You is making a re-turn to its roots, bringing back an updated version of its popular first-year "Becoming a Man After God's Own Heart." Come and join TMIY when it starts its 12<sup>th</sup> year at St. Thomas on Saturday, Sept. 6 at 6 a.m., and find out why some of the best guys in the parish look forward to starting their weekend bright and early in the Community Center.

TMIY is unlike anything else that you have experienced. It tackles real issues facing real men. It looks at the leadership role that's been entrusted to men and addresses the temptations and struggles men face in a culture that attacks authentic manhood. Finally, it gives you a plan to overcome these obstacles.

We start with breakfast, then a 30-minute video, break into small groups and wrap up by 7:30 a.m.

Type this link into your browser to learn more about TMIY:

<https://paradisusdei.org/that-man-is-you/>



Sign up via this QR code, or email Greg Ives at [gregives@att.net](mailto:gregives@att.net) for more information.

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

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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 this **informational meeting** in the Lower-level of Oak St church on the following date:

**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.

In the event you are interested but are unable to attend the meeting, 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. 17

Pierson St.	\$2,669.00
Pierson Online	\$19.00

## 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.**

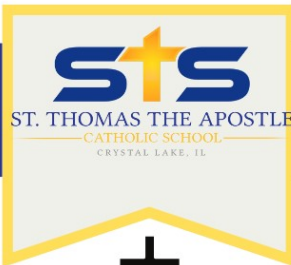
## APARTA LA FECHA PICNIC PARROQUIAL



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**STs 2025 TROJAN TAILGATE**

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**LOCATION: ST. THOMAS SCHOOL COURTYARD**

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**Upcoming Dates:** 

August 25 First Day of School PK  
 August 26 Curriculum Night

September 1 NO SCHOOL - Labor Day  
 September 3 Skate 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

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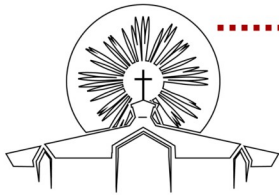
Getting a school ready for a new year is truly a labor of love - and oh what love we have in our school! There are words of welcome around every corner. Our teachers have poured their hearts into their classrooms and it shows!

There are also so many visible unspoken signs of the deep care and love that our maintenance staff has for these halls - beautiful waxed floors, countless desks and furniture moved, endless removal of overflowing empty boxes, and the million odd jobs that come their way! So many people share their gifts and talents so our children can be welcomed into a nurturing learning environment. We are humbled and blessed - God is so good!





# St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Picnic



Saturday  
**September 6<sup>th</sup>**  
5:30pm - 8:30pm  
Oak Street Church



## What is the difference between a basilica and a cathedral?

Basilicas are churches that are so titled because of their antiquity, dignity, historical importance, or significance as centers of worship. A cathedral is the principal church of a diocese, which contains the chair of the bishop, or “cathedra” in Latin. The chair is the symbol of the bishop’s teaching authority.

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## UNPACK THE MYSTERIES IN Revelation



### 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



## “Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John”

In this study, you will learn what it takes to follow Christ and discover the joy of divine friendship. You will see how God, and only God, can satisfy the deepest desires of your heart.

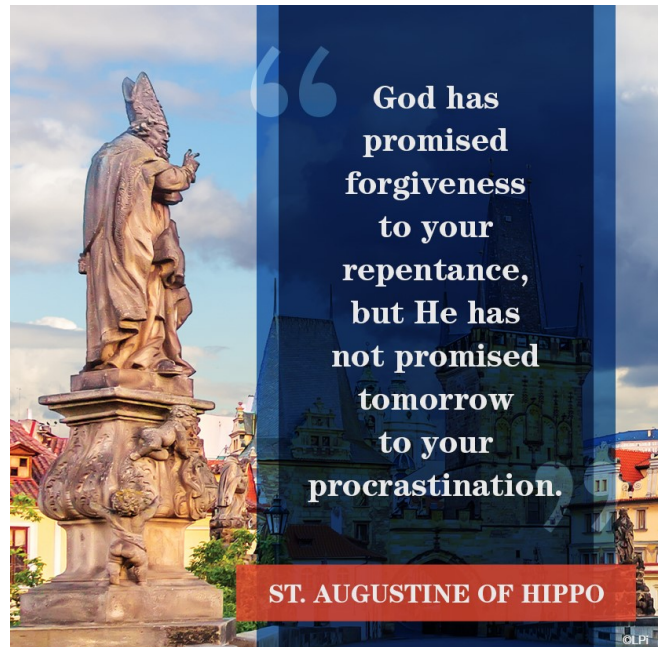
**When:** Sept. 17, 2025 - Nov 5, 2025  
Wednesday from 9:00 - 10:30 AM

**Cost:** \$25

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



St. Thomas the Apostle Oak Street Location | Lower Level



ST. AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO

## 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 rehearse 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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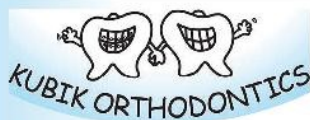
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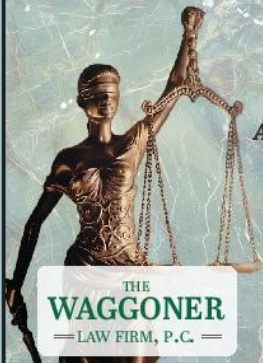
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