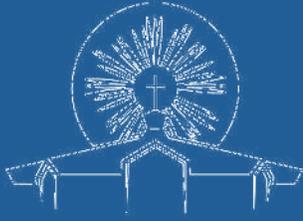


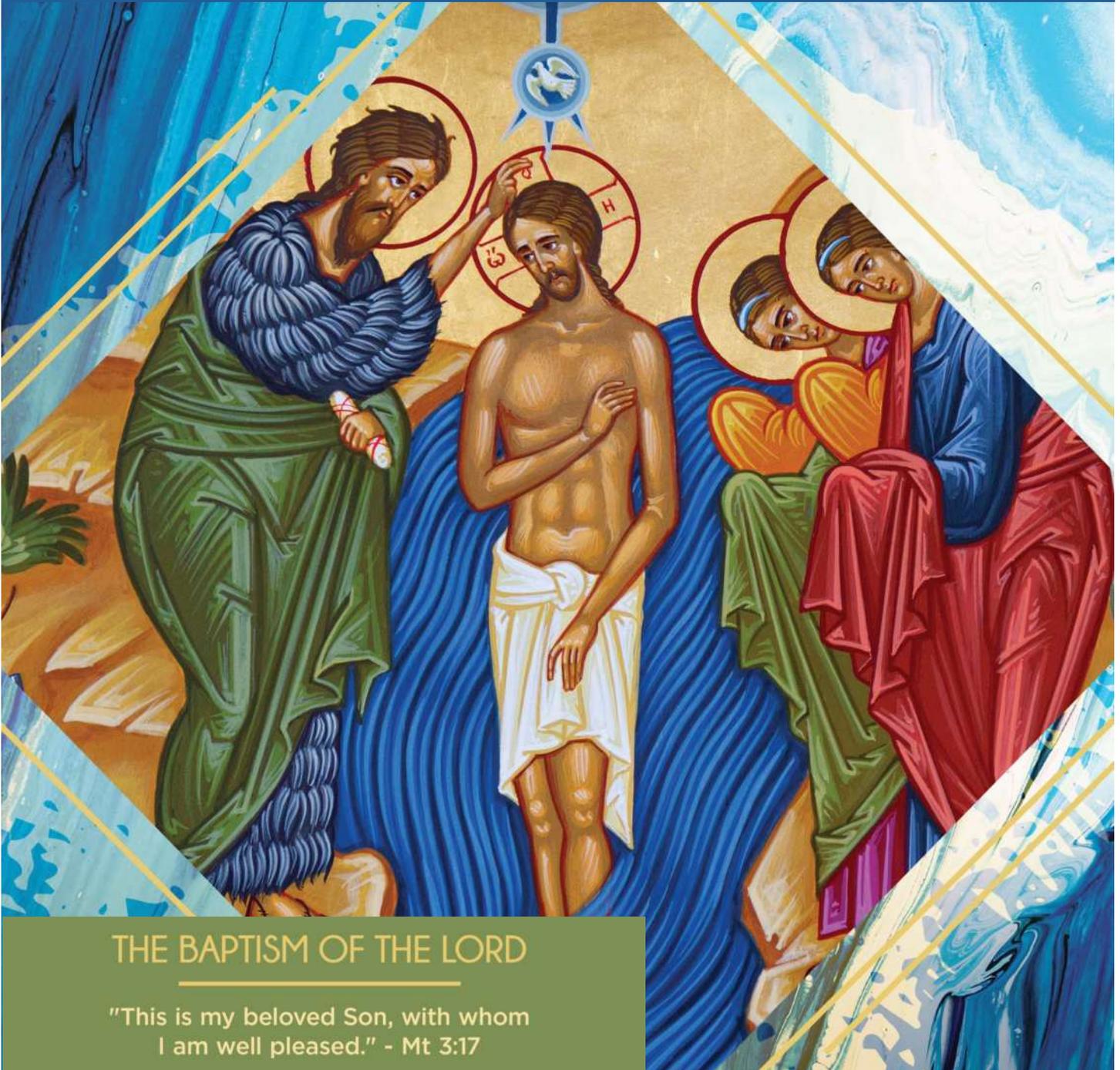
# St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church



January 11, 2026 - Baptism of the Lord

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

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## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." - Mt 3:17

### **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

www.marian.com

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## From the Pastor's Desk...



People are often drawn to bodies of water. I'm sure that was one of the original attractions to some of the first settlers here in Crystal Lake. Bodies of water represent a power and meaning difficult to describe, but demanding of our attention. There are many reasons for the universal attraction to water, not the least of which is the fact that it is the very source and sustainer of life.

Our Gospel this weekend places us at the center of the Judeo-Christian tradition about who we are in relationship to water. The consciousness of Israel and her Jewish descendants was that of a people brought forth miraculously from water. The Jews remembered and celebrated that God had brought the chosen people from

the waters of the Red Sea. This was an essential moment in them becoming a beloved people and a mighty nation. The Story of Exodus dramatizes the importance of the chosen people being brought out of the waters. It was and is basic to their very identity.

This moment was not isolated from the larger picture of Salvation History. These people were rescued and chosen for a purpose. Israel was to live as a people brought up out of the waters. Her self-consciousness was to be that of a people raised up, brought out to be a sign and to live faithfully for the sake of others. Israel was called forth from the waters to be servant. Generations would resist this calling, but prophetic voices and religious rituals served as pointed reminders of this reality: "I, the Lord, have called you for the victory of justice....as a covenant of the people, a light for the nations."

In today's Gospel, Jesus rises out of the waters of the Jordan in this same Servant tradition. Jesus' own self-consciousness is shaped as one called for a purpose. The "voice of the Lord," which speaks repeatedly from the beginning of time calling forth life and naming what is called forth as good, calls Jesus to a new and exemplary role. Jesus is to be servant like none other. His life, like that of His religious ancestors, is to be that of one called out the waters to bring reconciliation, justice, healing, sight, light. Unlike His ancestors, Jesus would embrace this role totally, testing it to the limits and revealing its cost.

What does this mean for us? We, as baptized Christians, are a people come "directly out of the water," called to live in solidarity with Christ (as our Head) and others (as our Body). We are "washed" for a purpose. As with Israel and with Jesus, our being brought through or out of the water has meaning only insofar as we are willing to embrace this identity and live it out. As we begin a New Year, perhaps rather than coming up with many new resolutions, we would be better served by renewing the promises of our baptismal commitment.

Peace be with you, Fr. Bob Jones

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### **Monday, January 12th**

6:30 am Gena Family (Living & Deceased)  
12:10 pm † Patricia Martin

### **Tuesday, January 13th**

6:30 am † Father Joseph Kulak  
12:10 pm † Luella Streit

### **Wednesday, January 14th**

6:30 am † Vincent Gray  
12:10 pm † Joan Robaczewski  
Chester Robaczewski  
(Special Intention)

### **Thursday, January 15th**

6:30 am † Arianna Petersen  
12:10 pm Rinn Family (Living & Deceased)

### **Friday, January 16th**

6:30 am † Stephen Baker  
12:10 pm † Dawn Sulek

### **Saturday, January 17th**

7:30 am † John Finnegan  
4:30 pm † Ralph Polinski

### **Sunday, January 18th**

7:30 am † Norine Dalessandro Thomas &  
Robert Thomas  
9:00 am The People of St. Thomas the Apostle  
Parish (Living & Deceased)  
10:30 am † David Martin  
12:00 pm Taiga & Margaret Sato  
(Special Intention)  
5:30 pm † Elaine Lillian Jakubco



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

## Parish Calendar

### **Sunday, January 11, 2026**

*2<sup>nd</sup> Collection – Diocesan National Appeal*  
8:30 am Coffee & Donuts (Comm. Room)  
9:00 am O.C.I.A. at Mass  
10:00 am O.C.I.A. Class (Lower Oak)  
12:00 pm Family Mass (Oak St. Church)  
6:45 pm YM Confirmation Class (Community Rm.)

### **Monday, January 12, 2026\***

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

### **Tuesday, January 13, 2026\***

9:30 am St. Jude Guild (Parish Center)  
7:30 pm Moms Group (Community Room)

### **Wednesday, January 14, 2026\***

4:30 pm Grade R.E. Classes (Pierson St. Church)  
7:00 pm High School YM (Community Room)

### **Thursday, January 15, 2026\***

7:00 pm Junior High YM (Community Room)

### **Friday, January 16, 2026\***

***Parish Center and St. Thomas School Closed***

### **Saturday, January 17, 2026**

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, January 18, 2026**

8:30 am Knights Breakfast (Community Room)  
9:00 am O.C.I.A. at Mass  
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

Jan. 4 - Jan. 17

Sulek Family

Turk Family

Gallo Family

Steve Medford Family



### Diocesan National Appeal – January 10-11, 2026

We will have a second collection this weekend for the annual Rockford Diocesan National Appeal.

This Appeal supports:

- Retirement Fund for Religious
- Catholic University of America
- Catholic Campaign for Human Development
- Catholic Communication Campaign
- Rockford Diocesan Priests' Pension
- Catholic Elementary School Financial Support for the Diocese

Thank you for your generosity, support and prayers.



Celebrant Weekday Masses		
1/12	6:30 am	Fr. Downing
	12:10 pm	Fr. Jones
1/13	6:30 am	Fr. Jones
	12:10 pm	Fr. Downing
1/14	6:30 am	Fr. Fitzpatrick
	12:10 pm	Fr. Jones
1/15	6:30 am	Fr. Downing
	12:10 pm	Fr. Fitzpatrick
1/16	6:30 am	Fr. Fitzpatrick
	12:10 pm	Fr. Canova
1/17	7:30 am	Fr. Fitzpatrick

Celebrant Weekend Masses		
1/17	4:30 pm	Fr. Downing
1/18	7:30 am	Fr. Fitzpatrick
	9:00 am	Fr. Jones
	10:30 am	Fr. Downing
	12:00 pm	Fr. Fitzpatrick
	5:30 pm	Fr. Jones

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.

### WEEKEND MASS MINISTERS - 1/17/26 & 1/18/26

	Lector	EM	Altar Server
4:30 pm	Emily Holland	Michelle Kohlbacher, Kathy Pfeiffer, Deacon Bailey	
7:30 am	Lori Gajdzik	James Cormier, Eleanore Wojewoda, Nancy Tomaso, Deacon Bailey	
9:00 am	Tad Walters	Cathy Mueller, Tom Mueller, Brad Frey, Rick Wojcik	James Wolff, Sean Kelly, Ian Varys
10:30 am	Monica Caldicott	Susan Gawart, Craig Gawart, Maureen Carpenter, Kristy White	Andrea Alvarado, Andrea Orellana
12:00 pm	Mardel Warren		Jake Polston, Daniel Polston
5:30 pm	Judy Wiedenfeld	Joanna Majewska	

Weekly Collection - December 28	
Sunday Envelopes	\$10,923.00
Online Giving	\$9,963.00
Sunday Offering	\$2,319.41
Total Collection	\$23,205.41
Weekly Tithe	McHenry County PADS
Christmas	\$44,972.25

Weekly Collection - January 4	
Sunday Envelopes	\$11,692.00
Online Giving	\$6,290.00
Sunday Offering	\$2,124.25
Total Collection	\$20,106.25
Weekly Tithe	Crystal Lake Food Pantry
Solemnity of Mary	\$3,583.25



### Readings for the week of January 11, 2026

**Sunday:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

**Monday:** 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20

**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sam 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

**Wednesday:** 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

**Thursday:** 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45

**Friday:** 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12

**Saturday:** 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17

**Next Sunday:** Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2 and 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

### Holy Water Bottles

In honor of the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, Sunday, January 11, we will be offering holy water for use in your homes. (Your donation of \$1.50 will help defray the cost of these containers—it is not to pay for the holy water!) Holy water is always available for you in the receptacle in the Narthex of Oak Street Church. We encourage frequent and reverent use of this wonderful sacramental to call down God's protection on your homes, families, and loved ones throughout the year.

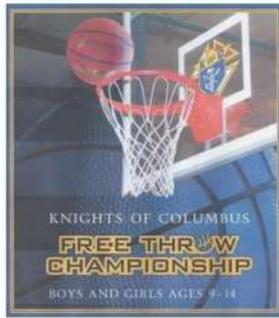
### Parish Center & St. Thomas School Closed Friday, January 16, 2026 and Monday, January 19, 2026

The Parish Center and School will be closed on Friday, January 16, for an all day staff retreat and on Monday, January 19, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.



### We Need Your Help - Please Update Your Information

We would kindly like to ask for your help! Perhaps you registered with the parish 20 years ago and some things have changed, maybe you have gotten rid of your landline, or gotten a new email address, maybe you just moved across town. Maybe you have moved out of your parents home and are on your own. If any of these things or others could be you, we would appreciate you updating your information with us. It is especially important as we get ready to email contribution letters to you for tax purposes, that we have the correct email address. Use the QR code or go to the Parish Website, under



All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 (as of January 1, 2026 – proof of age required) are invited to participate in the 2026 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The competition consists of 4 rounds: Council; District; Regional; State Championship.

The Council and District competitions will be held Saturday, January 31st at the St. Thomas The Apostle School, 265 King St, Crystal Lake. Entrance to the gym is on Lake Street.

All shooters will participate in the Council round. The winners of each age bracket in the Council round will automatically be declared the winner of the District round and advance to the Regionals. Each District winner is required to shoot 25 free throws on Jan 31st and their results are recorded and forwarded to the Regional organizers.

The Regional Championship will be held in St. Charles in early March, 2025 (TBD date & location). Winners of the Regional Championship will advance to the State Championship that will be held in early April (date TBD) at an Illinois TBD location.

Registration is the day of the event (no pre-registration required). Doors open at 8:00am and the competition will begin at 8:30am.

The competition is "Free" to participants!!

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is sponsored by St Thomas Fr. McCormick Council 3880 and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Council 10678

The Schedule for the competition is as follows:

<b>Registration opens at 8:00 AM</b>	
14-13 Boys/Girls Competition	8:30-9:15
12-11 Boys/Girls Competition	9:15-10:00
10-9 Boys/Girls Competition	10:00-10:45

Participants are required to bring a copy of their birth certificate and have written parental consent in order to participate. A Consent Form will be available at the registration table and

can be signed at registration. If a child's parent cannot attend, they must send a signed consent note with their child.

Additional information: contact Mike Kebr; [mkebr@comcast.net](mailto:mkebr@comcast.net); (815) 814-7395

## Joy!

Though it is often used as a synonym for happiness, joy has far more to do with the choices we make than the emotions we feel.

Joy is the experience of achieving what we most desire — and what we most desire is love. God made us in love and for love, and so, in the same way that a flower seeks the sunlight, our souls seek the warmth of true, selfless love. The virtue of joy, therefore, is a fruit of the virtue of love, or charity (CCC 1829).

"We are meant to have our human joys: the joy of living, the joy of love and friendship, the joy of work well done," said Saint Pope John Paul II. "We who are Christians have a further cause for joy: like Jesus, we know that we are loved by God our Father. This love transforms our lives and fills us with joy."

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## Make TMIY Your New Year's Resolution Join us January 10th!

Come and join That Man is You when it starts up again on Saturday, Jan. 10 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 a perfect Lenten journey companion, helping boost the faith lives of Catholic men, husbands and dads. It will enrich the important role men play at home – and we have coffee and donuts, too! 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 this year: <https://youtu.be/-m7js1VpbVo> Sign up via this QR code, or email Greg Ives at [gregives@att.net](mailto:gregives@att.net) for more information.



**TMIY**  
THAT MAN IS YOU!

**Mówimy Po Polsku??** Well, get your Polish ready, St. Thomas! The Annual Fr. McCormickski Knights of Columbus Council 3880 Polish Dinner is coming! We are getting ready to serve up all of the scrumptious menu with Irene Skaja's Beef Barley Mushroom soup, Roast Pork, Polish Sausage, and Pierogi to name a few. Don't forget to save room for some Kolczki and Raspberry Nalesniki!

Mark your calendar for

**Saturday, January 31, 2026.** Doors open at 5:45 pm to the Oak Street Community Room.



We welcome back the Polonia Ensemble Dancers this year. A great evening for a low price, \$25.00 per adult, and \$10.00 per child. **Tickets will be on sale after Sunday Masses through January 25, 2026.**

**"Nie będzie późno"**

# 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”

**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 - Dec. 28 / Navidad	
Pierson St.	\$3,174.85 / \$2,260.00
Pierson Online	\$246.00
Colecta Semanal - Jan. 4 / Solemnidad de Maria	
Pierson St.	\$3,135.85 / \$1,796.00
Pierson Online	\$186.00

Las lecturas de hoy nos presentan al prometido por Dios desde el Antiguo Testamento. Al ser bautizado por Juan, Jesús asume su misión pública, nada fácil, por cierto. Sin embargo, no está solo. El Espíritu Santo lo acompañará a lo largo de su vida y misión. “En ese momento se abrieron los cielos y vio al Espíritu de Dios que bajaba como una paloma y se posaba sobre él. Al mismo tiempo, se oyó una voz del cielo que decía: ‘Este es mi Hijo, el Amado; en él me complazco’”. (Mateo 3:16-17). La liturgia de este domingo nos invita a descubrir la magnitud de nuestro bautismo. Desde ese día, el Espíritu Santo nos acompaña y guía en cada momento de nuestra vida. Solo basta con dejarlo actuar, y hará maravillas en nosotros. ¿Sabes la fecha y el día de tu bautismo? ¿Conoces el nombre del sacerdote que te dio el sacramento?

“Los bautizados se han revestido de Cristo” (Gálatas 3:27). “Por el Espíritu Santo, el bautismo es un baño que purifica, santifica y justifica” (Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica, #1227).

Gracias, Señor, por amarnos tanto, porque por nuestro bautismo nos acogiste y abrazaste en tus

brazos, y nos manifestaste ante la comunidad para formar parte de la familia cristiana. Todos somos hijos e hijas de Dios por el bautismo. Desde su bautismo, Jesús pasó haciendo el bien durante su vida terrena. Por lo tanto, nuestro compromiso como bautizados debe ser el mismo: ¡hacer el bien!

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# HELP US REACH OUR GOAL!



**\$25,000**

Funds this year will go toward creating a beautiful & welcoming school courtyard and continued improvement in security and communications.

Fundraising link will be live on 1/28



Contact Colleen Nieckula with any questions: [cnieckula@stthomascl.org](mailto:cnieckula@stthomascl.org)

St. Thomas School  
Day of Giving



Follow us on Facebook for live updates! [facebook.com/stscl](https://facebook.com/stscl)

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28TH**

RSVP HERE



**OPEN HOUSE**



COME EXPERIENCE  
*the*  
**DIFFERENCE**

- ✓ PreK - 8th Grade
  - ✓ Catholic Education
- Contact Colleen Nieckula  
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**Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**1:30pm - 3:30pm**

**sts**

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL  
CRYSTAL LAKE, IL

**Trivia Night**

Hosted by the Home & School Association

Come ready to Exercise those Brains, Dash for Desserts,  
& Enter to Win some Raffle Prizes

**February 7**  
**6:00 PM**

St. Thomas Church  
Community Room

Tickets sold as Table of 8  
Individual tickets not sold at this time



Tickets are Limited- On Sale Now!  
Early Bird Pricing from January 1<sup>st</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> \$300 a table!  
Price Increases to \$340 a Table on January 22<sup>nd</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>.



**FAMILY CANDY BINGO**



The Fun Fair is now Family Candy Bingo!

**JAN 23, 2025**  
**5-7:30 PM**

St. Thomas Community Center, 451 W Terra Cotta Ave

- ENTRY: 1 full size candy bar = 1 BINGO card
- Winner of each round will receive different amounts of the candy until it's gone!
- Calling starts at 5:30pm (6 games total)
- CAKE WALK intermission!
- Pizza, snacks and drinks available for purchase.
- Other activities available for smaller children.
- This is an STS Family Only event due to limited space.

PLEASE  
RSVP  
HERE



St. Thomas Catholic Church  
*Catholic Mom's Group*



*supporting each other in faith and motherhood*

Second Tuesday of the Month | 7:30-9 pm | Community Room

Beginning January 2026



# IL Pro-Life March

DIocese OF ROCKFORD PILGRIMAGE  
 THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2026



REGISTRATION FORMS & PAPERWORK AVAILABLE AT:  
[life.rockforddiocese.org/life-dignity/2026-il-pro-life-march](http://life.rockforddiocese.org/life-dignity/2026-il-pro-life-march)  
 FOR INFO: LIFE & FAMILY EVANGELIZATION OFFICE (815) 399-4300 x 377

**YOUTH/SCHOOL/FAMILY GROUP**  
 \$60/PERSON  
**INDIVIDUAL PILGRIMS**  
 \$80/PERSON

**PILGRIM REGISTRATON IS OPEN!**  
 All forms & payment must be  
 submitted by **February 26, 2026**

**Cost Includes:**

- Round-trip motor coach to Springfield, Ill.
- Mass, Rally, IL Pro-Life March, and Adoration.
- Diocesan pilgrimage baseball cap; option for pilgrimage hoodie available at extra cost
- Debrief discussion of the day
- Please bring a bagged lunch and money for dinner on the road.

*A truly unforgettable experience!*

**SPACE IS LIMITED. SPOTS WILL BE FILLED IN THE ORDER IN WHICH FORMS AND PAYMENTS ARE RECEIVED.**  
 Due to a generous *Knights of Columbus* donation, youth & accompanying adults will travel at a reduced cost!

## IL Pro-Life March

DIocese OF ROCKFORD PILGRIMAGE  
 MARCH 19, 2026

**Tentative Itinerary**

*(subject to change)*

**Thursday, March 19**

- 5 am: Pick up from various locations in the Diocese of Rockford
- Midmorning: Arrive in Springfield and Mass with Bishop Paprocki, followed by Brown Bag Lunch
- 1pm: Rally at the Capitol in Springfield and March around the Capitol
- 3:30 pm: Eucharistic Adoration and discussion of the day
- 4:30 pm: Departure for Diocese of Rockford with dinner on road
- 7pm/9pm: Arrival in Diocese of Rockford with joyful hearts and great memories!

**Tentative Bus Pick Up**

*(subject to change)*

- Bus 1: Starts at St. Mary-Huntley and picks up at southern parish locations
  - Bus 2: Starts at Sacred Heart-Marengo and picks up western and southern parish locations
- Subsequent pickup locations will be determined by registrations

**How to Register**

**Youth & Qualified Chaperones:** Registration forms are available through your parish or school Youth Minister/Group Leader. Leaders, contact the LIFE Office to obtain forms ([life@rockforddiocese.org](mailto:life@rockforddiocese.org) or 815-399-4300), or visit [life.rockforddiocese.org/life-dignity/2026-il-pro-life-march](http://life.rockforddiocese.org/life-dignity/2026-il-pro-life-march). All group leaders and chaperones must comply with the Diocese of Rockford Safe Environment requirements. Please inform the LIFE Office as soon as possible that you are planning to bring a group.

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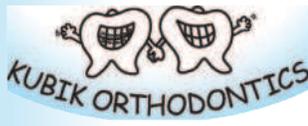
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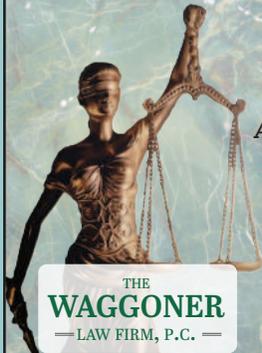


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