

Parish Center
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Pierson Street Church, 453 Pierson St. Crystal Lake, IL 60014

Evangelization and Spiritual Enrichment

- 110** **Light of the World Retreat** – No matter where you are in your faith journey, if you would like a personal encounter with the Lord and a greater understanding of the Catholic Faith, join us for this Parish retreat Weekend retreat offered twice a year for all adults.
Contact: Pat Haviland, ext 410
- 111** **Men's Group** – Men's Group for all adult men, meets every Saturday morning from 8:15-9:30AM in the lower level of Oak St. Church. Meetings include prayer, praise & spiritual edification, catechesis and petition. No need to RSVP, just show up.
Contact: John Sinski 815-477-7530 or john.sinski@ihs.com
- 112** **That Man is You**- A 24 week interactive men's program focused on development of men in the Catholic modern world. It combines the teachings of the faith and wisdom of the saints to enhance men as Catholics, husbands, fathers, and heads of their domestic church at home. Meets Sat mornings in the community center at 6am.
Contact: Greg Ives 847-338-4672 or gregives@att.net
- 113** **St. Thomas Mom's Group**- Get to know other moms in the parish while having fun and growing in faith. Events include: monthly daytime and evening meetings, bible study, book club, moms night out, & annual plant sale just to name a few. Join us for one event or for them all! Active email loop and Facebook group keep you updated on all events. Children welcome at all meetings and babysitting provided.
Contact Mary Marsh rdmmms@hotmail.com or Kristin Miller, kristin.theros@gmail.com or on Facebook
- 114** **Marian Group**- Organizes activities (i.e. parish May Rosary Rally)and provides educational opportunities (October Event Rosary Table) to increase devotion to Mary.
Contact: Jean Bianchi 815-529-4259
- 115** **Our Lady's Rosary Makers**: Learn how to make rosaries for our parish and Catholic missions. We supply all the material and can teach you in one instruction session. Help us respond to Mary's request by supplying rosaries for Catholics to pray for World Peace
Contact: Jean Bianchi 815-529-4259

- 119** **Seven Sisters Apostolate**- This is a group of dedicated women who pray regularly for our parish priests. Seven women each choose a day of the week to pray for one priest for one hour any time the during that day, preferably before the Eucharist in adoration. The commitment is for one year beginning June 1st.
Contact: Andrea Isabelli, aisabelli369@gmail.net
- 120** **Vocations Awareness Ministry**-This Ministry is to cultivate and promote vocation awareness.
Contact: Fr Bob Jones 815-455-5400

Liturgy

- 200** **Holy Hearts Adoration Chapel**- Spend time in the direct, physical presence of God. The Chapel is attached to our Oak St. Church and is open 6am to 10pm- security cards are needed after hours. We need regular adorers and substitute adorers.
Contact: adorationchapel@stthomascl.church
- 202** **Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**- Assist the clergy in the distribution of Holy Communion at weekend and special masses. Training & Commissioning are required.
Contact: Meg Struttman, ext 417
- 202** **Bring communion to Homebound, Nursing Homes and Hospitals**-Trained and commissioned volunteers bring Holy Communion to those unable to attend Mass. Must be Confirmed, current marriage must be valid, widowed, single or divorced
Contact: Meg Struttman, ext 417
- 203** **Lectors**-Two lectors at each Mass proclaim the Scripture readings and assist with parish announcements and the Prayers of the Faithful. Lectors must attend an audition.
Contact: Meg Struttman, ext 417
- 204** **Altar Servers**-Boys and Girls are trained each fall and include 5th grade and up.
Contact: Meg Struttman, ext. 417
- 205** **Ushers** – Volunteers take up the collection distribute the bulletin, recruit people to carry up the gifts and assist special needs parishioners.
Contact: Donna Kothera, ext. 400
- 206** **Sacristans**- Assist the priest before and after Mass on weekends and special liturgies. Volunteers are especially needed to help on weekends with funerals.
Contact: Meg Struttman, ext 417

208 Children's Nursery- (for children ages 2 to 5)
Available during the 10:30 am Sunday Mass and during special events. Teens and adults are Welcome to serve.

Contact: Donna Kothera, ext 400

209 Environment and Art- Volunteers are workers, artists who decorate the church. Help is needed from design, sewing, assembling Christmas trees to ironing, hammering a nail and climbing a ladder Meetings are held periodically through the year

Contact: Liz Sernett s817silver@aol.com & Julie Antongiovanni flyingwithturkeys@hotmail.com

Music

210 Adult Choir: A four-part chorus open to singers in High School and older, sing at the 9:00 Sunday mass and for special liturgies and concerts throughout the year. Rehearsal on Thursday from 7:00-8:15 pm

Contact: Sarah Rattana, ext.416

211 Contemporary Ensemble- Music ministry for the 10:30 am Sunday Mass includes vocalists and instrumentalists of all ages. Rehearsals on Wednesday from 7:00 to 8:15pm. Audition required

Contact: Sarah Rattana, ext.416

212 Children's Choir-Open to children from grades 2 thru 8. They sing twice a month and at special liturgies throughout the year. Rehearsals on Thursday from 4:00-5:15pm

Contact: Sarah Rattana, ext.416

213 Resurrection Choir-Volunteers who sing for funerals.

Contact: Sarah Rattana ext.416

214 Handbell Choir-Handbell Choir rings at Mass and special liturgies. Experience not required.

Contact: Sarah Rattana, ext.416

228 Cantors-Lead the assembly in song at all liturgies Audition required. Rehearsals on Wednesday from 6-7:00pm

Contact: Sarah Rattana, ext.416

230 Keyboard-Organ and Piano-
Accompaniment for cantors and choirs at Weekend Masses and special Liturgies, Audition required.

Contact: Sarah Rattana, ext. 416

232 Instrumentalists- Band and Orchestral- Experienced band and orchestral instrumentalists that are interested in playing for Masses and special liturgies.

Contact: Sarah Rattana, ext. 416

233 Schola(Latin/Polyphone Chamber Grp-Audition Reqred.)

A chamber choir whose primary focus is Latin chant and polyphony. Musical sightreading abilities are vital. Rehearsals and Mass commitments will be determined when new group is formed.

Contact: Sarah Rattana, ext 416

Parish Service Groups

303 Knights of Columbus-Fr. McCormick Council #3880 an international fraternal organization of Catholic gentleman dedicated to positive action for Charity, Unity, Fraternity & Patriotism. Knights host monthly breakfasts, and service programs. All net proceeds go to charity. Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month.

Contact: Robert Wyman rwyman72@yahoo.com

304 St. Thomas Women's Club-Open to all women of the Parish. There are numerous guilds, each providing their own special service to our community. Funeral luncheons, running the Little Christopher Resale Shop, assisting at Parish Functions, are a few of these services. Meeting times & Location vary by guild.

Contact: Meg Struttman, ext 417

307 Little Christopher Resale Shoppe- Tues & Wed 10-1 Thur 10-3; 469 Lake St. A not for profit resale Shoppe run by volunteers (proceeds go to St. Thomas Church /School) . We accept gently used clothing, toys and small household items only. Looking for Volunteers! We'd love to have you!

Contact: 815-459-9442

308 Funeral Luncheon Ministry- Volunteers are needed for planning, preparing food, serving and clean-up. A nominal fee is charged for the luncheon for family and friends of the deceased.

Contact: Marilyn Georgy 815-351-3579

309 Prayer Shawl Ministry-A prayerful Ministry that reaches out to those in need of comfort and solace through the loving creations of knitted, crocheted sewn or quilted shawls. The group meets on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month.

Contact: Anna Wojcik 847-515-4746

310 St. Thomas Pro-Life Ministry- The ministry is open to doing anything that might be needed to help support and defend life in all its stages.

Contact: Kim Marry 815-236-0502

314 Secular Franciscans— A fraternity which embraces poverty and good stewardship. All are welcome

Contact: Donna Kothera, ext 400

321 Boys Scouts /Cub Scouts-Cub Scouts ages 6-10 Pack meetings once a month; Den meetings weekly. Boys Scouts ages 11-17 meet weekly on Monday nights

Contact: Meg Struttman, ext 417

Outreach/Fellowship

421 St. Thomas Outreach Ministry- Dedicated to providing emergency financial assistance to those in need, in our local community, on a case by case basis. Supported by contributions from individuals and Parish tithe. To volunteer please call the Pastoral office

Contact: stthomastheapostleoutreach@gmail.com

422 Crystal Lake Food Pantry- Sponsored by 20 local Churches. Volunteers operate the Pantry. St. Thomas has a monthly collection on the 1st Sunday of the month. Located at 42 East St. Crystal Lake.

Contact: Marilyn Georgy 815-459-3579 or Bill Genzler 815-701-1725 Food pantry hrs. M,W,F & Sat 10-2, Thur 5-7

423 Good Samaritan Network-Supported by 12 local Churches and individual donations, it is a financial service to the needs in the Crystal Lake area.

Volunteers are trained. St. Thomas Parish volunteers M,W,F 9-11, We work closely with Outreach

Contact: gsmcl91@gmail.com or 815-477-2489

424 Senior Volunteer Care Network-A volunteer network of religious congregations providing services to people 60 and over. Services include phone calls, visits, respite services, shopping, minor home and yard maintenance, business help and transportation.

Contact 815-455-3120

429 Meal Ministry to Parishioners-Volunteers provide meals on a temporary basis to families experiencing difficulties.

Contact: Cheralyn Telmanik 815-572-1123 cetelman@scj.com

432 Garden Ministry-This ministry is for individuals that love to garden. Help keep our beautiful flower garden at the Oak Street Church weed free and gorgeous for all to see.

Contact: Linda Fisher queenfish4@gmail.com

433 Rosary Repair Ministry- Bring your broken rosaries to the Knights of Columbus breakfast each month to have it repaired for free.

Contact: Joyce Holm 815-788-3290 princessfrogs6@yahoo.com

434 Church Cleaning Crew-This Ministry focuses on cleaning Oak street church, as much as possible but at least 4 times a year. Deep cleaning also of the Adoration Chapel during Holy Week.

Contact: Scott & Melinda Popp 847-951-8086

435 Sunday Coffee & Donuts- Held the 1st, 2nd,4th, & 5th Sundays following 7:30, 9, & 10:30 Masses. Parish Volunteers help with distribution of Donuts & Coffee

Contact: Donna Kothera, ext 400

515 Social Events- Join this Dynamic group and help the parishioners of St. Thomas get to know each other better through several annual events.

Contact: Donna Kothera, ext 400

Religious Education-Preschool through 6th Grade

600 Weekly Classes-Classes held weekly Wednesday

afternoons 4:30-5:45pm from September thru April. Volunteers needed to serve as Catechists Substitute Catechist, Door monitors, and volunteers to provide childcare for Catechist.

603 Family Catechesis- Classes are held bi-weekly in the evening on Wednesday from 6:00-8:00pm from September through April. Volunteers to minister to families with children by serving as Catechists Substitute Catechist, provide childcare, technical support (A/V), hospitality, clean up/set-up We also seek to donate a portion of the meal we provide.

613 Home Study- Community sessions are held 4 times a year (once in Sept., Nov., Fe., & April) on Sunday's from 1:00-2:30pm from September through April. Volunteers are needed as Catechists -k through 6 grade general set-up and clean-up. Contact 815-455-9787

Youth Ministry Junior High & High School

710 SPRED Ministry- Welcomes persons with developmental disabilities and or learning challenges providing faith formation to help them become integrated into parish life. Small communities of faith serve ages 6 through Adulthood, Friends meet in small groups 12 times a year. To learn more go to <http://www.stthomascl.church/spred>

715 Totus Tuus- A week long program for youth put on by the Diocesan Vocational Office. Day camp 1st-6th grade and evening programs 7th-12th grade. Volunteers for Housing of team members, Lunch volunteer, Lunch for team members, youth team support during the day & host dinner for team.

720 Youth Ministry-Youth Ministry is an opportunity for our Jr High and High School students to encounter Jesus, grow as disciples and have a lot of fun. We will offer a variety of opportunities to gather with their friends, have a safe place to be themselves and learn about their faith through games, small groups, insightful talks, fun activities and prayer retreats and conferences. Topics covered could include stress, school, family, peer pressure, fitting in prayer, who is God? and friends. Our mission is Catholic Youth Evangelization, to help our teens encounter Jesus, while meeting them right where they are. We also have a high school Peer Ministry Team (PMT), to help guide and lead our various events.

We also have 7th grade religious education as well as confirmation preparation for our 8th and 9th graders. These groups meet monthly during the school year, to grow our faith through both head, heart knowledge and service. We are always looking for passionate adult leaders to help guide, mentor and accompany our young people. 815-455-9037

805 School Alumni-A Group of Alumni of St. Thomas School who meet and plan Alumni events. Members are always welcome.

Contact: Gina Houston 815-459-0496

806 Substitute Teachers- Paid positions on an as needed temporary basis to teach classes in the teachers absence. Must have some college and meet screening requirements.

Contact: Gina Houston 815-459-0496

807 Recess Supervisors- Adults that have all safe environment requirements through Virtus completed to assist faculty with recess supervision.

Contact: Gina Houston 815-459-0496

808 Marketing & Development- Providing expertise in public relations for the school: advertising strategies as well as discovering and applying for applicable grants to help funding for the school.

Contact: Gina Houston 815-459-0496

809 Education Commission- Develop, adopt and recommend to the Pastors, local policies consistent with those of the Diocesan and Area Commissions of Education. Make recommendations pertaining to the maintenance and condition of the physical school. Promote communication and support within the school, parishes and local community.

940 Videography/Photography Tech Team-The St. Thomas Tech Team assists in handling and operating the technical aspects of Parish events. These events include Mass, ministry events, and larger parish events. Members of the team are assigned to do the livestream run sound, or help oversee events that require technical support. This team is perfect for those who wish to assist the parish behind the scenes. Prior experience is not required, but an understanding of technology is recommended. Members will be trained on how to use the equipment. This is a low time commitment group with a small workload. Contact: Alex Rattana 815-459-0496

910 Building & Grounds Committee-Volunteers will meet for inspections of the Church grounds and Buildings and make recommendations on their upkeep and/or repair to the Pastor.

Contact: Parish Office 815-455-5400