



OCTOBER 12, 2023



CHRISTMAS EVENTS

It's that time of year when downtown Crystal Lake begins preparing for the holidays. Second grade will be managing the Festival of Lights Parade. We are reserving a tree for Christmas Tree Lane. Please contact me if you would like to organize a group to decorate our tree this year. The trees will be installed by November 17 and must be decorated by November 23. All decorations must come down by January 6.

For more information: ghouston@stthomascl.org

STS ATHLETICS

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

Volunteer spotlight- Thank you to Beth Schwartz and Kristin Sexton for reaching out to help out with GVB/XC 8th grade night! Teamwork makes the dream work!! Thank you for giving us the gift of your time!

Love for Lahaina

Thank you for everyone who offered prayers for the Sacred Heart school in Lahaina. The 'Spiritual Lei' is on the bulletin board in gym hallway. We are going to take it down and send it to the school at the end of this week. Please email colleen@nieckula.net if you have any prayer intentions that you would like to include (i.e. saying an Our Father for them, a rosary, a Mass, etc). We will share pictures of finished lei before it gets sent 😊. Thank you for your love!!

COMING UP!

10-17-23

Join us to celebrate our 8th Grade Girls Volleyball and Cross Country Athletes. Tuesday, Oct 17th is our 8th Grade Recognition Night in the St. Thomas School gym.

Athletes will be recognized between the 5:30 and 6:30 games. Catch a volleyball game or two that night. Our girls are fun to watch!

10-18-23 Wednesday, Early Release K-8 1:00 pm

10-20-23 Friday, Trunk or Treat 4:30

10-22-23

BBB and Cheer kickoff – we are scheduling a Winter season kickoff – 4pm @ Goal Line Bar & Grill Sunday, Oct 22nd (NFL games will be on!) All athletics welcome – parents and kids alike! Email from athletics to follow.

Attend the BBB & Cheer kickoff at Goal Line – regardless if you have an athlete in winter sports, this will be an athletics social event and we'd love to see you there!

Week of 10-23-23

Girls Volleyball Conference games will be held the week of 10-23 – specific game times to be updated early next week.

11-6-23 -No School, Teacher Institute

11-8-23

Athletic Blessing for Winter Athletes at school Mass – Parents please attend if you are able!

Wednesday the 8th is also an early release at 1:00. No ET.

11-10/ 11-11

7th BBB Tournament hosted by St. Thomas – mark your calendars!

We will be hosting a 7th grade Boys Basketball Tournament! Tournaments take a lot of hands on deck, but they are a ton of fun! Please reach out to Colleen if you would like to be involved in planning concessions for that weekend (colleen@nieckula.net). There will be a

sign-up genius link in our next announcements for help with scorebook, scoreboard, admissions and concessions.

See full athletic calendar here:

<https://sites.google.com/stthomascl.org/stsathletics/monthly-calendar-nscg-game-schedules>

MASS INTENTIONS

Reminder: the School Masses can be offered for someone special. Please stop in at the school's main office to make your request. The suggested offering for a Mass intention is \$10. These funds do not go to the school but become a part of the overall parish mass intentions.

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON EVENTS

43rd Annual St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Christmas in the Country
Craft Show
Saturday, November 18, 2023
8am - 3pm
1023 McHenry Ave
Crystal Lake, IL

Now over 69 Juried Crafters with unique hand-made items, the EVER-POPULAR BAKE AND CANDY BOOTH, OUR OWN SETON'S ARTISANS, 5-PRIZE GRAND RAFFLE and a FOOD COURT with some homemade offerings! Come and take part in this pre-Holiday tradition with us!
Admission still only \$5.
Sponsored by the Seton Women's Group.

43rd Annual St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Christmas in the Country
Craft Show
Saturday, November 18
8am - 3pm
1023 McHenry Ave
Crystal Lake, IL

Now over 69 Juried Crafters with unique hand-made items, the EVER-POPULAR BAKE AND CANDY BOOTH, OUR OWN SETON'S ARTISANS, 5-PRIZE GRAND RAFFLE and a FOOD COURT with some homemade offerings! Come and take part in this pre-Holiday tradition with us!
Admission still only \$3.
Sponsored by the Seton Women's Group

ENCOUNTER
SCHOOL OF MINISTRY
LAFAYETTE CAMPUS

OCTOBER 21, 2023

HEALING SERVICE

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON
CATHOLIC CHURCH
1023 S. MCHENRY AVE.
CRYSTAL LAKE, IL 60014

JESUS CHRIST IS THE DIVINE PHYSICIAN. LET US ENTRUST OUR HEARTS & BODIES TO HIM.

PRESENTER
FR. PATRICK GONYEAU

PRESENTER
NICK REDD

COME & EXPERIENCE GOD'S SUPERNATURAL LOVE!

6:30PM - OPENING
7:30PM - CORPORATE PRAYER FOR HEALING + TESTIMONIES
8:30PM - INDIVIDUAL HEALING MINISTRY (FOR THOSE WHO DON'T EXPERIENCE BREAKTHROUGH IN THE CORPORATE SESSION.)
10:00PM - CLOSING

JESUS PROMISED, "THESE SIGNS WILL ACCOMPANY THOSE WHO BELIEVE...THEY WILL LAY HANDS ON THE SICK AND THEY WILL RECOVER." MARK 16:17

encounterministries.us
This Event is Free & Open to the Public

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Holy Mass
of Remembrance
for those who have died by suicide

Saturday, October 28, 2023
10:00AM Mass
Fellowship to follow Mass

St. Anthony of Padua Church
1010 FERGUSON STREET
ROCKFORD, IL

BRING FRAMED 5"X7" OR SMALLER PHOTO OF YOUR LOVED ONE WHO DIED BY SUICIDE

Please submit loved one's name to Mary Fuller at
cmhmerockforddiocese.org by Oct 21st

DIOCESE of ROCKFORD
Catholic Charities

ST THOMAS PTO PRESENTS

TRUNK OR TREAT

DRESS IN YOUR HALLOWEEN BEST

OCT 20 | **STS GYM**
4:30PM TO 6PM | **PARKING LOT**

PRIZES FOR BEST DECORATED CARS

REGISTRATION FOR PARTICIPATING VEHICLES REQUIRED
TEXT CLAIRE 815.347.8197

PARTICIPATING VEHICLES MUST BE PARKED BY 4:15 PM

A row of four orange pumpkins with carved jack-o'-lantern faces, positioned at the bottom of the poster.

*Be our
guest*

Saint Thomas the Apostle School
Daughter Dance

Celebrating
*100 Years of
Disney*

TICKETS: \$30/COUPLE*
\$5 PER ADDITIONAL GIRL
*CHECKS PAYABLE TO STS PTO

Come as a prince or princess, as your favorite hero, or in a ball gown dress.
Come Chillin' like a villain --all characters are invited to be our guest!

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2023 6:00-8:30 PM

Saint Thomas Parish Center
451 W. TERRA COTTA AVENUE

DROP RSVP CARD BY OCTOBER 30TH AT SCHOOL OFFICE
ATTN: MICHELLE MACCARTHY

A large, detailed red rose with green leaves, positioned on the right side of the poster.

EMPOWER ILLINOIS SCHOLARSHIPS

Save My Scholarship

State lawmakers are considering ending the tax credit scholarship program referred to as "Invest in Kids." This program has provided nearly 40,000 scholarships to help families send their children to a school of their choice.

DO NOT LET THIS PROGRAM END!

Please act now and contact your state senator and state representative. Send them a strong message respectfully asking them to continue this valuable program. You can do so by using the QR code below, by calling us at the Catholic Conference of Illinois at 217.528.9200, or visit our website at www.ilcatholic.org



To remain engaged on policy issues that affect Catholics in Illinois, join our Illinois Catholic Advocacy Network go to www.ilcatholic.org/take-action/join-i-can



FLU SEASON

No Cost ADULT COMMUNITY FLU SHOTS CLINIC (18 AND OVER)



No Cost!

St. Thomas Church
Tuesday, October 24, 2023
3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
451 W. Terra Cotta Ave, Crystal Lake

- ❖ No appointment necessary
- ❖ No vaccinations for children under age 18
- ❖ Please wear clothing that allows easy access to the upper arm/shoulder area.

Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital

MCCHS EVENTS



**Marian Central Catholic
High School**

*The Harlem Wizards
are coming to town!*



**Thursday,
November 2, 2023**

Come out and watch our McHenry Deanery Teachers and Staff "take on" the Harlem Wizards.
You won't want to miss it!

Check out the Harlem Wizards in action in the video below

[Harlem Wizards Video](#)

Tickets on Sale Now

Purchase tickets and sponsorships at

[Event Website](#)

THE WIZARDS ARE COMING TO TOWN!

WIZARDS VS. McHenry County Catholic School Deanery Teachers

Venue: Marian Central Catholic HS MAIN GYM

Date: Nov 2nd **Game Time:** 6:30pm **Doors Open:** 5:30pm

SNAG OFFICIAL WIZARDS GEAR!
ORDER NOW @ STORE.HARLEMWIZARDS.COM

BUY TICKETS NOW @
HARLEMWIZARDS.COM

www.facebook.com/TheHarlemWizards [@HarlemWizards](https://twitter.com/HarlemWizards) [@WorldFamousHarlemWizards](https://www.instagram.com/WorldFamousHarlemWizards)

THE LONG-AWAITED FAMILY MASS



The family Mass has been on hiatus since the pandemic. We are very excited to bring this back to our parish. This is a great opportunity for our students and parents to serve their community by assisting in the many parts of the family Mass. Please contact Shelby Younger for more information. shelby@theyounges.com

LEND A HAND



Volunteer at Recess:

[Grades 4 & 5](#)

[Grades k & 1](#)

[Grades 2 & 3](#)

[Junior High](#)

Volunteer at the Thomas Trading Post: - [Thomas Trading Post Volunteer signup sheet](#)

Support the Thomas Trading Post Wishlist: [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)

Donate \$10 gift certificates for the Thomas Trading Post (JulieAnns, Five Below, Target, Amazon, McDonald, etc.): send to school office marked Thomas Trading Post

Christmas Tree Decorating in downtown Crystal Lake:
ghouston@stthomascl.org

Monthly Family Mass: shelby@theyounges.com

[Virtus](#) password to set up a new account: 2train!

Praying with you and for you,

Mrs. Houston