

2024-2025 ENROLMENT

Our open house has generated much interest in our school. We are encouraging current families to return your registration forms in order to secure your spot in the classroom. Please **return your registrations by March 1**. This will also allow us a better picture at classroom sizes and if we need to add a section to a grade.

WINTER FUNRAISER/DUELING PIANOS

Congratulations to all those that worked so hard on planning such a great event. We were able to yield a \$10,000 profit for our school. Big shout out to Mr. & Mrs. Jacobs and Mr. & Mrs. MacCarthy who blessed us with their talents in song!

NURSES' REMINDERS

We are in the midst of cold and flu season. Due to this here are few gentle reminders about our guidelines at STS.

A temperature of 100.0 or more is a sign of illness that may be contagious. We require a student to be fever free <100.0 for 24 hours without fever reducing medications such as Tylenol/ibuprofen to be able to return to school.

If symptoms do not resolve in 48 hours, it is strongly recommended for you to take your child to be seen by a doctor.

If your child will be absent for more than 3 days, a doctor's note is required to return to school.

The presence of sick students in school is detrimental to the health of other students and staff and also not beneficial to the sick child.

If you have any questions, we are here to help. Please reach out. Stay Well!

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PTO NEWS

ANNUAL BOOK FAIR

It's that time of year again! PTO is partnering once again with the Barnes & Nobles in Algonquin Commons for our Annual Book Fair.

We are looking for assistance greeting customers at the door. Please consider volunteering for an hour shift on Saturday March 2.

Book Fair Assistance

STS
ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

BOOK FAIR

2024

MARCH 2, 10AM-9PM

Story time will be held by our amazing teachers starting at 10 am.
Shop in store all day or online with code: 12723334
*shop online for 5 days starting 3/2
*proceeds will go towards new books for our library

BARNES AND NOBLE
1802 S Randall Rd, Algonquin

MOTHER SON BOWLING

It is Moms' turn to kick back and relax with their sons while bowling! 😊 RSVP now to reserve your spot for this fun event! Space is limited so act now.

Mother and Son is merely \$25 but you can add a sibling for \$10. The price includes bowling, a slice of pizza and drinks.

LETS BOWL!

Come join us for an afternoon of

MOTHER-SON BOWLING

RSVP NOW

[HTTPS://AUCTRIA.EVENTS/STSLBOWL.COM](https://auctria.events/stsletsbowl.com)

STS

SATURDAY, MARCH 9th | 12-2PM

SLICE OF PIZZA + DRINKS INCLUDED
 \$35/Mother + Son
 \$10 each additional bowler

KINGSTON LANES
 WOODSTOCK, IL
DON'T FORGET SOCKS!

RSVP at the link above | Questions? Contact Kathleen Jacobs 309.253.3284

MARCH FOOD PANTRY DRIVE

Next Friday is March 1 and our monthly food drive. If your child chooses to be out of uniform, please send a non-perishable item for our local Food Pantry.

March Food Pantry Collections

Friday March 1

Please help us stuff the box with:

Hamburger helpers

Tuna helpers

Canned fish

Canned meats

Mac & Cheese

Rice Sides

Dry Soup packs

Shower soap

Toothpaste

Deodorant



Remember—

If you participate in the no uniform day, you need to bring an item for the food pantry collection bin.

GOGUARDIAN

GoGuardian is the Internet security platform that we use at St. Thomas School. It allows a teacher to see exactly what a student is looking at on their device. The teacher can then redirect a student if necessary or encourage the student to dig deeper. This program was paid for through a grant from the Illinois State Board of Education, but that grant is no longer available.

The price of the program is \$5628. If you are interested in sponsoring this program or a portion of this program, please contact me. If you know someone who may be interested, please share my contact info.

MASS INTENTIONS

Reminder: 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 intention fund. Please contact Ms. Boppart in the main office of the school to make a request.

FEBRUARY RESTAURANT FUNDRAISER

Georgio's Pizzeria & Pub

Let's raise some *Dough!*

ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE

DATE:
MONDAY FEBRUARY 26TH

LOCATION:
 GEORGIO'S CHICAGO PIZZERIA
 75 E Woodstock St, Crystal Lake
 815-459-8888
 11 AM - 9 PM

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 ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE
 CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Georgio's will donate 20% of the sales to your organization for all orders received for dine-in, carryout, and delivery, when this flyer is mentioned!

Donation is calculated on sales after any discounts, and excludes sales tax, delivery fees, and gratuity.

TO ORDER ONLINE VISIT US AT
WWW.GEORGIOSPIZZA.COM
 & use promo code **FUND** at checkout.

MAKE SURE TO MENTION THIS FUNDRAISER WHEN PLACING YOUR ORDER.

Please check that your receipt says "Fundraiser" (located just above the Pre-discount subtotal). If "Fundraiser" is not listed on your receipt, please inform or call a manager.

HOPE FOR HAITIANS

During Lent we will once again focus our almsgiving on supporting the work of Hope for Haitians as continue their 18th village. Based in the Rockford diocese, this charity serves the poorest of the poor in Northeast Haiti. Your gifts this Lent will be joined with the gifts from other Catholic faithful in our diocese and be transformed into 40 homes for families, clean water for the entire community. These live changing blessings provide hope and an opportunity for self-sufficiency for the residents of "St Joseph Village" located in Acul-Samedi Haiti.

Goats provide milk, food and baby goats. Many of our villages in Haiti are given goats to offer families a food source and hope for the future.

The cost for a single goat is \$100.

Chickens provide eggs and are a great source of fresh healthy food. Villages and families are given chickens to help supply food for themselves and others.

10 chickens cost \$30.

Cows can provide milk, food and baby calves for families. Many of our villages in Haiti are given cows to help the families become healthy and have a way to earn money.

The cost of a cow is \$600

The families we help live in absolute poverty. Each home Hope for Haitians builds, gives one family a new hope for a better future.

Please see the children's Lenten Calendar sent home on Monday and attached again with this newsletter. Please send all collections in to school by Friday March 22.

If you would like a collection box for your alms, please contact us or retrieve from the narthex at the Oak St. Church.



PARISH NEWS

LOVEED

We are very blessed and excited to offer this program (LoveEd). There are so many mixed and confusing messages directed at our young people and families. This is a great opportunity on how to gain confidence and explain such an important topic in a way that is relevant and connected to our Catholic Faith. This first evening is just for our parents and other adults who are interested in learning more. Do not miss this opportunity on Feb. 26th. Hope to see you!

St. Thomas the Apostle Presents



LoveEd

Help Parents have "The Talk"
Help Kids get "Love Right"

This evening is presented by Jack Rigert,
Director of the John Paul II Center
This is the **first of 3 presentations:**
LoveEd for Parents (this month's session) of
children ages 2-14. Any concerned adults are
invited, like grandparents or any wishing to know
more.

The next 2 sessions are:

LoveEd Level 1 (Spring 2024) for Parents with
their preteens ages 9-11, (5th grade) Father/
Sons are held in a separate room than Mother/
Daughters.

3. LoveEd Level 2 (Fall 2024) for Parents with
their teens ages 12-14 (7th grade). Father/Sons
are in a separate room than Mother/Daughters

LoveEd was created
so that churches
and parishes could
empower parents
to effectively teach
their children about
the beauty of love
and sexuality within
the context of our
Christian Faith.

The LoveEd video-discussion
program helps parishes and schools
teach both the theology and science
of human sexuality within the context
of God's plan for love and life. It helps
young people discover the beauty
and the purpose of their sexuality,
while protecting their innocence.

When: Monday, February 26 at 7PM

Where: Oak Street Church, Community Room

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

For more information, call the parish office 815-455-5400 e-mail phaviland@stthomascl.church

LIGHT OF THE WORLD RETREAT

Light of the World
PARISH RETREAT

St. Thomas the Apostle Light of the World Retreat
March 8-11, 2024
www.stthomascl.church/lotw

FATHER LINKENHELD BOOK TALK

St. Thomas the Apostle

Presents

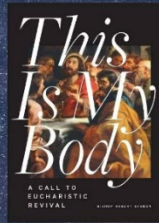
A Talk by Fr. Linkenheld on
Bishop Barron's Book,
"This Is My Body".

**Tuesday, March 5
from 7 - 8:30 PM**

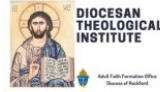
"Jesus Christ desires for us as His people:
to renew us as a community here at St. Thomas
with nothing less than His very self, in the holy Eucharist."

After the talk, there will be the opportunity for small-group
discussion at your table and a brief Q&A session

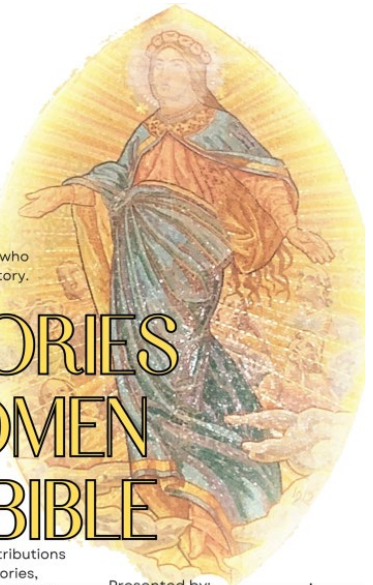
St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church
451 W. Terra Cotta Ave. Crystal Lake, IL 60014



DIOCESAN NEWS



When people study the Bible,
they tend to focus on the
"big names": Abraham, Isaac,
Jacob, Moses, David, Peter, Paul,
and John, to name a few. But we
shouldn't overlook the subtler,
no less important ways that God
has worked through the women who
appear throughout salvation history.



THE STORIES OF WOMEN IN THE BIBLE

This course will focus on the contributions
of many of these women; their stories,
sometimes mysterious, sometimes heart-
rending, always dramatic, need to be
remembered and celebrated, for their
lessons are timeless and their impact is still
being felt to this day.

Presented by:
**DCN. RICHARD
MARCANTONIO**

**MARCH 2 & 9, 2024
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

Registration fee: \$75

NEW LOCATION!
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish
1023 McHenry Ave.
Crystal Lake IL 60014

INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION
[https://www.ceorockford.org/
diocesan-theological-institute-application/](https://www.ceorockford.org/diocesan-theological-institute-application/)

PARISH MISSION

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Mission

with

J. Michael Sparough S.J.

TREASURES OF THE HEART:
Fanning the Flame of Love

First Night | Discipleship
Following the Light of Life
Second Night | Reconciliation
Re-Kindling the Blaze
Third Night | Mission
Sharing the Fire of His Love



Each night will include
prayer, dramatizations
of the Gospel stories,
hymns, and fellowship.



March 17-19, 2024 | 7 - 8:30PM

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JUICEBOX VIDEOS

[What do I need to know about Lent?](#)

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

We are still in need of an additional supervisor for the
extended time program. This is a necessary program for many
working families that are not able to be home after our
dismissal time. Please help us find someone so we do not have
to eliminate this option for those working parents.



Employment Opportunity for the 2023-2024 School Year

Extended Time Care Supervisor/Manager

St. Thomas School offers after school care from dismissal at 2:00 until 5:00 pm.

Students begin extended care with large motor activity recess; go to cafeteria for
snack and then return to the ET Classroom for quiet games, G-rated movies,
homework time, or quiet reading as they wait for their pickup.

This is an hourly paid position. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Houston,
STS Principal. ghouston@stthomascl.org



SURVIVING DIVORCE

Surviving Divorce

Tuesdays March 19th - June 4th

6:45-8:45pm

**St. Mary Catholic Church
10307 Dundee Road, Huntley, IL**

This 12 week program is for those separated
and divorced. It is designed to restore hope
and begin authentic healing. Common topics
are explored such as shock and grief, anger,
forgiveness, children and family issues, the
annulment process and spiritual care.

Cost to participate: \$20

**For questions or to register contact:
Hopeandhealing@yahoo.com**



**We have enough plastic caps
for a second Buddy Bench!**

If you have any last caps to include, please
send them to school by **Friday, February 16.**

Well done, STS students!

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

the art of ACCOMPANIMENT

SS. PETER & PAUL PARISH HALL

410 NORTH FIRST ST. CARY, IL 60013

EVENING OF PRAYER, EDUCATION, &
TESTIMONY ON THE FAITH-BASED RESPONSE
TO MENTAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE USE
CHALLENGES. REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED.

MONDAY, FEB. 26TH 6:45-8:15PM

QUESTIONS OR TO REGISTER CONTACT:

MARY FULLER (815) 520-7549

cmhm@rockforddiocese.org

(INCLUDE NAME, HOME PARISH, EMAIL ADDRESS)

Free



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MCCHS NEWS

MCCHS NHS



Marian Central's National Honor Society

Presents:

Launching Leaders into the World

RISE UP

Recognizing and Inspiring Student's Excellence and
Undiscovered Potential

Youth Leadership Development Conference

Date: March 10th

Time: 9am-3pm

Place: Marian Central

Catholic High School

Who can attend? Any 6th, 7th, or
8th grader

SIGN UP HERE!



YEARBOOK



ANNUAL FUNDRAISER



Boots, Bow ties & Bling Gala - March 9

It's time to dust off your boots, break out your bling!

Join us for Marian Central's premier fundraising event, where you will enjoy a western-themed night complete with dinner, drinks, live music, casino games and live & silent auctions. For more information and to purchase tickets/sponsor the event, visit marianauction.givesmart.com.

DATES TO REMEMBER



March 2

PTO-Barnes & Noble Book Fair in
Algonquin Commons from 10 am to 9 pm

KidWind Competition
University of WI in Madison



March 9

Mother Son Bowling
Kingston Lanes, Woodstock



March 15

Stations of the Cross
Oak St 7:00 pm
Presented by 8th grade with choir by
grades 6 & 7

See full Athletics calendar here:

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

LEND A HAND



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

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

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

Sign up for [scorebook/scoreboard/admission/& concessions](#)

believe in her potential

Girls need Girls on the Run now more than ever!

Teams of girls in 3rd through 5th grade **have fun** while engaging in activities and running games that promote teamwork and empowerment.

Girls connect with their peers and learn how to practice empathy and stand up for others. They learn confidence through goal setting and accomplishment.

Caring, specially trained Coaches lead girls to help unleash their limitless potential.

her medal changes her world

you belong here

Save these dates!

register online beginning Jan 24th

more info at gotrnwil.org

follow us on Facebook, Instagram & Twitter for updates

program runs March 4 - May 19

We need coaches!

Impact the lives of girls in your community!

No running experience is needed and we will fully train you to lead the lessons.

Visit our website to learn about being a coach today!

Christ our Lord came among us as the light of the world, that we might walk in his light, and not in the darkness of death.

Let us praise him and cry out to him:

Let your word be a lamp to guide us.

God of mercy, help us today to grow in your likeness,

- that we who sinned in Adam may rise again in Christ.

Let your word be a lamp to guide us,

- that we may live the truth and grow always in your love.

Teach us to be faithful in seeking the common good for your sake,

- that your light may shine on the whole human family by means of your Church.

Touch our hearts to seek your friendship more and more,

- and to make amends for our sins against your wisdom and goodness.

May the Lord bless us,

protect us from all evil and bring us to everlasting life.

Amen.

As always, I will be---
Praying with you and for you,

Mrs. Houston