

MARCH 14, 2024



Tuesday. Please return the RSVP by tomorrow. Tuesday's attire will be red in honor of St. Joseph.

IOWA TESTING

We have completed the IOWA tests and are awaiting results to be posted. We will be contacting you with the results and explanations sometime next month.

T2 REPORT CARDS

We continue to work diligently with the Diocese and FACTs to resolve the one remaining error on the report card. We will publish and send the report cards to you as soon as all errors are corrected.

DOLE AVE CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Tomorrow – Friday – they will be working on Dole Avenue and Pierson intersection – there will be no access on Dole Avenue from Pierson to Route 14.

If it is too muddy on Friday – this work will then be done on Monday.

No work will be done on Saturday and Sunday.

HOPE FOR HAITIANS



Please remember our Lenten Project to help our neighbors in need. Please send in the collections on Thursday March 21.

CELEBRATIONS

St. Patrick's Day- We will celebrate St. Patrick's Day tomorrow by wearing our green!

St. Joseph's Day- We will be celebrating St. Joseph Day with time with a significant male role model on

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Our junior high students have been preparing a presentation of the Living Stations of the Cross. The presentation is moving and beautiful. Please join us at Oak Street Church tomorrow, Friday March 15 at 7 pm for this prayer service.



ATHLETIC EVENTS

As we know, students need supervision at all times, especially when on school property. Our students are representatives of our school at all times; during the school day, outside of the school day, on school property, off of school property. Athletic events take many volunteers and unfortunately, we do not have enough people left over to have volunteers as hall monitors. This is why we ask that parents supervise their own children while at athletic events. Students should not be running through the halls, nor should they be leaving the building. It is best if students are *not* dropped off at an event and picked up later. We need you to be responsible for your children during athletic events. We simply do not have the manpower to provide the supervision.

SCHOOL STORE

We are entering a partnership with SchoolStore to raise funds for essential tools for our school to provide a successful learning environment for our students and our teachers.

When our school's families and friends shop at their favorite online stores through SchoolStore.com, everybody wins! Online retail sales are approaching \$1 trillion this year, and 92% of all Americans are online.

SchoolStore.com is an online shopping mall where over 350 nationally known merchants have agreed to give a percentage of sales to K-12 schools. Companies like Walmart, Kohls, Home Depot, shopDisney, Family Book Store and Books-A-Million participate.

Our School can earn up to 50% of all purchases.

Look for more information about this project coming home on Monday.

MOMS AND MIMOSAS

Please click the image below for more information and to RSVP.



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.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Please help spread the word that we NEED a supervisor for the after-school care program. We are looking for someone to manage the program as well as supervise the children. Two supervisors are needed to manage the students through at least 3 or 3:30 to be available for the ET recess time. Once the students have returned to the classroom, we could get by with only one supervisor. The last pick-up time is 5pm but students are usually picked up 5-10 minutes before, so the supervisor is able to clock out by 5.

Please contact me if you have any leads on this position.

This program cannot continue much longer without supervisors. Please help us find a few people to manage this position.

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

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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

Registration Open For All



Illinois March for Life
on April 17, 2024

- Registration Deadline:
 - March 13, 2024
- For More information:
 - www.rockforddiocese.org/life/life-dignity/march-for-life/

LIFE Office
Diocese of Rockford
life@rockforddiocese.org



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

Finding God in the Moment

MEN'S LENTEN RETREAT
WITH
FR. PAUL LIPINSKI -
RETREAT MASTER

FRIDAY MARCH 15 6PM - SATURDAY MARCH 16 5PM
SERVANTS OF THE HOLY HEART OF MARY, BATAVIA
COST: \$150 ALL INCLUSIVE - CONTACT CONNIE
STMMSTEWART@GMAIL.COM | PH 847 502.0775

Join The Mission of Cor Jesu on a pilgrimage to
The Shrine of Christ's Passion
 with Fr. Jerome Koutnik
 — Holy Week 2024 —





Monday, March 25th

Tour two great shrines, Holy Mass at the Carmelite Shrine in Munster, IN., catered lunch, pray Stations of the Cross at the Shrine of Christ's Passion guided by Fr. Jerome, free time and time for

\$150 per person*
 Register at www.corjesumission.org/pilgrimages
 or call 815 575 9480

*includes club car access for those with mobility challenges

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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](#)

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

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

REMINDER

TUITION ASSISTANCE

If you are in need of tuition assistance for the 2024-2025 school year, the [grant application portal](#) in FACTs is now open. Assistance must be applied for each year; it is not automatically granted.

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

CALENDAR EVENTS



March 15

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



March 18

St. Joseph Day Celebration

No school Mass on Wednesday March 20. Weekly Mass will be Friday March 22 at 10:45 am

See full Athletics calendar here:

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

LEND A HAND



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

PRAYING THROUGH LENT WITH CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY

Remember us, Lord, for we are your children.

Teach us to enter more deeply into the mystery of the Church,
- that it may be more effective for ourselves and for the world as
the sacrament of salvation.

Lover of mankind, inspire us to work for human progress,
- seeking to spread your kingdom in all we do.

May our hearts thirst for Christ,
- the fountain of living water.

Forgive us our sins,
- and direct our steps into the ways of justice and sincerity.

Merciful Father, Loving Mother,
I know that the tiny sacrifices I make this Lent
can never serve as a real penance in my life.
But help me to make my whole life
one of following your Son.
I am filled with your love.
Let your love shine out from within me
and guide my life in this sacred journey
toward the Easter joy you offer me.

May the Lord bless us,
protect us from all evil
and bring us to everlasting life.
Amen.



St. Joseph's Day

Tuesday March 19

St. Joseph was a very
significant Father Figure
for Jesus.

We would like to celebrate significant
male influences on our students lives.
Tuesday March 19 we will have a
special time in the cafeteria with
donuts and crafts for our students and
their significant male role model: dad,
uncle, grandpa, cousin, brother

So that families can be together:
8-845 will be families with last names
beginning with A-H
9-945 will be families with the last
names beginning with I-R
10-1045 will be families with the last
names beginning with S-Z

RSVP--

Family Name _____
will be attending St. Joseph Day
Celebration

Student

Grade

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Dietary restrictions:

return by Friday March 15