



THE BUZZ!

Saint Thomas the Apostle Catholic School | Dynamic Education Centered in Christ

Plan your week!

Parents, please join us virtually for our Chapel talk every morning. The Chapel talk link is <https://meet.google.com/rgb-ofxa-vhj>. The virtue this week is Modesty, characterized by elegance rather than affluence, economy rather than extravagance, naturalness rather than ostentation, is the virtue that allows one to focus on what is good without being distracted by irrelevant superficialities.

Monday, Feb. 14 – Monday morning rosary, 8:15am, Church Lower Level. (Please enter through the northeast church entrance and head down the stairs.)

Monday, Feb. 14 – School mass, grades 1-3, 9:35am. Parents are invited to attend Mass. They can sit on the Mary and Joseph (East) side. Check in at the office at 9:30am.

Monday, Feb. 14 – Yearbook orders due today! If you did not yet order a yearbook, please use this [Yearbook Order Link](#) to order one today. DEADLINE IS FEB. 14!

Tuesday, Feb. 15 – Uniform holiday. Please follow our [uniform holiday guidelines](#).

Tuesday, Feb. 15 – Parent/teacher conferences, 4-8pm. Please use our [Parent/Teacher Conference Sign Up](#).

Wednesday, Feb. 16, Thursday, Feb. 17 and Friday, Feb. 18 – Party in a Bag goes home with your P3-3rd grade students. Parents, look for this activity bag – which includes a Save the Date for some upcoming special events!

Friday, Feb. 18 – School mass, grades 4-8, 9:55am. Parents are invited to attend Mass. Because of limited seating, please use this [Friday Mass Sign Up Genius](#) and sit in the choir pews, near the piano.

Friday, Feb. 18 – Half day. Dismissal at 11am.

Friday, Feb. 18 – Parent/teacher conferences, 12-3pm. Please use our [Parent/Teacher Conference Sign Up](#).

Check out the lunch menu!

- Monday – Pulled pork
- Tuesday – Chicken tacos
- Wednesday – Parfaits



Congrats to our Middle School Honor Roll and Service Award winners.



Thanks to our lovely lunch helpers for all our delicious lunches!

Sign up today!

♥ **Book fair volunteer:** We are having a Book Fair at Saint Thomas on March 8-10. If you are interested in volunteering, please sign up using our [Book Fair Volunteer Sign Up](#). Questions? Please contact Chris Grabar (630-846-1264 or chrisgrabar123@gmail.com).

♥ Parents, **volunteer in the lunchroom!** It's super fun! Even if you just have an hour to spare, we would love to have an extra set of hands to support our school lunch program. [Sign up to volunteer in our lunchroom!](#)

♥ **GRACEAC spring sports registration** is open! Please see the two separate links below. The first link is for the 5th-8th grade spring sports (girls soccer, girls lacrosse, boys lacrosse, baseball, boys & girls track, and boys & girls tennis – 6th-8th grade only). The second link is for 3rd/4th grade boys and girls lacrosse. The deadline to sign up is Feb. 27.

- [GRACEAC 5th-8th grade spring sports](#)
- [GRACEAC 3rd-4th grade lacrosse](#)



We're taking [reservations for Valentine's Day Lunch dates!](#)

The Parinis on a lunch date, helping in our Lunch Room.

Keep in mind!

♥ **Saint Thomas Book Fair is coming to our Ministry Center.** Tuesday, March 8 – Thursday, March 10 from 8am-3pm. Cash and credit card will be accepted. Students will visit the Book Fair during their library time to browse the books available for purchase. Parents are also welcome! Teachers wish lists available for families to donate to their children's classrooms. All proceeds benefit the Saint Thomas Library. Please consider [volunteering at the Book Fair](#). If you have any questions, please contact Chris Grabar (chrisgrabar123@gmail.com or 630-846-1264).

♥ **Home and School** is offering a **service opportunity** for students and families. We would like to continue to help and support the families we sponsored at Christmas. The Herman family is facing great medical and financial challenges, and having a simple meal provided is a great blessing to them. Please consider using our [MealTrain Sign Up](#) up to help. Meals can be dropped off right after school. Thank you!

♥ Saint Thomas will be collecting specific items for the **Cathedral Outreach Center in February**. The Outreach Center is requesting children's socks and underwear, women's warm socks, hairbrushes and nail clippers. Please put items in the designated basket in the back of church. If you have any questions, please contact Tim Allard (616-460-5589).

COVID notifications

♥ New COVID positive cases this week: 2

Please see our updated [letter template](#) that explains Kent County Health Department recommendations for parents. Covid resources:

- [K-12 and High Education School Toolkit](#)
- [K-12 COVID-19 Symptom and Testing Protocol](#)
- [Kent County Public Health Order 1.11.22](#)