



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 prudence: the ability to see reality objectively, allowing us to judge what is right and wrong.

Monday, Feb. 28 – Monday morning rosary, 8:15am, Church Lower Level. (Please enter through the northeast church entrance and head down the stairs.)

Monday, Feb. 28 – School mass, grades 1-3, 9:35am. Parents are invited to attend Mass. They can sit on the Mary and Joseph (East) side pews. Check in at the office at 9:30am.

Monday, Feb. 28 – 8th Grade Parent Meeting, 6:30-8:30pm in the lower level of the church. We will discuss the end of the year festivities, including graduation events, end of the year trip, last day of school fun, and the class memory book. Questions? Please contact Emily Brunner (emilyabrunner@yahoo.com) or Liz Deimel (elizabethdeimel@gmail.com).

Wednesday, March 2 – Ash Wednesday/Late Start, 8:30am. We will have a late start to avoid Ash Wednesday Mass traffic. Please drop your children off no earlier than 8:15am for an 8:30am start time.

Wednesday, March 2 – P4-Grade 2 Ash Distribution Service, 9am.

Wednesday, March 2 – Grades 3-8 Ash Wednesday Mass, 9:55am.

Friday, March 4 – No school/Teacher professional development.

Check out the lunch menu!

Lunch change!

- **Monday – No school lunch.**
- **Tuesday – Chicken tacos.**
- **Wednesday – No school lunch.**

Please note: No school lunch on Monday and Wednesday because of a funeral and Ash Wednesday. Please send a lunch with your children on Monday and Wednesday.



Ash Wednesday Events - March 2

We will be having an all-school Ash Wednesday Mass on March 2 at 9:55am for grades 3-8 for students, faculty and staff. Please remember to have your children wear white shirts and ties (boys) and skirts/jumpers (girls) on Wednesday.

P4-grade 2 students will participate in an Ash Distribution Service at 9am. Parents are welcome to attend the Ash Distribution Service, which should last about 30 minutes.

9am – P4-Grade 2 Ash Distribution Service (parents may attend)

9:55am – Grades 3-8 Ash Wednesday Mass

Mark your calendars!

March 8-9 – Book Fair

March 14 – 4th Grade Reconciliation Retreat

March 27 – Middle School Choir Concert

March 29 – Uniform Holiday

Sign up today!

♥ **Book fair volunteer:** If you are interested in volunteering for our March 8-10 Book Fair, 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!](#)

♥ **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).

Keep in mind!

♥ Join us for an **all-school skating party Saturday, March 12 from 6:30-8pm at the Southside Ice Arena!** Let's party the parkas away as winter comes to an end and we close in on the start of spring! This is a free family event – all skates are free. Please complete this [Skating Party Waiver](#) if you will be attending. Concessions will be open for purchases. Thank you to Mike and Meredith Slobodnik for sponsoring this event!

♥ The **Saint Thomas Middle School Choir** will be having a concert, **Sunday, March 27 at 7pm** in the church. The students would love to see you there!

♥ **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. Please consider using our [MealTrain Sign Up](#) to help. Meals can be dropped off right after school. Thank you!

♥ **Parish Events:** Join our faith community in a Lenten journey with **CRS Rice Bowl**. Pick up your CRS Rice Bowl in the back of church the weekend before Lent (2/26-27). During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on global hunger and take action to help our sisters and brothers impacted by this injustice. Check out these other [Parish Lenten activities](#).

COVID notifications

♥ New COVID positive cases this week: 0

Please see our updated [letter template](#) that explains Kent County Health Department recommendations. 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](#)