



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 courage: the ability to do something that frightens you; strength in the face of pain or grief.

Monday, March 7 – Monday morning rosary, 8:15am, Church Lower Level. (Please enter through the northeast church entrance and head down the stairs.)

Monday, March 7 – 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.

Tuesday, March 8 – March is Reading Month Uniform Holiday! Read my Shirt Day! Wear a shirt with a great saying (please make sure it is appropriate for school).

Tuesday, March 8 – Thursday, March 10 – Book Fair, 8am-3pm, Ministry Center. Parents welcome! Cash and credit card will be accepted. Students will visit the Book Fair during their library time to browse the books available for purchase. Please consider [volunteering at the Book Fair](#). If you have any questions, please contact Chris Grabar (chrisgrabar123@gmail.com or 630-846-1264).

Friday, March 11 – 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.

Saturday, March 12 – Party in your Parka, 6pm, Southside Ice Arena (566 100th St. SW, Byron Center, MI 49315). This is a free school-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!

Check out the lunch menu!

- Monday – Cereal
- Tuesday – Nachos
- Wednesday – Pulled pork sandwiches

Mark your calendars!

March 14 – Reconciliation Retreat

March 27 – Middle School Choir Concert

March 29 – Uniform holiday

Congrats to these middle schoolers!

In the fall, Saint Thomas 8th graders participated in the 53rd annual "America and Me" essay contest. Several thousand 8th grade students from nearly 200 Michigan schools participated in the contest. These students wrote essays about a personal Michigan hero who helped them persevere through the pandemic. The following three students have been named school winners:

- 1st Place – Kylie E.
- 2nd – Eli H.
- 3rd – Sydney V.

Kylie's first place essay now advances to the state level competition from which the top 10 essays in Michigan will be selected.

Sign up today!

♥ **Saint Thomas Spring Musical:** Is your child interested in singing, dancing and acting? Saint Thomas will be having a spring musical event. This "musical medley" will be for any student in grades 4-8. This show will be a combination of songs from musicals and some dialogue, solos, group songs and dances. If your child is interested in participating, they should come to the first rehearsal on March 7 to learn more about what it takes to be in a musical! Your child should be able to come to most of the rehearsal dates to be able to participate in this school event. The rehearsal dates are March 7, 16, 21, 30 / April 11, 20, 25 / May 2, 9, 11 and the performance is May 13. Questions? Contact Emily Brunner (emilybrunner@stthomasqr.org).

♥ **Door Decorating Contest:** Put your creative hats on for the best-dressed, better-impress door decorating contest. Parent volunteers and students, we will be having a **door decorating contest after School 3:30-5:30pm on Tuesday, March 22**. Doors will be themed after a character in a book or book itself. Looking for Parent volunteers to join the fun and assist the Lead Room Parents and students day of event. Come be part of the fun! Parent Volunteers, please RSVP using our [STA Door Decorating Sign Up Genius](#).

♥ **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!](#)

Keep in mind!

♥ **Strategic Planning:** We are excited to share with you an opportunity to get involved in our Strategic Planning process. The first step for parents is to [complete our Strategic Planning Survey](#). In the next few weeks, we will announce our in-person planning session for school parents.

♥ **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:** 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](#)




**MUSTARD SEED MIDDLE
SCHOOL CHOIR
CONCERT**



**SUNDAY MARCH 27TH
AT 6PM
SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE
CHURCH PROPER**

PLEASE HAVE CHOIR STUDENTS AT CHURCH
AT 5:30PM IN SCHOOL UNIFORMS. EMAIL
KATHYPROULX@STTHOMASGR.ORG IF YOUR
STUDENT CANNOT ATTEND OR IF YOU HAVE
ANY QUESTIONS.



**Saint Thomas the Apostle
Catholic Parish and School**



Saint Thomas the Apostle Catholic School's

0-5 PROGRAMS

dynamic education centered in Christ

You belong here! All kids! All abilities! All in!



Hip hip hoorack!
LapTime is back!



**LapTime ♥ Fridays, 10-11am ♥ Saint Thomas School ♥
Ministry Center**



Children become readers on the laps of their parents. Join us for this weekly early literacy experience for children ages 0-5 and their caregivers.

Giggle, learn, create and experience new worlds in an environment that celebrates children, books, friendships, and play.

Park your car in the Church parking lot. Walk behind the church and through the gate. Enter the Ministry Center double doors.

Questions? ♥ Call the School Office (616-458-4228).

