



THE BUZZ!

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

Plan your week!

Parents, we hope you can join us for chapel. The virtue this week is **respect**: regard for the feelings, wishes, rights or traditions of others.

Monday, May 16 – Monday morning rosary, 8:15am, Grotto (In bad weather, we will go to the Church Lower Level.)

Monday, May 16 – Musical Medley school performance, 9:35am, Church Lower Level. Musical Medley! Saint Thomas students in Grades 4-8 will perform for the school songs from Peter Pan, Godspell and Lion King.

Wednesday, May 18 – 3rd Grade Famous Michiganders/Famous Americans, 6-8pm.

Thursday, May 19 – May Crowning, 3pm.

Friday, May 20 – Coffee and donuts at drop off. Check out the lost and found table while you're here!

Friday, May 20 – 0-5ers Story Time, 10am, Ministry Center. Join us for this weekly faith-based early literacy experience for children ages 0-5 and their caregivers.

Friday, May 20 – Boosters Golf "FORE" Sports Golf Outing, Boulder Creek Golf Course.

- **10am** – Registration
- **11am** – Shotgun start
- **3:30pm** – Hornet Happy Hour

Saturday, May 21 – Sports physicals at Saint Thomas, 9am-12noon. Saint Thomas Gymnasium. Dr. Michael App (Saint Thomas dad) will be offering sports physicals to Saint Thomas students and alums. For \$20, students can get a complete sports physical so they are ready for Fall 2022-2023 sports.

Saturday, May 21/Sunday, May 22 – Baccalaureate Mass at Saint Thomas Parish (5pm/11am)

Check out the lunch menu!

Monday – Chicken patty sandwich

Tuesday – Hot dogs

Wednesday – Waffles

Diaper Drive



Please help support the parish-wide diaper drive for HELP Pregnancy Crisis Aid. HELP provides support for expectant mothers through pregnancy and beyond. We will be collecting diapers (size newborn to 5) and wipes at school during the week of May 23.

Sign up today!

♥ **Field Day Cooler Sign Up:** Each classroom is in need of a cooler to borrow for field day on Monday, May 23. Please tape the name of your child's teacher to the cooler and leave it outside his or her classroom. Home and School will be filling the cooler with popsicles for the students. If you choose to add ice, please make sure the cooler is not too heavy so it can easily be carried by older students and/or parent volunteers. You can get your cooler at the end of the day. If you would like to lend your cooler, please use our [Field Day Cooler Sign Up Genius](#).

♥ **Parents, volunteer in the lunchroom!** You still have time! 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!](#)

♥ **Traveling Rosary:** If you are interested in participating in the in our school's Traveling Rosary, sign up using our [Traveling Rosary Sign Up Genius](#).

♥ **2022-23 Fall Sports Sign Up:** GRACEAC will offer tackle football, volleyball, boys soccer, cross country, and sideline cheer for next year's 5th-8th graders. Additionally, flag football and sideline cheer will be offered for next year's 3rd and 4th graders. The price for 3rd and 4th grade fall sports is \$95 per child, which parents can pay through TeamSnap during registration. These sports will (tentatively) start the week of August 8.

- [5th-8th GRACEAC sports sign up](#)
- [3rd-4th GRACEAC sports sign up](#)

Keep in mind!

♥ **Home and School Fun:** Home and School has arranged for the Kona Ice Truck to be in the school parking lot on the last day of school, 11am-12noon. We will be sponsoring an icee for all students. Students can grab one as they leave and, if possible, pack a picnic lunch and join other Saint Thomas families at Wilcox Park.

♥ **Saint Thomas Whitecaps game:** Whitecaps tickets went home to all students who participated in the March Whitecaps Reading Program. The Saint Thomas game is Sunday, May 15 at 2pm. Tickets cannot be replaced if lost. If you are unable to attend, please pass them along to another STA family...we have a reserved section for 142 students, families, and teachers!

♥ **Library Books:** Please look for and return all overdue library books or clear accounts if a book has been lost. Contact Mrs. Walch at libadmin@stthomasgr.org for details. The library will be closed effective May 23 for the end of year inventory.

♥ **After School Enrichment:** We are planning to partner with Learning Means Fun again next year to provide after school enrichment. Please take a moment to select any enrichment your child(ren) might be interested in in our [After School Enrichment Survey](#). We will likely select two or three offers for next year depending on interest.

♥ **Summer Camps:** West Catholic has scheduled summer camps for kids. Visit www.grwestcatholicprograms.org/athletics.cfm and www.grwestcatholicprograms.org/fine-arts-camp.cfm to find opportunities for your kids! For Catholic Central Camps, visit <https://www.catholiccentralcamps.org/>.

♥ **Saint Thomas Habitat for Humanity:** Habitat for Humanity of Kent County will be building eight new homes in Grand Rapids' Baxter neighborhood this spring and summer. Saint Thomas is scheduled to work Saturday, June 4 and August 13 from 8am-3pm. If you are interested, call team leaders Allen Senninger at 616-446-3560 or Ken Fey at 989-615-7257 for details. Volunteers must be at least 16 years old.

End of the Year Cheat Sheet

May 23 – Field Day

- 9am – K-5
- 1:15pm – Middle School

May 27 – Anointing Mass, 9:55am

June 1 – P4 Last day of school

June 2 – P3 Last day of school

June 3

- 8th Grade last Mass (9:55am)
- 8th Grade last day of school
- Preschool End of Year Picnic Celebration (11am-1pm)

June 8 – 8th Grade Graduation Mass, 6pm

June 10 – All School Mass (9:55am) and Last Day of School (half day/11am dismissal) with Kona Ice in the parking lot and picnic (bring your own food) and celebration at Wilcox Park.

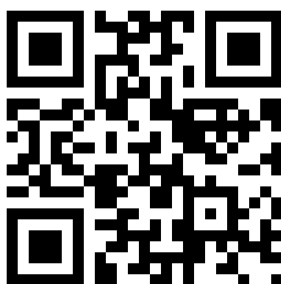


Our dear, sweet Mrs. Stegehuis is retiring! Help us celebrate her time at Saint Thomas with cards from current and former students and parents. We will be collecting these in the office. Thanks!

COVID notifications

♥ New COVID positive cases this week: 7

Auction 2022 - Don't delay! Get your tickets today!



Early Bird Auction tickets on sale until June 10

Individual tickets — \$65 (\$75 after June 10)

Table (seats 10) — \$900 (\$1,000 after June 10)

First 100 tickets sold will be entered into an Auction drawing to win a FitBit Inspire 2 health and fitness tracker.

Don't delay! Purchase today! Visit cbo.io/STA/Bidder.

