



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 loyalty: faithfulness to commitments or obligations.

Sunday, Oct. 2 – Picnic in the Park, Wilcox Park, 12-3pm. Saint Thomas community, we'd love to see as many school families there as possible!

Sunday, Oct. 2 – Silent Auction opens, 5pm. [Register online to bid for the silent auction.](#) You do not need a ticket to Auction to participate. Share this link with family and friends around the globe!

Monday, Oct. 3 – Monday Morning Rosary. Parents, please join us at the Marian Grotto right after Chapel (around 8:15am). We will kick off the week by praying for our kids, their teachers and our Saint Thomas community!

Monday, Oct. 3 – Mass for Grades 1-3, 9:55am.

Friday, Oct. 7 – Mass for Grades 4-8, 9:55am.

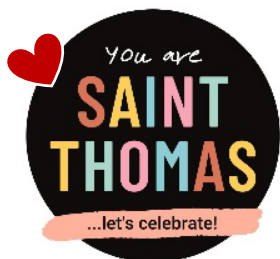
Friday, Oct. 7 – All School Decade of the Rosary. Parents, join us at the Grotto (weather permitting). Donuts and coffee to follow.

Friday, Oct. 7 – Story Time, Ministry Center, 10am. Join Genevieve Boyle and her sidekick Anna for a good book with new friends and a fun craft. For children ages 0-5 and their caregivers.

Saturday, Oct. 8 – CELEBRATE Auction Event, 6:30-10pm, Cultural Center
(2250 E Paris Ave SE, Grand Rapids).

Check out the lunch menu!

Check out our [October menu](#). And here are the [instructions for putting money into your child's lunch account](#).



Picnic in the Park! Sunday, Oct. 2, 12-3pm!

It's really happening! This Sunday!

Join us for :

- Games
- Entertainment
- Free hotdog lunch
- Food trucks on site (for purchase)
- PRIZES! PRIZES! PRIZES!

♥ We still need full, new 2 liter pop donations for our Picnic in the Park ring toss game. Drop off the 2 liters outside the school office or bring to the picnic.

♥ There's still time to use this [Picnic in the Park Sign Up](#) to donate items or to volunteer at this community-building event on Oct. 2.



All the things!

♥ **Label stuff!** As the weather gets colder, we'll have more coats and sweatshirts and such in the building. Please remember to label your children's stuff just in case it gets left at gym or recess or lost.

♥ **Koonmen support:** The Koonmen family, who used to attend Saint Thomas School, recently lost their husband and father. Please consider [donating a meal](#) or [contributing to their Go Fund Me](#) page or [sending a handwritten note](#).

♥ See the [letter from Bishop Walkowiak](#) and the [Q&A Regarding Proposal 3](#).

♥ **Wear green for mental health!** We are partnering with the Children's Healing Center to show our support for mental health. Monday, October 10, we are asking for all our Saint Thomas students to wear their green uniform shirts to school. Our 1st-3rd grade students have mass so have them bring a green pullover or green shirt just for the picture and then they can change for Mass. We will be taking an all-school picture in our green shirts. We appreciate your support in this!

Sign up today!

♥ **Winter sport sign up:** Winter sports season is just around the corner! Please sign up with the following links:

- [GRACEAC competitive cheer](#)
- [GRACEAC basketball](#)
- [GRACEAC downhill/slalom skiing](#)

♥ **Spelling Bee:** All 3rd-8th grade students are eligible to sign-up for Spelling Bee. Please use this [2022-23 Spelling Bee SignUp](#). Sign-up deadline is midnight October 19, no exceptions. Any questions, please contact Jeanne Walch at jeannewalch@stthomasgr.org.

Events calendar!

Grandfriends' Day – Oct. 14, 8-11am. [RSVP for Grandfriends' Day](#).

Trunk or Treat – Oct. 30, 2-4pm (Saint Thomas main parking lot)

Book Fair – Nov. 15-18. More details to come!

[Saint Thomas Parish October "Respect Life" Events](#)

[Saint Thomas Parent Events Calendar](#)

Parent Grade Gatherings

P3: Kammels – Oct. 28, 7:30pm

P4: Cicottes – Nov. 11, 6-8pm

K: Bredes – Oct. 28, 6-8pm

Grade 3: Pfennings – TBD

Grade 4: Wilsons – Oct. 14, 7:30pm

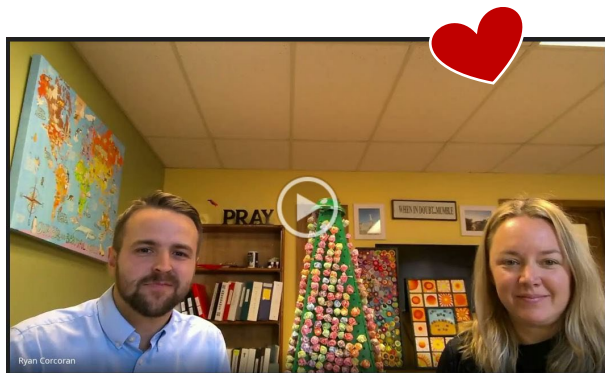
Grade 5: Maczkas – Oct. 28, 7pm

Grade 6: Buehlers – Sept. 30, 7pm

Grade 7: Open

Grade 8: Nettie Boivin & Amy Ziemer – Nov. 4

**Grade 2 and Grade 7 are still available. If you are interested in hosting, please contact Genevieve Boyle (genyavello@hotmail.com).



Corcoran's corner!

Here's your [weekly Mr. Corcoran video](#), featuring special guest star Tiffany Fox – Saint Thomas parent, Auction chair and all-around fabulous human being Tiffany Fox!