



THE BUZZ!

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

Next week!

Parents, we hope you can join us for chapel. The virtue this week is gratitude: a thankful disposition of mind and heart.

Monday, Dec. 5 – Morning Rosary, 8:15am, inside the Church, west side.

Monday, Dec. 5 – No Mass for Grades 1-3.

Tuesday, Dec. 6 – Rosary decade for Mrs. Hieshetter during Chapel, 8am.

Thursday, Dec. 8 – Immaculate Conception / Late start, 8:30am.

Please drop off your children between 8:15 and 8:29am.

Thursday, Dec. 8 – K-Grade 8 Immaculate Conception Mass, 9:55am. Please send students in Mass attire.

Friday, Dec. 9 – No Mass for Grades 4-8.

Friday, Dec. 9 – 3rd Grade Nativity Program, 9:55am, Church Lower Level.

Come hear the beautiful Nativity story through dialogue and song from our 3rd grade classes. Join us or [watch the Nativity performance online](#).



Sunday, Dec. 11 – Vespers Service, 5pm, Church. Our students (grades 1-4 and 6-8) have been preparing several weeks for this performance. Parents, please have students in the church by 4:30pm, wearing Sunday best clothes in red and green. We encourage all students to be there.

Teacher/Admin surveys!

At Saint Thomas, we strive to do better. Please help us improve by completing the following surveys:

- Principal feedback - <https://forms.gle/H4MV1a3xu1VqrDg49>
- Assistant Principal feedback - <https://forms.gle/tjG8GEtGeMonPJFJ7>
- Teacher feedback - <https://forms.gle/V7YbM8Ac1CpEFTvNA>

These surveys will be available until Dec. 16.

Welcome littlest Hornet!

Another member joining our Saint Thomas community – Ethan Robert Boog was born Monday, Nov. 21 at 4:42am! Welcome, Ethan!



ACT thanks!

Many, many thanks to all who donated supplies to our Giving Tuesday event for Artists Creating Together. They were thrilled to receive all the supplies and appreciate the Saint Thomas community!

STA store!

Saint Thomas now has a spirit store! Visit our [We Wear Saint Thomas Store](#) to purchase items. Please note: These items are NOT part of the STA uniform; they can ONLY be worn on spirit days or uniform holidays.

Lunch menu!

Check out our [December lunch menu](#).

Home & School events!

♥ **H&S Newsletter:** Check out the [December Home & School Newsletter](#).

♥ **Treats for teachers:** On St. Nicholas Day (Dec. 6), we want to spread some holiday cheer and gift our teachers and staff with treats, homemade or store-bought. If you can help, please use our [Saint Thomas School Staff Cookie Tray Sign Up](#).

♥ **Christmas service project:** Please consider helping with our school-wide Christmas service project. These three families have great need, and we are hoping to shower them with love this Christmas! Click on the links below for a Sign Up Genius of gifts for these families:

- [Preschool – Grade 2 – the Herman family](#)
- [Grades 3-5 – the Ervin Family](#)
- [Grades 6-8 – the Fields Family](#)

Girls basketball sign up!

Girls basketball begins in January. If your daughter is interested in playing GRACEAC basketball (grades 5-8), please sign up using our [GRACEAC Girls Basketball Sign Up](#) by Dec. 19.

Meal train for STA families!

♥ **Boog family:** Please think about supporting the Boog family with a meal, so they can focus on sweet Ethan! If you can help with a meal, please sign up at: www.mealtrain.com/trains/mmkkq6.

♥ **Eakin family:** Please consider supporting the Eakin family with a meal, as they adjust to life as a family of six! If you'd like to help with a meal, please sign up at: mealtrain.com/085ry9.

♥ **Rosser family:** Saint Thomas mom Dawn Rosser is recovering from bypass surgery and needs help feeding her family during this time. The schedule continues through the end of the year. If you can help with a meal, please sign up at: takethameal.com/MUBY5506.

Events calendar!

Christmas break – Dec. 19 – Jan. 2

All School Spelling Bee – Jan. 12

[Saint Thomas Parent Events Calendar](#)

Help wanted!

Saint Thomas Parish and School is seeking a full-time employee to assist Ted and his crew with afternoon/ evening cleaning and maintenance of our Church and School facilities. This position requires: ability to work both alone and with others, self-motivation, ability to perform physical labor and willingness to learn. On-the-job training is provided. Email Pam (pamstrobel@stthomasgr.org) or Carla (carlagrant@stthomasgr.org) at the Parish office or call them at (616) 459-4662 for an application form or to get additional details.