



THE BUZZ!

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

Next week!

This week's virtue is self control: joyful mastery over one's passions and desires.

Monday, April 24 –

- **Parent Rosary, 8:15am**
- **0-5ers Storytime, 9:30am, at Holland Home Raybrook** – We'll be having an intergenerational storytime this week. *Please join us at Holland Home Raybrook (2121 Raybrook St SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546). Holland Home is across Burton from Calvin University. To get there, turn south on Raybrook from Burton. Follow the signs for Raybrook Manor, which will have you taking the second right into a large parking lot. Enter through the higher entrance where the big American flag is. We will meet in the front lobby. Hope to see you there!*
- **All-School Mass, 9:55am, Church.** We will be celebrating Fr. Jim's 30 year anniversary as pastor of Saint Thomas at this Mass. Please join us. We will have a brief reception for parents after Mass in the Ministry Center.

Tuesday, April 25 – **Uniform holiday**

Wednesday, April 26 – **Red Glasses Award Ceremony, 8am, Church**

Friday, April 28 –

- First Communion Retreat (Uniform holiday for 2nd graders only.)
- No 4th-8th Grade Mass (due to All-School Mass Monday)
- **No school lunch. Please send a lunch with your child.**
- 0-5ers Storytime, 10am, Ministry Center

Saturday, April 29 – Stars and Strikes (P3-4th Grade), 2-4pm, Clique Lanes (533 Stocking Ave., Grand Rapids, MI 49504).

Bring your favorite gal (mother, grandmother, godmother, aunt, anyone!) and be ready for some bowling fun! The cost is \$4 per bowler for those who RSVPed. Questions? Contact Becca Maguire (rebecca.maguire11@gmail.com).



Please note: No school lunch on Friday, April 28!

Please send a lunch with your child.

APRIL 2023					Type Your School Name Here					LUNCH				
St. Thomas					April is National Garden Month. Consider planting some seeds at home. You can start your seeds indoors in a small container (an empty cereal bowl from school would work well) and move them outside to a patio or garden plot when the weather allows.									
MONDAY					TUESDAY					WEDNESDAY				
Spring Break 1					Spring Break 4					Spring Break 5				
No School 10					Egg, Sausage and Cheese on English Muffin, Hash Brown, Applesauce 11					Popcorn, Chicken Potatoes w/ gravy, Roll, Peaches 12				
Chicken Strips, Green Beans, Rolls, Frozen Peach Cups 17					Fancakes, Tator Tots, Sausage, Banana 18					Nachos w/ meat, Refried Beans, Pineapple 19				
Chicken Sandwich, Corn, Orange Wedges 24					Cereal Day!!! Cereal, Muffin, Cheese Stick, Applesauce, Apple Juice 25					Quesadillas, Refried Beans, Blueberries w/ yogurt 26				
										Pasta w/ meatballs, Broccoli w/ cheese, Strawberries and Watermelon 11 Hamburger Baked Beans, Apple Slices 20 Hot Dogs, French Fries, Grapes 27 Bosco Sticks, Salad, Side Kicks 14 Little Caesar's Pizza, Salad, Cantaloupe and Mango 28 Cheese Pull Apart, Fresh Vegetables, Frozen Peach Cup 29				

Lunch menu!

West Catholic High School provides our food services program.

West Catholic now only accepts online-only lunch money deposits. Check out these [instructions for depositing money into Infinite Campus](#).

Please note: **NO SCHOOL LUNCH ON FRIDAY, APRIL 28!**

Please send a lunch with your child.

Click on image for April menu.

Mark your calendars!

Stars and Strikes Mother and Sons bowling event (5th – 8th grade) – May 5,
 Questions? Contact Becca Maguire (rebecca.maguire11@gmail.com).

May Crowning – May 1 – This will take place first thing in the morning.
 Weather permitting we will sing hymns and present flowers at our grotto.

Wilcox Park Clean Up – May 2 – We are looking for volunteers to help from 9-11am. Contact Mr. Corcoran if you would like to help.

Kindergarten Kick-Off – May 3, 9-10:30am (No kindergarten or P4 that day)

STA Sports Physicals – May 6 (Get your child's sports physicals completed by our own Dr. Michael App in the Saint Thomas gym, 9-11am!)

7th/8th Grade Dance – May 12

Springtime Celebration Concert and Ice Cream Social (K-4th grade) –
 Sunday, May 21 at 3pm. Hear our music classes perform songs they've been working on with Mrs. Emily Brunner. See flyer on last page.

Field Day – May 22

7th Grade Anointing Mass – May 26 at 9:55

Spirit Assembly – May 26 at 2:30

Saint Thomas Golf Outing!

Saint Thomas Boosters is hosting the annual Golf FORE Sports golf outing Friday, May 19. Don't miss the chance to register your foursome and be a part of this incredible community event at Boulder Creek Golf Club. All proceeds go to support our Saint Thomas athletes. New this year, a huge, awesome, amazing, handmade trophy for the best dressed team! There will be a winning men's, women's and mixed team! Go to stagolfouting.com to register.

STA Family Resources

Looking for a way to connect with other Saint Thomas families for carpooling, babysitters, etc? Visit our new Home & School family resources page!

Your information will be kept on a password-protected website and only be made available to current Saint Thomas families.

To get started, visit <https://sites.google.com/stthomasqr.org/parent-resources/home> (Please note: You must have a gmail account to view this site.)

Questions? Reach out to anthony.giovanetti@gmail.com

Traveling Rosary

Visit www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0a4eabaa2aa1fb6-traveling#/ to participate in our Saint Thomas traveling rosary. Families will receive the rosary, along with a guide for praying, in Chapel on the Monday of their assigned week. You may choose to pray one decade or the entire rosary and then return the rosary to school on the Friday of that week. Questions? Contact Angelique Nowak.

Helpers needed!

3/4 Track: We are still in need of 3/4 track parent helpers. Parents, no track experience is needed. We are just looking for people to help young runners know and stay in their lanes. If you are interested in helping, please email our Athletic Director Jeremiah Sluggett (jeremiahsluggett@stthomasgr.org).

Other stuff!

♥ **Service opportunity:** Join a Saint Thomas crew to volunteer at Kids' Food Basket (1300 Plymouth Ave NE, GR) on Wednesday, April 26, 6-7:30 pm. Volunteers are needed to help prep food for supper sacks. Please register ASAP to save your spot. Visit kidsfoodbasket.org to sign up online or call Bonnie at (616) 458-5674 to register with the group and support healthy kids in our community!

♥ **Catholic Central information:** Check out these Catholic Central Summer Camps: [CC STEAM Summer Camp](#) and [CC Athletic Summer Camps](#). For more CC information, visit [Catholic Central News & Events](#).

♥ **Salvation Army Summer Camp Information:** The Salvation Army offers a 6-week day camp is for 1st -7th grade students during June and July. Activities include group physical exercise, indoor and outdoor games, crafts, learning activities, reading times, and a bible lesson. Each day includes lunch and a snack. GROW will be offered Monday through Thursday, except for the week of June 19th. We are closed to commemorate Juneteenth. Check out this [GROW Summer Camp flyer](#) or visit <https://centralusa.salvationarmy.org/FultonHeights/empower-youth/> for more information.

♥ **Diaper drive:** Saint Thomas' Respect Life ministry is coordinating a diaper drive to support HELP Pregnancy Aid. Donate by dropping off disposable diapers in the collection box in the hallway of the school the week of May 22. Diaper sizes from newborn to 5 are appreciated, as well as wipes. THANK YOU for supporting the diaper drive and assisting new mothers and their babies in our community. Questions? Contact Helen Milanowski at (616) 774-8471.

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**7TH & 8TH GRADE
DANCE
FRIDAY, MAY 12TH**

**IHM Gym
7pm-9pm**

ALOHA! Please join us for a night of fun at IHM!

Dress in your Hawaiian best and be ready to HULA!

(Pst...there's a prize for the best dressed)

DJ, Dancing, Limbo and Free Throw contest, snacks and more!

There will be chaperones from IHM, STA, and SPA at the dance.

If you have any questions, please contact Missy Sharpe at 616.443.2054



Join us for a Springtime Celebration

Sunday

21

May

3:00 pm

St. Thomas the Apostle School

Grades K-4 will perform a concert in the gym

Ice cream social in the parking lot to follow

Bring a book for fun book swap!

*Rain location: church basement

