

WHAT'S BUZZING AROUND THE HALLS OF SAINT THOMAS?



The BUZZ

DYNAMIC EDUCATION CENTERED IN CHRIST



Nov. 6-10, 2023

This week!

The virtue this week is **patriotism**: paying due honor and respect to one's country, with a willingness to serve.

Monday, Nov. 6 –

- Parent Rosary, 8:15am, Church Lower Level Nursery
- Grades 1-3 Mass, 10:10am, Church.

Tuesday, Nov. 7 – Middle School Awards Ceremony, 2:45pm, Church.

Wednesday, Nov. 8 –

- **School picture re-takes, 9am-12:15pm, School Library.**
Students getting re-takes can wear non-uniform top and bring uniform top to change back into after pictures. If you have pictures and are getting re-takes, you'll need to return the printed pictures you received.
- **0-5ers Gym Time, 11am, Saint Thomas Gym. Please note new start time.**

Friday, Nov. 10 –

- 0-5ers Story Time, 10am, Ministry Center.
- Grades 4-8 Mass, 10:10am, Church.
- Vocations Luncheon, 12pm, Ministry Center. RSVP to secretary@stthomasgr.org or [sign up to bring food.](#)

Wine, Cheese & Painting Party / Service Project, 6:30pm, Church Lower Level. To RSVP, please email Betsy at BetsyEdgerton@stthomasgr.org by Monday, Nov. 6 or [sign up to bring a treat.](#)

Parent teacher conference sign up

Parent teacher conferences will be Nov. 16 (4-8pm) and Nov. 17 (12-3pm).

Please use our [Parent Teacher Conference Sign Up Genius](#) to sign up to meet with your childrens' teachers. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher.

Please use our [Teacher & Staff Conference Dinner Sign Up](#) if you would like to contribute a dish for a potluck dinner for teachers & staff on the first night of conferences.

Communications Survey!

We want to communicate effectively with all of you, so we need to hear from you to know your preferences.

Please take two minutes to let us know in our [Saint Thomas Communications Survey!](#)

This is anonymous and we appreciate your candid and constructive feedback.

November lunch menu!

Here is our [November lunch menu](#). If your child wants hot lunch, remind them to order it in the morning with their homeroom teacher. Families are billed through the Infinite Campus. Here are [Instructions for depositing money into your student's IC account](#). If you need help getting into Infinite Campus, please email Cammi in the office (clawrence@stthomasgr.org).

Looking ahead!

Nov. 16 – Parent/Teacher Conferences ([Parent Teacher Conference Sign Up Genius](#))

Nov. 17 – Half day (students) / Parent/Teacher Conferences

Nov. 22-24 – No school; Thanksgiving break

Nov. 27 – 6th Grade Retreat

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

Dec. 10 – Vespers Service, 6pm, Church

Dec. 17 – Nativity Program (see last page for details)

Home and School News!

- **Stock the Lounge:** Let's show our appreciation for our teachers by stocking the lounge with their favorite snacks! You will only be asked to stock the lounge one time. **For Oct. 30-Nov. 10**, we are asking families with last names beginning with **E-F** to bring treats. Please use our [Stock the Lounge Sign Up](#). We appreciate your generosity!
- **Parent/Teacher Conference Dinner:** The week of parent/teacher conferences is always a busy time for our wonderful teachers! Please use our [Teacher & Staff Conference Dinner Sign Up](#) if you would like to contribute a dish for a potluck dinner for teachers & staff on Nov. 16, the first night of conferences. Thank you!
- **Catholic Schools Week:** If you have some great ideas and/or would like to help plan Catholic Schools Week, January 28- February 3, at Saint Thomas, please contact Genevieve Boyle at (773) 610-6473 or genyavello@hotmail.com.

School Board News!

You responded and we are listening! Last spring, the Diocese of Grand Rapids requested feedback on Saint Thomas from parents, staff and 5th-8th grade students through a Program Effectiveness Survey. The School Board, Mr. Corcoran and Dr. Tyrrell have been discussing your input and wanted to provide [a summary of responses received and details on action being taken](#) to address areas of opportunity. Many thanks to those who took the time to give input and we hope to hear from even more of you in the future!

GRACEAC Girls Basketball Sign Up!

If your daughter is interested in playing GRACEAC basketball, the sign up is open. GRACEAC basketball is open to girls in grades 3-8. Please sign up through [the GRACEAC website](#) – either Grades 3-4 Girls Basketball or Grades 5-8 Girls Basketball. **The deadline to sign up is Dec. 1.**

Other stuff!

♥ **Saint Thomas Parish's [Corpus Christi](#):** Evening of Adoration and Praise with Confessions, Friday, Nov. 17 from 6:30 - 8pm. A special **family oriented** time of praise and worship with adoration will take place from 6:30 - 7pm. This will be an awesome opportunity for the whole family to share an intimate and fun experience of prayer with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

♥ **Saint Thomas Parish's November Faith Night:** Join us for [Eternal Rest: The Art of Dying Well](#). Episodes and discussion will explore Catholic teaching on death and the afterlife. These take place in the Ministry Center from 6:30 - 7:30pm on Monday, November 6, 13, and 20.

♥ **Saint Thomas Altar Server training:** New altar server training Wednesday, November 8, 6-7:30pm in the church for any interested students in 5th-8th grade. Please contact Lori Vernon (lorivernon@stthomasgr.org or 459-4662 X 1208) with any questions.

♥ **Saint Thomas Thanksgiving Dinner:** We will be hosting our Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 23, from 12-2pm in the lower level of church. All are invited to join in the celebration and bring your family or invite your friends! RSVP for the dinner and/or volunteer to help on the [parish website](#) or call the parish office (616-459-4662) to sign up.

♥ **West Catholic Events:** Visit the [West Catholic High School website](#) for upcoming events/admissions info.

♥ **Catholic Central Events:** Visit the [Catholic Central High School website](#) for upcoming events/admissions info.

♥ **Cannonsburg Ski Punch Card:** Punch cards are for K-12 grade students and offer discounts on lift tickets, rentals and private lessons. Check out this [Cannonsburg flyer](#) for more information.

CALLING ALL SAINT THOMAS LADIES!

what: WINE, CHEESE & PAINTING

why: TO BENEFIT CCWM'S SOUPS ON EVENT

when: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10 @ 6:30PM

where: SAINT THOMAS CHURCH LOWER LEVEL

RSVP TO BETSY EDGERTON AT 616-458-4228 OR BETSYEDGERTON@STTHOMASGR.ORG

[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP TO BRING A TREAT FOR THE EVENING](#)

a night of fellowship serving others



Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish & School
Vocations Luncheon

All Saint Thomas parishioners and school parents are warmly invited to join us as we gather to understand God's call to be a part of the life of the Church.

We will enjoy soup, bread, salad and an inspirational address from Sister Jeanne D'Arc from the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist.

Friday, November 10

12-1pm

School Ministry Center

Please RSVP by November 6

to secretary@stthomasgr.org



KING'S TABLE
open house

NOVEMBER 14

4:00-7:00 PM

5:00 PM RIBBON CUTTING

**JOIN US IN CELEBRATING OUR NEW
PROGRAMMING SPACE!**




LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

2515 Alpine Ave NW, Unit B

Grand Rapids, MI 49544

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FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT PATRICE@KINGSTABLEMINISTRIES.ORG (616) 284-3549



Save the Date! An Advent Nativity Service



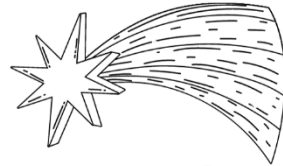
Performed by Grades 1-4

Friday, December 15: School Rehearsal 2:20



Sunday, December 17: Performance 4:00

Saint Thomas Stage



What to wear:

Grades 1, 2, 4: Dress up in your
Christmas best!

Grade 3: Dress in your Nativity
Costume.

