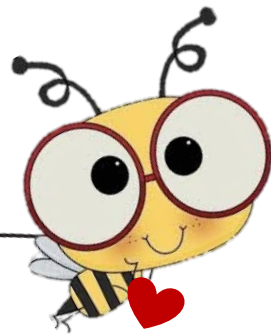


WHAT'S BUZZING AROUND THE HALLS OF SAINT THOMAS?

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Feb. 10-14, 2025

Next week!

The virtue is **moderation** – attention to balance in your life.

Monday, Feb. 10 –

- **Grades 1-3 Mass**, 10:10am. Don't forget Mass uniforms! Parents and guests, please sign in at the back of church to attend.
- **Parent speaker series**, 6:30pm, Cathedral Square (see attached flyer). This event includes complimentary wine and appetizers.

Wednesday, Feb. 12 –

- **0-5ers Gym time**, 11:10am, Gym

Thursday, Feb. 13 – School Board meeting, 6pm, Ministry Center

Friday, Feb. 14 –

- **Grades 4-8 Mass**, 10:10am. Don't forget Mass uniforms! Parents and guests, please sign in at the back of church to attend.
- **0-5ers Storytime**, 11:10am, Library

Looking ahead!

Feb. 17-18 – No school. Mid-winter break.

Feb. 23 – Love & Logic first class

Feb. 25 – Uniform holiday

March 5 – Ash Wednesday / Late start (8:30am)

March 7 – No school / Teacher professional development

March 11-13 – Spring Book Fair

March 28 – Pep assembly

School lunch!

Here is our [February lunch menu](#). **Lunch change on Friday, Feb. 14 – English muffin pizzas.**

Snowflake Shuffle Success!



Thank you!

A huge THANK YOU to Lucy Giovannetti, Emily Hunter, and Erin Brede for planning and putting on such a wonderful Snowflake Shuffle! A big thanks to all the families and middle-school students who helped as well!

We appreciate all of you. It was a great family event!

Upcoming registration!

Drum roll please....registration for the 2025-2026 school year is here! You will receive an email from "info+stthomasgr." Please complete the "Intent to Enroll" and submit the registration fee in Finals site, our enrollment database. Returning families will have a two-week window to register before we open up registration to prospective students. Questions?! Contact Betsy Edgerton or Cammi Lawrence in the school office. You belong here again...so get registered!

GRACEAC Spring sports registration is open! **Deadline Feb. 15!**

Registration is open for Spring GRACEAC sports, which includes: boys baseball, boys & girls lacrosse, girls soccer, girls softball, boys & girls tennis, boys & girls track and field. Sign up at www.graceac.com. **The deadline is Feb. 15. After Feb. 15, you will be charged a \$35 late fee to register.**

Preschool building update!

Here is an update of what we have accomplished over the last few weeks, and what's to come!

- Drywall is wrapping up.
- Total Fire Protection has installed the sprinkler system.
- Data cabling is complete.
- Painting begins Monday.
- Doors and borrowed light framing to be installed the end of next week.

Love and Logic at STA!

Parenting the Love and Logic Way, **February 23, 2 – 4 pm**, Saint Thomas Ministry Center, Never before have parents faced so many complex challenges! To help navigate these, Love and Logic offers a variety of simple yet effective parenting resources designed to support families from birth to adulthood. Saint Thomas will offer the Parenting the Love and Logic Way® training course beginning February 23 for six weeks on Sunday afternoons. The cost is \$85 per couple, which includes a parent booklet. Childcare will be provided if requested. Register on the Parish Website or by calling (616) 774-8471.



Traveling Rosary!

Our mission effectiveness team invites you to participate in our Saint Thomas Traveling Rosary. You can pray with your family while driving back and forth from school or pray a decade of the rosary each night. If you are interested, please use our [Saint Thomas Traveling Rosary Sign Up Genius](#).



Blackbaud Financial Aid!

The window to apply for financial assistance for the 2025-26 school year is open. Visit studentfinancialaid.blackbaud.school and check out the [2025-26 Blackbaud Financial Aid parent application guide](#) and the [2025-26 parent instructions](#) to help.

From West Catholic!

Support Services Open House - Wednesday February 12, 5:45-6:15pm

This West Catholic open house will take place just before our Welcome West event for 8th graders. This is a great opportunity to meet our teachers, check out our classrooms, and learn more about our Support Services programming. Parents can ask questions related to how their child's unique learning needs can be addressed throughout their high school experience. At the conclusion of this Open House, families can then attend our Welcome to West event.

From Saint Thomas Parish!

♥ **Parish Mission:** Pilgrims of Hope ~ In God's Will is our Peace, Sunday, March 2 - Tuesday, March 4

Join us for prayer, inspiration and fellowship as we prepare our hearts for Lent. [Get more information about our Mission.](#)

♥ **Family Service Opportunity** – March 12, 6-7:30pm. Kids Food Basket (1300 Plymouth NE, GR) works to pursue a hunger-free West Michigan in a way that promotes the passion of our local community. Volunteers (5 and up) needed to help prep food for sack suppers. Please register by March 3 to save your spot. Contact Bonnie Burke at (616) 458-5674 or burkegr@hotmail.com to inquire or [register on the KFB website](#).

♥ **Lenten Mobile Blood Drive**, March 16. Our next Saint Thomas Blood Drive is Sunday, March 16, 8:30 am-1:00 pm in the Ministry Center. [Register to donate blood](#) or sign up on our parish website. Give alms by giving blood and help save lives. Call Lori F. at (616) 459-4662 for more information.

Raising Kids

IN TODAY'S
WORLD IS

Hard

"Train up a child
in the way he
should go; even when
he is old he will not
depart from it."
PROVERBS 22:6

...BUT WE ARE IN THIS TOGETHER!

JOIN US AS WE KICK OFF OUR PARENT SPEAKER SERIES RENEWING THE CATHOLIC FAMILY

St. Thomas the Apostle, St. Paul the Apostle and Immaculate Heart of Mary schools invite you to join our parent speaker series this 2024-25-26 school years. The goal of this series is to educate, equip, and support parents in navigating key issues affecting children today, specifically technology and morality, through the lens of our Catholic faith.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10
6-8:30 PM | CATHEDRAL SQUARE

360 Division Ave. S | Grand Rapids, MI 49503

6:00 pm **COMPLIMENTARY
RECEPTION WITH WINE
AND HORS D'OEUVRES**

6:30-7:30 pm **PRESENTATION**

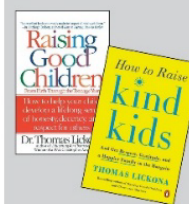
7:30-8:30 pm **CONVERSATION &
FELLOWSHIP**

DR. THOMAS LICKONA

Thomas Lickona, Ph.D., is a developmental psychologist and professor emeritus at SUNY Cortland. As founding director of the Center for the 4th and 5th Rs (Respect and Responsibility) from 1994 to 2022, he earned national recognition for his work in character education and teacher/parent training.



Dr. Lickona's presentation will focus on children's moral development. We are excited to offer *How to Raise Kind Kids* and *Raising Good Children* for purchase at the presentation.



for more information on these books and more visit Dr. Lickona's website thomaslickona.com

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SUPPORTING THE SPA ATHLETICS PROGRAM

SUNDAY
MARCH 9
2025

4th - 8th Grade Girls & Boys
Doors Open at Noon, 1 pm Tip
Catholic Central Athletic Complex
2770 Knapp NE
\$120 for a 4 Person Team*
*Limited to the 1st 60 Teams

3 GAME MINIMUM | 1ST PLACE TROPHY
GREAT FOOD | CONTESTS | FUN FOR ALL!

REGISTER BY FEBRUARY 14TH TO BE GUARANTEED A T-SHIRT
TEAM SIGNUP DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 21ST



ONLINE REGISTRATION AT [BIT.LY/SPA_3ON3_2025](https://bit.ly/spa_3on3_2025)

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