

WHAT'S BUZZING AROUND THE HALLS OF SAINT THOMAS?

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March 3-7, 2025

## MARCH IS READING MONTH!

### Next week!

The virtue is **fortitude**: overcoming fear and remaining steady in doing what is right and good in the face of obstacles.

**Sunday, March 2 – Tuesday, March 4 – Parish Mission:** Pilgrims of Hope ~ In God's Will is our Peace. [Get more information about our Mission.](#)

**Tuesday, March 4 – Uniform holiday, “Chill out and Read”**  
(Comfy clothes; no PJs)

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

- **All-School Mass, 10:10am.** Parents and guests, please sign in.
- **0-5ers Gym time, 11:10am, Gym**

**Friday, March 7 – No school / Teacher PD**

### Looking ahead!

March 11-13 – Spring Book Fair

March 13 – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Songfest

March 24 – State of the School, 6pm

March 28 – State of the School, 8:30am

March 28 – Pep assembly

March 29 – Euchre Tournament (see flyer)

March 31 – Bandtastic

April 7-11 – No school / Spring break

### School lunch!

Here is our [March lunch menu.](#)

### March is Reading Month Events!

During this month, we will be celebrating March is Reading Month with a few extra uniform holidays! If your child chooses not to follow the theme, they should wear their school uniform.

- March 4 - Chill Out and Read (Comfy Clothes Day-no PJs)
- March 11 - Dress Like a Book Character Day
- March 18 - Read My Shirt Day
- March 25 - Uniform Holiday

Other important March is Reading Month events:

- March 6: The Cat in the Hat visits
- March 11 - March 13: Book Fair
- March 14: Book Tastings (K-3 and 4-8)
- March 21: Rock Your Socks Day (Uniforms with mismatched socks for Down Syndrome Day)
- March 26: Read-In Day (in your classrooms)



## Registration 2025-26!

Registration for the 2025-2026 school year is here! Thank you to all who have completed the registration paperwork. To those who have not, submit ASAP to guarantee your child's seat for 2025-26. You belong here again...so get registered! Questions?! Contact Betsy Edgerton or Cammi Lawrence in the school office.

Please note: If you have a preschooler, kindergartner and/or a 7<sup>th</sup> grader for next year, you must submit immunizations and health appraisal to be complete. If you are waiting for an upcoming well-child check up, upload old forms and we can help upload new ones as you get them!

## Love & Logic!

Love & Logic Parenting Course is still accepting Sign Ups! Parenting the Love and Logic Way® training course beginning March 9 for 6 weeks on Sunday afternoons from 2 - 4 pm in the Ministry Center (March 9, 16, 23, 30, and tentatively April 6 and 13.) The cost is \$85 per couple, which includes a parent booklet, via cash or check to Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish. [Register for Love & Logic.](#)

## 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](http://studentfinancialaid.blackbaud.school) and check out the [2025-26 Blackbaud Financial Aid parent application guide](#) and the [2025-26 parent instructions](#) to help.

## From Saint Thomas Parish!

♥ **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](mailto: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, 8:30am-1pm in the Ministry Center. [Register to donate blood](#) or sign up on our parish website. Call Lori F. at (616) 459-4662 for more information.

# HELP With Books



**Who:** Saint Thomas the Apostle School K-8 students

**What:** Students will collect **NEW** children's books for ages 0-5 for [HELP Pregnancy Aid](https://helppregnancy.org/). For more information on HELP, go to <https://helppregnancy.org/>.

**When:** During March is Reading Month

**Why:** HELP Pregnancy Aid hands out blankets and books to children of families at their center.

**How:** Saint Thomas students will bring in **new books** for small children (ages 0-5). It is suggested that the students could do a **service at home** to earn them.

**Reward:** The class that brings in the most books by **March 31** will receive a class uniform holiday on the day of their teacher's choice.



**SAINT THOMAS**

# *Euchre*

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**WHEN?**

**MARCH 29, 2025  
7-10PM**

**WHERE?**

**SAINT THOMAS GYM**

**WHY?**

**'CAUSE YOU'RE AWESOME AT EUCHRE!**

**OR**

**'CAUSE YOU WANT TO LEARN EUCHRE!**

**OR**

**'CAUSE YOU JUST NEED A NIGHT OUT!**

**WHAT ELSE?**

**BRING YOUR OWN BEVERAGES AND AN  
APPETIZER OR DESSERT TO SHARE!**

**AND IF YOU'VE GOT A CARD TABLE THAT  
WE COULD BORROW, PLEASE LET US KNOW!**

**RSVP**

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