

WHAT'S BUZZING AROUND THE HALLS OF SAINT THOMAS?

the BUZZ

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March 17-21, 2025

MARCH IS READING MONTH!

Next week!

The virtue is **generosity**: giving to another person something of yours as an act of free will, without obligation.



Saturday, March 15 – Party in your Parka, 6-8pm. Southside Ice Arena (566 100th St SW, Byron Center, MI 49315). Thanks to the Slobodnik family, skates and ice are provided. You must [sign this waiver](#) to participate. Dress warmly. Consider bringing bike helmets for any novice skaters. The concession stand will be open for business.

Monday, March 17 – Saint Patrick's Day!



- **Irish Dancers**, 8:30am, Lower Level. Students will be attending with their homerooms.
- **Grades 1-3 Mass**, 10:10am. Parents and guests, please sign in.

Tuesday, March 18 –

- **Uniform holiday**, "Read my Shirt" day

Wednesday, March 19 –

- **0-5ers Gym time**, 11:10am, Gym
- **8th Grade Confirmation**, 7pm, Cathedral

Thursday, March 20 – Preschool Dinos with Dads, 6pm, Ministry Center

Friday, March 21 –

- **Grades 4-8 Mass**, 10:10am. Parents and guests, please sign in.
- **0-5ers Storytime**, 11:10am, Library

Book fair thanks!

A big THANK YOU to the teachers, staff and families for their support of the Spring Book Fair. Still need a book? Order online at www.lowrysbooks.com.

Mark your calendar!

March 21 – Rock Your Socks Day (Uniforms with mismatched socks for Down Syndrome Day)

March 24 – **State of the School, 6pm**

March 25 – Uniform holiday

March 26 – Read in day (in classrooms)

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

April 14 – Late start (9am)

May 5 – Parent speaker series, [Wait until 8th](#)

May 9 – Boosters Golf Outing

May 9 – 7th / 8th Grade Dance (at IHM, more details to come)

May 18 – Middle school choir concert

[2025-26 school year calendar](#)

School lunch!

Here is our [March lunch menu](#). Please note this lunch change:

Monday, March 17 – Chicken poppers with mashed potatoes

Uniform reminder!

April 1 is approaching – the date when students can wear shorts and ditch the leggings. Please take a moment to pull out shorts and examine skirts. Make sure short and skirt length is appropriate before April 1. We are noticing lots of short, short skirts.

After-school clubs! Deadline March 16!

We are offering a program through Afterschool Enrichment Solutions. The classes run 3:25-4:25pm. If you are interested in signing up your child for Chess, Coding or STEAM, go to www.learningmeansfun.com/signup and complete the online registration. If you have any questions, please contact Afterschool Enrichment Solutions at (847) 482-9999 or email registration@learningmeansfun.com. The deadline to register is March 16.

- [Chess](#) (Grades K-8). Wednesdays. Course code: TGR3.26.25
- [Let's Code It](#) (Grades 2-5): Tuesdays. Course code: TGR3.25.25
- [STEAM](#) (Grades K-5): Mondays, Course code: TGR3.26.25

Breaking bread, building faith

Family dinner-time discussion question of the week:

What is one thing you learned at Mass this week?

What is something that makes you smile?

Corcoran's Corner

Check out this week's [Corcoran's Corner](#). Mr. Corcoran shares about the upcoming State of the School presentation, Accreditation, upcoming events, and the preschool building. Don't miss it!

Tardies

We have noticed an uptick in tardies lately. All students are required to be in chapel by 8 am. It is disruptive when students come into chapel late. Please make sure your child(ren) is here between 7:45-8am.



Deadline to register
March 16!

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. Questions?! Contact Betsy Edgerton or Cammi Lawrence in the school office.

Please note: If you have a preschooler, kindergartner and/or a 7th 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!

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.

Strategic plan!

Wondering what's driving our planning? Check out our [strategic plan](#).

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](#).

From Saint Thomas Parish!

♥ **Jubilee Indulgence Study of Lumen Gentium** ("Light of the Nations").
Tuesdays, March 11 and 18, 6 - 7pm, Ministry Center.

♥ **Men's Lenten Renewal Breakfast**, Saturday, March 22, 8:30 - 9:30am, Church Lower Level. All men are invited to this event of fellowship, prayer, spiritual renewal, and food after the 8am Mass! [RSVP by March 17](#).

♥ **Lenten Mobile Blood Drive**, March 16. Our next Blood Drive is Sunday, March 16, 8:30am-1pm in the Ministry Center. [Register to donate blood](#) or sign up on 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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SAINT THOMAS

the Apostle Catholic School

Summer programming

Join us this summer at Saint Thomas! Morning sessions for kids going into kindergarten - 2nd grade. Afternoon sessions for kids going into grades 3-5.



June 9-12

Soaring with Superheroes
9am – 12noon

Soccer
12:30-3:30pm



June 16-19

Around the World
9am – 12noon

Basketball
12:30-3:30pm



June 30-July 3

Launch to Space
9am – 12noon

Frisbee
12:30-3:30pm



July 7-10

Oceans and Water
9am – 12noon

Softball/Baseball
12:30-3:30pm



July 14-17

Exploring Dinosaurs
9am – 12noon

Soccer
12:30-3:30pm



July 21-24

Knights and Princesses
9am – 12noon

Basketball
12:30-3:30pm



July 28-31

Circus Spectacular
9am – 12noon

Frisbee
12:30-3:30pm



August 4-7

Farm Fun
9am – 12noon

Softball/Baseball
12:30-3:30pm



Registration

[Registration Form](#)

[FAQs](#)

Questions?

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