

WHAT'S BUZZING AROUND THE HALLS OF SAINT THOMAS?

# the BUZZ

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March 31 - April 4, 2025

## Next week!

The virtue is **prayerfulness**: being still, listening, and being willing to talk to God as a friend.

**Saturday, March 29 – Euchre Tournament, 7-10pm, Gym (see flyer)**

**Saturday/Sunday, March 29/30 – Preschool building open house, after all Masses**

**Monday, March 31 –**

- **Grades 1-3 Mass, 10:10am.** Parents and guests, please sign in.
- **Parent Rosary, 8:15am, Nursery (Church basement)**
- **Bandtastic, 9:30am-1:30pm**

**Wednesday, April 2 – 0-5ers Gym time, 11:10am, Gym**

**Thursday, April 3 –**

- **Famous Americans, 1:30pm and 6:30pm, School**

**Friday, April 4 –**

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



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CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## New logo!

We are slowly rolling out our new "look and feel" in celebration of our 100 years, in conjunction with our strategic plan. We've got a new logo, new fonts and a new color scheme, created by our marketing team and Saint Thomas parent David Shankin! You'll see these new features popping up this Spring!

## State of the School!

If you missed the State of the School presentations this week, you can listen to it! Check out Mr. Corcoran presenting the [Saint Thomas State of the School](#) report! If you have any questions, [please submit them to Mr. Corcoran](#).



## Order a yearbook!

If you didn't purchase a yearbook in the fall, there's still time. Use this [STA Yearbook order form](#) to buy one. The deadline to purchase is April 18. If you don't know if you purchased a yearbook, please contact Cammi in the school office (616-458-4228 or [clawrence@stthomasqr.org](mailto:clawrence@stthomasqr.org)).



## Mark your calendar!

April 7-11 – No school / Spring break

**April 14 – Late start (9am)**

April 18 – No school

April 21 – No school

April 25 – First communion retreat

May 1 – May Crowning

May 5 – Parent speaker series, Wait until 8<sup>th</sup> (see flyer). [RSVP](#).

May 9 – Boosters Golf Outing. [Register to golf!](#)

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

May 18 – Middle school choir concert

[2025-26 school year calendar](#)

## School lunch!

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

## Preschool building updates!

Our new preschool building is coming along! Here are this week's updates:

- Trim and flooring are complete.
- All countertops are in, and final plumbing will wrap up next week.
- Electrical is wrapping up by the beginning of next week.
- All projectors, speakers, etc. will be installed next week.
- Tack boards and marker boards are up.
- All painting is nearly complete.
- HVAC register vents and completion next week.

## 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. **Please note: We will have gently-used uniforms out during the State of the School meetings.**

## 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.

## Breaking bread, building faith

Family dinner-time discussion question of the week:

**What should we pray for?**

**What makes our family special and unique?**

## Prayers for the Marco Family

Join us in supporting the Marco Family. The Marco family was involved in a devastating car accident, leaving them with serious injuries and the loss of one son. Our kids are making a spiritual bouquet for the Marcos. Parents, you are welcome to send in written prayers for the bouquet as well.

As they face a long road to recovery, we lift them up in continuous prayer asking for God's healing grace, as well as strength for the doctors and medical staff caring for them.

[GoFundMe for the Marco Family](#)

[Community Prayer Chain](#)



## All in Week art project completed!

This year's All In Week theme was "Woven Together as One." Our elementary students created a special school tapestry made of water color, paper, and handmade pottery. This art piece is a beautiful reminder of how our differences make us stronger. This tapestry is displayed in our hallway symbolizing our commitment to unity and respect for every individual. When you are in school next time, please check it out. It is located outside the teacher's lounge at the bottom of the stairwell.

## Registration 2025-26!

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 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!

## 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.

## 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!

**Women's Lenten Morning of Reflection**, Saturday, March 29, 8:30 - 11 am, Ministry Center  
Following 8 am Mass, we will gather for a light breakfast, with reflection, prayer time and small group discussion beginning at 9 am. Bring your rosary and a notebook for personal reflections. Come alone or bring a friend. All are welcome. [RSVP by Thursday, March 27](#).

**SAINT THOMAS**

# Euchre

## TOURNAMENT

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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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## summer programming

Join us this summer at Saint Thomas! Morning sessions for kids going into kindergarten - 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](#)

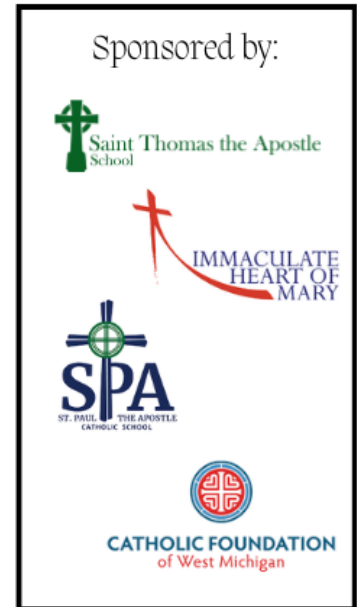
**Questions?**

[secretary@stthomasgr.org](mailto:secretary@stthomasgr.org)

Calling All Diocesan Parents: Join Us for our Speaker Series #2  
**Renewing the Catholic Family**



For the second speaker in our series, we welcome nationally-acclaimed Brooke Shannon, the Executive Director and founder of Wait Until 8th. Brooke works with parents and communities across the country to help families establish a healthy relationship with technology. She is a national speaker on how to parent in the digital arena, having appeared on the Today Show, Good Morning America, NPR and many other outlets. You don't want to miss this! Childcare available.



**Save the date: Monday, May 5**

- 6-6:30pm: Complimentary Wine & Appetizers
- 6:30-7:30pm: Presentation
- 7:30-8:30pm: Q&A, Conversation & Fellowship



Admission is FREE but please RSVP



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