

a century of Saint Thomas the Apostle Catholic School • 1925-2025

June 2-6, 2025

Next week!

The virtue is **foresight**: Consideration of the consequences of one's actions; thinking ahead.

Saturday, May 31 – Father Jim's Mass and Celebration, 5pm

Tuesday, June 3 – Uniform holiday

Wednesday, June 4 – 8th Grade Graduation Mass, 6pm, Church



Thursday, June 5 – Dine & Donate @ Cold Stone Creamery (2121 Celebration Dr. Ste. 400, Grand Rapids, MI). From 12noon – 9pm. Visit Cold Stone Creamery for a tasty ice cream treat and mention Saint Thomas to get 20 percent of your bill donated to our new preschool building.

Friday, June 6 –

- **Middle School Awards Ceremony, 8:30am, Church**
- **All-School Mass, 9:55am, Church**
- **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL / Dismissal @ 11am**

Saturday, June 7

- **Sports physicals with Dr. App, 9-11am, STA Gym, \$20/physical**
- **Eucharistic Procession** to the preschool building after 5pm Mass

Sunday, June 8 – Eucharistic Procession to the preschool building after all Masses

School lunch & 2025-26 school calendar

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

Here is our [2025-26 school year calendar](#)

Fall sports registration - Deadline June 15

Registration for GRACEAC fall sports is OPEN until June 15 at midnight. After June 15, there will be a late fee for any registrations. [Register your child ASAP](#) for flag football, boys' soccer, volleyball, cross country or sideline cheer to avoid the late fees! Questions? Contact Athletic Director Jeremiah Sluggett in the school office.

Sports physicals - Saturday, June 7

We will be hosting sports physicals by our own Dr. Michael App in the STA gym Saturday, June 7 from 9-11am. For \$20, your student can get a sports physical performed by a doctor, that is good for sports at STA or any other school. Please bring \$20 cash or check made out to Saint Thomas Boosters. Cash or check only! Any student is welcome (you do not have to be an STA student).

Home & School news

Final Home & School meeting on Monday, June 2! Please join us at Wilcox Park at 2:30 p.m. to review the past year and look ahead to the next one. We will be done by school dismissal!

Please consider helping us welcome new families in the 2025-2026 school year by being a mentor family. This involves a few phone calls and a small amount of your time, and it can make a big difference for a new family at STA. Please contact Genevieve (773-610-6473) if you would like to add your name to the list. Thank you!

Enrollment contracts

Student contracts were emailed to families who have completed the enrollment process for the 2025-26 school year. If you did not receive a contract email for your student, you have missing checklist items in your student's Finals site account. Please contact Betsy or Cammi in the front office if you have any questions about enrollment.

Med reminder

Anyone who has meds in the office must pick them up before the end of school or the week after. This is for prescription meds AND over-the-counter. We are legally required to throw out any medicine that is not collected at the end of the year. We cannot release medicine to your child.

Breaking bread, building faith

Family dinner-time discussion questions of the week:

What is one thing you love about our family?

How can we help or support each other more?

Preschool update

We are looking for a few items for our preschool kitchen and office. Check out our [Preschool Kitchen and Office Sign Up Genius](#) to see if you've got items around your house that you could donate.

This summer we will offer summer camps, sports camps, and art camps in the building. Sign up today (see flyers below).

Lunch Account Balances!

We have many families that have a negative balance in their students' lunch accounts. We need all families to check and submit funds to cover what they owe. Check out these [IC Instructions for adding funds to lunch accounts](#). As a school, we have a negative balance of nearly \$3,000.

Any unpaid balances will be added to your tuition in August 2025.

Welcome New Hornet!

Our very own Sam Fair had her sweet baby Adeline Ann on May 27 at 11:48am. She was 7lbs. 7oz and 20 inches long. Momma and baby are doing well.



Safety and security update

As we continue to prioritize the safety and well-being of our school community, I'd like to share a few important updates from this month:

- Procured new Stop the Bleed Kits for the Preschool Center, Church and Rectory.
- Began consolidating our digital Crisis Management resources and documentation.
- Met with both the Technology and Security Committees to plan for the replacement of the older security cameras on campus.
- Helped create policy and procedure for the new Preschool Center, including a new pick-up and drop off procedure.
- Coordinated with GRFD to observe and evaluate the school's fire alarm response procedure.
- Partnered with Aquinas Campus Safety to increase communication and share resources regarding crisis management and response.
- Helped develop new security measures to monitor access to the church during morning Chapel.

Have a blessed and SAFE summer break and we'll see you this fall! ~ Mr. Fey

Chromebooks!

Remember to return all school-issued Chromebooks and chargers! All Chromebooks and chargers are due by June 6. Please make sure both the device and its original charger are returned. Please be aware that fines will be imposed for damaged or missing Chromebooks and chargers.

Strategic plan

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

Questions for Mr. Corcoran?!

If you have any questions about anything, [please submit them to Mr. Corcoran](#).

From the Parish

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

OCIA Classes will begin with an introductory session on Monday, June 2 from 6:30 - 7:30pm in the Ministry Center.

This is a great opportunity for anyone who is interested in learning more about Catholicism, whether you are considering becoming Catholic or you simply want to learn about the Catholic faith. Adult Catholics who were never confirmed or feel they need a refresher on the content and practices of the Catholic faith are also very welcome to attend! [Register here](#) or email timhorst@stthomasgr.org with any questions!

2025 Vacation Bible School

[2025 Vacation Bible School Registration](#) is still open! VBS will run for 5 days this year, from Monday, June 23 to Friday, June 27 from 9 - 11 am each day. See the parish website or email the team if you have any questions: vbs@stthomasgr.org.



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?

secretary@stthomasgr.org

GRADES K-5

Summer Art Camps

WITH BETH JACOBSON

3RD-5TH GRADES: \$225 K- 2ND GRADES: \$185

*SIGN UP 2 OR MORE SIBLINGS, RECEIVE A \$10 DISCOUNT PER CHILD!

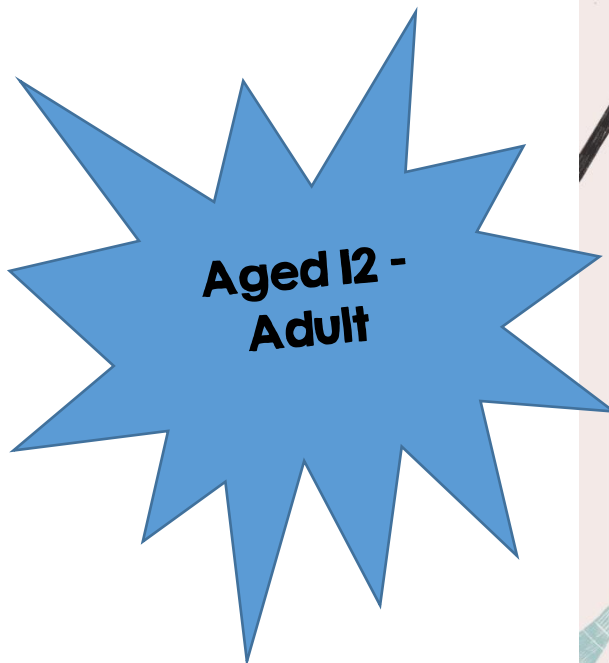
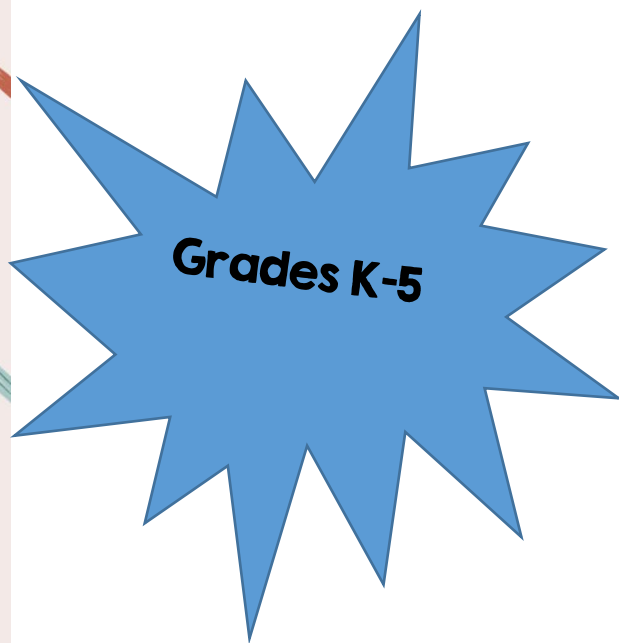
AT THE SAINT THOMAS PRESCHOOL CENTER, 1530 FULTON ST E

JUNE & JULY Mondays-Thursdays	3rd - 5th Grades 9-11:30am	K - 2nd Grades 12:30-2:30pm
6/9-6/12 WATERCOLORS	Flowers, Plants & Glass Vases	Flowers & Succulents
6/16-6/19 DRAWING	Dogs & Cats	Dogs & Cats
6/23-6/26 ACRYLICS	Sweet Treats & Scale	Sweet Treats
6/30-7/3 WATERCOLORS	Fireworks & Landscapes	Fireworks & Fruit
7/7-7/10 DRAWING	Vehicles & Summer Fun	Vehicles & Summer Fun
7/21-7/24 ACRYLICS	Oceans (fish, turtles, shells)	Oceans (fish, turtles, shells)

PLEASE NOTE THE SAINT THOMAS SUMMER PROGRAMMING RUNS OPPOSITE THE ART CAMPS SO THAT STUDENTS MAY ATTEND BOTH. THE SAINT THOMAS PROGRAMS ARE K-2ND 9:00-NOON & 3RD - 5TH 12:30-3:30 WITH A BREAK FOR LUNCH.

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!

QUESTIONS? BETHMARIESTUDIOGR@GMAIL.COM



AGES 12-ADULT

Summer Fine Art Workshops

LEARN TO PAINT & DRAW WITH BETH JACOBSON!

AT THE SAINT THOMAS PRESCHOOL CENTER

\$55 PER WORKSHOP OR PACKAGES OF 2 (\$105), 3 (\$155), OR 4 (\$205)

JUNE	TUESDAYS, 3:30-6pm	THURSDAYS, 6-8:30pm
6/10 & 6/12 WATERCOLORS	Flowers & Succulents	Flowers, Plants & Glass Vases
6/17 & 6/19 DRAWING	Animals, Fur & Feathers	Faces & Expressions
6/24 & 6/26 ACRYLICS	Sweet Treats & Scale	Sweet Treats & Scale

JULY	TUESDAYS, 3:30-6pm	THURSDAYS, 6-8:30pm
7/1 & 7/2 (TUES/WED) WATERCOLORS	Fireworks & Fruit	Fireworks & Landscapes
7/8 & 7/10 DRAWING	Vehicles & Summer Fun	Vehicles & Summer Fun
7/22 & 7/24 ACRYLICS	Oceans (Animals & Habitat)	Oceans (Animals, Islands & Surf)

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!

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