



Sept. 1-5, 2025

Next week!

The virtue this week is **circumspection**: careful consideration of circumstances and consequences

Monday, Sept. 1 – No school (Labor Day weekend)

Tuesday, Sept. 2 – Parent meeting about Safety/Security, 6pm,
Ministry Center

Wednesday, Sept. 3 –

- **Mass, 8:15am.** Please remember Mass uniform (white shirts, ties, skirts/jumpers). Parents are welcome to join us! Note for visitors: You need to enter the doors facing Wilcox Park Drive. The doors to the church will be locked; gently knock to be let in.
- **Middle School Parent Orientation, 6pm,** Ministry Center.

Friday, Sept. 5 – STA Tailgate at the CC Football game, 5pm, The CAT.
Let's gather and celebrate Saint Thomas! Meet in the parking lot at the CAT.
Look for Saint Thomas signs and tent. Food, friends and fun!

Room parents needed!

At Saint Thomas, we partner with parents – teachers and families working together make for a successful school year. Consider supporting your child's teacher as a Classroom Parent. Contact Melissa, melissakrolewski@gmail.com, with questions or to sign up. The classrooms that still need Room Parents are:

- P3-Mrs. Kelly
- P4-Mrs. Brunner
- K-Mrs. Bridge
- 1-Mrs. Donohue
- 2-Mrs. Suckow
- 3-Mrs. VanDyke
- 8-Mr. Baxter

Mission Effectiveness Committee

Do you want to help Saint Thomas deepen and strengthen its Catholic identity? Join the Mission Effectiveness committee. We will commence a new year of projects to help Saint Thomas's already rich Catholic culture and curriculum grow ever richer. Join us for an organizational meeting on Sept. 8 at 2:30, in Mrs. VanDyke's classroom.

Join us!



School lunch!

Here is our [September 2025](#) lunch menu. Here are [Instructions for depositing money into your student's IC account](#). If you need helping getting into Infinite Campus, please email Cammi in the office (clawrence@stthomasgr.org).

Looking ahead!

Sept. 10 – Mass with ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Preschool with Bishop Walkowiak, 8:15am

Sept. 11/12 – 8th Grade Retreat

Sept. 17 – School pictures for Grades P4-8 (uniform holiday for pics)

Sept. 18 – School pictures for P3

Sept. 18 – New family parent meeting, 6pm

Sept. 28 – Education Foundation Coffee and Donuts after Masses

Mass participants for Sept. 3!

New this year, we will be listing the students who will be assisting with Mass for the following week. Our first Mass helpers are:

- 1st reading: Georgia B
- Petitions: Edward E, Henry T, Joseph S, Eli M, Olivia B, Forest H.
- Gifts: John S, Jane W
- Altar servers: Jane B, Alexis B, Henry B
- Sacristan: Gage F, James P
- Ushers: Corrine J, Emma G
- Song leaders: Hannah B, Eva L
- Tone chimes: Noelle B, Eliza S, Margaret K, Roz S
- Xylophone: Cam M, Roz, Connor Y

If your child is listed above and you know they will not be attending Mass, please email Mr. Baxter (adambaxter@stthomasgr.org) so we can find a sub.

STA theme gear!

We've got new STA hats and shirts with our new theme and logo available for purchase.

If you'd like to purchase, we'll have tables set up after school for the next couple of Mondays. Parents, stop by and purchase STA gear for you and your kids! We have a limited supply on hand.

Check out the [STA gear pricing guide](#).

We will accept cash (exact bills only please), checks (made out to Saint Thomas School) and Venmo.

Merch survey!

Do you like what you see? Are we missing key STA swag? Let us know what you're looking for in your Saint Thomas gear. Complete this quick [Saint Thomas Merchandise Survey](#).



Welcome, littlest Hornet!

We want to welcome the newest member of our Saint Thomas community – on Aug. 22, Mary Margaret was born to proud parents Molly and John and joins big sisters Suzi, Helen and Joni. Welcome to the world, Mary! You belong here!

Breaking bread, building faith!

Family dinner-time discussion questions of the week:

- Who is someone at school you look up to?
- What is one thing you are grateful to God for this week?

Preschool VIP carline

We can't wait to welcome our preschoolers next week. For preschool parents, know that you have a special pickup/dropoff line just for you!

- **Parents picking up K-8 students** must use the outside gateline lane.
- **Parents with only preschoolers** must use the inside gateline lane.
- **Parents with BOTH** a preschooler and a K-8 student must use the inside gateline lane.

Here's a more detailed [explanation of preschool pickup/dropoff](#).

Parish News!

Corpus Christi: monthly Adoration with confession, 6:30 - 8pm, 2nd Fridays of the Month beginning Friday, Sept. 12! It is a family-friendly, monthly evening of Eucharistic Adoration. Young Adult Nights (18-39 years old) will be held after the conclusion of Corpus Christi (8 pm). Questions? Contact Tim Horst at timhorst@stthomasgr.org.

Receiving the Sacraments

- **2nd Graders** - [Registration for First Holy Communion](#) (Parent & Child Meeting in February; Retreat and FHC Masses in April 2026)
- **8th Graders** - [Registration for Confirmation](#) (Sponsor/Parent & Child Meetings begin in October; Confirmation takes place in March 2026)
- **Adults** - [OCIA: Becoming Catholic Inquiry Form](#) (for adults who are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and/or becoming Catholic!)

Upcoming Cursillo Weekends

Cursillo is a three-day Catholic spiritual retreat that provides a deeper understanding of Christian life through a structured experience of learning, prayer, sharing, and community. It includes daily Mass, spiritual direction and confession, and a series of talks presented by both laity and clergy. If you are interested in attending upcoming events, check out these [Women's Cursillo Weekend](#) and [Men's Cursillo Weekend](#) flyers.

Uniform reminder!

Pick up or drop off gently used uniforms anytime. Check in at the office. We have lots of uniforms to share.



Saint Thomas TAILGATE PARTY!

at the Catholic Central football game

When? **Friday, Sept. 5, 5pm** until game time

Where? Catholic Central Football Game
The CAT (2770 Knapp St. NE, Grand Rapids)

Who? Sponsored by our **Saint Thomas Education Foundation**
and Boosters for all Saint Thomas students and their families

Details: Look for the Saint Thomas flag in the CG parking lot. We'll provide pizza, popcorn and candy. Feel free to bring snacks to share! Bring your own drinks. Meet the Boosters and get more information about Saint Thomas athletics. Join us for fall football fun!



You belong here!