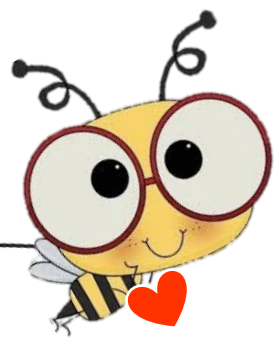


WHAT'S BUZZING AROUND THE HALLS OF SAINT THOMAS?

# The BUZZ

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Sept. 22-26, 2025

## Next week!

The virtue this week is **magnanimity**: seeking with confidence to do great things in God; literally "having a large soul."

**Tuesday, Sept. 23 –**

- **Parent Rosary, 2:45pm**, front of church
- **Parent Chaplet of Divine Mercy, 3:05pm**, front of church

**Wednesday, Sept. 24 – Mass, 8:15am**

**Sunday, Sept. 28 –**

- Education Foundation Coffee & Donuts after Masses
- Schwallier's Shindig, 3:30-5:30pm,

## Class grade hosts!

We are looking for party hosts for the following grades: P3, P4, Young 5s, 3rd, and 7th. Thank you for considering! If interested, please contact Genevieve Boyle ([genevieveboyle@stthomasgr.org](mailto:genevieveboyle@stthomasgr.org)).

FYI...consider using our new preschool building (at no cost) to host a parent party!

Here are the list of hosts we've got:

K – TBD @ the Chuns  
1<sup>st</sup> grade – 9/25 @ the Keegans  
2<sup>nd</sup> grade – 10/18 @ the Giovannettis  
4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grade – 9/26 @ the Jacobsons  
6<sup>th</sup> grade – TBD @ the Pfennigs  
8<sup>th</sup> grade – 10/11 @ the Parinis

Look for an email with details (time/location). Contact Genevieve with any questions.

## Volunteer opportunities!

We are looking for recess volunteers for Fridays and lunch assistants and [Lunch Bunch helpers](#) everyday. If you are available / interested, please contact the front office at [secretary@stthomasgr.org](mailto:secretary@stthomasgr.org).

*join us! you belong here!*

## Schwallier's Shindig!

**Sunday, September 28, 3:30- 5:30 p.m.**

Schwallier's Country Basket

1185 9 Mile Road NW, Sparta, MI 49345

Come enjoy some fall fun with other school families!

We will have donuts and cider in the barn!

## Looking ahead!

Oct. 3 – No school, teacher PD  
Oct. 4 – STA in Pulaski Day Parade, 11am  
Oct. 6 – [Parent-to-Parent series](#), K-2 parents, 8:30am, Ministry Center  
Oct. 9 – School Board meeting, 6pm  
Oct. 9/10 – Hearing and Vision Screening  
Oct. 10 – Storytime, 10am, Preschool Center  
Oct. 13 – [Parent-to-Parent series](#), 3-5 parents, 8:30am, Ministry Center  
Oct. 17 – Grandfriends' Day ([RSVP for Grandfriends!](#)) / 11am dismissal  
Oct. 17 – Book Fair in Library, 8am-12noon  
Oct. 20 – Late start for teacher MAP test review, start time 9am  
Oct. 20 – [Parent-to-Parent series](#), 6-8 parents, 9:30am, Ministry Center  
Oct. 24 – End of first quarter  
Oct. 28 – Uniform holiday  
Nov. 5 – Middle school awards ceremony

## Mass participants for Sept. 24!

### Mass helpers:

- 1<sup>st</sup> reading: Claire R
- Petitions: Henry T, Colin J, Forest M, Mary B, Eli M
- Gifts: Patrick E, Molly V
- Altar servers: Oliver V, Christopher A, Olivia B
- Sacristan: Eliana K and Asher K
- Ushers: James P, Gage F
- Songleaders: Ceci W, Olivia B
- Tone chimes: Xavier C, Levi E, Edward E, Joseph S
- Xylophone: Leon K, Mia P, Emma G, Frankie C

If your child is listed above and you know they will not be attending Mass, please email Mr. Baxter.

## STA in Pulaski Day Parade!

Saint Thomas will have a float in the Pulaski Day Parade on Oct. 4. The parade starts at 11am. It runs on Michigan, beginning at College and ending at Diamond. Come out and support your fellow Hornets!

## ArtPrize news!

ArtPrize 2025 has opened, and we've got a STA connection in ArtPrize! Katie Lewis, who works in the front office, has an entry in ArtPrize. It's located at West Grand Neighborhood Organization. Her entry is #41530. [Check out and vote for Katie's art!](#)

## After-school clubs!

We are offering after-school clubs through Afterschool Enrichment Solutions. The classes run 3:25-4:25pm. If you are interested in signing up your child for Chess, Stage Starts or MusicStart, go to [www.learningmeansfun.com/signup](http://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](mailto:registration@learningmeansfun.com). The deadline to register is Oct. 4.

Click on the class name below for a flyer with more details about each class:

### [Chess Scholars](#) (Grades K-8)

Meets Wednesdays.

Course code: TGR10.1.25

### [Stage Stars](#) (Grades K-6)

Meets Mondays

Course code: TGR10.13.25

### [MusicStart](#) (Grades K-4)

Meets Wednesdays

Course code: TGR10.14.25

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## Winter I GRACEAC sports sign up

Registration for Winter 1 sports is open! Visit the [GRACEAC website](#) to sign your child up for boys basketball or competitive cheer. The deadline is Oct. 1. After that, you will be charged a late fee. To participate, your student will need a physical and permission slip on file in the school office.

**Deadline: Oct. 1**

## Breaking bread, building faith!

Family dinner-time discussion questions of the week:

- What is one family rule that you think is important? Why?
- What is one way someone in our family made you feel loved today?

## Cub Scouts!


Is your child interested in hiking, playing games, doing crafts, fishing, camping and more? Cub Scouts is a fun program for K-5th grade boys and girls that builds citizenship, character, personal fitness, and leadership skills. The St. Stephen/St. Thomas Pack 3217 is looking for new members to join our Cub Scout Pack. We meet Tuesdays at 6pm at St. Stephen Church. If interested, please reach out to Adam Hillary ([adamj\\_h11@yahoo.com](mailto:adamj_h11@yahoo.com)) or Bill Mulholland (616-822-5814) for more information.



**SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE**  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

*invites you to*

# GRANDFRIENDS' DAY



**8:00 AM Arrival**  
**8:15 AM All School Mass**  
**9:45 AM Classroom visits**  
Coffee & light refreshments available  
**11:00 AM Dismissal**  
Book fair open 8-NOON 

**REGISTER HERE**

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If you are interested in helping with our Grandfriends' Day reception, please use this [Grandfriends' Day Sign Up Genius](#) to bring delicious homemade baked goods for our grandfriends!