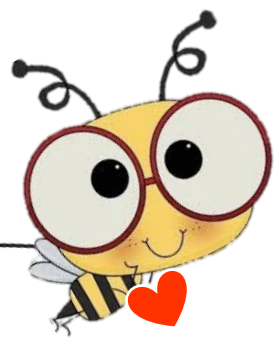


WHAT'S BUZZING AROUND THE HALLS OF SAINT THOMAS?

The BUZZ

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Sept. 8-12, 2025

Next week!

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

Wednesday, Sept. 10 –

- **Preschool Dedication Mass with the Bishop, 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.
- **Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony, 9:15am** (following Mass)

Thursday, Sept. 11 –

- **8th Grade Retreat.** Please pray for our 8th grade leaders.
- **No hot lunch.** Please send a lunch with your child.
- **School Board meeting, 6pm,** Ministry Center

Friday, Sept. 12 –

- **8th Grade Retreat.** Please pray for our 8th grade leaders.
- **No hot lunch.** Please send a lunch with your child.

Class grade gathering hosts!

We are looking for party hosts for the following grades: P3, P4, Young 5s, 1st, 3rd, 4th, and 7th. Thank you for considering! If interested, please contact Genevieve Boyle (genevieveboyle@stthomasgr.org). FYI...consider using our new preschool building (at no cost) to host a parent party!

School pictures!

School pictures are Sept. 17. This is a uniform holiday so your child can wear what they would like for pictures. Please follow our [uniform holiday guidelines](#). Sept. 18 is also a picture day but primarily for our P3 class. If your child is absent on Sept. 17, they can get their picture taken on Sept. 18, but they will need to wear their school uniform, change into their picture-day shirt and then change back into their school uniform. To order pictures online, visit www.inter-state.com/order and use order code 0266MGB. You must order pictures online.

PLEASE NOTE: IF YOUR CHILD WANTS A YEARBOOK, YOU MUST ORDER NOW WHEN YOU ORDER SCHOOL PICTURES!

Picture volunteers!

We are looking for a few volunteers to help kids look their best on Picture Day, Wednesday, September 17. Please email Genevieve Boyle, genevieveboyle@stthomasgr.org, if you'd like to help!

School lunch!

Here is our [September 2025](#) lunch menu. **Please note: There is no hot lunch on Thursday, Sept. 11 and Friday, Sept. 12. Please send a sack lunch with your child on those days.**

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. 13 – Middle School Youth Group Kickoff, 6pm, Church Lower Level
Sept. 16 – [West Catholic's Jubilee Penance Service](#), 6pm
Sept. 17 – School pictures for Grades P4-8 (uniform holiday for pics)
Sept. 17 – Living the Liturgical Seasons, 6-8pm, Cathedral Square
Sept. 18 – School pictures for P3 (and for anyone absent on Sept. 17)
Sept. 18 – New family parent meeting, 6pm
Sept. 28 – Education Foundation Coffee and Donuts after Masses
Sept. 28 – **Schwallier's Shindig!** for STA families, 3:30-5:30pm (last page)
Oct. 17 – Grandfriends' Day ([RSVP for Grandfriends!](#))

Mass participants for Sept. 10!

Mass helpers:

- 1st reading: Georgia B
- Petitions: Henry T, Joseph S, Eli M, Forest H, Olivia B, Carter R, Ceci W, Edward E
- Gifts: Liam D, Nixon F
- Altar servers: Madeline S, Eden R, Oliver V, Cam M, Alexis B
- Sacristan: Gage F, James P
- Songleaders: Ros W, Brooklyn B, Eleanor B
- Tone chimes: Rowan L, Makbel A, Ari R
- Xylophone: Georgia B, Drew N, Ceci P, Gage F

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

Breaking bread, building faith!

Family dinner-time discussion questions of the week:

- What was Father Stephen's homily about this week (hint: pencils)?
- What makes our family special and unique?

Mum season!

The Saint Thomas Knights of Columbus members are selling MUMS and would like your support!



The Mums are 9" Hardy and come in Dark Red, Orange, Yellow, and Purple. One for \$17 or Two for \$30! Orders are due by September 17 and pick-up is Saturday Sept. 20 at the Saint Thomas Gym from 10am-2pm. Use the QR code below to place your order or talk to your favorite Knight! Thanks!



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) or Bill Mulholland (616-822-5814) for more information.

Parish News!

Corpus Christi: monthly Adoration with confession, 6:30 - 8pm, September 12! Families with children of all ages are welcome! Confessions will be heard throughout. A Young Adult Social (18-39) will take place in the Ministry Center afterwards, from 8 to 9:30 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!)

Schwallier's Shindig!

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

Come enjoy some fall fun with STA school families-
and donuts and cider in the barn!



SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

invites you to



GRANDFRIENDS' DAY

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17: 8- 11 AM



8:00 AM Arrival

8:15 AM All School Mass

9:45 AM Classroom visits

Coffee & light refreshments available

11:00 AM Dismissal

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