

WHAT'S BUZZING AROUND THE HALLS OF SAINT THOMAS?

The BUZZ

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Oct. 13-17, 2025

Next week!

The virtue this week is **sincerity**: trustfulness in words and actions; honesty and enthusiasm towards others.

Monday, Oct. 13 –

- [Parent-to-Parent series](#), 3rd-5th Grade parents, 8:30am, Ministry Center

Tuesday, Oct. 14 –

- Parent Rosary, 2:45pm, front of church
- Parent Chaplet of Divine Mercy, 3:05pm, front of church
- Deadline to [RSVP for Grandfriends' Day!](#)

Wednesday, Oct. 15 – No Mass (Mass on Friday with Grandfriends)

Friday, Oct. 17 – **GRANDFRIENDS' DAY!**

- Arrive, 7:45-8am. Check in behind the church.
- All-School Mass, 8:15am, Church
- Classroom visits, 9:45am
- Coffee and light refreshments for Grandfriends in the Ministry Center, 9:45-11am
- Book Fair, 8am-12noon, Library
- Dismissal, 11am (No Hornets' Nest)
- **Please note:** There will be no Story Time on Oct. 17 due to Grandfriends' Day. It will return on Oct. 24.

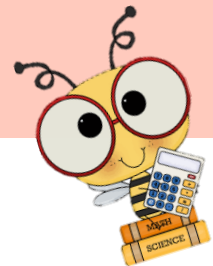
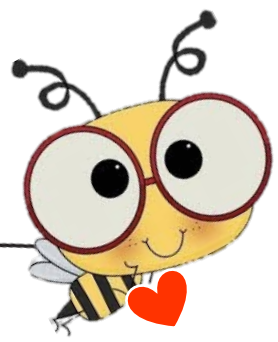
Changes at end of the quarter?!

The end of the first quarter is approaching – Oct. 24! If you'd like to make changes to Kindergarten Enrichment, Preschool Add-Ons, or Childcare or Hornets' Nest days, contact Cammi Lawrence (clawrence@stthomasqr.org) now or before Oct. 24. We are happy to make changes but we ask that you do this only at the end of the quarter.

Spelling Bee sign up!

Spelling Bee registration is open! If your child is interested in participating, please [register for the 2025-26 Spelling Bee](#) by Oct. 22. This is a hard deadline; no students will be accepted after Oct. 22.

Welcome, grandfriends!
you belong here!



Looking ahead!

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. 21-23 – Book Fair in the Library, 8am-4pm
Oct. 24 – End of first quarter
Oct. 28 – Uniform holiday
Nov. 5 – 0-5ers Gym Time returns, 11:10am
Nov. 5 – Middle school awards ceremony

School lunch!

Here is our [October 2025](#) lunch menu.

Mass participants for Oct. 17

- 1st reading: Molly H
- Petitions: Clara S, Kate W, Owen S, Ben P, Lina S
- Altar servers: Gabby, Grace, Henry B
- Sacristan: Eliana and Asher K
- Gifts: Evelyn S, Dominic T
- Ushers: Teachers
- Xylophones: Leo, Molly, Mackenzie, Emma S
- Tone chimes: Quinley, Anna, Hailey, Marie
- Song leaders: Jane B, Kathleen C, Addison K

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 topics:

- What does sincerity mean to you?
- How can we show sincerity in our family in the way we help, talk or forgive one another?

Parent parties!

We are looking for party hosts for 7th grade. 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!

Here is the list of the upcoming parent parties:

P3 – TBD @ the Kohlers
K – 10/29 @ the Chuns
2nd grade – 10/17 @ the Giovannettis
3rd grade – 11/1 @ the Johnsons
6th grade – 11/8 @ the Pfennigs

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

Traveling Rosary!

Our mission effectiveness team would like to invite you to participate in our Saint Thomas Traveling Rosary. Lift up our school staff teachers parents and kids and your daily prayers while you pray this rosary. If you are interested, use our [Saint Thomas Traveling Rosary Sign Up Genius](#).



Saint Thomas the Apostle Church



**100TH ANNIVERSARY
MASS & CELEBRATION**
THIS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18



Volunteer

5:00 pm - Mass with Bishop Walkowiak
6:15 pm - Photo in Church
6:30 pm - Family dinner
7:00 pm - Festivities for the whole family



RSVP

Please RSVP to attend the Mass and/or the dinner and to volunteer

Parish News: Parish Celebration!

Join us for the 100th Anniversary Celebration next Saturday, Oct. 18. Attend the 5pm Mass with the Bishop or just join us for the photo, meal and activities afterward. Everyone is welcome to attend this closing event of our 100 year celebration.

Lunch helper needed!

We are looking for a kitchen helper to join our team at Saint Thomas (hired through West Catholic). This is a part-time position, about 9 hours per week. Specific days and times are somewhat flexible. Job duties include: food prep and serving, clean up after meals, and shelving stock. If you are interested, please contact Lunch Supervisor Shannon Godleski at shannongodleski@grwestcatholic.org.

Women's basketball group

We've got a new parent group – Thursday night women's basketball! We will be meeting in the Saint Thomas gym on Thursdays at 8:30pm to play basketball. All Saint Thomas moms are welcome! Contact Val Wieten (616-822-9051) or Jeremiah Sluggett (jeremiahsluggett@stthomasgr.org) with questions.

Cheer coach needed!

We are looking for a coach for our GRACEAC Competitive Cheer team. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact our STA AD Jeremiah Sluggett (jeremiahsluggett@stthomasgr.org). GO HORNETS!

**Deadline to
register for
Grandfriends'
Day - Oct. 14!**



SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

invites you to



GRANDFRIENDS' DAY OCTOBER 17, 2025

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

in partnership with the
EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

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!

SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

TRUNK OR TREAT



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26
3:00-4:00 PM
CHURCH PARKING LOT

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Cars must be parked by 2:55 pm.
No Exceptions please!

Open Gym for Middle Schoolers
Awards for Best Costume & Best Trunk!