

WHAT'S BUZZING AROUND THE HALLS OF SAINT THOMAS?

The BUZZ

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Nov. 10-14, 2025

Next week!

The virtue this week is **temperance**: the restraint of our desires so that we can do what is right and good.

Sunday, Nov. 9 – Boosters Cornhole Tournament is cancelled. We did not have enough RSVPs.

Tuesday, Nov. 11 – Veterans Day

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

Wednesday, Nov. 12 –

- Preschool Coffee Talk, 8:05am, Preschool Center
- All-School Mass, 8:15am
- Gym Time, 11:10am, STA Gym

Thursday, Nov. 13 – Parent teacher evening conferences, 3:30-7pm
([Sign up!](#))

Friday, Nov. 14 –

- Half day / Dismissal at 11am
- Storytime, 10am, Preschool Center
- Parent teacher daytime conferences, 11am-3:30 pm ([Sign up!](#))

Home & School help!

We're providing dinner for our teachers during fall conferences, on Nov. 13/14. There's still time to sign up to help! Use our [H&S Conference Dinner Sign Up](#) to bring something for our amazing teachers. Thank you!

Blackbaud Financial Aid window open!

The window to apply for financial assistance for the 2026-27 school year is open. **The first deadline is Dec. 1, 2025.** Visit studentfinancialaid.blackbaud.school to get started and check out the [2026-27 Blackbaud Financial Aid parent application guide](#) and the [2026-27 parent instructions](#) to help.

Sign up for Winter II GRACEAC Sports!

The window to register for GRACEAC Winter II sports is open! If your student is interested in Girls Basketball or Boys/Girls Ski, visit <https://graceac.com/winter-ii/> to register today. The deadline to register is Nov. 30. After that, there will be a late fee.

Corcoran's Corner

Check out the latest [Corcoran's Corner](#), with guest star Mr. Sluggett. In this episode, Mr. Corcoran and Mr. Sluggett discuss our school's recent MAP scores.

Looking ahead!

Nov. 16 – Father Stephen's installation Mass with the Bishop, 11am
Nov. 16 – Band Concert, 2:30pm @ the Catholic Central gym
Nov. 21 – Soup's On Women's Bowl Painting Party, 6:30pm ([RSVP!](#))
Nov. 25 – Uniform holiday
Nov. 26-28 – Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 2 – School Board Meeting, 6pm
Dec. 8 – All-School Mass, 8:15am
Dec. 9 – Reconciliation Service, 5pm
Dec. 10 – School Reconciliation Service, 10am
Dec. 10 – Advent Music Concert, 6pm
Dec. 16 – Uniform holiday
Dec. 22-Jan. 4 – Christmas break

School lunch!

Here is our [November 2025](#) lunch menu. FYI...**we will no longer offer alternative lunch on Fridays.**

Too many students are using the microwave in the kitchen during lunch. For safety and sanitary reasons, students will no longer have access to the microwave.

Auction sponsorship opportunities!

Calling all STA business owners! Interested in being a 2026 Auction Sponsor? Reach out to [Lucas Van Drunen](#) and/or [Lindsay Keegan](#) to learn more about our sponsorship opportunities.

Mass participants for Nov. 12

- 1st reading: Mia P
- Petitions: Cora C, David W, David A, Abram S, Iris V, Mavis H
- Altar servers: Henry T, Eliza S, Alaina B
- Sacristan: Eliana K, Asher K
- Gifts: Joey W, Dawson S
- Ushers: Emma S, Corinne J
- Xylophones: Leon K, Mia P, Frankie C, Emma G
- Tone chimes: Theo M, Ollie I, Jack D
- Song leaders: Brooklyn B, Eleanor B

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

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 last couple of parent parties:

P3 – **11/20** (please note new date) @ the Preschool, hosted by the Kohlers
6th grade – 11/8 @ the Pfennigs

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

Parent basketball nights!

The Thursday night women's basketball group will now be meeting at 8pm in the Saint Thomas gym! All Saint Thomas moms are welcome! Contact Val Wieten (616-822-9051) with questions.

A men's basketball group will be playing on Wednesday nights at 8pm. All Saint Thomas dads are welcome. Contact Anthony Giovannetti (anthonygiovannetti@stthomasgr.org) with questions.

Breaking bread, building faith!

Family dinner-time discussion topics:

- How do we see the Holy Spirit working in our family life today?
- How can we listen to God's Word more attentively — at Mass and at home?

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](#).

Parish News!

Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner – All are invited! Saint Thomas the Apostle Church will be hosting the annual Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner on Thursday, Nov. 27, from 12-2pm in the church lower level. All are invited to join in the celebration at 1449 Wilcox Park Drive SE, GR, MI. [RSVP to attend](#) or call (616) 459-4662. If you are interested in volunteering, please [RSVP to volunteer](#).

CC News

Catholic Central High School has some upcoming events that are open to the larger community.

- [CC Girls Basketball Pre-Season Camp](#), Nov 1, 8, 15 @ the CAT: Players will sharpen their shooting skills, improve defensive fundamentals, and prepare for the upcoming season. We will always end with a game of 3 on 3 and 5 on 5. Register at www.catholiccentralcamps.org.
- [CC Hockey Christmas Tree Sale](#): Make Christmas Tree shopping easy this year and support Catholic Central Hockey. [Pre-order your tree](#) by Nov. 9. Pick up on Nov. 30.

CALLING ALL SAINT THOMAS WOMEN!

what: WINE, CHEESE & PAINTING

why: TO BENEFIT CCWM'S SOUPS ON EVENT

when: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21 @6:30-8:30PM

where: SAINT THOMAS PRESCHOOL MAIN ROOM

COST: \$15 TO KEEP THE BOWL YOU PAINT, \$10 TO DONATE THE BOWL,
OR \$20 TO MAKE BOTH DONATE ONE AND KEEP ONE.

RSVP HERE!

**RSVP by
Nov. 10**

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