

WHAT'S BUZZING AROUND THE HALLS OF SAINT THOMAS?

# The BUZZ

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Dec. 8-12, 2025

## Next week!

The virtue this week is **humility**: Awareness that all of our gifts come from God and appreciation for the gifts of others.

**Monday, Dec. 8 – All-School Mass, 8:15am.**

Please remember Mass uniforms.

**Tuesday, Dec. 9 –**

- **Parent Rosary, 2:45pm**, inside church
- **Parent Chaplet of Divine Mercy, 3:05pm**, inside church
- **Reconciliation Service, 5pm** – Check out [Corcoran's Corner!](#)

**Wednesday, Dec. 10 –**

- **No Mass**
- **Christmas cookie tray assembly, 8:15am**, Ministry Center. There's still time to sign up to bring cookies! Please use our [Christmas Cookie Sign Up Genius](#).
- **School Reconciliation Service, 10am**
- **Gym Time, 11:10am**, Saint Thomas Gym
- **Advent Music Concert, 6pm**, Church

**Friday, Dec. 12 –**

- **Storytime, 10am**, Preschool Center



## King's Table Families

We are partnering with King's Table Ministries to support three families who have children with serious special needs. Many of their requested items are essential things. Please consider giving a gift, having your child draw a picture or write a prayer, or delivering these things to the families. Thank you!

[Preschool - Kindergarten: Cordona Family Sponsorship](#)

[Grades 1-4: Hoffman Family Sponsorship](#)

[Grades 5-8: Martinez Family Sponsorship](#)

Please bring all **wrapped and labeled** gifts to school on Monday, Dec. 15 or Tuesday, Dec. 16.

## Looking ahead!

Dec. 14 – 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade Christmas Band Concert, 2:30pm, CC gym  
Dec. 16 – Uniform holiday  
Dec. 22-Jan. 4 – Christmas break  
Jan. 5 – School resumes  
Jan. 6 – School Board meeting  
Jan. 14 – Kindergarten Spotlight  
Jan. 15 – All-School Spelling Bee  
Jan. 16 – Second quarter ends  
Jan. 19 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day / No school  
Jan. 24/25 – School Showcase after all Masses  
Jan. 26-30 – Catholic Schools Week  
Jan. 27 – Uniform holiday  
Jan. 28 – Preschool Palooza

## School lunch!

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

## Mass participants for Dec. 8

- 1<sup>st</sup> reading: Molly
- Petitions: Henry T, Joseph S, Edward E, Frankie N, Colin J, Forest H, Olivia B, Ceci W
- Altar servers: Chris, Ros, Hannah
- Sacristan: Asher K, Eliana K
- Gifts: Anna K, Dawson S
- Ushers: Teachers
- Xylophones: Will, Lincoln, Asher, Ben
- Bells: Owen, Kathleen, Addison, Lina
- Song leaders: Hailey, Marie, Clara

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:

- How can our family help others see the joy of following Jesus?
- What do we love most about going to Mass as a family?

## We want your feedback!

There's still time to give your feedback! We ask parents to reflect on the last few months of school and share their input on teachers, administration and the principal. This is one way we partner with you as the first educator of your children. These surveys help faculty and staff recognize their strengths and areas for improvement.

Surveys: [Teacher](#) / [Admin](#) / [Principal](#)

## STA Directory

We are getting ready to email the Saint Thomas Family Directory to our school community. If you do NOT want to be included in the directory, please send an email to [secretary@stthomasgr.org](mailto:secretary@stthomasgr.org) by Dec. 15 to be removed from the directory.

## PE reminder!

A friendly reminder from Mrs. Emmerson, our amazing PE teacher: Please make sure kids have gym shoes on their gym days. If you don't know your child's gym days, email your teacher or call the school office.

## Welcome to our littlest Hornet!

We've got a new member of our Saint Thomas community – August Robert was born Nov. 21, to proud parents Tim and Celia and siblings Felicity (2<sup>nd</sup>), Penny (K) and Ophelia! Welcome to the world, August! We're so glad you're here!



## Auction sponsorship opportunities!

Calling all STA business owners! Interested in being a 2026 Auction Sponsor? Reach out to Lucas Van Drunen ([lucas.vandrunen@gmail.com](mailto:lucas.vandrunen@gmail.com)) and/or Lindsay Keegan ([keegan.d.lindsay@gmail.com](mailto:keegan.d.lindsay@gmail.com)) to learn more about our sponsorship opportunities.

## Blackbaud Financial Aid window open!

The window to apply for financial assistance for the 2026-27 school year is open. To get started, visit [studentfinancialaid.blackbaud.school](https://studentfinancialaid.blackbaud.school) and check out the [2026-27 Blackbaud Financial Aid parent application guide](#) and the [2026-27 parent instructions](#) to help.

## 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 while you pray the rosary. If you are interested, use our [Saint Thomas Traveling Rosary Sign Up Genius](#).

## Parish News!

[Corpus Christi Adoration w/ Confessions & Advent Stations!](#) Friday, Dec. 12, 6:30 - 8pm. Families with children of all ages are welcome! Confessions will be heard throughout. A special Advent "Stations of the Nativity" will be prayed at 7pm.

[Saint Matthew: the Apostle & His Gospel](#), Monday, Dec. 15, 6:30 - 7:30pm, Ministry Center. As we begin a new liturgical year and prepare for Christmas, come get to know this beloved apostle and evangelist. Discover the unique voice and message of the Gospel that we will hear proclaimed each Sunday of this Advent and throughout the year ahead!