

WHAT'S BUZZING AROUND THE HALLS OF SAINT THOMAS?

The BUZZ

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Feb. 2-6, 2026

Next week!

The virtue of the week is **moderation**: Using things in a balanced way.

Sunday, Feb. 1 – 2nd Grade First Communion Session, 2:30pm, Church.

Fr. Stephen will lead a session of prayer and reflection for 2nd Graders and their parents in preparation for their First Communion Mass, followed by a commemorative plate-making opportunity in the Lower Level with The Mud Room.

Tuesday, Feb. 3 –

- Eucharistic Adoration, 9am to 5:30pm, Church
- Parent Rosary, 2:45pm, Church
- Parent Chaplet of Divine Mercy, 3:05pm, Church
- School Board Meeting, 6pm, Ministry Center

Wednesday, Feb. 4 –

- All-School Mass, 8:15am. Please remember Mass uniforms.
- Gym Time, 11:10am, Saint Thomas Gym
- Middle School awards ceremony, 2:45pm, Church

Thursday, Feb. 5 –

- Parent/teacher evening conferences, 4-8pm. Please use our [2026 Parent/Teacher Conference Sign Up](#). These are optional.

Friday, Feb. 6 –

- Half day / Dismissal at 11am
- Parent/teacher afternoon conferences, 12noon-3pm. Use our [2026 Parent/Teacher Conference Sign Up](#). These are optional.
- Storytime, 10am, Preschool Center

2026-27 Enrollment!

This is the time of year when we open enrollment for the upcoming school year. On Monday, you will receive an email from FinalSite Enrollment with information about how to enroll for the 2026–2027 school year. Current families will have until Feb. 15 before we open enrollment to new families. Contact our Admissions Director Cammi Lawrence (clawrence@stthomasgr.org) if you have any questions.

Parent teacher conferences!

Our Spring 2026 parent teacher conferences are next week – Thursday, Feb. 5 and Friday, Feb. 6. These conferences are optional. Thursday's conferences will run 4-8pm. Friday's conferences will be 12noon-3pm. Please use our [2026 Parent Teacher Conference Sign Up](#).

Family Dance!

Our Ready! Set! GLOW! Family Dance is TONIGHT – Jan. 30 @ 6pm! If you need to check what you signed up for, please use our [Family Dance Sign Up Genius](#). We hope to see you!

you belong here!

Looking ahead!

Feb. 4 – Middle School awards ceremony, 2:45pm
Feb. 9 – [K-2 Parent to Parent Series](#), 8:30am
Feb. 13-17 – No school / Mid-winter break
Feb. 22 – Together We Win game (formerly Rumble), 1pm (see last page)
Feb. 23 – [3-5 Parent to Parent Series](#), 8:30am
Feb. 24 – Uniform holiday
March 2 – [6-8 Parent to Parent Series](#), 8:30am
March 5 – Dinos with Dads, 6pm
March 6 – No school; teacher professional development
March 10 – 8th Grade Confirmation
March 11-12 – Accreditation Site Visit
March 19 – 4th Grade Songfest

School lunch!

Here is our [February lunch menu](#).

Mass participants for Feb. 4

- 1st reading: Eliza L
- Petitions: Cora C, Nora V, Caroline L, Max V, James V, David W
- Sacristan: Eliana K, Asher K
- Gifts: Ellie B, Dean D
- Alter servers: Chris A, Cam M, Oliver VD
- Ushers: Lincoln L, Will M
- Xylophones: Lincoln, Asher, Will, Ben
- Bells: Eleanor, Matthew B, Finn
- Song leaders: Brooklyn B, Ismelda

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 we make family prayer more meaningful and consistent in our home?
- How can we prepare our hearts for Sunday Mass throughout the week?

Preschool 2026-27

We've got a few changes to our [preschool programming for next school year](#). We plan to open a P4 PM section next year. With our largest P3 class ever at Saint Thomas moving up to P4, we anticipate strong enrollment at this level. If you are considering a half-day option for your P4 student, the afternoon program may be a great fit. This section is typically a smaller group, which may be beneficial for some children. The P4 schedule is shifting from a three-day program with a two-day add-on to a four-day program with a one-day add-on. P4 will now meet Monday–Thursday, with the option to add Friday. This change applies to both full-day and half-day students. If you have any questions about programming or enrollment, contact our Admissions Director Cammi Lawrence (clawrence@stthomasqr.org).

GRACEAC spring sports sign up!

Registration for GRACEAC spring sports is open. The available sports are: boys baseball, boys and girls lacrosse, girls softball, girls soccer, girls and boys tennis and girls and boys track & field. If your child is interested, please register using the [GRACEAC Spring Sports Sign Up](#).

The deadline to sign up is Feb. 15. After Feb. 15, there will be a late fee.

Parish News

[Men's 33-Day Consecration to St. Joseph](#): Men, take advantage of this opportunity for spiritual growth under the guidance and intercession of St. Joseph—Husband of Mary, Foster-Father of Jesus, and Terror of Demons.

- KICKOFF: Sunday, Feb 15 at 4:00 PM (Ministry Center)
- DURING: Daily readings and prayers, with an optional weekly gathering
- CONSECRATION: Thursday, Mar 19 after 7:00 PM Mass (at St. Stephen Church)

[RSVP for the Kickoff](#) and to purchase a discounted copy (\$10) of Consecration to St. Joseph by Fr. Donald Calloway. Ways to participate without the book will also be available!



SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

READY SET GLOW

Saint Thomas Family Dance
Friday, January 30 | 6:00-8:30 PM
In the Gymnasium

All school families welcome
Pizza - DJ - Glow sticks & more

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Join artist and STA parent Beth Jacobson
for a creative evening out!

Painting Workshops

STA Preschool Center

Thursdays 6:00-8:30pm

Ages 12+, \$65, all materials included!*

Follow this link to sign up:



- **January 29th**
Snowman (Watercolors)
- **February 26th**
Sweet Treats (Acrylics)
- **March 19th**
Irish Landscape (Watercolors)
- **April 23rd**
Spring Florals (Acrylics)
- **May 14th**
Butterflies (Watercolors)

*Early bird pricing--sign up and pay 1 month prior
to class and receive \$5 discount!

Questions? bethmariejacobsongr@gmail.com

Together WE ALL WIN!

All Players • All Abilities • One Community

Sunday, February 22 @ 1:00PM
Saint Thomas Gym
Admission is FREE

Join us for this extra-special, family-fun annual basketball event celebrating the power and importance of inclusion in our community!

Saint Thomas faculty, staff, and school board members take to the court vs. Special Olympics Area 11 Rams showcasing team work making the dream work.

Event Highlights

- Hot Dog Stand
- Concessions
- Free Throw Shooting Contest
- Best Student Costume Contest
- Best Adult Costume Contest

Bonus Impact

A generous donor is contributing \$5 for every person in attendance **so simply by showing up, you're making a difference.**

Bring your family, invite your friends, wear your school spirit or your best costume, and help us pack the gym for a cause that matters.

This is more than a game—it's a celebration and a reminder that inclusion is not optional; it's essential. All proceeds from the event support our School Boosters and our Educational Foundation. Combining dynamic athletics and academics for ALL.

