

WHAT'S BUZZING AROUND THE HALLS OF SAINT THOMAS?

# The BUZZ

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Jan. 12-16, 2026

## Next week!

The virtue of the week is **orderliness**: keeping oneself physically clean and neat and one's belongings in good order.

**Saturday, Jan. 10 – Kids' Night Out, STA Gym, 5-8pm.** [RSVP / Sign Up](#).  
(more information on page 3)

**Monday, Jan. 12 – Home & School meeting, 8:15am,** Ministry Center. Join us for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Home & School Meeting for coffee and conversation!

**Tuesday, Jan. 13 –**

- Eucharistic Adoration, 9am to 5:30pm, Church
- Parent Rosary, 2:45pm, Church
- Parent Chaplet of Divine Mercy, 3:05pm, Church

**Wednesday, Jan. 14 –**

- All-School Mass, 8:15am. Please remember Mass uniforms.
- 8th Grade Confirmation Retreat, 8:15am – 3pm. This retreat, "Never Alone," will be led by NET Ministries. Lunch at Wege Cafeteria (Aquinas).
- Gym Time, 11:10am, Saint Thomas Gym
- Kindergarten Spotlight, 6pm, Ministry Center. This event is for all prospective kindergarteners and their parents. Meet our amazing teachers, explore classrooms, and learn how we nurture faith, curiosity and a love for learning.

**Thursday, Jan. 15**

- All-School Spelling Bee, 1:30pm, Lower Level. Parents welcome.

**Friday, Jan. 16 –**

- End of second quarter
- Deadline to make changes to Kindergarten Enrichment, Preschool Add Ons or Hornets' Nest.
- Storytime, 10am, Preschool Center

## Changes at end of the quarter?!

The end of the second quarter is approaching – Jan. 16! If you'd like to make changes to Kindergarten Enrichment, Preschool Add-Ons, or Childcare or Hornets' Nest days, contact Cammi Lawrence ([clawrence@stthomasgr.org](mailto:clawrence@stthomasgr.org)) now or before Jan. 16. We are happy to make changes but we ask that you do this only at the end of the quarter.

## Spring musical auditions!

We are excited to announce that Saint Thomas will be having a Spring Musical! We will be performing *The Lion King*. All 3rd-8th grade students are eligible to try out. Auditions will be held Tuesday, Jan. 20 and Wednesday, Jan. 21, 3:30-5:30pm in the Ministry Center.

Please use our [STA Lion King Audition Sign Up Genius](#) to register your child. For more information, email [katherinelewis@stthomasgr.org](mailto:katherinelewis@stthomasgr.org).



## Looking ahead!

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](#)  
Jan. 30 – Family Dance: Ready! Set! Glow! (If you're interested in helping with this event, please email [erinbrede@stthomasgr.org](mailto:erinbrede@stthomasgr.org).)

## School lunch!

Here is our [January 2026](#) lunch menu.

## Corcoran's Corner!



Corcoran's Corner is back – with special guest Mrs. Aftyn Johnson. Learn more about our exceptional counseling program at Saint Thomas in [this week's edition of Corcoran's Corner](#) and in this [description of our counseling program](#).

## Mass participants for Jan. 14

- 1<sup>st</sup> reading: Frankie C
- Petitions: Ben P, Harrison B, Eddie P, Kathleen C, Henry B, Lina S
- Altar servers: Chris A, Cam M, Oliver V
- Sacristan: Eliana K, Asher K
- Gifts: Will D, Joey W
- Ushers: Jonah S, Autry B
- Xylophones: Leon K, Mia P, Emma G, Frankie C
- Bells: Paige K, Emma St, Georgia B, Corinne J
- Song leaders: Jane B, Gabby M

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 can we learn from the Joseph, Mary, and Jesus about family life?
- How can we prepare our hearts for Sunday Mass throughout the week?

## Proper shoes required!

Since returning from Christmas break, we are noticing a lot of non-uniform shoes at school. For the safety of students, please make sure your children have shoes with enclosed toes and heels. Shoes must be either **leather or tennis shoes**. Starting Monday, Jan. 12, if students wear non-uniform shoes to school, they will be sent to the office and **asked to call home to get appropriate footwear**.

From the Parent Student Handbook:

*"Students must wear socks with shoes. Students may wear leather shoes or tennis shoes with enclosed toes and enclosed heels. High top sneakers worn with socks showing above the shoe are allowed. Students may wear boots to school on rainy or snowy days, but must change into shoes for indoors. Outdoor boots, fashion boots (Hunter, UGGs), cowboy boots, and ankle boots are NOT uniform approved."*

## Family dance!

We are gearing up for our Ready! Set! GLOW! Family Dance. If you are interested in helping with this event, please use our [Family Dance Sign Up Genius](#). Many hands make light work! Thanks!

## January STA events!

**School Showcase, January 25 After Masses:** All are invited to enjoy student-led tours happening after all Masses and learn what makes Saint Thomas special. Tours will take place after 7:30, 9, 11am Masses. Donuts and coffee will be in the Ministry Center.

**Preschool Palooza, January 28, 6-7pm:** All prospective 3, 4, and Young 5 students and their parents are invited to explore our new Preschool Center. Meet our teachers, enjoy crafts, games, snacks, and a scavenger hunt!

## Parish News

[Corpus Christi Adoration w/ Confessions & Sung](#)

[Worship](#), Jan. 9, 6:30 - 8pm: Families with children of all ages are welcome! Confessions will be heard throughout. A family rosary decade will be prayed at approximately 6:45pm.

**Winter Community Dinner:** Join us for fellowship, fun and a free Spaghetti Dinner! Hosted by The Knights of Columbus on Saturday, Jan. 24 at 6pm. RSVP by Jan. 19 to the Parish Office (616-459-4662). Visit our Community Dinner webpage to RSVP or [sign up to volunteer for the Community Dinner](#).

## Catholic Central News!

**Kids' Night Out – Hosted by Catholic Central Hockey Team & Parents**

Enjoy a well-deserved night off while we take care of the kids! The Catholic Central Hockey Team and parent volunteers are excited to host a Kids Night Out, filled with fun games and activities.

**Who?** Preschool age and above

**When?** Friday, Jan. 10, 5-8pm

**Where?** Saint Thomas Gym

**Cost?** \$25 for one child; \$50 for entire family

**RSVP:** Please RSVP using our [Kids' Night Out Sign up Genius](#)



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## Kindergarten Spotlight: 6-7pm

Meet our amazing Kindergarten teachers, explore classrooms, and learn how we nurture faith, curiosity & a love for learning.



**LOCATION:** St. Thomas the Apostle Ministry Center

1429 Wilcox Drive, Grand Rapids, MI 49503



## Preschool Palooza: 6-7 pm

All prospective 3, 4 and Young 5 students are invited to test drive our new Preschool Center. Meet our teachers, enjoy crafts, games, snacks & a scavenger hunt!



**LOCATION:** St. Thomas the Apostle Preschool Center

1530 Fulton Street E, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Registration information for the 2026-2027 school year will be provided!

All prospective students welcome.

REGISTER HERE >



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