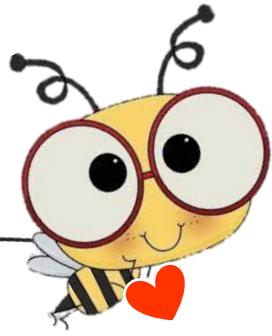


WHAT'S BUZZING AROUND THE HALLS OF SAINT THOMAS?

The

BUZZ

DYNAMIC EDUCATION CENTERED IN CHRIST



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Feb. 9-20, 2026

Next week!

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

Monday, Feb. 9 – K-2 Parent to Parent Series: Having Conversations about Sex and the Body, 8:30am, Ministry Center.

Tuesday, Feb. 10 –

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

Wednesday, Feb. 11 –

- **All-School Mass, 8:15am. Please remember Mass uniforms.**
- **0-5ers Gym Time, 11:10am, Saint Thomas Gym**

Friday, Feb. 13 – Tuesday, Feb. 17 – No school / Mid-winter break

After the Break...

Wednesday, Feb. 18 – Ash Wednesday

- **All-School Mass, 8:15am. Please remember Mass uniforms.**
- **Gym Time, 11:10am, Saint Thomas Gym**

Friday, Feb. 20 – 0-5ers Story Time, 10am, Preschool Center



2026-27 Enrollment!

Enrollment for the 2026-27 school year is open! You should have received an email from Finalsite Enrollment with information about enrolling. Current families will have until Feb. 15 before we open enrollment to new families. By completing enrollment, you can save a spot for your child for next year. If you have any questions, contact our Admissions Director Cammi Lawrence (lawrence@stthomasgr.org)

Be the Change!

Hats off to Mr. Walsh's homeroom for winning the "Be the Change" coin collection during Catholic Schools Week. Mr. Walsh's class raised \$318.19. As a school, we raised \$1,386.94 for God's Kitchen. Here's the breakdown of what we raised in total:

- 3,240 quarters
- 3,437 dimes
- 2,514 nickels
- 10,054 pennies

Thanks to all those who participated.

Looking ahead!

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, Dads, and Devotions, 6pm

March 6 – No school; teacher professional development

March 10 – 8th Grade Confirmation

March 10-12 – Ignatius Press Book Fair

March 11-12 – Accreditation Site Visit

March 19 – Grandfriends' Coffee Club, 8:30am

March 19 – 4th Grade Songfest

School lunch!

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

Mass participants for Feb. II

- 1st reading: Claire R
- Petitions: Cora C, Adeline E, Taygan D, Domenic N, David A, Michael C
- Sacristan: Eliana K, Asher K
- Gifts: Sailor B, Noelle D
- Alter servers: Sarah H, Alaina B, Eliza S
- Ushers: Gabby M, Grace M
- Xylophones: Drew, Ceci, Georgia, Gage
- Bells: Xavier C, Levi E, Edward E, Joseph S
- Song leaders: Ceci W, Olivia B

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 bring hope to people who feel alone, poor or forgotten?
- How can we be a family that serves others joyfully without expecting anything in return?

Drop off / Pick Up Reminder

We're seeing a lot of families dropping kids off or picking them up in front of school. This is absolutely not allowed. For the safety of our students and our community, we ask that you drop off and pick up ONLY in the carline, the gateline or park in the parking lot and walk to drop off or pick up your child. This is for morning drop off and afternoon pick up. If you are dropping off late or picking up early for an appointment, you may park in front of school and walk in.

Also, a reminder to **treat Wilcox Park Drive as a one-way westbound street** at pick up and drop off times. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

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 that, there will be a late fee.

Parish News

Corpus Christi: Eucharistic Adoration, Sung Worship, & Confessions, Feb. 13, 6:30 - 8pm. This family-friendly time of prayer takes place on every second Friday of the month through June! **Young Adult Night** (ages 18-35) will take place in the **Ministry Center** after the conclusion of Corpus Christi (8 pm).

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!

West Catholic News

Welcome to West is Wednesday, February 11, from 6:30-8:30pm at West Catholic High School! We will be sharing information about the enrollment process and next for Fall 2026! We'll talk about how West Catholic will help your student become the best version of themselves by growing in their faith, pursuing their academic goals and sprinkling in a little fun through sports, clubs and artistic outlets. We will also have financial aid experts in attendance to answer your aid application questions and student volunteers will be offering tours of the school. [Register now!](#)

GRANDFRIENDS COFFEE CLUB

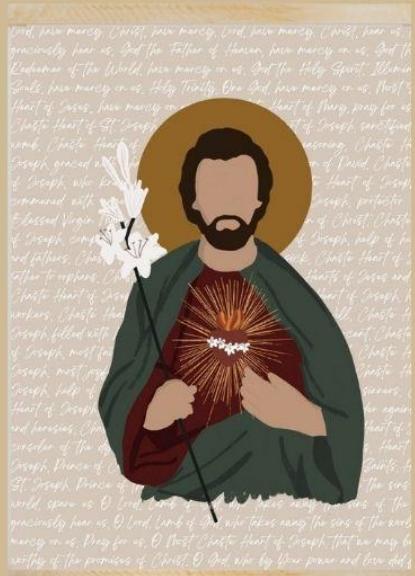
Celebrating the Feast of St. Joseph

New parishioners from St. Stephen's and members of our Grandfriends Club are invited to join us for Chapel followed by coffee & pastries to celebrate St. Joseph's Day!

WHEN: Thursday, March 19 @ 8 AM

WHERE: Saint Thomas the Apostle
1449 Wilcox Park Drive
Grand Rapids, MI 49506

RSVP: Please RSVP [here](#) or with
QR code



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? bethmariejacobson@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.

