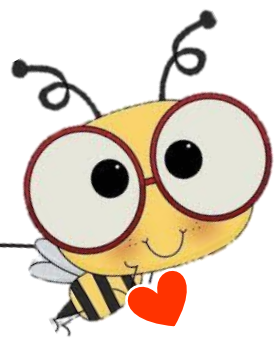


WHAT'S BUZZING AROUND THE HALLS OF SAINT THOMAS?

The BUZZ

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April 13-17, 2026

Next week!

The virtue of the week is **prayerfulness**: Being still, listening, and being willing to talk to God as a friend.

Monday, April 13 – First day back after spring break / 9am start time

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS A LATE START for teacher MAPS data review – **9AM start time; drop off begins at 8:45am.**

Tuesday, April 14 –

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

Wednesday, April 15 –

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

Thursday, April 16 – Renewing the Catholic Family Speaker Series, 6pm, All Saints Academy Upper Campus Brophy Room (1110 4 Mile Rd NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525) (see flyer).

Friday, April 17 – 0-5ers Story Time, 10am, Preschool

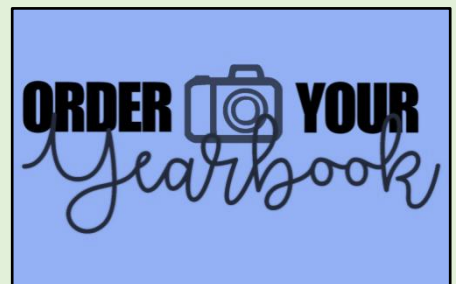
Athletics request!

If your child has any Saint Thomas or Catholic United athletic uniforms at home, please return them ASAP to the school office. Thanks.

welcome back!
we've missed you so!

Order a yearbook!

If you didn't purchase a yearbook in the fall, there's still time. Use this [STA Yearbook order form](#) to buy one. **The deadline to purchase is April 24.** If you don't know if you purchased a yearbook, please contact Cammi in the school office (616-458-4228 or clawrence@stthomasqr.org).



Blackbaud Financial Aid window open!

The window to apply for financial assistance for the 2026-27 school year is open. **The next deadline is this Sunday, April 19, 2026.** 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.

Looking ahead!

April 19 – Spring Choir Concert, 4:30pm
April 24 – First Communion retreat
April 26 – First Communion Mass, 3pm
May 1 – May Crowning
May 3 – First Communion Mass, 3pm
May 4-8 – Teacher Appreciation Week
May 5 – School Board meeting
May 11 – Field Day
May 15 – Boosters Golf Outing
May 25 – Memorial Day; no school
May 26 – Uniform holiday
May 27/28 – Lion King Performance, 6pm

School lunch!

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

Mass participants for April 15

- 1st reading: James P
- Petitions: Addison K, Harrison B, Clara S, Kate W, Ben P, Lina S
- Sacristan: Eliana K, Asher K
- Gifts: Lola B, Ruthie V
- Altar servers: Eden R, Sarah H, Maddie P
- Ushers: Rebekah H, Eliza L
- Xylophones: Leon, Mia, Emma G, Frankie
- Bells: Asher, Molly S, Maddie P
- Song leaders: Ismelda, Sadie

Breaking bread, building faith!

Family dinner-time discussion topics:

- What does the changing weather and blooming nature teach us about God's power to make things new?
- What is one way you hope to grow spiritually this spring?

Got uniforms?!

If you're doing some spring cleaning and find school uniforms that are too small for your kids, please bring them to the office. We have uniform racks of gently used uniforms available to our school community.

Enrollment reminder

Just a reminder to get your enrollment forms completed to reserve your child's spot for the 2026-27 school year. If you have any questions about enrollment, please contact Cammi Lawrence (clawrence@stthomasgr.org).

Auction request

The Emerald Auction team is seeking donations for this year's event and we would be grateful for any gift basket items, vacation homes, gift cards, sporting tickets and/or experiences you would kindly be willing to donate.

Please contact Lindsay Keegan at keegan.d.lindsay@gmail.com or 773-368-7252 with any questions or donate online by visiting our [Auction website](#) and click on "Donate an Item for Auction."

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](#).

Renewing the Catholic Family Speaker Series

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

6:00-6:30 - RECEPTION

6:30-7:30 - PRESENTATION

7:30-8:30 - Q&A / FELLOWSHIP

ALL SAINTS ACADEMY

UPPER LEVEL - BROPHY ROOM

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All Saints Academy

JEFF VELEY



Raising kids in today's world can feel overwhelming. Join us for an inspiring evening with Jeff Veley as he shares practical tools for raising resilient, faith-filled children.



Saint Thomas Spring Music Concert

K-4 and 6-8 CHOIR STUDENTS

Sunday, April 19th
Saint Thomas gym
4:30 p.m.

Students arrive at 4:15.
Please wear spring-colored
Sunday best.



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

Painting Workshops

St. Thomas the Apostle Preschool Center
1530 Fulton St. E, Grand Rapids, 49503

6:00-8:30pm

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

Follow this link to sign up:



****UPDATED SCHEDULE!
NEW DATES!****

- **Tuesday, April 28th**
Spring Florals (Acrylics)
- **Thursday, May 21st**
Butterflies (Watercolors)



*Early bird pricing--sign up and pay 1 month prior
to class and receive \$5 discount!
Questions? bethmariestudiogr@gmail.com