

WHAT'S BUZZING AROUND THE HALLS OF SAINT THOMAS?

The BUZZ

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April 20-24, 2026

Next week!

The virtue of the week is **self control**: Joyful mastery over one's passions and desires.

Sunday, April 19 – Spring Music Concert for grades K-4, 6-8, Gym. Students should arrive at 4:15pm, dressed in Spring colored Sunday best.

Tuesday, April 21 –

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

Wednesday, April 22 –

- **All-School Mass, 8:15am**. Please remember Mass uniforms.
- **0-5ers Gym Time, 11:10am**, Saint Thomas Gym
- **Middle School Awards Ceremony, 2:45pm**, Church

Friday, April 24 –

- **First Communion retreat**
- **0-5ers Story Time, 10am**, Preschool
- **Deadline to order a yearbook**. If you didn't purchase a yearbook, there's still time. Use this [STA Yearbook order form](#) to buy one. If you don't know if you purchased a yearbook, please contact Cammi in the school office (clawrence@stthomasgr.org).



Summer camps!

We are excited to announce our 2026 Summer Programming for children ages 5–8, running from June 8 through July 24, for kids ages 5-8. We have plenty of activities designed to keep students active, creative, and having fun all summer long. Please use our [2026 Summer Camp registration](#) and review our [FAQs](#) for additional details about the program.

Looking ahead!

April 24 – First Communion retreat
April 26 – First Communion Mass, 3pm
April 28 – Uniform holiday
May 1 – May Crowning
May 3 – First Communion Mass, 3pm
May 8 – 7th/8th Middle school dance, IHM
May 9 – Sports physicals
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
May 29 – 8th graders last day breakfast

School lunch!

Here is our [April lunch menu](#). On April 24, students will have lunch in their classrooms (due to First Communion Retreat). Also, the last day for the salad bar is May 29.

Mass participants for April 22

- 1st reading: Molly H
- Petitions: Hailey B, Marie K, Addison K, Kate W, Lina S, Clara S, Benjamin B, Juni V
- Sacristan: Eliana K, Asher K
- Gifts: Junie VD, Benjamin B
- Altar servers: Henry T, Cam M, Madeline S
- Ushers: Leo D, Leon K
- Bells: Xavier, Levi, Edward, Joseph
- Song leaders: Ceci W, Olivia B

Breaking bread, building faith!

Family dinner-time discussion topics:

- How can the rain be considered a 'blessing' from God, even if it disrupts our plans?
- Just as the rain refreshes the dry land, how does God's word refresh our souls when we feel weary?

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).

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](#).

Got uniforms?!

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



SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

SUMMER PROGRAM

Summer programming for kids ages 5-8

June 8 - July 24

Monday-Friday, 9am-12noon

Preschool Center: 1530 Fulton St. East

Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Cost: \$150 per week

Taught by Brooke Emmerick

SUMMER ART CAMPS

WITH BETH JACOBSON

ST. THOMAS PRESCHOOL CENTER, 1530 FULTON ST. E, GR 49506

3RD - 5TH GRADES: \$225 K - 2ND GRADES: \$185

9:30AM-12:00PM

12:30-2:30PM

JUNE & JULY Mondays-Thursdays	3rd - 5th Grades 9:30am-12:00pm	K - 3rd Grades 12:30-2:30pm
6/8-6/11 WATERCOLORS	Flowers & Nature	Flowers & Nature
6/15 -6/18 ACRYLICS	Picnic Foods	Fun Foods
6/29-7/2 DRAWING	Sports	Robots
7/6 -7/9 WATERCOLORS	Unique Animals (axolotls, capybaras & more!)	Unique Animals (axolotls, capybaras & more!)
7/13 - 7/16 DRAWING	Abstract Art & Patterns	Abstract Art & Patterns
7/20 - 7/23 DRAWING	Cartoon Characters	Cartoon Characters

Follow the QR code to register!

**K-2 camps run after the STA summer camps,
so sign up for both for a full day option!**



Sign up 2 or more siblings, receive a \$10 discount per child!

Questions: bethmariestudiogr@gmail.com



SCHOOL
BABY SUPPLY/DIAPER DRIVE
Week of May 11-15

- Disposable Diapers (1, 4, 5 & 6)
- Similac Advance Formula (12.4 oz. can preferred)
- Sippy Cups, Bottles, and Pacifiers
- Baby Hooded Towels
- Spring/Summer Pajamas (up to 5T)
- Spring/Summer Clothing for Boys (up to 3T)

**Please drop off baby items in the collection box
in the hallway of the school or in the back of church.**

The specific items can also be purchased through an Amazon Wish List found on our website (stthomasapostlegr.org) or use the QR code to view the items and place your order. Wish List items will be shipped to HELP at 705 Bridge St. NW, GR. Call Helen Milanowski at (616) 774-8471 or jimhelenmilo@gmail.com with questions.



THANK YOU for supporting moms and families in our community!