

WHAT'S BUZZING AROUND THE HALLS OF SAINT THOMAS?

The BUZZ

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April 27 - May 1, 2026

Next week!

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

Sunday, April 26 – First Communion Mass, 3pm, Church

Monday, April 27 – Parent to Parent Series (Grades K-5), 8:30am, Ministry Center

Tuesday, April 28 –

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

Wednesday, April 29 –

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

Friday, May 1 –

- **May Crowning, 8:05am**
- **0-5ers Story Time, 10am, Preschool Center**
- **Pep Assembly, 2:45pm, Gym**
- **Catholic Schools' Art Show, 3:30-7pm, Cathedral Square, 2nd floor**



May Crowning!

On May 1, we will celebrate May Crowning on the blacktop by the Marian Grotto. Parents are encouraged to attend. Our procession will start at 8:05am. All students will process in and present a flower or card for Mary. Our 8th graders and 2nd graders will process in last, wearing their Sunday best – in recognition of the Sacrament that they celebrated this year.

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. Camps will be held at the Preschool Center. 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.

Sports physicals!

We will be hosting sports physicals at our STA gym on May 9, 9am-12noon. If your child needs a sports physical for the 2026-27 school year, Dr. Michael App will be offering physicals for \$20. Spread the word! STA students, alumns, friends, neighbors – anyone who needs a physical – all kids, all ages are welcome!

Looking ahead!

May 3 – First Communion Mass, 3pm
May 4 – Parent to Parent Series (6-8), 8:30am
May 4 – All-School Rosary, 1:45pm
May 5 – State of the School, 8:15am
May 8 – 7th/8th Middle school dance, IHM
May 9 – Sports physicals, STA gym
May 4-8 – Teacher Appreciation Week
May 5 – School Board meeting
May 11 – Field Day
May 13 – Kindergarten Kickoff
May 15 – Boosters Golf Outing
May 20 – Anointing Mass
May 25 – Memorial Day; no school
May 26 – Uniform holiday
May 27 – 8th Graders last Mass
May 27/28 – Lion King Performance, 6pm
May 29 – 8th graders last day breakfast
June 5 – Last Mass

School lunch!

Here is our [April lunch menu](#). Reminder: The last day for the salad bar is May 29.

Mass participants for April 29

- 1st reading: Rebekah H
- Petitions: Lina, Quinn, Kathleen, Marie, Addison, Hailey
- Sacristan: Eliana K, Asher K
- Gifts: Vivian B, Luca V
- Altar servers: Olivia B, Henry B, Ros W
- Ushers: Emma S, Georgia B
- Xylophones: Leo, Molly, Mackenzie, Emma Sa
- Bells: Harrison, Benjamin, Kate, Clara
- Song leaders: Owen, Anna

Breaking bread, building faith!

Family dinner-time discussion topics:

- Where did you see God working today?
- When do you feel most connected to God?

Home & School help!

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 4-8! We are hoping to cover recess duty for our teachers all week during Teacher Appreciation Week, and we hope you can help! Please use our [Recess Duty Sign Up](#). We are also planning a nice lunch for our wonderful teachers on Wednesday, May 6. Please use our [Teacher Appreciation Lunch Sign Up](#). Your contributions of items and your time are greatly appreciated.

Kindergarten Kickoff!

On May 13, we will be hosting our annual "Kinder Kickoff" to welcome the 2026-2027 Kindergarten class. Our current P4 and Y5 students will be visiting the Kindergarten classrooms. Our current Kindergarten students will attend All School Mass and then enjoy a special snack and activity in the Church lower level. At 10am, students will resume their normal activities for the day.

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.

Sports Physicals

SAT, MAY 9
9 AM- NOON



Sign up here

\$20 per student; Cash or Check
Made payable to St. Thomas Boosters

St. Thomas Gym
1429 Wilcox Park Drive SE



Dr. Michael App, MD, MPH



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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 Imrick

SUMMER ART CAMPS

WITH BETH JACOBSON

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

AGES 8-11: \$225
9:30AM-12:00PM

AGES 5-8: \$185
12:30-2:30PM

JUNE & JULY Mondays-Thursdays	Ages 8-11 (3rd -5th) 9:30am-12:00pm	Ages 5-8 (K - 3rd) 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 ACRYLICS	Abstract Art & Patterns	Abstract Art & Patterns
7/20 - 7/23 DRAWING	Cartoon Characters	Cartoon Characters

Follow the QR code to register!

Ages 5-8 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



Please note, if you have a student age 5-8, they can have more of a full day option. They attend both the STA summer camps (9am-12pm), stay for a lunch break (12-12:30pm), then attend an Art Camp (12:30-2:30pm) all at the preschool center! Please register separately using the links.