

WHAT'S BUZZING AROUND THE HALLS OF SAINT THOMAS?

# The BUZZ

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May 11-15, 2026

## Next week!

The virtue this week is **respect**: speaking and acting according to our own and others' rights, status, and circumstances.

### Monday, May 11 –

- **Diaper Drive for HELP Pregnancy.** Please bring diaper donations to the hallway outside the office.
- **Field Day (uniform holiday for Field Day)**

### Tuesday, May 12 –

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

### Wednesday, May 13 –

- **All-School Mass, 8:15am.** Please remember Mass uniforms.
- **Kindergarten Kickoff, 8:15am**
- **0-5ers Gym Time, 11:10am,** Saint Thomas Gym
- **Altar server training, 6:30pm,** Church

### Friday, May 15 –

- **0-5ers Story Time, 10am,** Preschool Center
- **Boosters Golf Outing, 7:30am (registration),** The Mines Golf Club (330 Covell Ave. SW, Grand Rapids, MI). We've got a few spots left. Use our [Golf Fore Sports Sign Up](#) to participate. Questions? Email [boosters@stthomasgr.org](mailto:boosters@stthomasgr.org).

## Thank you!

A huge and heartfelt thank you from Home & School to all families who helped with recess duty and the teacher appreciation lunch this week! We appreciate all the ways you support our teachers and helped us to appreciate them this week!

## 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.

**GOLF FORE SPORTS OUTING**

**THE MINES GOLF CLUB**

**FRIDAY MAY 15** 7:45 AM REGISTRATION  
8:30 AM SHOTGUN START

\$125/Golfer  
\$500/Foursome

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## Looking ahead!

May 20 – Anointing Mass  
May 22 – Last day of 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade band  
May 25 – Memorial Day; no school  
May 26 – Uniform holiday  
May 27 – 8<sup>th</sup> Graders last Mass  
May 27/28 – Lion King Performance, 6pm  
May 29 – Last day of 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade band  
May 29 – 8<sup>th</sup> graders last day breakfast/Staff vs. 8<sup>th</sup> grade volleyball game  
June 3 – 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation, 6pm (8<sup>th</sup> graders arrive at 5:30pm)  
June 5 – Last Mass/Half day/Dismissal @ 11am

## School lunch!

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

## Mass participants for May 13

- 1<sup>st</sup> reading: Gage
- Petitions: Michael C, David A, Elouise G, Caroline L, Mavis H, Cora C
- Sacristan: Eliana K, Asher K
- Gifts: Briggs D, Henry P
- Altar servers: Eden, Alaina, Maddie P
- Ushers: Emma G, Claire R
- Xylophones: Georgia, Drew, Ceci, Gage
- Bells: Georgia, Kain, Lennyn
- Song leaders: Nixon, Liam, Jane

## Breaking bread, building faith!

Family dinner-time discussion topics:

- How do you see God working in our school community?
- What is one family tradition that helps strengthen your faith?

## Library volunteers needed

Every two weeks during the school year, a parent volunteer changes the themes of the library displays. If this is something you would like to do beginning in the fall, please contact our school librarian Sue Edgerly at [libadmin@stthomasgr.org](mailto:libadmin@stthomasgr.org). Also, we are looking for more book fair committee members. Anyone interested in helping to launch the book fair in October or March should also contact Sue.

## Auction prep!

Jenna Smith, Aftyn Johnson and Agata Lefere invite you to attend the end-of-the-school-year celebration and informational Emerald Auction meeting on Friday, June 5 following dismissal. Join us at Hancock (1157 Wealthy Street) and learn more about our auction! If you are able, please consider bringing a \$25 gift card to any GR business (restaurants, groceries, etc.). These gift cards will be part of our Auction items this fall. FYI...food and drinks will not be provided, but available for purchase at Hancock. All are welcome!

## Auction event!

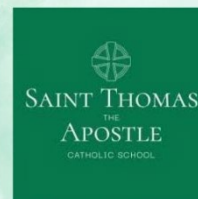
EVEREVE (1948 Breton Rd SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506) is hosting another Emerald Auction fundraising event on June 11. Fifteen percent of all purchases made on 6/11 will be donated to the St. Thomas Emerald Auction. Come out for some STA socializing and a little retail therapy and support our Emerald Auction in the process!

## EVEREVE Fashion Fundraiser

EVEREVE GRAND RAPIDS

Thursday, June 11th 10:00am - 8:00pm

Sips and Snacks from 6:00-8:00pm



15 % of all purchases benefit the St. Thomas the Apostle School

## Altar server training!

Altar Server Training for new Altar Servers: Wednesday, May 13, from 6:30-7:45pm in the church. This training is for students in grade 4 and up. Questions? Contact [lorivernon@stthomasgr.org](mailto:lorivernon@stthomasgr.org).

## Lion King performance!

We are excited to announce our upcoming performances of *The Lion King* on May 27 and 28 at 6pm at the East Grand Rapids Performing Arts Center!

Join us in celebrating the hard work and talent of our incredible cast and crew: Peter B., Elenor B., Alaina B., Henry B., Jane B., Olivia B., Alexis B., Cora C., Isabel C., Xavier C., Taygan D., Emma G., Lennyn J., Addison K., Morgan K., Caroline L., Fulton N., Iselmeda N., Mia P., Ben P., Maddie P., Ari R., Margaret R., Sadie T., Gabriel T., Ros W., and Asher V. And special thanks to Kathy Proulx for helping with the music!





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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**

<b>JUNE &amp; JULY</b> Mondays-Thursdays	<b>Ages 8-11 (3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>)</b> 9:30am-12:00pm	<b>Ages 5-8 (K - 3<sup>rd</sup>)</b> 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](mailto: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.