

WHAT'S BUZZING AROUND THE HALLS OF SAINT THOMAS?

The BUZZ

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May 18-22, 2026

Next week!

The virtue this week is **patience**: Bearing present difficulties calmly.

Tuesday, May 19 –

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

Wednesday, May 20 – Anointing Mass, 8:15am. Please remember Mass uniforms. 7th and 8th grade students may wear Sunday best.

Thursday, May 21 – Realtor Open House, 8:30am, Preschool

Friday, May 22 – 7th/8th grade last day of CC band

Golf outing thanks!

We want to thank all of the golfers who came out to support our Golf Fore Sports Golf Outing at the Mines! This annual outing helps us provide athletic opportunities for our STA student athletes. Check out this [STA Athletic Boosters video](#), featuring a few of our STA student athletes. Go Hornets!



Fall 2026-27 GRACEAC sports registration!

Fall sports registration for GRACEAC sports will be available May 15-June 15. If your child is interested in playing fall sport, please go to the [GRACEAC website](#) and register BEFORE JUNE 15. Fall sports include: cross country 5-8th, flag football 3/4, tackle football 5th-8th, sideline cheer 3rd-8th, boys soccer 5th-8th, and volleyball 5-8th. After June 15, you will incur a late fee to register. Spread the word, as this deadline is earlier this year!

Catholic Identity Survey!

Now is the time to complete your [Catholic Identity Survey](#) for your school. The feedback is valuable to school leaders, and the survey only takes about 20 minutes to complete. If you have already completed the survey, thank you! The deadline for completing the survey is Friday, May 22.

Looking ahead!

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 – Last day of 5th/6th grade band
May 29 – 8th graders last day breakfast/Staff vs. 8th grade volleyball game
June 2 – Uniform holiday
June 3 – 8th grade graduation, 6pm (8th 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 20

- 1st reading: Georgia B, Paige K, Rebekah H, Eliza L
- Petitions: Taygan D, Adeline E, David A, James V, Caroline L, Mavis H, Cora C, Elouise G
- Sacristan: Eliana K, Asher K
- Gifts: Katherine F, Charlie P
- Altar servers: Chris A, Henry B, Ros W
- Ushers: Autry B, James P
- Xylophones: Mari, Eliana, Corinne, Emma St.
- Bells: Mary V, Dawson
- Song leaders: Fulton

Breaking bread, building faith!

Family dinner-time discussion topics:

- When is it hardest for you to do the right thing, and how can your faith help you?
- What do you imagine heaven looks like or feels like?

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. Please use our [2026 Summer Camp registration](#) and review our [FAQs](#) for additional details about the program.

Auction baskets!

The Emerald Auction committee is grateful to parents for donating items to fill themed baskets for the auction! **All classes that fill their baskets by the end of May will receive a class pizza party.** Below are the classes that still need help filling their baskets:

[3 Tietema & VanDyke: "Cozy Corner"](#)

[4 Leeseberg: "Self Care"](#)

[4/5 Zakrajsek: "Baker's Delight"](#)

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!

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., Margaret R., Sadie T., Gabriel T., Ros W. and Harriet W. And special thanks to Kathy Proulx for helping with the music!





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 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.