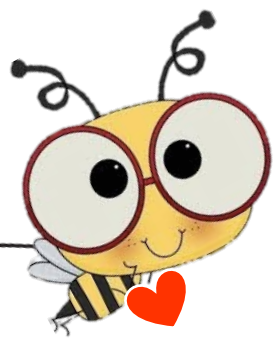


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The BUZZ

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Aug. 31 - Sept. 4, 2026

Next week!

The virtue this week is **gratitude**: A thankful disposition of mind and heart.

Monday, Aug. 31 –

- First day of P3, P4 and Young 5
- Middle School Parent Orientation, 6pm. This is an event for parents only, not Middle School students. We encourage parents of 6th graders and any new Middle School parents to attend but ALL Middle School parents are welcome.

Tuesday, Sept. 1 –

- Preschool Coffee & Donuts, 8:15am, Preschool Lobby

Wednesday, Sept. 2 –

- Mass, 8:30am. Please remember Mass uniforms (white shirts, ties, skirts/jumpers). Parents, please join us!

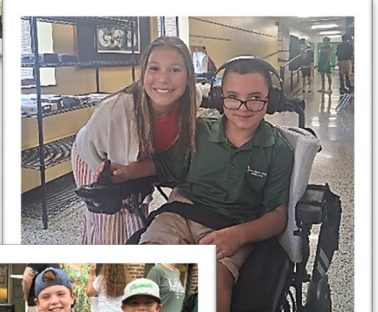
Friday, Sept. 4 – No school, Labor Day weekend.

School lunch!

Here is our [September lunch menu](#). Please make sure you have [added funds to your students' Infinite Campus account](#) if they will be having hot lunch. If you need an Infinite Campus activation code, please email Cammi Lawrence (clawrence@stthomasgr.org).

Volunteer needed!

The library is looking for a volunteer to change out the book displays every two weeks, following a schedule of topics to be put out each time. Please contact Sue Edgerly at libadmin@stthomasgr.org if you'd like more information. Thank you for considering!



Looking ahead!

Sept. 7 – No school, Labor Day
Sept. 8 – New Family Gathering ([RSVP here!](#))
Sept. 8 – School Board meeting
Sept. 11 – STA Tailgate @ Catholic Central football game
Sept. 16-17 – School pictures
Sept. 17-18 – 8th Grade Retreat
Oct. 3 – Emerald Auction ([Get tickets today!](#))

Mass participants for Sept. 2

- 1st reading: Cam M
- Petitions: Cora C, Michael C, Adeline E, Caroline L, Ryan M, Taygan D, David A, David W
- Sacristan: Eleanor V, Dylan S
- Gifts: Ellie B, Vivian B
- Altar servers: Henry B, Olivia B, Henry T
- Ushers: Caleb P, Margaret K

Breaking bread, building faith!

Family dinner-time discussion topics:

- What is one hidden or unexpected blessing from this week that we haven't thanked God for yet?
- Why is it important for us to make quiet time for God in our busy schedules?

Parent prayers begin Sept. 8!

Starting Sept. 8, all Saint Thomas parents are invited to join our weekly parent rosary, recited at 2:45pm each Tuesday in the Church. At 3:05pm, we also pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. This is an opportunity to join with other families in praying for our school – right before pick up and car line begin. Your time and sacrifice will be much appreciated and will help strengthen our school in its spiritual mission. Extra rosaries will be on hand.
~James Wilson, Mission Effectiveness Committee Chair

Emerald Auction News!

Our Emerald Auction is just around the corner – Oct. 3, 2026. Doors open at 5:30pm at the St. Nicholas Cultural Center (2250 East Paris Ave SE, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49546).

We'd love for you to join us at this bi-annual event that celebrates all that makes Saint Thomas shine – our faith, our community, our passion.

Tickets for our 2026 St. Thomas Emerald Auction are LIVE. [Buy your tickets today!](#) Learn more about our [Emerald Auction: Precious in His Sight](#).

All Middle School 7th and 8th grade parents, along with Mrs. Z's 2025/2026 4th/5th grade parents, we are looking for your help to fill our gift baskets donated by your students' classes! Please see our SignUp Geniuses for each grade level and look for the boxes outside of Mr. Baxter, Mr. Walsh and Mrs. Z's classrooms to drop off your items. We appreciate your support!

Here are the SignUp Genius Links -

- [Mrs. Z's Baker's Delight](#)
- [7th Grade So Fresh & So Clean](#)
- [8th Grade I LOVE My Pet](#)





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New Family WELCOME PARTY



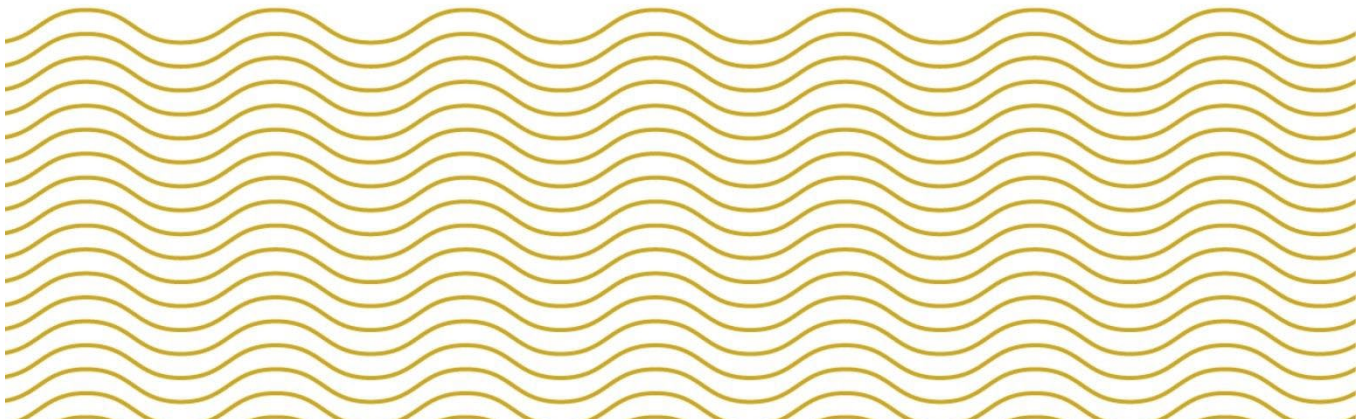
September 8

7-8:30 pm

Location: Delgado Residence

RSVP and more information at

[THIS LINK](#)



Saint Thomas **TAILGATE PARTY!**

at the Catholic Central football game

When? **Friday, Sept. 11, 5pm** until game time

Where? Catholic Central Football Game
The GAT (2770 Knapp St. NE, Grand Rapids)

Who? Sponsored by our **Saint Thomas Education Foundation and Boosters** for all Saint Thomas students and their families

Details: Look for the Saint Thomas flag in the CC parking lot. We'll provide pizza, popcorn and candy. Feel free to bring snacks to share! Bring your own drinks. Meet the Boosters and get more information about Saint Thomas athletics. Join us for fall football fun!



Hornet happiness!