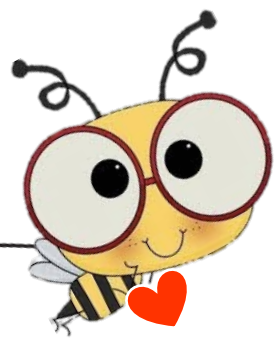


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Oct. 12-16, 2026

Next week!

The virtue this week is **orderliness**: Keeping oneself physically clean and neat and one's belongings in good order.

Tuesday, Oct. 13 –

- Eucharistic Adoration, 9am to 5:15pm, Church
- Parent Rosary, 2:45pm, Church
- Parent Chaplet of Divine Mercy, 3:05pm, Church
- School Board Meeting, 6pm, Ministry Center

Wednesday, Oct. 14 –

- Mass, 8:30am. Please remember Mass uniforms.

Thursday/Friday, Oct. 15/16 –

- No school. Staff professional development.

Looking ahead!

Oct. 23 – Grandfriends' Day ([RSVP today!](#)) / Fall Book Fair
Oct. 23 – Half day (11:15am dismissal)
Oct. 25 – Trunk or Treat, 3pm
Oct. 27-29 – Fall Book Fair
Oct. 30 – End of first quarter
Oct. 30 – Last day to wear shorts and skirts without leggings
Oct. 30 – Uniform holiday
Nov. 2 – Second quarter begins
Nov. 2 – Pants and leggings with skirts required
Nov. 4 – Picture retakes
Nov. 12 – Evening parent teacher conferences
Nov. 13 – Half day / Dismissal at 11:15am
Nov. 13 – Afternoon parent teacher conferences
Nov. 20 – Uniform holiday
Dec. 15 – STA Advent concert

Grandfriends' Day help!

Our annual St. Thomas Grandfriends' Day is just around the corner and we need a little help to pull off this special event. Check out this [Grandfriends' Day Sign Up Genius](#) to volunteer or to bring a special treat for this special day.

There's still time to [RSVP for Grandfriends' Day](#). We're excited to host grandparents, aunts, uncles, godparents – anyone who makes a difference in the lives of our students. Thank you for helping us make this day so memorable for our students and their Grandfriends!

Home & School News!

We've got upcoming parent parties scheduled:

P3: the Boogs, Nov. 6

P4: the Kammels, Nov. 14

Y5: the Delgados, TBD

Kindergarten: the Johnstons, Nov. 7

1st grade: the Rossis, TBD

3rd grade: the Kennedys, TBD

7th grade: the Pfennigs, Nov. 14

8th grade: the Williams, Oct. 23

Invites and more information will be coming soon from those who are hosting! **We are still looking for 2nd, 4th and 6th grade hosts.**

Please reach out to Clare

(Clare.delgado14@gmail.com) or Holly

(hollykammel@gmail.com) if you are able to host or have questions!

Mass participants for Oct. 14

- 1st reading: Bastian B
- Petitions: Benjamin P, Hailey B, Olivia S, Patrick B, Lorraine G, Marie K
- Sacristan: Eleanor V, Dylan S
- Gifts: Mae V, Dean D
- Altar servers: Olivia B, Henry B, Xavier C
- Ushers: Connor Y, Grady S

Breaking bread, building faith!

Family dinner-time discussion topics:

- How does keeping our personal spaces neat and organized help bring peace and calm to our home?
- What are some things you can do to be more orderly and organized at school?

STA GRACEAC games!

Come out and support our STA student athletes. Check out this [list of Fall 2026 GRACEAC sports games](#) for days, times and locations.



Uniform reminder!

The last day to wear shorts and skirts without leggings is Oct. 30. Beginning Nov. 2, students must wear pants or skirts with leggings. Please make sure pants are long enough and locate leggings before Nov. 2.

School lunch and program updates!

Free breakfast and lunch started Oct. 1 and will run until funds are depleted. For more information, please read this [Important Update from West Catholic](#).

Here is our [October lunch menu](#). The October breakfast menu is: cereal, goldfish grahams, apple juice and milk. Please remember, there will be NO extra entrées/doubles or alternate meal options in October.

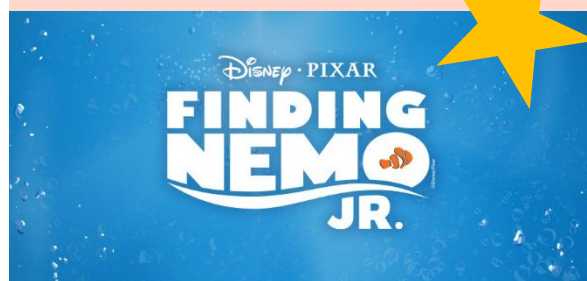
Spelling Bee!

It's T-I-M-E for our annual STA All School Spelling B-E-E! If your child is interested in participating in this year's event, please use our [STA Spelling Bee Sign Up](#) by **Monday, Oct. 26**. This is a hard deadline. No entries will be accepted after Oct. 26. Classroom spelling bees will happen before Thanksgiving and the final bee will be Jan. 14 at 1pm.

Musical auditions!

We will bring back our St. Thomas musical this Spring. All 3rd–8th grade students are invited to audition for our upcoming Finding Nemo production. Come ready to share your talent, energy, and love of the stage!

Audition practice sheets and music will be available in the school office and at the audition. Auditions will take place in the Music Room on **Wednesday, October 28** from 3:30-5pm. Rehearsals will be in the lower level on Mondays and Wednesdays, 3:30-5pm. The performances will be April 13-15.



Meeks Meal train!

Jennifer Meeks, mom of STA student Alexandra, is having surgery this week. Check out the [Meeks Family Meal Train](#) if you are able to bring them a meal while Jen recovers!

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PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR

FALL BOOK
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FRIDAY OCT 23 8AM-12PM
TUESDAY OCT 27 10:30AM-4PM
WEDNESDAY OCT 28 9:30AM-4PM
THURSDAY OCT 29 8AM-12:45PM

YOU ARE INVITED TO:

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Please join us for Mass, special
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23 October 2026
8:15-11:15 AM



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TRUNK OR TREAT



October 25, 3-4 PM

St. Thomas Church Parking Lot



Cars must be parked by 2:55 pm.
No exceptions!



Prizes for Best Costume
and Best Trunk!



All our welcome!
Bring candy for 150+