

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School



April 13, 2026

THE NOTE!

What a beautiful weekend! I hope everyone was able to enjoy it in whatever way brings you joy. We will have some nice days this week as well, so hopefully the kids can be outside and enjoy it. I remember when our parents would say go outside and we would whine, what are we supposed to do, and they would say figure something out. Let's make our kids do that again –maybe some creativity and some boredom, but still better than being inside looking at a screen.



We keep all of our farming families in our prayers as the planting season begins or continues. May they all remain safe and may they be blessed with favorable conditions!

St. Joseph, Pray for us.



I hope to get out to all of our morning recess/lunch volunteers this week. I am so thankful for all of you! Our students benefit greatly from the moms and dads they see each day. You are appreciated!



SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: Garage Sale Set-up, Track H 4:00

Tuesday: Garage Sale Set-up, Meyer Twins Art 'til 5:00

Wednesday: Garage Sale Set-up, **5-8 Class Mass** (8th in charge), 4th qt. mid-term, Staff Mtg. after school

Thursday: Garage sale begins 8:00-6:00, 4th grade on field trip, Track @ T-Town 4:30

Friday: **All-School Mass** (4th in charge), Garage Sale continues, CHWC Porkburger Sale 11-1, READ with Miss Ginger K-3

Saturday: Mass @ St. Thomas 4:30

Sunday: Masses @ St. Thomas 7:00/10:00, Mass @ St. Mary's 8:30

ATTACHED/IN PACKET: Garage Sale workers, Porkburger Sale flyer, Joe's Pizza fundraiser form, 6th-8th graders porkburger order form for Friday

***Congratulations to 6th grader, Kyle Meinhart**, for earning 1st place at district and state for his Americanism Essay. The contest was sponsored by the Effingham Elks. His essay moves on to the national level. Way to go, Kyle!

*We plan to purchase a sign, but just a reminder that when leaving the parking lot after parent pick up in the afternoons, **you MUST turn right onto Washington Street**. We have had several close calls. Please let anyone who picks your kids up know that they need to turn right for everyone's safety. Thanks!

*This Friday, as the garage sale goes on, there will be a **porkburger sale** over at the church. You can drive through. Please spread the word. The profit goes to the Catholic Heart Work Camp trip this summer.

*The next **yearbook** work day will be April 25th from 9-1.

*If you find yourself having some free time and still need fair share hours, feel free to stop by and work at the **garage sale**. Just make sure to sign in on the worker list.

*If you have **donations for the garage sale** bring them today or tomorrow! Please be respectful of not shopping until the sale opens unless you are working. Do not come in to shop before Thursday morning, please.

*We do have a high school student and St. Thomas graduate willing to **tutor** this summer. Let me know if you're interested, and I will give you his number.

*The **refrigerator** in our teacher work room area has breathed its last! We will be looking for a small refrigerator to put in there if anyone has one.

*The **air conditioning unit** on the roof of Pizza Man will be for sale. We have not had it appraised yet, but please let me know if you might be interested.

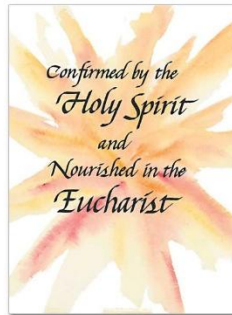
*St. Thomas is seeking **bids for the demolition of the Pizza Man** building. Bids will be accepted until May 1st.

*There are a lot of things going on during this final 5ish weeks of the school year. Please make sure to **read all correspondence from the office, the teachers**, etc. Lots of fun coming right up!

*We want to **congratulate** our students and family members who have been received into our church. It is so amazing to see those people joining us fully at mass! What a blessing.

Hank Matherly (4th grade) and his mom, Liz Houser

Chad Miller (Joey and Ben's dad)



*Don't forget about our **SCRIP** program. You can order gift cards for stores you shop at regularly, benefitting our school and earning fair share.



Definitely me!