

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School



April 20, 2026

THE NOTE!

Hopefully everyone had a great weekend! The allergies are in full swing. As I mowed this weekend I noticed our honeysuckle is blooming – that’s a good sign of allergies for sure!



We started our testing for 3rd-8th grades this morning, so please send your kids if they are well enough to make it through the day. They have to make it up, so scheduling gets tough.



I talked to the kids this morning about the gospel reading this weekend – The Road to Emmaus. We talked about how that road they were walking can be compared to any of our own burdens/rough times/struggles. What is your “Road to Emmaus”? Just remember the most important part of the story...they didn’t know it at first, but Jesus was walking with them. He’s always with us through our tough times!



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SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

(MAP testing for 3rd-8th all week in the A.M.)

Monday:

Tuesday: SB @ T-Town 4:00, Track @ T-Town 4:30

Wednesday: **3-4 Class Mass** (3rd in charge), Booster Club mtg. @ KC Hall 6:00

Thursday: SB H 4:00, Track H 4:00

Friday: **All-School Mass** (2nd grade in charge), 8th to Family Life Center for Windows to the Womb, 4th @ Safety Day

Saturday: Yearbook 9-11, Prom Mass @ St. Thomas **4:00** (notice time change)

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

ATTACHED/IN PACKET: Trashbag order forms, 4th-7th JFL registration info., 4-H Camp Cloverbud (1st and 2nd only), Health Department Immunization info. and requirements

***Congratulations** to St. Thomas graduate, Madison Keller, who has been elected Student Body President for the 2026-2027 school year. Proud of you, Madison!

*As I mentioned last week, **3rd-8th graders are testing** this week. Please help them do their best by making sure they get to sleep at night and get a good breakfast in the morning. Just like with anything else they do, this is a way to positively represent their school by doing their best!

*If you haven't picked up your **detergent**, please arrange to do so as soon as possible. You will be getting **trash bag order forms** today, so please check with family and friends to see what they might need.

*Last week we were proud to find out that Bailey Kistner won 3rd place out of 187 entries in the **Jasper County Soil and Water Conservation District Poster Contest**. This year's theme was "Soil: Where it all begins." Runners up for St. Thomas were: Luke Bower, Karlee Pitcher and Ella Probst. Way to go, 5th graders!

*Our kindergarten class has begun its **End of Year ABC Countdown** and are already on 'C' today. They are wearing Crazy Socks! Lots of fun counting down the days until school is out for summer. Thanks teachers for making it so much fun!

*Just a reminder as the weather warms up that our **dress code** is for 5th-8th grades for the most part. Shorts/Skirts must be finger-tip length. It is a check for dress code issues. All students must have socks on unless they are sandals. Crocs are not sandals. **Students must wear socks with Crocs** and have the straps down.

***Yearbook** meets this Saturday from 9-11 a.m. Bring a drink!

*Just a reminder that after pick-up, when leaving the parking lot to the south, **you must turn right onto Washington Street.** Thank you for sharing this with any and all others who pick up your kids.

*Jasper Unit #1 will be holding a **Timely and Meaningful Meeting** on May 6th in our library at 4:00. If you have any questions about the services they provide for your child, you are welcomed to attend. Let me know if you plan to come. Thanks!

*If you are looking for a **tutor** for your 4th-8th grader for this summer, I have someone available. Just let me know, so I can pass on the contact information.

*We are looking for a smaller **refrigerator** (not mini, but not huge) for our teachers. The one we had died. Let us know if you know of anything.

*The **field trips** have begun. Thank you for keeping your eyes on all communication from the teachers. This makes things go much more smoothly. When volunteers are needed, you are all great at stepping up to help. The students know that field trips are a privilege, not a right, just like **sports**, so their behavior at school will determine if they get to attend/compete.

*The **calendar for the end of the year is set**, so May 13th will be our All-School graduation mass, May 14th will be the 8th grade trip, May 15/16 is State Track meet, May 17th is graduation at 11:00 in church. May 18th will be Sports Awards night for all who have participated or are participating in athletics, Kindergarten graduation is May 20th at 2:15 as well as the last day to earn AR points for 2nd-7th. May 21 is Survivor Day (All 8th graders will return for this) and May 22 is Park Day and the last day of school.

*If you plan to help with **Survivor Day**, please let us know. Sarah Schumacher is our fearless leader and we appreciate all she does to make it such a fun day!



Dear St. Monica, you who waited patiently for years for your son to return to the faith, grant me patience in my own struggles. Help me to trust in God's timing and to remain steadfast in prayer. May your example inspire me to persevere, even when the path seems long and arduous. Amen.