

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School



April 27, 2026

THE NOTE!

What a beautiful weekend we have had. I pray that all of you were enjoying the weather, including our farmers. Prayers for continued safety! It's hard to believe that we enter May this week! Another school year has flown by! Lots going on in the coming weeks, so please keep an eye on emails and all communications from teachers and me. It's been a great school year!

The common question asked of me everywhere I go, from everyone, is, "Are you ready for the school year to be over?" The answer is always, "Yes." Not because I'm tired of the kids or fed up with anything, but because I'm tired. I'm not offended when kids say they can't wait to be done, nor do I think it's wrong for teachers to be ready. We have all worked hard and deserve a break, students and teachers alike! Most importantly, though, the teachers and I will finish this year doing our best for students and families.

Please do not give your kids the "out" when they are misbehaving, disrespecting or failing to do something, because it's the end of the year. Keep holding them to those St. Thomas standards! They will benefit in the long run!!



This week marks the last regular season Track meets for our 8th graders. We will recognize them on Thursday morning with a small gift. Thanks to all of them for representing our school well during their career. Thanks parents for driving to meets and working events.

Congratulations, 8th grade Track athletes:

Nate Beals, Blake Bierman, Levi Gier, Will Hartrich, Eli Ochs, Jerrick Pitcher, Dean Simpson and Lyndsey Spiker



SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: No track practice

Tuesday: Track @ T-Town 4:30

Wednesday: No mass for students, Scholastic Bowl Regional @ Cisne 4:00

Thursday: Recognizing 8th grade track in A.M., K – walking to fire station, police station and ambulance garage, Track H 4:00

Friday: **All-School Mass** (7th in charge), May Crowning following Mass, Adoration ‘til noon

Saturday: Mass @ St. Thomas 4:30

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

ATTACHED/IN PACKET: May menu/calendar, Subscription info for Jasper County Seeds of Success, 3 on 3 BB tourn. Info (5th-8th only), Sarah Bush physicals flyer

*I failed to mention last week that the **spring Garage Sale** was another great success raising over \$8,000! Thanks to Tracey Bower and the entire committee as well as all who donated and worked! Tracey would like to thank everyone for their hard work and help that made it a success. Thanks Nick and Shae Zumbahlen for the trailer!

*Thank you to **Paul Bierman and his boys** for getting the air conditioners in and running. It makes teaching and learning much easier!

*Don’t forget to **turn right** when leaving the parking lot after parent pick-up. Thanks!

*If you are interested in helping with **Survivor Day**, let us know!

*We do have a St. Thomas graduate interested in **tutoring this summer**. Let me know if you’d like his contact information.

*If you need to use the **parish center** for any reason, you must ask Linda at church. Even if you have the code, you should not go in if not approved. We have had the door left unlocked overnight recently, which is very dangerous. Thank you for being respectful of this space.

*The 8th graders will be writing the **morning prayers** for the rest of the school year. So far, they are doing an awesome job. If you are a Facebook person, check them out each morning.

*The 2026-2027 **Registration packets** will come home in the parent packets Monday, May 18th. They are due back Friday, July 10th. Even if you are going to wait a bit to fill it out, look over what is in it. There is an “Important Dates” page as well as a **tuition assistance application** that is also due on July 10th. You can return packets to school (there is a tub on the porch of Door #8) or to the gathering space at church where there will be a yellow box.

*Current 5th-7th graders – **there will not be Band Camp** this year due to Mrs. Boehl having her baby. Since the Fall Festival has been cancelled for this year, we have more time to prepare for the Homecoming Parade once we start school. Mrs. Boehl will be handing out the music before this year ends, so make sure to practice this summer!

*The **May calendar** should have all the upcoming events, but if you have any questions, let me know.

*I had several ask about the end of the year reward for students who have earned their **AR points every quarter**. I'm hoping Parklanes will be open for the kids to bowl as we have in the past, but if not, we are planning a pizza party for them.

*We didn't get to go to the movies this year during Catholic School's Week, so we are going to have a **movie afternoon** here at school like we do before Christmas break. This will be next week, May 5th. Students should listen to their teachers for any extra details. I plan to make popcorn and students will get to choose which movie/room they go to.

*We are still searching for a **5th-8th Math teacher**. Spread the word and let me know if you know of anyone who is qualified. I'm not afraid to beg ☺!

*We are still looking for a **head baseball coach** and anyone who would like to help out. We will also need a **cheerleading coach** for the 5th-8th grade girls! We have a lot of talented parents....

