

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School



February 17, 2026

THE NOTE!

Lots of laughs and good times at Trivia Night. I can't say thank you enough to our amazing committee of volunteers! They pull off a huge event year after year without complaint. Thanks to all who donated, played, sponsored, worked, etc. It was a great night. Total money raised for our school will be shared as soon as we have it, but preliminary results show our best one yet! **THANK YOU!**

We are thankful for Matt, who had a lot to clean up yesterday! No complaints, just diligence!



Congratulations to our 6th grade BB team as they won their first-round game in the Sigel tournament on Saturday, defeating Cowden-Herrick 32-24. They move on to play St. Anthony on Thursday. **GO SAINTS!**



We are proud of our volleyball teams, especially the leadership of our 8th graders: Olivia Bower, Jennelle Hinterscher, Bailey Meinhart and Lyndsey Spiker. We thank them for their time, dedication and energy as we honor them this Thursday evening following the 7th grade match.



SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Tuesday:

Wednesday: **All-School Mass** (8th in charge) ASH WEDNESDAY

Thursday: FCA 7:40 in cafeteria, 6th grade BB @ Sigel tourney 5:30 vs. St. Anthony, VB
H St. Joe 6:00 (note change of time) 8th grade night

Friday: Stations of the Cross 8:10, **5-8 Class Mass** (6th in charge), Possible 6th grade
BB @ Sigel Tournament

Saturday: **Mass @ St. Thomas 4:30**

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

ATTACHED/IN PACKET: Shriner's Free Orthopedic Clinic Flyer, 4-H 3rd-6th mini
Lock-In Flyers

*Your kids will attend Mass on Wednesday (don't forget polos) for **Ash Wednesday**. Please make it a priority that you attend as well. It is okay for the kids to go twice! They need to see their parents prioritizing the start of Lent, so they know that you will support them in their Lenten sacrifices. We talk about the importance of Lent and attending mass when they are at school, and many mention that their parents don't go. I think they struggle with that.

*Just a reminder that **Stations of the Cross** this Friday (led by our 7th grade class) will start at 8:10. We invite all of you to attend. There will be time for you to exit before mass begins, if you need to head to work.

*There is a **fundraiser** being held at Freedom Martial Arts (behind Subway) on **Feb. 28th from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.** This will benefit Joyce Houser who is one of our grandmas here at St. Thomas. She is fighting Leukemia. They will be selling porkburgers, having a basket auction, a self-defense class and a board break-a-thon.

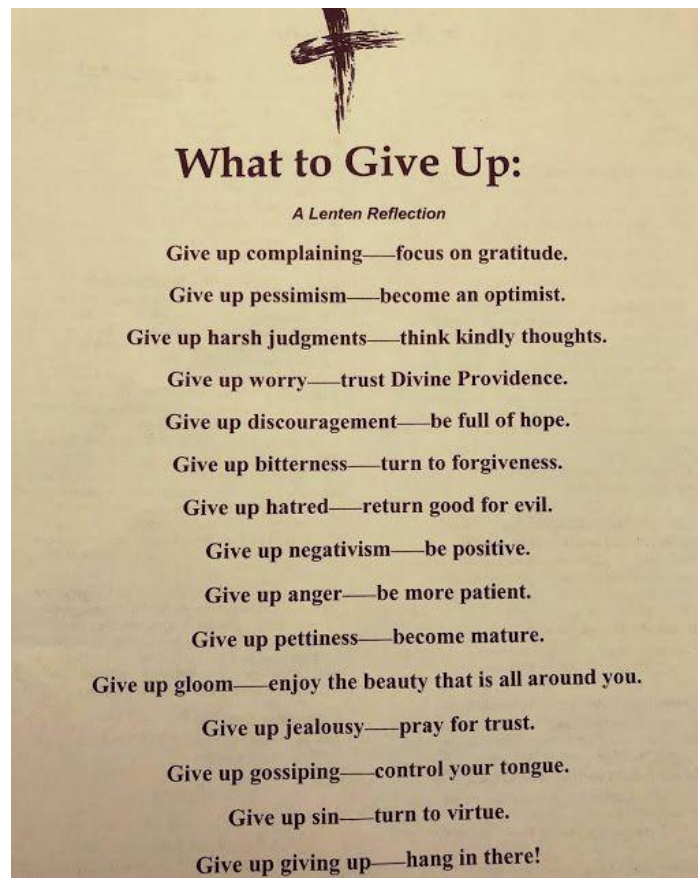
*We have **musical tickets** in the office. Just send me what you want and I'll send them home! \$10 per ticket. "Sister Act" will be performed March 26-29 at NCHS. The cast would love your support!

*We are looking for nominations for **Distinguished Graduate** (someone who graduated from St. Thomas and has continued to live the gospel values taught here) and **Exceptional Service** (someone who gives of their time or talent to help our parish and/or school). Let me know if you have some ideas!

*The **Illinois March for Life** is March 19th in Springfield. Contact Diann Ruholl if your 7th/8th grader and/or you are interested in attending. 7th/8th graders do not have to be accompanied by a parent.

*I've been asked recently about ways to donate to the school. We do have a wish list on **Amazon** that has several items that we need each year.

*Some will be receiving emails of **needed training/forms** for the Diocese. Please complete those as soon as you can. Thanks!



Lent could be a great way to show our virtue of Diligence!

