

# St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School



**February 20, 2024**

## **THE NOTE!**

**Thank you all for the many birthday wishes I received. It was a great day which ended (at 11:35 p.m.) with the birth of my first great-niece, Norah Elizabeth. My niece, Jordan and her husband, Maverick, made my birthday the best for sure! People joke about getting older. I don't care about the number, but I hate watching years go by so quickly!! One thing Ben and I agree on, our years as St. Thomas Saints parents were the best! Enjoy!!**

After a snowy and slippery end to last week, I hope you had a great long weekend. Our kids were busy and I enjoyed watching the K-3 girls play basketball Saturday and our 6<sup>th</sup> grade basketball team play last night. I'm always proud to see our kids in action! Our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders compete in the Hutsonville tournament this week, and we finish up the regular season of volleyball and begin regionals – Go Saints!!



This week begins the countdown to our biggest fundraiser of the year! Trivia Night is this weekend. It's such a fun night for everyone! We do have 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade basketball tournaments and 7<sup>th</sup> grade volleyball regionals the same day, so let me know if you still want to work. I could use some help from beginning to middle until the other parents get back from Hutsonville. Thanks to our committee! They are all working tirelessly to make this a huge success!



## SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Tuesday: VB @ Robinson 4:30 (6<sup>th</sup> grade follows)

Wednesday: **6-8 Class Mass (6)**, NCHS BB Regionals 7:30 vs. Hutsonville Co-Op @ Home

Thursday: 1<sup>st</sup> grade plays 2:20 in parish center, VB H T-Town 4:30, 6<sup>th</sup> grade BB @ Hutsonville vs. Lawrenceville 5:45, 5<sup>th</sup> BB @ Hutsonville vs. Casey 6:30

Friday: **All-School Mass (3)**, READ books from Miss Ginger 1:00, **Stations of the Cross (4) 2:30**, Fish Fry at KC Hall, Potential NCHS BB Regional Championship 7:00

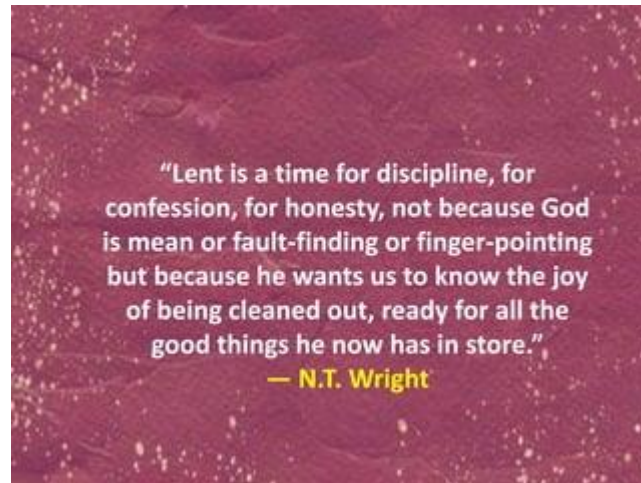
Saturday: Trivia Night set-up 8-10 a.m., 7<sup>th</sup> grade VB regionals at Martinsville vs. Stew-Stras 9:45, Hutsonville tournament for 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> continues, Trivia Night-doors open at 5:00, **Mass @ St. Thomas 4:30**

Sunday: Trivia Night clean-up 8-10 a.m., **Mass @ St. Thomas 7:00/10:00**, **Mass @ St. Mary's 8:30**

**ATTACHED/IN PACKET:** Daily Lenten prayers for Week 2

- We could still use **more wine** if you want to send it in! We will also take **homemade cookies** for Trivia Night. You can send them in Friday or bring them by Saturday morning or before mass on Saturday. Thanks!
- **NCHS Musical tickets** are on sale in the office. Just email me what you need. *Oklahoma!* will be on stage Thursday-Saturday, March 21-23 at 7:00 and Sunday, March 24 at 2:00.
- Just a reminder that **Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup>** will be a day off, so our teachers and I can attend a retreat in Springfield.
  - If you have nominations for **Distinguished Graduate or Exceptional Service Awards**, please send them in. Nominations are due April 5<sup>th</sup>.
  - Just another reminder that we really need cars to **turn right or west out of the parking lot after picking up kids** at the end of the day. Thanks!
  - The Chamber of Commerce is hosting a **Leap of Kindness day** on Thursday, Feb. 29<sup>th</sup>. We are having Cereal Box Dominoes that day, and all boxes will be donated to the Master's Hands. Send in cereal boxes for this fun event. An extra day this year means extra time to spread kindness in our community!
  - 7<sup>th</sup> grade did an amazing job presenting the **Stations of the Cross** on Friday. You are all invited each Friday to experience the stations at 2:30 p.m. It is a prayerful way to start the weekend!
  - If you are attending the **1<sup>st</sup> grade plays** on Thursday and want to take siblings home with you after they are over, please let Lori know in the office by Thursday morning.
  - I was pleasantly surprised when I was called into the 5<sup>th</sup> grade classroom. They presented me with a **Declaration of their rights to take afternoon naps**. It was well researched and written with all but one signature included. We've got

some future lawyers in there for sure! I ruled against it, but totally understand where they are coming from! I'll share it with you all some time!



*From "Do Something Beautiful for God – The Essential Teachings of Mother Teresa"*

*"Let me tell you something: If you feel the weight of your sins, do not be afraid! He is a loving Father; God's mercy is greater than we can imagine."*

We are still working on the virtue of Encouragement. This is something that comes easier for the youngest and the old, but not always for the middles. They may not think it's "cool" to encourage their friends/classmates. It is always good to be good. Let's all work on encouraging the kids to encourage each other!

