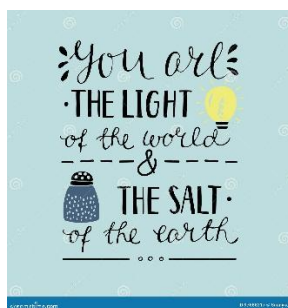


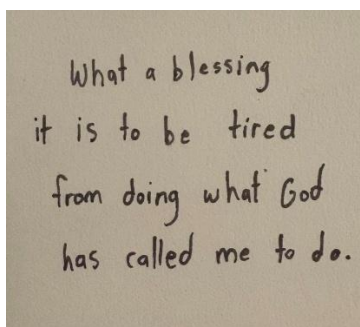
St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School



February 9, 2026

THE NOTE!

Sunshine is such a welcome blessing on this chilly Monday morning. I pray you all had a wonderful weekend and made it to mass. I talked to the kids this morning about how cool it is that Catholics all over the world heard the same readings and gospel that we did! We talked about how we are the light of the world and salt of the Earth. Father reminded us that it says “We are”. We don’t have to earn it or work for it, God says, “We are”. That’s a big responsibility and something we should all strive to be – showing light to those in a dark place and being salt for others through generosity and care.



SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: VB H Sigel 6:00 (C game 5:15)

Tuesday: Meyer Twins Art 'til 5:00, VB H Mattoon St. John's 4:30 (C game follows 8th grade match)

Wednesday: **3-4 Class Mass** (3rd in charge), Mid-terms will go home, Staff mtg. after school, 5/6 BB H St. Joe 6:00

Thursday: VB H Effingham 4:30 (C game follows 8th grade)

Friday: **All-School Mass** (4th in charge), Burning of Palms following mass

Saturday: 6th BB @ Sigel tournament, Yearbook 9-11 a.m., **Mass @ St. Thomas 4:30**, Trivia Night (see worker list attached/in packet)

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

Monday: NO SCHOOL, President's Day, VB @ Hutsonville 4:30

ATTACHED/IN PACKET: Distinguished Graduate/Exceptional Service Awards, Pre-Registration Paper, Trivia Night Workers List

*We had another young lady who has recently become a published poet. 5th grader, Kinsey Barber will also have a poem included in the book. **Congrats, Kinsey!**

*The NCHS Chorus is presenting, **"Sister Act" March 26th-29th**. If you would like tickets, just send in money (\$10 per ticket), and let me know which night/day Thursday-Sunday you'd like to attend. I can send them home.

*If you and/or your junior high aged student are interested in attending the **March for Life** in Springfield on March 19th, there is a bus going.

Springfield March for Life

Thursday, March 19.

Leave Effingham Event Center 7:30am on charter bus, \$20 each.

Mass with Bishop Paprocki 10am at Sangamon Auditorium

Eat your sack lunch

12noon Rally, Speakers, March at the Capitol

3 pm depart for Effingham

5pm arrive at Effingham Event Center

For info and registration papers, call bus captain Diann Ruholl 217-663-2056

or email at dcruholl@hotmail.com

*We have set the date for our **kindergarten/new student registration night**. On March 4th, anyone interested or curious about St. Thomas for kindergarten or any grade, should meet in our cafeteria at 5:30. If you have a kindergartener, they are welcomed and encouraged to attend, so they can meet the teachers and see the classroom. There is a form to fill out in the parent packet for any new students including kindergarteners. This form is also on our website. Let me know if you have any questions, and feel free to share with anyone you think might be interested in our amazing school.

*Our **yearbook** group will have their first meeting this Saturday from 9-11 a.m. in the library. If your 5th-8th grader is interested in helping with the yearbook, please send them. Thanks to Jennifer Hinterscher and Kaila Kistner for helping with this!

*Trivia Night is this weekend! The **worker list** is attached to this email. If you're working, please be here at 4:30. If you have any concerns about where you are working, or you don't see your name, or you'd like me to add you in another spot, please let me know! Just a reminder, whether you are working or playing (**you can only do one or the other**) **no outside alcoholic drinks** are allowed. Thanks for helping make this a huge success!

*We have had a great response to our **wine** request. If you have wine for our Trivia Night wine pull, feel free to put it in the parish center kitchen or bring it to the school office. Thanks!

*Our **Trivia Night committee** puts in a ton of time and energy getting ready for this fun and lucrative fundraiser. They are missing their own kids' events to lead the way this weekend. The money raised is crucial and helps pay our teachers' aides! A huge thanks to: Allison Weber, Kendra Weber, Sara Mette, Amy Hartrich, Kelcey Semple, Marissa Bower, Karli Burley, Nikki Earnest, Sara Bergbower, Jason Pitcher and Leah Finley. Great group of people!

*We are focusing this month and next on the virtue of **Diligence**. Working hard to complete a task to the best of your ability without complaining is diligence. It's also a way to glorify God!

*We are proud of our Saints. Our school raised **\$1,313.29 for the Family Life Center** last week. The 2nd grade class brought in the most per student and have earned a Pizza Party from the Family Life Center. Thanks to all who contributed!

*The girls who participated in the **Cheer clinic** and performed last week at the basketball game did a great job. Lots of smiles from our future cheerleaders! Thanks to the NCHS cheerleaders for all their hard work and patience.

