

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School



March 16, 2026

THE NOTE!

I am officially a Grandma and I couldn't be prouder or happier! Eliza and Blake blessed us with Benjamin Andrew on Saturday morning. He weighed 5 lbs 2 ozs and was 18" long. Little Ben and Mom and Dad are doing great! They saved his name as a surprise and what an emotional one! I told my staff, probably one of the best days of my life! Thank you all for the prayers and well wishes I received. Continued prayers as their new journey begins!



We have two short weeks in a row. This Friday is a Teacher's Institute, so all of Jasper County will be out. Next Friday, only St. Thomas is off as the staff heads to Springfield for a retreat. Thank you for your patience with this extra day – I tried to get our retreat this Friday, but it didn't work out.

I spoke to the kids about the readings from mass this weekend. Both had great examples for all of us. Make sure your kids are getting to church on the weekends. The best thing you can give your kids is a relationship with Jesus Christ! Have a great week!

Jill

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: Track practice begins – if you aren't on the BAND app yet, let us know,
Detergent orders go home, Pi Day fun 2:00, 3rd Qt. AR party 2:30

Tuesday: St. Patrick's Day – WEAR GREEN!! SB @ Mattoon 4:00

Wednesday: No Mass, Spring Picture Day

Thursday: Illinois March for Life

Friday: No School-Teacher's Institute

Saturday: Mass @ St. Thomas 4:30, Daddy/Daughter Dance 6:00-8:00 p.m. (note different time than March calendar due to meal being added)

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

ATTACHED/IN PACKET: Dance flyer from Sigel (7th/8th only), Detergent order forms

- *Please help spread the word about our middle school Math position for next year.
- *Detergent orders are coming home in the packets today. Please reach out to friends and family as this will be it until the fall. Stock up for summer!
- *Nominations for the Exceptional Service and Distinguished Graduate Awards are still be accepted. A simple email with a name and why you think they are deserving is all I need.
- *The NCHS Chorus' production of "Sister Act" is coming right up. If you'd like tickets, let me know. Our 7th/8th graders have been invited to watch it Monday, March 23rd. Thanks to Mr. Finley for inviting us!
- *I have a St. Thomas graduate who is willing to tutor 5th-8th graders in Math, Science or Language Arts during the summer. If you are interested, I can give you his number.
- *Please continue prayers for Dylan Lewis, our cook Lisa's son. He is recovering from a side-by-side accident in St. Louis.
- *The Daddy/Daughter Dance is this weekend! Enjoy the special time and know that a Dad is SOOOO important to a young girl's development. Show them how a man is supposed to treat a woman through your relationship with their mom AND with them. Thanks, Dads!

