

## St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School



**May 18, 2026**

### **THE NOTE!**

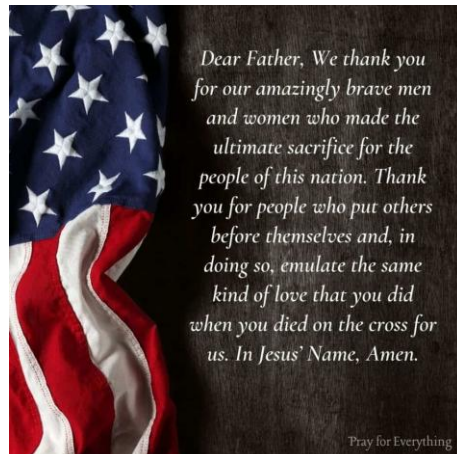
(Last one for this school year)

Here we are – last Monday/last week of the 2025-2026 School Year. It's been a great one and we'll all benefit from a little time off! Summer always flies by, so enjoy every minute. Don't get too busy running that you forget to just relax and enjoy your families.

Most importantly, please make church attendance a priority, even when you're travelling. The Catholic Church is not different in different places, it's universal! "When church becomes optional to you, it will become unnecessary to your children." I don't know about you, but I want to see my family in heaven for eternity!

It was a very busy weekend. Friday night, my 2<sup>nd</sup> daughter, Lily, got engaged to Nick Zwilling. He's a fine young man and we can't wait for them to receive the sacrament of holy matrimony. Saturday, I was honored to sit with coaches and parents and watch our St. Thomas Saints compete at the State track meet. Check out our school Facebook page for those results! Saturday night, my youngest, Lucy, graduated from NCHS and is more than ready to move on to Indiana State in the Fall. Sunday was a beautiful day for our 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation! The class of 2026 becomes the NCHS class of 2030! We pray that they make great memories at NCHS. Finished up the weekend mowing the yard and spending time with my family. I hope you felt as blessed as I did during your weekend.

### **Happy Memorial Day!**



## **SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:**

Monday: Sports/Extra-Curricular Awards for 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> 6:00 in Parish Center

Tuesday: Flagging cemetery (7<sup>th</sup> grade)

Wednesday: **All-School Mass** (5<sup>th</sup> in charge), Last Day for AR, AR All-Year Pizza Party at lunch, 4<sup>th</sup> quarter AR treats, Kindergarten graduation 2:15 in Parish Center

Thursday: Survivor Day (Welcome Back, 8<sup>th</sup> graders) (BRING LUNCHES), **Joe's Pizza fundraiser pick up** from 3:00-5:30 at Joe's – pull in the alley going west to east and we will have your orders in the back of the restaurant. IF you cannot pick up, please let us know. We'd like to have everything finished on Thursday, though.

Friday: K-2 fun day at school, 3-7 to the park (BRING LUNCHES)

Saturday: Mass @ St. Thomas 4:30

Sunday: Masses @ St. Thomas 7:00/**10:30**, Mass @ St. Mary's **8:45**

**This will be Father Tomy's last weekend with us. Make sure to be at mass to wish him well!**

**ATTACHED/IN PACKET: Registration Packet (Due back July 10<sup>th</sup>), Bill reminders**

\*You do not need to return the white packets after today. You will get a fresh one next year ☺!

\*Tonight is our **Sports/Extra-Curricular Awards night** at 6:00 in the Parish Center. All 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders will be recognized with a certificate. There are awards given out by coaches as well.

\*Don't forget that we have one more **All-School Mass on Wednesday!**

\*Wednesday will be the last day that lunch is provided. Kids need to **bring their lunch (including a drink) Thursday and Friday.**

\*We are honored to have the privilege of **flagging our veterans' graves** in the Mt. Calvary cemetery. Some of the 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys and I will be doing that tomorrow, weather permitting.

\***Kindergarten graduation** will begin at 2:15 on Wednesday in the Parish Center. Families who plan to take their graduates home with them should let Lori know as soon as possible. Also, if you want to grab siblings, let Lori know that as well, so we don't have to scramble at the end of the program. Thanks!

\*If your 2<sup>nd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grader got all of their **AR points all 4 quarters**, they will be treated to Casey's Pizza for lunch on Wednesday. They will have all of the sides on the menu as well. Those who did not will have what is listed on the menu.

\*This week we will recognize the 4 **bus drivers** who start at St. Thomas each afternoon. Thanks to Jody Dhom, Ryan Cochran, Erin Harris and Eric Schmidt! We recognize all bus drivers at the beginning of the school year as well for the tough job they do for our families!

\*If you sold **Joe's pizza/sauce** for our Booster Club fundraiser, please make plans to pick up your orders on Thursday from 3:00-5:30 in the alley beside Joe's. You'll pull in headed East and stop by their back gate. Thanks!

\*If you have a positive balance in any **accounts**, Lori plans to carry it over to next year. If you still owe, there is a reminder in the packet today, and Lori will email reminders after this week. Thanks!

\*Just a reminder that **tuition** is paid to the church and those balances are at church. Please feel free to call Linda at 783-8741 or email her at [parishoffice@stthomasnewton.net](mailto:parishoffice@stthomasnewton.net) with questions about your tuition balance. Lori does not have that information. Thanks!

\*The Finance Council has decided on a 5% **tuition increase** for the 2026-2027 school year. In your registration packets you will see that information. It is not as much of an increase as one might think. Our tuition remains much lower than many other schools in our diocese, as we continue to keep this awesome Catholic education affordable for our families. Of course if tuition is a burden for your family, you are invited to fill out the tuition assistance application also found in the registration packet.

\*We **welcome** new School Board member, Michael Finley. Thanks for your willingness to serve!

\*I'm **excited to start watching** some softball/baseball. I have had several give me schedules. If you haven't please do! The showing schedule for the fair is also something I'll need! Good luck to everyone as the kids start doing their summer things!

\*We are still searching for a **junior high Math teacher**. If you know of a retired teacher or someone looking for a change, please send them my way. I keep praying and know that God will provide a way!

\***7<sup>th</sup> grade parents** – be watching for an email explaining the service hour requirements for 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation. I have a huge opportunity to earn hours this summer. I will be going over it with the kids this week as well. They're moving up!!

\*I will be working most of the summer, but please **let me know if you're coming in** – sometimes I come early and leave early! I will be gone on **Mission Trip July 5<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>**. Keep our group in your prayers as we travel to Kansas City, KS for Catholic Heart Work Camp! We have the biggest group yet!

\*St. Thomas will be in charge of the kids' games at the **250<sup>th</sup> Celebration** in Ste. Marie on July 3<sup>rd</sup>! If you'd be interested in helping out for fair share hours, let me know. They

have need for lots of help, as it will be a big day full of food, fun and music. Our 8<sup>th</sup> graders (currently 7<sup>th</sup> graders) will be helping as well.

\*Still looking for help with **Fall baseball**. It's a quick season. We usually practice right after school and have someone who can keep an eye on boys until others can get there from work. Let me know!! We have a good looking team for next season!

\*Matt and I have a **few projects** that we could use help with over the summer. It's a great way to get started on your fair share hours. Let me know if you're interested in helping:

Cleaning the trophy case

Scrubbing bleachers (June 10<sup>th</sup> from 8-10 a.m.)

Shampoo rugs/carpets

Power Wash awnings

Cleaning outside windows in front and east side of building

Re-doing basement window screens

\*Our **Buddy Night for new kindergarteners/8<sup>th</sup> graders as well as parent meeting night** will be Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup>. I'll send that schedule out later in the summer. I also plan to have a meeting for all playground volunteers that evening. **ONLY** kindergarteners and 8<sup>th</sup> graders come that night. Please keep an eye on your emails over the summer – I seem to always have information to share.

\*\*Again, **we wish Mrs. Schreifels the best of luck at St. Anthony High School next year.** We will miss her greatly, but know she will do great things for the students there. We've been lucky to have her!

