

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School



May 4, 2026

THE NOTE!

It's hard to believe we only have 15 days left! The kids and teachers are excited for all the fun and learning we still get to have! Well, mostly the fun for the kids, but who can blame them. I encouraged them to be extra good this week to show appreciation for their amazing teachers. My own kids look back and appreciate so much all the teachers and staff of St. Thomas and know now that all the work and high expectations were worth it! Thanks for all you do to appreciate our teachers and staff this week and every week! I will attach what the school is doing for all of them this week if you want to participate at all as well.

I shared **Father Tomy's 3 suggestions** with the kids this morning. Many remembered one or more of them, which warmed my heart! 1. Name it and Place it (at the end of the day choose one thing that hurt your heart and place it in God's hands) 2. 10-Second Reset (when you are feeling overwhelmed, nervous, worried, etc. take 10 quiet seconds to breathe and invite Jesus into it with you, "Jesus, You are here.") 3. Be Peace for someone else – (call, visit, etc. someone you know who might need a little peace this week—providing it for others provides healing for our own hearts as well).

I'm sure many of you have heard that long-time principal at Sigel St. Michael, Nick Niemerg, was let go last week. This has been weighing heavily on my heart as Nick and I have worked closely together to run our schools and sports programs. I respect him as a principal, but also call him a good friend. I've always considered Sigel our "sister school". I continue to do what I can to express my concerns and disappointment with this decision, while trying to support Mr. Niemerg. Please keep him, his family, Sigel St. Michael School and Parish and their community as a whole in your prayers. He has made an impact in so many ways.

Prayer to St. Michael

Saint Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle, be our
protection against the wickedness
and snares of the devil; may God
rebuke him, we humbly pray; and
do thou, O Prince of the heavenly
host, by the power of God, cast
into hell Satan and all the evil
spirits who prowl through the
world seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen.

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: No track practice, Trashbag orders due

Tuesday: Movie afternoon, Finance Council 6:00

Wednesday: **K-2 Class Mass** (K-1 in charge), Jasper Unit #1 Special Education mtg. 4:00 in library, School Board 6:00,

Thursday: FCA, District Safety Mtg. 1:30 (Mrs. Bierman)

Friday: **All-School Mass** (3rd in charge), 5th grade @ Health Rocks

Saturday: St. Thomas hosts Sectional Track meet, Mass @ St. Thomas 4:30

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

ATTACHED/IN PACKET: Booster Club minutes, School Board agenda, Safe Sitters Class (5th-7th only), Lunch Statements, Meyer Twins Art registration, Yearbook order information (Due in August – all online)

Happy Mother's Day this weekend to all of our St. Thomas moms and grandmas. I am honored to know you all and respect the work you do in your homes. Thank you for sending your most precious gifts to us each day!



*Please **encourage and expect your students' best** as we finish this quarter. We want the kids to be proud of what they accomplish and sometimes that takes some gentle reminders this time of year!

*The **last parent packet** will come home on Monday, May 18th. It will include the registration packet that is due back July 10th. Please look through it when you get it and let me know if you have any questions.

*We will have some **projects this summer**, one involving a little construction in the 7th grade classroom with Luke Zuber. Please let me know if you'd be willing to help out with that.

*We wish all of our track athletes good luck as they compete at **Sectionals** this Saturday. St. Thomas is hosting this large meet. Thanks to our coaches and families who are undertaking this task! Go, Saints!

*We are proud of our **Scholastic Bowl team** who finished up their season last week at regionals. If you've never attended a match, it takes a lot of knowledge and guts to compete. Way to go, Saints!

*Our **5th grade track athletes** finished up their season last week as well. They have made great improvements and will do great things in the future. St. Thomas is blessed to have the opportunity to include our younger athletes!

I saw this quote in something Chris Stefanick put out and struggled with it at first, knowing just how deep my love is for my kids and grandson, but then I felt overwhelming relief and peace. Our faith is more important to share with our kids than anything else! Take your kids to church, so they can know this Father!

"No matter how much we love our kids, they have a Father in heaven who loves them infinitely more than we do. He is persistent—always pursuing, always pressing in."



There is no perfect life, no perfect job, no perfect childhood, no perfect marriage and no perfect set of people who will always do what we expect them to do.

What we have is a perfect God who is able to lead us through this imperfect life with unfailing strength. Incomparable wisdom and infinite love.

- Elizabeth Elliot