

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School



November 6, 2023

THE NOTE!

It's been a beautiful weekend and the mild weather continues. It's hard to believe it's November. I'm excited to see Thanksgiving approaching. I know your families will enjoy that full week off.

Because Veteran's Day doesn't fall during the week, I feel like it isn't getting the full attention it deserves. Thank you to all of you who are veterans. Prayers for all of you and much respect for your service and sacrifice! I would encourage all families to attend the Veteran's Day program Saturday on the north side of the Courthouse beginning at 10:20 a.m.

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

("Change for Christ" Class Change Competition)

Monday: GBB H Casey 6:00 (8th grade night), BB H Stew-Stras 6:00

Tuesday:

Wednesday: **3-5 Class Mass (4)**, Meyer Twins Art 'til 5:15, School Board 6:00, Trivia Night committee 7:00

Thursday: GBB @ Altamont 6:00, BB @ St. Anthony 6:00

Friday: **All-School Mass (7)**, NCHS Meet the Eagles Basketball teams

Saturday: Veteran's Day Program on the courthouse lawn 10:20 a.m., GBB Regionals @ Marshall vs. Lawrenceville 12:30, Mass @ St. Thomas 4:30

Sunday: Masses at St. Thomas 7:00/10:00 and Mass at St. Mary's 8:30, Soup Supper meeting in Parish Center 11:00

ATTACHED/IN PACKET: Lunch statements, Activity fee balances, Wreath order forms

PLEASE READ: If you pick-up your child(ren) in the parent pick-up line, you must turn right/west out of the parking lot onto Washington Street. This was advised by the city and helps prevent almost hitting each other. It only takes a block to get turned back the other way.

- ❖ Please look at your **November menu**. We will need to switch Nov. 15th and 29th's entrée only. So, on Nov. 15th we will have Ham & Cheese on bun and Nov. 19th we will have Hamburger on bun. The side items will be the same.
- ❖ I still have **Frozen, Jr. tickets for sale** for Dec. 14th-16th. Thursday and Friday evenings begin at 7:00, Saturday is a noon show. Let me know if you'd like tickets. \$10 each.
 - ❖ This week we are raising funds for the Newton Ministerial Association's Christmas Food Box project. I explained to the kids Friday morning that there are families right here in our town that don't have enough food for Christmas. It's hard for them to understand – thankfully. Hopefully this **“Change for Christ”** will be a great way to give back.
- ❖ Our **School Board and Trivia Night meetings** are this week. I want to thank all who are giving of their time. It's not too late to help with the Trivia Night if you are interested.
- ❖ Please try to attend the **Soup Supper meeting** on Sunday, Nov. 12th at 11:00 in the parish center. I'd like as much input as possible while deciding how to proceed with this tradition.
- ❖ Our **5th graders** have been trained to serve. Please call the church office to let Linda know that your 5th grader is ready to serve! She likes to know which mass your family prefers. If your son/daughter is saying they don't want to serve, it would be good to have them try it at least once.
 - ❖ The CYO (Catholic Youth Organization) is **raffling off one of the Ag. Mechanics class's Nativity Scenes** to raise money for the mission trip and the group activities. You can purchase a \$5 ticket from any CYO member or at the church or school. These metal nativities, once light is applied, make a beautiful shadow presentation. The drawing will take place at our St. Thomas Christmas Program on Dec. 13th.
- ❖ We are excited to share that our **8th grade class** is being honored with the **“Hometown Hero Award”** from the Jasper County Chamber of Commerce. On Fridays, the class is split into groups and have been helping the city with landscaping, working at the Silk Purse, and doing various jobs around the school and church. So proud of this class and thankful for Mr. Stork's guidance!
- ❖ As we all know, the **weather** can change quickly. Just a reminder that we do whatever Jasper County Schools do. If school is cancelled for them, it is for us as well. You should receive a call from Mr. Sornberger in the event that school is closed.
- ❖ The **K-2 Thanksgiving program** will be Friday, Nov. 17th at 1:15 in the parish center. School dismisses at 2:00 that day. The **Pre-K Christmas programs** will be at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 15th.

- ❖ The **Booster Club Wreath orders** will be due back next Friday, Nov. 17th, before we head out on our Thanksgiving break. Delivery will be some time the week of Nov. 27th.
- ❖ The first Friday of each month until noon, St. Thomas is having **Adoration**. Please feel free to take advantage of this time with our Lord. Our classes are finding time to spend at church on those days, but parents/grandparents/all parishioners are welcomed to join them.
- ❖ This kind of weather is best dealt with **using layers**. If it warms up, we don't make them wear everything, but in the morning, if it's cold, send warm clothes. Thanks!

