

## St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church



**November 13, 2023**

### **THE NOTE!**

I hope everyone enjoyed their weekend. We enjoyed the alumni and Meet the Eagles night at the high school Friday night. Saturday, as always, the Veteran's Day program and display was beautiful. I was so proud to hear of the help our students gave in taking down the flags that evening. The Legion was very thankful. We celebrated my husband's and oldest daughter's birthdays last night. Ben and I determined that if we have a 22 year-old, no wonder we are feeling older!

Good luck to everyone this weekend if you are a hunter or maybe a shopper ;) Enjoy time with family and friends – life is too short for sure.

Please offer extra prayers today for Todd Short, a huge supporter for MANY years of St. Thomas School and a huge influence on many of our kids, especially once they get to NCHS. He had 2 open heart surgeries this weekend and is recovering at Carle in Champaign. We also pray for Jeff Kirts as he recovers from a brain bleed, and for Leonard Kessler, Helen Weber's dad, who is in the hospital in Olney. All of our prayers will definitely make a difference.



Don't forget to order new Saints apparel! The store link is below. Lots of really cute things that would make great gifts. We've added an alumni shirt, so please share with family and friends who might be interested! Due date is the 26<sup>th</sup>! Thanks, Tiffany for your work in picking out such a variety!

<https://stthomasboosterclubchristmasfundraiser2023.itemorder.com/shop/home/>

## SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: National Day of Kindness (our virtue for this month) –Students were given a kindness bookmark to use as a reminder to be kind always!



Tuesday: Picture Re-takes, 7th grade BB @ Dieterich tourn. 5:00/6:15

Wednesday: **6-8 Class Mass (6)**, Vision Re-Checks, Staff Mtg. 'til 4:15

Thursday:

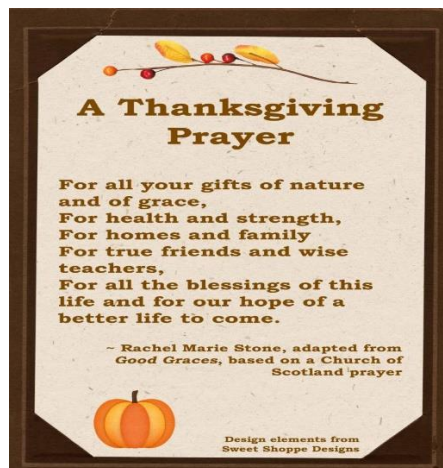
Friday: **All-School Mass (3)**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Qt. Mid-term, K-2 Thanksgiving Program 1:15 in Parish Center, Early Dismissal 2:00

Saturday: Folding of Flags at the Legion 8:30 a.m., NCHS Band Marches in Chicago's Magnificent Mile Christmas Parade, **Mass @ St. Thomas 4:30**

Sunday: NCHS Band heads to Disney, **Masses @ St. Thomas 7:00/10:00, Mass @ St. Mary's 8:30**

NO SCHOOL Nov. 20-26! Happy Thanksgiving!

Monday, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>: BB H Martinsville 6:00



**ATTACHED/IN PACKET:** School Board minutes, SCRIP letter/order

- This Friday is **Mid-term** of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter already. Those reports will come home with the kids.

- Our **7<sup>th</sup> grade girls** finished up their basketball season on Friday. Way to go girls! Best of luck to our 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls who begin regional play on Saturday.
- This Friday is the **first day of shotgun deer season**. WOOHOO! I hope you get rid of the ones that tend to run into the path of my vehicle. If your son or daughter will be missing school to hunt, please call by the end of the day Wednesday. This will allow the teachers to get assignments ready to take home Thursday. I shared with the kids that it is not a normal absence. They must have all homework complete and be ready to take any tests, if there are any, on Monday. They don't get extra days to make up work like when they are sick. I wish all of you the best of luck – Enjoy the family time!



- Congratulations to our **Elks Hoop Shoot winners** who will represent our school on Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> in Effingham. 8-9 year olds Kinsey Barber and Kyle Meinhart, 10-11 year olds Jase Cochran and Alex Keller, and 12-13 year olds Beau Bennett and Dylan Earnest. Good luck at the next level! Thanks to all who shot!
- Thanks to our 8<sup>th</sup> grade class and all of our families for making the **Mission Party** a success. We were able to donate over \$800 for the mission trip this summer to Milwaukee with Catholic Heart Work Camp.
- We are doing a fundraiser for **Juvenile Diabetes Awareness** on November 30<sup>th</sup>. I'm looking for a couple of moms and/or dads to put together a 2 lane obstacle course that would work (and be suitable) for K-Staff. It would be in the gym. Let me know if you're interested and I can share my thoughts. Thanks!
- If you would be interested in **stuffing and stamping envelopes** for the Trivia Night letters that go out for some fair share hours, please let me know.
- The 8<sup>th</sup> grade class given the **Hometown Hero Award** from the Jasper County Chamber of Commerce. Former Chief of Police, Mike Swick nominated them and was there to thank them and encourage them to continue serving their community along with Sarah Kinkade, the director of the Chamber.

We are proud of you, 8<sup>th</sup> grade!



- I want to thank all who came to the **Soup Supper** meeting yesterday. We had good discussions and great ideas were shared. It was awesome having one of our parishioners present who helped start the Soup Supper as well. This year, the Soup Supper will be on Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> without the big raffle. Next year we will reevaluate and possibly look into other options. We are looking for **one more couple** to be a part of the kitchen committee for Soup Supper this year. Let me know if you would be interested. It earns both parents 1/2 of their fair share hours.
- Congratulations to all for being generous and sharing your extra change last week. Our school will help feed Jasper County families in need at Christmas time. Feel good about that. Our school raised \$2,223.81 – that is definitely a **Change for Christ!** Proud of all of our kids and families!  
 3<sup>rd</sup> place with \$12.86/per person – total \$244.28 was 6<sup>th</sup> grade  
 2<sup>nd</sup> place with \$12.97/per person – total \$327.20 was 2<sup>nd</sup> grade  
 1<sup>st</sup> place and winner of the party of their choice with \$17.84 per person – total \$196.22 was 4<sup>th</sup> grade – they presented our donation to Mike Knepper this morning!
- There is one more opportunity for service this week as the Legion is folding all of the flags from this weekend. If any are willing to help, meet at the Legion at 8:30.

