

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School



November 3, 2025

THE NOTE!

What a beautiful fall morning! It was a little chilly, but the sunshine is welcomed! I pray that everyone had a great weekend! I was able to thank some of your kids for some very well done Halloween decorating on Friday evening. It's not fun to clean up, but it was done right – mostly in the trees and wrapped around things – no shredding (which I told the kids was only for those who don't know what they're doing). It really was pretty Saturday morning – not that I can't live without it ☺!



Jr. High Boys' basketball begins today at Dieterich with the 8<sup>th</sup> grade tournament. Thanks to Jess Swick and Dalton Baltzell for coaching our boys. Our girls are playing at Dieterich too, so head that way if you want to see some basketball!

Last week was full of many celebrations and lots of fun. Our 1<sup>st</sup> graders did an amazing job helping us celebrate All-Saints'. They did such a great job.

The Halloween costumes were outstanding, and although not everyone can get the prize, they were all winners for sure! Thank you to our 8<sup>th</sup> grade class for all of the work put in to the mission party. Everyone had a great time! Thank you parents for your donation to the mission trip fund.



We **welcome Father Sergio** to St. Thomas until Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> when Father Tomy returns. We appreciate his willingness to celebrate mass with us.

## **SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:**

Monday: GB @ Dieterich 6:00, 8<sup>th</sup> BB @ Dieterich tourney 5:00/6:15

Tuesday: GB @ Lawrenceville 6:00

Wednesday: **K-2 Class Mass (2<sup>nd</sup> in charge)**, RtI mtg. after school, School Board 6:00, Trivia Night mtg. 7:00

Thursday: READ book distribution, Pep Rally 2:25, GB H Oblong 6:00, BB H Altamont 6:00

Friday: **All-School Mass (4<sup>th</sup> in charge)**, Adoration 'til noon,

Saturday: GB @ Marshall 9:00, **Mass @ St. Thomas 4:30**

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

**ATTACHED/IN PACKET:** Flyer for Apparel Order, School Board agenda, Aspire flyer, Meyer Twins Art registration, Lunch statements, 4-H Sewing Class (3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> only)

\*If you're looking for some more **St. Thomas apparel**, the link is below and there is a flyer in the packets of those who don't receive the email. Order now to have them for Christmas gifts. Thanks, Tiffany Keller, for getting this together for us!

<https://stthomasboosterclubchristmas2025.itemorder.com/shop/home/>

\*We are looking for a parent to fill the **vacancy on the School Board**. We meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month from 6-7 p.m. in the library. Let me know if you are interested.

\*Thanks in advance to **Ginger Robins and the READ team** who will be here Thursday to present each Kindergarten-3<sup>rd</sup> grade student with a new book.

\*We are officially advertising for a **Kindergarten teacher** who will start the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter in January. I have sent it to the Jasper County Daily News and area church bulletins. Pray that God sends us an amazing teacher for our kiddos! Thanks again to Mrs. Pitcher, Mrs. Stone, Mrs. Geier and Mrs. Beals for an amazing job!

\*We are planning our Trivia Night which will be Valentine's Day, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>! What a great date night! If you have anything you'd like to contribute to the auction or if the business you work for would like to, please let us know.

\*Matt is testing the boilers today, trying to **warm everyone up a bit**. By the sounds of the banging, things are working just fine!

\*Just a friendly reminder that if you exit to the south on Washington St. after picking up your kiddos, **you MUST turn right**. It saves potential accidents. Please pass this along to anyone who is picking up your kids.

**\*Congratulations to our Elks Hoop Shooters:** Megan Farley, Jace Frichtl and and Wilson Beverlin. Good luck this Saturday!

\*Our Marching Saints will be performing at the **Veteran's Day program** on the square at 10:20 a.m. Mrs. Boehl will also be singing the National Anthem and America the Beautiful with Lucy Bierman and Isaac Street. Hope to see you there. Band students should be in our gym at 9:15 Tuesday morning.

**\*Upcoming:** 3<sup>rd</sup> grade First Communion/Confirmation Retreat 11/15 w/mass at 8:30 – pick up at 1:00, K-2 Thanksgiving program 11/25 @ 1:00 (early dismissal that day), Advent begins Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>!

\*We will be having a **Scholastic Bowl team** for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders. The season begins in January. Thanks to Karen Bierman who has agreed to coach. If your son or daughter is interested, but they have not let me know, do so soon!

\*We **keep all of our coaches in our prayers** as they teach and guide our young athletes: Jennifer Hinterscher (Cheer), Jess Swick and Dalton Baltzell (7/8 Basketball), Pat and Libby Meinhart (6<sup>th</sup> Basketball), Mike Gier (5<sup>th</sup> Basketball), Karen Bierman (Scholastic Bowl), Darletta Wagner and Allison Harris (7/8 Girls' Basketball)

Some advice from a great book (I'm still trying to take this advice myself)

"These 6 words should give us pause: Jesus was never in a hurry. Maybe we shouldn't be either. The world may be moving at a ridiculous speed, but that doesn't mean we have to." From Slowing Down to the Speed of Joy by Matthew Kelly

