**St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School**

**October 19, 2026**

**THE NOTE!**

"It's freezing!" "Why is it so cold?" We heard it all this morning. I just kept thinking how much I love this Fall weather! I reminded the kids to layer up on these chilly mornings! We will be outside until the temperature is at freezing most days. Keeps the germs away ☺!

What a beautiful weekend it was. I pray you all got to enjoy it with your kids. Congratulations to Miss Eliza Millsap who received the sacraments of 1st Communion and Confirmation this past Saturday at the Cathedral in Springfield. Unfortunately she was sick when the rest of us went, so she went solo! So proud of her!

I told the kids about the **gospel for today** from Luke 12 and the parable shared. It warned us about storing up our physical riches instead of building up our spiritual ones. A good reminder for us all to give when we can and not focus on getting/having more "stuff". When Jesus comes, he won't care about the "stuff" and we can't take it with us.

We also talked about **Saint John de Brebeuf and his companions**, whose feast day is today. Chris Stefanick called him one of the greatest missionaries of all time. He and others (including priests) came to the new world from Canada to turn the American Indians to Jesus. They were not well received and died horrible deaths. I told the story of St. John de Brebeuf being held captive as the Iroquois were deciding whether or not to kill him or let him go. While he waited to find out, he took a nap. He was that comfortable with their decision either way! That's what converted some of the Iroquois – his confidence in Jesus and in his faith. The others later killed him.

**SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:**

Monday: GB @ Martinsville 6:00, BB practice begins

Tuesday: 2nd and 3rd field trip to Casey (St. Thomas shirt and bring lunch)

Wednesday: **5-8 Class Mass** (5th in charge), 2:00 dismissal, Booster Club EMAIL meeting, P/T conferences

Thursday: 2:00 dismissal, P/T Conferences, GB @ Palestine 6:00

Friday: NO SCHOOL

Saturday: Newton Marching Eagles Band Classic, Mass @ St. Thomas 4:30

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

**ATTACHED/IN PACKET**: Mission Party letter

*It's time for **Parent/Teacher conferences**. Please let me know if you need a reminder on your day/time. It's such a blessing that you all prioritize coming in to meet with the teachers. There aren't many schools who have that kind of support! Thank you! Thanks, Mrs. Zuber, for helping with the scheduling this year!

*Don't forget there is **2:00 dismissal on Wednesday and Thursday** as well as **no school on Friday!**

***Thanks** to one of our families for providing supper for our teachers Wednesday night. They all appreciate it very much as they stay late for conferences.

*Consider using our **SCRIP** program to buy gift cards for your regular shopping…Walmart, Amazon, etc.

*Thank you to the Creadore family and Equip-It! for helping us out with a lift to **replace/fix lights** in the gym. We will be ready for basketball season to begin!

*The links below will take you to the **sign-ups for working in the concessions stand and for taking money at the door** for ballgames this winter. We ask that ALL parents of ALL athletes help out, but all are welcomed! Thanks to Helen Weber for getting this ready and keeping track of our concessions inventory! She'll be looking for someone to take her place as our concessions manager after this year – let her know if you are interested!

Door:
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/157YbHpDi7pg3Tx6GFN98TH3pzAkVO2mleo4jJNt0gJA/edit?usp=sharing
Concessions:
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/10geSPATU4OfBpidoK1qtxmKwhryO_iFAI956xmMPquA/edit?usp=sharing

***Just a few dates to remember:**

Wednesday, Oct. 28th: Adoration beginning after mass until 5:30 Benediction; Rosary Walk beginning at 6:00 in church

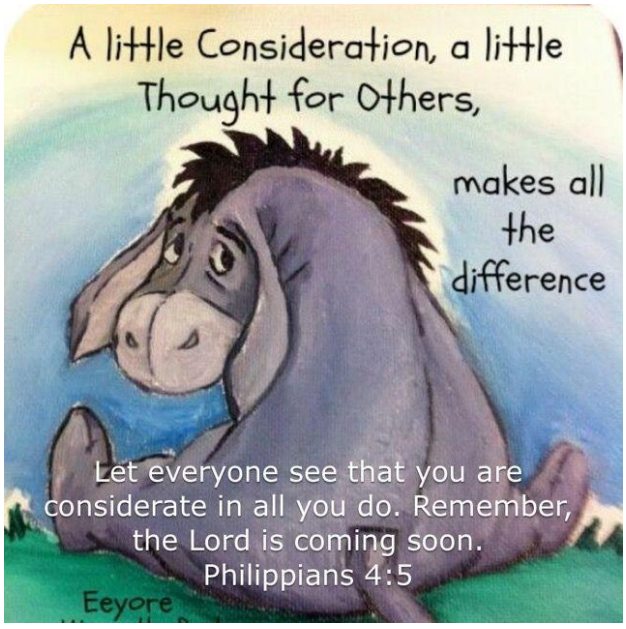
Friday, Oct. 30th: Mission Party (K-3 in the A.M., 4-8 in the P.M.) Halloween Parade at 1:00 p.m.

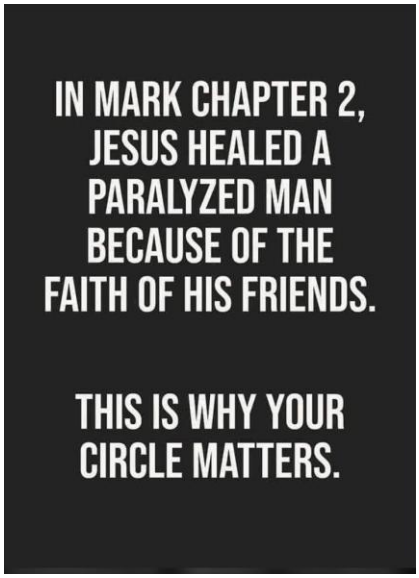
Wednesday, Nov. 4th – All-School Mass with 1st graders dressing as and sharing information about their chosen Saints.

Friday, Nov. 6th – K-1 Class Mass

***5th-8th parents**: If your son or daughter earns a check, whether for behavior or for academic reasons, and you have a question, please send an email to the teacher who assigned the check, not to their homeroom teacher, unless that is the correct teacher. Our homeroom teachers put the checks in Teacherease, but may not know details about the incident. As always, please speak to your kiddo before reaching out to teachers. Your kids usually know more than they will admit.

*We will be doing a **change drive** for the Jasper County Ministerial Association right before Thanksgiving (have your kids earn some money to donate) as well as **Toys for Kids** in Jasper County before Christmas. Each class will also be creating a **basket/auction item** for our Trivia Night. Teachers will be in touch about donations. Thanks in advance.




(I've told my own kids this many times!)