St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School

October 5, 2026

THE NOTE!

The weather is beautiful and we're quite a bit healthier so far today! We had more out sick Friday than we have had since COVID. Praying that we can continue to see an improvement.

Friday was a fitting day to recognize our Custodian, Matt, on **National School Custodian day!** He had a lot of extra work (yuck) last week with all the sickness! Thanks, Matt, for all you do! His office door was decorated, there was a special banner and students made cards. Our school and parish center look amazing!

What a beautiful Saturday at the Cathedral. **We welcomed our 3rd graders** (except for one who was sick-she will go in a couple of weeks) **into full communion with the church.** They did an amazing job! We are thankful for Mrs. Hetzer who gets them ready in record time and to our parents who guide them through the process! Thanks to Marissa Bower for lectoring and to Brantley Ochs and Bailey Kistner for serving at the Cathedral. It's always a proud day!

This is the **last week of the 1st quarter**, so AR points will be due and several quizzes and tests are happening. Good luck, Saints!

This morning we talked about **St. Francis of Assisi** whose feast day was yesterday and **Saint Sister Faustina** whose feast day is today. It's a rock star line up!

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: Cheer Clinic for girls – perform at JV game at NCHS, CC @ LEIC Robinson 4:30

Tuesday: 4-H Ambassadors here for High 5's, Meyer Twins Art 'til 5:00

Wednesday: **K-2 Class Mass** (K-1 in charge), School Board 6:00, Trivia Night 7:00

Thursday: GB @ Red Hill 6:00

Friday: **All-School Mass** (6th in charge), End of 1st Qt., READ here for K-3

Saturday: CC Sectionals @ Taylorville 9:30, Mass @ St. Thomas 4:30

Sunday: Masses @ St. Thomas 7:00/10:00, Mass @ St. Mary's 8:30, St. Thomas Harvest Picnic 4:00-7:30

Monday: NO SCHOOL, Columbus Day!

ATTACHED/IN PACKET: Booster Club minutes, School Board agenda, 4-H flyers, Lifetouch picture forms, Lunch statements, P/T conference sign-up

*Hopefully we will be able to finish up **Elks Hoop Shoot** this week. I just have a couple more grades who need to shoot.

*This week is **National 4-H Week**! We wish a great week to all of our students who are involved in 4-H. I feel very strongly that this is a great club to belong to after seeing all our kids do during fair week. They learn to work all year long for those moments. We are thankful to have the Jasper County 4-H Ambassadors with us Tuesday!

*__Picture day__ is next Thursday, Oct. 16th. Make every effort to have your kiddo here, so they can be in their class photo!

*__Parent/Teacher conferences__ are Oct. 21 & 22. Because we have early dismissal at 2:00 those days, we will start and end earlier! Those sign-ups are coming in the packet today. Please remember to put names on them, mark which day you prefer or say either works and give me a timeframe that might work best. As always, we do our best to get you what you want, but if you're picky, turn it in right away. Thanks!

*This Sunday is the annual **Harvest Picnic** here at St. Thomas. Please make an effort to support the church that supports our school! There is an option of a chicken dinner or various other foods to purchase. There are free games for the kids, a basket raffle and of course the Big raffle. Live music will be provided by Southern Comfort and my daughters would love to see you! Everything starts at 4:00 and the drawings are at 7:15. Hope to see you there!

*October is the **month of the Holy Rosary**. Take time as a family, whether at home or in the car, to pray the rosary, offering special intentions before each decade. Sometimes we have time for 1 decade or all, but any is better than none!

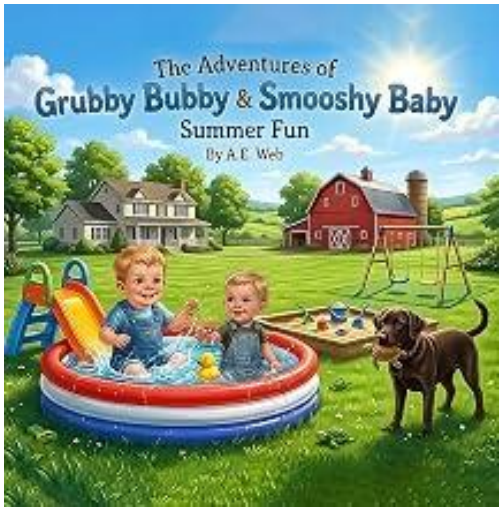
*We welcome new **School Board** member, Michael Finley. Our first meeting will be this week. If you ever have anything you'd like to communicate to the board, feel free to contact me or any of our other members: Nikki Bierman, Laura Weber, Leah Bolander, Matt Creadore, Marissa Bower, Jordan Roberts, Sharon Schackmann, Karli Burley or Michael Finley. Of course you are welcome to come to a meeting as well, just let me know. Thanks to all of these parents for their time and willingness to advise!

*We are beginning preparation for our next **Trivia Night** to be held Saturday, Feb. 13th. If you are interested in being a part of this committee, come to the meeting this Wednesday in the library at 7:00.

*Miss Ginger (Robins) will be here this Friday with her high school helpers through the **READ** program to give out free books to K-3 students. We are thankful for all she does to get books in the hands of Jasper County kids!

* Don't forget that there is no school on Monday, Oct. 12th for **Columbus Day**. That week we will celebrate **National School Lunch Week** by recognizing our cooks!

*We are lucky to have a **published author in our St. Thomas School family**. Anna Weber has published her 1st children's book! It is available on Amazon, and I'd love to see our families support her and purchase it for your family. There will be one added to the library here at school and one for my grandson of course!



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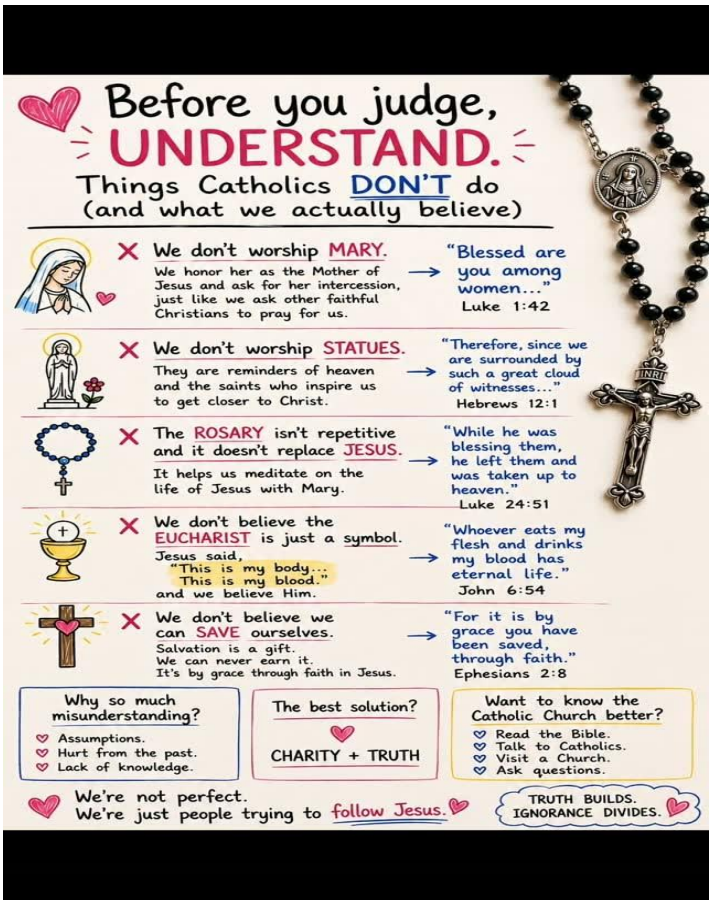
*I saw this “Things Catholics DON’T do” when I was joining the church 28 years ago! Of course this a “new” one I found again recently, but it’s still great, and I think I am supposed to share it, since it came up on my Pinterest randomly! As someone growing up attending non-denominational churches off and on, I did have lots of questions when I joined the Catholic faith. I’m so proud to be Catholic and am always willing to talk about it. I just remember people at various churches I attended being “anti-Catholic” and Catholics I knew who were anti-anything else. Now I know that we are all one family of believers and should support each other, not judge each other!
God would hate that!