



St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School
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November 3, 2023



STS Newsletter

From the Principal's Desk.....

Happy Friday St. Thomas Families,

I hope everyone had a wonderful extended weekend and a safe Halloween these past few days. Wednesday was special for us, we got to see our 4th grade students dressed as their Saints for the All Saints Day Mass. I had the opportunity to speak to several of our 4th graders as they did their projects, learning about everyone from St. Patrick to Our Blessed Mother.

Thank you to all those who helped with the Halloween festivities this year. I saw many thoughtful and well done costumes. From Ronald McDonald and Grimace to a vending machine - our students did a good job showing off their artistic abilities.

Basketball Game Tonight at St. Thomas!

The Diocesan Priests will take on Brothers and Seminarians from the Congregation of the Holy Cross tonight at 7:30 in the main gym. This promises to be an amazing family friendly event and an even better opportunity for fellowship. My family and I hope to see you there!

2024 - 2025 Enrollment

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We will be sending enrollment information home next week for the 2024-2025 school year. The first round will be open to **ST. THOMAS FAMILIES ONLY**. We are working to move to a completely digital enrollment process to help simplify things on your end. To guarantee your seat for the 2024-2025 school year, we **MUST** receive submissions no later than 11:59pm, Friday, Dec. 1. Submissions received after the deadline will be placed on class lists in order of reception along with new families.

One last update - I mentioned a few weeks back we would be emphasizing virtues with students during morning prayer and throughout the school day. We focused on kindness for two weeks and have moved to helpfulness (helping others). I'm attaching a photo of students "checking out" the Virtue Board as we hung our first several acknowledgements last week. We truly have amazing students at St. Thomas thanks to your support.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

All the best in Christ,

Chris

Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only Love can do that! ~Rev. King.



Our fall book fair begins Monday 11/6. Please visit the fair in person
Monday 11/6, Tuesday 11/7 or Thursday 11/9 8:00am - 3:30pm
Wednesday 11/8 9am - 3:30pm
Friday 11/10 8am - Noon



Visit online to create your student E Wallet or shop online
All purchases benefit STS classrooms and our library.

Thanks for your support!

DATES!!!

John Bosco Jam Priests Vs. Brothers & Seminarians

St. Thomas Gym
Friday, Nov 3, 2023
Info Below

Casual Day

\$2

Thursday, November 9

Middle School Harvest Dance Party

Friday, November 10
6—8:30 PM
Elliott Hall

Thanksgiving Break

11/20/23-11/24/23

Early Dismissal

Tuesday, February 13
1 PM

NO AFTERCARE

Knights of Columbus



Spaghetti Dinner

To Benefit Welcome
Weekends
Saturday, November 4th
5—7 PM
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St. Thomas School Gym
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Tickets:
\$10 for Adults
\$5 Ages 6-12
Kids 5 & under free

Spartan Pride!

Our Virtue Board is beginning to have notes of recognition for St. Thomas Students displaying virtues in their day here at STS. We are proud of our students!



**Four St. Thomas the Apostle Alumni
were inducted into the National
Honor Society this week.
Always a great day to be a Spartan!**



What's going on???....

BE PART OF THE ACTION!!!

St. Thomas Gymnasium Host Volunteer Opportunities

Concessions, Set up, Admissions, Clean up, and Scoreboard

Sigh Up Here!!

Help make STS events welcoming to all and support our facilities!

John Bosco Jam—Friday November 3rd

Priests Vs. Seminarians and Brothers Basketball

<https://signup.com/go/ZchqtXB>

2023 Volleyball Hosting

<https://signup.com/go/PcGRkHx>

KEYS—KEYS—KEYS!

*We love our volunteers and the
community use our building...but...*

***If you have a key or door fob from
an activity that is no longer ongoing,
please bring your keys and fobs to
the St. Thomas School Office***



BE PART OF THE ACTION!!

Do you have pictures that could be used in the yearbook?

Attention all parents, coaches, club leaders, and more! Is there a game, play, or other special event that you would love to see in this year's yearbook. Get your pictures to the St. Thomas yearbook coordinator Evelyn Ponce at yearbook@stselkhart.com or upload directly to <https://plicbooks.com/go/C54N7Q>.

SAVE THESE MUSICAL DATES!!!!

Wednesday, December 13th—Preschool Christmas Program at 6:30pm

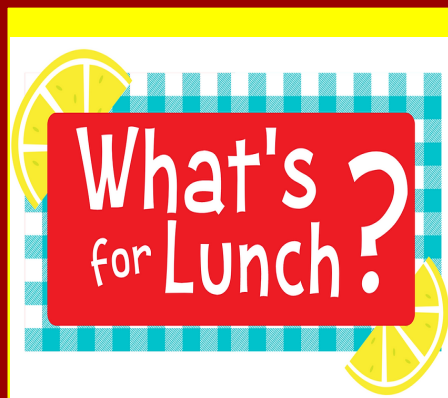
Thursday, December 14th - K-3 Christmas Program at 6:30pm

Tuesday, December 19th - Band Christmas Concert at 6:30pm

Tuesday, March 26th - 4th/5th Music Program at 6:30pm

Thursday, May 16th - Middle School Spring Program at 6:30pm

Tuesday, May 21st - Spring Band Concert at 6:30pm



Remember! Milk is included w/ lunch order.

****Individual milks will be charged at full price regardless of lunch status.****

DON'T FORGET!!!

THE CUT OFF FOR LUNCH ORDERING FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEK IS

5 PM FRIDAY

November, December, & January Menus

Open for Ordering on Boonli Site

~~~PTO Updates~~~

Would you like to help plan our Donuts With Santa?

Email Amyrasler@gmail.com

We need someone to help plan the decorations and food options!

We will set up a committee planning meeting soon based on availability.

Would you like to spoil our teachers with a carry-in lunch?

Follow the link below to sign up for a month!

<https://signup.com/go/VmKXrMe>

Do you have an awesome idea for a PTO social event?

Please let us know, we are looking for new ideas for November!

Roller Skating Party, Hockey Night, Restaurant Give Back Nights?

If you'd like to assist with planning and scheduling please email amyrasler@gmail.com

PRIESTS VS C.S.C

BROTHERS AND SEMINARIANS

BASKETBALL GAME

Friday, November 3rd 2023

at St. Thomas
Catholic Parish
Elkhart, IN

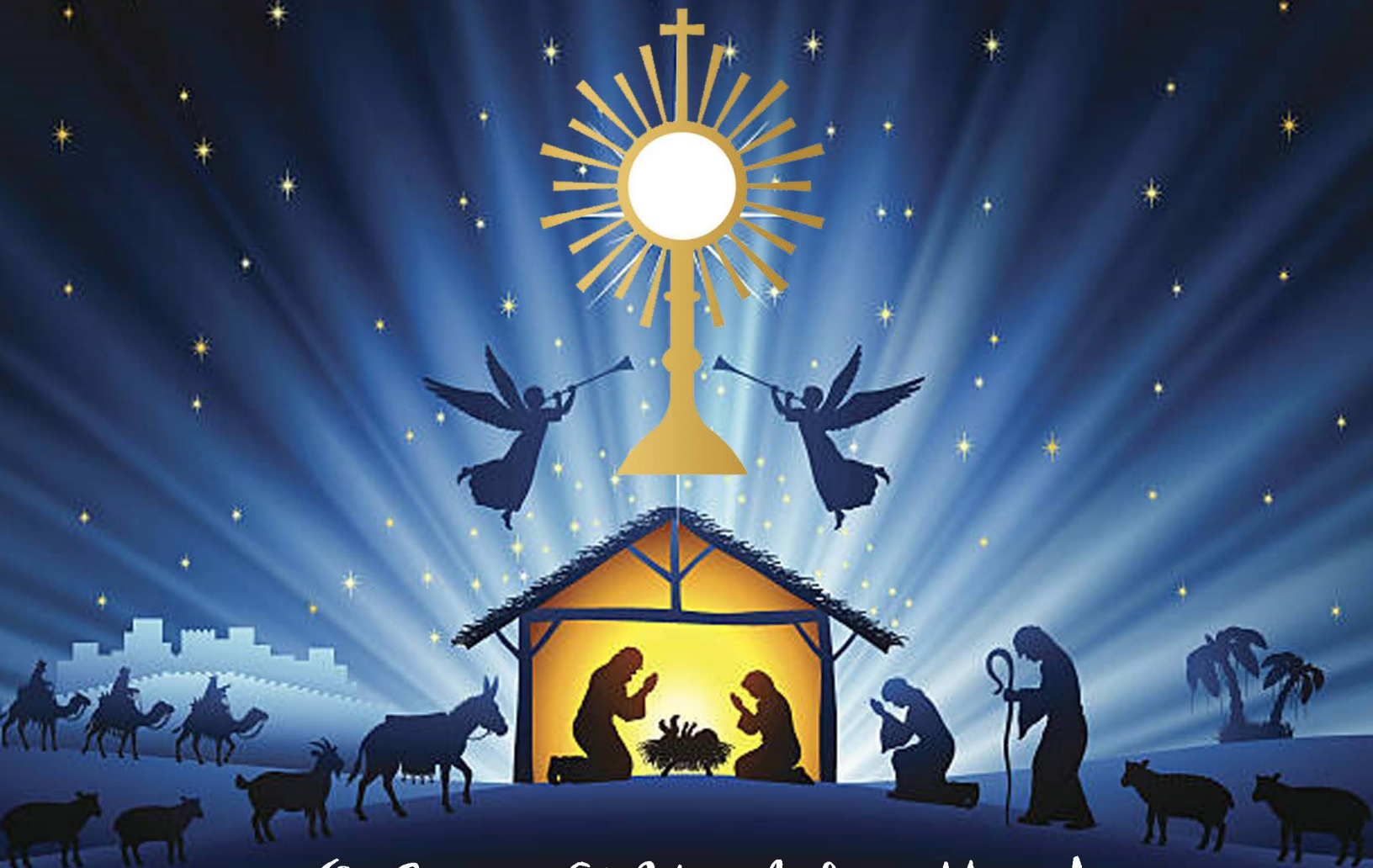
7:30 pm tip off,
Doors open at 6:30pm

All Welcome!



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH AND SCHOOL

Live Nativity with Eucharistic Adoration



O Come Let Us Adore Him!

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2023, 6:00PM

In response to the National Eucharistic Revival the format of the Live Nativity is changing to focus on Eucharistic Adoration. Students in grades 4-8 are invited to participate.

Registration Deadline: Sunday, November 12th.

The cast will be announced Friday, November 17th.

[Registration Link](#)

November begins the month of prayer for the souls of the departed.



**Eternal rest grant
unto them, O Lord;
and let perpetual light
shine upon them.
May they rest in peace.
Amen**

Catholic
ALL YEAR™

OCTOBER ROSARY CHALLENGE

THE ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE
COMMUNITY SAID

5,921

ROSARIES DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER,
INCREASING OUR COMMITMENT TO PRAYER
AND DEVOTION TO OUR MOTHER MARY.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED!!





CATHOLIC IDENTITY NEWS

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL

574.264.4855

OCTOBER 31 2023

November is devoted to The Holy Souls in Purgatory



On Tuesday, October 24th, the 4th Grade Class attended the All School Mass at Notre Dame. Several middle school students also participated in the choir and reading at Mass!



Father Logan has been discussing with students how God has created us during his Thursday classroom visits. Last week, he traveled with the eighth graders to the annual Washington DC Trip!



 **catholic youth**
summer camp
GREAT LAKES

 **damascus**

We pre-registered for 12 girls & 12 boys for Week 1 June 9-14 (Middle School) and 12 girls & 12 boys for Week 2 June 16-21 (High School) for CYSC's newest location, Brighton, Michigan. Contact Jen Horoky jhoroky@stselkhart.com ASAP if you are interested!
Open to students currently in grades 5-11.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, November 1

8:15 am School Mass
Solemnity of All Saints
This is a Holy Day of Obligation.



In response to the National Eucharistic Revival, the format of the Live Nativity is changing to focus on Eucharistic Adoration. Students are still invited to participate in the Live Nativity. The registration form will go out soon!

FORMED

TODAY'S CATHOLIC

RELEVANT RADIO

SAINT OF THE DAY

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ST. THOMAS CHURCH

ST. THOMAS SCHOOL

Spartan JV Volleyball

November 4th: 9AM @ St. Thomas

November 5th: 3PM @ St. Monica

November 12th: 2PM @ St. Thomas

December 1st: 8PM @ Queen of Peace

December 2nd: 12PM @ St. Matthew

December 3rd: 3PM & 4PM @ St. Thomas

Spartan Varsity Volleyball

November 4th: 11 AM @ St. Pius

November 6th: 6 PM @ Queen of Peace

November 10: 8 PM @ St. Thomas

December 1st: 6 & 8 PM @ St. Thomas

December 3rd: 3 & 4 PM @ St. Pius



NOVEMBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 ALL SAINTS DAY HOLY DAY All School Mass 8:15 AM PTO Mtg after Mass D	2 ALL SOULS' DAY A	3 PICTURE RETAKE & ABSENCE DAY John Bosco June 7:30 PMSTS Gym B	4
5	6	7	8 All School Mass 8:15 AM A	9 Casual Day— \$2 B	10 MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE—Elliott Hall 6—8:30 PM C	11
12	13	14	15 All School Mass 8:15 AM B	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 Have a Blessed Thanksgiving	24	25
Thanksgiving Break ~ NO SCHOOL						
26	27	28	29 All School Mass 8:15 AM C	30 D		



UPDATED NOVEMBER 2023 MENU!



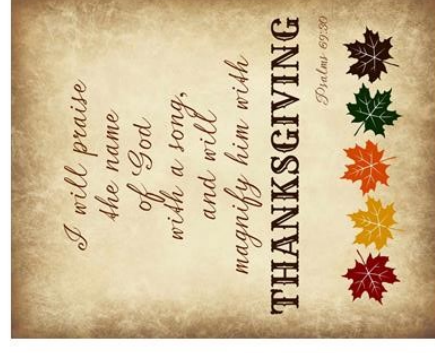
UPDATED 10/27/23 November Lunch Menu 2023

St. Thomas the Apostle School

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Penne w/ alfredo sauce/ roll	2 Pepperoni and cheese calzone	3 Romaine and cheese salad w/croutons	4
5	6 Mini berry French Toast w/hash browns	7 Pepperoni Pizza	8 Mini Corn Dogs	9 Chicken nuggets	10 Cheese quesadilla/ corn	11
12	13 Salisbury steak/roll	14 Romaine chef salad w/turkey/ roll	15 Grilled cheese sandwich/fries	16 Chicken patty sandwich/ baked beans	17 Lasagna roll up/roll	18
19	20 No school	21 No school	22 No school	23 No school	24 No school	25
26	27 Chicken mug- gets/mashed potatoes	28 Fish sticks/roll	29 Hot turkey slider/fries	30 Mini corn dogs/baked beans		

Lunch includes
veggies/fruit/milk

Happy
Thanksgiving!!!





St. Thomas the Apostle School 2023 - 2024 Academic Calendar

Updated August 14, 2023

August 2023						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

14-15 Teacher work days
16 First Day for Students
24 Parent Night 6 —7:30 PM

January 2024						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

1-5 Christmas Break
8 Classes Resume
15 Martin Luther King Jr. - No School

September 2023						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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4 Labor Day - No School
7 Curriculum Day—No School
8 Mission Day—No School

February 2024						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29		

14 Ash Wednesday
19 President's Day - No School

October 2023						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

13 End of Quarter 1
19-23 Washington DC Trip
27 Fall Break - No School

March 2024						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

15 End of Quarter
29 Good Friday—No School
31 Easter Sunday

November 2023						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

20-24 Thanksgiving Break

April 2024						
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28	29	30				

1-5 Spring Break

December 2023						
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

22 End of Quarter 2
Dismissal at 12:30 pm
25-29 Christmas Break - No School

May 2024						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

27 Memorial Day—No School
31 Last Day of School
Dismissal at 12:30 pm

End of Grading Periods

1st Quarter	October 13	40
2nd Quarter	December 22	44
3rd Quarter	March 15	48
4th Quarter	May 24	48
		180

Key No School
End of Quarter
Important Dates

