

FEBRUARY 29, 2024

2024-2025 ENROLMENT

Reminder that *ENROLLMENT* forms (different than the intent form) is due by tomorrow. Families that have not submitted an early enrollment form and have not notified us that you are not returning will be automatically enrolled for the 24-25 school year and charged a nonrefundable security deposit of \$100.

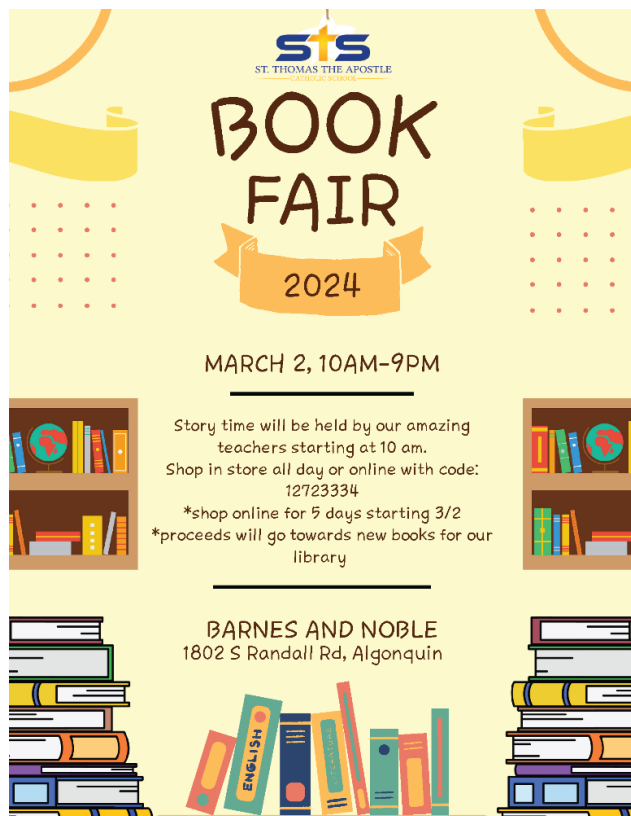
PTO NEWS

ANNUAL BOOK FAIR

It's that time of year again! PTO is partnering once again with the Barnes & Nobles in Algonquin Commons for our Annual Book Fair.

We are looking for assistance greeting customers at the door. Please consider volunteering for an hour shift on Saturday March 2.

Book Fair Assistance



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ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

BOOK FAIR

2024

MARCH 2, 10AM-9PM

Story time will be held by our amazing teachers starting at 10 am.
Shop in store all day or online with code: 12723334
*shop online for 5 days starting 3/2
*proceeds will go towards new books for our library

BARNES AND NOBLE
1802 S Randall Rd, Algonquin

MOTHER SON BOWLING

It is Moms' turn to kick back and relax with their sons while bowling! 😊 RSVP now to reserve your spot for this fun event! Space is limited so act now.

Mother and Son is merely \$35 but you can add a sibling for \$10. The price includes bowling, a slice of pizza and drinks.



LETS BOWL!

Come join us for an afternoon of

MOTHER-SON BOWLING

RSVP NOW

[HTTPS://AUCTRIA.EVENTS/STSLETSBOWL.COM](https://auctria.events/stsletsbowl.com)

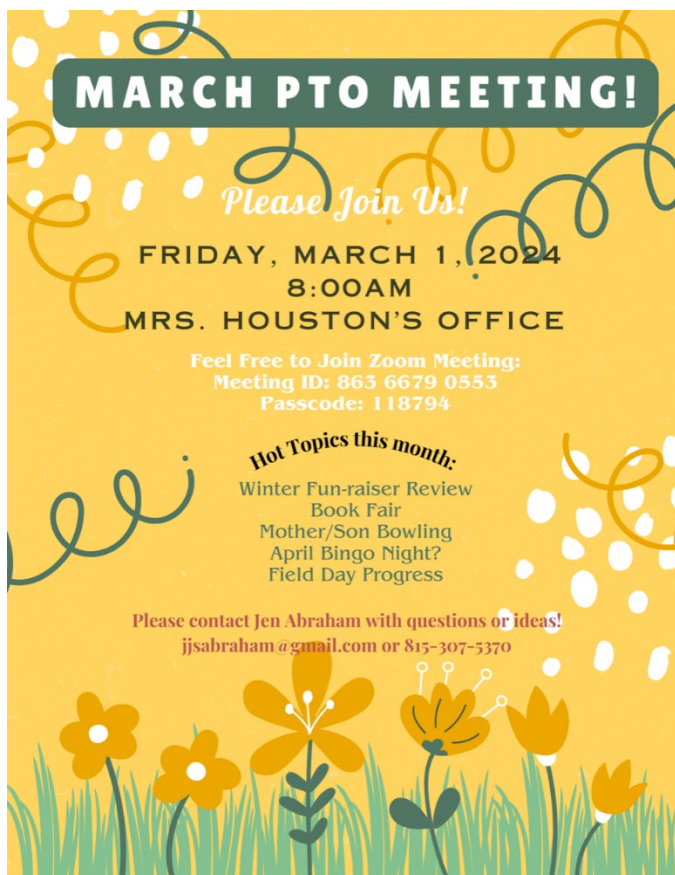
SATURDAY, MARCH 9th | 12-2PM

<p>SLICE OF PIZZA + DRINKS INCLUDED</p> <p>\$35/Mother + Son</p> <p>\$10 each additional bowler</p>	<p>KINGSTON LANES</p> <p>WOODSTOCK, IL</p> <p>DON'T FORGET SOCKS!</p>
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RSVP at the link above | Questions? Contact Kathleen Jacobs 309.253.3284

PTO MEETING

The PTO meeting for March is tomorrow in Mrs. Houston's office.



GOGUARDIAN

GoGaurdian is the Internet security platform that we use at St. Thomas School. It allows a teacher to see exactly what a student is looking at on their device. The teacher can then redirect a student if necessary or encourage the student to dig deeper. This program was paid for through a grant from the Illinois State Board of Education, but that grant is no longer available.

The price of the program is \$5628.00 If you are interested in sponsoring this program or a portion of this program, please contact me. If you know someone who may be interested, please share my contact info.

MASS INTENTIONS

Reminder: School Masses can be offered for someone special. Please stop in at the school's main office to make

your request. The suggested offering for a Mass intention is \$10. These funds do not go to the school

but become a part of the overall parish Mass intention fund.

Please contact Ms. Boppart in the main office of the school to make a request.

HOPE FOR HAITIANS



Please remember to keep collecting for this Lenten project.

PARISH NEWS

LIGHT OF THE WORLD RETREAT



SURVIVING DIVORCE

Surviving Divorce

Tuesdays March 19th - June 4th

6:45-8:45pm

St. Mary Catholic Church

10307 Dundee Road, Huntley, IL

This 12 week program is for those separated and divorced. It is designed to restore hope and begin authentic healing. Common topics are explored such as shock and grief, anger, forgiveness, children and family issues, the annulment process and spiritual care.

Cost to participate: \$20

**For questions or to register contact:
Hopeandhealing@yahoo.com**

FATHER LINKENHELD BOOK TALK



St. Thomas the Apostle
Presents
A Talk by Fr. Linkenheld on
Bishop Barron's Book,
"This Is My Body".

Tuesday, March 5
from 7 - 8:30 PM

"Jesus Christ desires for us as His people:
to renew us as a community here at St. Thomas
with nothing less than His very self, in the holy Eucharist."

After the talk, there will be the opportunity for small-group
discussion at your table and a brief Q&A session

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church
451 W. Terra Cotta Ave. Crystal Lake, IL 60014



DIOCESAN NEWS

Finding God in the Moment

**MEN'S LENTEN RETREAT
WITH
FR. PAUL LIPINSKI -
RETREAT MASTER**

FRIDAY MARCH 15 6PM - SATURDAY MARCH 16 5PM
SERVANTS OF THE HOLY HEART OF MARY, BATAVIA
COST: \$150 ALL INCLUSIVE - CONTACT CONNIE
STMMSTEWART@GMAIL.COM | PH 847 502.0775



PARISH MISSION

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Mission

with
J. Michael Sparough S.J.

Each night will include
prayer, dramatizations
of the Gospel stories,
hymns, and fellowship.

TREASURES OF THE HEART:
Fanning the Flame of Love
First Night | Discipleship
Following the Light of Life
Second Night | Reconciliation
Re-Kindling the Blaze
Third Night | Mission
Sharing the Fire of His Love

March 17-19, 2024 | 7 - 8:30PM
St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church
451 W. Terra Cotta Ave. Crystal Lake, IL 60014



Registration Open For All

Illinois March for Life on April 17, 2024

- Registration Deadline:
 - March 13, 2024
- For More information:
 - www.rockforddiocese.org/life/life-dignity/march-for-life/

LIFE Office
Diocese of Rockford
life@rockforddiocese.org



AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Please help spread the word that we are in **NEED** of a supervisor for the after-school care program. We are looking for someone to manage the program as well as supervise the children. Two supervisors to manage the students through at least 3 or 3:30 to be available for the ET recess time. Once the students have returned to the classroom, we could get by with only one supervisor. The last pick up time is 5pm but students are usually picked up 5-10 minutes before so the supervisor is able to clock out by 5.

Please contact me if you have any leads on this position.

IOWA TESTING

The Iowa Assessments help determine how students are performing on nationwide standards. These assessments measure achievement in several important content areas including Reading, English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies. The exact tests that your student takes will depend on his or her grade level.

The Iowa Assessments help teachers identify a student's strengths and areas that may need additional emphasis. The Iowa Assessments also

measure student growth and progress in the content areas assessed from year to year and may provide information about college readiness for older students. The assessments produce information that enables sound decision making and provides a focus for teachers to evaluate instruction.

Each test includes sample questions to help students become familiar with the content and format of the tests. Samples help students understand what to do—how to mark answers and move from question to question.

For most tests, students read the questions and mark their answers by filling in a circle for each question. All test questions are multiple choice, and the tests last about 10 to 35 minutes.

**HOW YOUR STUDENT CAN PREPARE FOR TEST TAKING—
AND WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP.**

A student who is well rested and well fed and has a positive attitude about testing is best prepared for testing. You can help your student do his or her best by considering these tips:

- Make sure that your student is in school and on time on test days. Reschedule dentist appointments and other out-of-school time on non testing days.
- Make sure your student gets a good night's sleep and eats a healthy breakfast before each day of testing.
- Remind your student that these tests are only one measure of what he or she has learned. Emphasize that you have confidence in his or her ability to do the best job possible.
- Remind your student to listen to the directions and read each question carefully during testing. Encourage your student to ask the teacher for help if he or she does not understand the directions.



March 2

PTO-Barnes & Noble Book Fair in Algonquin
Commons from 10 am to 9 pm

KidWind Competition, University of WI in
Madison



March 3



*St. Thomas The Apostle Church
and School are Happy To Announce:*

FAMILY MASS IS BACK!



**SUNDAY, MARCH 3RD
10:30AM**

**COMMUNITY CENTER, OAK STREET CHURCH
151 W. TERRA COTTA AVENUE
CRYSTAL LAKE, IL 60014**



If your child or family is interested in participating as a
greeter, usher or lector, please contact
Shelby Younge, shelby@theyounges.com
(773)426-2195



March 9

Mother Son Bowling
Kingston Lanes, Woodstock



March 15

Stations of the Cross
Oak St 7:00 pm
Presented by 8th grade with choir by grades
6 & 7

See full Athletics calendar here:

<https://sites.google.com/stthomascl.org/stsathletics/monthly-calendar-nssc-game-schedules>

LEND A HAND



[Virtus](#) password to set up a new account: 2train!

Volunteer at Recess:

[Grades 4 & 5](#)

[Grades k & 1](#)

[Grades 2 & 3](#)

[Junior High](#)

Volunteer at the Thomas Trading Post: - [Thomas Trading Post Volunteer signup sheet](#)

Support the **Thomas Trading Post Wishlist:** [Amazon.com](#)

Join The Mission of Cor Jesu on a pilgrimage to
The Shrine of Christ's Passion
 with Fr. Jerome Koutnik
 — Holy Week 2024 —

Monday, March 25th

Tour two great shrines, Holy Mass at the Carmelite Shrine in Munster, IN., catered lunch, pray the Stations of the Cross at the Shrine of Christ's Passion guided by Fr. Jerome, free time and time for prayer

\$150 per person*
 Register at www.corjesumission.org/pilgrimages
 or call 815 575 9480
 *includes club car access for those with mobility challenges

Scan to Register

Pro-Life REGISTERED NURSES & SONOGRAPHERS NEEDED!

1st Way Life Center has both PAID & VOLUNTEER positions available at their medical branch in McHenry.

Care provided at our center:

- Urine Pregnancy Testing
- Urine STD testing
- Limited OB ultrasounds
- Personalized Pregnancy Options Consultation

Serve in the Pro-Life Ministry:

- Low-stress clinical atmosphere
- No nights, holidays, or weekends
- Flexible hours: 5-hr shifts - up to 25 hrs/wk available.

Please email your resume or questions to 1stwaymedical@gmail.com

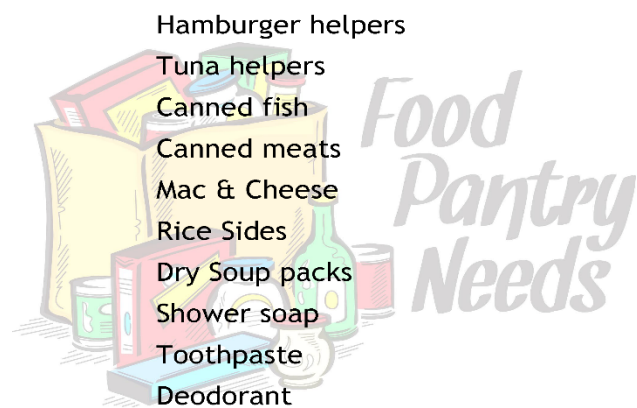
Donate \$10 gift certificates for the Thomas Trading Post (Julie Anns, Five Below, Target, Amazon, McDonald, etc.): send to school office marked Thomas Trading Post

Mar-24			8th grade BYB night week of March 18				
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
					1	2	
					NO Uniform--bring an offering for the Food Pantry	PTO Book Fair @ Barnes & Noble	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
		GBB Conference Tournament Week	Mass 1045 Athlete Blessing			PTO Bowling LOTV	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
LOTV		Comunal Penance @ Oak 7pm	Mass 1045 1:00 Dismissal with buses, NO ET		7th & 8th Grade presents Living Stations of the Cross @ Oak 7 pm	St. Patrick's Dinner @ Oak Hispanic LOTV	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
Hispanic LOTV	Fr. Michael Sparrow- Parish Mission @		Be Reconciled Day @ Oak		Mass 1045		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
			HOLY WEEK				
31							
Easter Sunday	NO School Easter Monday						

March Food Pantry Collections

Friday March 1

Please help us stuff the box with:



Please remember to support the Crystal Lake Food Pantry with a donation tomorrow for our no uniform service day.

Remember—

If you participate in the no uniform day, you need to bring an item for the food pantry collection bin.

PRAYING THROUGH LENT WITH CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY

God has revealed himself in Christ.

Let us praise his goodness, and ask him from our hearts:

Remember us, Lord, for we are your children.

Teach us to enter more deeply into the mystery of the Church,
- that it may be more effective for ourselves and for the world as the sacrament of salvation.

Lover of mankind, inspire us to work for human progress,

- seeking to spread your kingdom in all we do.

May our hearts thirst for Christ,

- the fountain of living water.

Forgive us our sins,

- and direct our steps into the ways of justice and sincerity.

Loving God,

I hear your invitation, "Come back to me"

and I am filled with such a longing to return to you.

Show me the way to return.

Lead me this day in good works I do in your name

and send your Spirit to guide me and strengthen my faith.

I ask only to feel your love in my life today.

Amen.

As always- I will be
Praying with you and for you,

Mrs. Houston



St. Joseph's Day

Tuesday March 19

St. Joseph was a very
significant Father Figure
for Jesus.

We would like to celebrate significant
male influences on our students lives.
Tuesday March 19 we will have a
special time in the cafeteria with
donuts and crafts for our students and
their significant male role model: dad,
uncle, grandpa, cousin, brother

So that families can be together:
8-845 will be families with last names
beginning with A-H
9-945 will be families with the last
names beginning with I-R
10-1045 will be families with the last
names beginning with S-Z

RSVP--

Family Name _____
will be attending St. Joseph Day
Celebration

Student	Grade

Dietary restrictions:

return by Friday March 15

MARCH

Sacrifice, Shamrocks, and Slam Dunks!

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. - Luke 23:42

Teaching:

St. Patrick was a missionary who preached the Gospel and converted many throughout Ireland. However, you might not know that in his earlier years, he did not believe in God. After going through some difficult experiences, he got to know God. Sometimes we, too, can doubt or wonder about our faith. Even in those moments, God never leaves us! When we return to Him, He can do great things with us.

Family Adventure:

March Madness means basketball! Make a family-friendly bracket and then root on your favorite teams. Take an afternoon and find a court to play some old favorites: H-O-R-S-E, Around the World, or a free throw contest.

Recipe:

Meatless Fridays – Lazy Lasagna

24 oz. package frozen cheese ravioli
24 oz. jar of marinara sauce
2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese
1/4 cup grated parmesan cheese

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Spray a 9x13 baking dish with cooking spray. Pour a thin layer of marinara sauce into the baking dish to cover the bottom (about 1/2 cup). Arrange half of the frozen ravioli in a single layer over the sauce. Top with half of the remaining marinara sauce and half of the mozzarella cheese. Repeat layers once, starting with the ravioli. Sprinkle parmesan cheese on top. Cover with foil and bake for 20 minutes. Remove foil and bake, uncovered, for 20-25 more minutes or until hot in the center.



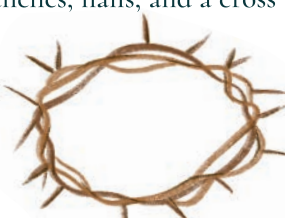
Faith + Family Tips:

Share a Lenten message in your home!

+ As we journey through Lent, create some visual reminders in your home. Choose a space and lay down a small cloth (purple if possible). Have your children help create a simple desert scene using rocks, sand, succulents, etc. You can also include a short Scripture like Luke 23:42. As we move toward Easter, you can add palm branches, nails, and a cross to enhance this scene.

+ Pick up a grapevine wreath at a craft store. Have your children stick toothpicks throughout the wreath's shape. Talk to them about how Jesus wore a crown of thorns out of love for each of us. As Lent continues, each time you see your child sacrifice by doing a giving action, saying a kind word, etc. let them take a toothpick out of the crown. By Easter morning, all of the toothpicks should be gone and it becomes a nest when filled with grass and eggs. Jesus' sacrifice provides new life for each of us!

+ Use blue painter's tape to make the shape of a cross on the wall in your child's room. Leave some post-it notes nearby. Every evening, write the name of someone or something you would like to pray for and stick it on the cross. Pray for that person or situation together. Jesus died for each and every one of us!



Prayer:

Jesus, you went out to the desert to spend time with your Father. Help us to spend time with Him, too, as we pray, sacrifice, and serve others more this month!

Amen.

FAITH + FAMILY
collective

