

St. Thomas Aquinas Elementary Newsletter

January 30, 2026



From Mrs. Gruber

In today's family envelope you will find a slip for our Grandparent day on February 11. Please return those so we can plan. We will begin with Mass @ 8:30 a.m., a social, and recess time.

We had a very nice and fun Catholic Schools Week. Thank you for your support and for choosing St. Thomas Aquinas Academy. Enrollment is open. If you register before the end of the weekend, you have a discounted registration fee! Everything is ready in PowerSchool. Information was sent out, however, if you do not receive our text messages or if you do not check your email, you may have missed this information. The school website is also updated.

The next Mini Vinnies bake sale for Uganda is February 20.

On Monday, February 2 a fundraising opportunity will be available. Packets will go home with each elementary child. This optional fundraiser is for the classrooms. Families are able to help purchase classrooms items that the teacher requests.

Previous information:

- *We want to promote all of our fundraisers. There are a few people who put in a lot of time and effort into these events that bring in a large portion of our fundraising dollars. We really need help! Can you be a chair or co-chair for one of the events? Can you donate items needed to make these events a success? Can you attend events? These events allow parents to get to know each other and socialize with families at our school. We are trying to bring back a strong sense of community throughout St. Thomas Aquinas Academy. We thank the dedicated alumni that continue to help organize, work and attend our events. Our auction and spring raffle are the largest events. The auction is scheduled for March 22, 2026*

from 11:00-6:00 @ Middle/high school. If you can help in any way, please do so. You can contact either school office for information or Tammy Bergeson at events@staa-edu.us.

- *We received a grant from the One by One Campaign. The grant money comes from the Catholic Foundation. Many families donated money to this campaign and we are reaping the benefits! A grant for school facilities opened up around the time school began. In working with the diocese, Mr. Draheim and I worked with Martin Security to design a plan for security in our buildings. The Peshtigo site received a check for \$30,000. Because St. Mary Parish owns the building, I am working with them to get an intercom system, keyless entry and cameras installed. It will take at least a month to get the installation.*
- *The next meeting date for choice families is Feb. 18, 2026 at the Marinette site @ 6:30 p.m. There will be an explanation of changes to the application periods that will begin in February. There will not be one application period. Each month will have an application period. A letter was sent home last week. Also, choice families should return their forms to opt out of the Forward exam if you haven't already done so. Thank you!*

Dates to Remember

Feb. 2 birthday celebration

Feb. 7 Green and Gold Gala (comedy night)

Feb. 11 Grandparent day Mass @ 8:30

Feb. 13 No School

Feb. 17 Board of Trustees meeting for School Choice information. It will be at the MS/HS campus @ 6:30 p.m. in the library.

Feb. 20 Mini Vinnies Bake Sale for Uganda missions

44th Annual Auction March 22 11:00-6:00

Sunday Readings:

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zeph 2:3, 12-13

Ps 146: 6-7, 8-9, 9-10

1 Cor 1:1:26-31

Mt 5: 1-12a

The Beatitudes

Our Mission

The mission of Saint Thomas Aquinas Academy is to provide an affordable education in the Catholic teaching tradition that inspires in students a life long thirst for knowledge, wisdom, and truth; a desire to reach the full potential which God has intended for them; and a recognition of the discipline of the mind and heart required for effective service to others in the love of God.

Non-discrimination Policy

St. Thomas Aquinas Academy does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, or national origin in the enrollment of a participation of students or the employment of personnel.