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Newsletter—March 21, 2025

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CONGRATULATIONS

National Honors Society



St. Thomas Parish Inductees

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| Rylie Bare | Will Lynch |
| Celest Cogdal | Andrew Plaskon |
| Michael Guingrich | Michael Plaskon |
| Gabriel Jockisch | Shawn Slevin |
| Jacob LaBarre | Julian Sturm |
| | Julia Watts |



COMETS
WE NEED YOU!



Use the Sign Up Genius Link to VOLUNTEER for Pancake Breakfast!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DAAAF28A1FDCF8-55705348-2025>

Calling all St. Thomas School and Parish Members,

We are looking for Pancake Breakfast Volunteers! Please sign up for a shift if you are free to help. We greatly appreciate you taking time to ensure this fun annual event is successful!



Congratulations to the St. Thomas Bishop O'Rourke Speech contestants!

ANNUAL ST. THOMAS PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Sunday, April 6th 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

Served with all you can eat Pancakes & Sausage, Coffee, Juice & Milk

Pictures with the Easter Bunny after 10am Mass until 12:30!

\$10/ADULTS
\$5/KIDS
\$30/FAMILY
KIDS 2 & UNDER EAT FREE!
CASH OR CHECK AT THE DOOR!
50/50 RAFFLE TICKETS!!!



"A" Honor Roll

Mrs. Kilian 6th Grade— *Oscar Ayoub, Claire Coad, Nick Lynch, Elena Mendez, Mason Mohning, Leo Schendl, Samantha Wayne*

Mrs. Kiser 7th Grade— *Natalie Braet, Brian Le, Marisa Leon, Evelyn Olson, Mazzy Parry, Ella Schmidt, Zoe Torres-Ravelo*

Mr. Showalter 7th Grade—*Alexis Dinh, Morghan James, Katie Lai, Amalea Mouro, Noelle Shields*

Mrs. Ward 8th Grade— *Luke Bare, Matthew Bennett, Ryan LaBarre, Liam Mohning*

"B" Honor Roll

Mrs. Kilian 6th Grade— *Allyson Camargo, Amelia Dobereiner, Kennedie Evans, Sophie Hallam, Bette Jockisch, Harry Koszuta, Rita Martinez, Abe Merriman, Imogen Scherer, Zoey Young*

Mrs. Kiser 7th Grade— *Caden Atkins, Juliana Hudson, Colton Kepple, Onyx Martin, Isabella Menchaca, Emelia Ritterbusch, Caleb Whitten*

Mr. Showalter 7th Grade—*Jonah Beyer, Jax Cowan, McKinley Dennhardt, Cruz Madrigal, Aberdeen Rasch, Riley Reusch, Paul Schramm*

Mrs. Ward 8th Grade— *Jacob Anderson, Audrey Horst, Noah James, Truman Mouro, Harrison Pavelka, Frankie Plaskon, Christian Simmons, Matthew Teran, Chase Ullrich*

Student Improvement List

Sister Elizabeth 4th Grade—*Lily Tamburro, Diana Mendez, Emma Martin*

Mrs. Longanbach 5th Grade— *None*

Mrs. Kilian 6th Grade— *Oscar Ayoub, Zoey Young*

Mrs. Kiser 7th Grade— *Caden Atkins, Bryan Le*

Mr. Showalter 7th Grade—*Jax Cowan, Christina Pag-ong, Noelle Shields*

Mrs. Ward 8th Grade— *Matthew Bennett, Ryan LaBarre*



Statements for Childcare & Tuition for Taxes:

If you go to the FACTS Family Portal you can get all of your tax information. Next to the words PAYMENT PLAN AND BILLING, you can click on VIEW DETAILS. On the next screen, you can click on VIEW PAYMENT SUMMARY. That page breaks down tuition and other expenses by child for the calendar year.



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John Lancaster Spalding Scholarship Fund Protocols & Procedures

The John Lancaster Spalding Scholarship is an endowment fund established with contributions from the Diocese of Peoria ROOTED IN FAITH Campaign and named in honor of Archbishop Spalding, the first Bishop of Peoria. If you would like to make a donation that would provide families the opportunity of a Catholic education for their children, click on the button to go to our online giving page. Scholarships of \$700,000 were recently awarded for the 2024-2025 school year.

Applications for scholarship grants will be available for the 2025-2026 academic year beginning in November 2024. Assistance is open to students enrolling, or intending to enroll, in any Catholic school, grade kindergarten through 12, located in the Diocese of Peoria whose families are parishioners in the diocese. All grants will be based on financial need objectively assessed. Information about the grants and application procedure will be available here on the website or by contacting any Catholic elementary or secondary school in the Diocese of Peoria in January. Families of students currently receiving grants are reminded that all grants are for one year only, and anyone seeking to renew a grant for next year must *reapply*.

John Lancaster Spalding Scholarship Fund Protocols and Procedures: 2025-2026

Deadline Date: Friday, April 25, 2025

PROTOCOLS:

- A family applying for Spalding Scholarship assistance must be an active member in good standing of a parish in the Catholic Diocese of Peoria.
- The student[s] for whom the aid is being sought must be enrolled in good standing [or seeking to be enrolled] in grades K through 12 in a Catholic school located in the Diocese of Peoria.
- All scholarship assistance will be based on a family's financial need objectively assessed. The diocese will use FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment Services to determine financial need.
- All scholarship assistance will also be dependent upon the recommendation of the pastor that the family is an active member of the parish in good standing
- If a student changes schools during a school year, tuition assistance grants will follow the student as long as the student is enrolled in and in good standing in a Catholic school in the Diocese of Peoria and the family is a member in good standing of a parish in the Diocese of Peoria.
- All awards are for one school year only. A family must apply for Spalding Scholarship assistance each school year.
- The number of grants and the amount of each grant for the school year will be dependent upon the funds available and the size and need of the applicant pool.

Payment of Spalding Scholarship Grants will be made twice a year directly to the Catholic school a student attends. These grants will be applied to the family's tuition obligation. It is anticipated that tuition assistance grants will be announced in early June 2025.

PROCEDURES:

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance from the Spalding Scholarship Fund must complete an online **FACTS Grant & Aid Application** at online.factsmgt.com/aid. **The application and required supporting tax documents must be received online by FACTS by the application deadline date of Friday, April 25, 2025.**

- The FACTS application, payment of the application fee, and any required supporting documents are to be transmitted online to FACTS according to their directions.
- Families must also request the pastor submit a recommendation to the Office of Catholic Schools verifying good standing in the parish.
- The application process is complete only when the pastor's recommendation has been submitted to the Office of Catholic Schools and when a completed parent financial aid application, required supporting documents, and the application fee have been uploaded and submitted to FACTS. **Only completed applications, which include supporting documents, submitted on or before the Friday, April 25, 2025 deadline will be considered when Spalding assistance awards are determined.**



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St. Thomas THE APOSTLE SCHOOL

Hello
Spring Break

Thursday, April 17th-
2:30 Dismissal
NO AFTERCARE

NO SCHOOL
April 18th-27th

Have a blessed &
holy Easter!

COMETS

2024-2025

**YEARBOOKS
ON SALE!
NOW**

The 24/25 yearbook is on sale. Please use [this link](#) to order your copy now.



PND Easter Bunny Breakfast

Saturday, April 5, 2025

9:00am-11:00am

in the PND Commons

Adults: \$5 | Kids: \$3

Families: \$20



Pre-k celebrated St. Patrick's Day by making a rainbow friendship fruit salad. Kiddos learned to eat healthy foods by "eating the rainbow" and then worked together to make a friendship fruit salad by mixing fruits for every color!

Friendship has never been more delicious!



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Thank you!

OUR PROUD SPONSORS OF THE MONTH



EMO'S DAIRY MART



"Whoever refreshes others will be refreshed."
Proverbs 11:25