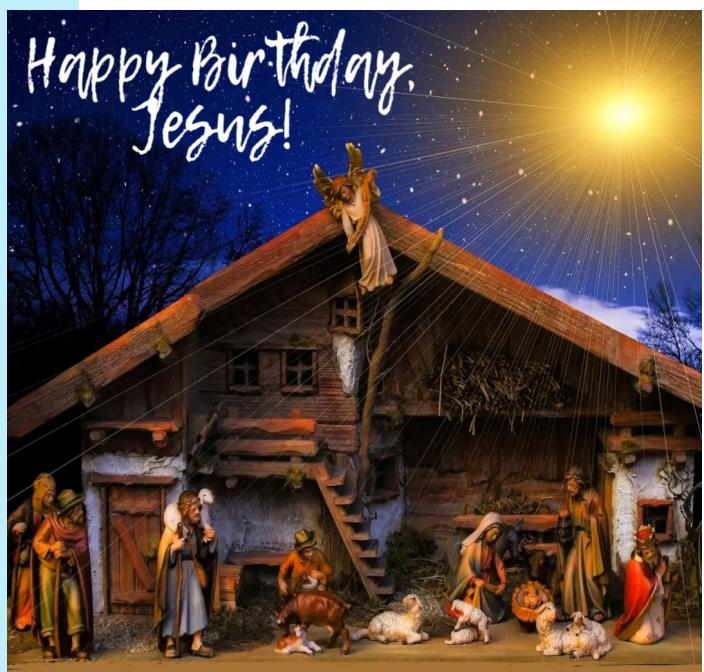




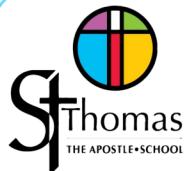
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St. Thomas Church Mass Times
Christmas Eve- 5 PM, 7PM & 10PM
Christmas Day- 8AM & 10AM





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COMETS



**Monical's
NIGHT for
STS**

WEDNESDAY, JAN 7TH

**Peoria Locations
20% BACK
TO STS**

**TAKE A NIGHT OFF FROM
COOKING AND SUPPORT OUR
COMETS!!!**

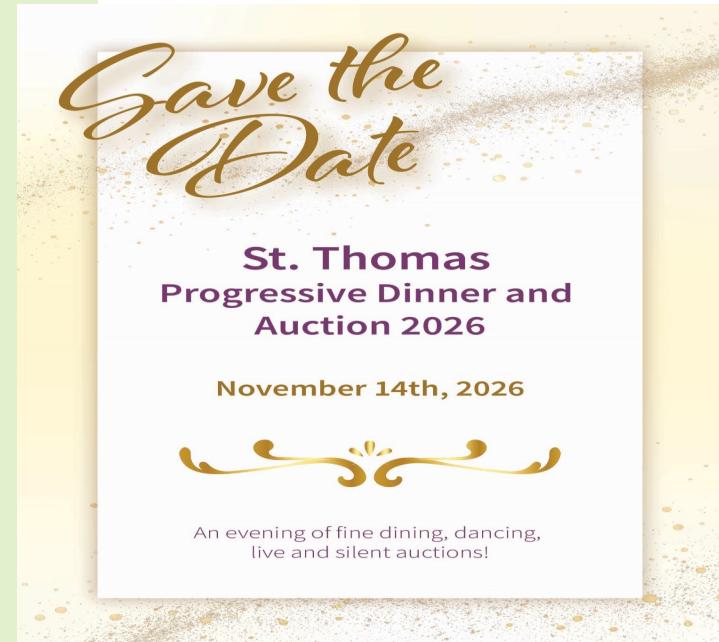
Outdoor Recess:

Students should be encouraged to engage in physical activity during recess year round...including winter---unless temperatures are dangerously cold or when it is raining. Every child, unless excused by reason of ill health, is expected to comply to the outdoor guidelines set at St. Thomas. Please keep in mind that winter air does NOT cause or worsen minor symptoms as long as children are dressed appropriately. Extended indoor recess requests require a doctor's note.

Guidelines

Students will be outside at all recesses when the temperature (including wind chill) is 15 degrees or above and it is dry. Temperature is checked throughout the day during cold weather.

Students need to dress adequately for cold weather by wearing coats that close, hats or ear bands, pants or tights/leggings, and mittens or gloves. Students will also be required to stay within the designated areas to avoid unnecessary wetness. Students may bring boots to wear for warmth, however, ***playing IN the snow during recess is not allowed.***

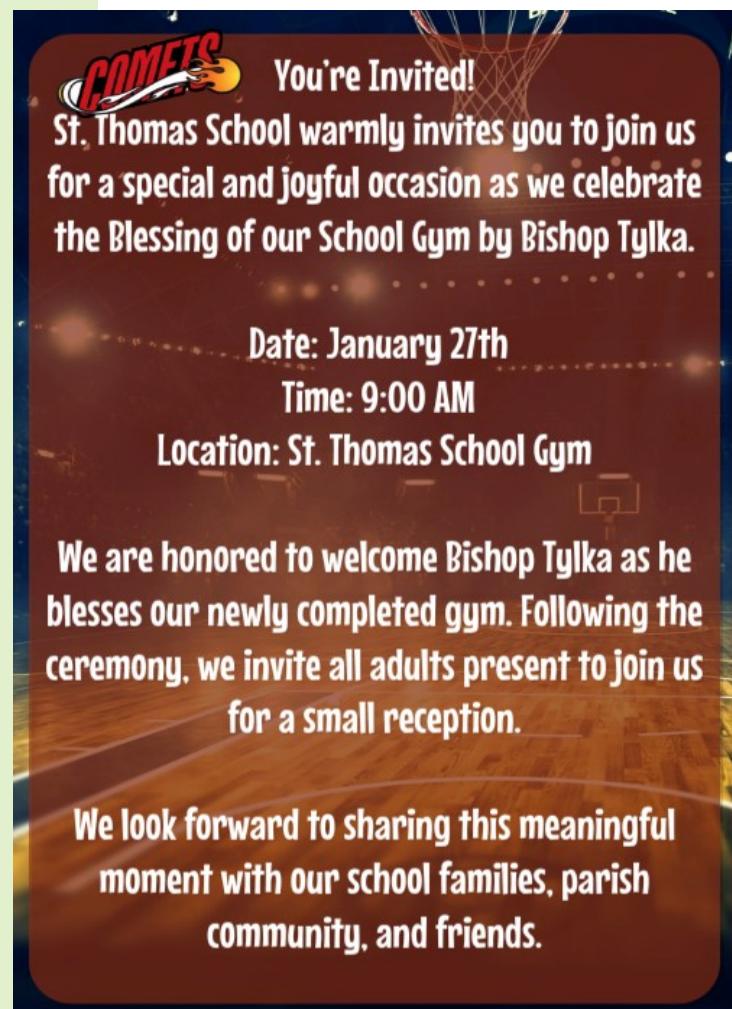


Save the Date

**St. Thomas
Progressive Dinner and
Auction 2026**

November 14th, 2026

**An evening of fine dining, dancing,
live and silent auctions!**



COMETS You're Invited!

St. Thomas School warmly invites you to join us for a special and joyful occasion as we celebrate the Blessing of our School Gym by Bishop Tylka.

Date: January 27th

Time: 9:00 AM

Location: St. Thomas School Gym

We are honored to welcome Bishop Tylka as he blesses our newly completed gym. Following the ceremony, we invite all adults present to join us for a small reception.

We look forward to sharing this meaningful moment with our school families, parish community, and friends.



COMETS
Thom's Moms
Yoga & Mimosas
Saturday, January 10th
Clink in the Heights

Take a morning just for you! Join fellow Comet Moms & Friends for a blend of relaxation, connection, and fun at our Yoga & Mimosas event. Come whenever you can — the morning is yours to enjoy!

Event Schedule

10:15–10:45 AM — Yoga with Tracy Schendl
A calming, all-levels session to start your day right. Please bring a yoga mat or a towel.

10:45 AM–12:45 PM — Drinks & Brunch
Stay for mimosas, brunch, and great conversation. (Drinks and food available for purchase — cash or credit card.)

Cost: \$10.00
Please send cash or a check made out to PTO to the school office by January 8th.

Whether you come for the yoga, the mimosas, or simply a moment to breathe, we can't wait to spend the morning with you.
Friends are welcome!!!

Clink
BAR AND EVENTS

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Ways to GROW
ST. THOMAS SCHOOL
INVITES YOU TO
PRINCESSES & PIRATES
AHOY MATEYS

ALL Current & Potential Pre-3, Pre-4 & Kinder Families for the 2026-2027 School Year!

Saturday, January 24th @ 9-11 am
St. Thomas School Cafeteria
* Meet the Princess Ballerinas
* Face Painting * Snacks * Bounce Houses
* School Scavenger Hunt & More!

See you there or WALK THE PLANK! :)

Princesses & Pirates

THE ZOO LADY AND HER ZOO CREW

LOVE YOU

COMETS
PLEASE, JOIN US FOR OUR
Grandparent/Parent
Day **LUNCH**

Come Celebrate Catholic Schools Week with Us!

Older siblings may eat with younger siblings!

11:15-12:15 Pre-3, Pre-4, K & 1ST
12:15-12:45 2ND, 3RD, & 4TH
12:45-1:15 5TH, 6TH, 7TH & 8TH

IF YOU ARE ORDERING HOT LUNCHES, ALL PAYMENTS & ORDERING WILL BE MADE ONLINE!
\$4.20/LUNCH

MONDAY, JANUARY 26TH

COMETS
Join Us For Our
Catholic School's Week
OPEN HOUSE
Sunday, January 25th

Pack the Pews @ 10 am Mass
Wear Your STS Spiritwear
Open House Immediately Following Mass Until 12:00 pm.

School Tours Available!
Come & See all STS has to offer!

Christ-Centered Learning Environment
- Exemplary Academics
- Safe, Secure Campus
- Athletics & Extra-Curriculars
- Pre-Care & After-Care Services
- Financial Assistance Opportunities

Pre-3, Pre-K & Kinder 2026-2027
Reserve your spot today!
Donuts, Coffee & Juice



CMGConnect DIOCESE OF PEORIA



End-User Instructions

Getting Started:

1. Go to <https://Peoria.cmgconnect.org/>
2. Create a new account by completing all the boxes under the **Register for a New Account** area. This includes your address, primary parish, and how you participate at your parish or school. If you have questions please contact your parish/school coordinator.
3. Your dashboard will show you the required and optional training curriculums that have been customized for your particular role within the Diocese.
4. Click  under the Safe Environment Training-Peoria to begin.
5. On the last page of the curriculum, submit your background check information. *The curriculum will be marked "Resume" until your background check is processed and reviewed by the diocese. Processing can take up to 7-10 business days.*
6. If needed, you can access your completion certificate after you are certified by returning to the training dashboard and clicking **Print Certificate**.



For technical assistance, contact us via the  button found in the bottom right corner of the web page.

Last Updated: 02/13/20

REMINDER: Diocesan requirement for volunteers.

Please check to see if you have expired! Training is good for 5 years.

All volunteers of the school and parish (those who work with or have contact with children) must have completed the Safe Environment workshop prior to working with our children.

To complete the training go to

<https://cmgconnect.org/> online training hub

Find your Diocese - Peoria

Set-up an account

Complete Safe Environment Training for **Volunteers**—not employees

Create ONLY ONE user account. If you have forgotten your log in – email safeenvironment@cdop.org

If you have already completed the online training, it will show as complete when you log in.

If you have expired, you must take the RENEWAL Training – complete the background check and CANTS at the same time. These are uploaded – do not print and send to the office. Follow the prompts to submit.

We appreciate your support by completing these mandatory steps for volunteers. If you have any questions, please feel free to call.

Track It Forward is an app that is available on the Apple app store and Google Play. You may also see it called Volunteer Time. Tracking in the app store when searching for it. We encourage parents to download the Track It Forward app to their phone to ensure hours are logged upon completion. Go to: Find an Existing Site and type in St. Thomas the Apostle Peoria Heights. Click to register.

