



**ST. THOMAS AQUINAS SCHOOL**

**624 DUBUQUE STREET**

**WEBSTER CITY, IA 50595**

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**Happy May – the month we honor Mary, the Blessed Virgin and mother to Jesus. We also honor our own mothers! In addition, this is the month we complete our school year of learning! Happy Reading! Jeanne Hill, STA School Board President**



**“Tidbits from Principal Theresa Schleisman”** – Please take time to sign up for our volunteer opportunities throughout the school year on the internet (**Sign Up Genius**). Limited opportunities still available!

May 3 – 8:30 a.m. Student Mass served by 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade & May Crowning / **NO early out**

May 10 – 8:30 a.m. Student Mass served by 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

May 11 – 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade attend Iowa Central Career on Wheels

May 12 – 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade attend a special assembly with Webster City Community Schools

May 16 – School Board Meeting at 5:00 p.m. in the Parish Center & Children’s Rosary at 6:00 p.m.

May 17 – 8:30 a.m. Student Mass served by 1<sup>st</sup> Grade & Peace Officer Celebration / **NO early out**

May 19 – Spring Concert (PS4 - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade) at 1:30 p.m. in the STA gymnasium

May 24 – 8:30 a.m. Student Mass with Kindergarten & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Celebration

May 24 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual STA Kid’s Ball & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade last day of school

May 25 – 4 yr. old Preschool Graduation

May 26 – Last day of school with a 3 hour early out



**Mission Statement:**

*St. Thomas Aquinas School serves Webster City and surrounding communities by offering a Preschool - 6th grade education. Our school incorporates faith and values through daily learning in a safe and nurturing environment. With support from parents and families, St. Thomas develops the spiritual, academic, physical and emotional growth of students who will be future leaders in our ever-changing world.*

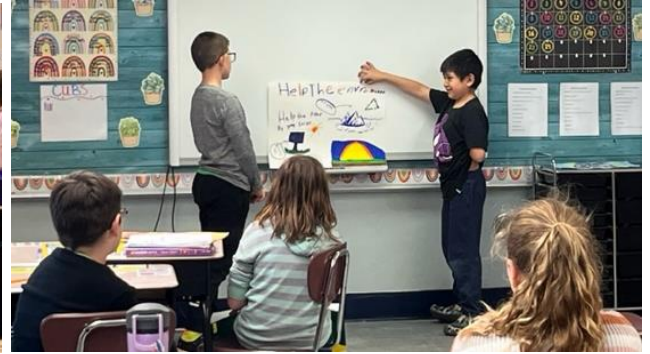
**Vision Statement:**

*In a Christ-centered environment, St. Thomas empowers young people to build their personal foundation for lifelong learning, leadership and service to others.*





**"Moments from Teacher McKenzie Glenn"** – April showers bring May flowers?! On Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 4-6 grade students spent the afternoon cleaning our church and school grounds in honor of Earth Day! After all their hard work, they celebrated with a cookie! Fourth grade put in some extra work for Earth Day and created Earth Day posters with catchy slogans to help grab student's attention and bring awareness about ways that they can help the earth by recycling. They did a fantastic job and even presented them to 5th and 6th grade! Fourth grade also took their math class outside to search for geometric figures as we have been starting to explore them during our math class.



**"Chosen Pointers from Teacher Chelsey Wagoner"** – The first graders have had a busy month! They led Mass, started swimming, and went to the Science Center! At the Science Center they had so much fun learning and exploring. I am so proud of their growth this school year. They are going to do some amazing things in the upcoming years!





**"Kinder Moments from Teacher Katie Nyren"** - The kindergartners enjoyed a really fun field trip to the Science Center! You may have even saw them on WHO Channel 13 noon news and weather, as that was an exhibit there. They got to pretend to be astronauts, carpenters, and explorers! They all had a great day, and it made my heart so happy to spend such a fun day with them all.



**Loving to learn and learning to love all happening at STA School! April celebrates Prayer Partners, First Holy Communion Sunday, and Sharon Smith!!**



**1st Holy Communion**  
 Olivia Allen  
 Randi Jo Andrews  
 Aaliyah Clark  
 Benjamin Engstler  
 Eli Hindt  
 Jonah Kaufman  
 Layla Kaufman  
 Anna Lammers  
 Camila Perez-Fernandez  
 Briggs Pruismann





## **"More tidbits from Principal Theresa Schleisman" – About Educational Savings Account (ESA):**

The Students First Act, introduced into law in January, makes state funding available to support the success of every K-12 student in Iowa. This bill establishes a framework and funding for education savings accounts (ESA), which may be used by eligible families to cover tuition, fees and other qualified education expenses at accredited private schools in Iowa.

This law gives parents choice in education and supports this choice financially. St. Thomas Aquinas School, like all Catholic Schools across Iowa, is excited to welcome new students and families into our school. With this exciting change, we anticipate an increase in enrollment – specifically within the next 3 years. We ask for your prayers regarding this blessed opportunity to share our faith with more students and positively impact them in mind, body, and spirit.



## **New Teacher Hires**

Just a note to let you know that we have hired a Kindergarten teacher and a 1st grade teacher for the 2023/2024 school year. Miss Katelyn Campbell and Miss Adalie Schwandt will be joining our STA Family next year. Katie hails from the Tama/Toledo area and graduated from Mount Mercy University where she received her teaching degree and played volleyball. She is currently teaching Preschool at St. Joseph's Catholic School in Des Moines. Adalie is native to the Webster City area and graduated from the University of Northern Iowa. She is currently serving as a paraeducator and substitute teacher at Northeast Hamilton Elementary in Blairsburg.

We are very excited to welcome these new teachers to St. Thomas Aquinas School!



**READ! READ! READ!**

**Your Students Will Benefit!**





**Many opportunities to get physical during April – swimming, tennis, and bicycling!**  
**Compliments of Teacher Kaeleen Stoneburner**







**Sing to the Lord a new song!**