

St. Thomas Becket Church and Academy

25269 East Bolton Road, Veneta OR 97487

Jog-A-Thon 2026

This year St. Thomas Becket Academy is hosting its 20th annual Jog-A-Thon. If we make a concerted effort, we can make this our best year ever. Money raised will provide the academy with much-needed funds.

OUR ULTIMATE GOAL IS \$35,000

All students must participate in this fundraiser. Please encourage your children to collect sponsors diligently and complete as many laps as possible in their allotted time. Last year we raised over \$40,000!

Each student must raise a minimum of \$250 each. All students are encouraged to go above and beyond to meet the \$35K target.

If we reach our ultimate goal of \$35,000 we will have a pizza party to celebrate our achievement.

Non-students and parishioners are also encouraged to solicit sponsors and participate in the event. Since Catholic education is the concern of all Catholics, the active participation of our adults will help impress upon the students the importance of helping our school.

THE SPONSOR FORMS

1. Collecting sponsors by mail (include a hand-written note from the child for a higher response rate)
2. Collecting sponsors face-to-face
3. Collecting sponsors – on the website

Please fill out as many mailer sponsor forms as possible, and mail them to **family, friends and relatives** across the country.

Use face-to-face forms for collecting donations after church, on the phone, door-to-door, or any face-to-face situation. (co-workers, favorite stores, family dentist, insurance agent, etc.). The form does not need to have all 6 sponsors before turning it in. Be sure to balance all the money with the sponsor forms before turning them in to the Academy Office. For your child's safety, all children soliciting door-to-door must be accompanied by an adult. NB: Students may not sponsor other students.

VENDOR SPONSORS

Each family is encouraged to obtain sponsorships from local businesses, restaurants, banks, stores, etc.

Vendors contributing \$500 will have their name and logo advertised on a large banner displayed on the day of the event at street level (and thereafter in the church entrance until June 2027). When speaking to business managers, it may be helpful to remind them:

- 1) This amounts to free advertising for them and simultaneously can create goodwill in the community.
- 2) It also allows them to invest in the community's future.

COLLECTING MONEY

Checks should be made payable to: St. Thomas Becket Academy (a non-profit 501(3)c organization). Contribution statements will be issued.

Be sure to balance all monies to sponsor sheets before turning them into the Academy Office. For the courtesy of staff, parents please personally turn in all of your students sponsor sheets with money.

PRIZES

Each week, prizes will be awarded to:

- Individual students who have the most sponsorships for that week. They will choose a prize from the prize table. One student from grades K-8, and one student from grades 9-12.

Midway prize will be awarded to:

- The class with the most sponsorships up to that point. They will have a prize to be determined.

At the end of the campaign, prizes will be awarded to

- The three highest-earning students – prize TBD
- The highest earning class — fun, prize TBD
- The class with the highest average per student
- Everyone, if we meet our goal – a school pizza & ice cream party.
- The most laps ran (1 boy student and 1 girl student)

QR code to access St. Thomas Becket's Jogathon, online