

OUR VISION

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church and School have stood at the heart of Ann Arbor since the city's earliest days, serving as a spiritual and educational anchor for the community. Founded in 1840 and rooted in the first Catholic gatherings in the area, the parish has grown alongside the University of Michigan, with which it shares a long and vibrant relationship. For generations, St. Thomas has been a welcoming home for families, students, faculty and other parishioners, drawn together in a diverse community centered on the Eucharist.

Since 1868, our school has faithfully formed students in both faith and virtue, making it the oldest Catholic school in the area. In 2018, the school embraced a renewed mission by becoming the first fully classical Catholic school in the diocese. Following the re-inauguration of the high school grades in 2022, this fall St. Thomas will again offer a complete preschool through twelfth grade education, fulfilling a long-held vision that unites parish and school in a shared, Christ-centered mission.

To support this growing mission, we are embarking on a campaign that looks boldly to the future. This effort will not only significantly strengthen our school endowments by providing long-term support for teacher salaries, tuition assistance, and classroom resources, but also fund much-needed physical maintenance and repair projects across our parish and school campus. These investments in our people and our facilities will ensure that St. Thomas continues to thrive as a strong, faithful, and welcoming community for generations to come. We plan to fund these important projects concurrently, with a 70/30 split between the endowments and building projects.



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our plans



Meet Stewardship for Saints & Scholars Parish Target \$1,815,000

Bishop Boyea has identified \$1,815,000 as the *Stewardship for Saints & Scholars* (S3) contribution that St. Thomas parishioners will make to the diocesan campaign so that Catholic schools across our ten counties can be ever more on mission, affordable, and accessible. Of this target, twenty cents out of every dollar that we collect will be sent directly to St. Thomas to address our needs. At goal, that 20% represents an additional \$363,000 that St. Thomas will use to support our existing goals as listed in this brochure. *Once our diocesan campaign goal is surpassed, every additional dollar pledged and received will remain with our parish. These funds will be directed toward our campaign priorities, with 70% supporting our Endowment for Educators and 30% dedicated to essential facility repairs.*



OVERALL FUNDRAISING GOAL:
\$3,300,000

St. Thomas School Endowment Funds | \$1,039,500

Since 1868, our parish has been committed to providing Catholic education, made possible by the generosity of our community. In addition to the essential Sunday offertory, we support students and families through dedicated funds.

Endowment for Educators \$700,000

St. Thomas recently created an Endowment for Educators with an anonymous donation intended to fund teacher salaries, recruitment, and retention bonuses. Our teachers make remarkable sacrifices, guided by faith and dedication to our children. Through this campaign, we intend to match that incredibly generous donation!

St. Thomas School Trust \$300,000

Through the St. Thomas School Trust Fund, we provide vital tuition assistance and address essential needs such as new textbooks and updated technology. By strengthening this fund, we can ensure that more children have the opportunity to attend our school and be shaped for a lifetime of discipleship.



Homeschool Initiative \$39,500

Recognizing that parents are the primary educators of their children, our parish is called to accompany and assist them in fulfilling this sacred vocation. Through the generosity and engagement of our community, we hope this campaign will make possible the creation of a fund that provides essential resources such as homeschool curricula, materials, and textbooks. Over time,

this foundation would also allow us to develop and offer upper school classes in subjects like Latin, Math, Science, and Applied Arts—empowering parents and enriching the educational journey of our homeschool students.

Significantly expanding these endowments is fundamental to our long-term stability, enabling us to better attract and retain high-quality educators while reducing the financial burden on families. Through this growth, we help secure the future of Catholic education in our community, ensuring the school remains a foundation of faith and learning for generations to come.



Facilities Maintenance and Repair Projects \$445,500

Caring for our church and school buildings is vital to our mission at St. Thomas. These spaces are more than just structures; they are the foundation for community, education, worship and growth. Essential repairs are needed not only to enhance the appearance of our facilities but more importantly, to ensure their safety, stability, and readiness to serve future generations.

After a thorough professional inspection, five priority areas requiring replacement or repair have been identified:

- Several deteriorating walls around the school grounds
- The flat roof over the preschool playground
- The basement wall of the rectory
- The flat roof of the rectory
- The tile roof on the rectory

By addressing these critical needs now, we fulfill our responsibility as good stewards, prevent more costly issues in the future, and protect the long-term well-being of our parish and school. Investing in these improvements is not just an investment in our buildings—it is an investment in the enduring strength and future of our ministry.

