



# ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

*Nascantur in Admirazione*

"Let Them Be Born in Wonder."

December 16, 2019

Nicholas Term – Week VII

December Virtue: Orderliness

School Year Theme: *Beatudinem* (Happiness)



**“To adore God is to acknowledge, in respect and absolute submission,  
the ‘nothingness of the creature’ who would not exist but for God.**

**To adore God is to praise and exalt him and to humble oneself.”**

*Catechism of the Catholic Church 2097*

~ Events Calendar ~

View the complete St. Thomas School Calendar [here](#).



Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>

**St. Thomas Winter Celebration of Wonder**

6:30 PM in the St. Thomas Parish Hall

Friday, December 20<sup>h</sup>

**Half Day - Dismissal at 11:40 AM**

**St. Thomas Christmas Party**

ESP Available to 5:30 PM

Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> - Friday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Christmas & New Year's Break - No School**

Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>

**St. Thomas 2019-2020 School Year Open House**

2:00 - 4:00 PM Parish Hall

Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup> - Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup>

Catholic Schools Week

Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>

**Theology of the Body Evening Reflection**

Wine, Hors D'Oeuvres, Dessert

7:00 PM Parish Hall

Purchase tickets [here](#).

~ **Attachments** ~

Weekly Parent Schedule

Family Reflections Before the Nativity Scene

## From the Headmaster

Our thanks to all the participants in our **Christmas Decoration Fundraiser** which raised over \$1000 for our Rome Trip student travelers.

Special thanks and blessing to all the families who have responded to our St. Thomas School Giving Tree

and to those who contributed to our Mrs. Annette Rigan Mitten Tree.

Please turn in all gifts by **Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**.

Sincere thanks to the families who have purchased books for our St. Thomas Library Collection from our Library Committee's [St. Thomas School Online Wish List](#).

Please see additional details on this giving program below.



As St. Thomas adopts a new Diocese of Lansing Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Theology of the Body Curriculum for the 2020-2021 school year, St. Thomas School invites our St. Thomas parish community to discover for yourself the beauty and power of St. Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body at **An Evening Reflection on the Theology of the Body**. Join us Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM for wine, hors d'oeuvres and dessert with a reflection by Fr. Tom Wray, chaplain of Ruah Woods Press, publisher of the curriculum.

In his teaching on the Theology of the Body, Saint Pope John Paul II presents to modern couples, educators and the Church a biblically grounded **Catholic anthropology**—an answer to the question of 'Who is the human person?' His teaching is the antidote to the confusion, error and ignorance regarding our human identity at the root of most of modern society's ills. Discover this teaching on the human person made in the image of God as man and woman which is guiding the Catholic family and modern society to a life of authentic love.

**Saturday, February 8, 2020 at 7 PM in the St. Thomas Parish Hall.**

Tickets may be purchased online [here](#).



### **St. Thomas Winter Night of Wonder**

This Wednesday evening's very special program will feature each classroom's Christmas poem within the recorder and instrumental pieces of the 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade ensembles. Come early and view the Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade Christmas artwork display while our St. Thomas Parent Association provides homemade cookies, hot chocolate and peppermint tea for the festivities! We trust this time together will be meaningful night for your student and your family's celebration of Christmas.

**Students are to arrive in the parish hall by 6:20 PM.**

### **St. Thomas Library Collection Wish List Donation Program**

**From our Library Committee:** As we look to develop our collection to better support our classical Catholic curriculum, the Library Committee is sponsoring a Wish List Donation Program where our families can donate a book from our classical curriculum reading list that our collection does not currently have available. We invite all our school and parish families to visit our [St. Thomas School Online Wish List](#) and make a purchase of a book for our school's collection. Students for years to come will be able to enjoy rich and rewarding reading through your generosity which will be noted with a special label placed inside each donated book. Thank you for your participation in building up our library collection at St. Thomas.