



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Nascantur in Admirazione
"Let Them Be Born in Wonder."

December 9, 2019

Nicholas Term – Week VI

December Virtue: Orderliness

School Year Theme: *Beatudinem* (Happiness)



"And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us"
St. Thomas Entryway Nativity Scene ~ *Thank you Carlotta Maki*



Faculty and students are participating in a Advent Wreath lighting prayer service each Monday during Advent.



~ Christmas Poinsettia, Wreath & Garland Sale ~

Decorate your home and support our St. Thomas Rome Trip by purchasing Poinsettias, Wreaths and Roping.

Order forms are due to the school office by **Tuesday, December 10th** for delivery on **Tuesday, December 17th**.

Use e-Funds to make your payment or attach a check made out to St. Thomas. **Thank you!**

~ Events Calendar ~

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



Tuesday, December 10th

St. Thomas Christmas Poinsettia, Wreath & Garland Sale Orders Due
Order form attached—For delivery on **Tuesday, December 17th**

Thursday, December 12th

St. Thomas School Christmas Choir Concert
6:30 PM in St. Thomas Church

Friday, December 13th

All School Thanksgiving Food Drive
Jan Day
January Lunch Orders Due

See attached order form~
Note: Wednesday is now Mostaccioli Day!

Thursday, December 12th

St. Thomas School Christmas Choir Concert
6:30 PM in St. Thomas Church

Sunday, December 15th

Knights of Columbus St. Nicholas Pancake Breakfast
After the 9 AM Mass ~ Parish Hall

Wednesday, December 18th

St. Thomas Winter Celebration of Wonder
6:30 PM in the St. Thomas Parish Hall

Friday, December 20^h

Half Day - Dismissal at 11:40 AM
St. Thomas Christmas Party
ESP Available to 5:30 PM

~ Attachments ~

Weekly Parent Schedule

The Manger ~ Family Reflection Around the Home Nativity Scene

January Lunch Order Form (Due Friday, December 13th)

Christmas Decoration Order Form (Due Tomorrow, Tuesday, December 10th)

School Stakeholders Team Rosters

From the Headmaster

As a school community we look to experience together the anticipation and joy of this Season of Our Lord's Birth through two very special events which we pray will add a holy and joyful memory to your families celebration of Christmas this year.

St. Thomas Christmas Choir Concert

All students have been working very hard with Mrs. Herrmann for our Christmas Choir Concert this Thursday. This year will be another wonderful presentation that will deepen your family's experience of this Advent and Christmas season of grace. **All students will begin practice at 6 PM, please arrive in the church by 5:50 PM, except for all soloists/small group singers are to arrive for a 5:45 PM practice start time.**



The St. Thomas Lower School Choir at last year's Christmas Choir Concert—watch the [video here](#).

St. Thomas Winter Celebration of Wonder

This year we introduce a very special all school Christmas event on **Wednesday, December 18th** with all our Kindergarten through 8th grade students participating in Christmas recitation, art and instrumental presentations. Each classroom teacher will be leading their class in a special recitation presentation of a Christmas poem they chose from *O Holy Night ~ Masterworks of Christmas Poetry*. The evening's program will feature each classroom's Christmas poem within the recorder and instrumental pieces of the 5th through 8th grade ensembles. The evening will also include a Kindergarten through 8th 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.**



The Manger ~ Reflections for the Family Around the Home Nativity Scene

As we display the manger scene of our Lord's birth in our home each Christmas, please reference the attached guide for parents to use in bringing the family together during Christmas to enter more deeply into the gift of Jesus through scripture. This guide provides instruction in taking full spiritual advantage of the manger scene with your family by reading key scriptural passages to guide simple conversation which make more personal and real the gift of Jesus to the world and to each of us. Our thanks to Mrs. Carlotta Maki for preparing this guide for our school community.

School Stakeholder Team Rosters

Our thanks to all the parents who have stepped forward to make a difference at St. Thomas School. Attached is a list of our current teams and their members—if you haven't yet, you can still get involved by signing up at our [School Stakeholders Sign-up](#).

The St. Thomas School Giving Tree

In conjunction with this season of giving, St. Thomas School has adopted one of our families who is in need of our help. Please consider taking a tag off the school entryway Christmas Tree. Please wrap your gift and tape the tag to the gift. Please only attach the ornament portion with the individual's wish on it. Please turn in gift cards to the office, wrapped gifts may be placed under the tree. All gifts are to be turned in by **Thursday, December 19th**. Thank you~!



Mrs. Annette Rigan Memorial Mitten Tree

Once again, we honor the memory of classroom teacher Annette Rigan by collecting new mittens and gloves for needy children and adults on our entry way Christmas Tree. Mrs. Rigan taught 2nd grade at St. Thomas from 1988 until she passed away from breast cancer in 1992. She was well loved by all her students and delighted in surprising them each year with a pair of hand-made mittens as a Christmas gift. We hope that you will help acknowledge the gift of learning given by Mrs. Rigan and all the teachers of St. Thomas by donating a pair of new mittens or gloves from now until December 19th. Thank you~



St. Nicholas Pancake Breakfast

*Sponsored by
the Knights of Columbus*

**Join us in the parish hall
after the 9:00am Mass on Sunday, December 15th**

This is always a fun and popular parish event during Advent.
Bring the kids and a good appetite! St. Nicholas can't wait to see you!

