



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Nascantur in Admirazione

"Let Them Be Born in Wonder."

March 16, 2020

Scholastica Term – Week VIII

March Virtue: Industriousness

School Year Theme: *Beatudinem* (Happiness)



~ Events Calendar ~

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



Wednesday, March 18th

Kindergarten – 8th Grade Parent Survey Due

Complete the [Parent Survey](#)

Monday, April 6th

Current Return to School Date

Thursday, April 9th - 13th

No School ~ Easter Break

Friday, April 24th

Save the Date!

The St. Thomas the Apostle School

2020 Scholarship Gala

7:00 PM • Gandy Dancer

~ Attachments ~

Prayer to Our Lady for Protection & Deliverance

[2020 St. Thomas School Parent Survey](#)

Our thanks to those families who have had one parent respond to our parent survey. Feedback is entirely anonymous and will be used to support teacher instructional quality, grow our school culture and support school/parent communication. Please take the 5 to 10 minutes needed to complete this survey as we continue to make St. Thomas all that the Lord desires it to become for our children and youth. Please complete [the survey](#) by this **Wednesday, March 18th**. Classrooms with surveys completed by one of each student's parents will have a class Jean Day. Thank you~! Our current classroom responses:

Kindergarten: 10 of 15 (67%)
First Grade: 4 of 6 (67%)
Second/Third Grade: 8 of 15 (53%)
Fourth/Fifth Grade: 8 of 9 (89%)
Sixth/Seventh Grade: 10 of 14 (71%)
Eighth Grade: 4 of 8 (50%)

Continuing Our Students' Learning

- During this period of closure we continue to fulfill our responsibilities to guide the ongoing trajectory of learning and development of your children while they are at home. All St. Thomas teachers are providing regular updates to parents via email and their website classroom portal with specific activities and assignments. All students are expected to complete this work during the period of closure according to provided due dates. Upon our return from school, learning will continue from the point at which this distance learning leaves off. Grades may be generated for assignments per teacher assignment information.
- As we all learn to best leverage our e-communication tools and skills, we seek to provide our students with ongoing learning support and direction. Thank you for your patience in this process. Please feel welcome to contact teachers during their stated 'office hours' when they will immediately respond to emails, or be able to call you to discuss needs. Please explain any problems, limitations, etc. which we will seek to resolve quickly. We look to be able to clearly and efficiently communicate our distance learning activities and make them beneficial to our students continued progress in learning.
- Please note that teachers will be providing these activities and assignments in steps. There may be a desire on the part of students to have 'all the work at once' in order to complete it as soon as possible. Pedagogically this does not serve students understanding, retention and quality of work. Teachers will therefore be providing assignments on a daily basis or in increments of a few days.
- We are grateful for the key role our parents will play in this process in receiving emails, visiting our school website, printing materials when necessary, monitoring student web usage, administering and possibly correcting a quiz, or sending in an assignment as directed by the teacher. We are grateful for this collaboration and look to work closely with both our parents and students in making this time a continuation of our classical Catholic education at St. Thomas.

Sunday Collection

As we all adjust to the new circumstances imposed by the current health crisis, we ask our St. Thomas families to keep our parish and school community in mind in regard to the reality that our

parish financial support directly impacts St. Thomas School. Sunday collection contributions make possible St. Thomas School in providing the majority of the funding for our teacher salaries. As we soon begin the last term of our school year, we rely on your continued financial giving to St. Thomas which will allow us to continue to serve our school community of families. If you are unable to attend Mass, please visit the [St. Thomas Parish website online giving page](#) to continue making your financial gifts to St. Thomas. Thank you.

Prayer in Times of Pestilence--*The Stella Coeli*

The town of Coimbra (Portugal) having been visited by a violent pestilence, the nuns of St Clare offered their prayers in the following form, whereupon the contagion instantly ceased. This ancient holy prayer, left to the above-named monastery, has preserved many places from contagion where it is recited daily with confidence in God and the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It has arrested this scourge in many places.



Stella Coeli

The Star of Heaven that nourished the Lord drove away the plague of death which the first parents of man brought into the world. May this bright Star now vouchsafe to extinguish that foul constellation whose battles have slain the people with the wound of death. O most pious Star of the Sea, preserve us from pestilence; hear us, O Lady, for Thy Son honors Thee by denying Thee nothing. Save us, O Jesus, for whom Thy Virgin Mother supplicates Thee.

V: Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

R: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray:

O God of mercy, God of pity, God of benign clemency, Thou Who hast had compassion on the affliction of Thy people, and hast said to the angel striking them, "Stop thy hand;" for the love of this glorious Star, whose breasts Thou didst sweetly drink as antidote for our crimes, grant the assistance of Thy grace, that we may be safely freed from all pestilence, and from unprovided death; and mercifully save us from the gulf of eternal perdition: through Thee, Lord Jesus Christ, King of Glory, who livest and reignest, world without end. Amen.

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