



# ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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

## St. Thomas School Community Newsletter February 15, 2021

***Scholastica Term Virtue: Docility***

School Year Theme ~ *gratia cantantes* (Gratitude)

### *School Mission Statement*

In partnership with Catholic families, St. Thomas seeks to nurture future Catholic scholars, leaders and saints. Assisted by the Holy Spirit, we inspire students to grow intellectually through a classical Catholic curriculum, forming confident youth leaders grounded in virtue. We guide children to become friends of Jesus—to love as He loves, and join our Catholic community's rich tradition of proclaiming the Kingdom and bettering our world.



## *Presidents Day 2021*

Also celebrated as George Washington's Birthday which is actually February 22<sup>nd</sup>. General George Washington served as Commander of the Continental Army, presided over the convention which wrote the Constitution of the United States of America, and served as the first President of the United States for two terms.

His leadership, faith, courage, witness of character, vision and intellect provided the indispensable foothold for a political revolution which founded a new social order expressing in its nature the human responsibility of free choice under the authority and providence of God—the United States of America.



Congratulations to our students who are being recognized for their excellence in our Catholic Schools Week essay contest.

This week we are proud to share with you the essay of 6<sup>th</sup> grader Fulton Deemer:

***“How does St. Thomas School make you a better person?”***

St. Thomas school helps me in many ways to be a better person. One of the ways is that I do not have to pretend about things. I can just be myself because the people here do not laugh at you when you mess up or something. Also, everybody is so kind, it makes you feel like you are wanted there. At first when I joined I was nervous because I was afraid that I wouldn't know anybody, but that went away because everyone was so kind to me. If I had known that when I was younger then I would have begged to be able to go here. I wish that everyone would have a chance to experience something as great as Saint Thomas School.



*Fulton Deemer*

**~ Events Calendar ~**

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

Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>

**Ash Wednesday**

All School Mass & Ashes at 8:15 AM

St. Thomas School Parents Curbside Communion & Ashes @ 3:15 PM

Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade First Reconciliation** at 10:30 AM

Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup>

**Current Family Enrollment Registrations Due**

**Gabriel House Jean Day**

Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade First Communion** at 10:30 AM

**From the Headmaster**

**How Did This Happen So Fast?**

For many the propagation of the ideology that gender was a matter of choice and not necessarily determined naturally, or that we are not bound by any natural biological gender identity, has overtaken the social and political narrative in the United States with surprising speed. For many parents, families and institutions, their rapidity of development and spread has taken them off guard and most are not fluent in or even aware of the Church's coherent, profound and unshakeable understanding of the truth of the nature of the human person and which is directly undermined by the current ideology of transgenderism.

To help parents address these issues which will now commonly arise in our lives, I will be occasionally share resources for you to draw from to equip yourselves to understand our circumstances and establish yourself and your family upon the truth of the human person and avoid the devastation to the human person wrought by these ideologies . Please watch the 5 minute video by clicking on the image below or visiting <https://vimeo.com/489096263> to hear from Mary Rice Hanson of the Ethics and Public Policy Center to learn how this happened so fast.



**2021-2022 Enrollment Registration** ~ We encourage all our currently enrolled families to reserve their seat for the new school year by submitting their enrollment materials by **March 11<sup>th</sup>**. Please note that we are limiting our Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade class size to 16 students given the role that individual student dialogue plays in our classical curriculum and pedagogy. We will begin to accept newly enrolling families registrations in open seats beginning March 12<sup>th</sup>. Registrations received after classes have reached 16 students will go on an enrollment wait list. We are currently planning on separating our currently combined 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class into separate classrooms pending our enrollment.



### Upper School Edge—Upcoming: A Night of Art!

This Thursday! 7 - 8:30 PM in the Youth Room! Come to Edge 6th - 8th graders from our parish. Dress in clothes you can get stained! Bring a mask and a friend. Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040945afae2cabff2-stthomas1> . Questions? Email St. Thomas Youth Minister Caroline Biskner at [cbiskner@sta2.org](mailto:cbiskner@sta2.org) .