



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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

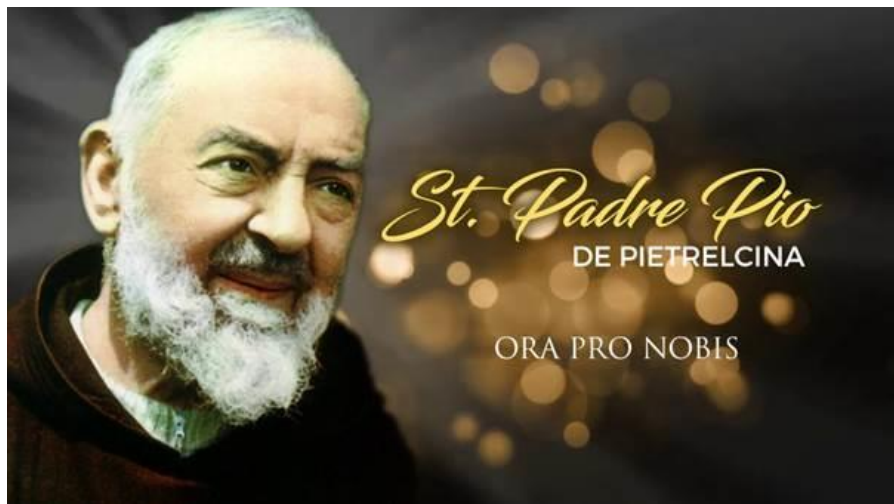
St. Thomas School Community Newsletter March 1, 2021

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.



"Every Holy Mass, heard with devotion, produces in our souls marvelous effects, abundant spiritual and material graces which we, ourselves, do not know... It is easier for the earth to exist without the sun than without the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass!"

-St. Pio of Pietrelcina

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 **3rd grader Luke Eustice**:

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

St. Thomas is special to me because it's what brings people together. We never shut our hearts we're always welcome. Each year we expand we know more. St. Thomas is made of each and every heart. We're like a wall that gets bigger each day. Education gets stronger each day. We love our teachers here while we work they always plan something fun. Mr. DiLaura inspires every kid. He loves each and everyone here. St. Thomas welcomes everyone who wants to come here. We love our teachers we love the subjects they give. What's nice is that the teachers go out of you time to do stuff for us. Also they will give rewards for best behavior. My classmates are very friendly to everyone who wants to join. We love going to mass. We will move mass somewhere else if we can't have mass in the church. We always will inspire ourselves like when we have a NWEA. We will learn what's on it later but the more of a challenge we get the more we will think. St. Thomas inspires me and others to raise our hand when we have questions.



Luke Eustice



Dr. Brigunte organizes the help of our 5th and 6th grade beginning instrumentalists in the band room by arranging to have 7th and 8th graders come and assist them in their note production and reading of music. Thanks to Mrs. DeRocher for help making this collaboration among our upper school students possible.



Mrs. Gruetzmacher's children observe this holy time of Lent by making crosses to honor Our Lord's sacrifice for them.
 "Jesus Did This For Me."



All of St. Thomas School enjoyed celebrating Mrs. Steffy's birthday last Friday
 Including Mrs. Ortiz's preschoolers.
 Wishing you a great year ahead Mrs. Steffy~!

~ Events Calendar ~

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



Thursday, March 11th

**Current Family Enrollment Registrations Due
Gabriel House Jean Day**

Friday, March 12th

Professional Development Day – No School

Monday, March 15th

Winter Break – No School

Thursday, April 1st – Sunday, April 11th

Easter Break – No School

From the Headmaster

Just TWO Weeks Remaining--2021-2022 Enrollment Registration Due ~ We encourage all our currently enrolled families to reserve their seat for the new school year by submitting their enrollment materials by **March 11th**. Please note that we are limiting our Kindergarten through 8th 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 12th. Registrations received after classes have reached 16 students will go on an enrollment wait list. We are currently planning on separating our currently combined 2nd and 3rd grade class into separate classrooms pending our enrollment.



March is Reading Month is Here~!

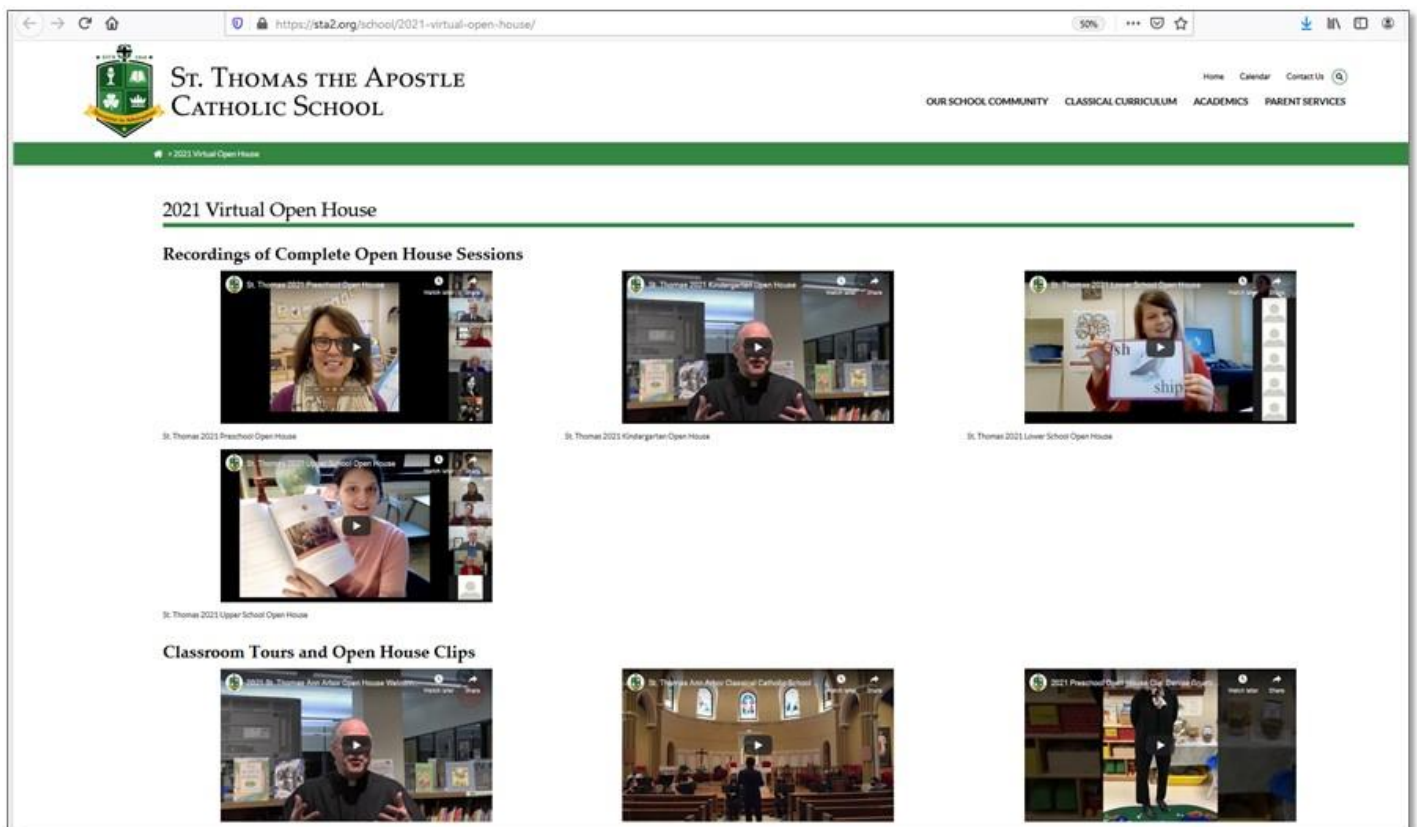
Thank you to all our parents for your support at home in our students participation in our March is Reading Month activities. Please see the attached calendar of events for the month ahead. The pledges provided in our students' Whooo's Reading activities support our St. Thomas Parent Association and all their special efforts at St. Thomas, including the support of our St. Thomas

Library and Catholic Student Reading Room. Special thanks to our teachers, Mrs. Savarino and Mrs. Gavigan for all their efforts in making this special month of reading possible~!

Miss the St. Thomas Open House?

Enjoy listening to our faculty and staff introduce you to our classrooms by visiting the link below to our school's webpage for recordings of both the full open house sessions for Preschool, Kindergarten, Lower School and Upper School, or the recorded, individual teacher presentations. Feel welcome to share the link~!

<https://sta2.org/school/2021-virtual-open-house/>



The screenshot displays the website for St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School. The header includes the school's logo and name, along with navigation links for Home, Calendar, and Contact Us. Below the header, there are links for OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY, CLASSICAL CURRICULUM, ACADEMICS, and PARENT SERVICES. The main content area is titled "2021 Virtual Open House" and features a section for "Recordings of Complete Open House Sessions". This section contains five video thumbnails: St. Thomas 2021 Preschool Open House, St. Thomas 2021 Kindergarten Open House, St. Thomas 2021 Lower School Open House, St. Thomas 2021 Upper School Open House, and St. Thomas 2021 Preschool Open House (individual teacher presentation). Below this is a section for "Classroom Tours and Open House Clips", which includes three more video thumbnails: St. Thomas Ann Arbor Open House Walkthrough, St. Thomas Ann Arbor Classroom Catholic School, and 2021 Preschool Open House Classroom Tour.