



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Nascantur in Admirazione

"Let Them Be Born in Wonder."

St. Thomas School Community Newsletter March 22, 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.



**"Man should tremble, the world should quake,
all Heaven should be deeply moved when
the Son of God appears on the altar in the hands of the priest."**

St. Francis of Assisi



Congratulations and thanks to Mr. Creaser and our 4th grade families for the wonderful Feast of St. Joseph celebration our 4th grade students enjoyed in recognition of the wonderful care and protection we receive through the powerful intercession of St. Joseph!

~ Events Calendar ~

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



Friday, March 19th – Wednesday, March 31st

St. Thomas Spring Bookfair

Visit: <https://www.goodnewsbookfair.com/virtual-fair/>

Friday, March 26th

End of Scholastica Term

Monday, March 28th

40 Days for Life Closing Rally

2-4 PM ~ See attached flyer for details

Monday, March 29th

Start of Boniface Term

Wednesday, March 31st

Scholastica Term Report Cards Available Online

Thursday, April 1st – Sunday, April 11th

Easter Break – No School

Friday, May 14th

**St. Thomas Spring Gala
with Fr. Robert Sirico**

President of the Acton Institute for the Study of Religion and Liberty
Pastor of Sacred Heart Classical Academy in Grand Rapids

Save This New Date!

Tickets Available Soon~

From the Headmaster

The St. Thomas Book Fair is Open!~Looking for Easter gifts? Give the gift of a great book! If you haven't visited our Virtual Book Fair, we would invite you to take a look at the beautiful books that the Good News! Book Fair has this year.

Visit <https://www.goodnewsbookfair.com/virtual-fair/> and use our school code **STA2**. Books could take up to a week to arrive so order them soon!

St. Thomas Children's Reading Room Icon Set is Complete!~ Special thanks to all our parents who have now purchased all our requested reading room icons! These gifts will be creating a space where children will feel the recollection of spirit in which they can enter into a good book and have the book enter into them. At this time we are still hoping to obtain some student reading chairs. If you are interested in donating to this effort, please take a look at our [MyRegistry.com](https://www.myregistry.com) wish list or contact Sarah Davignon at sdavignon@sta2.org. Thank you again for all your support of this effort to deepen our children's engagement in reading.

St. Thomas Enrollment Update ~ Please feel welcome to share the link to our Virtual Open House videos with interested Catholic friends, family, neighbors or coworkers. The link is: <https://sta2.org/school/2021-virtual-open-house/> . Also remember our \$750 tuition credit earned through our St. Thomas enrollment referral program.

| School Year | Students Enrolled | Count Change | Percent Change | Count Change Since Last Report |
|-------------|-------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------------------------|
| 21-22 | 104 | +20 | +24% | +1 |
| 20-21 | 84 | +14 | +20% | |
| 19-20 | 70 | +10 | +17% | |
| 18-19 | 60 | | | |

Our current enrollment by class: Kindergarten: 15, First Grade: 18 [Full], Second Grade: 14, Third Grade: 9, Fourth Grade: 10, Fifth Grade: 12, Sixth/Seventh Grade: 15, Eighth Grade: 11.

Hillsdale College Online Course on Children's Literature ~ A free, 9 segment course presenting nine classic works of children's literature is available from Hillsdale College (each segment is approximately 20 minutes long). I highly encourage you to view the 2 minute introduction to the course [here](#). This course a wonderful opportunity to understand more deeply and re-experience for yourself these treasures of classic children's literature. Enjoy~!

MARCH IS READING MONTH at the St. Thomas Library

Our St. Thomas Spring Book Fair is Here! ~ Last Friday we began our spring book fair—this year online, which will continue through next week Wednesday, March 31st.

Donate a Book to Enrich the St. Thomas Library Collection--Our St. Thomas school library has been a place of discovery and joy this year! Please support the St. Thomas school library by purchasing a book from our Amazon wish list: bit.ly/STA2LIBRARY. These books have been carefully selected to support the St. Thomas curriculum and to bring new stories of meaning, character, and virtue to our children. We are glad to recognize the donor or to honor the memory of someone you name on a bookplate placed in the book(s) you donate. Please contact our school librarian Sarah Davignon at sdavignon@sta2.org if you have any questions.



Whoo's Reading

Thank you to all our parents and teachers for making this year's Whoo's Reading activity so successful! **Through your support our students have reached both our Pledge Goal of \$5000—currently reaching \$7,800, and our Reading Goal of 50,000 minutes—currently reaching 61,025 minutes!** A special word of thanks to Erin Savarino and Pai Gavigan for making this month so special for our students. We look forward to seeing the results of our door decorating contest next week~!

