



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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

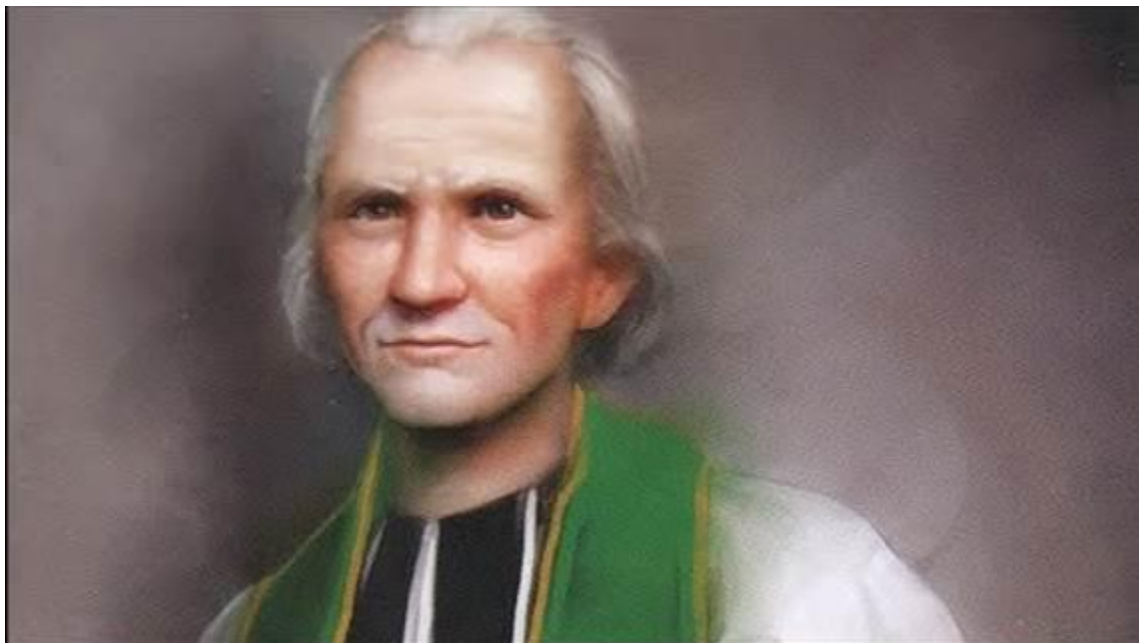
St. Thomas School Community Newsletter March 8, 2021

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.



"How happy is that guardian angel who accompanies a soul to Holy Mass!"

St. John Vianney

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
2nd Grader Oliver Derderian:



Oliver Derderian

“What makes you happy to be at St. Thomas School?”

This is what makes me happy at St. Thomas. The teachers make me happy to learn. The staff is perfect and they make me feel happy. The teachers are nice and the secretary is amazing and very nice and that is why I think St. Thomas is the best school.



Students enjoyed their class ‘treasure basket’ at the end of the March is Reading Month Scavenger Hunt~

Thank you Mrs. Gavigan and Mrs. Savarino!



Mrs. Mangan's art students employ key artistic techniques and mediums:

'Winter Pine' by 5th grader Sophia Savarino in watercolor and 'Blue Cup' by 7th grader Gabriel Cherney in pastels using the style of *chiaroscuro*—using shading to create strong contrasts between light and dark to emphasize the subject or aspect of the image.

~ 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 THIS Week Remains--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 this Thursday, **March 11th**. 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. We do not anticipate separating the current combined 5th and 6th grade—next year's 6th and 7th grade class—into separate classes, and will cap this combined grade classroom at 16 students.



March is Reading Month ~!

Thank you to all our parents for supporting your students during this month of our celebration of reading—especially for your help in our students obtaining a pledge, or pledges, for their reading efforts this month. Attached is the calendar of events for the week ahead. The pledges provided in our students' Whoo'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 Children's 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/>