



# ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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

## St. Thomas School Community Newsletter April 20, 2021

### ***Boniface Term Virtue: Modesty***

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.



### ***In Memoriam***

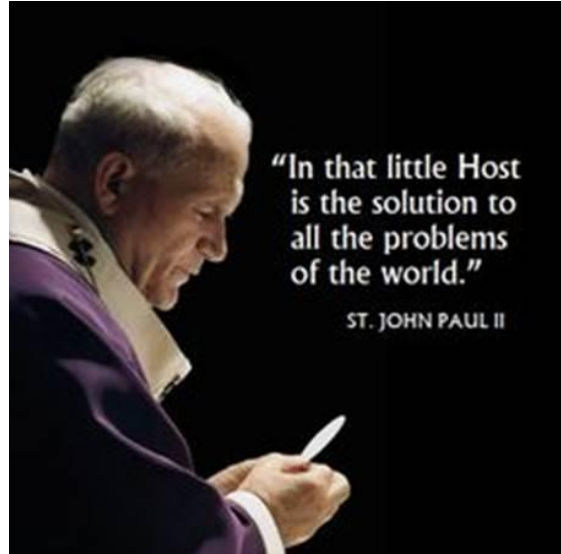
Dear St. Thomas Parents and Staff~

Maureen Galloway passed away peacefully around 7 p.m. last night. Please continue to lift up her family.

*Eternal rest grant unto Maureen O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she Rest In Peace. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God Rest In Peace.*

"She was always the Lord's, and His delight in her was greater than ours, and now she is all His."

From Fr. Bill's prayer for Maureen soon after her passing



We are deeply grateful for the donation of this beautiful Kemble piano to the St. Thomas Music Program. Students will play on this instrument in conjunction with our instrumental and choral music programs.



## ~ Events Calendar ~

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



Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup>



The 2021 *Laura M. Steffy* Scholarship Gala  
with guest speaker Fr. Robert Sirico



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

*Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM*  
*Gandy Dancer Outdoor Terrace*  
**Dinner ~ Speaker ~ Silent Auction**

***Save the Date!***

~Tickets Available Soon~

## From the Headmaster

### Staff Update—



As we look ahead to our upcoming 2021-2022 school year, we wish to extend our gratitude and blessing to Miss Angela Lorang and Mrs. Mary Sue Ortiz as they announce their plans to transition from St. Thomas at the end of the current school year.

**Mrs. Ortiz** has been serving our preschool children and families at out St. Thomas Little Saints Preschool for six years, providing a wonderful setting of friendship, learning and joy for our children. Mrs. Ortiz and her husband are joining their daughters in Colorado and look forward to being near their daughters and grandchildren. Thank you Mrs. Ortiz for the gift of love and learning you have given the little ones over these years with us at St. Thomas! Abundant blessings on you and family through the years ahead!

**Miss Lorang** has been with us since the beginning of our transition to classical Catholic learning at St. Thomas and has been a vital source of the classical formation, value and learning of our upper school students. Her dedication to excellence, her sensitivity to student needs, and her joyful spirit of faith have been a beautiful witness to her students and our entire community at St. Thomas. Miss Lorang is pursuing her Masters in Fine Arts in Creative Writing at Notre Dame University and will be teaching writing to at-risk students in her program. Thank you Miss Lorang for your wisdom and witness to our St. Thomas learning community! May the Lord continue to use and guide you in blessing the young people fortunate to learn from you in the years ahead.

## Whooo's Reading Month Competition Results!

### Students with Highest Pledges by class—well done!!

- K: Michelle Russ
- 1: Dimitri Johnson
- 2/3: Madeleine Hanley
- 4: Jude Flores
- 5/6: Charlotte Hanley
- 7/8: Heidi Reimold

**Class with highest pledge average and a special pizza lunch:** Fifth and Sixth Grade

**Class with highest minutes read average and a special pizza lunch:** Fourth Grade

**Everyone will enjoy ice cream on Friday, April 30th for the fabulous March is Reading doors!**

**Parents—Please Note:** We are looking for the return of the following books borrowed from our March is Reading Month Lending Library. Please check for and return for our future sharing the following books. Thank you!

Brink Bible Books Series:

Noah Ark

David and Goliath

The Christmas Story

My Story Time Collection Series:

1--Cinderella

9--Sleeping Beauty

17--The Princess and the Pea

The Borrowers Series:

The Borrowers Aloft

Choose Your Own Adventure Series

The Throne of Zeus

Forecast from Stonehenge