



# ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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

## St. Thomas School Community Newsletter September 7, 2021

***Margaret Mary Term Virtue:  
Kindness***

School Year Theme ~ *Beneficentia* (Generosity)

### *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.



## Help Needed ~ !

The St. Thomas Parish Community invites you to join in the fun and community of the annual **Parish Picnic next Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 4 PM**. Contribute to the event by signing up as a school parent to help monitor the games in the gym for a one hour block. Attached is our current sign up status—please visit [the sign-up page](#) to help ~  
**Thank you!**

## ~ Events Calendar

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



Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>

**Parish Picnic ~ 1:00 – 4:00 PM**

[Volunteer~!](#)

## From the Headmaster

### **Critical Race Theory—What is it? Is it Catholic?**

The Catholic Church has been a moral compass and source of social change through the centuries in the establishment of respect for the dignity of every human person. In current social dialogue and communications, the narrative and ideology called 'Critical Race Theory' has become a common reference point in defining the continuation of the work towards a just society. However, grave errors are embedded in this conception of justice and its understanding of how justice is to be achieved. The Cardinal Newman Society has produced [a very helpful and accessible introduction](#) to CRT to allow Catholics to avoid ignorance of these errors and to speak to them as needed. Please take advantage and share this resource as we all work toward a just society and continue to use the wisdom and truth revealed in the Catholic Church to accomplish it with Christ without Whom justice is impossible.

### **Classical Catholic Education Summit Update ~ Join us!**

We invite everyone interested in the future of St. Thomas School to join us at the upcoming team meetings. During these sessions we will develop and adopt a revised mission statement, a statement of our culture values for students, faculty and parents, operational and crisis management plans, and marketing and development plans. Bring offer your time and experience that will assist this in this vital work to establish our identity as a school community as we look to the continued growth and development of St. Thomas School. Please feel welcome to contact our team leads for more information. Join us in the parish hall at 7:30 PM on~

**Thursday, September 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Mission and Vision:** Lead ~ [Mike Hanley](#)

**Cultural Values:** Lead ~ [Lindsey Robitaille](#)

**Operational & Crisis Management Plans:** Lead ~ [Tim DiLaura](#)

**Marketing & Development Plans:** Lead ~ [Chris Russ](#)

## St. Thomas Classroom Air Conditioners

With late August's high temperature days, we are all aware of the very uncomfortable heat our teachers and students experience. To provide an environment where students and teachers can be at their best through the school day and through our first and last warm weeks of our school year, funds have been procured allowing us to purchase portable room air conditioners. Mechanical work to be done in a window casement in each classroom will provide a vent for the unit to exhaust its heat output to the outdoors. While we are unlikely to have the units installed before our current warm weather, we will look ahead to a cool weeks of learning in May and June in our classrooms!

## St. Thomas School Boys Altar Service

Fifth through eighth grade boys will be expected to serve on the altar at our all-school Masses on Wednesday and Fridays. We are asking that all our 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys embrace this call to service as a key lesson in their budding manhood. To equip each boy to serve with confidence, knowledge and reverence, there will be an after school training session in the church on **Tuesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> from 3:30 to 4:30 PM**. Fr. Bill will instruct the boys in this call of service and Mr. Dan Vincke will assist the clergy in training the boys in their altar service. Thank you for accommodating this training period—please plan on picking up the boys at 4:30 PM at the church on Tuesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>.

We do look to establishing a St. Thomas School Boys Club that will meet monthly in the development of leadership, craft and service skills, including out door camping events, field trips and formation in Christian manhood. More information to come!

## St. Thomas School Women's Book Club

A book club is being planned for this 2021-22 school year for St. Thomas School moms. The book list will come from The Well-Read Mom (<https://wellreadmom.com/>) which includes both spiritual and classic books. Group discussions will be held on weekday evenings 2-3 times each semester. Contact Lindsey Robitaille at [lindsrobit@hotmail.com](mailto:lindsrobit@hotmail.com) to be added to the group contact list.