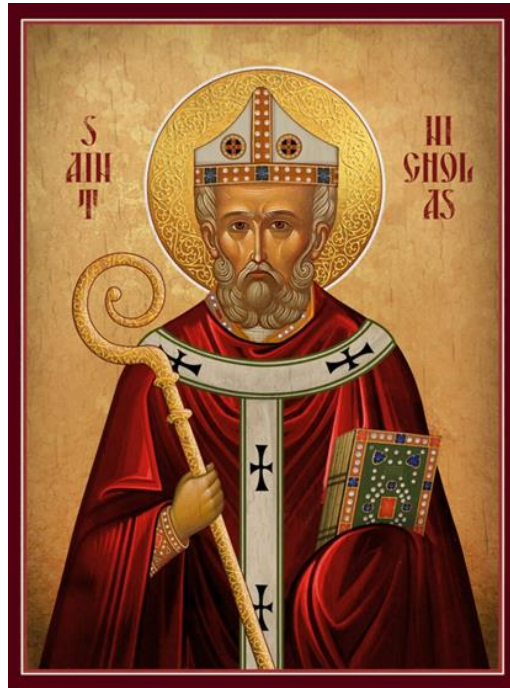




# ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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

## St. Thomas School Community Newsletter November 1, 2021



***Nicholas Term Virtue: Foresight***  
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.





St. Thomas celebrates with joy the Feast of All Saints~!  
 Blessed be God in His Angels and in His Saints~!



Giving thanks to God for the graces He has bestowed to make such wonderful examples of perseverance in love as (clockwise from top left) St. Claire (Anastasia Eustice), St. Maria Goretti (Maria Maki), St Michael the Archangel (Liam Dougherty), St. Helen (Madeleine Hanley), St. Teresa of Calcutta (Marley LeClair), St. Kateri Tekakwitha (Serena Jeyaraj), St. Padre Pio (Cyril Walusek), St. Joan of Arc (Clare Ordiway), and St. Pope John Paul II (John Paul Meinhart).

**Our sincere thanks to all our parents** for your support in dressing up your students in such wonderful presentations of so many amazing Saints for our All Saints Day celebration~!



Congratulations to the winners of Mrs. Lashaway's annual 4<sup>th</sup> Grade binder cover drawing contest of Spanish speaking saints~!



Congratulations to **Gabriel House** for winning the Margaret-Mary Term Angel House point competition~!

They will receive two Jean Days (November 12<sup>th</sup> & December 2<sup>nd</sup>)  
Congratulations to Rafael House for 2<sup>nd</sup> place—  
They will receive one Jean Day (December 2<sup>nd</sup>)

## ~ Events Calendar

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



Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>

**~ November Leadership Dress Day ~**

**Kindness Award Ceremony**  
(after Mass)

Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup>

**Margaret Mary Term Parent ~ Teacher Conferences**

Required of all Families—Sign up below.

Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup>

**No School**

Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup>

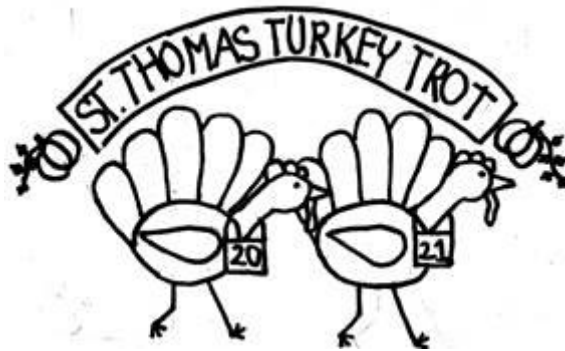
**Gabriel House Jean Day**

Monday, November 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>

**St. Thomas Annual Food Drive**

Benefitting the St. Thomas Vincent de Paul Society  
And Hope Clinic Food Pantry

Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup>



**St. Thomas 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Turkey Trot**

Raising Funds for *Family Life Services*

Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup>

**St. Thomas Parent Evening**

with **Dr. Mary Healy**

Made in the Image of God: *Faith, Gender and Education*

Wine and Hors D'oeuvres

7:00 PM ~ Parish Hall

*See the attached flyer to purchase tickets~*

Wednesday - Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup>  
**No School ~ Thanksgiving Break**

Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>  
**Gabriel and Raphael House Jean Day**

Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup>  
**Winter Celebration of Wonder**  
**6:30 PM ~ St. Thomas Parish Hall**  
Upper School Instrumental Music Ensemble Concert  
Kindergarten – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Classroom Poem Recitations  
Kindergarten – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Studio Art Show

## From the Headmaster

### **Margaret-Mary Term Report Cards Available Online**

St. Thomas Student Achievement Report Cards will be issued to parents through their online PowerSchool account access available **Wednesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3 PM**, parents will be able to view, and if desired print, their child(ren)'s report card following the instructions below:

1. Log in to your PowerSchool parent portal account. (Note: Online report cards are not accessible via the mobile app.)
2. If you have more than one student, select a student from the upper left menu.
3. **Click on Report Card link from the left-side menu.**

4. With the report cards displayed on the screen, click on the printer icon in the top blue bar.

5. Use the browser print window to select the printer and print the report card.

## **Upcoming Parent/Teacher Conferences~ Please sign up today for your conference**

Please use the sign-up links below to reserve an appointment to meet with your child's teacher(s) for conferences taking place Thursday afternoon and evening, November 4<sup>th</sup>. Fall parent/teacher conferences are required for all our parents (at least on parent) at this critical point in our school year. Please note the following locations for your conference:

**Preschool through 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Conference:** Grade Level Classroom

**5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Conferences:** Parish Hall

**Specials Conferences:** Parish Hall

[Mrs. Wood's Preschool Class](#)

[Mr. Pietryga - Kindergarten](#)

[Miss Kreifels - 1st Grade](#)

[Miss Cullen - 2nd Grade](#)

[Miss Fischer - 3rd Grade](#)

[Mr. Creaser - 4th Grade](#)

[Mr. Snyder - 5th Grade](#)

[Miss Morrissey & Miss Block - 6th, 7th & 8th Grade](#)

Conferences with our **St. Thomas Specials Teachers** can be arranged with each teacher as desired. Parents may email [Mrs. Lashaway](#), [Mrs. Herrmann](#), [Mrs. Mangan](#), [Mrs. DeRocher](#), [Mr. Miller](#), [Miss Rock](#), or [Mr. DiLaura](#) to arrange a conference.

### **Made in the Image of God: *Faith, Gender and Education***

On **Friday evening, November 19<sup>th</sup>** you are invited to a unique opportunity to be equipped as a parent or educator to both guide and protect your children from the confusion and errors that are being infused into modern cultural dialogue regarding the nature of the human person and sexuality. Dr. Mary Healy, of Sacred Heart Major Seminary, will provide a clear presentation on the Church's profound and beautiful teaching of the Theology of the Body which offers a clear refutation of these errors and a rich and empowering understanding of our sexuality as a reflection of our being made in the image and likeness of the Mystery of Love Who is God. Through this teaching you will be able to verbalize for yourself, your family, and those the Lord calls you to, insights into the design of God in our being made in His image--a sure foundation of happiness in our divinely ordained sexual identity.



Please see the attach flyer for details on purchasing tickets for this evening of formation and fellowship, with wine and hors d'oeuvres. Thank you for your \$25 donation per ticket proceeds from which will allow us to support our Theology of Body Curriculum at St. Thomas School.

## COVID Procedures Reminder

Please find below the symptom profiles we use, as recommended by the Michigan Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, to determine potential COVID infections. We require a negative result of at least the at-home antigen test (or the lab PCR test) before a child is able to return to school if they have either one high risk symptom or two low risk symptoms. We are all grateful for our parents' collaboration in ensuring the health and safety of the school community.

### High Risk Symptoms~

- Fever--temperature 100.4 F or higher/chills/body aches
- Cough--new onset or worsening
- Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing
- Change in ability to taste or smell

### Lower Risk Symptoms~

- Headache
- Sore Throat
- Nausea/Vomiting/Diarrhea
- Congestion/Runny Nose
- Fatigue

## St. Thomas Development Plan Update ~ Join us!

We invite everyone interested in the future of St. Thomas School to join us at our upcoming team meetings at which we will develop

- A new mission statement,
- Statements of our cultural values for students, faculty and parents,
- Operational and crisis management plans, and
- Marketing and development plans

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, 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](#)