



# ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

*Nascantur in Admirazione*

"Let Them Be Born in Wonder."

## St. Thomas School Community Newsletter December 13, 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.



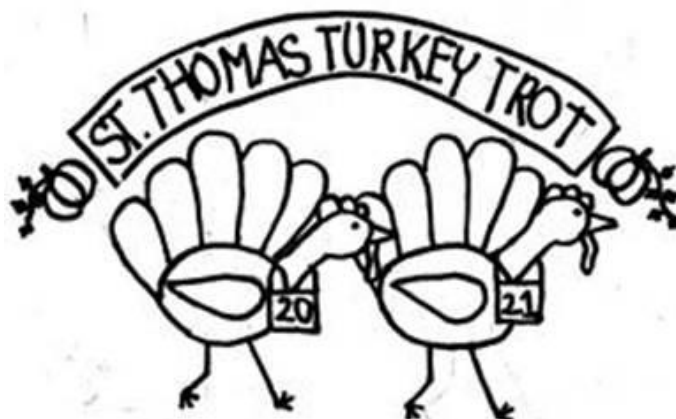
## St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School 2021 *Winter Celebration of Wonder*



# *St. Thomas Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive*



*Sincere thanks to all our families for donating 485 food items for the Northside Food Panty. Our student council will be delivering these items to this very grateful food ministry tomorrow afterschool. Congratulations to our first grade class for donating the most items—101! They will enjoy a Christmas Social this week. Thanks to our Student Council, Miss Morrisey, and all our families for making this service project possible and such a success!*



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

Sincere thanks to all our patrons of our St. Thomas Turkey Trot which raised over \$2000 for Family Life Services Pregnancy Counseling Center. Our thanks to Mr. Miller and Mrs. Gavigan for making this service project possible, and to all our students for all their 'trotting'.





## 2021-2022 St Thomas Family Giving Tree

Thanks to all who have participated in this year's St. Thomas Family Giving Tree~  
Please turn your gift in by **Wednesday, December 15th.**



The St. Thomas Parent Association is selling **St. Thomas School Christmas Ornaments** for \$10 in the school office. If you don't have one yet, hurry while supply lasts!

## ~ Events Calendar ~

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



Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>



**Christmas Flower Pick-up**  
Parish Hall / 1 - 4 PM



## St. Thomas Christmas Choral Concert

6:30 PM ~ St. Thomas Church

*Students arrive at 5:50 PM*



Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>

### **Our Lady of Guadalupe School Mass**

*Noon Mass*

Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup>

### **Student Christmas Parties**

*Parish Hall*

Kindergarten & First Grade: 9:30 – 10:30 AM

Second – Fourth Grade: 1:00 – 2:00 PM

Upper School: 2:15 – 3:15 PM

Monday, December 20<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>

### **No School**

Christmas and New Year's Break

## From the Headmaster

As we come to the last few days of this first 'half' of the school year, I experience a deep sense of gratitude to Our Lord and to so many who have contributed in so many ways to making this such a rewarding and formative school experience for our students. Our parents, teachers and staff have all worked together through our regular collaboration--in conferences, daily coordination at home, lesson preparation at school, communicating regularly on details and needs, following COVID procedures, participating in our service projects, and and coming together to live our life as a community of faith and learning at our community events. All the faculty and staff wish to express our sincerest wishes for a joyful, blessed and spiritually bountiful Christmastide to each of our families.

### **COVID-19 Communication Update:**

- All school parents will be notified of any positive COVID case and the effected grade.
- COVID cases are personal health information and names of individuals will not be communicated.
- Any student or staff potentially exposed to COVID will be notified immediately of the exposure and procedures for quarantine.
- School wide information is available on our [COVID-19 Dashboard](#).
- COVID Case History:

Week of:	Number of Cases
OCT 31	1
NOV 7	5
NOV 14	11
NOV 21	7
NOV 28	0
DEC 6	0

## Mrs. Annette Rigan Memorial Mitten Tree

Once again, we honor the memory of St. Thomas classroom teacher Annette Rigan by collecting new mittens and gloves for needy children and adults on our entryway Christmas Tree. Mrs. Rigan taught 2<sup>nd</sup> grade at St. Thomas from 1988 until she passed away from breast cancer in 1992. She was loved by all her students and delighted in surprising them each year with a pair of hand-made mittens as a Christmas gift. We hope that you will help honor the gift of learning given by Mrs. Rigan and all the teachers of St. Thomas by donating a pair of new mittens or gloves from now until December 15<sup>th</sup>. Contributions may be turned into the main office or to the homeroom teacher. ***Thank you~***