



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Nascantur in Admirazione

"Let Them Be Born in Wonder."

St. Thomas School Community Newsletter

December 6, 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.



Congratulations to our 2021-2022 Margaret-Mary Term Academic Honors Award Recipients~!

Cum Laude

[B+ Average]

Melody Merovich
Payton Barwig
Anne Maki
Anna Walusek
Samuel Garred
Maria Maki
Julian Magenau
Tanner Miller
Victoria Maszatics
Aidan McClelland

Magna cum Laude

[A- Average]

Francis Pearson
Fulton Deemer
Stasio Fil
Amelia Eustice
Anastasia Eustice
Josephine Maki

Summa cum Laude

[A Average]

Charlotte Hanley
Serena Jeyaraj
Teresa Deemer
Lydia Birhanu
Tad Merovich

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

Friday, December 10th

Parish Hall, 6:30 – 8 PM

Please Note: Per the St. Thomas School COVID protocol, all adults will need to wear a mask for this formal all school event. Thank you.



- ~ All Student Studio Art Display ~
- ~ Upper School Instrumental Ensemble Performances ~
- ~ Kindergarten-Eighth Grade Class Poetry Recitations ~
- ~ Refreshments for the Family~



2021-2022 St Thomas Family Giving Tree

During this holy season when we celebrate the generosity of Our Lord in giving us His very son, our St. Thomas School family has adopted one of our families who are in need of our help. Please consider purchasing one of the gifts listed on our online [Giving Tree Sign-up](#), or go in on a gift with another family. Please wrap your present and place a removable label stating what the gift is on the outside (for sorting purposes). Please turn the gift cards into the office, wrapped gifts may be placed under the tree by your student. Please turn your gift in by **Wednesday, December 15th**. Thank you!



Christmas Poinsettia, Wreath & Garland Sale!

Last Day~!

Decorate for Christmas and help support St. Thomas School by purchasing these beautiful and long lasting Christmas Poinsettias, Wreaths and Roping from Pinters Flowers. Order forms with payment are due to the school office by **Monday, December 6th** by 12pm. Your items will be available for pick up on **Tuesday, December 14th in the Parish Hall from 1pm to 4pm.** Please use e-Funds to make your payment or attach a check made out to St. Thomas to your order form which is attached. *Thank you!*



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](#).



Monday, December 6th

St. Thomas Christmas Flower Orders Due

See attached order form for details.

Wednesday, December 8th
No School
Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Friday, December 10th
Upper School Advent Retreat
8:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Theme: Knowing God’s Plan for Our Life

Winter Celebration of Wonder
6:30 PM ~ St. Thomas Parish Hall
Upper School Instrumental Music Ensemble Concert
St. Thomas Strings Ensemble
Kindergarten – 8th Grade Classroom Poem Recitations
Kindergarten – 8th Grade Studio Art Show

Tuesday, December 14th
St. Thomas Christmas Choral Concert
6:30 PM ~ St. Thomas Church

Monday, December 20th – Sunday, January 2nd
No School
Christmas and New Year’s Break

From the Headmaster

As we continue to seek the transition of spirit that this season of Advent offers us, we need to acknowledge that it takes a special act, a particular choice to create that interior space of prayer—however short—that seeks Our Lord’s presence anew. As we time manage our activity through these deeper weeks before Christmas, let us remember that the day itself is a supernatural release of grace most of which is beyond our normal capacity to sense or recognize, or worse, profit from. Let us ensure then that we take the time to ask the Lord for a new awareness of His presence—of Him Who is now Present—that we may know a deeper peace, a deeper gratitude and deeper joy because of Him—a peace, gratitude and joy that no earthly gift could ever provide.

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

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 2nd 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 15th. Contributions may be turned into the main office or to the homeroom teacher. ***Thank you~***