



# ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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

## St. Thomas School Community Newsletter

February 22, 2022

**Scholastica Term Virtue:**  
***Decorum***

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 Nicholas Term Virtue Recognition  
Recipients~!

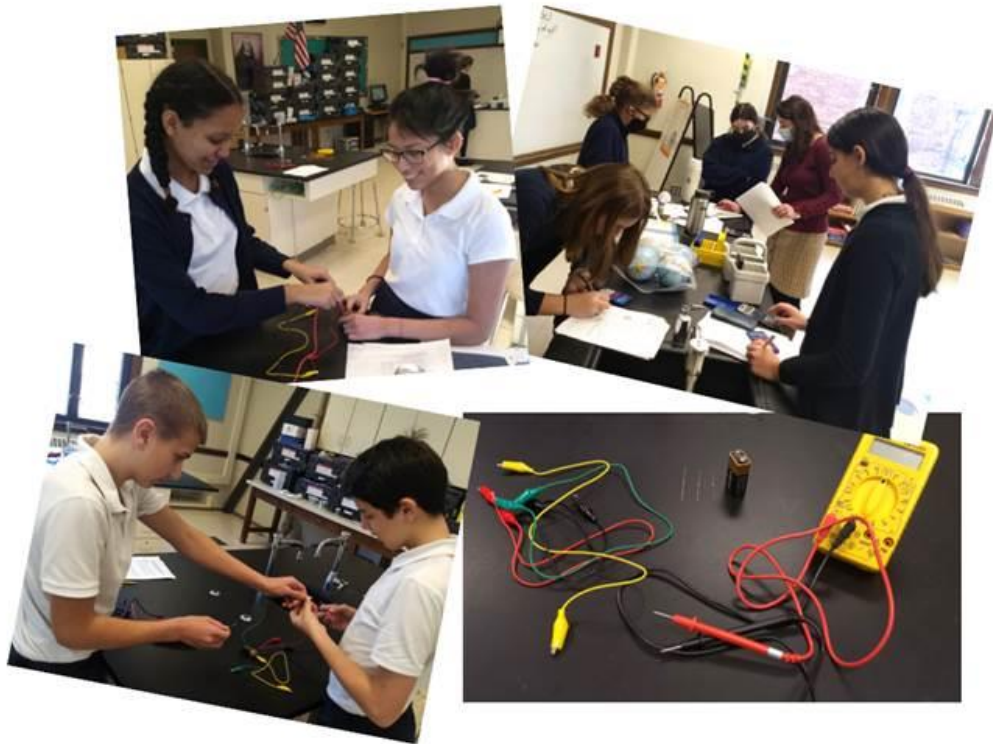
***Foresight***



(From left to right -- see attached awardee descriptions)

**Kindergarten: Bernard Atzinger**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Grade: Felicity Walusek**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: Dimitri Johnson**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: Cyril Walusek**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Alex Wood**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Francis Pearson**  
**6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade: Maria Maki**  
**8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Anastasia Eustice**  
**Staff: Miss Maura Cullen**  
**Staff: Miss Amanda Fischer**



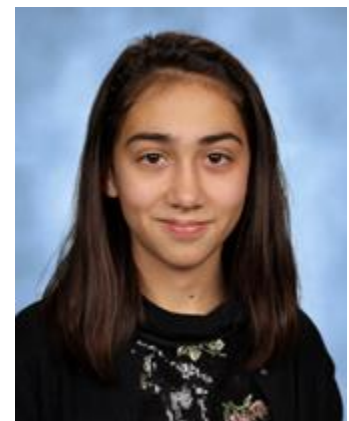
Mr. Stokes' and Miss Block's 8<sup>th</sup> grade Nature Studies and Math classes work on a lab project specifically designed to allow students to apply mathematics currently being studied in an application to electrical circuits. Measuring voltages across series resistors, students apply their math skills to solve for and calculate unknown circuit values using Ohm's Law and Kirchhoff's Voltage Law.

~ Our 2022 Catholic School Week 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Composition Winner ~

*"What have you learned at St. Thomas that is the most valuable to you?"*

By Maria Maki, 7<sup>th</sup> grade

The thing that I think is most valuable and important is... Latin. Latin is not taught in all Catholic schools, so it is a privilege that at our school it is taught. Latin helps me in many subjects for example: English, Math, History, etc. Latin sometimes helps find



the deeper meaning of things. Latin is very beneficial for your mind to grow. Latin is very organized and logical so it helps to grow and think in a logical way. Latin will help you all the way through your life! In conclusion Latin helps me expand my thinking and I think it is one of the most important things that I learn at St. Thomas.

## ~ Events Calendar ~

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

Thursday, February 24<sup>th</sup>

**MARCH Lunch Order Forms Due**

(see attached order form)

**Holy Spirit Talk and Classroom Prayer Ministry**

with Mrs. Barbara Yaich and Team

*Note New Date~!*

Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>

**2022-2023 Enrollment Registration Due**

Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup>

**Michael House Angel Point Winner Jean Day**

Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup> – Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup>

**No School**

**Winter Break & Teacher Professional Development**

Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup> – Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>

**St. Thomas Parish Lenten Mission**

**BLESSED + BROKEN + GIVEN**

~ See attached flyer for details ~

## From the Headmaster

As the Church continues to equip the faithful with an understanding of the truth of the human person in the face of the growing narrative of transgender ideology, dioceses around the country—as has the Diocese of Lansing—are providing the faithful catechetical tools to help them see more deeply into the mystery of the inseparable body-soul composite that is the human being and how transgenderism promotes the falsehood that this composite is malleable and determinable by a person. Most recently, Archbishop of the Diocese of Milwaukee, Jerome E. ListECKI has published a concise **Catechesis on the Theology of the Body**. This week we present the first of four installments, the Preface.

The Church teaches that the human person, created in the image and likeness of God, is a “unified creature composed of body and soul.” The soul is the spiritual principle of each human person and the “subject of human consciousness and freedom.”<sup>6</sup> Yet man is truly himself only “when his body and soul are intimately united.”<sup>7</sup> The human person is not a soul or a mind that has a body merely as a biological accessory. Rather, the human person is a body formed by a soul.<sup>8</sup> Human life and love are “always lived out in body and spirit,”<sup>9</sup> and thus the body is a “vital expression of our whole being.”<sup>10</sup>

So integral, in fact, is the body to who we are as human beings that the body and soul together are fashioned and “destined to live forever.”<sup>11</sup> The creed expresses a belief in the “resurrection of the body,” or the belief that all persons will “rise again with their own bodies which they now bear.”<sup>12</sup> The body which will one day rise is the very body which each person received as a gift and in which each person lives out his vocation to holiness.

### **2022-2023 Enrollment Registrations—Due Next Week, Tuesday—March 1st**

New family registrations will begin being accepted Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, please be tracking your plans to complete your 2022-2023 Enrollment Registration by Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> to reserve your child(ren)’s seat(s) and have your registration fee credited toward your tuition. Details are below. Please feel welcome to contact me if you have any questions about enrolling next year.

### **Extended School Program Coordinator Position Opening**

St. Thomas is seeking a five day per week coordinator of our afterschool care program who will supervise our ESP team of tutors, serving each day from 2:30 to 5:30 PM. The position will work closely with the school administration in scheduling tutoring, monitoring our program resources, and reviewing program effectiveness while supervising with another team member the ESP children during the afternoon ESP program hours. Relevant experience in child care and appropriate communication skills are required. Contact the school office for additional information.

### **St. Thomas School Bookkeeper Position Opening**

Mrs Teresa Ordiway will be moving on from her position as our school book keeper by the middle of April. Applications will be accepted through February. Please see the attached position opening for a description of the responsibilities. Interested parties may send a resume and letter of introduction to apply to Mr. DiLaura.

### **March Is Reading Month is Approaching!**

Last year we had a **Little Free Library** book cart at the school entrance for students to use to find new reading material for the month. If you would like to donate any books or book sets to the Little Free Library, used or new, please drop them off at the front office.

### **St. Thomas School Library & Reading Room Update**

Our school library has transformed over the past three years. During this Catholic Schools Week, we want to thank all who have donated books, furniture, and art to our library. We are creating a space that blesses our children from pre-K through to 8th grade. If you would like to donate and be a part of shaping our school community, please consider donating to our Library through the wish lists below:

#### **Our Book Wishlist -**

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/65KG2HEG9SD3?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/65KG2HEG9SD3?ref=wl_share)

## COVID Update:

The Washtenaw Department of Health has issued **new isolation and quarantine protocols for children in the preschool/childcare setting**, effectively changing a required 10 day positive isolation to a 5 day isolation with symptom improvement, and the 10 day exposure quarantine to the 10 day/no test, 5 day/test and mask, or stay-at school-with testing options.

- Positive COVID Case Protocols:
  - Isolate at home for at least 5 days after symptom onset: Day 0 is the day symptoms started or test sample was collected.
  - On day 5, does case have no symptoms or symptoms are resolving?
    - If yes, can stop isolation on day 6. *Continue to wear a well-fitting mask around others through day 10.*
    - If no, should NOT stop isolation - continue isolating until symptoms resolve or 10 days have gone by since tested positive or first developed symptoms. If case has a fever, continue to isolate until fever goes away.
    - "Resolving symptoms" means symptoms have gotten noticeably better. Some symptoms (like fatigue and loss of smell) may last a longer time
  
- COVID Exposure Protocols:
  - If exposed in a lower-risk school setting no contact tracing is required. This includes most in-school contacts, including classrooms, buses, lunch, and most extra-curricular activities. Individuals should closely monitor symptoms for 10 days.
  - If exposed in a higher-risk setting, complete contact tracing and 5 day quarantine per above.
    - Household contacts of a positive case.
    - Outbreaks: if part of outbreak class/group.
  - NOTE: High risk exposure is also eligible for the "Test and Stay" quarantine with 10 day masking and testing based on vaccination status, previous COVID-19 illness (within last 90 days).
  
- **Current St. Thomas Cases:**
  - None

School wide information is available on our [COVID-19 Dashboard](#).

COVID Case History:

Week of:	Number of Cases
JAN 24	2
JAN 31	0
FEB 7	0
FEB 14	1