



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Nascantur in Admirazione

"Let Them Be Born in Wonder."

St. Thomas School Community Newsletter

February 7, 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 Nicholas Term ~Academic Honors Award Recipients~

Cum Laude

[B+ Average]

Fulton Deemer

Magna cum Laude

[A- Average]

Lydia Berhanu
Victoria Maszatics
Josephine Maki
Francis Pearson
Stasio Fil
Ellie Dauw
Payton Barwig
Maria Maki
Anne Maki
Anna Walusek
Owen Dauw

Summa cum Laude

[A Average]

Charlotte Hanley
Amelia Eustice
Teresa Deemer
Serena Jeyaraj
Anastasia Eustice

[Awards exclude honors subjects with dual grade level classrooms.]



Congratulations to our 5th grade **Serena Jeyaraj** who was the 4th through 6th grade First Runner-Up in the Regional Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee and will now compete at the state bee.

Congratulations Serena!—we are proud of you!

~ Events Calendar ~

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

Tuesday, February 8th
Catholic Schools Week
Handwriting and Composition
Award Winners Announced



Last Day of the 2020 Catholic Schools Week Penny War!



Friday, February 11th
Michael Angel House Point Winner Jean Day
Note New Date~!

Wednesday, February 16th
Leadership Dress Day
Nicholas Term Virtue Recognition Ceremony
(after Noon Mass)
Note New Date~!

Thursday, February 17th
Eucharistic Procession
Teachers v Students Volleyball Game
Catholic Schools All School Jean Day

Wednesday, February 16th
St. Thomas School Development Committee Meeting
Parish Hall ~ 7:00 PM

Thursday, February 17th
Michael House Angel Point Winner Jean Day

Friday, February 18th – Monday, February 21st
No School – Presidents' Day Break

Thursday, February 24th
Holy Spirit Talk and Classroom Prayer Ministry
with Mrs. Barbara Yaich and Team
Note New Date~!

Tuesday, March 1st
2022-2023 Enrollment Registration Due

Thursday, March 10th
Michael House Angel Point Winner Jean Day

Friday, March 11th – Monday, March 14th
No School
Winter Break & Teacher Professional Development

From the Headmaster

Catholic School Week

Well, we were off to a great start~! We all missed the wonderful events planned for the remainder of our week and—undaunted--we are rescheduling all our remaining events for next week. A detailed schedule will be provided with next Mondays newsletter with dates for some events already included in this week's update.

2022-2023 Enrollment Registrations

Please be tracking your plans to complete your 2022-2023 Enrollment Registration. Details are below. Please feel welcome to contact me if you have any questions about enrolling next year.

COVID Update

St. Thomas currently has no active cases of COVID-19. The Washtenaw Department of Health has issued new isolation and quarantine protocols for children in the preschool/childcare setting. Previously, a positive case required 10 day isolation which has been changed to a 5 day isolation with symptom improvement, and the 10 day exposure quarantine has been changed to 10 day/no test, 5 day/test and mask, or stay-at school-with testing options. Details of our protocols and case history are below.

Enrollment for the 2022-2023 School Year

Current families will have been provided enrollment registration materials due March 1st. **Registration fees will be credited toward tuition only for those registrations received by March 1st.** Beginning March 2nd, enrollment will be open to new family registration with classroom sizes limited to 16 students in Kindergarten and 18 students in 1st through 8th grades.

Please feel welcome to contact Mr. DiLaura if you have any questions about your child's enrollment at St. Thomas School next school year. We appreciate your informing us of any changes in your family circumstances affecting your 2022-2023 enrollment at St. Thomas. Please also feel welcome to call the school if you have any questions on the completion of your registration materials.

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

Our Art/Furniture Wishlist - <https://www.myregistry.com/organization/st-thomas-school-library-ann-arbor-mi/2658281>

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.

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- 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 currently

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

COVID Case History:

Week of:	Number of Cases
JAN 3	2
JAN 10	11
JAN 17	1
JAN 24	2
JAN 31	0