



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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

St. Thomas School Community Newsletter

March 21, 2022

Scholastica Term Virtue:
Decorum

School Year Theme ~ *Beneficentia* (Generosity)

School Mission Statement

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School exists to form disciples of Jesus Christ. Educating in the Eucharistic culture and classical intellectual tradition of the Catholic Church, students are led to encounters with the transcendental good, true, and beautiful. In wonder, confidence, and virtue, students are prepared to engage our broken world for the glory of God, the good of others, and for their own sanctification.



St. Joseph ~ *Pray for us!*



Our sincere thanks to **Mrs. Erin Deemer** and her parent helpers who set up a beautiful altar table honoring St. Joseph for St. Joseph's Feast Day, and to our those families who contributed donations to the food collection.

Each class visited the table for prayer and special cream puff treats, including special breads made in the shape of crosses, staffs, wheat stalks. We are grateful to for the St. Joseph's intercessory prayers for our intentions at home and here at school.



Last week our students visited our St. Thomas 2022 Book Fair! Our Lady of Grace Catholic Bookstore gave us a copy of each item in our Book Fair for the children to look at and use to create a wish list. Please place any orders you wish to make **by March 23rd** to ensure that the books are here before Easter Break. Books can be ordered by visiting the link:

<https://ourladyofgracebookstore.com/category/st-thomas-apostle-school>

~ Our 2022 Catholic Schools Week 3rd Grade
Composition Winner ~

*"What makes you happy to be at St. Thomas Catholic
School?"*

By Marlee Meier, 3rd grade



The things that make me happy here at St. Thomas are the subjects that they teach. They are just amazing and so are all the virtues. All of the teachers work really hard so we all can learn the meaning of hard work and that we can be at the top one day. Another thing I like here at St. Thomas is my friends. They will always try and find a way to comfort me and they are loyal. The virtues help me grow in virtue and help me to love God.

~ Events Calendar ~

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



Monday, March 21st

April Lunch Order Due
(order form attached)

Tuesday, March 22nd

St. Thomas 9th - 12th Grade Expansion Town Hall
7:00 PM in the Parish Hall

Thursday, March 31st – Saturday, April 2nd

St. Thomas Parish Lenten Mission

BLESSED + BROKEN + GIVEN

~ See attached flyer for details ~

Thursday, April 14th – Sunday, April 24th

Easter Break – No School

From the Headmaster

I share this week a fifth and final part—a glossary included in the concise instruction written by Archbishop of Diocese of Milwaukee, Jerome E. ListECKI in his **Catechesis on the Theology of the Body**.

5. GLOSSARY

Biological sex: The sex with which a person is born, regardless of acceptance or perceived identity.

Gender: As understood by the Church, gender is the socio-cultural role of sex and particularly how it informs one’s psychological identity. ²⁶

Gender dysphoria: the state in which a person claims to experience an incongruity between psychological identity and biological sex.

Gender Ideology/Theory: An ideology or theory that denies the difference and reciprocity in nature of a man and a woman, and envisages a society without sexual differences, thereby eliminating the anthropological basis of the family. Thus, “Gender Ideology” or “Gender Theory” promote a personal identity and emotional intimacy radically separated from the biological difference between male and female. Consequently, human identity becomes a choice of the individual, one which

can also change over time. Ideologies of this sort, which seek to respond to what are at times understandable aspirations, manage to assert themselves as absolute and unquestionable, even dictating how children should be raised. It needs to be emphasized that biological sex and the socio-cultural role of sex (gender) can be distinguished but not separated.²⁷

Order Your Book Fair Books for Easter!

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St. Thomas School ESP Coordinator Position

St. Thomas is seeking a five day per week **Extended School Day Program Coordinator** 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.

COVID Update:

Washtenaw County Department of Health has rescinded its mask mandate for schools effective Monday, February 28th. Schools and school districts are to choose their masking protocol. Isolation/quarantine requirements for positive cases remain in place. Individuals testing positive may either quarantine for 10 days, or return on day six with improving symptoms, wearing a mask through day ten. Reporting requirements of positive cases remain in place. Regarding exposures, the amended protocols remain in place that low risk settings (all settings at St. Thomas School) do not require contact tracing or quarantine. As usual, all community members are expected to monitor health and test (either PCR or rapid antigen) when having either one high risk symptom or two low risk symptoms.

Current St. Thomas Cases: None

COVID Case History:

Week of:	Number of Cases
FEB 21	0
FEB 28	0
MAR 7	0
MAR 14	0

Theology of the Body Citations

26 *Relatio finalis*, 24 October 2015, 8, 58.

27 Pope Francis, *Amoris laetitia*, 56.