

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School

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

St. Thomas School Community Newsletter

March 28, 2022

Boniface Term Virtue: Humility

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. Boniface ~ *Pray for us!*



'Boniface'—doer of good

Organizer, educator, and reformer, Boniface profoundly influenced the course of intellectual, political, and ecclesiastical history in Germany and France throughout the Middle Ages. He unified the missionary movement by bringing it under the control of Rome. Boniface is celebrated as a missionary; he is regarded as a unifier of Europe, and he is regarded by German Catholics as a national figure. Much later in life, when Boniface was already 82 years old, he, nevertheless, undertook the journey to the Frisians in 716 AD to convert them to Christianity. Boniface's life ended in martyrdom at the hands of a band of pagan Frisians, who killed him as he was reading the Scriptures to Christian neophytes on Pentecost Sunday. Boniface had asked to be buried at Fulda, the monastery he had entrusted (744) to his Bavarian disciple Sturmi.

~ Events Calendar ~ View the complete St. Thomas School Calendar <u>here</u>.



Wednesday, March 30th
Scholastica Term Report Cards Available Online
Beginning at 3 PM – See Directions Below

Thursday, March 31st - Saturday, April 2nd

St. Thomas Parish Lenten Mission

BLESSED + BROKEN + GIVEN

~ See attached flyer for details ~

<u>Thursday, April 14th – Sunday, April 24th</u> **Easter Break – No School**

Friday, May 6th
2022 St. Thomas Scholarship Gala Save the Date

Weber's Inn ~ 7 PM Keynote Speaker: *Mr. Andrew Pudewa*



Classicist/Founder/Author of the **Institute for Excellence in Writing** Program "Regaining a Catholic Vision in a Secular Age"

From the Headmaster

We conclude our series on equipping parents to support their children's exposure to transgender ideology in our culture by providing online access to the recording of Dr. Mary Healy's talk given at St. Thomas last November entitled *Made in the Image of God: Faith, Gender and Education*. Dr. Healy provides a clear understanding of our current cultural circumstances and a call to action to be informed. You can listen to Dr. Healy's talk here.

Introduction to Dr. Mary Healy's Talk: Our culture is being flooded with ideologies claiming that gender is malleable and that all are required to affirm an individual's chosen identity. What does this mean for our children? And what can parents do? Dr. Mary Healy will bring clarity to



the confusion and equip listeners with the knowledge and insights they need to resist these ideologies and protect children in light of the Church's profound teaching on the human person, the body, and sexuality.

Another valuable resource is this recent article (May 2021) in The Catholic Herald.

Scholastica Term Report Cards Available Online

Beginning this **Wednesday, March 30th at 3 PM**, St. Thomas Scholastica Term Student Achievement Report Cards will be issued to parents through their online PowerSchool account access. Parents will be able to view, and if desired print, their child(ren)'s report card following the instructions:

- 1. Log in to your PowerSchool parent portal account. (Note: Online report cards are not accessible via the mobile app.)
- 2. If you have more than one student, select a student from the upper left menu.
- 3. Click on Report Card link from the left-side menu.
- 4. With the report cards displayed on the screen, click on the printer icon in the top blue bar.
- 5. Use the browser print window to select the printer and print the report card

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: One – Second Grade Student

COVID Case History:

Week of:	Number of Cases
FEB 21	0
FEB 28	0
MAR 7	0
MAR 14	0
MAR 21	1