



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Nascantur in Admirazione

"Let Them Be Born in Wonder."

St. Thomas School Community Newsletter

April 11, 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.



You are cordially invited to the 2022

*St. Thomas the Apostle
Scholarship Gala*

Honoring Headmaster Tim DiLaura

Friday, May 6th at 7:00 PM

Weber's Restaurant and Inn
3050 Jackson Ave, Ann Arbor

Join us as we give thanks for the gift of our children's Catholic education and gather as a community of faith and learning to support the St. Thomas Scholarship Program that each year allows Catholic families to benefit from the grace, community and learning of St. Thomas School. Your participation in our dinner will provide funding to allow families to answer the call to educate their children in our classical Catholic school.

We also take this occasion to honor Headmaster Tim DiLaura and recognize his leadership and contributions to St. Thomas the Apostle School as he retires from his 40 year professional education career leaving a legacy of the good, the true, and the beautiful.

Our evening will feature keynote speaker **Mr. Andrew Pudewa**--a classical educator, formator, and founder of the *Institute for Excellence in Writing* curriculum. This writing program, used as a pillar of our classical curriculum at St. Thomas, has led our students to enthusiastically produce creative and quality written works. Andrew will treat us to both the wisdom and humor of how classical Catholic education is changing the culture of our community, our families, and our children's minds and hearts. [Purchase Tickets here](#)



Classicist/Founder & Author of the **Institute for Excellence in Writing** Program
Speaking on~
“Regaining a Catholic Vision in a Secular Age”

*Congratulations to our Scholastic Term
Academic Honors Awards Recipients~!*

<i>Cum Laude</i> [B+ Average]	<i>Magna cum Laude</i> [A- Average]	<i>Summa cum Laude</i> [A Average]
Victoria Maszatics	Ellie Dauw	Charlotte Hanley
Samuel Garred	Anne Maki	Fulton Deemer
Tanner Miller	Stasio Fil	Amelia Eustice
Anna Walusek	Josephine Maki	Teresa Deemer
Aidan McClelland	Maria Maki	Lydia Berhanu
Cecilia Walusek	Anastasia Eustice	Owen Dauw
Julian Magenau		Serena Jeyaraj
		Francis Pearson
		Payton Barwig

Summa Cum Laude 'With Highest Praise': 96% (A) overall or above with a minimum grade of 92% (A-).
Magna Cum Laude 'With Great Praise': 92% (A-) overall or above with a minimum grade of 88% (B+).
Cum Laude 'With Praise': 88% (B+) overall or above with minimum grade of 82% (B-).
 Honors Subjects: Religion, English, History, Nature Studies, Math, Latin—math grades are normalized.



Congratulations to our Scholastica Term *Decorum* Virtue Award Recipients~!

Kindergarten: **Paisley Sharp**
First Grade: **Emma Giszczak**
Second Grade: **Gabriel Kung**
Third Grade: **Lola Fisher**
Fourth Grade: **Gemma Carley**
Fifth Grade: **Serena Jeyaraj**
Sixth Grade: **Tanner Miller**
Eighth Grade: **Victoria Maszatics**
Faculty: **Miss Kreifels & Mr. Snyder**

(Attached are the teacher descriptions for each of our *Decorum* award recipients.)



St. Thomas National Latin Exam Award Winners

This year St. Thomas participated for the first time in the National Latin Exam which allows students to demonstrate their knowledge of Latin on a nationally standardized assessment. Congratulations to **Anne Maki** (left) for receiving a gold medal for *Summa Cum Laude* achievement, and **Lydia Birhanu** (right) for attaining *Magna cum Laude*. Congratulations and thank you Mrs. DeRocher for all your students' Latin achievement at St. Thomas!



Congratulations **Victoria Maszatics** on these exquisite renderings in prismacolor pencil of the Archangel Gabriel and a male Indigo Bunting~

~ Events Calendar ~

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



Thursday, April 14th – Sunday, April 24th

Easter Break – No School

Monday, April 25th

May Lunch Order Forms Due

Friday, May 6th

2022 St. Thomas Scholarship Gala

[Purchase Tickets here](#)

Weber's Inn ~ 7 PM

From the Headmaster



- This holiest of weeks is a measureless gift that has altered the course of both the history of the world and our own personal history.
- This week we experience the revelation of the mystery of divine, uncreated love, being revealed in the created, human heart—a love that has the power to illumine, release, heal and redeem every darkness of our heart.
- This week we are called to a humble silence, to an interior solitude, to allow the Lord to come close in this mysterious work of our accepting the surpassing beauty and completion of being loved with such a Love.
- Let us no longer settle for passing pleasures for insatiate desires, rather, let us open our lives to a completion, a rest, a fulfillment and a communion with the intimacy this week offers.
- Let us no longer be fooled, distracted, doubt—Jesus is the One who our hearts seek, and this week especially, He seeks us with a love we must no longer be ashamed to accept.

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
MAR 14	0
MAR 21	1
MAR 28	0
APRIL 4	0