



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Nascantur in Admirazione

"Let Them Be Born in Wonder."

St. Thomas School Community Newsletter

April 4, 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.



On Friday, March 25th—The Feast of the Annunciation—the St. Thomas student body and staff were led in a Eucharistic Procession by Fr. Bill that started in the cafeteria after lunch and proceeded through the school halls and parish office, then outside and into the church for adoration and prayer as the Church through the world and at St. Thomas consecrated Russia and the Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.



Mrs. Mangan's Studio Arts students conduct a study of flowers with renderings above (clockwise from upper left) of Charlotte Hanley, Joseph Rutherford and Stasio Fill.

~ Our 2022 Catholic Schools Week Composition Winners ~

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

By John Paul Meinhart, 2nd grade

I am happy to be at St. Thomas because I can learn, play and have fun with my classmates. Another reason is that this a Catholic School, so I can learn about God. I am lucky that I can go to St. Thomas, because some people cannot go to school.



~ Events Calendar ~

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



Thursday, April 14th – Sunday, April 24th
Easter Break – No School

Friday, May 6th
2022 St. Thomas Scholarship Gala
Tickets Available
Weber's Inn ~ 7 PM

Keynote Speaker: *Mr. Andrew Pudewa*



Classicist/Founder & Author of the **Institute for Excellence in Writing** Program

Speaking on~

“Regaining a Catholic Vision in a Secular Age”

From the Headmaster

I am very pleased to introduce to the St. Thomas School community our new book keeper, **Mrs. Khrista Boes** who joins us as we thank **Mrs. Teresa Ordiway** for the gift of her service to St. Thomas families this past school year. The Ordiways will be moving out east this summer as they begin a new phase in their lives. We wish and pray for their blessing in their move. We welcome Mrs. Boes to our office team as she supports us in the management of our financial information, billing, and accounting activity. Mrs. Boes brings wonderful experience from the business world to her role here at St. Thomas. Her, her husband and daughter live in Howell. **Welcome Mrs. Boes~!**





We want to express a special thanks to Mrs. Davignon, Mrs. Gavigan, and to all our parents and students for the wonderful month of reading we celebrated in March! Wednesday scavenger hunts in the library, special reading and dress up days, with Mrs. Davignon and Mrs. Gavigan presenting recognition awards to students at assembly each Monday of the month—finally, the class with the highest number of minutes read were awarded a class ice cream party—with **5th grade** taking the honors! We are especially grateful to

all the parents and friends of St. Thomas who together raised \$10,743 to support our school activities through our students' reading. THANK YOU!

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