



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Nascantur in Admirazione

"Let Them Be Born in Wonder."

St. Thomas K-9 School Newsletter

November 14th, 2022

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.

Virtue for the School Year: *Devotio* (Devotion)

- Having the will to give oneself readily in the service of God

Virtue for Nicholas Term: Studiousness

- A keen and moderated desire to know



~ Events Calendar ~

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

Tuesday, November 15th

St. Thomas High School Open House in the Parish Hall (6:30-8:00)

Wednesday, November 16th

Poinsettia and Wreath Orders Due

Friday, November 18th
Jeans Day (Last Friday in school in November)

Monday, November 21st
Lunch Orders Due

Wednesday, November 23rd-Friday, November 25th
No School - Thanksgiving Break

Wednesday, December 7th
Celebration of Wonder: 6:30 in the parish hall

Thursday, December 15th
Christmas Choir Concert: 6:30 in the church

Turkey Trot

Many thanks to Pia, Mr. Miller, and parent volunteers for putting together a great day last Friday! I was impressed by the number of laps that were being run, from Kindergarten on up! Here are the preschoolers doing their own trot:



From the Headmaster

Reading Challenge This Week

To help them practice the virtue of studiousness, I encouraged students to ask their teacher for a book recommendation so that they can pick one good book to read between now and St. Cecilia's Day (Nov. 22). The idea is that they will focus on reading just that book (and no other, besides reading required for class), and perhaps be prepared to talk about with their classmates or teacher in class. Students who do this will earn Angel House points and perhaps another prize specially provided by their Headmaster!

New Emergency Notification System

I sent out the mass text from our school office phone number 734-769-0911 last Tuesday at 3:00 PM. From my end, it looked as if every family received the message. **This text system will be the main way by which snow days and other urgent communications will be sent. We will no longer be using the voice message system.** Mrs. Steffy also posts snow day announcements on the school calendar, via email, and via notifying various local radio and TV outlets. See the parent handbook for further information.

Other News/Parish Events

Poinsettia, Wreath, and Garland Sale

As in years past, St. Thomas School is offering Christmas poinsettias, wreaths, and roping for sale. Proceeds go to the school. See the attached orders document for details. Orders are due by November 16th, and pick-up will be on December 9th.

Lunch Ordering for December

The form is attached. Orders are due by November 21st.

Gold Lecture and Mass – November 15th

On Tuesday, Nov. 15, St. Thomas will host a Traditional Latin Sung "[Gold Mass](#)" at 7pm, offered especially for those studying or working in science-related fields. Prior to the Mass, at 5:30pm, the Ann Arbor TLM Community will partner with several U-M student organizations to host Dr. Kristin Collier to give a public lecture on "The Dignity of the Human Person: Perspectives of Faith and Reason" in Room 1800 of the Chemistry Building. After pro-abortion students [unsuccessfully attempted](#) to cancel Dr. Collier this past summer for her pro-life views, we are pleased to give her this platform to discuss the integration of faith and science.