



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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

St. Thomas K-9 School Newsletter

November 7th, 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: Studiosness

- A keen and moderated desire to know



~ Events Calendar ~

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

Tuesday, November 8th

3rd-9th Grade Confessions; Angel House Award Day – pizza and milkshakes!

Friday, November 11th

Turkey Trot

Tuesday, November 15th

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

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

Saints for the Day in 2nd Grade and Kindergarten



A Surprise All Saints' Office Visit and Serenade from Our 3-Year-Old Preschoolers: "This Little Light of Mine"



All Souls' Day in Spanish Class: The Day of the Dead



From the Headmaster

Conferences Follow-Up

It was great to be able to see and talk with many of you at conferences last week. I want to thank you for your great dedication to your children and their formation. I see so much evidence of that dedication and formation at school. They are great kids, and that is a testament to all that you've done for them!

Nicholas Term Virtue: Studiousness

I talked to the students this morning about how this virtue is a form of the virtue of temperance. We all naturally desire to know, and in our age of social media and internet surfing, we have habituated ourselves to knowing many things easily and quickly, though not often deeply and fully. This virtue, which moderates our natural desire to know, is opposed to the vice of *curiositas*, which pursues knowledge in a gluttonous sort of way, always seeking to consume more knowledge, not for love of the Truth, but for the love of feeling filled, or for vanity and pride, etc. In the coming weeks, we will be talking about what this practically might mean, particularly in light of the way in which "the knowledge of good and evil" was part of the original temptation that led to the Fall.

Martinmas and Veterans' Day

This Friday, we will be celebrating the feast of St. Martin of Tours, soldier-turned-monk-and-bishop. The day also marks the 104th anniversary of the armistice that ended the fighting in World War I. This morning, I talked to the students about both commemorations, a fitting coincidence that shows yet another way in which the Faith can shed further light on great world events.

New Emergency Notification System

We are switching to using "DialMyCalls," a communication system that will allow me to send out mass texts from the school office number (734-769-0911). **A test message is scheduled to be sent via text tomorrow, Tuesday, Nov. 8th at 3:00 PM. Please let me know via email if you do not receive the text message.** If you do, then you're all set! I will send a reminder email tomorrow, and I will follow up in the coming weeks to make sure that everyone is included in the mass texts. For now, these will chiefly be used to announce snow days.

Honor Roll

Congratulations to the students who made honor roll for the Margaret Mary term! The list is attached and will also be posted in the front hall of the school. Subjects that factored into the determination were Religion, History, English, Nature Studies, Math, and Latin.

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.

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.