



# ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

*Nascantur in Admirazione*

"Let Them Be Born in Wonder."

## St. Thomas K-9 School Newsletter

December 19<sup>th</sup>, 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](#).

Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>

**Class Christmas Parties in the Parish Hall**

Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>-Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Christmas Break**

Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>  
**Christmas choral concert, 6:30**

## Merry Christmas!

I hope that you have a joyful and restful Christmas. Thank you for entrusting your lovely children to St. Thomas. My family and I have been truly blessed through this school and its community. Know that you and your children are always in my prayers, and especially this Christmas season. God bless you!

## Congratulations to Our Basketball Team

Our varsity boys' basketball team took first place in the St. Paul's Invitational Tournament this past weekend! Their trophy is currently on display in the office.

## Sicknesses in the School

Our absence numbers took a sharp downward turn today, so I feel we're in the clear!

## Fr. Gerald's Prayer Sheet

Fr. Gerald created a one-page handout (see attached) for students to use to help them to pray. He's been talking about prayer in his homilies leading up to Christmas break, because there's never a vacation from loving God!

## Future Added Day Off

The diocese is asking all K-8 schools to take April 24<sup>th</sup> off for a professional development day for the teachers. This day will be used to introduce teachers to Sophia Press's *Spirit of Truth* series (which we already use at the school), textbooks that the diocese wants all schools to use or align their instruction with.

## Washtenaw Elementary Science Olympiad (2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grades)

Looking ahead to the spring, I am wondering if there is any interest among parents of 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders to coordinate a St. Thomas Science Olympiad team. At this point, I am simply looking for someone willing to be the coordinator, whose role would be

to organize teams and coaches, schedules, and registration. Let me know if this is something you might be interested in taking on. We would want to start organizing it sometime in January.