



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Nascantur in Admirazione

"Let Them Be Born in Wonder."

St. Thomas K-9 School Newsletter

May 30th, 2023

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 Scholastica Term: Solicitude

- An alertness and watchfulness for what needs to be done



~ Events Calendar ~

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

May 30th-June 8th

No hot lunches

June 1st

Purchased yearbook available in the office

June 2nd

8th Graduation and Awards Ceremony – after Mass in the parish hall

June 6th

Angel House Reward Day – 11:15-3:00 at Island Park

Upper School Survey Follow-up Town Hall – school library, 7 p.m.

June 7th

Angel House Field Day – 1:00-3:00 at school

June 8th

Awards Day – after Mass in the parish hall

June 9th

Last day/Half day – All-school picnic at Southeast Area Park (9-11 a.m.)

June 12th

Report Cards Published



Spring Choral Concert

We witnessed another amazing performance from our choir last Thursday. It was a perfect opportunity for Mrs. Herrmann to showcase for the school community the wonderful success that this past school year has been for the choir, and a beautiful way to finish off the year! Well done!





End-of-the-Year Events

Here are some notes on these busy last two weeks of school:

- 1) The Angel House winner will be announced tomorrow. The reward day is next Tuesday. Permission slips for the picnic and playtime at Island Park will be sent home for winning members tomorrow or Thursday.
- 2) The 8th graders' last full day is this Thursday. We will certainly miss them! I have been privileged to serve both as their headmaster and teacher, and have enjoyed getting to know them throughout the school year. Their graduation ceremony will take place this Friday after Mass in the parish hall, followed by a light reception for them and their families. After this, they are dismissed!
- 3) The 9th graders begin their final exams this Wednesday – I am sure they would appreciate your prayers!
- 4) Mr. Miller is working hard to organize a fun afternoon of competition for the students on June 7th for our Angel House field day at school.

- 5) June 8th is awards day for the K-7 in the parish hall – parents certainly welcome! That is also cleaning day. I am instructing teachers to have students take all trash home – so there might be some full backpacks coming your way!
 - a. On that note, please take a look at our growing inventory at our lost-and-found store, located next to the gym entrance down the entrance hall. You might find the shoes/coat/belt/shirt/pants that your son or daughter has been missing these past 6 months.
- 6) On June 9th, everyone, parents included, is invited for an end-of-the-year school gathering at Southeast Area Park in Ann Arbor (on Ellsworth Road). Students are to come directly to the park that day, beginning at 9 a.m. Teachers will be present to watch students. **Please note that this ends at 11:00 a.m., not noon.**
- 7) Report cards will be available for viewing by 3:00 p.m. on June 12th. This is to allow for teachers to log grades for the 9th graders, whose finals end on June 6th.

Upper (High) School Feedback Survey/Town Hall

Thank you to the 22 parents who have responded thus far! If interested, please fill out the upper school survey by June 2nd: <https://forms.gle/s2U1WMxWrBYX3vGMA>

As a follow-up, **we will be having a town hall discussion about the survey and upper school on June 6th at 7 p.m. in the school library.** This will allow for Mr. McCoy and me, in light of the survey feedback, to present further explanations and clarification and to listen to and consider parent input as we proceed into next school year.

St. Thomas Parish Family Retreat

Theme: Fully Alive!

Saturday, June 3rd 10am-4:15pm

Cost: \$75 for the Whole Family, \$35 per Parent, \$10 per Child

Scholarships are available upon request

The Office of Evangelization and Family Life is excited to kick off our first family retreat! The theme is centered around St Irenaeus' quote "The glory of God is man fully alive!" This will be a wonderful day for your family to create special memories, have fun

together, share a meal, fellowship with other families, and experience God in a deeper way. Our retreat will end with a beautiful time of family prayer and Eucharistic Adoration.

Seating for this retreat is *limited* to a 150 people. Pre-registration is required and participants will be accepted on a ***first-come first-served basis. Walk-ins will not be accepted.***

Chris Pagett will be our speaker. Chris holds a Master's degree in Theology from the Franciscan University of Steubenville, and a Licentiate in Sacred Theology from the International Marian Research Institute. He has been doing ministry for over 30 years. He is an author, musician, teacher, comedian, and motivational speaker. Chris has been married to his high school sweetheart for 31 years, and they have nine children. He has appeared on television and radio and has been a regular speaker and entertainer at Steubenville Youth Conferences. Chris currently is a professor of Theology at Catholic Distance University. The Padgett family lives in Central New York. Check out chrispadgett.com and his YouTube channel, Happy Place Homestead and <https://chrisandlindapadgett.com/home> to learn how to have a stronger marriage.

SCHEDULE

10:00-10:15	Registration
10:15-11:15	Opening Session/ Minute to Win It- Parish Hall
11:15-12:15	Lunch/ Bounce House & Games- Gym
12:25-1:10	Talk: Fully Alive- Parish Hall (Kids 18 months- 10 years go to their tracks)
1:10-1:55	Small Group- Parish Hall
1:55-3:00	Family Scavenger Hunt & Family Activity - St Thomas Campus & Parish Hall
3:00-3:15	Talk: The Power of a Father's Blessing- Parish Hall
3:15-3:30	Family Prayer
3:30-4:05	Eucharistic Adoration
4:05-4:15	Closing Prayer
4:15-4:30	Break
4:30-5:30	Mass- Church