



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Nascantur in Admirazione

"Let Them Be Born in Wonder."

St. Thomas PreK-10 School Newsletter May 20th, 2024

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: Faith

- Assenting, through grace, to God's revealed truth

Virtue for Boniface Term: Prudence

- Applying right reason to action in pursuit of the good



~ Upcoming Events ~

May 24th

Extraordinary Form School Mass

May 27th

Memorial Day - No School

June 4th

Angel House Overall Winner Award Day, details forthcoming

June 5th

Field Day, 1-3 p.m. at school

June 7th
Last day of school - 9-11 a.m. picnic, Island Park

June 21st
School office closes for the summer



Choir Concert

Many thanks to Miss De Long for all her hard work in preparing the students. We heard a lovely array of sacred and religious music, a capstone on months of work and investment!







Declamations Contest

This morning, winners from the 5th-10th grades delivered their memorized speeches and poems at assembly today, competing for the grand prize. The students (listed below) did an outstanding job, delivering some delightful pieces!

5th: Mia Chavez, "The Spider and the Fly"

6th: Ella Meinhart, "Titania's Monologue" from *A Midsummer Night's Dream*

7th: Teresa Deemer, "Trouble in the Amen Corner"

8th: Charlotte Hanley, "Titania's Monologue" from *A Midsummer Night's Dream*

9th: Fulton Deemer: "The Walrus and the Carpenter"

10th: Paul Restuccia: "Once More Unto the Breach, Dear Friends" from *Henry V*



From the Headmaster

In the Extraordinary Form calendar, this week is the Octave of Pentecost, which provides us with a powerful way to continue to meditate on the great gift of the Holy Spirit. In fact, at his ad limina trip to Rome 5 years ago, Bishop Boyea made a special [request](#) to the pope for its restoration to the calendar. In honor of our bishop's desire, even though we have officially begun Ordinary Time, we'll continue to sing the Regina Caeli through this week, as was traditionally done. We'll also be praying selected lines from the Pentecost Sequence at our all-school end-of-day prayers, especially since the sequence is sung or said at all the Masses of the octave. Additionally, our all-school EF Mass this Friday will be part of that octave, for which our schola will chant a simple sung Mass, including the Pentecost Sequence.

Hiring Announcements

I am pleased to announce the hire of Madeline Gregor as our new studio arts teacher! Madeline pursued a degree in Fine Arts at Eastern Michigan University. She has been teaching art to a variety of ages and class sizes for five years with the Christ the King Co-op and St. Augustine's Homeschool Enrichment Program. Miss Gregor is an excellent artist herself and possesses a deep passion to lead her students to experience beauty and thereby open their hearts to God. We're excited to have her with us to continue this vital aspect of our classical curriculum!



I am excited to have on board Bridget Dolowy, who will be teaching 9th-11th grade Latin next school year. Bridget double-majored in Philosophy and Religion and Latin at Hillsdale, after graduating, she completed her Master's in Theology at the Dominican House of Studies in Washington DC. Over the last four years, she has been teaching a variety of ages and subjects at the Christ the King Co-op and at St. Augustine's. Miss Dolowy has a great love for the classical Catholic approach and is passionate about the great importance of Latin in passing on Catholic tradition and culture.



Finally, to allow us to continue simultaneously to provide multiple levels of Math, Jessica Wood will be joining us to teach upper-school Math. Miss Wood graduated from the University of Michigan with degree in Mathematics. A member of the parish schola, she brings with her a great love of the Catholic Faith and Tradition. She enjoys thinking deeply about Math and handing on her love of it to students as part of a classical Catholic curriculum. Miss Wood also brings years of experience with dance and will be working with Miss Schoenle next year to lead the upper-school girls. I am looking forward to seeing the fruits of her work in the upper school!




Yearbooks Now on Sale!

Parents can order the 2023-2024 yearbook using the QR code copied below (see also the attached flyer, which is available in the school office as well) and submitting your student(s) name(s) for whom you want one ordered. Each yearbook is \$25. Parents will be billed through FACTS only. Books will be distributed during the last week of May to those who have paid. We have a limited number available based on estimated sales, so we will sell on a first come, first served basis.

Scan the QR code to load the form.



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