

The Roman Catholic Parishes of

St. Thomas the Apostle

in St. Thomas

St. Cecilia

in Meta

www.stthomasapostle.net

PO Box 146
St. Thomas, MO 65076

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 24, 2016

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School Website:
www.stthomasapostleschool.net

St. Thomas Parish Office hours: Tuesdays 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Thursdays 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

School Office hours during school year: Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Confessions: Saturdays 4:00 - 4:45 p.m. at St. Thomas; Sundays 7:30 - 7:50 a.m. at St. Cecilia;
or anytime by appointment, just call Father.

Saint Thomas the Apostle

Mass Schedule for the Week of April 24-May 1:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ralph Hirschman
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – People of our Parishes
Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Anton & Alma Boessen Family
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – Fr. Patrick Pierceall
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Veronica Herigon & Slim Strope
Friday 7:45 a.m. – *No Mass*
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – L&D Gregory & Lucille Veit Family
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Norbert Boessen

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2015-2016:	\$305,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End:	\$254,170.00
Actual Collection for 2015-2016:	\$226,296.28
Offertory Difference Year to Date:	- \$27,873.72
Offertory Goal per month:	\$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

April 3	\$4,060.00
April 10	\$3,806.00
April 17	\$2,882.00
April 24	\$

Collection Online:

April total to date:	\$15,992.25
Difference for April:	- \$9,424.75

St. Thomas the Apostle Expansion & Building Fund

Total Expansion Project expenses paid:	\$2,273,475.34
Income from parishioners for fiscal year 2015-2016 (via the yellow "Building Fund" envelope):	\$24,395.00
Loan payments to date for FY 2015-2016:	\$92,277.40
(Principal) \$72,862.24 (Interest) \$19,415.16	
Parish Building Expansion Debt remaining:	<u>\$511,191.30</u>

St. Thomas Cantor / Organist

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Bill Luebbering/Lindsay
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jean Kliethermes/Jackie

St. Thomas Reader/ Petitions

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Lauri Luebbering
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Kathy Rackers

St. Thomas Altar Servers

Weekday: Savanna Wieberg & Luke Kirkweg
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mason & Klint Luebbering
Chase Luebbering
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Morgan & Jacob Luebbering,
Dorothy Lackman, Kenadi Braun

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of April 24-May 1:

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Steve & Elizabeth Hake Family
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Lionel & Arharta Libbert Family

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Al Fick

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Victor Otto

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2015-2016:	\$60,471.51
Collection Total for 2015-2016:	\$48,672.02
Offertory Goal per month:	\$ 5,039.29

Collection in Church:

April 3	\$ 739.00
April 10	\$1,446.00
April 17	\$ 852.00
April 24	\$

April total to date:

April total to date:	\$3,037.00
Difference for April:	- \$2,002.29

Please remember your parish in your last will & testament.

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

May – Dale & Margie Helton

St. Cecilia Reader / Petitions

Wednesday – Doris Stumpe
Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Doris Stumpe
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Don Wansing

St. Cecilia Altar Servers

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Joshua & Alex Even,
Carson Libbert & Gavin Holterman
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Adam & Madalyn Veltrop,
Skyla Schroeder

St. Thomas Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

April 30-May 1

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Marshall Boessen, Mike & Trish Green
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Linda Lueckenhoff, Glenn Prenger,
Gilbert & Hermina Strobe, Millie Wieberg

May 7-8

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Betty Schellman, Leeroy Budnik, Lora Boessen
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Shirley Volmert, Bill & Betty Jo Luebbering, Lynne Reinkemeyer, Jan Carter

St. Thomas Greeters/Ushers

April 30-May 1

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mike Groner & Dave Luebbering
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Arthur McManus & Alan Reinkemeyer

May 7-8

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Steve Schellman & Mike Green
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Doug Stockman & TJ Loethen

St. Thomas Presentation of Gifts at Mass

April 30-May 1

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Gregg & Susan Boessen Family
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Travis & Kathy Rackers Family

May 7-8

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Steve Schellman Family

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Tom & Carol Backes Family

St. Thomas Collection Counters

April 30-May 1 – Jennifer Schroeder & Stephanie Cortvrient
May 7-8 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman
May 14-15-Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday 7:25 a.m. – Alex & Joann Heckman – Sorrowful
(Josh Wieberg)

Wednesday 7:25 a.m. – Pat Loethen – Glorious
(Zachary Even)

Thursday 7:25 a.m. – Celeste Suthoff & Martha Strobe –
Luminous (Dalton Fowler)

Friday 7:25 a.m. – No Mass

Saturday 4:40 p.m. – Dale Herigon– Glorious
(Katie Francis)

Sunday 9:40 a.m. – Pat Loethen– Glorious
(Hayden Hurst)

** The names listed after the mysteries of the rosary to be
prayed before Mass are those who are preparing to receive
the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please keep them in your
prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament.*

SNACKS FOR ST. THOMAS QUILTERS:

Thursday, April 28 – Trish Green & June Groner

Thursday, May 5 – Debbie Groner & Jan Heckemeyer

Please bring snacks to hall by 1:00 p.m.; snack served at 3:00 p.m. If you have questions, please call Kathy Strobe or Emily Luebbering. Wednesday night quilting at 7:00 p.m.

SCRIP SALES (April 30-May 1)

Saturday – Dee Luebbering

Sunday- Sandy Kliegel

Visit www.stthomasapostleschool.net/scrip for more information about the Scrip program.

ST. THOMAS PRAYER LINE REQUESTS

should be emailed to Jenny Becker at jbeckeroffice@gmail.com or by calling (573) 690-0642. The Prayer Line exists to communicate prayer intentions for those in need of healing. Out of respect for individuals' privacy, only necessary information is communicated.

ST. THOMAS CYO will meet on Monday, May 2 at 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

MEETING FOR THOSE WHO BECAME CATHOLIC AT EASTER will be Sunday, April 24 at 6:00 p.m. in the Vitae House.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION: Wednesday, April 27, 7:30 p.m. in the St. Thomas School Library.

CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL: Sunday, May 1, 1:00 p.m. in St. Cecilia Church.

ST. THOMAS PSR REGISTRATION FOR 2016-2017: Registration for next year's religion classes for our younger parishioners is now open. Please visit our parish website stthomasapostle.net and click on the "Resources Home" link for the registration form or contact Kristin Buschjost. Please complete and return the forms for your children by **April 30, 2016**.

ST. CECILIA PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL will meet Wednesday, May 4 at 7:15 p.m. in the Parish Center.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mrs. Sarah & Chris Schwartz on the birth of their daughter **Sydney Therese Schwartz**, who was born April 13, 2016.

DIOCESAN SPELLING BEE: We want to say Congratulations to the following students who performed at the Diocesan Speech Meet at St. Joseph Cathedral in Jefferson City on Saturday, April 16. Molly Suthoff, Ben Schroeder who earned red ribbons and Madi Buschjost & Isaac Rackers who received white ribbons. Thanks for representing St. Thomas the Apostle School!

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL is accepting registrations for the fall of 2016-2017 enrollment for **Preschool through 8th grade**. Please call the school office to register at 573-477-3322.

St. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

April 29-May 1

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Doris Stumpe, Jennifer Even,
Betty Hagenhoff

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer, Pam Libbert

May 7-8

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Lou Kloeppe, Brenda Wansing,
Bonnie Kampeter

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Gerald & Phyllis Rehagen, Karen Fick

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

April 30-May 1

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Tom Gragert, Lou Kloeppe, Mitch &
Brendan Stumpe

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Larry Lueckenotto, Harold Libbert, Anton
Libbert, Terry Libbert

May 7-8

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Darin Even, Randy Hagenhoff,
Tom Gragert, Lou Kloeppe

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Tony Derkum, Leon Schanzmeyer,
Kenny Otto, Dominic Plassmeyer

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Wednesday 6:10 p.m. – Florentine Hagenhoff – Glorious
(Lance Jurgensmeyer)

Saturday 6:40 p.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer – Glorious
(Dawson Lackman)

Sunday 7:40 a.m. – Margaret Brune– Glorious Mysteries
(Tori Lackman)

VOTIVE CANDLES: The requested donation for lighting a votive candle in church is **\$2.50**.

***IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO FULFILL
YOUR LITURGICAL MINISTRY,
IN YOUR KINDNESS & CHARITY,
PLEASE FIND A REPLACEMENT.***

BAPTISM PREPARATION: Please call Fr. Secrist to schedule a meeting and date for Baptism.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION: Please call Fr. Secrist at least six months prior to the desired date.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION will be conferred on **Thursday, May 12 at 7:00 p.m.** in St. Cecilia Church.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 25 – Dare Graduation 8:00 a.m.
26 – Diocesan Sketch Day
27 – Bookmobile
28 – Preschool Field Trip, 7&8 Fox Theater
- May 4 – 5-6 Diocesan Vocation Day
5 – K-8 Early Release, 1:20 Car-riders, 1:30 Bus
6 – First Friday, Adoration & Confessions
9 – 8th Grade Ribbon Day
13 – No School
16 – Field Day
17 – 8th Grade Graduation 7:00 p.m.
18 – Last Day of School
19 – Preschool Graduation 6:30 p.m.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO SAVE Box Tops, Best Choice Labels & Coke Points. There are drop off boxes in the entrances of St. Thomas Church or please send them with any St. Thomas students.

SELF STUDY RESULTS St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School recently went through its Self-Study, which is required from the Diocese of Jefferson City every six years. It is an evaluation of our school where a visiting team comprised of three principals and one teacher goes through all of our documents and checks out the standards that go along with the evaluation process. The visiting team spent three days evaluating our school. This process is needed for our school to remain accredited. We want to first share the introduction of the visiting team's final report:

The visiting team found in St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School community an inviting spirit of faith and hospitality from the entire parish and school community. The entire school community reflected a welcoming, family-oriented environment. It is evident that the school community lives out its mission on a daily basis.

A broad cross section of the school community was involved in the self-study process and honestly evaluated St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School. The visiting team noted that the school improvement process reflects dedication to providing quality Catholic education to the local community and surrounding area.

Interest in the process of school improvement was evident in the openness of the pastor, administration, faculty, staff, students and parents. The school improvement committee has an excellent opportunity to use the process as a vehicle for growth.

We now want to share the strengths for each of the eleven standards over the next three weeks. We will put down the strengths that the committees came up with in their evaluation, which were affirmed by the visiting team. We will also share the visiting teams' additional strengths for each standard.

Standard I: Mission and Philosophy

- The mission statement is a concise statement which incorporates Christian values and principles with children's education.
- The mission statement can be easily remembered and recited by staff and students.
- The mission statement and philosophy are displayed prominently in each classroom.
- The philosophy is consistent in the Christian belief which reflects a desire for children to learn, grow and develop.
- The students and staff recite the mission statement every morning.

Standard II: Climate

- The community is very welcoming to new families, and the school is a large part of the welcome feeling because of the interaction with parents, students, teachers and staff members.
- When individuals outside of the school come in to present or talk with students, they consistently say how respectful the children are.
- The school is always open to listen if there are ideas on how to improve upon curriculum, activities or usage of school time.
- The children take pride in their Catholic religion and bring that excitement home to integrate into their families.
- The school is a clean, well-kept environment that is always showcasing the activities and projects of the students.
- The school provides hands-on activities to assist children in their education.
- The small size of the school creates a larger awareness among faculty and staff, which allows for the problems of children to be recognized and addressed when necessary.
- The students exhibit pride in the school and appear happy.
- A strong sense of Catholic identity is present.

Standard III: Leadership

- Administrator has a diverse background, which helps him relate well to others and understand many aspects of situations and solutions.
- Administrator has good interpersonal relationships with students and staff.
- Advisory Board includes members of the community and parish along with school families.
- Administrator communicates openly and effectively with faculty, staff and parents.
- There is a positive working relationship between administrator and pastor.
- The parish priest is supportive and actively involved with the school.

Standard IV: Personnel

- Faculty and staff are committed to the philosophy and goals of the school.
- Faculty and staff encourage students to read more and students are rewarded for reaching their goals.
- Participation in staff development activities is strongly encouraged and funding is available.
- Faculty and staff are supportive of one another and have formed a spirit of collaboration.
- The faculty and staff are dedicated to the well-being of the students.

Four more of the standards will be covered in next week's bulletin. Thank you again to all the parents, faculty, staff and students who made the visiting team feel so welcome during their three day visit at our school!!

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

Corpus Christi Procession – Sunday, May 29, 2016 after 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas, weather permitting. All parishioners and especially 1st Holy Communicants from both parishes are encouraged to participate in the procession.

St. Cecilia Parish Picnic – Sunday, July 10, 2016

St. Thomas Parish Picnic – Sunday, August 21, 2016

TOTUS TUUS will take place July 18-22, 2016 at St. Thomas and Meta.

St. Thomas CYO Breakfast – August 28, 2016

St. Thomas Fall Fantasy – Saturday, November 5, 2016

HELIAS FOUNDATION 2016 ANNUAL FUND DRIVE kicks off the weekend of April 23-24 with a goal of \$350,000. The efforts of the Helias Foundation are crucial to the success and future of Helias Catholic High School. As the school concludes a major capital campaign – a portion of which is designated to bolster the foundation's endowment – it is all the more important to continue supporting the ongoing work of the Annual Fund Drive. Your support of the Annual Fund Drive will help not only today's students, but young people for generations to come! Contributions may be made on line at www.heliasfoundation.org. Thank you for your prayers and support.

MISSOURI RIVER REGIONAL LIBRARY BOOKMOBILE will be available to the St. Thomas Community on Monday, April 25, from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. at the St. Thomas K of C Hall, and 7:15 to 8:00 p.m. at Bee Line store, Meta.

META CITIZEN'S LEAGUE BLOOD DRIVE is Tuesday, May 3 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 pm. Refreshments and a complimentary t-shirt will be given to all potential donors. Remember, Meta and St Thomas coordinate the dates, so you are able to donate at both locations.

PLEASE REMOVE ALL FLOWERS from in front of the stones in the St. Thomas Cemetery during the grass cutting season. Thank you for your cooperation.

ST. CECILIA PARISHIONERS: Cemetery assessments of \$5.00 for each adult 21 to 75 years of age are due in May. There is an envelope in your packet for this. If you do not receive envelopes, please put money and name in a regular envelope, marked **CEMETERY DUES**. If you have questions or need to be updated, contact Marsha Meyer. Please do not place flowers or articles on the ground--only on the headstones or vases.

TOTUS TUUS TEACHERS ARE NEEDED: Are you a Catholic high school or college-age adult interested in a summer dedicated to evangelization, prayer, FUN, youth, community, and spiritual growth?! Consider teaching Totus Tuus for the Diocese of Jefferson City! Totus Tuus (Latin for "Totally Yours") is a Catholic summer youth program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic Faith through catechesis, evangelization, Christian witness, and Eucharistic worship. For an application or more info, contact Molly Klebba at mklebba@diojeffcity.org or 573-635-9127 x 202.

META CIVIC LEAGUE MEETING is Monday, April 25 at 7:00 p.m.

THE DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA, GLENNON CIRCLE 322 will meet on Monday, May 2 at the K of C Hall, Jefferson City. Snacks at 6:00 p.m. and meeting to follow at 6:30 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

JEFFERSON CITY CANTORUM'S ANNUAL SPRING CONCERT is Saturday, April 30 at 7:00 p.m. at the Miller Performing Arts Center. You may purchase tickets in advance from Cantorum members, at Samuels Tuxedos and Gifts, Central Bank West, Hawthorn Bank East and Capital Music. Tickets: Adults \$10.00, \$5.00 Youth (18 & under), \$8.00 Seniors (65 & older) \$25 Family (3-5 family members). Tickets at door will be \$2.00 more. Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

CITY OF ST. THOMAS RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS SPRING CLEAN-UP will be Wednesday, May 11. All clean up items will be picked up on the normal residential collection day. All items must be bagged or bundled so 1 person can easily handle them and be at the curb by 5:00 a.m. All lumber, guttering and other items of length must be tie in bundles and cut in 4 foot lengths so 1 person can easily handle the materials. NO HAZARDOUS WASTE, NO LIQUID WASTE, NO YARD WASTE, NO CAR PARTS, NO WHITE GOODS (refrigerators, stoves, hot water heaters, washing machines or dryers), NO CONCRETE or large solid items. If you have any questions concerning these guidelines, please contact our office at 573-635-8805.

META RUMMAGE SALES: The annual Meta Fire and Rescue Auxiliary rummage sale is scheduled for May 5-7. If anyone in the Meta area is interested in having sales those days as well, please contact the MFR Auxiliary Chair, Joanne Schroeder, 573-229-8986. The hope is to draw in greater numbers of buyers if there are more sales in the area to attract them. Feel free to contact Joanne if you have any questions.

PREGNANCY HELP CENTER 5K WALK/RUN FOR LIFE is Saturday, April 30 at 8:30 a.m. at Memorial Park, Jefferson City. Pre-registration deadline is April 18 for free t-shirt and cost is \$30.00, on site is \$35.00. To pre-register on line go to www.friendsofphc.org Family discount 2 adults and all children \$70.00.

TRIVIA NIGHT – EL PUENTE – HISPANIC MINISTRY will have its annual **Trivia Night** on Friday, May 6, at Kertz Hall (Immaculate Conception Church). Doors open at 6:00 and Trivia begins at 7:00; \$120 per table of 8. Homemade tamales, beans and rice, chips & salsa, and beverages will be available for purchase. The registration form is available at www.el-puente-mo.org or call 573-635-2540. El Puente-Hispanic Ministry, which began in 1999, is a sponsored ministry of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word. Its mission is to be a ministry of presence and outreach to the Hispanic community making present the healing love of Jesus the Incarnate Word by promoting human dignity.

HELIAS CATHOLIC VOLLEYBALL BBQ is Saturday, May 7 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. or sold out on the Schulte's Parking lot. Serving pork steak, chicken or pulled pork dinners, \$8.00 (Day of \$9.00), slab of ribs \$17.00. For more information, please call Brad at 573-690-5981 or any Helias Volleyball Player.

SAVE THE DATE: TASTE OF OSAGE COUNTY FESTIVAL is June 25 at the Linn City Park from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Food producers & artisans are invited to set up a booth, interact with customers, provide samples, demonstrate and directly sell their products. Booths could offer fruits & vegetables, meats, cheeses, honey, flowers, herbs, value-added and artisan products to interested festival goers. Booth spaces are approximately 10x10, cost is \$25.00. Please contact Arlene Stewart at 573-690-1200 or anvstewart@hotmail.com or Arlen Schwinke at 573-294-6203 or kayarlen@gmail.com

THIRD ANNUAL CENTRAL MISSOURI HONOR FLIGHT/STANLEY ADAMS GOLF TOURNAMENT is Friday, June 3 at Oak Hills Golf Course - Shotgun start at 9:00 a.m. - Four person scramble - \$300.00 per team. Entry deadline is June 1. Email your team information to b_linnenbrink@hotmail.com. All proceeds will go the Central Missouri Honor Flight. Should you have questions regarding the tournament you can contact Bob Linnenbrink at 573-619-4885.