

The Roman Catholic Parishes of
St. Thomas the Apostle
 in St. Thomas

St. Cecilia
 in Meta

www.stthomasapostle.net

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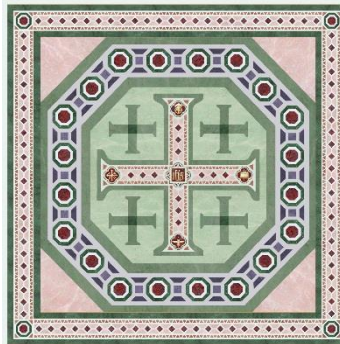
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 7, 2016

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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 February 7-14:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes
 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Becky Strope
 Tuesday 7:45 a.m. –No Mass
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – People of our Parishes
Wednesday 5:00 p.m. – Mary Lou Bax
 Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Tom, Clara & Mary Ann Schmidt
Stations of the Cross immediately following Mass
 Friday 7:45 a.m. – Harry Lueckenhoff
6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Andy & Pat Luebbering 50th Wedding Ann.
 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Alan & Germaine Strope

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2015-2016:	\$305,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End:	\$177,919.00
Actual Collection for 2015-2016:	\$167,409.03
Offertory Difference Year to Date:	- \$10,509.97
Offertory Goal per month:	\$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

January 3	\$6,534.00
January 10	\$3,319.00
January 17	\$3,295.25
January 24	\$3,417.00
January 31	\$5,648.50

Collection Online:

January total to date:	\$27,457.75
Difference for January:	+ \$2,040.75

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):	\$17,663.00
Loan payments to date for fiscal year 2015-2016:	\$64,594.18
(Principal) \$51,101.49 (Interest) \$13,492.69	
Parish Building Expansion Debt remaining:	<u>\$532,952.05</u>

St. Thomas Cantor / Organist

Wednesday 5:00 p.m. – Jean Kliethermes/Jackie
 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Amanda Wooten/Elizabeth
 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Lisa Wieberg/Jackie

St. Thomas Reader/ Petitions

Ash Wednesday 5:00 p.m. – Alan Reinkemeyer
 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Tod Luebbering
 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jean Kliethermes

St. Thomas Altar Servers

Weekday: Abigail Verslues & Mason Luebbering
Ash Wednesday 5:00 p.m. Issac Prenger, Ben & Emma Luebbering
 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Cameron & Chesney Luebbering, Andrew Luebbering, Owen Schellman
 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jeremy Stockman, Morgan & Jacob Luebbering, Gregory Kirby

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of February 7-14:

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Lawrence & Scott Otto
 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Vince & Brad Reinkemeyer

6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. – Leo & Alberta Wieberg

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

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2015-2016:	\$60,471.51
Collection Total for 2015-2016:	\$36,764.01
Offertory Goal per month:	\$ 5,039.29

Collection in Church:

January 3	\$1,270.00
January 10	\$ 638.00
January 17	\$1,602.00
January 24	\$1,008.00
January 31	\$1,305.00

January total to date:	\$6,032.00
Difference for January:	+ \$992.71

Please remember your parish in your last will & testament.

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

February – Dale & Margie Helton
 March – Marie Lueckenotto & Pam Libbert

St. Cecilia Reader / Petitions

Wednesday – Doris Stumpe
 Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer
 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Janice Schanzmeyer

St. Cecilia Altar Servers

Ash Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Zachary, Josh & Alex Even
 Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Zachary & Joshua Even, Ben & Henry Schroeder
 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Adam & Madalyn Veltrop, Skyla Schroeder

St. Thomas Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
February 10 (Ash Wednesday)

5:00 p.m. – Mike Green (*assist with distribution of ashes*)

February 13-14

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mike & Trish Green, Betty Schellman
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Shirley Volmert, Bill & Betty Jo Luebbering, Carolyn Loethen, Lynne Reinkemeyer

February 20-21

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Leeroy Budnik, Mark & Barb Graessle
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jan Carter, Mattheuw Prenger, Keith Kliethermes, Randy Buschjost, Rob Henson

February 27-28

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Lora Boessen, Mark Luebbering, Pat Kaiser
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Keith Kliethermes, Randy Buschjost, Rob Henson, Rosalyn Wieberg, Emily Luebbering

St. Thomas Greeters/Ushers

February 10 (Ash Wednesday)

5:00 p.m. – Mike Groner & Steve Schellman

February 13-14

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Joe Buschjost & Mark Boessen
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Art Groner & Eric Boessen

February 20-21

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

St. Thomas Presentation of Gifts at Mass

February 10 (Ash Wednesday)

5:00 p.m. – Mike & Kristin Buschjost Family

February 13-14

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Andy & Pat Luebbering Family
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Randy & Charlene Buschjost

February 20-21

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ralph & Kathy Graessle
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Travis & Kathy Rackers Family

February 27-28

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Paul & Jenny Becker
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Tom & Carol Backes Family

St. Thomas Collection Counters:

February 13-14 – Richard & Jan Heckemeyer
February 20-21 – Jennifer Schroeder & Stephanie Cortvrient
February 27-28 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday 7:25 a.m. – No Mass

Wednesday 7:25 a.m. – Pat Loethen – Glorious (Sarah Luebbert)

Wednesday 4:40 p.m. – Barb Graessle – Glorious (Shelby Christian)

Thursday 7:25 a.m. – Celeste & Martha Strobe – Luminous (Samantha Christian)

Friday 7:25 a.m. – Alex & Joann Heckman- Sorrowful (Jessica Schulte)

Saturday 4:40 p.m. – Paul Becker- Sorrowful (Kacie Christian)

Sunday 9:40 a.m. – Pat Loethen – Sorrowful (Meghan Rackers)

SNACK FOR ST. THOMAS QUILTERS:

Thursday, February 11 – Amy Buechter & Susan Buechter Thursday, February 18 – Rose Mary Buschjost & Cindy Buschjost
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 (February 13-14) Visit www.stthomasapostleschool.net/scrip for more information about the Scrip program.

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kristi Luebbering Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Amy Luebbering

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH extends a warm welcome to Fred & Mandy Boessen, along with their two daughters Ellie & Sadie. Welcome to St. Thomas!

NOTE OF THANKS: *To St. Thomas Parish, I wish to thank each and everyone who sent me Christmas cards. I appreciate all of them. Come and see me sometime.* –Virginia (Ginny) Libbert

GIVING STATEMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015 are available in the back of St. Thomas the Apostle and St. Cecilia Churches.

2015-2016 CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL (CSA): The Catholic Stewardship Appeal (CSA) is our opportunity to come together as the Church in the 95 Catholic Parishes and 15 missions of our diocese.

The 2016 CSA goal for **St. Cecilia Parish** is **\$3,363.00 (16 individuals)** have pledged **\$1,605.00** so far.

The 2016 CSA goal for **St. Thomas Parish** is **\$7,945.00 (45 individuals)** have pledged **\$6,780.00** so far.

MINISTRY TO THE ILL & INFIRM: If you are preparing for surgery, recovering from surgery, homebound or ill, please let Fr. Secrist (477-3315) and/or MaryPat Luebbering (477-3476) know so that you have the opportunity to receive the Sacraments and pastoral care.

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. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
February 10 (Ash Wednesday)

7:00 p.m. Jennifer Even (*assist with distribution of ashes*)

February 13-14

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Doris Stumpe, Jennifer Even, Betty Hagenhoff
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Gerald & Phyllis Rehagen, Karen Fick

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

February 10 (Ash Wednesday)

Larry Lueckenotto, Darin Even

February 13-14

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Tom Gragert, Lou Kloeppel, Mitch & Brendan Stumpe
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Harold Libbert, Anton Libbert Terry Libbert, Tony Derkum

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Wednesday **6:40 p.m.** – Florentine Hagenhoff – Glorious – (Kalib Christian)

Saturday 6:40 p.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer– Sorrowful Mysteries (John Christian)

Sunday 7:40 a.m. – Margaret Brune– Sorrowful Mysteries (Angie Christian)

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.

** The names listed after the mysteries of the rosary to be prayed before Mass are those who are preparing to be baptized or become Catholic at the Easter Vigil. Throughout this season of Lent, please keep them in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Easter Sacraments.*

MASS INTENTIONS...

The specific Mass intentions for each scheduled Mass are regularly published in this bulletin and are specifically requested by individual request. Every reasonable effort is made to accommodate particular times and dates, when so requested. However, when on occasion the date or time request cannot be met, the intention will be rescheduled for the next earliest date available.

ADULT SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION: The next meeting will be **Sunday, February 21 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Vitae House at St. Thomas. This meeting is for those who are becoming Catholic. Questions? Please contact Fr. Secrist at 477-3315.

PRAYER HOUR WITH MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION will be held on Tuesday, February 9 at 7:00 p.m. in St. Thomas Church.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION: **Wednesday, February 17, 7:30 p.m.** in St. Thomas School library.

LENTEN PRACTICES

Abstinence: all persons who have already celebrated their 14th birthday are bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent and Good Friday.

Fasting: everyone, from the celebration of their 18th birthday to their 59th birthday, is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting is generally understood to mean eating only one full meal each day. Two other partial meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken; but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed.

Voluntary fasting on other weekdays of Lent is highly recommended. But please note: when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, neither the law of fasting nor the law of abstinence obliges. These are minimal penitential practices and should not be lightly excused. If in doubt, please consult your parish priest.

Other recommended forms of fasting, as regards alcoholic drink, needless television, video games, internet use, and social entertainment, are of true spiritual value and strongly encouraged.

Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available 4:00-4:45 p.m. on Saturday evenings at St. Thomas, 7:30-7:50 a.m. on Sunday mornings at St. Cecilia, at 4:30-5:30 p.m. on the First Friday, March 4, at St. Thomas, or call Fr. Secrist at 573-477-3315 to arrange another time. For the good of one's spiritual life, the bare minimum expectation is that every Catholic go to Confession at least *once* a year.

PENANCE SERVICES AROUND THE AREA DURING LENT

Tuesday, February 23, 7:00 p.m. – Argyle

Wednesday, February 24, 7:00 p.m. – St. Cecilia, Meta

Thursday, February 25, 7:00 p.m. – Rich Fountain

Tuesday, March 1, 7:00 p.m. – Chamois

Wednesday, March 2, 7:00 p.m. – Frankenstein

Tuesday, March 8, 7:00 p.m. – St. Thomas

Wednesday, March 9, 7:00 p.m. – Loose Creek

Tuesday, March 15, 7:00 p.m. – Folk

Tuesday, March 15, 7:00 p.m. – Linn

Wednesday, March 16, 7:00 p.m. - Westphalia

OPERATION RICE BOWL: This Lent, our community will have the opportunity to participate the Catholic Relief Services Operation Rice Bowl. Operation Rice Bowl is a faith-in-action program that helps us experience Lenten spirituality by living in solidarity with people in need around the world. Proceeds raised will help our less fortunate brothers and sisters in our diocese and around the world. Be sure to pick up your cardboard Rice Bowl at the entrances to church.

ST. THOMAS CYO meets the first Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Cafeteria. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 1 at 7:00 p.m.

ST. THOMAS PARISH SESQUICENTENNIAL MEETING: St. Thomas the Apostle Parish will be celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the founding of our Parish in 2019. There will be a meeting in the Vitae House on **Friday, February 12 at 6:45 p.m.** for those who would be interested in planning for this historic celebration in our parish. The purpose of this meeting will be to solicit ideas to celebrate that event. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Fr. Secrist at (573)477-3315 or Tom Backes at (573)291-7053 or (573)477-3521.

ST. THOMAS CEMETERY DUES FOR 2016 ARE DUE: Dues are **\$3.00** per family this year. Anyone who turned 21 in 2015 or became a separate household, or newcomers in their first full year of residence, now owe dues for 2016. You may put your dues in the collection basket in an envelope marked "Cemetery Dues" or mail it to the St. Thomas Cemetery Assn., Attn: Lisa Lackman, 2222 Upper Bottom Rd., St. Thomas, MO 65076. Please call or text Lisa with questions at 573-338-2703.

ST. THOMAS PSR CLASSES: Students & Families - we will not be having Class on Wednesday, February 10, so teachers & families may attend one of the Ash Wednesday Masses.

WEDNESDAY EVENING TRAFFIC PATTERN AT ST. THOMAS: Because of the number of people attending PSR, Confirmation Preparation and Quilting on Wednesday evenings at St. Thomas, all drivers are asked to please **enter via the lower driveway from Park Street** and **exit from the upper parking lot onto Highway B only.**

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday School is for children preschool age (2 years prior to Kindergarten) and meets on Sundays from 9:00 to 9:45 a.m. in the St. Thomas School Kindergarten room. Please contact Daffny Tallent at 573-694-4408 or ddtallent@embarqmail.com for more information.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE YARD SIGNS & WINDOW STICKERS: Show your support for our local Catholic school by purchasing a sign for your front yard and a window sticker for your vehicle, boat or tractor. Yard signs and window stickers are \$5.00 each. Please contact the School Office at 573-477-3322.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL ARCHERY TOURNAMENT will be Sunday, February 21, beginning at noon in the Parish Center. Hamburgers, hotdogs & other concessions will be served. Please come support our school archers!!

THANK YOU to all the parents, parishioners, business partners and everyone who helped to make Catholic Schools Week such a huge success.

BOX TOPS: Please continue to save Box Tops for Education, Coke Points & Best Choice labels. **Please send in Box Tops by February 21 for submission.**

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS

February 8 – Valentine's Day Parties
9 – COPE for 7th Graders
11 – 8th Grade NET retreat at Folk
16 – Home & School Meeting 6:30 p.m.
21 – St. Thomas the Apostle School Archery Tournament (noon)

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

ST. THOMAS PARISH BALL PARK is looking for concession manager for 2016 ball season (May-July). If interested, please contact Gina Luebbering for more details at 573-694-1863 or stparkboard@gmail.com

PERPETUAL ADORATION HOURS OPEN AT ST. STANISLAUS: Sunday 3:00-4:00 p.m. 2nd Sunday only; Tuesday 11:00-12:00 (noon); Wednesday 10:00-11:00 a.m. (now until April); Wednesday 9:00-10:00 p.m. (every other); Thursday 1:00-2:00 p.m.; Saturday 11:00-12:00 (noon); Saturday 1:00-2:00 p.m.; Saturday 10:00-11:00 p.m. (2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th Saturdays). Please contact Donna at 573-680-1470 or 573-635-2095.

NEXT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING is Tuesday, February 9 at 7:30 p.m. A rosary will be prayed at 7:15 p.m. Please read the February newsletter attached to the bulletin. The Fish Fry work-list is on the back page of the newsletter.

META OVER 50 CLUB will meet on Thursday, February 11 at noon in the Parish Center. Please bring a dish & join us for lunch, fun & fellowship.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BASKETBALL FREE THROW CONTEST RESULTS: Congratulations to the following council champions who won their age division of the KC basketball free throw contest held on Jan. 31 at St. Thomas. They received a certificate and plaque and advanced to the district level competition. Ava Morris (9), Owen Schellman (9), Brianna Heckman (10), Isaac Rackers (10), Grace Boessen (11), Ayden Wald (11), Sabrina Luebbering (12), Jarrett Wieberg (13), Austin Heckman (14). Thank you to everyone who participated.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

ST. THOMAS / META SOFTBALL & BASEBALL REGISTRATION: will be held Saturday February 20 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. and Sunday February 21, from 11:00 a.m. to noon in the St. Thomas School cafeteria. Boys & girls ages 6-15 are eligible. Registration fees are \$50.00 for first child, \$30.00 for second child, and \$10.00 for third child with a cap of \$90.00 per family. After March 14 there will be a \$10.00 late fee per child. Registration for Fun League will also be held for boys & girls ages 5-6 at this time. If you are unable to make it to one of the registration times or have any questions, please contact Amy Luebbering at 573-619-6325 or raluebbering@embarqmail.com. You may also send questions to stparkboard@gmail.com

ST. THOMAS/META K of C BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN: The St. Thomas & Meta Knights of Columbus are participating in the "Meet Life" campaign to reduce abortions in Missouri. Please return your filled baby bottle back to church.

THE WILLIAM SIMON SCHOLARSHIP FUND awards scholarships to Catholic students in the Jefferson City Diocese who are in financial need for attending an accredited college of the student's choice. The scholarship is \$1,000 per semester. Please see Fr. Secrist at the rectory for details and application. Students from St. Thomas have been awarded this scholarship in the past. Applications must be returned to the Chancery by March 31, 2016. All applicants will be notified of the results by May 1, 2016.

ST. MARGARET'S PARISH, FISH FRY OSAGE BEND is Friday, February 12, serving catfish fillets, hush puppies, baked beans, French Fries, baked beans and coleslaw, all you can eat from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Adults \$10.00, children 6-12 \$5.00. Carry outs \$10.00 per plate.

WARDSVILLE/OSAGE BEND K OF C COUNTRY HAM & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST is Sunday, February 14 at St. Stanislaus gym. Serving Burgers country ham, sausage, biscuits & gravy, scrambled eggs, coffee, milk & orange juice from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 (noon). Adults \$10.00, children 5-12 \$4.00.

ST. THOMAS/META K of C FISH FRY (GLUTEN FREE) is **Friday, February 19**, serving fish fillets (gluten free) hushpuppies, French fries, baked potatoes, baked beans & coleslaw 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Adults \$10.00, children 6-12 \$5.00. All you care to eat, carry-outs available in the St. Thomas Parish Center. Proceeds to benefit the repair of parish buildings at St. Thomas the Apostle.