

The Roman Catholic Parishes of

St. Thomas the Apostle
in St. Thomas

St. Cecilia
in Meta

www.stthomasapostle.net

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St. Thomas, MO 65076

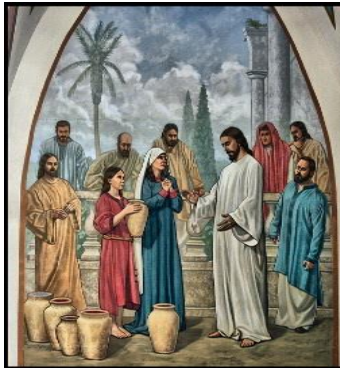
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 17, 2016

Pastor: Father Jeremy A. Secrist
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School Website:
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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 January 17-24:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Rita Alig
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Wm. & Rufina Boessen
Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Tom & Clara Schmidt
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – Norma & John Ullman Wedding Ann.
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – L&D Andrew Strobe Family
Friday 7:45 a.m. – Ray Luebbering
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – L&D Joe & Dorothy Luebbering Family
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – People of our Parishes

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2015-2016: \$305,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End: \$177,919.00
Actual Collection for 2015-2016: **\$154,063.28**
Offertory Difference Year to Date: - \$23,855.72
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

January 3 \$6,534.00
January 10 \$3,319.00
January 17 \$
January 24 \$
January 31 \$

Collection Online: \$4,259.00

January total to date: \$14,112.00
Difference for January: - \$11,305.00

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): **\$16,368.00**
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: **\$532,952.05**

St. Thomas Cantor / Organist

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

St. Thomas Reader/ Petitions

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Amanda Wooten
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Judy Schroeder

St. Thomas Altar Servers

Weekday: Cale Luebbert & Natalie Otto
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ely & Dawson Wieberg,
Bruno Puleo
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Luke Schroeder, Erika Luebbering,
Kenadi Braun, Jeremy Stockman

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of January 17-24:

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – L&D Martin & Addie Loethen Family
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – People of our Parishes

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – L&D Tom & Clara Schmidt Family

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Josephine Werdehausen
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Ray Luebbering

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2015-2016: \$60,471.51
Collection Total for 2015-2016: **\$32,849.01**
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,039.29

Collection in Church:

January 3 \$1,270.00
January 10 \$ 638.00
January 17 \$
January 24 \$
January 31 \$
January total to date: \$1,908.00
Difference for January: - \$3,131.28

Please remember your parish in your last will & testament.

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

January – Mary & Dominic Plassmeyer
February – Dale & Margie Helton

St. Cecilia Reader / Petitions

Wednesday – Dorothy Rehagen
Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Dorothy Rehagen
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Don Wansing

St. Cecilia Altar Servers

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Joshua & Alex Even, Ben & Henry
Schroeder
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Will & Melina Derkum, Sophie Bock

St. Thomas Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
January 23-24

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Lora Boessen, Mark Luebbering, Pat Kaiser

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jan Carter, Mattheuw Prenger, Keith Kliethermes, Randy Buschjost, Rob Henson

January 30-31

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Leroy Heckemeyer, Sarah Schwartz, Danielle Plassmeyer

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Rosalyn Wieberg, Richard & Jan Heckemeyer, Emily Luebbering, Janet Lueckenhoff

February 6-7

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Paul & Jenny Becker, Marshall Boessen

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Linda Lueckenhoff, Glenn Prenger, Gilbert & Hermina Strobe, Millie Wieberg

St. Thomas Greeters/Ushers

January 23-24

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mike Green & Gilbert Schellman

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Keith Kliethermes & Mike Buschjost

January 30-31

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Gilbert Schellman & School Students

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Tom Backes & Richard Heckemeyer

February 6-7

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Richard Schellman & Fred Luebbering

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jim Lueckenhoff & Larry Lueckenhoff

St. Thomas Presentation of Gifts at Mass

January 23-24

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Alfred & Margie Kaiser

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Alan & Lynne Reinkemeyer

January 30-31

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – St. Thomas School Students

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Al & Jan Carter

February 6-7

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark & Lauri Luebbering

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Keith & Jean Kliethermes

St. Thomas Collection Counters:

January 23-24 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman

January 30-31 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg

February 6-7 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday 7:25 a.m. – Viola – Sorrowful (Adam Schell)

Wednesday 7:25 a.m. – Pat – Glorious (Rebecca Schroeder)

Thursday 7:25 a.m. – Celeste & Martha – Luminous (Ashleigh Schroeder)

Friday 7:25 a.m. Gilbert & Hermina – Sorrowful (Caleb Schroeder)

Saturday 4:40 p.m. – Marilyn Herigon- Sorrowful (Renee Stockman)

Sunday 9:40 a.m. – Pat Loethen-Sorrowful (Cassie Twehus)

LADIES TO BRING SNACK TO ST. THOMAS QUILTERS:

Thursday, January 21 – Lora Boessen & Joyce (Marshall) Boessen

Thursday, January 28 – Viola Boessen & Jennifer Borgmeyer

Please bring 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 (January 23-24) Visit www.stthomasapostleschool.net/scrip for more information about the Scrip program.

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kelley Buschjost

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Sara Otto

THE 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. This year, CSA videos are available on the diocesan website www.diojeffcity.org. Please take the time to view the informational videos by clicking on the "Youtube video" link located on the upper right hand corner.

The 2016 CSA goal for **St. Cecilia Parish** is **\$3,363.00 (15 individuals** have pledged **\$1,480.00** so far).

The 2016 CSA goal for **St. Thomas Parish** is **\$7,945.00 (42 individuals** have pledged **\$5,920.00** so far).

Please be generous so that we can reach our CSA goals. Additional CSA envelopes are available at the entrances of Church.

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.

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.

ST. THOMAS PRAYER EMAIL REQUESTS: all email prayer requests should be sent to jbeckeroffice@gmail.com. Please remember that the sole purpose of the parish prayer line and email communication to ask for prayers for those particularly in need. Out of respect for individuals' privacy, only necessary information is communicated.

St. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
January 23-24

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Lou Kloeppe, Brenda Wansing, Doris Stumpe

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Gerald & Phyllis Rehagen, Pam Libbert

January 30-31

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Jennifer Even, Betty Hagenhoff, Dorothy Rehagen

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

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

January 23-24

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

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Harold Libbert, Kenny Otto, Dominic Plassmeyer, Larry Lueckenotto

January 30-31

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

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Harold Libbert, Anton Libbert, Terry Libbert, Tony Derkum

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Wednesday 6:10 p.m. – Florentine Hagenhoff – Glorious – (Bailey Veltrop)

Saturday 6:40 p.m. – Alice Hake – Sorrowful Mysteries (Tyler Wankum)

Sunday 7:40 a.m. – Mary Plassmeyer – Sorrowful Mysteries (Megan Werdehausen)

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 names listed after the mysteries of the rosary to be prayed before Mass are those from St. Cecilia and St. Thomas the Apostle Parishes who are preparing for the Sacrament Confirmation. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for this important Sacrament.*

ANNIVERSARY NOTES IN CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER: If you would like your anniversary (10 years & over) or birthday (90 years & over) listed in the Catholic Missourian, please send a note to Jenny Becker at jbeckeroffice@gmail.com or call 573-477-3315.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MEETING AT ST. THOMAS: Parents of School and PSR students preparing to make their First Holy Communion will have a meeting on **Tuesday, January 26 at 5:30 p.m.** in St. Thomas School library.

ADULT SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION: The next meeting will be **Sunday, January 24, 6:00 p.m.** in Vitae House at St. Thomas. This meeting is for those adults who are becoming Catholic. Questions? Please contact Fr. Secrist at 477-3315.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION: **Wednesday, January 20, 7:30 p.m.** in St. Cecilia Parish center.

ST. THOMAS PARISH PASTORIAL COUNCIL will meet on Tuesday, January 19 at 7:00 p.m. in Vitae House.

ST. THOMAS HAM/SAUSAGE BREAKFAST RAFFLE: If you are interested in making a donation or know of someone who might, please contact Janet Lueckenhoff at 573-690-5682 or email her at jlueck@embarqmail.com before January 18, so the donation may be included in this year's raffle. **Our breakfast is Sunday, March 13, 2016.**

ST. THOMAS CYO will be meeting the first Monday of every month at 7:00 in the Parish Cafeteria. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 1, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

CYO CINNAMON ROLLS will be available for purchase after Masses on **February 6 & 7.** Pre-orders for cinnamon rolls will be taken on the weekend of January 30 & 31; please contact any of the CYO members for more information.

ST. THOMAS CEMETERY DUES FOR 2016 ARE NOW 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 are usually held on Wednesday evenings 7:00-8:00 p.m. for grade & high school students. Everyone involved in the PSR program is asked to please sign up for the Remind text messaging. This is the primary form of communication we will use should classes need to be cancelled. Text @stthomasps to 81010 to receive messages. Also, please follow our "St. Thomas the Apostle PSR" page on Facebook for messages and notifications of events.

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 will meet on Sundays from 9:00 to 9:45 a.m. in the St. Thomas School Kindergarten room. Please contact Daffiny Tallent at 573-694-4408 or email ddtallent@embarqmail.com if interested and/or 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.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK INVITATION: On Friday, February 5, we will be celebrating all our VIP's – parents, grandparents, parishioners, volunteers and friends – by starting our day with Mass at 7:45 a.m. followed by refreshments and BINGO in the Parish Center. All are welcome! To RSVP, please call St. Thomas School Office at 573-477-3322. It's that time of the year when we may be cleaning things or have some items (new or used) laying around that would make excellent Bingo prizes. Please call the school office if you have any items to donate. Thanks in advance for helping out with the prizes for the Bingo games!

ST. THOMAS SCHOOL SNEAK PEEK: On Thursday, February 4, please join us as we celebrate Catholic Schools Week! We will have activities for in-coming Kindergartners and children of families considering future enrollment. Information will be provided for parents about new programs and initiatives. This will be a great time for you to see some of the changes at St. Thomas the Apostle, and we will answer any questions you may have about the upcoming school year. If you have been curious about what you may be missing in a faith based school close to home, please RSVP by calling 573-477-3322 or email lheckemeyer@embarqmail.com to schedule a more workable time to see what our Catholic School may offer you!!

CONGRATULATIONS!! We had several St. Thomas the Apostle School students who participated in the Helias Archery meet on Sunday, January 10. They all did a tremendous job at the meet and we had several students who received medals. Morgan Luebbering took home 1st place medal in her division (Middle School Girls). On the boys side Ben Schroeder took home 2nd place medal (Middle School boys) and Cameron Luebbering 3rd place medal (Middle School boys). Noah Luebbering took home 2nd place medal (Elementary boys). Middle School team took home 1st Place and Elementary School team took home 2nd place. Both teams qualified for the state tournament. Outstanding job to all our Archers and Coaches!!!

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 18 – Martin Luther King Day – No School K-8
23 – Diocesan Regional Speech Meet
30-February 6 – Catholic Schools Week

BOX TOPS: Please continue to save Box Tops for Education, Coke Points & Best Choice labels.

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 sparkboard@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS:

ST. THOMAS PARISH PARK BOARD TRIVIA NIGHT is Saturday, January 23, 7:00 p.m. St. Thomas Parish Center doors open at 6:30 p.m.. \$15/person or \$120/team (8 people per team). To register, please call Kim Kliegel at 573-619-9188. Cash prize for winning team. Must be 21 to enter, BYOB.

TOTUS TUUS SUMMER CAMP: Please save the dates! This is an upcoming program that will be offered for all the youth of St. Cecilia & St. Thomas Parishes this Summer, July 18-22, 2016. *Totus Tuus*, means "all yours". Before Summer vacation plans are made, please mark your calendars for this great youth event.

ST. THOMAS/META KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN: The St. Thomas & Meta Knights of Columbus are participating in the "Meet Life" campaign to reduce abortions in Missouri through the placement of ultrasound technology in local Pregnancy Centers. Baby bottles were distributed to parishioners January 9 & 10. Please place your pocket change, paper money, and/or a donation check (payable to Columbian Charities) into the bottle. **On the weekend of January 30 & 31**, please bring your filled baby bottle back to Mass with you and they will be collected in the back of Church. Please join the Knights in this campaign and thanks so much for your support!

SEEKING CHRIST FOR OUR NATION MASS is Tuesday, January 19, 6:00 p.m. Our Lady of Snows, Mary's Home.

COLE COUNTY PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT NO. 5: Candidates interested in running for a three year term on the Board of Directors must complete an application by 5:00 pm, January 20, 2016 to be included on the April 7, 2016 election ballot. Please notify Sheri Wieberg at 573-477-3497 if interested. (You must reside within the district one whole year before the election and be at least 25 years of age to hold a seat on the Board.)

CITY OF ST. THOMAS CITY COUNCIL: The Council is made up of four board members and the Mayor. The 2016 election will have three positions open for election. All interested must sign up by January 20, 2016 to be on the April 2016 election ballot. If you wish to run for a two year term Council position, please contact Susan Boessen, City Clerk, at (573) 477-3736 or (573) 619-4424. You must reside within the City Limits of St. Thomas to hold a Council position.

RETRouvaille: You Can Help Your Marriage: 25% of surveyed couples say they are "Happily Married". For everyone else there is Retrouvaille. For information on the Retrouvaille Program, visit the website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call 1-800-470-2230. The next program begins the weekend of January 29-31, 2016.

ST. THOMAS/META KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST is this Sunday, January 17, serving 8:00 to 11:30 a.m. at the K C Hall. Adults \$8.00, children 6-12 \$4.00. Half of the proceeds will benefit St. Thomas the Apostle School. Extra copies of the work-list are in the entrances of St. Thomas Church.

PRESENTATION ON STOP HUMAN TRAFFICKING: Guest Speaker Nanette Ward, President of the Central Missouri Stop Human Trafficking Coalition. Tuesday, January 19, 7:00 p.m. at St. Stanislaus Church. Visit www.stophumantrafficking.com or help@stophumantraffickingmo.com. For more information contact LeAnn:573-636-4925; or email ststanleann@socket.net.

ST. THOMAS/META KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CONTEST is Sunday, January 31, 12:00 noon in the St. Thomas School Gym. All boys & girls ages 9-14 as of January 1 are eligible to participate. Proof of age and written parental consent is required during registration on the day of the event. All participants will receive a certificate. Winners will receive a plaque and advance to the district level competition and possible regional, state and international levels. For more information, please contact Steve Schellman at 573-694-3471.

WESTPHALIA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SOCCER CLUB SPRING SIGN-UP will be held at the Westphalia KC Hall on Sunday evening, January 31 and Monday, February 1 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. each night. All kids ages 3-14 (on 8/1/15) welcome. Please no late sign ups! Please email wksoccerclub@gmail.com with any questions.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA PARISH PANCAKE BREAKFAST is Sunday, January 31, serving pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs & applesauce from 7:30 a.m. to Noon. Adults \$8.50, children 6-10 \$4.00.

ST. THOMAS/META KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS VALENTINE'S DANCE is Saturday, February 6, 7:30 p.m. – 11:30 p.m. in St. Thomas Parish Center. \$10.00 per person, 50/50 raffle. NO ONE UNDER 21 ALLOWED. Music provided by Shiloh. Proceeds to benefit St. Thomas/Meta Knights of Columbus Council.

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ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL FINANCIAL REPORT
July-December, 2015

<u>Revenue</u>	
Tuition (non-parish)	\$ 16,120.00
Resource fees (technology, book, bus)	\$ 13,275.74
Preschool fees	\$ 9,793.00
Before/After School Program	\$ 5,720.00
Other Revenue (including grants & benefactor gifts)	\$102,642.00
Parish Support	\$ 99,104.07
Total Income	\$246,654.81
<u>Expenses</u>	
Utilities	\$ 6,280.43
Instructional (textbooks, supplies, technology, fees)	\$ 13,607.57
General Administration (insurance, supplies, repairs)	\$ 21,526.91
Salaries & Benefits (School & Preschool)	\$205,239.90
Total Expense	\$246,654.81

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH CEMETERY ASSOCIATION
Financial Statement for calendar year ending December 31, 2015

<u>Checking Account</u>	
Beginning Balance 1/1/2015	\$ 692.41
Deposits	\$1,466.00
Disbursements	-\$1,475.60
Ending Balance 12/31/15	\$ 682.81
<u>Savings Account</u>	
Beginning Balance 1/1/2015	\$7,387.57
Deposits (Interest)	\$ 18.48
Total	\$7,406.05
<u>Receipts</u>	
Membership Dues	\$1,266.00
Gifts	\$ 200.00
Interest	\$ 18.48
Total Receipts	\$1,484.48
<u>Expenses</u>	
Repairs/Maintenance	\$1,351.60
Secretary	\$ 124.00
Total Expenses	\$1,475.60
Total Receipts over Expenses	\$ 8.88