

The Roman Catholic Parishes of

St. Thomas the Apostle

in St. Thomas

St. Cecilia

in Meta

www.stthomasapostle.net

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 3, 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 January 3-10:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – L&D Slim Strobe Family, Veronica Herigon
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – L&D Veit & Koetting Families
Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – *No Mass*
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – *No Mass*
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – *No Mass*
Friday 7:45 a.m. – Eleanor Moeller, *Anointing of the Sick after Mass*
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Stanley Strobe
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:	\$152,502.00
Actual Collection for 2015-2016:	\$139,951.28
Offertory Difference Year to Date:	- \$12,550.72
Offertory Goal per month:	\$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

December 6	\$6,583.25
December 13	\$5,042.11
December 20	\$2,866.25
December 27	\$4,586.50

Collection Online: \$5,244.00

December total to date: **\$24,322.11**

Difference for December: - **\$1,094.89**

Christmas Collection: **\$4,161.00**

Diocesan Christmas Assessment: \$3,688.00

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): **\$15,334.00**
Loan payments to date for fiscal year 2015-2016: **\$55,366.44**
(Principal) \$43,635.66 (Interest) \$11,730.78
Parish Building Expansion Debt remaining: **\$540,417.88**

St. Thomas Cantor / Organist

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Bill Luebbering/Elizabeth
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Lisa Wieberg/Jackie

St. Thomas Reader / Petitions

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Lauri Luebbering
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Rosella Reinkemeyer

St. Thomas Altar Servers

Friday, January 8: Austin Heckman, Andrew Luebbering,
Natalie Otto
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ely & Dawson Wieberg, Owen
Schellman
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Grace & Brooke Boessen,
Erika Luebbering

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of January 3-10:

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Phil & David Graessle
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – People of our Parishes

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – *No Mass*

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Jason Hake
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Norman & Delphine Jaegers

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2015-2016:	\$60,471.51
Collection Total for 2015-2016:	\$30,732.01
Offertory Goal per month:	\$ 5,039.29

Collection in Church:

December 6	\$1,101.00
December 13	\$1,710.00
December 20	\$1,028.00
December 27	\$1,335.50

December total to date: **\$5,174.50**

Difference for December: + **\$135.21**

Christmas Collection: **\$1,958.00**

Diocesan Christmas Assessment: \$1,128.00

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 – *No Mass*
Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Doris Stumpe
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Don Wansing

St. Cecilia Altar Servers

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Zachary & Joshua Even,
Ben & Henry Schroeder
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Nicholas & Shelby Wankum,
Ava & Saige Werdehausen

St. Thomas Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

January 9-10

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Marshall Boessen, Betty Schellman, Leeroy Budnik

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mike & Sheri Wieberg, Mike & Trish Green, Millie Wieberg

January 16-17

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Carolyn Loethen, Mark & Barb Graessle

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Rosalyn Wieberg, Shirley Volmert, Bill & Betty Jo Luebbering, Lynne Reinkmeyer

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

St. Thomas Greeters/Ushers

January 9-10

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark Boessen & Mike Groner

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Alan Reinkemeyer & Doug Stockman

January 16-17

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Dave Luebbering & Steve Schellman

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – TJ Loethen & Mattheuw Prenger

January 23-24

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

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

St. Thomas Presentation of Gifts at Mass

January 9-10

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark & Barb Graessle

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Bill & Betty Jo Luebbering

January 16-17

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark & Lora Boessen Family

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Arthur McManus Family

January 23-24

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

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

St. Thomas Collection Counters:

January 9-10 – Richard & Jan Heckemeyer

January 16-17 – Jennifer Schroeder & Stephanie Cortvriert

January 23-24 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas

Friday 7:25 a.m. Gilbert & Hermina – Sorrowful (Dalton Fowler)

Saturday 4:40 p.m. -Paul Becker – Joyful (Katie Francis)

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

LADIES TO BRING SNACK TO ST. THOMAS QUILTERS:

Thursday, January 7 – Irene Boessen & Janet Boessen January 14 – Joyce (Kenny) Boessen & Donna Boessen
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 will resume January 6 at 7:00 p.m.

SCRIP SALES (January 9-10) Visit www.stthomasapostleschool.net/scrip for more information about the Scrip program.

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Dee Luebbering

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Sandy Kliegel

2015 CHRISTMAS/SEMINARY ASSESSMENT: Thank you for your generosity! In both parishes we have met and exceeded our assessed goals.

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 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.

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 (13 individuals have pledged \$1,080 so far)**.

The 2016 CSA goal for **St. Thomas Parish** is **\$7,945.00 (36 individuals have pledged \$5,470.00 so far)**.

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

ADULT SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION: The next meeting will be **Sunday, January 10, 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 6, 7:30 p.m.** in St. Cecilia Parish Center.

St. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

January 9-10

Saturday 7:00 p.m. –Brenda Wansing, Doris Stumpe, Jennifer Even

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Phyllis & Gerald Rehagen, Janice Schanzmeyer

January 16-17

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Betty Hagenhoff, Dorothy Rehagen, Bonnie Kampeter

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer, Karen Fick

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

January 9-10

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

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Leon Schanzmeyer, Kenny Otto, Dominic Plassmeyer, Larry Lueckenotto

January 16-17

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Mitch & Brendan Stumpe, Darin Even, Randy Hagenhoff

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

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Wednesday, January 6 – No Mass

January 9-10

Saturday 6:40 p.m. – Alice Hake– Joyful Mysteries (Lance Jurgensmeyer)

Sunday 7:40 a.m. – Janice Schanzmeyer– Joyful Mysteries (Dawson 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 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.*

CHURCH DECORATIONS TAKEN DOWN: The Christmas season concludes with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on Sunday, January 10. St. Cecilia decorations will be taken down following the 8:00 a.m. Mass and at St. Thomas after the 10:00 a.m. Mass next **Sunday, January 10.**

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.

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.

ST. THOMAS CYO will meet on Monday, January 4 at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. The St. Thomas CYO will be hosting an open gym on Sunday, January 10 from 2:00-5:00 p.m. Please join our youth in volleyball, basketball & other activities.

PRAYING A ROSARY FOR OUR COUNTRY will be prayed on Monday, January 4 at 5:00 p.m. in St. Thomas Church.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT WILL BE HELD FRIDAY, JANUARY 8 IN ST. THOMAS CHURCH Anointing of the Sick will be offered after 7:45 a.m. Mass to those in need of the Sacrament. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Church throughout the day. Confessions offered 4:30-5:45 p.m. Benediction at 6:00 p.m.

FIRST FRIDAY HOSPITALITY AT ST. THOMAS: Please join us for coffee, donuts and other hospitality in the Vitae House after Mass on Friday, January 8.

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

ST. THOMAS SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING: will be on Tuesday, January 12 at 6:00 p.m. in Vitae House.

ST. THOMAS PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING: will be on Tuesday, January 12 at 7:00 p.m. in Vitae House.

ST. CECILIA PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: will be Thursday, January 14 at 7:00 p.m. in Parish Center.

PARISH CALENDARS FOR 2016 are available at the entrances to church. These free calendars indicate our parishes' Sunday Mass times and the dates for Holy Days of Obligation throughout the coming year.

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 communication we will use should classes need to be cancelled. Text @stthomaspsr 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 dtallent@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.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 4 – School Resumes
7 – Report Cards go home
18 – Martin Luther King Day – No School K-8

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

ROSES FOR LIFE: The Knights of Columbus Roses for Life Weekend will be the weekend of January 9 & 10 at St. Thomas & St. Cecilia Parishes. The signed roses will be sent to our elected government officials to remind them of the great number of pro-life supporters and to encourage them to end abortion.

ST. THOMAS/META KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN: The St. Thomas & Meta Knights of Columbus are participating in the "Meet Life" campaign which includes a coordinated effort to reduce abortions in Missouri through the placement of ultrasound technology in local Pregnancy Centers along with mass media advertising by the Vitae Foundation to direct women to those centers. In the past four years, the Knights of Columbus have collected nearly \$9,000 in St. Thomas & Meta which has helped to place an ultrasound machine in the Pregnancy Help Center in Jefferson City. This year, the Knights of Columbus will be raising funds by conducting a baby bottle campaign during the month of January. **Baby bottles will be handed out to parishioners following the Mass the weekend of January 9 & 10.** You are asked to place the bottle in a prominent place in your home and each time you see it, pray for the unborn. Please place your pocket change, paper money, and/or a donation check (payable to Columbian Charities) into the bottle. **In three weeks, the weekend of January 30 & 31,** please bring your filled bottle back to Mass with you and they will be collected in the back of Church. Each & every one of us has the opportunity to help save lives. Please join the Knights in this campaign and thanks so much for your support!

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.

ST. THOMAS PARISH PARK BOARD TRIVIA NIGHT is Saturday, January 23, 7:00 p.m. (Doors open at 6:30 p.m.) in the St. Thomas Parish Center. \$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 at St. Thomas and Meta has been scheduled for **July 18-22, 2016**. Please save the dates!

MAKE A RESOLUTION TO LISTEN TO 88.1 FM KHJR CATHOLIC RADIO in the New Year. Tune in to daily Holy Mass, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and the Rosary. Participate in live call-in shows on faith, such as Catholic Answers Live, Open Line, Called to Communion, and more. For a program schedule and a free CD, please call (314) 752-700 or toll free at (877) 305-1234.

RETRouvaille: You Can Help Your Marriage: 25% of surveyed couples say they are "Happily Married". For everyone else there is Retrouvaille. Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Does talking only make it worse? 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 Sunday, January 17, serving 8:00 to 11:30 a.m. at the K C Hall. Half of the proceeds will benefit St. Thomas the Apostle School.