St. Thomas the Apostle

in St. Thomas

St. Cecilia in Meta

www.stthomasapostle.net

PO Box 146 St. Thomas, MO 65076

The Roman Catholic Parishes of

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 31, 2016

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School Principal: Mr. Leroy Heckemeyer Iheckemeyer@embarqmail.com School: 573-477-3322 Fax: 573-477-3700

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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 January 31-February 7: Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Lucille Veit Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Andy & David Suthoff Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – L&D Wm. & Rose Schmidt Family Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – Alma Chambers Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Carl Prenger

Friday 7:45 a.m. - Rose Schmidt

(Anointing of the Sick following Mass) Saturday 5:00 p.m.- People of our Parishes

Sunday 10:00 a.m. -Becky Strope

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2015-2016:	\$305,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month En	d: \$177,919.00
Actual Collection for 2015-2016:	\$161,760.53
Offertory Difference Year to Date	: - \$16,158.47
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	\$
Collection Online:	\$5,244.00
January total to date:	\$21,809.25
Difference for January:	- \$3,607.75

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):\$17,128.00 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. – Kerry Meyer/Elizabeth Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Rebecca Schroeder/Jackie

St. Thomas Reader/ Petitions

Saturday 5:00 p.m. –Alfred Kaiser Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Bill Luebbering

St. Thomas Altar Servers

Weekday: Lilly Schulte & Natalie Otto Saturday 5:00 p.m. - Ely & Dawson Wieberg, Bruno Puleo, Sam Schaefer Sunday 10:00 a.m. - Caleb Buechter, Colton Libbert, Nolan & Molly Suthoff

Saint Cecilia Mass Schedule for the Week of January 31-February 7: Saturday 7:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Brian Wansing

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. - Bonita & Mary Kleffner

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

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2015-2016: \$60,471.51 Collection Total for 2015-2016: \$35,459.01 Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,039.29

Collection in Church:

Difference for January:	- \$521.29
January total to date:	\$4,518.00
January 31	\$
January 24	\$1,008.00
January 17	\$1,602.00
January 10	\$ 638.00
January 3	\$1,270.00

Please remember your parish in your last will & testament.

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

February - Dale & Margie Helton

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

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 6-7 Saturday 5:00 p.m. - Paul & Jenny Becker, Marshall Boessen Sunday 10:00 a.m. - Linda Lueckenhoff, Glenn Prenger, Gilbert & Hermina Strope, Millie Wieberg 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 St. Thomas Greeters/Ushers February 6-7 Saturday 5:00 p.m. - Richard Schellman & Fred Luebbering Sunday 10:00 a.m. - Jim Lueckenhoff & Larry Lueckenhoff 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 & Carolyn Loethen St. Thomas Presentation of Gifts at Mass February 6-7 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark & Lauri Luebbering Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Keith & Jean Kliethermes 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 St. Thomas Collection Counters: February 6-7 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes February 13-14 - Richard & Jan Heckemeyer February 20-21 - Jennifer Schroeder & Stephanie Cortvrient Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas Tuesday 7:25 a.m.- Alex & Joann - Sorrowful (Katie Francis) Wednesday 7:25 a.m. - Pat - Glorious (Hayden Hurst) Thursday 7:25 a.m. - Celeste & Martha - Luminous (Lance Jurgensmeyer) Friday 7:25 a.m. -Gilbert & Hermina- Sorrowful

Saturday 4:40 p.m. –Dale Herigon- Joyful (Tori Lackman) Sunday 9:40 a.m. –Tina Stockman –Joyful (Madison Libbert) * The names listed after the mysteries of the rosary to be

(Dawson Lackman)

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

LADIES TO BRING SNACK TO ST. THOMAS QUILTERS:

Thursday, February 4 - Renee Braun & Jane Budnik Thursday, February 11 – Amy Buechter & Susan Buechter Please bring to hall by 1:00 p.m.; snack served at 3:00 p.m. If you have questions, please call Kathy Strope or Emily Luebbering. Wednesday night quilting at 7:00 p.m.

<u>SCRIP SALES</u> (February 6-7) 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

<u>ST. THOMAS PARISH OFFICE</u> will be closed on Thursday, February 4, but will be open on Wednesday, February 3 from 8:30 to noon.

BLESSING OF CANDLES & THROATS: Mass for the Presentation of the Lord, with the blessing of candles, will be celebrated on Tuesday, February 2 at 7:45 a.m. On February 3, the Memorial of St. Blaise the traditional Blessing of the Throats will be offered following the 7:45 a.m. Mass.

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

<u>2015-2016 CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL (CSA)</u>: 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).

Please be generous so that we can reach our CSA goals. Thank you to all who have contributed! To those who haven't made a pledge yet, there's still time! Please fill out your pledge card today.

<u>St. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</u> February 6-7

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Bonnie Kampeter, Lou Kloeppel, Brenda Wansing Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Gerald & Phyllis Rehagen, Janice Schanzmeyer **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 6-7**

February 6-7 Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Mitch & Brendan Stumpe, Darin Even, Randy Hagenhoff Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Leon Schanzmeyer, Kenny Otto, Dominic Plassmeyer, Larry Lueckenotto 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 6:10 p.m. – Florentine Hagenhoff – Glorious – (Austin Loethen) Saturday 6:40 p.m. – Alice Hake– Joyful Mysteries (Michael Luebbering) Sunday 7:40 a.m. – Mary Plassmeyer– Joyful Mysteries (Ben Luebbering)

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.

<u>BAPTISM PREPARATION</u>: 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. **<u>MINISTRY TO THE ILL & INFIRM</u>**: 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.

WINTER WEATHER: When school has been cancelled because of inclement weather, previously scheduled parish meetings in the evening will also be canceled.

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.

<u>BLESSED PALMS</u>: In preparation for Ash Wednesday, if you have any blessed palms from last year, you can place them in the baskets provided in church.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT WILL BE HELD, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5 IN ST. THOMAS CHURCH: The

First Friday schedule is: 7:45 a.m. Mass, with Anointing of the Sick offered after Mass for those in need of the Sacrament. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Church throughout the day

4:30-5:50 p.m. Confessions

6:00 p.m. - Litany of the Sacred Heart, followed by Benediction.

<u>FIRST FRIDAY SOCIAL</u>: Please join the St. Thomas School Students in the Parish Center for refreshments immediately following Mass/Anointing of the Sick on Friday, February 5.

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

ADULT SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION: The next meeting will be **Sunday, January 31, 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, February 3, 7:30 p.m. in St Cecilia Parish Center.

<u>THE SEASON OF LENT</u> begins in just a couple of weeks. Wednesday, February 10, 2016 is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of another Lenten journey of conversion. Particularly during the season of Lent, Holy Mother Church calls all Catholics to a deeper spirit of penance, fasting, almsgiving & prayer.

<u>Masses for Ash Wednesday</u> will be celebrated at 7:45 a.m. & 5:00 p.m. at St. Thomas; 7:00 p.m. at St. Cecilia. Ashes will be distributed at each of the Masses on Ash Wednesday.

Stations of the Cross will be publically prayed at 8:30 a.m. on Thursdays, at 6:00 p.m. on Fridays at St. Thomas & at 6:00 p.m. Wednesdays at St. Cecilia (except Ash Wednesday).

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.

Parish Penance Services: The opportunity to go to Confession when many other priests are available will be offered at St. Cecilia Parish on Wednesday, **February 24** at 7:00 p.m. & at St. Thomas the Apostle on Tuesday, **March 8** at 7:00 p.m.

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

<u>CYO CINNAMON ROLLS</u> will be available for purchase after Masses on **February 6 & 7**. 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 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 @stthomasps to 81010 to receive messages. Follow our "St. Thomas the Apostle PSR" page on Facebook for messages and notifications of events.

<u>WEDNESDAY EVENING TRAFFIC PATTERN AT ST. THOMAS</u>: Because of the number of people attending PSR, Confirmation Preparation and Quilting on Wednesday evenings at St. Thomas, <u>all</u> drivers are asked to please **enter via the** *Iower 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 Daffiny Tallent at 573-694-4408 or *ddtallent@embarqmail.com* for more information.

<u>ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE YARD SIGNS & WINDOW STICKERS</u>: 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 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!!



National Catholic Schools Week January 31- February 6, 2016 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 St. Thomas Parish Center. All are welcome

and invited. Please call St. Thomas School Office at 573-477-3322 to RSVP. It's that time of the year when we may be cleaning things or have some items (new or used) 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!

<u>CONGRATULATIONS</u> to Kenadi Braun, Madi Buschjost, Kenzie Libbert Isaac Rackers, Ben Schroeder & Molly Suthoff who won blue ribbons at the Diocesan Regional Speech meet at St. Stanislaus School on Saturday, January 23.

<u>CONGRATULATIONS</u> to the St. Thomas the Apostle School students participated in the St. Joseph's Westphalia Archery Meet on January 22-23. They all did a tremendous job at the meet and we had several students who received medals. Ben Schroeder took home the 2nd place medal & Luke Schroeder the 3rd place medal (Middle School boys). The Middle & Elementary School teams both took home 1st Place. Outstanding job to all our archers and coaches!!!

PRAY THE ROSARY DURING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK: Students & staff will pray the Rosary on Monday, February 1 at 8:15 a.m. in the Parish Center. All are welcome!

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 31-February 6 – Catholic Schools Week

- February 3- Bookmobile
 - 4 Kindergarten Sneak Peek, Mid-Quarter
 - 5 VIP Mass, Bingo & refreshments, First Friday Adoration, Confessions following VIP
 - 8 Valentine's Day Parties
 - 9 COPE for 7th Graders
 - 11 8th Grade NET retreat at Folk

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.**

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

<u>ST. THOMAS PARISH BALL PARK</u> 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.

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. To play T-Ball, a child must be 7 years old before July 1. 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.

<u>THE WILLIAM SIMON SCHOLARSHIP FUND</u> 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.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA, GLENNON CIRCLE 322 will be meeting on Monday, February 1, at the K of C Hall on Tanner Bridge Road. The 6:30 p.m. business meeting will be preceded by a \$6.00 dinner at 5:30 p.m.

<u>ST. THOMAS/META K of C FREE THROW CONTEST</u> is Sunday, January 31, at noon in the St. Thomas School Gym. Boys & girls ages 9-14 are eligible to participate. For more information, please contact Steve Schellman at 573-694-3471.

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.

<u>K of C COUNCIL #2027 BREAKFAST</u> is Sunday, January 31 serving pancakes, eggs & sausage from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Loose Creek school basement. Adults \$7.00, children 6-12 \$3.00.

ST. THOMAS/META K of C 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.

<u>ST. THOMAS/META K of C FISH FRY</u> is Friday, February 19, serving fish fillets (gluten free) hushpuppies, French fries, baked potatoes, baked beans & coleslaw. 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.