

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

**St. Cecilia**  
in Meta

[www.stthomasapostle.net](http://www.stthomasapostle.net)

PO Box 146  
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**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

**March 20, 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 & Prayer Schedule for the Week of March 20-27:**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – L&D Jerome & Dot Buschjost Family  
Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Fr. Gerald Stockman  
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – Ida Schellman

*Confessions will be heard 2:00-2:45 p.m. before Stations*

**Good Friday 3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross**

*\*No 5:00 p.m. Mass on March 26*

**Saturday 8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil** –People of the Parishes  
Easter Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jim Reinkemeyer

**Your Sunday Offering:**

Offertory Budget for 2015-2016: \$305,000.00  
Offertory Goal through Month End: \$228,753.00  
Actual Collection for 2015-2016: **\$200,133.03**  
Offertory Difference Year to Date: - \$28,619.97  
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

**Collection in Church:**

March 6 \$4,940.00  
March 13 \$2,769.00  
March 20 \$  
March 27 \$

**Collection Online:** \$4,284.00

**March total to date:** **\$11,993.00**

Difference for March: - **\$13,424.00**

**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): **\$20,882.00**  
Loan payments to date for FY 2015-2016: **\$83,049.66**  
(Principal) \$65,681.08 (Interest) \$17,368.58  
Parish Building Expansion Debt remaining: **\$518,372.46**

**St. Thomas Cantor / Organizer**

**Holy Saturday 8:00 p.m.** – Choir/Jackie  
Easter Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Lisa Wieberg/Jackie

**St. Thomas Reader / Petitions**

**Holy Saturday 8:00 p.m.:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Doug Luebbering  
3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Reading –Roseanne Boessen  
5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Reading - Amanda Wooten  
7<sup>th</sup> Reading & Epistle – Judy Schroeder

**Easter Sunday 10:00 a.m.** – Alan Reinkemeyer

**St. Thomas Altar Servers** (Please arrive **30 minutes** early)

Weekday: Grace Luebbering & Austin Heckman  
**Good Friday 3:00 p.m. Stations** – Austin Heckman, Natalie & Will Otto

**Holy Saturday 8:00 pm** – Ely & Dawson Wieberg, Cameron & Chesney Luebbering, Caleb Buechter, Isaac Prenger, Ben & Emma Luebbering,

**Easter Sunday 10:00 a.m.** – Lane & Kenzie Libbert, Nolan & Molly Suthoff, Austin & Brie Heckman, Dorothy Lackman

**Saint Cecilia**

**Mass & Prayer Schedule for the Week of March 20-27:**

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Lawrence & Scott Otto  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Roman & Geneva Plassmeyer  
**6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross before Wednesday Mass**  
Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Frank Wilde

**Holy Thursday 7:00 p.m.** – People of the Parishes  
*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight*

**Good Friday 7:00 p.m.** Liturgy with Sung Passion  
*\*No 7:00 p.m. Mass on March 26*

Easter Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Victor Otto

**Your Sunday Offering:**

Offertory Budget for 2015-2016: \$60,471.51  
Collection Total for 2015-2016: **\$43,862.01**  
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,039.29

**Collection in Church:**

March 6 \$1,334.00  
March 13 \$1,106.00  
March 20 \$  
March 27 \$

**March total to date:** **\$2,480.00**

Difference for March: - **\$2,559.29**

*Please remember your parish in your last will & testament.*

**St. Cecilia Collection Counters**

April – Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer

**St. Cecilia Reader / Petitions**

Wednesday –Doris Stumpe  
**Holy Thursday 7:00 p.m.** – Janice Schanzmeyer  
**Good Friday 7:00 p.m.** – Jennifer Even  
**Easter Sunday 8:00 a.m.** – Karen Fick

**St. Cecilia Altar Servers**

**Holy Thursday 7:00 p.m.** – Brooke & Grace Boessen, Samantha, Zach, Josh & Alex Even  
**Good Friday 7:00 p.m.** – Ben Schroeder, Josh & Alex Even

**Easter Sunday 8:00 a.m.** – Natalie & Will Otto, Adam & Madalyn Veltrop



**St. Thomas Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

**Holy Saturday 8:00 p.m.**—Emily Luebbering, Glenn Prenger, Louis Kloepfel, Janet Lueckenhoff

**Easter Sunday 10:00 a.m.** – Mike & Sheri Wieberg, Lynne Reinkemeyer, Mattheuw Prenger

**April 2-3**

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

Sunday 10:00 a.m. –Richard & Jan Heckemeyer, Gilbert & Hermina Strobe, Millie Wieberg

Sunday 1:00 p.m. Mrs. Schwartz, Mattheuw Prenger, Carolyn Loethen, James Brenneke, Lillian Lackman

**St. Thomas Greeters/Ushers**

**Holy Saturday 8:00 p.m.** – Keith Kliethermes, Louis Kloepfel, Jim Lueckenhoff, Dominic Plassmeyer

**Easter Sunday 10:00 a.m.** – Isaac Rackers, Art Groner, Alan Reinkmeyer, Mike Buschjost

**April 2-3**

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

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Tom Backes & Eric Boessen

Sunday 1:00 p.m. – Kelly Stewart & Amanda Davis

**St. Thomas Presentation of Gifts at Mass**

**Holy Saturday 8:00 p.m.** – Sarah Luebbert, Meghan Rackers, Angela & John Christian

**Easter Sunday 10:00 a.m.** – Brian & Katie Luebbering Family

**April 2-3**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. –Robyn & Rebecca Schroeder

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Al & Jan Carter

Sunday 1:00 p.m. – First Communicants

**St. Thomas Collection Counters**

March 26-27– Jennifer Schroeder & Stephanie Cortvrient

April 2-3-Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman

**Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas**

Tuesday 7:25 a.m. – Viola Boessen – Sorrowful (Shelby Christian)

Wednesday 7:25 a.m. – Pat Loethen – Glorious (Kalib Christian)

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

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

**SNACKS FOR ST. THOMAS QUILTERS:**

Tuesday, March 22 – Stephanie Cortvrient & Dana Dudenhoeffer Please bring snacks to hall by 1:00 p.m.; snack served at 3:00 p.m. Thursday, March 31 – Maureen Eggen & Marilee Fischer If you have questions, please call Kathy Strobe or Emily Luebbering. Wednesday night quilting at 7:00 p.m.

**SCRIP SALES (NO SALES March 26-27 due to Holy Saturday & Easter Sunday)** Visit [www.stthomasapostleschool.net/scrip](http://www.stthomasapostleschool.net/scrip) for more information about the Scrip program.

**INFIRM PRIEST/EASTER COLLECTIONS:** St. Cecilia Parish has been assessed \$1,244 & St. Thomas Parish has been assessed \$4,066 by the Diocese for the annual Priest Retirement & Infirm Fund. Please be as generous as you can.

**CRS RICE BOWL:** Thank you for your participation in the Operation Rice Bowl program during Lent. Please return your Operation Rice Bowl contributions to Church by Sunday, April 3.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Our younger parishioners at St. Cecilia will be receiving Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion on April 3 at the 8:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. Those making their First Holy Communion at St. Thomas the Apostle will be receiving Our Lord at a 1:00 p.m. Mass on Sunday, April 3.

**PRAYING TOWARD THE EASTER VIGIL:** Please keep John & Angie Christian, Shelby Christian, Kalib Christian, Jessica Schulte, Sarah Luebbert & Meghan Rackers in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Easter Sacraments at the Easter Vigil on Saturday, March 26.

**A NOTE OF THANKS!**

Thank you for the many calls, visits, cards, memorials, kind words, thoughts & prayers for our family during the loss of our dad and grandpa, Ralph Hirschman. We appreciate your kindness at this difficult time in our lives. God bless each of you.

***Paul & Jenny Becker, Lori, Larry & Dalton Fowler, Eric & Shara Buechter, Chris & Sarah Luebbert and Families.***

**ADULT SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION:** The next meeting will be **Sunday, March 20 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.

**ST. THOMAS PRAYER LINE REQUESTS** should be emailed to Jenny Becker at [jbeckeroffice@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**PRAYER HOUR WITH MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION** will be held on Tuesday, March 22 at 7:00 p.m. in St. Thomas Church.

**St. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

**Holy Thursday 7:00 p.m.** – Janice Schanzmeyer, Pam Libbert, Barb Graessle

**Good Friday 7:00 p.m.** (Deacon Schwartz & Fr. Secrist)

**Easter Sunday 8:00 a.m.** – Pam Libbert & Doris Stumpe

**April 2-3**

Saturday 7:00 p.m. –Brenda Wansing, Jennifer Even, Betty Hagenhoff

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

**St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers**

**Holy Thursday 7:00 p.m.** – Mitch Stumpe, Leon Schanzmeyer, Mike Groner, Mike Green

**Good Friday 7:00 p.m.** – Leon Schanzmeyer, Davin Even, Joe Buschjost, Randy Hagenhoff

**Easter Sunday 8:00 a.m.** – Tony Derkum, Anton Libbert, Harold Libbert, Larry Lueckenotto

**Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia**

Wednesday: *No Rosary during Lent, due to Stations of the Cross*

Holy Thursday 6:40 p.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer – Luminous (Sarah Luebbert)

Easter Sunday 7:40 a.m. – Margaret Brune– Glorious Mysteries (John & Angela 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.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** at St. Thomas the Apostle will be at a 1:00 p.m. Mass on **Sunday, April 3, 2016.**

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

**FIREWOOD AVAILABLE:** Anyone in need of firewood can help themselves to the wood located behind the rectory at Meta. **ST. THOMAS CYO** will meet on Monday, April 4 at 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. We will be finalizing our Summer trip and other activities.

**ST. CECILIA FLOWERS:** Anyone interested in making a monetary donation for Easter lilies/flowers in memory of your loved ones, please **PRINT** the name(s) of your loved one on a note and include your donation in an envelope marked "FLOWER DONATION" and place it in the collection basket on all the weekends in March. The names will be published in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

**ST. THOMAS FLOWERS:** Anyone interested in make a monetary donation toward the purchase of Easter flowers in memory of loved ones is asked to place the donation along with **PRINTED** names of those to be remembered in the envelope and place in the collection basket on all the weekends in March. The names will be published in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

**CHOIR PRACTICE FOR HOLY WEEK at ST. CECILIA & ST. THOMAS** will be Monday, March 21 at 6:30 p.m. in St. Cecilia Church.

#### **ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS**

March 22 – Parish School Advisory Board Meeting 6:00 p.m. in Vitae House  
23 – Diocesan Music Enrichment Day  
24 – Holy Thursday – No School K-8  
25 – Good Friday – No School P-8  
28 – Easter Monday – No School K-8  
30 – Bookmobile

#### **WINNING SCHOOL ESSAY**

"I have gone to a Catholic school all of my life. I have learned that there are some things that set us apart from other schools. When someone thinks of a Catholic School they probably think of God or possible religion. I bet they do not think that we work to be like God. We go to Adoration and Confession once a month. Religion is shared throughout the school. We attend Mass four days a week and they are open to the parish community. Most things here are based on our faith.

I love that God works through our many volunteers and teachers. I like the PAL sports league and the diocese activities like the spelling bee.

The people here are fun and happy. I know everyone in the school. They are all nice and help everyone else out. The teachers are caring and understanding. Great food is served each day by the amazing and very passionate cooks. The students do terrific things every day. For example, the older students help much younger students tie their shoes frequently. Students hardly ever hold a grudge. They all care why they are here and always seem to do great when it comes to grades. These are only a few of the amazing things that happen at my awesome Catholic School.

That is what it means to be part of such a successful program." *Ethan Rackers, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade*

**TOTUS TUUS TEACHERS NEEDED:** Are you a Catholic young 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. It is taught by a team of 4 young adults (2 girls and 2 guys) who bring the program to a different parish every week throughout the summer. For an application or more info, contact Molly Klebba at [mklebba@diojeffcity.org](mailto:mklebba@diojeffcity.org) or 573-635-9127 x 202.

**VITAE FOUNDATION** is hosting its 24th Annual Pro-Life Event on Monday, April 18, and Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City. The featured speaker is Lou Holtz, Notre Dame Football coach, motivational speaker, and a champion for life. The Dinner Event on April 18 begins at 7:00 P.M. Tickets are \$100 per person (\$75 is tax-deductible). The Breakfast Event on April 19 is from 7:30 – 9:00 A.M. Tickets are \$50 per person (\$25 is tax-deductible). Seating is limited to those with reservations, so make your reservations soon by calling 573-634-4316. Reservations may also be made online at [www.vitaefoundation.org/events](http://www.vitaefoundation.org/events).

**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.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD:** 6:00 p.m., Tuesday March 22, in the Vitae House.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING:** 7:00 p.m., Tuesday March 22, in the Vitae House.

**THE META CIVIC LEAGUE** will hold the March monthly meeting on March 28 at 7:00 p.m. There will be an election of officers. If anyone is interested in becoming a member of the Citizens Civic League Board, please attend this meeting. Also, mark your calendars for the annual Civic League Fall Festival on September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Thank you to all those that support and contribute their time and effort to keep the Civic League community hall in operation.

**SENIOR CITIZEN'S DAY AT FATIMA HIGH SCHOOL, WESTPHALIA:** The annual "Senior Citizen's Day" will be held at Fatima on Wednesday, March 23. There will be a musical program in the gym starting at 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be then provided to all attending starting at 12:40 p.m. courtesy of the Osage County RIII Board of Education. Bus transportation will be provided from your church, Bus D departures from: Meta at 10:35 a.m. & Folk at 11:00 a.m.

**ST. JOSEPH PARISH CHICKEN DINNER, WESTPHALIA** is Sunday, March 20, serving fried chicken dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Adults \$9.00, children 5-12 \$4.50. Carry-outs available until 6:45 p.m.

**CATHOLIC RADIO:** During Holy Week listen to **Catholic radio on 88.1 FM KHJR**. Hear programs, such as, Holy Week Retreat series with Fr. Pablo Straub and the Stations of the Cross. Plus the daily Holy Mass, the Holy Rosary, and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. For a program schedule and a free CD, please call toll-free (314) 752-7000 or (877) 305-1234.

**"LUKE STORIES ON THE ROAD":** TV star Frank Runyeon will be speaking by telling stories on Wednesday, March 23 at 6:30 p.m. at St. George Church, Linn. All are welcome! You may also visit [www.frankrunyeon.com](http://www.frankrunyeon.com).

**ST. THOMAS PARISH PARKBOARD** presents Dueling Pianos, April 1 from 7-11:30 p.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Hall. Tickets are \$20 single/\$30 couple. Please see any Parish Park Board member to get tickets or email [sparkboard@gmail.com](mailto:sparkboard@gmail.com).

**AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION FRIED CHICKEN DINNER** is Saturday, April 2 serving ½ fried chicken with sides from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the St. Thomas K of C Hall. Dine in or carry-out. Sponsored by the Boessen/Veit Families & Friends

**WALK FOR LIFE:** You are invited to participate in the 39<sup>th</sup> annual **Walk for Life** on April 3<sup>rd</sup> following the 10:30 am Mass (@11:30 am) at St. Stanislaus Church. The Walk is 1.7 miles to the Wardsville Lions Club. Funds are raised by participants collecting donations prior to the walk. Proceeds benefit Missouri Right to Life, Birthright, Vitae Foundation and Prolife Across America. More information and forms can be found at *ststan.net*.

**2016 ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE BREAKFAST TOTALS:**

Breakfast Tickets: \$9,286.00  
Country Store: \$2,979.85  
Craft Stand: \$ 383.40  
Kitchen Sales: \$ 388.50  
Raffle: \$3,186.00  
**Total before bills: \$16,223.75**

**St. Thomas Raffle Winners**

Marsha Strope – Hand Stitched Quilt  
Mike Bernskoetter – \$500 Cash (Diamond Pet Foods)  
Lillian Lackman – \$200 Cash (Priority Heating & Cooling)  
Mike Groner – \$150 Cash (Cole County Concrete)  
Cassiday Rae Luebbering - \$100 Cash (Luebbering Oil Company/B&K)  
Susan Buschjost – \$100 Cash (Tony & Melanie Kirkweg)  
Bob Schellman – \$100 Cash (Rudy Veit, Carson & Coil)  
Lauri Luebbering – \$100 Cash (Kathy Graessle, Williams Keepers)  
Valerie Verslues – \$75 Cash (Mike Luebbering Construction)  
Madi Buschjost – \$75 Cash (Clinton Luebbering Construction)  
Olivia Pabst – \$50 Cash (Leap of Faith Preschool)  
Derek Wood – Steak Knife Set (Jefferson Bank)  
Lisa Wieberg – \$50 Gift Certificate (4 Wheel Parts Plus)  
Matt Suthoff – \$50 Cash (Fancher Rekus Funeral Homes)  
Darin Wallis – Gift Basket (The Hair Company, Jesse Lackman)  
Ava Morris – Country Cured Ham (Burger's Smokehouse)  
Betsy Groner – \$50 Cash (William Luebbering Cabinets)  
Larry Strope – \$50 Cash (Bank of St. Elizabeth)

Harry Bexten – Baby Quilt (St. Elizabeth TV & Appliance)  
Harry Bexten – \$50 Cash (Mid America Bank)  
Zeke Verslues – \$50 Cash (St. Thomas K of C Council #2149)  
Shelley Suthoff – Shampoo Gift Set – (Lori Fowler, Hair Expressions Color & Design Salon)  
Lorraine Luebbering – Oil Change & Service (Groner's Garage)  
Doris Stumpe – Oil Change & Service (Mark Braun Truck & Auto Service)  
Arlene Lehmen – \$30 Cash (Detail Doctor, Otto Wankum)  
Mike Groner – \$25 Cash (J. Storage St. Thomas)  
Jim Bauen – \$25 Cash (St. Elizabeth Care Center)  
Jacob Prenger – \$25 Cash (Meta MFA)  
Ray Groner – \$25 Cash (Wieberg Red-E-Mix)  
Alex Loethen – \$25 Cash (Boessen Pest Control)  
Justin Bax – \$25 Cash (Bax Auto Body & Marine)  
Mark Luebbering – \$25 Gift Card (The Butcher Shop)  
Marian Buschjost – \$25 Cash (Three Rivers Propane)  
Donna Luebbering – \$25 Gift Card (Longfellow's Garden Center)  
\*\*\*Thank you to Osage Veterinary Clinic on the Printing of the Raffle Tickets!!!

**EASTER LETTER FROM THE BISHOP:**

March 27, 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

A happy and blessed Easter to all! I would especially like to welcome those who were baptized or entered into full communion with the Church at the Easter Vigil. I pray that your relationship with the risen Christ will continue to be strengthened as you now fully participate in the sacramental mysteries of the Church.

In fact, each of us is called during the Easter season to reflect more deeply on the new life of grace that we received at our own baptism. In the waters of the baptismal font, we not only shared in the death and burial of Christ, but we were also given a share in His glorious Resurrection. Let us rejoice that through the Paschal Mystery, we have been given the ability to live each day as faithful and holy sons and daughters of God as we await the fullness of resurrected life. May our merciful Lord who has begun this good work in each of us bring it to fulfillment. Amen! Alleluia!

Wishing a blessed Easter to you all, I am Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Most Reverend John R. Gaydos, Bishop of Jefferson City