

The Roman Catholic Parishes of

St. Thomas the Apostle
in St. Thomas

St. Cecilia
in Meta

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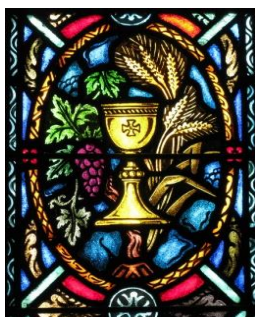
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 23, 2017

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St. Thomas Parish Office hours: Tuesdays 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.; Wednesdays 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 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 April 23-30:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – L&D Harold Bexten Family
Sunday 1:00 p.m. – First Communicants
Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – L&D Alex Heckman Family
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – L&D Budnik & Kampeter Family
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Mark Strobe
Friday 7:45 a.m. – Poor Souls in Purgatory
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Fr. Ed Schmidt
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Roger & Leonard Herigon

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2016-2017:	\$305,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End:	\$254,170.00
Actual Collection for 2015-2017:	\$230,999.92
Offertory Difference Year to Date:	- \$ 23,170.08
Offertory Goal per month:	\$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

April 2	\$ 3,674.00
April 9	\$ 4,119.75
April 16	\$ 3,384.00
April 23	\$
April 30	\$

Collection Online:	\$ 5,952.00
April total to date:	\$ 17,129.75
Difference for April	- \$ 8,287.25

St. Thomas the Apostle Expansion & Building Fund

Total Expansion Project expenses paid:	\$2,273,475.34
Income from parishioners for FY 2016-2017 (via the yellow "Building Fund" envelope):	\$23,611.00
Loan payments to date for FY 2016-2017:	\$92,277.40
(Principal) \$74,383.17 (Interest) \$17,894.23	
Parish Building Expansion Debt remaining:	\$420,417.51

St. Thomas Cantor / Organist

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Lisa Wieberg/Annette Kehner
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Doug Luebbering/Jackie Prenger

St. Thomas Reader / Petitions

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Carolyn Loethen
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Eugene Luebbering

St. Thomas Altar Servers

Weekdays – Leon Wolken, Samantha Christian,
Sophie Fine
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Grace & Chase Luebbering, Sam
Schaefer
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mason & Clint Luebbering, Sabrina &
Claire Luebbering

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of April 23-30:

Saturday 7:00 p.m. - Marian Bruemmer
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Roman & Geneva Plassmeyer

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Leo & Alberto Wieberg

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Hugo & Rosaline Bisges
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – People of our Parishes

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2016-2017:	\$60,500.00
Collection Total for 2016-2017:	\$54,206.91
Offertory Goal per month:	\$ 5,041.00

Collection in Church:

April 2	\$ 1,023.75
April 9	\$ 1,563.00
April 16	\$ 2,162.00
April 23	\$
April 30	\$

April total to date:	\$ 4,721.75
Difference for April:	- \$ 319.25

Please remember your parish in your last will & testament.

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

May – Dale & Margie Helton

St. Cecilia Reader / Petitions

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Doris Stumpe
Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Betty Hagenhoff
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. – Nicholas & Shelby Wankum,
Ava & Saige Werdehausen

**IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO FULFILL
YOUR LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENT,
IN YOUR KINDNESS & CHARITY,
PLEASE FIND A REPLACEMENT**

St. Thomas Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

April 29-30

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Pat Kaiser, Paul & Jenny Becker

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Glenn Prenger, Keith Kliethermes,

Bill Luebbering

May 6-7

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Pat Kaiser, Marshall Boessen, Betty Schellman

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Janet Lueckenhoff, Linda Lueckenhoff, Millie Wieberg

St. Thomas Greeters/Ushers

April 29-30

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Carolyn Loethen & Mark Boessen

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Doug Stockman & Ryan Buschjost

May 6-7

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

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Art Groner & Arthur McManus

St. Thomas Presentation of Gifts at Mass

April 29-30

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

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Chris & Myron Luebbering

May 6-7

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

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

St. Thomas Collection Counters

April 29-30 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman

May 6-7 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg

May 13-14 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday 7:25 a.m. – Joann Heckman – Sorrowful

Wednesday 7:25 a.m. – Pat Loethen – Glorious

Thursday 7:25 a.m. – Viola Boessen – Luminous

Friday 7:25 a.m. – Gilbert & Hermina Strobe - Sorrowful

Saturday 4:40 p.m. – Dale Herigon– Glorious

Sunday 9:40 a.m. – Gilbert & Hermina Strobe – Glorious

SCRIP: April 22-23 Saturday – Kristi Luebbering Sunday – Joanie Prenger

Visit www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip for more information about the Scrip program.

We have a large variety of cards in various denominations in stock and available for purchase. Scrip is available for purchase after every weekend Mass in St. Thomas and available during the week by contacting the school office at 573-477-3322. You can also contact Lindsay Luebbering at 573-680-4920 or Karen Luebbering at 573-301-5835 to purchase anytime.

SNACKS FOR ST. THOMAS QUILTERS:

Thursday, April 27 – Cheri Otto & Ashlie Otto Thursday, May 4 – Vallie Otto & Lori Owen

Please bring snack to hall by 1:00 p.m.; snack served at 3:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please call Kathy Strobe or Emily Luebbering.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS AT ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH:

Audrey Buschjost

Henry Fine

Sagel Francis

Bret Heislen

Kylie Hickman

Kenzie Hoecker

Kamdyn Lackman

Jack Libbert

Wyatt Libbert

Alexander Loethen

Allison Luebbering

Austin Meyer

Elizabeth Meyer

Cooper Peters

Ava Rackers

Jordan Wieberg

Kendall Wood

EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS RECEIVED THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF:

Leo & Theresa Renkemeyer, Chris Verslues, Frank & Katherine Verslues

INFIRM PRIEST / EASTER COLLECTION: St. Cecilia Parish has been assessed \$1,077.00 and St. Thomas the Apostle Parish has been assessed \$3,540.00 for the annual Priest Retirement & Infirm Fund. Please be generous.

CRS RICE BOWL: Thank you for your participation in the Operation Rice Bowl program during Lent. Please return your Operation Rice Bowl contributions by **April 23. Kindly place them in the collection basket during Mass.**

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISHIONERS: Volunteers are needed to help coordinate for the Annual Parish Picnic. Questions? Please contact Greg Luebbering.

PRAYER HOUR WITH MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION is Tuesday, April 25 at 7:00 p.m. in St. Thomas Church.

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

EXERCISE OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL AGES: join us Mondays from 6:30-7:15 p.m. in the St. Thomas the Apostle Parish gym. Coach Roz, owner and operator of Crossfit Unstoppable, instructs all ages and stages and we are so excited she is willing to bring that level of expertise to St. Thomas. Put on your comfy clothes, tennis shoes and grab a water bottle and join in on the FUN! Hope to see you there!

ST. THOMAS CYO will meet on Monday, May 1, 7:00 p.m. in the St. Thomas School cafeteria.

St. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

April 29-30

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

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

May 6-7

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Dorothy Rehagen, Bonnie Kampeter, Lou Kloeppel

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

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

April 29-30

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Randy Hagenhoff, Lou Kloeppel, Mitch & Brendan Stumpe

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

May 6-7

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

Saturday 6:40 p.m. – Alice Hake– Glorious

Sunday 7:40 a.m. – Margaret Brune – Glorious

VOTIVE CANDLES: The requested donation for lighting a votive candle in church is **\$2.50.**

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.

ST. THOMAS COMMUNITY RUMMAGE VENDOR & CRAFT SALE scheduled for April 29 has been cancelled due to lack of interest.



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS:

- April 25 - Diocesan Sketch Day
27 – K-4 Field Trip
- May 3 – Vocation Day – Grades 5&6, Bookmobile
4 – 7 & 8 Cardinal Game, Early Release K-8 1:20 car riders & 1:30 bus
5 – First Friday, Adoration & Confessions 2-8, Trinklein Flowers Delivery
8 – 8th Grade Awards

OSAGE COUNTY LIFE ISSUES ESSAY CONTEST is open to Osage County students (8th – 12th grade) who want to take a stand on life issues like abortion, bullying, elderly and child abuse, etc. The contest is jointly sponsored by the Vitae Foundation and the A. J. Schwartze Community Foundation. EACH student who submits either an essay or a 30 to 60-second video infomercial will receive 4 tickets to Osage County Night at the Ballpark (July 27th; Cards vs Dbacks) and will automatically be entered to win a \$250 voucher toward an iPad or laptop. Two Grand Prize winners will each throw out a ceremonial first pitch before the game. Go to www.VitaeFoundation.org/Events for more details.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SESQUICENTENNIAL BOOK: A big thank you to the families who have already provided their narratives and photos! The write ups have been pouring in. We still have families that are putting the finishing touches on their narratives. Roseanne will contact families, if needed, as each family narrative is formatted for the book. We are keeping track of all narratives submitted and will follow up with families who may need help with their narratives. Please call Roseanne Boessen if you have questions (573-477-0168).

CEMETERY FLOWERS: Please remove all flowers from in front of the grave stones in the St. Thomas Cemetery during the grass cutting season. Thank you for your cooperation.

THE META CIVIC LEAGUE will hold their monthly meeting on April 24 at 7:00 p.m. Elections for Board members will take place. If anyone is interested in being a Board member for the Civic League please attend this meeting. Thank you.

PARISH LEADERSHIP & DIOCESAN PLANNING MEETING FOR BOTH PARISHES will be Tuesday, April 25 at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Thomas School Cafeteria. Copies of the Diocesan Pastoral plan are available at entrances of church.

THE “JAMMERS” BAND will be playing from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month in the **Meta fire house**. All are welcome!

WARDSVILLE 40th ANNUAL WALK FOR LIFE is Sunday, April 30, following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. All proceeds go to Missouri Right to Life, Birthright, Vitae Foundation & PROLIFE Across AMERICA. 1.7 mile walk starting in front of St. Stanislaus Church. Bus transportation available to & from event. Cookies, ice cream, drinks & hot dogs served at Lions Hall after completion of WALK. Sponsored by the Wardsville/Osage Bend K of C, Wardsville Lions Club, Pro-Life Committee & St. Stanislaus School Leadership Council.

MUSIC WORKSHOP AT ST. THOMAS for organists and accompanists “Leading Congregational Singing with Confidence & Sensitivity” led by Mr. Bill Stein, MM – **Monday, May 1, 6:30-8:00 p.m.** in the organ loft.

META CITIZENS CIVIC LEAGUE BLOOD DRIVE is Tuesday, May 2, 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in Civic League Hall, Meta. All presenting donors will receive a Red Cross pocket flashlight while supplies last. Refreshments will be served to all potential donors. If you gave in February in Meta, you are eligible to give in May. To schedule an appointment, please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org and enter CivicLeagueMeta. Please contact Norma Jean Libbert at 573-229-4248 if you have any questions.

PREGNANCY HELP CENTER 5K WALK/RUN is Saturday, May 6 at 9:00 a.m. at Memorial Park. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. For more information and to register online, please go to www.friendsofphc.org or 573-644-6635.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE JEFFERSON CITY CANTORUM IN CONCERT is Saturday, May 6 at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are adults \$10.00, Youth (18-under) \$5.00, Seniors (65-over) \$8.00, Family (3-5 family members) \$25.00. Tickets will be \$2.00 more at the door. To purchase tickets prior to the concert, Samuel’s Tuxedos & Gifts, Central Bank West, Hawthorn Bank East, Capital Music or from a Cantorum Member. For more information please call 573-230-2715 or www.JeffersonCityCantorum.com

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA SPRING FESTIVAL, ST. ANTHONY is Sunday, May 7, serving fried chicken & roast beef dinners from 11:30-4:00 p.m. Adults \$10.00, children 6-12 \$5.00.

CITY OF META & ST. THOMAS RESIDENTIAL SPRING CLEAN-UP - Wednesday, May 10: Spring clean-up is for RESIDENTIAL customers only. All customers must be located in the city limits and abide by the following guidelines. All items must be set at the curb by 5:00 a.m., need to be bagged or bundles so 1 person can easily handle them. All lumber, guttering and other items of length must be tied in bundles and cut in 4 ft. lengths, so 1 person can easily handle the materials. NO hazardous waste of any kind, liquid waste of any type such as paint, pesticides, oil; yard waste such as brush, limbs, grass or leaves. NO car parts such as tires, motor oil, batteries, concrete or large solid items. NO WHITE GOODS (refrigerators, stoves, hot water heaters, washing machines or dryers. Any items in question will be left by the Republic Services Driver. If you have any questions concerning these guidelines, please contact our office at 573-635-8805.

DIOCESAN CAMP MACCABEE is a Summer Camp that offers adventure, challenge & competition among God’s creation with your Catholic brothers. Be prepared to have fun while getting muddy, soaked and tired. While experiencing a thrilling adventure you will learn to be authentically & passionately Catholic man (high school age & older). It is the goal of Camp Maccabee to help you discover the Catholic values that will help you to grow closer to God and become a source of change in the world. Camp dates: July 16-21 and July 23-28 at St. Robert Bellarmine, St. Robert, MO. Camp cost is \$150 per session. For more information, please call 573-338-0061 or email: frrwp65@gmail.com.

ST. CECILIA PARISH PICNIC – Sunday, July 9, 2017

TOTUS TUUS SUMMER CAMP AT ST. THOMAS & ST. CECILIA PARISHES – July 15-21, 2017

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PICNIC – Sunday, August 20, 2017

LETTER FROM BISHOP GAYDOS for Catholic Home Missions Appeal - April 29-30, 2017

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Next weekend our Diocese will participate in the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. This collection supports dioceses in our country that struggle to make ends meet and to serve all of the needs of their parishioners. Your generosity keeps church doors open and provides essential pastoral services.

The Diocese of Laredo is located in southern Texas, along the border. Many there are on the margins of society, either as immigrants or as people living in poverty. It is a challenge for the Diocese to respond to the great need. With your contributions to the Catholic Home Missions, the Diocese reaches out to some of the most marginalized—those in prison.

Many detainees are returning to their faith and are in need of God's mercy. Your gifts provide liturgical and educational supplies, help priests offer the Eucharist and other sacraments, and support outreach to over 10,000 men and women in detention facilities. Your generosity brings Christ's message of love, compassion, and reconciliation to this often forgotten population.

As a mission diocese, the Diocese of Jefferson City also benefits from this annual appeal. We are blessed to have a grant from Catholic Home Missions to subsidize the programs and assistance that our Office of Hispanic Ministry offers our parishes.

Your support of the Catholic Home Missions makes a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters right here in the United States. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the appeal this year. Thank you for strengthening the Church at home.

Sincerely yours in Christ, Most Reverend John R. Gaydos, Bishop of Jefferson City