The Roman Catholic Parishes of St. Thomas the Apostle

in St. Thomas

St. Cecilia in Meta

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PO Box 146 St. Thomas, MO 65076

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 29, 2018

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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 <u>Mass Schedule for the Week of April 29-May 6</u>:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. - Marvin & Evelyn Buschjost Sunday 10:00 a.m. – People of our Parishes Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Norbert Boessen

Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – Norbert Boessen Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – Viola Volmert

Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Jim Poettgen Friday 7:45 a.m. – August, Leona & Donald Loethen

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Wm. & Rufina Boessen Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Bill & Millie Wieberg

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Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2017-2018: \$305,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End: \$254,170.00
Actual Collection for 2017-2018: \$240,441.17
Offertory Difference Year to Date: \$13,728.83
Offertory Goal per month: \$25,417.00

Collection in Church:

 April 1
 \$ 4,613.00

 April 8
 \$ 3,356.00

 April 15
 \$ 4,403.33

 April 22
 \$ 2,517.00

 April 29
 \$ 5,502.00

 April 101 to to 1 to date:
 \$ 5,502.00

 Collection Online:
 \$ 5,502.00

 April total to date:
 \$20,391.33

 Difference for April:
 - \$ 5,025.67

St. Thomas the Apostle Expansion & Building Fund

Total Expansion Project expenses paid: \$2,273,475.34 Income from parishioners for FY 2017-2018

(via the yellow "Building Fund" envelope): \$24,225.45 Loan payments to date for FY 2017-2018: \$73,821.92 (Principal) \$71,229.88 (Interest) \$11,819.78 Parish Building Expansion Debt remaining: \$325,492.38

St. Thomas the Apostle Cantor / Organist

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kerry Meyer / Jackie Prenger Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Choir / Annette Kehner

St. Thomas the Apostle Reader

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Alfred Kaiser Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jan Heckemeyer

St. Thomas the Apostle Altar Servers

Weekday – Ava & Cameron Luebbering, Elizabeth Meyer Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Cameron & Chesney Luebbering, Courtney Luebbering Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Isaac Rackers, Abigail Verslues,

Grace & Belle Boessen

St. Cecilia Mass Schedule for the Week of April 29- May 6:

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Josephine Werdehausen Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Donna Scheulen

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament & Confession before 6:30 p.m. Mass Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Cindy Wansing Carmack

Saturday7:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Roman & Geneva Plassmeyer

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2017-2018: \$62,000.00
Collection Total for 2017-2018: \$56,485.15
Offertory Goal per month: \$5,166.67

Collection in Church:

April 1 \$ 2,350.00
April 8 \$ 1,018.00
April 15 \$ 1,852.00
April 22 \$ 1,253.00
April 29 \$ \$
April total to date: \$ 6,473.00
Difference for April: +\$ 1,306.33

Please remember your parish in your last will & testament.

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

May - Dale & Margie Helton

St. Cecilia Reader

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Dorothy Rehagen Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Janice Schanzmeyer

St. Cecilia Altar Servers

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

> IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO FULFILL YOUR LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENT, PLEASE FIND A REPLACEMENT. YOUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS THANK YOU!

St. Thomas Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion May 5-6

Saturday 5:00 p.m. - Mike & Trish Green, Betty Schellman Sunday 10:00 a.m. - Rosalyn Wieberg, Lillian Lackman, Shirley Volmert

May 12-13

Saturday 5:00 p.m.-Carolyn Loethen, Mark & Barb Graessle Sunday 10:00 a.m. -Lynne Reinkemeyer, Jan Carter, Mattheuw Prenger

St. Thomas Greeters/Ushers

May 5-6

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Dave Luebbering & Steve Schellman Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Eric & Keith Boessen

May 12-13

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Gilbert Schellman & Richard Schellman Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Arthur McManus & Doug Stockman

St. Thomas Presentation of Gifts at Mass

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Gilbert & Betty Schellman Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Bill & Millie Wieberg Family

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Brian & Katie Luebbering Family Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Keith & Jean Kliethermes

<u>St. Thomas Collection Counters</u> May 5-6 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg May 12-13 - Keith & Jean Kliethermes

May 19-20 - Jennifer Schroeder & Stephanie Cortvrient

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 Strope - Sorrowful Saturday 4:40 p.m. – Dale Herigon - Glorious Sunday 9:40 a.m. - Gilbert & Hermina Strope - Glorious

St. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion May 5-6

Saturday 7:00 p.m. - Doris Stumpe, Jennifer Even, Betty Hagenhoff

Sunday 8:00 a.m. - Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer, Janice Schanzmeyer

May 12-13

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

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

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

May 5-6

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

May 12-13

Saturday 7:00 p.m. - Lou Kloeppel, Mitch & Brendan Stumpe, Darin Even

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

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Wednesday 6:10 p.m. – Florentine Hagenhoff – Glorious Saturday 6:40 p.m. – Dorothy Rehagen – Glorious Sunday 7:40 a.m. - Janice Schanzmeyer- 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.

Sunday 10:00 a.m. - Melissa Verslues SCRIP: May 5-6 Saturday 5:00 p.m. - Kerry Meyer

Visit www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip for more information about the Scrip program. You can contact Lindsay Luebbering at 573-680-4920 or Karen Luebbering at 573-301-5835 to purchase anytime.

SNACKS FOR ST. THOMAS QUILTERS:

Thursday, May 3 – Donna Boessen & Lora Boessen Thursday, May 10 – Joyce Boessen (Marshall) & Nanette Boessen 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 Strope or Emily Luebbering.

CONGRATULATIONS to Grayson Ray (Peter) Stegeman, son of Dustin & Amber Stegeman who was washed with the saving waters of baptism this weekend in St. Cecilia Church.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION who assist in the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass are needed at St. Cecilia Parish. Please contact Father or Diane Lueckenhoff if interested. Training for the ministry will be provided.

EXTREMELY LOW GLUTEN HOSTS (Less than 0.01% gluten) are available to those parishioners who are highly sensitive to wheat. Please contact Fr. Secrist to determine particulars of distribution and reception of the low-gluten hosts.

MINISTRY TO THE ILL & INFIRM: If you are preparing for surgery, recovering from surgery, homebound or ill, please let Fr. Secrist (573-477-3315) and/or MaryPat Luebbering (573-477-3476) know so that you have the opportunity to receive the Sacraments and pastoral care.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE 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.

INVITATION TO YOUNGER PARISHIONERS AT ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE:

If you are in 7th - 12th grade, have you ever considered becoming a cantor for weekend Masses? The primary duty of the cantor is the proclamation of the Responsorial Psalm and Gospel Acclamation, and to assist in leading hymns and other congregational parts during Mass. The basic requirements are an ability to sing, a love for learning and a desire to give of one's time and talent to enhance the liturgies. If interested, please contact Annette Kehner at AnnetteKehner@mail.com or 573-680-2824.

CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL will be Wednesday, May 2 at 7:30 p.m. in St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHES' CANDIDATES preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation:

Brooke Boessen, Drew Boessen, Emma Boessen, Kya Boessen, Cole Brenneke, Caleb Buechter, Jonathan Buschjost, William Derkum, Mason Francis, Ashlyn Kroll, Claire Luebbering, Isaac Prenger, Brayden Schaben, Kaleb Schaben, Emily Schell, Jeremy Stockman, Nolan Suthoff, Adam Veltrop, Nicholas Wankum, Brianna Wieberg.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PRESCHOOL: It's that time of year again: St. Thomas Preschool is busy making plans for the 2018-2019 school year. If you have a preschool age child and have been thinking about Preschool, please contact the school office at (573-477-3322) or Mrs. Kirkweg at mkirkweg@embarqmail.com.

CONGRATULATIONS TO the following students for participating in the Diocesan Sketch Day on Tuesday, April 24: Ava Morris, Fayeth Prenger, Kendai Braun, Madilyn Buschjost, Kenzie Libbert, Ethan Luebbering, Isaac Rackers, Molly Suthoff, Cameron Luebbering, Chesney Luebbering, Morgan Luebbering and Luke Schroeder. Isaac Rackers received a Highest Honro Award and Kenzie Libbert received a High Honor Award. Congratulations to all these students for representing St. Thomas Catholic School!

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 2 – Vocation Day, Grades 5 & 6th, Cardinal game 7&8th grades
May 3 – Dare Graduation grades 5 & 6th grades 9:00 a.m., early release 1:20 p.m. car riders, 1:30 p.m. bus riders

May 4 - First Friday, Adoration & Confessions grades 2-8

May 7 – 8th Grade awards

May 8 – Awards K-7 / Field Day May 9 – Bookmobile

May 11-12 National Archery Tournament, Kentucky

May 15 – 8th Grade Graduation 7:00 p.m.

May 16 - Preschool Graduation, Last Day of School - Early Release car riders 11:10 a.m.& bus 11:20 a.m.

BOX TOPS: Please continue to save Box Tops, Best Choice labels & coke points and send to the St. Thomas School office or drop box in the side entrance of St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

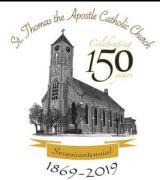
ST CECILIA PARISHIONERS: Cemetery assessments are due in May. There is an envelope in your packet for this. If you do not receive envelopes, please put money and name in a regular envelope, marked CEMETERY DUES. The assessment is \$5.00 for each adult 21 to 75 years of age. Another reminder: Do not place flowers or articles on the ground----only on the headstone or in vases during mowing season.

ST. THOMAS CEMETERY DUES: The new dues are \$10.00 per family (\$5.00 for single persons). Family members becoming the head of a separate household are not covered under their parent's membership. Also, anyone after their 21st birthday must pay their own dues of \$5. Please note: Anyone falling in arrears over 5 years must pay \$100.00 to rejoin plus current dues. Please put your payment in the collection basket marked "Cemetery Dues" or mail to: St. Thomas Cemetery Association, c/o Lisa Lackman, 2222 Upper Bottom Road, St. Thomas, MO 65076. You may contact Lisa, if you have questions about your current or past dues, at 573-338-2703.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE QUILTERS: We are at the final state of the 2018 quilting and could some extra help. If you can help, please contact Emily Luebbering 573-477-3459; Kathy Strope 573-477-3349 or Lucy Suthoff 573-477-3430. Thank you!

ST. THOMAS CEMETERY: Please removal all flowers from in front of the stones during grass cutting season. Thank you for your cooperation.

ST. THOMAS SESQUICENTENNIAL MEETING: 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 22 in Vitae House.



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SESQUICENTENNIAL HISTORY BOOK: Please pick up your family's envelope in the back of St. Thomas the Apostle Church. Inside the envelope you will find a copy of your family's narrative from the draft history book. Please review the content and let Roseanne Boessen know if you see any corrections needed to your narrative. The envelope may also contain photos you provided to Roseanne. If you have don't have an envelope in the back of church, then Roseanne needs a family narrative and photos from you. Mail your corrections, photos, and/or your family narrative to Roseanne at 1304 Upper Bottom Rd, St. Thomas MO, 65076 or email her at: eboessen@centurylink.net. Please send these to Roseanne no later than April 30th. Questions? Please call her at 573-477-0168.

Sunday, May 5, 2019: 30th anniversary of the reestablishment of St. Thomas School as a Catholic school. Saturday, June 29, 2019: Celebration for St. Thomas the Apostle parishioners. 4:00 p.m. Mass with the Bishop, dinner & music for parishioners. Unveiling of Sesquicentennial History Book. Sunday, October 6, 2019: St. Thomas Homecoming for everyone to enjoy. Parade, food vendors, entertainment & other activities all day.

ST. STANISLAUS PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL HOURS OPEN: Saturday 1:00-2:00 p.m. Saturday 11:00 p.m.midnight. Please call if you would like to sign up for an hour or help sub occasionally. Please contact Donna at 573-680-1470 or 5 73- 635-2095. Thanks!

META CITIZEN'S LEAGUE BLOOD DRIVE is May 1, 2018 between hours of 3:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. at the Meta Civic League Hall.

PREGNANCY HELP CENTER BUBBLES & BOUNCES 5K WALK/RUN is Saturday, May 5 at 8:30 a.m. Memorial Park, Jefferson City. Pre-registration deadline is April 26 for FREE t-shirt \$30. On-site registration \$35. Family discount - 2adults and all children in the family \$70. To pre-register, please go to www.friendsofphc.org or call (573) 644-6635. Contest: Decorate your baby stroller or bike! Bounce house, bubble fun, live band.

<u>SPRING CLEAN-UP</u> for residents of St. Thomas & Meta Wednesday, May 9: Republic Trash Service customers must be located inside the city limits, please abide by the following guidelines: All items must be set at the curb by 5:00 a.m. All items need to be bagged or bundled 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. NO LIQUIT WASTE of any type such as paints, pesticides, oil, etc. NO YARD WASTE such as brush, limbs, grass or leaves. NO CAR PARTS such as tires, motor oil, batteries, etc. NO WHITE GOODS (refrigerators, stoves, hot water heaters, washing machines or dyers). NO CONCRETE or larger solid items that could damage our equipment. Any questionable items will be left behind by driver. If you have any questions concerning these guidelines, please contact our office at 573-635-8805.

OSAGE COUNTY ANTI-DRUG COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM: Come join us to watch a documentary on the opioid crisis on April 30, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the Linn R-2 Elementary Gym. Everyone is welcome.

HELIAS CATHOLIC VOLLEYBALL BBQ is Saturday, May 5 from 10 am - 3 pm or sold out at Schulte's Fresh Foods Parking Lot Serving pork steak, chicken, or pulled pork dinners \$9.00 (Slab of Ribs - \$15.00). For tickets: Call 573-999-9005 or contact any Helias volleyball player

COWBOY BOOTS & COUNTRY ROOT DINNER & DANCE BANQUET is Saturday, May 5 at the Wardsville Lions Club. Social hour 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., dinner served at 6:30 p.m. Chicken & Roast beef dinner. Dance 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m. Music by Shiloh. Live auction, 50/50 raffle, gun raffles. Tickets \$40 per person. Sponsored by Blair Oaks FFA. For tickets, please contact Linda Lackman or Scott Suthoff.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA SPRING FESTIVAL, ST. ANTHONY is Sunday, May 6, serving fried chicken & roast beef dinners from 11:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Adults-\$10, Children 6-12- \$5, Carry outs-\$10. Bingo, Raffle, 50/50, Games, Refreshments, Country Store & more.

<u>VISITATION PARISH SPRING DINNER, VIENNA</u> is Sunday, May 6, serving fried chicken & BBQ rib dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Adults \$11.00, children 6-12 \$6.00.

WARDSVILLE/OSAGE BEND K OF C HOME ASSOCIATION CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMEN T is Friday, May 18 at Redfield Golf Course, Eugene. 1:00 p.m. Shotgun start, 36 team limit. \$400 per team/\$100 per person. Cash prizes awarded for each flight. Hole Sponsors \$100 per hole. Lunch provided. For tournament registration and information, please contact Jeff Ahlers 573-694-0291, Leo Ahlers 573-291-3122 or Don Kever 573-690-2866.

MID AMERICA BANK COMMUNITY SHRED DAY: A FREE Community Shred Day will be held on Saturday, May 19 from 8 to 11 AM at Mid America Bank's Wardsville branch. Bring your confidential papers and watch as they are destroyed. Please remove any binder clips. Paper clips and staples do not need to be removed. For more information, please call (573) 635-0019.

SAVE THE DATES:

ST. CECILIA PARISH PICNIC - Sunday, July 8, 2018

TOTUS TUUS SUMMER CAMP AT ST. THOMAS & ST. CECILIA PARISHES - July 14-20, 2018

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PICNIC - Sunday, August 19, 2018

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SESQUICENNTENNIAL MEETING MINUTES: April 19, 2018 6:30 PM

Attendees: Fr. Jeremy Secrist, Roseanne Boessen, William Boessen, Bill Lueckenhoff, Jan Heckemeyer, Tom Backes Father Secrist began the meeting with a prayer.

Fr. Secrist showed the group a copy of the form for vendors. Some of the detail discussed included the set up time vendors needed, the placement of vendors, parking, electricity, etc.

Fr. Secrist had a copy of the draft sponsorship form to get advertisements added to the heritage book. Roseanne will check back in the minutes to verify the pricing the committee agreed to previously. He had also followed up with Ameren regarding the banners on Route B.

The group discussed the development of the flyer for the October 6 Homecoming. The flyer needs the list of activities being held throughout the day and the time each activity starts.

October 6 Homecoming: The day will start with Mass at 10:00 am. If we can get help to arrange it, a parade would start at Noon. That would give time for the crowd to eat and then find a spot for the parade. Many of the vendors will be lined along the lower parking lot. The group thought a central stage should be set up at the top of the parking lot. Bands would play music there during the day. The German band would start at 1 pm, after the parade. The next band at 2 pm, with time in between for set up and take down. The basketball area in the lower parking lot could be used for the old-fashioned competitions, like nail hammering contests. A billboard will show the who is still in the competition, time of the next competition, etc. There are parishioners that would like to have their own booths for displaying things and demonstrations, car displays, tractor displays, etc. We plan to have tours and possibly a museum in the gym or cafeteria.

Things that need parish input: 1. What do we want as the grand finale? 2. How late should the events be scheduled? This could depend on the type of grand finale, like fireworks. 3. What other old-fashioned games, or demonstrations, or activities would you like to have for the Homecoming? 4. What items do you have that can be used for demonstrations, games or activities? Just as an example, if we had a cross-cut saw competition, do you have a cross-cut saw we can use? Contact a committee member to let us know your ideas.

Action Items: Roseanne will draft a sign-up sheet for families and organizations wanting to participate in a parade. Committee members will contact folks to request help with organizing some of the activities. Contact a committee member if you would like to volunteer your help.

History Book: William updated the committee on the progress of the heritage book, showing which sections are finished, in progress, and not yet started. He provided Father with a sample brochure from the publisher. Roseanne said over 130 family narratives are in the "Family Portrait" section. Changes are still coming in and a few new narratives are trickling in. Jan would start a tracking sheet for managing the book orders, purchases, etc.

The next meeting is planned for May 22 at 6:30 pm. The agenda for the meeting: 1. The event schedule will be decided. 2. Identify people who would help with activities. 3. The type of keepsakes will be decided. 4. The group will review the 16 colored pages of the book.

Father Secrist closed the meeting with a prayer.

ST. THOMA Income	Fundraisers: \$ 98 Gifts from benefactors for parish: \$ 98 General Total: Special (special projects, Building & Improvement Fund) Diocesan collections	,461.17 ,685.18 ,414.00 \$449,647.36 \$ 76,573.78 \$ 9,840.25
	Universal church collections Parish School (includes benefactors gifts for school) Total Income:	\$ 3,876.23 \$220,187.37 \$805,572.99
Expenses	Church & Rectory General: Church & Rectory Special (loan payments, projects): Diocesan collections: Universal Church collections: Parish School: Pre-School: Religious Education (PSR): Vitae House (with furnace & AC replacement): Parish Center: Total Expenses:	\$ 98,280.81 \$179,445.20 \$ 11,271.25 \$ 3,156.23 \$406,244.91 \$ 51,045.63 \$ 2,468.05 \$ 12,990.02 \$ 26,591.41 \$791,493.51
Net Income (Loss):		\$ 14,079.48