

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

St. Cecilia
in Meta

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

APRIL 2, 2023

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St. Thomas Parish Office hours: Tuesdays 8:30-11:30 a.m.; Wednesdays 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.;

School Office hours during school year: Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

St. Cecilia Rectory Office hours: Wednesdays 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. or by appointment

Confessions: Saturdays 4:00 - 4:45 p.m. at St. Thomas; Wednesdays 5:00 – 6:15 p.m. and
Sundays 7:00 - 7:45 a.m. at St. Cecilia; or anytime by appointment, just call Father.

Saint Thomas the Apostle

Mass Schedule for the Week of April 2 - 9:

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – William & Rose Schmidt
Wednesday 7:45 a.m.- L&D Anthony & Ida Schellman Fam.
Holy Thursday, 7:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes
Adoration until 11:00 p.m.
Holy Saturday 8:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes
Easter Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jim Reinkemeyer

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2022-2023: \$305,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End: \$228,753.00
Actual Collection for 2022-2023: **\$224,524.92**
Offertory Difference Year to Date: -\$ 4,228.08
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

March 5 \$ 4,298.53
March 12 \$ 3,745.67
March 19 \$ 2,052.62
March 26 \$ 3,457.27

Collection Online: \$ 6,972.00

March total to date: **\$20,526.09**

Difference for March: -\$ 4,890.91

Church Renovation Capital Campaign

Total Pledges/Donations \$485,477.70
Total Collected \$478,077.54
Total Expenses Paid \$699,195.95

A total of 130 parishioners have returned pledge cards/or
Contributed to the renovation project.

Church Renovation Loan Balance \$145,924.59

Loan payments to date \$62,150.00

(principal) \$54,075.41 (interest) \$8,074.59

St. Thomas the Apostle Cantors / Organists

April 9 Easter Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Amanda Wooten /
Jeanette

April 15 Saturday 5:00 p.m.–Kerry Meyer / Jeanette

April 16 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Doug Luebbering / Alanna

April 16 Sunday 1:00 p.m. – Jean Kliethermes / Jackie

St. Thomas the Apostle Readers

April 9 Easter Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Daffiny Tallent

April 15 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kathy Graessle

April 16 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Tom Backes

April 16 Sunday 1:00 p.m. – Cassidy Luebbering
Kailey Reeves

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of April 2-9:

6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross before Wednesday Mass
Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Daniel Libbert

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

Good Friday 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Norman & Delphine Jaegers

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2022-2023: \$65,000.00
Collection Total for 2022-2023: **\$48,379.21**
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,416.67

Collection in Church:

March 5 \$2,155.00
March 12 \$ 993.00
March 19 \$1,201.00
March 26 \$1,169.00

March total to date: **\$5,518.00**

Difference for March: +\$ 101.33

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

April – Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer

**PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR PARISH IN YOUR
LAST WILL & TESTAMENT**

St. Cecilia Readers

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Doris Stumpe

Easter Sunday, April 9 8:00 a.m. – Betty
Hagenhoff

Sunday, April 16 8:00 a.m. – Dorothy Rehagen

St. Cecilia Organist

April 9 Easter Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Emilie

Sunday, April 16 8:00 a.m. – Lydia

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

St. Thomas the Apostle Greeters/Ushers

April 9 Easter Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Mattheuw Prenger & Alan Reinkemeyer

April 15 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Gilbert & Richard Schellman
April 16 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Simon Strope & Ryan Buschjost
April 16 Sunday 1:00 p.m. – Dustin Stegeman & Bruce Lackman
Parish Count for weekend Masses is on the offertory table.
Collection baskets choir loft by organ, please return after use.

St. Thomas the Apostle Eucharistic Ministers

April 9 Easter Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Lynne Reinkemeyer
April 15 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Brenda Wansing
April 16 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Rob Henson
April 16 Sunday 1:00 p.m. – Mrs. Schwartz

St. Thomas the Apostle Servers

Weekday – Sadie Boessen & Bradyn Stegeman
April 9 Easter Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Francie & Hannah Tallent
Fayeth Prenger. Gregory Kirby
April 15 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Miranda Meyer, Ellie Boessen,
Carmen Luebbering, Emerald Fennewald
April 16 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Erika Luebbering, Kora
Luebbering, Cady Libbert, Stella Volmert
April Sunday 16 1:00 p.m. Isabella Luebbering, Ben Otto,
Bradyn & Kambrie Stegeman

St. Thomas the Apostle Offertory Gifts

April 9 Easter Sunday 10:00 a.m.-Family of Jim Reinkemeyer

St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters

April 9 – Ron & Theresa Veit
April 16 -Dunja Wieberg & Jennifer Schroeder
April 23– Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman
April 30 - Paul Becker & Shara Buechter
May 7 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes
May 14 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg

Live Stream Mass (10:00 a.m. Sunday)

April 9 Brooke Schell
April 16 Dunja Wieberg
April 23 Jenny Becker
April 30 Karlie Reinkemeyer
May 7 Lauri Luebbering

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday, 7:25 a.m. – Bob Schellman – Sorrowful Mysteries
Wednesday 7:25 a.m.- Bob Schellman – Sorrowful Mysteries
Easter Sunday 9:35 a.m. – Gilbert & Hermina – Glorious Mysteries

St. Thomas the Apostle Church Cleaners

April 2: Alan Libbert, Nancy Libbert, Darrel Buechter, Jan Heckemeyer
April 9: Janet Lueckenhoff, Jim Lueckenhoff, Charlene Buschjost, Randy Buschjost
April 16: Lynne Reinkemeyer, Linda Boessen, Lauri Luebbering, Lisa Lackman
April 23: Sonya Henson, Susan Buechter, Jackie Prenger, Amy Buechter
April 30: Brooke Schell, Tina Stockman, Gina Luebbering, Karen Luebbering

SNACKS FOR QUILTERS: Quilter's luncheon may be dropped off Wednesday night 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. (Evening quilting) or St. Thomas the Apostle School. Please bring snacks to the hall by 1:00 p.m.; snacks served at 3:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Emily Luebbering at 573-477-3459 or Kathy Strope at 573-477-3349.

Tuesday, April 4 – Amy Buechter & Kaylie Buechter

Thursday, April 13 – Susan Buechter & Britini Buechter

SCRIP: Visit www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip for more information about the Scrip program. Please contact, Amanda Wooten 573-694-1735 or amandab_27@hotmail.com

BULLETIN NOTICES: Deadline for bulletin is Wednesday at noon.

NOTES OF THANKS!

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who made my birthday so special whether by singing, birthday messages, phone calls, sweets, flowers or in person. You certainly made my day! May God Bless you all!! **Martha Strope**

Thank you to all for your tremendous support of the **Knights of Columbus Fish Fry** last Friday. It was a record turnout with **735 dinners served**. Proceeds will be donated to St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church Interior Renovation Project. 50/50 winners: Ross Temmen \$101, Kirby Pashal \$60 and Joe Buschjost \$40.00.

EASTER SPECIAL COLLECTION: This Easter, the Diocese is holding a special collection in support of retired priest and religious. Donations given during this collection will support the Retirement Fund for Religious as well as retired priests in our diocese. The Diocese is providing special envelopes for this collection or in our April Church offering envelopes. They will be delivered to our faithful as an insert in the March 31 issue of the Catholic Missourian – however, parishioners aren't required to use this envelope, they can use any Easter collection envelope. Please make any checks out to St. Thomas the Apostle Church or St. Cecilia Church.

ST. CECILIA PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL will be voting in two new members to begin in May. Voting forms will be in the pews of St. Cecilia Church as well as in the back of both St. Cecilia and St. Thomas Churches. If you are unable to vote in church Palm Sunday, the ballots will be available at both churches, until the evening of Wednesday, April 12, allowing Parishioners to vote through Holy Week and Easter.

St. Cecilia Eucharistic Ministers

April 9 Easter Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Pam Libbert
April 16 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dorothy Rehagen

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

April 9 Easter Sunday 8:00 a.m. –Terry Libbert, Harold Libbert,
Leon Schanzmeyer, Darin Even
April 16 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Mitch Stumpe, Brendan Stumpe,
Randy Hagenhoff, Kenny Otto

St. Cecilia Servers

April 9 Easter Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Jesse & Tucker
Schroeder, Gavin Werdehausen
April 16 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Sophie, Reagan & Eli Bock
Please arrive 10 minutes before Mass.
Servers who have questions or would like to practice,
may do so after 8:00 a.m. Mass. Please contact Joanne
Schroeder 573-229-8986.

St. Cecilia Offertory Gifts

April 9 Easter Sunday 8:00 a.m.- Family of Norman & Delphine Jaegers

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

No rosary before Wednesday Mass during Lent, due to the Stations of the Cross.

April 9 Easter Sunday 7:35 a.m. –Cathy Borgmeyer
Glorious Mysteries
April 16 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Dorothy Rehagen
Luminous Mysteries

VOTIVE CANDLES: The requested donation for lighting a votive candle in church is **\$3.00**. **Please note the cost change for both parishes.**

MASS STIPENDS: \$10.00

BAPTISM PREPARATION: Please call the rectory to schedule a meeting and date for Baptism.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION: Please call the rectory *at least* six months prior to the desired date.

CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL: The CSA goal for St. Cecilia Parish is \$2,550 Received \$1,065.00
The CSA goal for St. Thomas the Apostle Parish is \$10,400 Received \$6,050. ***We are nearing the end of the Catholic Stewardship Appeal. If you have not yet made a donation to this year's appeal, please prayerfully consider making a donation. Thank you to everyone who has already donated.***

LENTEN REGULATIONS FOR GOOD FRIDAY: **Abstinence:** All who have celebrated their 14th birthday are bound to abstain from meat on Good Friday. **Fasting:** Everyone, from the celebration of their 18th birthday to their 59th birthday, is bound to fast on Good Friday. Fasting means eating only one full meal each day. Two other partial meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken; but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed.

HOLY WEEK MINISTRIES

Those serving are asked to come to the Sacristy 30 minutes prior to Mass for special instructions. Ushers are asked to help with seating as needed. If you are not able to fulfill your Liturgical assignment, please find a replacement. Thank you!

HOLY THURSAY 7:00 P.M. ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH

Servers: Valerie & Zeke Verslues, Erika Luebbering, Cadyn Libbert

Lector: Larry Lueckenhoff

Eucharistic Ministers: Lynne Reinkemeyer & Jan Heckemeyer (Choir Loft)

Ushers: Shane Verslues, Mark Graessle, Mark Luebbering

Washing of the Feet: Marshall Boessen, Richard Heckemeyer, Ben Luebbering, Lauri Luebbering, Dunja Schroeder, Roseanne Boessen, Samantha Helton, DJ Schroeder, Skyla Schroeder, AJ Wansing, Mary Plassmeyer, Darin Even

Presentation of Gifts: Ushers

Rosary 6:35 p.m. – Barb Graessle – Luminous Mysteries

Organist/Cantor – Choir/Jackie

PLEASE RETURN RICE BOWL CONTRIBUTIONS TO CHURCH ON HOLY THURSDAY. THANK YOU!

GOOD FRIDAY: STATIONS OF THE CROSS 3:00 P.M. ST. CECILIA CHURCH: Servers: Tucker & Jesse Schroeder

GOOD FRIDAY 7:00 P.M. ST. CECILIA CHURCH

Servers: Henry & Annaline Schroeder, Bradyn Stegeman

Lectors: Jennifer Even (Narrator) Dominic Plassmeyer (Speaker)

Intercessions: Jennifer Even

Eucharistic Ministries: Betty Hagenhoff & Brenda Wansing (Choir Loft)

Ushers: Darin Even, Randy Hagenhoff **Organist/Cantor:** Choir/Alanna

HOLY SATURDAY/EASTER VIGIL: 8:00 P.M ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH

Servers: Kora Luebbering, Gregory Kirby, Isabella Luebbering

Lectors: 1st Reading: Jeff Cassmeyer 2nd Reading – Lauri Luebbering 3rd Reading -Ben Luebbering
4th Reading – Jim Lueckenhoff, 7th Reading – Judy Schroeder

Epistle: Brian Luebbering

Eucharistic Ministries: Janet Lueckenhoff & Keith Kliethermes (choir loft)

Ushers: Doug Stockman & Keith Kliethermes, Jim Lueckenhoff

Presentation of Gifts: Elise Luebbering & Joey Blankenship

Rosary 7:35 p.m. – Tina Stockman - Glorious Mysteries **Organist/Cantor –** Choir/Jackie

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 9: 8:00 a.m. – St. Cecilia Church 10:00 a.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church

BISHOP MCKNIGHT APRIL PRAYER INTENTON: For all those celebrating the initiation sacraments of baptism, confirmation, and first Holy Communion this Easter Season; may their discipleship be strengthened by their participation in the life and mission of the Church.

PASTORS MEDITATION: SIXTH SUNDAY OF LENT [A] PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

The Church celebrates this sixth Sunday of Lent as both Palm Sunday and Passion Sunday. This is the place in the Liturgical year when the Church stops us so that we can remember and relive the events which brought about our redemption and salvation. What we commemorate and relive during this week is not just Jesus' dying and rising, but our own dying to sin and selfishness and rising in Jesus, which will result in our healing, reconciliation and redemption. **Attentive participation in the Holy Week liturgy will deepen our relationship with God, increase our Faith and strengthen our lives as disciples of Jesus.** Today's liturgy combines contrasting moments, one of glory and the other of suffering: the royal welcome of Jesus in Jerusalem and the rigged trial, culminating in the crucifixion, death and burial of Christ. Today's first reading, the third of Isaiah's four Servant Songs, like the other three, foreshadows Jesus' own life and mission. Today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 22), "My God, My God, why have You abandoned Me?" plunges us into the heart of Christ's Passion. The Second Reading, taken from Paul's letter to the Philippians, is an ancient Christian hymn representing a very early Christian understanding of who Jesus is and of how his mission saves us from sin and death. The first part of today's Gospel describes the royal reception Jesus received from his admirers, who paraded with him for a distance of two miles between the Mount of Olives and the city of Jerusalem. In the second part of today's Gospel, we listen to and participate in a reading of the Passion of Christ according to Matthew. We are challenged to examine our own lives in the light of some of the characters in the Passion story – like Peter who denied Jesus, Judas who betrayed Jesus, Herod who ridiculed Jesus, Pilate who acted against his conscience as he condemned Jesus to death on the cross, and the leaders of the people who preserved their position by getting rid of Jesus. So dear friends let us not cause Jesus to weep over us. Instead, let us repent and weep over our sins remembering the Jewish saying, "Heaven rejoices over a repentant sinner and sheds tears over a non-repentant, hardhearted one." We need to imitate the prodigal son and return to God, our loving Father through the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this last week of Lent and participate fully in the joy of Christ's Resurrection. We need to be fruit-producing, not barren, fig trees. God expects me and you to produce fruits of holiness, purity, justice, humility, obedience, charity and forgiveness, instead of leading a barren spiritual life. Let us not desecrate our heart and prompt Jesus to cleanse it with His whip. Jesus cannot tolerate the desecration of our soul, the temple of the Holy Spirit by our addiction to uncharitable, unjust and impure thoughts, words, and deeds. We need to welcome Jesus into our hearts in a special way during the Holy Week as his supporters did on Palm Sunday by welcoming Him into all areas of our life as our Lord and Savior, singing "Hosanna," and surrendering our lives to Jesus during this Holy Week. We need to be ready to become like the humble donkey that carried Jesus. As we "carry Jesus" to the world, we may receive the same welcome that Jesus received on Palm Sunday, but we may also meet the same opposition, crosses, and trials later. Like the donkey, we are called upon to carry Christ to a world that does not know Him. Hence, let us become transparent Christians during this Holy Week, enabling others to see in us Jesus' universal love, unconditional forgiveness and sacrificial service. I wish you a blessed Holy week. ***Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukiibi***

HOLY WEEK CHOIR: We will have practice for Holy Week on Monday, April 3 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Thomas. Anyone who wants to sing is welcome to join the choir.

PLEASE REMOVE ALL FLOWERS & ARRANGEMENTS from in front of the stones in the St. Thomas Cemetery during the grass cutting season. Thank you for your cooperation.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PRESCHOOL: If you have a child, ages 3 or 4 and have been thinking about preschool, please call Lizzie Linhardt, llinhardt@stacs.school 573-645-5605 or the school office 573-477-3322. If you have any questions or would like to set up a one on one meeting and school tour please contact the school office. Please check out and like St. Thomas the Apostle Preschool Facebook page

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL NEWS:

Wednesday, April 5 – Panoramic & Sports Photos; Thursday, April 6 – No School, Holy Thursday P-8
Friday, April 7 – No School, Good Friday P-8; Monday, April 10 – No School, Easter Monday P-8

ST. CECILIA PARISH: The annual cleaning and maintenance of St Cecilia Cemetery is scheduled for Sunday, April 16 at 10:00 a.m. (rain day, April 23). Bring any gardening tools you may have to clean flower beds and trim shrubs. Anyone is welcome and all help is greatly appreciated.

FROM TRAUMA TO TRIUMPH- How to overcome life's most difficult challenges with faith and resilience. Jason Holzer (Taos native) & Rhea Lalla – hear world class content for parents, teens, coaches and athletes to help build leadership and life skills to thrive through modern day challenges on Sunday, April 2, 1:00 p.m. in St. Francis Xavier, Taos school. Free event, free Will offering appreciated.

ARISE MINISTRY PRESENTS THE WAY on Sunday, April 23, noon – 4:30 p.m. in St. Stanislaus Gym, Wardsville. Join us for an afternoon gathering of women where we share messages of God's love through Bible teachings, creative meditations, faith witnesses, music and laughter. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. Lunch immediately served. St. Stanislaus Mass schedule 10:30 a.m. \$25 includes retreat, lunch, refreshments and much more. RSVP by April 17.

To register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-way-a-womens-spiritual-retreat-tickets-562423623197>

BIRTHRIGHT OF MID-MISSOURI cordially invites you to join in celebrating Their 50th Anniversary, on Sunday, April 23, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. McClung Park Pavilion, Jefferson City. Light appetizers served. Please RSVP Nancy Dubbert Hoelscher by Thursday, April 13. Call or text 573-301-9555 or email ndubbert@hotmail.com

24TH ANNUAL MARIAN CONFERENCE, ST. LOUIS is May 19-21. A dynamic three-day event of inspiration, faith, and fellowship. Holy Mass each day, confession available each day, exposition & 24 hour Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Large & diverse selection of vendors. The event is held at the Renaissance St. Louis Airport Hotel, 9801 Natural Bridge Road, adjacent to the St. Louis Airport. To register and form more information visit www.stlmc.org or 314-850-7718 or info@stlmc.org.

CITY OF ST. THOMAS is holding a community information meeting on the proposed City side-walk project. An engineer from MECO will be presenting construction information as well as address any questions or concerns. April 5, 6:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m. at the City Hall meeting room on back side of fire station.

ST. ALOYSIUS CHURCH, ARGYLE & ST. BONIFACE CHAPEL, KOELTZTOWN is having a fried chicken & baked ham dinner on Sunday, April 2 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. DRIVE THRU ONLY! \$15.00 per meal. Serving fried chicken & baked ham, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, coleslaw, applesauce and desserts at the Argyle VFW Hall.

PREGNANCY HELP CENTER BUBBLES & BOUNCES 5K WALK/RUN is Saturday, April 22 at Memorial Park at 8:30 a.m. Pre-registration deadline is April 6 for FREE t-shirt. To pre-register at www.friendsofphc.org or call 573-644-6635.

MID-WEST MARCH FOR LIFE is Wednesday, April 26 at the Missouri State Capitol. Activities planned from 8:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. on Capitol Lawn. Speakers: Shawn Carney, Lauren Muzyka, Sr. Deirdre Byrne. For more information, please visit www.midwestmarchforlife.com or 573-340-8444.

META RUMMAGE SALES: Meta area rummage sales will be held Thursday, April 20 through Saturday, April 22. There will be a multi-family sale at the firehouse, along with various sales at community members' residences. Specific sale times and a list of addresses will be provided closer to the event. If you would like to host a rummage sale and have your address added to the list, please contact Samantha Helton via call or text at (573) 469-8649. This does not have to be limited to Meta. St. Thomas residents are welcome to join in!

SAVE THE DATES: Totus Tuus – June 4-9

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish 27th Annual Fall Fantasy – Saturday, November 4, 2023

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and giving it to his disciples said, "Take and eat; this is my body." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins."

Matthew 26:26-28

"In order to leave them a pledge of this love, in order never to depart from his own and to make them sharers in his Passover, he instituted the Eucharist as the memorial of his death and Resurrection..."
CCC 1337



