

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

St. Cecilia
in Meta

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

APRIL 3, 2022

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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.;
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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 3-10:

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Sylvanus Hoecker

Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – Jerome Loethen

Thursday 7:45 a.m. – William Schmidt

Stations of the Cross, following Mass

Friday 7:45 a.m. – Fr. Paul Hartley

Friday 6:30 p.m. - Stations of the Cross

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – L&D Anthony & Ida Schellman

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – People of our Parishes

L&D Urban Strobe Family

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2021-2022: \$305,000.00

Offertory Goal through Month End: \$228,753.00

Actual Collection for 2021-2022: **\$212,869.00**

Offertory Difference Year to Date: – \$ 15,884.00

Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

March 6 \$ 4,302.00

March 13 \$ 3,255.00

March 20 \$ 4,105.00

March 27 \$ 2,462.00

Collection Online: \$ 6,572.00

March total to date: **\$20,696.00**

Difference for March: -\$ 4,721.00

Church Renovation Capital Campaign

Total Pledges/Donations \$483,857.70

Total Collected \$408,023.97

Total Expenses Paid \$687,955.17

A total of 129 parishioners have returned pledge cards/or
Contributed to the renovation project.

St. Thomas the Apostle Cantors / Organists

April 9 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mary Kay Brand / Jeanette

April 10 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Choir / Jackie

April 17 Easter Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Amanda
Wooten / Jackie

St. Thomas the Apostle Readers

April 9 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Narrator – Kathy Graessle

Speaker – Amanda Wooten

April 10 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Narrator – Brian Luebbering

Speaker – Jennifer Schroeder

April 17 Easter Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Larry Lueckenhoff

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of April 3-10:

6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross before Wednesday Mass

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Ben & Jason Hake

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Fred Reinkemeyer

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2021-2022: \$62,000.00

Collection Total for 2021-2022: **\$44,977.96**

Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,166.67

Collection in Church:

March 6 \$ 970.00

March 13 \$1,062.00

March 20 \$1,190.00

March 27 \$ 885.00

March total to date: **\$ 4,041.09**

Difference for March: -\$ 1,125.58

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. – Dorothy Rehagen

April 10 8:00 a.m.- Narrator – Don Wansing

Speaker – Doris Stumpe

April 17 Easter Sunday 8:00 a.m.- Doris Stumpe

**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 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Dave Luebbering & Eric Strobe
April 10 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Doug Stockman & TJ Loethen
April 17 Easter Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Eric & Keith Boessen

St. Thomas the Apostle Eucharistic Ministers

April 9 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark Graessle
April 10 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Glenn Prenger
April 17 Easter Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Bill Luebbering

St. Thomas the Apostle Servers

April 9 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Gregory Kirby
April 10 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Valerie & Zeke Verslues,
Isabella Luebbering, Fayeth Prenger
**April 17 Easter Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Francie & Hannah Tallent
Gregory Kirby**

St. Thomas the Apostle Offertory Gifts

April 9 Saturday, 5:00 p.m. – Gilbert & Betty Schellman
April 10 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- David & Linda Boessen
**April 17 Easter Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Tom & Carol Backes
Family**

St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters

April 10 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman
April 17 – Paul Becker & Shara Buechter
April 24 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes
May 1 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg
May 8 – Dunja Wieberg & Jennifer Schroeder

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday, 7:20 a.m.- Bob Schellman – Sorrowful Mysteries
Wednesday, 7:20 a.m. – Pat Loethen – Glorious Mysteries
Thursday, 7:20 a.m. – Gilbert & Hermina – Luminous Mysteries
Friday, 7:20 a.m.- Bob Schellman – Sorrowful Mysteries
Saturday 4:35 p.m. – Dale Herigon – Sorrowful Mysteries
Sunday 9:35 a.m. – Tina Stockman– Sorrowful Mysteries

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH CLEANERS

April 3: Sonya Henson, Susan Buechter, Jackie Prenger, Amy Buechter
April 10: Janet Lueckenhoff, Jim Lueckenhoff, Charlene Buschjost, Randy Buschjost
April 17: Alan Libbert, Nancy Libbert, Darrel Buechter, Jan Heckemeyer
April 24: Brooke Schell, Tina Stockman, Gina Luebbering, Karen Luebbering
May 1: Lynne Reinkemeyer, Linda Boessen, Lauri Luebbering, Lisa Lackman

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

April 10 Karlie Reinkemeyer
April 17 Lauri Luebbering
April 24 Dunja Wieberg
May 1 Brooke Schell
May 8 Jenny Becker

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.

Thursday, April 7 – Jackie Prenger & Joanie Prenger

Tuesday, April 12 (Holy Week) – Meghan Rackers & Kathy Rackers

Please bring snack to hall by 1:00 p.m.; snack served at 3:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Emily Luebbering at 573-477-3459 or Kathy Strobe at 573-477-3349.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE & SACRED TRIDUUM MINISTRIES 2022

Palm Sunday, April 10: 8:00 a.m. Procession with palms from Parish Center into Church at St. Cecilia (weather permitting)
10:00 a.m. – Procession with palms from Parish School building into Church at St. Thomas
(Weather permitting)

Tuesday, April 12: 7:45 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas

Spy Wednesday, April 13: 7:45 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas

6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross at St. Cecilia

6:30 p.m. Mass at St. Cecilia

Those serving are asked to come to the Sacristy 30 minutes prior to Mass for special instruction. 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 THURSDAY 7:00 P.M. ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH

Servers: Valerie & Zeke Verslues, Erkia Luebbering, Miranda Meyer

Lector: Janice Schanzmeyer

Eucharistic Ministers: Brenda Wansing & Mark Graessle (choir loft)

Ushers: Leon Schanzmeyer, Darin Even, Richard Heckemeyer & Larry Lueckenhoff

Washing of the Feet: Jan Heckemeyer, Mark Luebbering, Emily Luebbering, Jim Lueckenhoff, Lynne Reinkemeyer, Melissa Verslues, Leon Schanzmeyer, Betty Hagenhoff, Darin Even, Joanne Schroeder, Lydia Hurst, & Madison Wankum

Presentation of Gifts: Leon & Janice Schanzmeyer

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

Please return your Operation Rice Bowl contributions to Church on Holy Thursday. Thank you!!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS 3:00 p.m. St. Cecilia Church

Servers: Jesse & Tucker Schroeder

St. Cecilia Eucharistic Ministers

April 10 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Jennifer Even
April 17 Easter Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Betty Hagenhoff

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

April 10 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Tony Derkum & Leon Schanzmeyer
**April 17 Easter Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Kenny Otto &
Larry Lueckenotto**

St. Cecilia Servers

April 10 Sunday 8:00 a.m.-
April 17 Easter Sunday 8:00 a.m. –

St. Cecilia Offertory Gifts

Sunday, April 10 8:00 a.m.- Family of Fred Reinkemeyer

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

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

April 10 Sunday 7:35 a.m.– Mary Plassmeyer–Sorrowful Mysteries

**April 17 Easter Sunday 7:35 a.m.–Cathy Borgmeyer–
Glorious Mysteries**

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

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.

GOOD FRIDAY 7:00 P.M. ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH

Servers: Gregory Kirby & Klint Luebbering

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

Intercessions: Jennifer Even

Eucharistic Ministers: Betty Hagenhoff & Glenn Prenger (Choir loft)

Ushers: Eric Strobe, Randy Hagenhoff, Alan Reinkemeyer & Mitch Stumpe

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

Servers: Chesney Luebbering, Klint & Kora Luebbering, Gregory Kirby

Lectors: 1st Reading - Jeff Cassmeyer, 2nd Reading - Lauri Luebbering, 3rd Reading - Ben Luebbering,
4th Reading - Jim Lueckenhoff & 6th Reading Judy Schroeder

Epistle: Dominic Plassmeyer

Eucharistic Ministers: Janet Lueckenhoff & Keith Kliethermes (Choir loft)

Ushers: Mark Luebbering, Ben Luebbering & Doug Stockman, Gilbert Schellman

Presentation of Gifts: Doug & Tina Stockman

Rosary 7:35 p.m. – Tina Stockman, Glorious Mysteries

EASTER SUNDAY, April 17: 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Cecilia

10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle

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

NOTES OF THANKS!

A big thank you to all who reached out to me with cards, phone calls, prayers even a birthday song in Church to celebrate my 97th Birthday! You made my day so special. May God Bless you all! **Martha Strobe**

I would like to thank everyone for all their get well cards, prayers, Masses, phone calls, candles lit and other acts of intercession for my healing and recovery. I would also like to thank the neighbors, friends and family who were here for Gene while I was in the hospital. Most of all I want to thank our sons and their families for all the help they gave us. Most of all I want to thank my husband for the wonderful care he gave me when I came home. **MaryPat Luebbering**

The Knights of Columbus would like to sincerely thank you for your tremendous support resulting in record attendance for the St. Thomas Fish Fry March 25. The proceeds are being donated to St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church Renovation Project. Your support is appreciated! **St. Thomas Knights of Columbus**

INFIRM PRIEST/EASTER COLLECTION: The annual Priest Retirement & Infirm Fund assessment for St. Cecilia Parish \$816 and St. Thomas the Apostle Parish is \$5,146. Please be generous.

BULLETIN NOTICES: Deadline for bulletin is Wednesday at noon.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH BULLETINS: If you are needing a bulletin and Church is locked there are some on the Vitae House front porch.

JOIN THE STREAM TEAM: We are truly blessed to have such great equipment for live streaming Mass! If anyone is interested in helping live stream Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle, please call or text Lauri Luebbering at 573-619-6090.

ST. CECILIA PARISHIONERS: Time and Talent sheets are in the entrance of St. Cecilia Church. These can be completed and put in the collection basket or mailed to the Parish office.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISHIONERS: Time & Talent sheets are in the entrances of St. Thomas the Apostle Church. These can be completed and put into the collection basket at church or returned to the parish office. This year it can also be completed **online** on the St. Thomas the Apostle website. Go to the Home Page under Support the Parish and fill out the online Time and Talent Form. Please mark ministries you would like to continue doing as well as any new ministries. Thank you!

CONTRIBUTING TO UKRAINE, FROM THE DIOCESE: As we pray for peace in Ukraine, we also have two opportunities to support the tremendous humanitarian relief effort underway. Please consider contributing either online at diojeffcity.org/donate or by writing a check to our parish with a note "for Ukraine," then giving it in the regular Sunday collection, mailing to our offices or dropping it off during normal business hours. Our parish will send these special donations to the diocese, for the money to be added to a donation being made by our diocese to the US Conference of Catholic Bishops' program for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This appeal focuses on rebuilding the pastoral capacity of the Church and restoring the faith in 28 countries in the region. Now, that focus is centered on Ukraine. Your participation in this relief effort strengthens our ability to be a strong center of charity and sanctuary for mercy. Thank you for your witness.

BISHOP MCKNIGHT'S APRIL PRAYER INTENTION: For the opening of hearts and minds closed to the Good News of Christ's Resurrection from the dead.

PASTORS MEDITATION: 4th Sunday of Lent: WHO IS WITHOUT SIN (Is. 43:16-21; Phil. 3:8-14; Jn. 8:1-11)

Today's readings Remind us of God's readiness to forgive sin, to give the sinner a second chance, to bind up broken lives and restore people to His friendship. The readings challenge us to show the same mercy to the sinners around us and to live as forgiven people, actively seeking reconciliation with God and one another. The readings remind us that we should not be self-righteous and condemn the lives of others when God is calling them tenderly to conversion.

The first reading explains how a merciful God forgives the sins of His chosen people and leads them back from the Babylonian exile. It reminds us that we too are forgiven and we are saved from our own sinfulness. In the second reading, Paul presents himself as a forgiven sinner who has been completely transformed by his Faith in Christ Jesus. His life is an example of the Gospel exhortation, "Sin no more." Paul loves Christ so much that he wants to share in His sufferings and even in His death so that he may share Christ's Resurrection. Today's Gospel shows the sinful woman's story of sin committed and sin forgiven. It shows the inexhaustible mercy and compassion Jesus offers to repentant sinners. He makes sinlessness the condition for throwing the first stone; He forces the accusers to assess their own souls and to leave. He thus grants justice to the accusers and mercy to the sinful woman. In our own lives, we bear witness to the Justice of God by confessing our sinfulness and resolving to avoid sin, and we bear witness to God's Mercy by accepting the forgiveness of our sins and promising to forgive those who have offended us. Therefore, dear friends, we need to become forgiving people, ready for reconciliation: Jesus has shown inexhaustible mercy and compassion to sinners by dying for our sins. But we are often self-righteous, like the Pharisees, and ready to spread scandal about others with a bit of spicy gossip. We are judgmental about others, ignoring Jesus' command: "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Let us learn to acknowledge our sins, ask God's forgiveness every day and extend the same forgiveness to our erring brothers and sisters. We need to learn to hate the sin but love the sinners, showing them Jesus' compassion and working with the Holy Spirit to make our own lives exemplary so that we

can help lead them to Jesus' ways. We have no right to judge others because we often commit the very faults we condemn, we are often partial and prejudiced in our judgments, and we do not know the circumstances which have led someone to sin. Hence, let us leave the judgment to our merciful God Who does read people's hearts. We should show mercy and compassion to those who sin because we ourselves are sinners in need of God's forgiveness. The apostle Paul reminds us: "But if we judged ourselves, we would not come under judgment." (1 Cor 11:31). **Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukiibi**

HOLY WEEK CHOIR: We will be having practices for Holy Week on Tuesday, April 5 at 7:00 p.m. and Monday, April 11 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Thomas Church. Parishioners from St. Cecilia and St. Thomas are welcome.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE USHERS: Beginning Saturday, April 2, the Ushers will begin using the offertory baskets to collect the envelopes from the Congregation. The Offertory baskets are located in the choir loft by the organ. Please return the baskets back to the choir loft after you have collected the envelopes. Thank you

ST. CECILIA EASTER FLOWERS: Anyone interested in making a monetary donation for Easter flowers in memory of loved ones is asked to place the donation along with **PRINTED NAMES** to be remembered in an envelope and placed in the collection basket or mail to the parish office by April 10. The names will be published in the Easter Sunday bulletin April 17.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE EASTER FLOWERS: Anyone interested in making a monetary donation for Easter Flowers in memory of loved ones is asked to place the donation along with **PRINTED NAMES** to be remembered in an envelope provided in your monthly offering packet and placed in the collection basket or mail to the parish office by April 10. The names will be published in the Easter Sunday bulletin April 17.

ST. CECILIA PARISH: The annual cleaning and maintenance of St Cecilia Cemetery is scheduled for Sunday, April 24 at 10:00 a.m. (Rain day May 1). Bring any gardening tools you may have to clean flower beds and trim shrubs. Anyone is welcome and all help is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Charles Schroeder (President), Ron Meyer, Michelle Derkum, or Karyn Veltrop (Treasurer)

A ROSARY FOR OUR COUNTRY is Monday, April 4, 5:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

ST. CECILIA PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL will need two new members this May. We will have nomination forms available in the pews on Palm Sunday. Please consider volunteering for this important role in our parish. Elections will be held after Easter.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL NEWS, UPCOMING EVENTS! Wednesday, April 13 – Panoramic Photo

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PRESCHOOL: NOW ENROLLING!! 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 GRASS CUTTING ROTATION: Spring is here and so is the green grass! The grass cutting rotation for the St Thomas the Apostle is as follows:

Week of April 4	Dick Schellman, Patrick Schellman and Paul Struempfl
Week of April 11	Alan Reinkemeyer, Richard Heckemeyer and Dave Schroeder
Week of April 18	Fred Luebbering, Mark Graessle and Jeff Cassmeyer
Week of April 25	Paul & Jenny Becker, Eric Buechter
Week of May 2	Mark Luebbering, Nick Luebbering and Anthony Luebbering

Important Note: We would like to have a few additional people join in with some of these teams. Only requires an hour or two a month and the pay and benefits are great! Call Alan Reinkemeyer at 573-694-6984 if interested.

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.

MIDWEST MARCH FOR LIFE APRIL 20, 2022: All are invited to the 11th Annual MidWest March. All open-air activities on the lawn of the Capitol. Over 35 exhibitors will be displaying their life-affirming ministries. Abby Johnson, well known prolife activist and founder of "And Then There Were None", will be the keynote. Events begin at 8:00 a.m. with a Rosary and Divine Mercy by Fr. Anthony Viviano and a prayer walk in the Capitol. Pre Rally begins at 9:15 a.m. March begins at 10:00 a.m. with the main rally following the March. Knights of Columbus and priests will lead the March followed by St Stanislaus School, which is being recognized as the most Pro-life School that attended in 2021, will carry the banner. It will be a great family day and you will be inspired by all the activities planned. Info: **573 340 8444** and www.MidwestMarchForLife.com

DIOCESAN SUMMER YOUTH CAMPS: The Diocese offers a cadre of opportunities for middle school and high school students, with an emphasis on friendship and joyful fun. Please check out the camps on diojeffcity.org for more information.

HELIAS SUMMER CAMPS: Registration is now open for Helias Catholic's summer 2022 youth sports camps! This year's summer camps include archery, baseball, boys basketball, boys soccer, cheerleading, cross country, dance, football, girls basketball, girls golf, girls soccer, softball, track and field, volleyball, and wrestling. Helias Catholic summer camps span from late May to August, serving age ranges from kindergarten through high school. Visit www.heliascrusaderscamps.com to view summer camp opportunities and register.

ST. ANTHONY KINGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY is Friday, April 8, serving fish, fried potatoes, baked beans, hush puppies, cole slaw and applesauce from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the St. Anthony Parish Hall. Adults \$12.00, children 6-12 \$6.00. All you can eat, carry outs available.

RACHEL'S STORY: You are invited to hear Rachel's Story, Tuesday, April 5, Wardsville Lions club. Doors open at 6:00 p.m., presentation at 6:30 p.m. We are reaching out to middle school through adults to help empower kids to be safe. "160,000 students skip school every day for fear of being bullied." It doesn't have to be this way. Experience the remarkable story of Rachel Scott, the first victim of the Columbine High School tragedy, who knew her life would impact the world. Learn about the movement that is awakening transformation in millions of lives, and promoting safer, more connected school. For more information, please contact Shelle Sandbothe 573-690-2925. Refreshments will be served. rachelchallenge.org

SAVE THE DATES: June 26 - July 1, 2022 – Totus Tuus

