

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

St. Cecilia
in Meta

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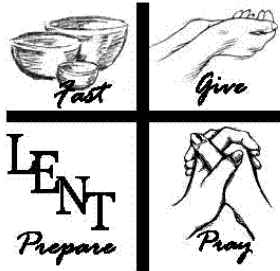
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

APRIL 7, 2019

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St. Thomas Parish Office hours: Tuesdays 8:30 a.m. – 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.

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 7-14:

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Mary Jane Lueckenotto
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – *Stations of the Cross*
Friday 7:45 a.m. – Viola Volmert
Friday 6:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Herb & Chris Verslues

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2018-2019:	\$305,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End:	\$228,753.00
Actual Collection for 2018-2019:	\$217,742.97
Offertory Difference Year to Date: – \$	11,010.03
Offertory Goal per month:	\$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

March 3	\$ 4,325.50
March 10	\$ 2,970.00
March 17	\$ 3,358.00
March 24	\$ 5,033.25
March 31	\$ 3,278.00

Collection Online:

	\$ 5,802.00
March total to date:	\$24,766.75
Difference for March:	- \$ 650.25

St. Thomas the Apostle Expansion & Building Fund

Total Expansion Project expenses paid:	\$2,273,475.34
Income from parishioners for FY 2018-2019 (via the yellow "Building Fund" envelope):	\$22,818.65
Loan payments to date for FY 2018-2019:	\$83,049.66
(Principal) \$74,098.83 (Interest) \$8,950.83	
Parish Building Expansion Debt remaining:	\$235,066.40

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. – Kathy Graessle (Narrator)
Alfred Kaiser (Voice)
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jim Lueckenhoff (Narrator)
Larry Lueckenhoff (Voice)

St. Thomas the Apostle Altar Servers

Weekday –Klint Luebbering, Francie Tallent, Valerie Verslues
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Dawson Wieberg, Lilly Schulte,
Owen Schellman
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mason & Klint Luebbering,
Will Otto, Jackson Braun

St. Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of April 7-14:

Stations of the Cross 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 6:30p.m. –Lawrence "Dick" Rehagen

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Fred Hilke
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Lionel, Arharta, Bonnie & Sandra Libbert

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2018-2019:	\$62,000.00
Collection Total for 2018-2019:	\$49,614.47
Offertory Goal per month:	\$ 5,166.67

Collection in Church:

March 3	\$ 770.00
March 10	\$1,609.00
March 17	\$1,642.25
March 24	\$ 764.00
March 31	\$ 779.00

March total to date:	\$5,564.25
Difference for March:	+ \$ 447.58

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

April – Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer
MAY – DALE & MARGIE HELTON

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

St. Cecilia Reader

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. – Dorothy Rehagen
Saturday 7:00 p.m. –Jennifer Even (Narrator)
Betty Hagenhoff (Voice)
Sunday 8:00 a.m. –Dominic Plassmeyer (Narrator)
Don Wansing (Voice)

St. Cecilia Altar Servers

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – *servers needed*
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Melina Derkum, Sophie Bock,
Skyla & Jesse Schroeder

***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
April 13-14

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Paul & Jenny Becker, Marshall Boessen
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Rosalyn Wieberg, Emily Luebbering,
Janet Lueckenhoff
Easter Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Lillian Lackman,
Richard & Jan Heckemeyer

St. Thomas Greeters/Ushers
April 13-14

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark Boessen & Dave Luebbering
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Cash McManus & Doug Stockman
Easter Sunday 10:00 a.m. - Eric & Keith Boessen

St. Thomas Presentation of Gifts at Mass
April 13-14

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ralph & Kathy Graessle
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Travis & Kathy Rackers Family
Easter Sunday 10:00 a.m. –Eric & Roseanne Boessen Fam.

St. Thomas Collection Counters

April 13-14 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes
April 20-21- Jennifer Schroeder & Stephanie Cortvrient
April 27-28 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday 7:25 a.m. – Pat Loethen - Sorrowful
Friday 7:25 a.m. – Bob Schellman - Sorrowful
Saturday 4:40 p.m. – Marilyn Herigon - Sorrowful
Sunday 9:40 a.m. – Gilbert & Hermins Strobe - Sorrowful

HOLY WEEK & SACRED TRIDUUM SCHEDULE FOR 2019:

Palm Sunday of the Passions of the Lord, April 14. Procession with palms from Parish Center into Church, 8:00 a.m. at St. Cecilia (weather permitting). Procession with palms from Parish school building into Church, 10:00 a.m. (weather permitting).

Tuesday, April 16 – 7:45 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle

Wednesday, April 17- Stations of the Cross – 7:45 a.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle, St. Cecilia 6:00 p.m.

Holy Thursday, April 18 - 7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper at St. Thomas the Apostle. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11:00 p.m. Please sign up in the entrances of Churches to spend an hour with the Lord.

Good Friday, April 19 – 3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross at St. Cecilia;

7:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy at St. Thomas the Apostle, *Day of Fast & Abstinence*

Holy Saturday, April 20 – 8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil at St. Thomas the Apostle

Easter Sunday, April 21 – 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Cecilia; 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle

HOLY WEEK & SACRED TRIDUUM MINISTRIES:

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: Grace & Belle Boessen, Mason Luebbering, Madi Buschjost

Lector: Rosalyn Wieberg

Eucharistic Ministries: Betty Hagenhoff, Doris Stumpe, Lynne Reinkemeyer

Ushers: Darin Even, Leon Schanzmeyer, Fred Luebbering, Ryan Buschjost (please help with setting up chairs for washing of feet)

Presentation of Gifts: Mike & Sheri Wieberg

Rosary 6:40 p.m. – Viola Boessen – Luminous Mysteries

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

Servers: Skyla & Jesse Schroeder, Henry Schroeder

GOOD FRIDAY 7:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church

Servers: Luke Schroeder, Joshua & Alex Even, Molly Suthoff

Lector & the Solemn Intercessions: Betty Hagenhoff

Passion: Bill Lueckenhoff (Narrator) Jennifer Even (Voice)

Eucharistic Minister: Glenn Prenger

Ushers: Eric & Keith Boessen, Randy Hagenhoff, TJ Loethen

HOLY SATURDAY 8:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church

Servers: Dawson & Ely Wieberg, Ava Morris, Klint & Mason Luebbering

Lectors: Reading 1&2: Don Wansing, Reading 3&4: Larry Lueckenhoff, Reading 5&6: Judy Schroeder,

Reading 7, Epistle & Prayers of the Faithful: Kristin Morris

Eucharistic Ministers: Brenda Wansing, Paul & Jenny Becker

Ushers: Doug Stockman, Keith Kliethermes, Mark Graessle, Dominic Plassmeyer

Presentation of Gifts: Ralph & Kathy Graessle

INFIRM PRIEST/EASTER COLLECTION: The annual Priest Retirement & Infirm Fund assessment for St. Cecilia Parish \$900.00 and St. Thomas the Apostle Parish \$3,153.00. Please be generous.

SNACKS FOR QUILTERS:

Thursday, April 11 – Tami Luebbering & Mary Pat Luebbering **Tuesday, April 16** – Noreen Luebbering & Linda Luebbering
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
573-477-3349 or Emily Luebbering 573-477-3459.

St. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
April 13-14

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Doris Stumpe, Jennifer Even, Betty Hagenhoff
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer, Pam Libbert
Easter Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer,
Pam Libbert

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers
April 13-14

Saturday 7:00 p.m. - Randy Hagenhoff, Lou Kloepfel, Mitch & Brendan Stumpe
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Anton Libbert, Terry Libbert, Tony Derkum, Leon Schanzmeyer
Easter Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Harold Libbert, Anton Libbert, Larry Lueckenotto, Leonard Schulte

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

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

Saturday 6:40 p.m. – Dorothy Rehagen– Sorrowful

Sunday 7:40 a.m. – Mary Plassmeyer– Sorrowful

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

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.

SCRIP: April 13-14 - Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kerry Meyer Sunday 10:00 a.m. – April Heckman

Visit www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip for more information about the Scrip program. Scrip is available after every other weekend Mass in St. Thomas. You can contact Lindsay Luebbering at 573-680-4920 or Karen Luebbering at 573-301-5835 to purchase anytime. A large variety of cards in various denominations are in stock and available for purchase.

COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION SERVICES FOR LENT AROUND THE AREA:

St. Francis Xavier Church, Taos – Monday, April 8, 7:00 p.m.

St. Thomas the Apostle Church, St. Thomas, Tuesday, April 9, 7:00 p.m.

Jefferson City – Monday, April 15, St. Peter Church; Tuesday, April 16, Immaculate Conception Church

St. Joseph Church, Westphalia – Tuesday, April 16, 7:00 p.m.

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 on Holy Thursday.

FROM FR. STEPHEN JONES: On Tuesday (3/26), Sister Kathleen Wegman, SSND and Fr. Roberto Ike met with the combined parish councils of St. Thomas and St. Cecilia. At this meeting they announced that a change will soon be coming to the parish as Fr. Jones will be reassigned and an International priest will be assigned to be the resident parish administrator beginning May 1st. The Diocese will assist the parishes during this time of transition as the new priest acclimates to ministry in St. Thomas & Meta. Sister Kathleen also expressed Bishop McKnight's request that the current Saturday evening Mass schedule be reduced to one Mass. Fr. Jones will be working with the parish councils of each Church to institute this change. More information will be forthcoming in the coming weeks. Please pray for all involved in this transition!

BISHOP MCKNIGHT'S APRIL PRAYER INTENTION: "For a more welcoming and hospitable environment in the Catholic communities of our parishes, schools and hospitals; that the Kingdom of Heaven may be experienced here on earth in our works of charity and mercy."

BULLETIN NOTICES: Deadline for bulletin notices is noon on Wednesday.

CATHOLIC RADIO: How is Lent going for you? Still following your intentional game plan? Oh...you hit an impediment...or just petered out. Here's an idea. Tune into Catholic radio (KHJR 88.1 FM.) Our Catholic programming will help you focus on Jesus and your faith life. You can listen on the radio; on your mobile device using our Covenant Network app.; or on your computer at ourcatholicradio.org.

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

ST. CECILIA PRAYER LINE REQUESTS can be made by calling Florentine Hagenhoff at 573-229-4315. Please leave a message if no answer. Additional Prayer Line Ministers are needed. For more information, please call Florentine.

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.

CHRISM MASS: Bishop W. Shawn McKnight invites you to attend our annual Chrism Mass at the Cathedral Church of St. Joseph, Jefferson City on Thursday, April 11 at 5:30 p.m.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PSR: With the end of the PSR school year approaching we would like to start the registration process for next year. To ensure enough time to prepare for next year, we are hoping families can complete their registration by April 10. We are again utilizing online registration. To register, please use the registration link: <https://forms.gle/cZGhD2ALThfmA3YS9> If you have any questions regarding registration or the program, please do not hesitate to contact us (stthomaspsr@gmail.com or 573-690-3155). *Kristin Buschjost & Barb Graessle PSR Coordinators.*

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 place in the collection basket by April 14. The names will be published in the Easter Sunday bulletin, April 21.

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THE ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHOIR invites singers from both parishes of St. Cecilia & St. Thomas the Apostle to join us in singing for the Holy Triduum. Rehearsals are Tuesday nights, April 9 at 7:30 p.m. & April 16 at 7:00 p.m. Both rehearsals will be in the school music room. Please call Annette Kehner at 573-680-2824 or email AnnetteKehner@mail.com so music can be provided.

ST. CECILIA PARISHIONERS: All available and able bodied parishioners are asked to volunteer an hour or so in cleaning our cemetery on Sunday, April 7 around 10:00 a.m. Let's meet at the cemetery with gardening tools to clean flower beds, turn mulch, rake a few leaves and attend to whatever else needs to be picked up or cleaned. A worth-while project won't take long if we all work together. It is a good time to visit with fellow parishioners. Rain date is April 14.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, April 8 – K-8 Field Trip to Springfield

Wednesday, April 10 – Panorama Photo, Sports Photos

Tuesday, April 16 – Diocesan Sketch Day

Thursday, April 18 – Holy Thursday, No School

Friday, April 19 – Good Friday, No School

Monday, April 22 – Easter Monday, No School

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PRESCHOOL: If you have a preschool age child and have been thinking about preschool, please contact the school office at (573-477-3322) or Ms. Jaycine Bax at jbaxstacs@gmail.com. The Pre-School program *will* be offered during the summer

ST. THOMAS CEMETARY SPRING CLEANUP: As the mowing season begins, all decorations not in monument vase or attached to the monument should be removed.

ST. THOMAS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING is **Wednesday, April 10, 7:30 p.m.** A rosary will be prayed at 7:15 p.m. Please read the April newsletter attached to the bulletin.

ATTN: META "OVER 50" CLUB: The monthly luncheon for the Over 50 group will be held on Thursday, April 11 at noon in St. Cecilia's parish center. Fried chicken will be provided. Members are asked to bring a covered dish to share with the group. If you have suggestions or ideas as to what you would like to do, along with visiting, please bring these ideas with you.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS CYO TRIP: There will be a planning meeting on Wednesday, April 10 at 6:45 p.m. for high school students to plan a Summer trip to Six Flags. The CYO is open to all high school students grades 9-12. The plan is to take a bus from St. Thomas to Six Flags in June. Please call Barbara Graessle at 573-680-2954 if you have any questions.

SAVE THE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR:

Sunday, May 5, 2019 – St. Thomas the Apostle School 30th Anniversary Celebration

June 1-7, 2019 – TOTUS TUUS Summer Camp in St. Thomas the Apostle and St. Cecilia Parishes

Saturday, June 29, 2019 – 4:00 p.m. Sesquicentennial Mass with Bishop McKnight at St. Thomas the Apostle; catered dinner and dance for parishioners who RSVP.

Sunday, July 14, 2019 - St. Cecilia Parish Picnic

Sunday, August 18, 2019 – St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Picnic

Sunday, October 6, 2019 – St. Thomas Parish Sesquicentennial Celebration Homecoming for the public

Saturday, November 2, 2019 – St. Thomas Parish Fall Fantasy

WARDSVILLE WALK FOR LIFE is Sunday, April 14, following the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

ST. ALOYSIUS PARISH SPRING DINNER, ARGYLE is Sunday, April 14, serving fried chicken & baked ham dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the V.F.W. Hall Argyle. Adults \$11.00, children 5-10 \$5.00. Easter Egg hunt at 3:00 p.m.

THE OSAGE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT is accepting applications for a full time/part time maintenance worker. Qualified applicants must have a valid driver's license. Duties include: general building and grounds maintenance, including the operation and basic maintenance of fire apparatus and equipment. Must attend OFPD monthly Board meetings. Competitive salary. Submit resume by April 29 to Osage Fire Protection District, Route W Jefferson City, MO 65101. EOE

St Thomas Parish Grass Cutting and Maintenance Teams Needed:

We all know how much Fr. Secrist enjoyed cutting grass, shoveling snow, trimming trees and taking care of the Parish Property. Please know that as much as I would love to be able to duplicate his efforts, I simply cannot given my situation of splitting my time between Helias Catholic High School, serving St. Thomas the Apostle and St. Cecilia Parishes and also being a supportive husband and father to my 4 children.

I instill in the belief that this is YOUR Parish and it is best maintained and cared for by the parishioners who gather here to worship and who give of their time, talent and treasure. As your Pastor I promised to serve you as best I can, but as any Pastor is to any Parish, we are not assigned indefinitely. The strength of a Parish is only as strong as the Parishioners who worship and live in the community. Your ancestors helped build this parish and it is up to today's parishioners to continue to build and maintain it for the future generations to follow.

I have discussed this with the Parish Pastoral Council and we agreed to seek "Teams" of volunteers who would be willing to be put on a rotating schedule to mow and weed-eat the church property (not the ball field) and assist possibly in snow removal when needed. We have been told that this sort of arrangement works well in other parishes nearby. The parish has a nice lawn tractor to utilize so personal mowers are not required unless the team chooses to do so.

With that in mind, I ask that you consider adding your name to this rotation and help keep YOUR parish property as beautiful as it currently is. If interested please contact one of the PPC members (Alan Reinkemeyer, Ryan Wieberg, Simon Strope, Paul Becker, Eileen Volmert, Jan Carter, Theresa Veit, Brian Luebbering, Mark Luebbering, Mike Groner, Jason Buschjost or Steve Schellman). In addition you may email or contact Diane Lueckenhoff at dlueckenhoffoffice@gmail.com

God Bless
Fr. Stephen Jones

31 March 2019

Dear Faithful of the Diocese of Jefferson City,

As we approach the celebration of Holy Week in our parishes, I wish to draw your attention to a special opportunity we have to support our brothers and sisters in Christ who continue to live and minister in the sacred land of our Lord's passion and resurrection.

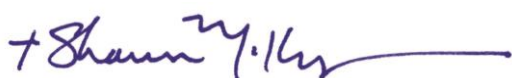
On Good Friday, the annual collection for the Holy Land will be taken up in parishes throughout the Diocese of Jefferson City.

Our financial assistance not only supports the holy pilgrimage sites some of us have been blessed to visit, but also social and charitable activities, educational and scientific activities, and pastoral activities conducted by the Church. In additional, the collection supports liturgical, ecumenical and communications programs.

It is important that we assist in providing care for the Christians living in the Holy Land, which as we know continues to experience a lot of unrest. Our financial support is a tangible way to manifest our communion and solidarity with the Church of Jerusalem.

I ask you for your generous support of the collection for the Holy Land on Good Friday, April 19.

With kind regards and prayerful best wishes for spiritual renewal this Lent, I am Sincerely yours in Christ,



Most Reverend W. Shawn McKnight, S.T.D. Bishop of Jefferson City

