

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

**St. Cecilia**  
in Meta

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**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**DECEMBER 17, 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 December 17-24:**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Viola Volmert  
Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – L&D Alex Heckman Family  
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – L&D Anton & Alma Boessen  
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Sylvanus Hoecker  
**Friday 6:00 a.m.** – Leonard, Margie & Roger Herigon  
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ida Schellman  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jim Reinkemeyer  
**Christmas Eve 5:00 p.m.** – People of our Parishes  
**Midnight Mass** – Philip & Alma Boessen  
**Christmas Day 10:00 a.m.** – August, Leona & Donald Loethen

**Your Sunday Offering:**

Offertory Budget for 2017-2018:	\$305,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End:	\$152,502.00
Actual Collection for 2017-2018:	<b>\$136,147.83</b>
Offertory Difference Year to Date:	– \$ 16,354.17
Offertory Goal per month:	\$ 25,417.00

**Collection in Church:**

December 3	\$ 5,194.00
December 10	\$ 5,362.00
December 17	\$
December 24	\$
December 31	\$

**Collection Online:** \$ 5,042.00

**December total to date:** **\$15,598.00**

Difference for December: – \$ 9,819.00

**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): **\$14,371.45**  
Loan payments to date for FY 2017-2018: **\$46,138.70**  
(Principal) \$39,261.33 (Interest) \$6,877.37  
Parish Building Expansion Debt remaining: **\$357,460.93**

**St. Thomas the Apostle Cantor / Organist**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Rebecca Schroeder / Annette Kehner  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jean Kliethermes / Jackie Prenger  
**Christmas Eve 5:00 p.m.** – Amanda Wooten / Annette Kehner  
**Midnight Mass** – Christmas Choir / Jackie Prenger  
**Christmas Day 10:00 a.m.** – Lisa Wieberg / Annette Kehner

**St. Thomas the Apostle Reader / Petitions**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Alfred Kaiser  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Alan Reinkemeyer  
**Christmas Eve 5:00 p.m.** – Kathy Graessle  
**Midnight Mass** – Judy Schroeder  
**Christmas Day 10:00 a.m.** – Larry Lueckenhoff

**Saint Cecilia**

**Mass Schedule for the Week of December 17-24:**

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Fred Hagenhoff  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Leo & Alberto Wieberg  
  
Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Hubert Brune

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Josephine Werdehausen  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – People of our Parishes  
**Christmas Eve 7:00 p.m.** – Larry Stumpe

**Your Sunday Offering:**

Offertory Budget for 2017-2018:	\$62,000.00
Collection Total for 2017-2018:	<b>\$30,205.45</b>
Offertory Goal per month:	\$ 5,166.67

**Collection in Church:**

December 3	\$ 1,386.00
December 10	\$ 1,098.00
December 17	\$
December 24	\$
December 31	\$

**December total to date:** **\$ 2,484.00**

Difference for December: – \$ 2,682.67

***Please remember your parish in your last will & testament.***

**St. Cecilia Collection Counters**

December – Marie Lueckenotto & Pam Libbert  
January – Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer

**St. Cecilia Reader / Petitions**

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Doris Stumpe  
Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Don Wansing  
**Christmas Eve 7:00 p.m.** – Betty Hagenhoff

**St. Cecilia Altar Servers**

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Alex & Joshua Even  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Will & Melina Derkum  
**Christmas Eve 7:00 p.m.** – Henry & Ben Schroeder,  
Josh & Alex Even, Skyla & Jesse Schroeder

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

### **St. Thomas the Apostle Altar Servers**

Weekday a.m. – Kylie Hoeller Rademan & Gavin Holterman  
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ethan & Noah Luebbering,  
Cale Luebbert

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Madi Buschjost, Erika Luebbering,  
Dorothy Lackman, Isaac Rackers

**Christmas Eve 5:00 p.m.** – Lane & Kenzie Libbert,  
Cameron & Chesney Luebbering, Grace Boessen, Abigail  
Verslues, Ava Morris, Henry Buschjost, Owen Schellman

**Midnight Mass** – Ben & Emma Luebbering, Mason & Klint  
Luebbering, Isaac Prenger

**Christmas 10:00 a.m.** – Luke Schroeder, Molly Suthoff,  
Austin & Brie Heckman

### **St. Thomas Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** **December 23-24**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Carolyn Loethen, Mark & Barb Graessle  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Janet Lueckenhoff, Linda Lueckenhoff,  
Glenn Prenger

**Christmas Eve 5:00 p.m.** – Mark & Barb Graessle, Mike &  
Sheri Wieberg

**Midnight Mass** – Emily Luebbering, Gilbert & Hermina  
Strope

**Christmas Day 10:00 a.m.** – Linda Lueckenhoff, Millie  
Wieberg, Lillian Lackman

### **St. Thomas Greeters/Ushers**

*\*please ring tower bells 10 minutes before weekend Masses*

### **December 23-24**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Richard Schellman & Fred Luebbering  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Tom Backes & Alan Cortvrient

**Christmas Eve 5:00 p.m.** – Isaac Rackers, Doug Stockman,  
Richard Heckemeyer

**Midnight Mass** – Keith Kliethermes, Mark Boessen, &  
Glenn Prenger

**Christmas Day 10:00 a.m.** – Eric & Keith Boessen

### **St. Thomas Presentation of Gifts at Mass**

### **December 23-24**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark & Barb Graessle

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Larry & Linda Lueckenhoff

**Christmas Eve 5:00 p.m.** – Bryan & Renee Braun Family

**Midnight Mass** – Gilbert & Hermina Strope

**Christmas Day 10:00 a.m.** – Scott & Tracy Suthoff Family

### **St. Thomas Collection Counters**

December 23-24 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes

December 30-31 – Jennifer Schroeder & Stephanie Cortvrient

January 6-7 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman

### **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 5:40 a.m. – No Rosary

Saturday 4:40 p.m. – Marilyn Herigon – Joyful

Sunday 9:40 a.m. – Pat Loethen - Joyful

**SCRIP: December 23-24** Saturday – Kerry Meyer Sunday – Melissa Verslues

Visit [www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip](http://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. **Please remember to purchase Scrip cards for all your holiday shopping gift giving needs! A large variety of cards in various denominations are in stock and available for purchase.**

### **SNACKS FOR ST. THOMAS QUILTERS:**

Thursday, December 21 – Lucy Suthoff & Lynn Taggart. 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 **Colin Andrew Libbert**, son of Wesley and Lori Libbert, baptized this weekend at St. Thomas.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH REGISTRATION:** Are you new to the parish? Have you moved, changed your phone number or email address? Please keep your parish information current by filling out a Parish Registration form, located at the church entrances, on the parish website (under the Resources link), or by contacting Jenny Becker. Students away at college should be listed under their family, but young adults living on their own or married, are encouraged to register separately. Thank you for your assistance in this important matter.

**2017 CHRISTMAS/SEMINARY ASSESSMENT:** Our assessment for Seminarian Formation & Priest Retirement is – **\$1,028.00** for St. Cecilia & **\$3,736.00** for St. Thomas the Apostle Parish. Please support the formation and education of our diocese's future priests.

### **NOTES OF THANKS**

**ST. CECILIA PARISH MEMBERS:** I want to send a personal message of thanks to all members of the St. Cecilia Parish for your time, patience and understanding as we work to develop and finalize the Church directory. I truly appreciate all the input and support for the directory and the committee working to make this book a success. Thank you to all the individuals that participated in the group photos Sunday, December 10. Again, your patience and thoughtfulness made the photo sessions run smoothly and without flaw. **God Bless, Joanne Schroeder**

Thank You! Thank you to all who donated to our March for Life Bake Sale in November! We greatly appreciate your support. We ask for continued prayers as we prepare for our pilgrimage to Washington D.C. in January. God Bless!

**St. Thomas the Apostle March for Life Students**

### **St. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

### **December 23-24**

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Brenda Wansing, Doris Stumpe,  
Jennifer Even

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

**Christmas Eve 7:00 p.m.** – Lou Kloeppe, Betty Hagenhoff,  
Jennifer Even

### **St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers**

### **December 23-24**

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

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic Plassmeyer, Larry Lueckenotto,  
Harold Libbert, Anton Libbert

**Christmas Eve 7:00 p.m.** – Lou Kloeppe, Mitch & Brendan  
Stumpe, Darin Even

### **Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia**

Wednesday 6:10 p.m. – Florentine Hagenhoff – Glorious

Saturday 6:40 p.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer – Joyful

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

**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.

**Sin has a penalty.**

**Redemption has a price.**

**The Savior came to settle the account  
that we might be forgiven.**

**Come Lord, Jesus!**

**RORATE MASS – FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22:** There is an ancient custom during the season of Advent to celebrate Mass in the early morning before sunrise in anticipation of the coming of the Light of the World at Christmas. Mass will be offered by candlelight at St. Thomas the Apostle at **6:00 a.m.** on **Friday, December 22.** Hospitality will be offered in the Vitae House following the Rorate Mass.

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:**

Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, **December 24 at 5:00 p.m. & Midnight** at St. Thomas the Apostle  
Sunday, **December 24 at 7:00 p.m.** at St. Cecilia &  
Monday, **December 25 at 10:00 a.m.** at St. Thomas the Apostle

\*Kindly note that the weekend Mass schedule for December 23-24 (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent) will remain as usual.

**MARY, MOTHER OF GOD MASS SCHEDULE:**

Mass will be celebrated on Monday, **January 1 at 9:00 a.m.** at St. Thomas the Apostle &  
Monday, **January 1 at 5:00 p.m.** at St. Cecilia

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHES' CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES:** The Confirmation candidates named below have signed and returned their *Candidate Commitment Form* which, among other things, indicates that they promise to attend and participate in the Confirmation preparation sessions with an open mind and heart, will attend Mass every Sunday and on Holy Days of obligation, will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Confirmation, will commit to daily prayer, especially for growth in faith, hope and charity and will accept more responsibility in their families, parish and community:  
Haylee Bax, Brooke Boessen, Drew Boessen, Emma Boessen, Kya Boessen, Cole Brenneke, Caleb Buechter, Jonathan Buschjost, William Derkum, Mason Francis, Teagan Humphrey, Ashlyn Kroll, Claire Luebbering, Isaac Prenger, Brayden Schaben, Kaleb Schaben, Emily Schell, Jeremy Stockman, Nolan Suthoff, Adam Veltrop, Nicholas Wankum, Brianna Wieberg.

**CONFIRMATION PREPARATION** will be on Wednesday, December 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the **St. Cecilia Parish Center.**

**ST. CECILIA RELIGION CLASSES – CAROLING, COOKIES & CHRISTMAS CHEER:** Inviting all parents, parishioners, and others to join the St. Cecilia religion students for caroling, cookies, and Christmas cheer on Wednesday, December 20. The plan is to sing carols as Mass is letting out, share a song or two with those getting a head start on preparing the Church for Christmas and (weather and time permitting) circle a block or two while singing. The group will start caroling at 7:00 p.m. and go for about 30 minutes. They will finish up at the parish center with cookies and drinks and their class Christmas celebrations. Anyone wishing to join in the festivities, please meet in the upper floor entry of the parish center by 7:00 p.m. Please contact Jennifer Even with any questions at 573-680-6945 or [evenfamily6@att.net](mailto:evenfamily6@att.net) Merry Christmas!

**FOOD DRIVE:** The St. Thomas / Meta Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a food drive beginning this week through December 17. The food collected will be delivered to the Helping Hands of Central Missouri Food Pantry located near St. Elizabeth in Miller County. Food collection boxes are located in the entrances of St. Thomas the Apostle & St. Cecilia Churches. As we approach the winter season, please take this opportunity to help those in need. Thank you!

**COAT DRIVE:** The St. Thomas / Meta Knights of Columbus are collecting kids, women's & men's (all sizes) in the entrances of both Churches until Dec. 24 and after Christmas until January 21. Any questions, please contact MaryPat Luebbering at 573-477-3476.

**PENANCES SERVICES AROUND THE AREA DURING ADVENT:** All begin at 7:00 p.m..

December 18 St. Thomas the Apostle, St. Thomas  
December 19 St. Joseph, Westphalia

December 20 Mary, Help of Christians, Frankenstein  
December 21 St. George, Linn

**DIOCESAN CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL:** We're nearing the end of this year's Catholic Stewardship Appeal. For all those who have chosen to join their diocesan brothers and sisters by making a commitment to this year's campaign, we thank you very much. Opportunities will continue to be available to those who have not yet made a pledge. If you no longer have a pledge card, look for a CSA envelope in church at the end of the pew, or in the back of church—or go online to [www.diojeffcity.org](http://www.diojeffcity.org). Any gift you can make will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your generosity!

**CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP GOALS for 2017 are:**

St. Cecilia Parish: **\$2,500.** So far \$1,220 (49%) has been contributed.

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish: **\$8,000.** So far \$6,256 (79%) has been contributed.

**CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS CHOIR:** There will be practice for the Midnight Mass Choir on Sunday, December 17 at 8:00 a.m. and Thursday, December 21 at 7:00 p.m. in Church. Anyone is welcome to join us.

**SEND SOME CHRISTMAS JOY:** You are encouraged to remember our parishioners who are living in nursing home, retirement centers and in residences elsewhere with a Christmas card or note. Please find below those who would love to hear from you. Teresa Kaiser, Jefferson City Nursing & Rehabilitation, 1221 Southgate Lane, Jefferson City, MO 65101  
Ginny Libbert, 1030 Edmonds St., Jefferson City, MO 65109

**ST. CECILIA COMBINED PARISH PARISH COUNCIL & FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING:** 7:15 p.m. Wednesday, January 3 at the rectory.

**ST. THOMAS SCHOOL & PSR DROP OFF & PICK UP:** For the safety of our children, please remember to **ENTER** from **PARK STREET** and **EXIT** from the **Church parking lot onto Highway B.** This will keep our children safe and the traffic flowing smoothly.



**ST. THOMAS SCHOOL & PRESCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGES** are available for your information and browsing via a link at the school website's homepage: [www.stthomasapostleschool.net](http://www.stthomasapostleschool.net)

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS**

December 20 – K-8 caroling at Mid-America Bank, Bowling Party

December 21 – Early Release 1:20- car riders, 1:30 bus riders. End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter.

December 22 – January 3 - No School

January 4 – School resumes

Looking ahead to Catholic Schools Week, which is January 31-February 3, a lot of activities are being planned. We are asking for any donations which can be used for the Bingo prizes on our VIP day. More information to follow at a later date. Any donations can be turned into the school office. Thanks!

**BOX TOPS:** Box Tops for Education, Coke Points & Best Choice Labels. Please drop them by the St. Thomas School office.

**COPY PAPER:** Please drop off clean on one side and staple free paper at school or call the St. Thomas School office.

**RECOGNIZING OUR COLLEGE GRADUATES** in the bulletin. If you are a college or technical school graduate this semester, please let us know by emailing or calling the school at 573-477-3322 or the Parish Office on Tuesday morning or on Wednesday from 8:30-5:30 p.m. at 573-477-3315. The names will be published in the December 23-24 bulletin.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PRAYER LINE REQUESTS** should be emailed to Jenny Becker at [jbeckeroffice@gmail.com](mailto:jbeckeroffice@gmail.com) or by calling (573) 690-0642. The Prayer Line exists to communicate prayer intentions for those in need of healing.

**PRESCRIPTION DRUG DISPOSAL KITS:** If you have old medication that needs to be disposed of safely (and kept out of the environment), please stop by the St. Thomas School Office to pick up a disposal kit. These kits have been made available free from the Cole County Sheriff's Department.

**SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO MID-AMERICA BANK:** Santa Claus is coming to Mid America Bank just in time for Christmas! Santa's sleigh will be landing at the Wardsville branch on Thursday, December 21 from 12:30 – 3:30 p.m. All parents and grandparents are invited to bring their children or grandchildren to visit Santa in the Wardsville Branch lobby. For more information, please call 573-635-0019.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE FISH FRY:** Friday, January 12.

### **PARISH VITALITY PRAYER**

Eternal God, Father most holy, whose Son established the Church, promising that the power of evil would never prevail against her, stir up our faith and bolster our perseverance, that our faith may vitalize our parishes and our perseverance maintain our outreach. You have taught us that dying to self and obedience to the Church are essential to holiness, peace and unity. Preserve our unity as one Diocesan Church, and may the spouse of the Holy Spirit, the Immaculate Heart of Mary, protect us with her mantle and intercede for us with her prayer. Through Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

### **St. Thomas the Apostle PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES - November 28, 2017**

*PPC Goal: Develop a more inclusive sense of community in our Parish by encouraging the growth of our relationships with each other and with God.*

**Members present:** Fr. Secrist, Alan Reinkemeyer, Mike Groner, Paul Becker, Jason Buschjost, Norbert Veit, Simon Strope, Jan Carter, Marshall Boessen, Steve Schellman, & Theresa Veit

**Absent:** Eileen Volmert, Mark Luebbering, and Leroy Heckemeyer

Father led the Parish Pastoral Council in prayer.

#### **Principal's Report (Leroy Heckemeyer):**

- The current student enrollment is 93 students, which is up 5 from our September meeting.
- We have a large wooden cross that was installed at the end of the main hall. We moved Mary out there as well, so when you walk into the hall they are both very noticeable.
- Our teachers attended a bullying workshop put on by Jodee Blanco on Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. at St. Stanislaus School. Then our kids went there on Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> in the morning for their bullying assembly. We transported the students by bus. Then in the evening there was a parent/family seminar at 7:00 p.m. The information that was available at the different assemblies was very valuable. This was all made possible from our education partner – Mid America Bank and Brian Berhorst and with the assistance from the St. Thomas Home & School Association. We want to say thank you to these organizations for making this all possible.
- October 18<sup>th</sup> was the Trail Mix Sale and it raised a little over \$400.00 for the STUCO Adopt-a- Family program from the Samaritan Center. This money will be used for the chosen family's Christmas presents. Thanks to all the students and parents who donated items for the sale and for all the purchases. The family will have a very nice Christmas due to everyone's kind generosity!!
- There was a field trip for K-4 on Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> to Runge Nature Center and Fischer Farms Pumpkin Patch. We had several parents who attended with the kids and it was a very nice field trip!
- Red Ribbon Week was held on November 7-10.
- TEAM training for our 8<sup>th</sup> graders was held on Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. The students enjoyed the training!
- November 16<sup>th</sup> was the Shakespeare's Pizza delivery. Home & School made a profit on the pizza sales of \$6,529.00, they made a profit of \$2,693.50 on the selling of the mums and WCU will make a match of \$500.00 to Home & School on the pizza sales. The grand total is \$9,722.50!!! Great job to everyone on the fundraisers!!
- American Red Cross Blood drive assembly for K-8 was held on Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup>.
- November 29 – Helias Catholic High School visit for grades 7 & 8.
- December 14 – Advent Program @ 7:00 p.m.
- December 20 – Bowling party for grades K-8 at Capital City Bowl from 10-12:00. We will first stop at Mid America Bank to sing some Christmas Carols.
- December 21 – End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter/Early release
- December 22 – January 3<sup>rd</sup> – Christmas Vacation
- January 4 – School Resumes

#### **Worship Committee Report:**

- Parish Mission was discussed

#### **Christian Education Report:**

- Confirmation will be on May 10, 2018 at St. Thomas the Apostle

#### **Social Concerns Report:**

- Parish Contact List
- o Welcome Committee for the parish
- o Registration Forms and reminder in bulletin to update contact information.

#### **Administration Report:**

- New furnace and AC unit in Vitae House. Former unit was 36 years old and was not approved for operation after annual inspection.

#### **Old Business:**

- o Highway B and Sidewalk Project: New steps and sidewalks completed.
- o Sesquicentennial Update: Next meeting Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup>.
- o Fall Fantasy Recap.
- o Repairs on the stained glass window frames will be next spring – this is all under warranty.

#### **New Business:**

- o Diocesan Pastoral Planning/Parish Vitality Discussion; benchmarks for parish vitality were discussed
- o Church Sanctuary flooring: proposed to replace sanctuary carpet with hardwood.
- o Fish Fry Planning: Friday night, January 12, 2018
- o Pfeffer Pipe Organ historical listing – on the cover of *The Tracker* magazine, official publication of the Organ Historical Society.
- o Catholic Schools Week Spaghetti Dinner: January 27, 2018  
The next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 30, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Vitae House.  
The meeting was adjourned and Father ended with a prayer.