

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

St. Cecilia
in Meta

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St. Thomas, MO 65076

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 2, 2018

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Mrs. Jenny Becker
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lheckemeyer@embarqmail.com
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dorisstumpe@att.net

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 1-9:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – L&D Stanley Brand
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Robert Wieberg
Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Martina Goeller
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – William & Rufina Boessen
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Rosalyn Wankum
Friday 7:45 a.m. – Jerome & Dot Buschjost
Anointing of the Sick following Mass

Friday 6:00 p.m. – Vic & Rita Otto
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Joe & Teresa Kaiser
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – People of our Parishes

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2018-2019: \$305,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End: \$127,085.00
Actual Collection for 2018-2019: **\$112,681.02**
Offertory Difference Year to Date: – \$ 14,403.98
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

November 4 \$ 3,861.25
November 11 \$ 1,960.00
November 18 \$ 4,678.00
November 25 \$ 2,589.00

Collection Online: \$ 5,502.00
November total to date: **\$18,590.25**
Difference for November: – \$ 6,826.75

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): **\$11,770.00**
Loan payments to date for FY 2018-2019: **\$46,138.70**
(Principal) \$40,693.07 (Interest) \$5,445.63
Parish Building Expansion Debt remaining: **\$268,472.16**

St. Thomas the Apostle Cantor / Organist

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mary Kay Brand / Annette Kehner
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Lisa Wieberg / Annette Kehner

St. Thomas the Apostle Reader

Friday, December 7, 6:00 p.m. – Donna Luebbering
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Amanda Wooten
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Larry Lueckenhoff

St. Thomas the Apostle Altar Servers

Weekday – Henry Fine & Will Otto
Friday, December 7, 6:00 p.m. – Kenadi & Jackson Braun,
Belle & Grace Boessen
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Cameron & Chesney, Courtney
Luebbering
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Emma Luebbering,
Mason & Klint Luebbering, Luke Schroeder

St. Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of December 1-9:

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Vince & Brad Reinkemeyer
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – People of our Parishes
Adoration & Confessions before 6:30 p.m. Mass
Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Fred Hagenhoff

Saturday 9:00 a.m. – Rita Schuttenburg
Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Josephine Werdehausen
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Lionel, Arharta, Bonnie & Sandy Libbert

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2018-2019: \$62,000.00
Collection Total for 2018-2019: **\$25,151.70**
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,166.67

Collection in Church:

November 4 \$ 1,414.00
November 11 \$ 1,369.00
November 18 \$ 2,241.00
November 25 \$ 1,364.40
November total to date: **\$ 6,288.40**
Difference for November: +\$ 1,121.73

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

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

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

St. Cecilia Reader

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Dorothy Rehagen
Saturday 9:00 a.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer
Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Jennifer Even
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Janice Schanzmeyer

St. Cecilia Altar Servers

Saturday 9:00 a.m. – servers needed
Saturday 7:00 p.m. – servers needed
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Nicholas & Shelby Wankum,
Ava & Saige Werdehausen

**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

December 7, 6:00 p.m. – Mark & Barb Graessle, Betty Schellman

December 8-9

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Carolyn Loethen, Lora Boessen, Mark Luebbering

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Rosalyn Wieberg, Richard & Jan Heckemeyer

December 15-16

Saturday, 5:00 p.m. – Keith Kliethermes, Pat Kaiser, Marshall Boessen

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Emily Luebbering, Janet Lueckenhoff, Linda Lueckenhoff

St. Thomas Greeters/Ushers

December 7, 6:00 p.m. – Carolyn Loethen & Mark Boessen

December 8-9

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Dave Luebbering & Steve Schellman

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Larry Lueckenhoff & Art Groner

December 15-16

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Gilbert Schellman & Richard Schellman

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Eric & Keith Boessen

St. Thomas Presentation of Gifts at Mass

December 7, 6:00 p.m. – Mark & Lora Boessen Family

December 8-9

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Alfred & Margie Kaiser

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Doug & Tina Stockman Family

December 15-16

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark & Lauri Luebbering

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Corey & Susan Wood Family

St. Thomas Collection Counters

December 8-9 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman

December 15-16 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg

December 22-23 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes

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. – Bob Schellman – Sorrowful

Saturday 4:40 p.m. – Barb Graessle – Joyful

Sunday 9:40 a.m. – Gilbert & Hermina Strobe – Joyful

SNACKS FOR QUILTERS:

Thursday, December 6 – June Groner & Debbie Groner Thursday, December 13 – Jan Heckemeyer & Joann Heckman

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.

BISHOP MCKNIGHT'S DECEMBER PRAYER INTENTION: “For the blessing of family life; that as a community we may safeguard this basic cell of society in public policy, and as a Church we may support those struggling to provide a home filled with faith, hope and love.”

A NOTE OF THANKS

The Faith, Hope and Family/Buschjost Relay Team would like to thank everyone that came out to support our annual Fall Quick Pik. Our team was able to raise over \$1300. Thank you for taking time out of the day to support us. We will be back next year.... See ya then.



CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL: The Catholic Stewardship Appeal continues in St. Cecilia & St. Thomas Parishes. For each one of you who chose to give back gratefully to God through a contribution to the CSA, we are deeply appreciative. Catholics are a community of faith, and you recognize that members of any community, particularly the Body of Christ, have responsibility to each other. For those who have not joined your fellow Catholics in support of the CSA, we urge you to pray about it. It is not too late and no gift is too small. If you misplaced your letter from Bishop McKnight, please look for a CSA envelope at the entrances of church. You can also make a pledge by going online to diojeffcity.org and clicking the “Giving” button. **Let's try to meet our goals this year!**

The CSA goal for St. Thomas the Apostle Parish is \$8,000. **\$7,130.00 (89% of goal)** has been received from 38 donors. The CSA goal for St. Cecilia Parish is: \$2,500. **\$1,201.00 (48% of goal)** has been received from 11 donors

PRAYING A ROSARY FOR OUR COUNTRY will be prayed on Tuesday, December 4 at 5:00 p.m. at St. Thomas Church.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION:

St. Thomas the Apostle
Friday, December 7, 6:00 p.m.

St. Cecilia
Saturday, December 8, 9:00 a.m.

ADVENT REFLECTION BOOKLETS: *Magnificat Advent Companion* booklets with daily reflections are available for you at the entrances to Church to assist your daily prayer throughout the coming season of Advent.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION: Please for our younger parishioners who will be making their First Confessions during this season of Advent. First Confessions will be December 19 on 7:00 p.m. at St. Cecilia Parish & at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 12 at St. Thomas the Apostle.

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.

St. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

December 8, 9:00 a.m. – Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer, Janice Schanzmeyer

December 8-9

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

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

December 15-16

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Dorothy Rehagen, Bonnie Kampeter, Lou Kloeppe

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

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

December 8, 9:00 a.m. – Leon Schanzmeyer, Kenny Otto, Harold Libbert, Anton Libbert

December 8-9

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

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Terry Libbert, Tony Derkum, Leon Schanzmeyer, Kenny Otto

December 15-16

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

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

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

Saturday 8:40 a.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer – Joyful

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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.

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. CECILIA CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: If you want to remember your loved ones during the Christmas season, you may make a monetary donation with their names (CLEARLY PRINTED) in an envelope marked "ST. CECILIA FLOWER DONATION". Please place the flower donations in the collection basket between now & December 16. The names will be remembered & published in the December 23 bulletin.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: Those wishing to make a monetary donation toward the Christmas flowers and decorations at St. Thomas are asked to place their donation, along with names (CLEARLY PRINTED) of those to be remembered in the envelope provided in the December packet. Please place the donations in the collection basket between now and December 16. The names will be remembered & published in the December 23 bulletin.

FIRST FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7 AT ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH:

7:45 a.m. Mass. Anointing of the Sick will be offered after Mass to those who are in need of the Sacrament. Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament in church throughout the day. Come and spend some quiet time with Our Lord. Confessions offered at 4:30-5:45 p.m. Benediction at 6:00 p.m., immediately preceding the Vigil Mass for the Immaculate Conception.

FIRST FRIDAY HOSPITALITY AT ST. THOMAS: Please join us for coffee, donuts and other hospitality in the Vitae House after Mass on Friday, December 7.

SEND SOME CHRISTMAS JOY: In your charity, remember our parishioners who are residing in nursing homes, retirement centers and in residences elsewhere with a Christmas card or note.

Rose Mary Buschjost, 1899 Highway 63, Westphalia, MO 65085
Ray Groner, Oak Tree Villa 3108 West Truman Blvd. Jefferson City, MO 65109
Ginny Libbert, 1030 Edmonds St., Jefferson City, MO
Gerry & Patsy Luebbering, 1248 Duane Swift Parkway, Jefferson City, MO 65101
Marie & Delphine Luebbering, 12813 Rt. B, St. Thomas, MO 65076
Margie Luebbert, 1899 Highway 63, Westphalia, MO 65085

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL & PSR DROP OFF & PICK UP REMINDERS: For the safety of all of our children, please remember to **ENTER FROM PARK STREET** and **EXIT FROM THE CHURCH** parking lot onto Highway B. This keeps our children safe and the traffic flowing smoothly.

SCRIP: December 8-9 - Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Lindsay Luebbering Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Melissa Verslues
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. **Please remember to purchase Scrip Cards for your holiday shopping gift giving needs!** A large variety of cards in various denominations are in stock and available for purchase.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PRE-SCHOOL: 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.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS:

Friday, December 7 – First Friday, Adoration & Confessions 3-8 grades
Wednesday, December 12 – 2nd Grade First Reconciliation 7:30 p.m.
Monday, December 17 – Christmas Caroling at Mid America Bank & Bowling Party 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
Thursday, December 20 – Advent Program "Waiting for the King" Dress Rehearsal 10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. program
Friday, December 21 – Early Release 1:00 p.m., No EDP

"IN PREPARATION & EXPECTATION" - JOSHUA COBLE IN CONCERT: An Advent recital for solo pipe organ will be performed by Dr. Joshua Coble at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 2 at St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES IN THE AREA



7:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 4 – St. Aloysius, Argyle
7:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 5 – St. George, Linn
7:00 p.m. Thursday, December 6 – St. Joseph, Westphalia
6:00 p.m. Sunday, December 9 – St. Cecilia, Meta
7:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 11 – Holy Family, Freeburg
7:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 11 – St. Louis of France, Bonnots Mill
7:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 12 – Our Lady Help of Christians, Frankenstein
7:00 p.m. Thursday, December 13 – Immaculate Conception, Loose Creek
6:30 p.m. Sunday, December 16 – St. Stanislaus, Wardsville
7:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 18 – St. Thomas the Apostle, St. Thomas

RORATE MASS: There is an ancient custom during the season of Advent to celebrate Mass in the early morning before sunrise in anticipation the coming of the light of the World at Christmas. Mass will be offered by candlelight at St. Thomas the Apostle Church at **6:00 a.m. on Friday, December 21**. Hospitality will be offered in the Vitae House following the Rorate Mass.

CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS CHOIR: We will have choir practice for Christmas Midnight Mass on Monday, December 17 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 23 at 8:00 a.m. in church. Call Jackie at 477-3558 if you have any questions. Anyone is welcome to join us for the practices.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:

St. Thomas the Apostle
December 24, 5:00 p.m. & Midnight
December 25, 10:00 a.m.

St. Cecilia
December 24, 7:00 p.m.

COLE COUNTY PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT NO. 5: Candidates interested in running for a three year term on the Board of Directors must notify the District by 5:00 p.m., January 15, 2019 to be included on the April 2, 2019 election ballot. Please notify Sheri Wieberg at 573-477-3497 if interested. (You must reside within the district one whole year before the election and be at least 25 years of age to hold a seat on the Board.)

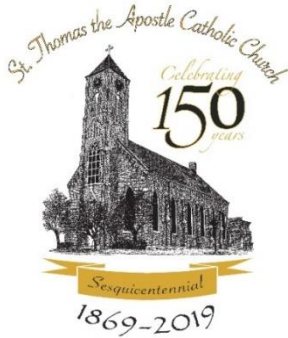
RETROUVAILLE is a weekend retreat, is for couples with marital problems seeking help. Those who are considering marriage separation and those who are already separated or divorced are encouraged to consider the Retrouvaille program. There is always hope of reviving your relationship. The next weekend is available in Kansas City January 25-27. You can find more information online at www.helpourmarriage.org.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH FALL SUPPER, FREEBURG is Sunday, December 2, serving fried chicken & sausage dinners from 11:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Adults \$12.00, children \$6.00 (6-12). Carry-outs available.

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 8:30-5:00 p.m. at 573-477-3315. The names will be published in the December 23 bulletin.

FOOD DRIVE: The St. Thomas / Meta Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a food drive beginning this week through December 16. 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!

OSAGE COUNTY SUICIDE AWARENESS GROUP will meet on November 27, December 4, 11 & 18, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. in the Osage County Community Center, Linn. Join us for this 4 week series for those who have suffered loss & sadness often magnified by the holidays. We will provide light refreshments and a safe place to find confidential support. For more information, please call the Osage County Health Department, 573-897-3103.



St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Sesquicentennial



HISTORY BOOK ORDER FORM



St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in St. Thomas, Missouri is pleased to announce the publication of a new history book celebrating the long history of Catholic faith, hard work and rural living of this community. A hardbound book of more than 500 pages will be published by Walsworth Publishing Company in time for the Parish Sesquicentennial Celebration on June 29, 2019. This keepsake book is now able to be pre-ordered for the special price of **\$45** before December 31, 2018. After that date, the price will be **\$50** per book. We hope you will want to own your own copy of this carefully researched and lovingly written commemorative book which is filled with hundreds of photos, parish history, military service, and family stories of past and present parishioners.

Books will be available for pick up at the Parish Office beginning in July 2019. (Kindly call 573-477-3315 to check Parish Office hours.) History books will be also be available at the Parish Picnic on August 18, 2019, at the Sesquicentennial Homecoming Event on October 6, 2019, or they can be shipped to you for \$10 per book.

_____ Copies at \$45.00 each: \$ _____ (if ordered by December 31, 2018)

_____ Copies at \$50.00 each: \$ _____ (if ordered after December 31, 2018)

_____ Shipping and handling: \$ _____ (add \$10.00 per book if wanting a book mailed to you)

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

Contact/shipping information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Please make checks payable to:
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