

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

St. Cecilia
in Meta

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THE HOLY FAMILY JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH
DECEMBER 30, 2018

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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

St. Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of December 29-January 6:

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Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Vic & Rita Otto
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – L&D Jerome Luebbering, Louis A. Benne Family
Monday (New Year's Eve) 6:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Hugo & Rosaline Bisges
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – People of our Parishes

Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – *No Mass*
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – L&D William & Rose Schmidt Family
Friday 7:45 a.m. – L&D Frank & Frances Lueckenhoff Family
Anointing of the Sick following Mass

Tuesday (New Year's Day) 9:00 a.m. – Hubert Brune
Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – *No Mass*

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Dorothy Hulsey

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Jason Hake
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Urban Voss

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2018-2019: \$305,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End: \$152,502.00
Actual Collection for 2018-2019: **\$139,076.62**
Offertory Difference Year to Date: – \$ 13,425.38
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2018-2019: \$62,000.00
Collection Total for 2018-2019: **\$32,972.22**
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,166.67

Collection in Church:

December 2 \$ 6,428.00
December 9 \$ 5,079.00
December 16 \$ 5,765.35
December 23 \$ 3,421.25
December 30 \$

Collection in Church:

December 2 \$1,101.12
December 9 \$1,090.00
December 16 \$1,186.00
December 23 \$ 838.00
December 30 \$
December total to date: \$4,215.12
Difference for December: - \$ 951.55

Collection Online: \$ 5,702.00
December total to date: \$26,395.60
Difference for December: + \$ 978.60

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): **\$15,409.00**
Loan payments to date for FY 2018-2019: **\$55,366.44**
(Principal) \$49,076.78 (Interest) \$6,289.66
Parish Building Expansion Debt remaining: **\$260,088.45**

St. Thomas the Apostle Cantor / Organist

New Year's Eve 6:00 p.m. – Jean Kliethermes / Annette Kehner
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kerry Meyer / Jackie Prenger
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Choir / Annette Kehner

St. Thomas the Apostle Reader

New Year's Eve 6:00 p.m. – Alan Reinkemeyer
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Carolyn Loethen
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Bill Luebbering

St. Thomas the Apostle Altar Servers

New Year's Eve 6:00 p.m. – Cameron & Chesney Luebbering, Courtney Luebbering
Weekday – Thurs. & Friday - Elizabeth Meyer & Brie Heckman
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ethan & Noah Luebbering, Cale Luebbert
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Grace & Belle Boessen, Molly Suthoff, Henry Buschjost

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

January – Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer
PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR PARISH IN YOUR LAST WILL & TESTAMENT.

St. Cecilia Reader

New Year's Day – 9:00 a.m. – Dorothy Rehagen
Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Jennifer Even
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Don Wansing

St. Cecilia Altar Servers

New Year's Day – 9:00 a.m. - Shelby Wankum, Ava & Saige Werdehausen
Saturday 7:00 p.m. – *servers needed*
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – 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

New Year's Eve 6:00 p.m. - Mike & Trish Green, Betty Schellman

January 5-6

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

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Bill & Betty Jo Luebbering,

Lynne Reinkemeyer

January 12-13

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

Pat Kaiser

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jan Carter, Mattheuw Prenger,

Keith Kliethermes

St. Thomas Greeters/Ushers

New Year's Eve 6:00 p.m. – Mike Groner & Fred Luebbering

January 5-6

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

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Alan Reinkemeyer & Doug Stockman

January 12-13

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

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – TJ Loethen & Mattheuw Prenger

St. Thomas Presentation of Gifts at Mass

New Year's Eve 6:00 p.m. – Gilbert & Hermina Strope

January 5-6

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Rebecca & Robyn Schroeder

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – TJ, Alex & Andrew Loethen

January 12-13

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

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

St. Thomas Collection Counters

January 5-6 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman

January 12-13 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg

January 19-20 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas

New Year's 5:40 p.m. – Barb Graessle – Joyful

Thursday 7:25 a.m. – Viola Boessen – Luminous

Friday 7:25 a.m. – Gilbert & Hermina Strope – Sorrowful

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

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

MASSES FOR MARY, MOTHER OF GOD MASS:

St. Thomas the Apostle

Monday, December 31, 6:00 p.m.

St. Cecilia

Tuesday, January 1, 9:00 a.m.



CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL: 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.

The CSA goal for St. Thomas the Apostle Parish is \$8,000. **\$8,075 (Congratulations we surpassed our goal!)** has been received from 43 donors.

The CSA goal for St. Cecilia Parish is: \$2,500. **\$1,301.00 (52% of goal)** has been received from 12 donors

2018 CHRISTMAS/SEMINARY ASSESSMENT: Our assessment for Seminarian Formation & Priest Retirement is \$758.00 for St. Cecilia & \$2,422.00 for St. Thomas the Apostle Parish. Please support the formation and education of our diocese's future priests.

BISHOP MCKNIGHT'S JANUARY PRAYER INTENTION: "For the gift of peace within families, our community and the world: that violence shall cease and the destruction of human life from conception until natural death will be no more."

ADDITIONAL CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATION received this week: Larry Rehagen

PARISH STATS FOR 2018 As we come to the end of the Year of Our Lord, 2018, these are the numbers for our parishes:

St. Thomas the Apostle

10 Baptisms

13 First Holy Communions

22 Confirmations

296 Masses

5 Marriages

5 Funerals

St. Cecilia

1 Baptism

3 First Holy Communions

150 Masses

2 Marriages

4 Funerals

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, FRIDAY, JANUARY 4 AT ST. THOMAS: Anointing of the Sick will be offered after the 7:45 a.m. Mass to those in need of the Sacrament, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Church throughout the day. Confessions 4:30-5:50 p.m., Litany of the Sacred Heart, followed by Benediction 6:00 p.m.

FIRST FRIDAY HOSPITALITY AT ST. THOMAS: Please join us for coffee, donuts and other hospitality in the Vitae House after Mass on Friday, January 4.

PRAYING A ROSARY FOR OUR COUNTRY will be prayed on Friday, January 4 at 5:00 p.m. in St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

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. 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.

SCRIP: **January 5-6** - 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. 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.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK is January 27-February 2 a lot of activities are being planned. We are also asking for any donations which can be used for Bingo Prizes on our VIP day Friday, February 1. Thanks in advance for helping out with the prizes for the Bingo games. There will be more information to follow at a later date.

BOX TOPS: Box Tops for Education, Coke Points & Best Choice Labels. Please drop them by the St. Thomas School Office or in the boxes in the entrances of St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

COPY PAPER: Please drop off clean on one side and staple free paper at school or call the St. Thomas the Apostle School Office, 573-477-3322.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS:

Thursday, January 3 – School Resumes
Friday, January 4 – First Friday, Adoration, confessions 2-8
Thursday, January 10 – Report Cards go home
Friday, January 11 – C.O.P.E. program for 7th Grade
Saturday, January 12 – Host Basketball games
Monday, January 14- Host Basketball games
January 16-19 – Pro Life March, Washington, D.C.
Sunday, January 20 – K of C Breakfast, portion of proceeds to benefit St. Thomas the Apostle School

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.

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.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH MISSION:

A parish mission will be offered by Msgr. K. Bartholomew Smith from St. Bernadette Parish in Silver Spring, MD **January 12-15, 2019** at St. Thomas the Apostle. Msgr. Smith will preach at all of the weekend Masses on 12-12 January and then give talks on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday evenings (13-15 January) at 7:00 p.m. Mass will be offered on Monday and Tuesday evening (14 & 15 January) at 6:00 p.m. Please plan to attend.

POSSIBLE PARISH TRIP TO CONCEPTION ABBEY: As part of our Sesquicentennial events, would there be interest in a trip to Conception Abbey and Clyde Monastery in March, 2019? Kindly contact Fr. Secrist if you would be interested so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Thanks!

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invites you to take part in a
PARISH MISSION
JANUARY 13-15, 2018

Presented by Msgr. K. Bartholomew Smith



A Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania native who grew up primarily in Alabama, Msgr. K. Bartholomew Smith graduated from Washington & Lee University in Virginia and worked as a surveillance analyst for the National Photographic Interpretation Center before entering the seminary. He completed his studies for the priesthood at St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore and then the Pontifical North American College in Rome, Italy.

After His Ordination for the Archdiocese of Washington in 1998, he served as an associate pastor at St. Bernadette Parish in Silver Spring, Maryland before then serving as priest secretary to Cardinal William W. Baum and completing graduate studies in Rome.

Pope Benedict XVI named him a Chaplain to His Holiness in 2005. Msgr. K. Bartholomew Smith has been Pastor of St. Bernadette Parish in Silver Spring, Maryland for 13 years.

Sunday, January 13

7:00 p.m. Mission Presentation

Monday, January 14

6:00 p.m. Holy Mass in the
Extraordinary Form

7:00 p.m. Mission Presentation

Tuesday, January 15

6:00 p.m. Holy Mass in the
Ordinary Form

7:00 p.m. Mission Presentation

