

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

**St. Cecilia**  
in Meta

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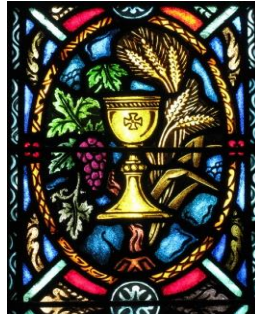
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**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**FEBRUARY 11, 2018**

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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**

**Mass Schedule for the Week of February 11-18:**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Becky Strobe  
Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – *No Mass*  
**Ash Wednesday 7:45 a.m.** – Alan & Germaine Strobe  
**Ash Wednesday 5:00 p.m.** – Joe & Dorothy Luebbering  
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Mary Lou Bax  
*Stations of the Cross immediately following Mass*  
Friday 7:45 a.m. – L&D Herb Volmert Family  
*Stations of the Cross 6:00 p.m.*  
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Alex Heckman  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Joe & Teresa Kaiser

**Your Sunday Offering:**

Offertory Budget for 2017-2018: \$305,000.00  
Offertory Goal through Month End: \$203,336.00  
Actual Collection for 2017-2018: **\$183,809.13**  
Offertory Difference Year to Date: – \$ 19,526.87  
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

**Collection in Church:**

February 4 \$ 4,495.50  
February 11 \$  
February 18 \$  
February 25 \$

**Collection Online:** \$ 5,042.00  
**February total to date:** **\$ 9,537.50**  
Difference for February: – \$15,879.50

**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): **\$18,886.45**  
Loan payments to date for FY 2017-2018: **\$64,594.18**  
(Principal) \$55,208.83 (Interest) \$9,385.35  
Parish Building Expansion Debt remaining: **\$341,513.43**

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

**Wednesday 5:00 p.m.** –Choir / Annette Kehner  
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Amanda Wooten / Annette Kehner  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Kerry Meyer / Annette Kehner

**St. Thomas the Apostle Reader**

**Wednesday 5:00 p.m.** – Jean Kliethermes  
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Carolyn Loethen  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Eugene Luebbering

**St. Thomas the Apostle Altar Servers**

Weekday – Avery Libbert & Kenadi Braun  
**Wednesday 5:00 p.m.** – Owen Schellman, Henry Buschjost  
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ely & Dawson Wieberg, Lilly Schulte  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Emma Luebbering, Kenadi & Jackson Braun, Madi Buschjost

**Saint Cecilia**

**Mass Schedule for the Week of February 11-18:**

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Lawrence "Dick" Rehagen  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Rita Schuttenberg / Larry Stumpe

**Wednesday 7:00 p.m.** – Hubert Brune

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

**Your Sunday Offering:**

Offertory Budget for 2017-2018: \$62,000.00  
Collection Total for 2017-2018: **\$40,378.15**  
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,166.67

**Collection in Church:**

February 4 \$ 1,131.00  
February 11 \$  
February 18 \$  
February 25 \$  
**February total to date:** **\$ 1,131.00**  
Difference for February: – \$ 4,035.67

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

**St. Cecilia Collection Counters**

February – Dale & Margie Helton

**St. Cecilia Reader**

**Wednesday 7:00 p.m.** – Cathy Borgmeyer  
Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Betty Hagenhoff  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Janice Schanzmeyer

**St. Cecilia Altar Servers**

Ash Wednesday 7:00 p.m. – Skyla & Jesse Schroeder  
Saturday 7:00 p.m. – *servers needed*  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Adam & Madalyn Veltrop

*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**

**Ash Wednesday 5:00 p.m.** – Lynne Reinkemeyer

**February 17-18**

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

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

**February 24-25**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mike & Trish Green, Betty Schellman

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Glenn Prenger, Gilbert & Hermina Strope

**St. Thomas Greeters/Ushers**

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

**Ash Wednesday 5:00 p.m.** – Joe Buschjost & Steve Schellman

**February 17-18**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mike Groner & Dave Luebbering

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Alan Cortvrient & Ryan Buschjost

**February 24-25**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Steve Schellman & Mike Green

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

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

**Ash Wednesday 5:00 p.m.** – Ralph & Kathy Graessle

**February 17-18**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mike & Trish Green

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Alan & Lynn Reinkemeyer

**February 24-25**

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

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Al & Jan Carter

**St. Thomas Collection Counters**

February 17-18 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes

February 24-25 – Jennifer Schroeder & Stephanie Cortvrient

March 3-4 – 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 – Sorrowful

**Wednesday 4:40 p.m.** – Barb Graessle – Sorrowful

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

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

Saturday 4:40 p.m. – Dale Herigon – Sorrowful

Sunday 9:40 a.m. – Tina Stockman – Sorrowful

**SCRIP: February 17-18** Saturday – Sarah Luebbert Sunday – April Heckman

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.

**SNACKS FOR ST. THOMAS QUILTERS:**

**Thursday, February 15** – Glenda Werdehausen & Kelly Wieberg **Thursday, February 22** – Jackie Wieberg & Sheri Wieberg  
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 **Brenda Risse**, who was washed with the saving waters of baptism this weekend in St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

**ADULT SERVERS NEEDED** at St. Cecilia Parish. During the past number of months, it appears that other events have been impinging on the schedules of the assigned altar servers at the 7:00 p.m. Saturday Mass. And so lacking available youth, I am asking for adult volunteers to begin assisting at the 7:00 p.m. Vigil Mass. Training for adult servers will be after the 7:00 p.m. Vigil Mass on February 17. Yours in Christ - Fr. Secrist

**BLESSED PALMS:** Palms from previous years can be placed in containers provided near the entrance of church.

**MASSES ON ASH WEDNESDAY** – February 14: **7:45 a.m. & 5:00 p.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish & 7:00 p.m. St. Cecilia Parish.**

**MAGNIFICAT LENTEN COMPANION** booklets are available for you at the entrances of church.

**THE PENITENTIAL SEASON OF LENT** begins on **Ash Wednesday, February 14** (Valentine's Day) this year. On a day typically reserved for chocolates, candies and meals shared with a loved one, Holy Mother Church asks us all to fast, pray and abstain from meat. Take it as an opportunity to pray with each other and grow deeper in a true and abiding love of God.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are the two obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics in the whole year. The norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence from meat. Catholic peoples from time immemorial have set apart Friday for special penitential observance by which they gladly suffer with Christ that they may one day be glorified with Him. This is the heart of the tradition of abstinence from meat on Friday where that tradition has been observed in the Catholic Church.

**OPERATION RICE BOWL:** This Lent, our community will have the opportunity to participate in the Catholic Relief Services Operation Rice Bowl. Operation Rice Bowl is a faith-in-action program that helps us experience Lenten spirituality by living in solidarity with people in need around the world. Proceeds raised will help our less fortunate brothers & sisters in our Diocese and around the world. Be sure to pick up your cardboard Rice Bowl at the entrances to Church

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

**Ash Wednesday 7:00 p.m.** – Brenda Wansing

**February 17-18**

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Bonnie Kampeter, Lou Kloepfel, Brenda Wansing

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Pam Libbert, Gerald & Phyllis Rehagen

**February 24-25**

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

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

**St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers**

**Ash Wednesday 7:00 p.m.** – Mitch & Brendan Stumpe, Harold Libbert, Anton Libbert

**February 17-18**

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

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

**February 24-25**

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

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Tony Derkum, Leon Schanzmeyer, Kenny Otto, Dominic Plassmeyer

**Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia**

**Wednesday 6:40 p.m.** – Florentine Hagenhoff – Sorrowful

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

Sunday 7:40 a.m. – Janice Schanzmeyer – Sorrowful

**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.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be prayed at **8:30 a.m. on Thursdays** (beginning February 15) & **6:00 p.m. on Fridays** (beginning February 16) at St. Thomas the Apostle and at **6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays** (beginning February 21) at St. Cecilia Parish.

**FLU SEASON:** Because of the continuing cases of the flu and other illnesses in the local area, we are refraining from exchanging the Sign of Peace and offering the Precious Blood of Christ at Mass. Thank you for your understanding.

**CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS FOR 2017** are available in alphabetized boxes at the entrances of St. Thomas the Apostle & St. Cecilia Churches. Please pick up your envelope to aid in your tax preparation.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SANCTUARY FLOORING** work will begin Monday, February 19. The carpeting around the altar and on the sanctuary steps will be replaced with hardwood maple flooring. 7:45 a.m. daily Masses beginning Tuesday, February 20 will be celebrated in the main hallway of school.

**CONFIRMATION PREPARATION** will not meet this week because of Ash Wednesday. The next Confirmation preparation will be 7:30 p.m. **Wednesday, February 21** at the St. Cecilia Parish Center.

**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.

**LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES** All Penance Services begin at 7:00 p.m., unless otherwise indicated

<b>February 27</b>	<b>St. Cecilia, Meta</b>	March 13	St. Joseph, Westphalia
March 2	St. Louis, Bonnots Mill	March 14	Sacred Heart, Rich Fountain
March 6	St. Aloysius, Argyle	March 15	Immaculate Conception, Loose Creek
March 8	St. George, Linn	<b>March 20</b>	<b>St. Thomas the Apostle, St. Thomas</b>
March 11	St. Stanislaus, Wardsville (6:30 p.m.)	March 28	Our Lady Help of Christians, Frankstein

**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.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH REGISTRATION:** Are you new to the area? 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.

**PRAYER HOUR WITH MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION** will be held on Tuesday, February 13 at 7:00 p.m. in St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

**THE NEXT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING** is Tuesday, February 13 at 7:30 p.m. A rosary will be prayed at 7:15 p.m. Please read the February newsletter attached to the bulletin. The fish fry work-list is on the back of the fish fry flyer.

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

February 12 – Valentine's Day parties in classrooms

February 14 – Bookmobile

February 16 – Archery Tournament in Parish Center. All are welcome!

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PRESCHOOL:** It's that time of year again: St. Thomas Preschool is busy making plans for the 2018-2019 school year. If you have a preschool age child and have been thinking about Preschool, please contact the school office at (573-477-3322) or Mrs. Kirkweg at [mkirkweg@embarqmail.com](mailto:mkirkweg@embarqmail.com).

**BOX TOPS:** Please send in Box Tops by February 16 for submission.

**2018 ANNOUNCEMENT FOR SOFTBALL & BASEBALL REGISTRATION:** St. Thomas & Meta will be having registration for softball & baseball on the following dates and times. Registration will be held Friday, February 23 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, February 25 from 11:00 a.m. to noon in the St. Thomas School Cafeteria. Boys and girls ages 6-15 are eligible. Registration fees are \$50.00 for first child, \$30.00 for second child, and \$10.00 for third child with a cap of \$90.00 per family. After March 14 there will be a \$10.00 late fee per child. Registration for Fun League will also be held for boys and girls ages 5-6 at this time. If you are unable to make it one of the registration times or have any questions, please contact Amy Luebbering at 573-619-6325 or [raluebbering@embarqmail.com](mailto:raluebbering@embarqmail.com). You may also send questions to [stparkboard@gmail.com](mailto:stparkboard@gmail.com).

**ARGYLE VFW POST 8045 ANNUAL BREAKFAST** is Sunday, February 18, serving sausage, fried eggs, pancakes, morning pastries from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Adults \$8.00, children 6-12 \$4.00. Carry outs available, raffle, Veterans Service Officer.

**ST. ANTHONY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST, ST. ANTHONY PARISH** is Sunday, February 18, serving sausage & ham, biscuits & gravy & scrambled eggs from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Adults \$8.00, children 6-12 \$4.00.

**META CITIZEN'S CIVIC LEAGUE** is sponsoring the February blood drive at the Civic League Hall on Thursday February 22, 2018 3:00-7:00 p.m. Come to donate and receive an American Red Cross T-shirt (while supplies last), along with hamburgers and cookies. If you want to schedule an appointment, call 1-800-733-2767 or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter: CivicLeagueMeta.

**VITAE FOUNDATION 26<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PRO-LIFE EVENT** will be on Monday, March 19, 2018, at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City. The featured speaker is Kirk Cameron, television and film actor. Tickets are \$100 for dinner and \$50 for luncheon (\$75 of dinner and \$25 of luncheon registration is tax-deductible). For reservations, visit [www.VitaeFoundation.org/event](http://www.VitaeFoundation.org/event) or call 573-634-4316.

**SAVE THE DATES:****ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH HAM/SAUSAGE BREAKFAST - Sunday, March 11, 2018****ST. CECILIA PARISH PICNIC – Sunday, July 8, 2018****TOTUS TUUS SUMMER CAMP AT. ST. THOMAS & ST. CECILIA PARISHES – July 14-20, 2018****ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PICNIC – Sunday, August 19, 2018**

**ST. THOMAS CEMETERY DUES:** The new dues are \$10.00 per family (\$5.00 for single persons). Family members becoming the head of a separate household are not covered under their parent's membership. Also, anyone after their 21st birthday must pay their own dues of \$5. Please note: Anyone falling in arrears over 5 years must pay \$100.00 to rejoin plus current dues. Please put your payment in the collection basket marked "Cemetery Dues" or mail to: St. Thomas Cemetery Association, c/o Lisa Lackman, 2222 Upper Bottom Road, St. Thomas, MO 65076. You may contact Lisa, if you have questions about your current or past dues, at 573-338-2703.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SESQUICENTENNIAL PLANNING MEETING MINUTES for January 23rd, 2018 6:30 p.m.**

Attendees: Fr. Jeremy Secrist, Janet Lueckenhoff, Roseanne Boessen, William Boessen, Brian Luebbering, Jan Heckemeyer

Father Secrist began the meeting with a prayer.

Banners: Sherri and Father checked into banners. Ameren has a policy regarding banners on utility poles. The group discussed the size and number of banners, thinking approximate four would be placed along Route B, if Ameren approves.

Advertising within history book - Looking at examples from Blair Oaks year book flyer, the Knights flyer, and St. George's Sesquicentennial flyer, the group tentatively agreed to 1/8 page ad at \$75, 1/4 page ad at \$125, 1/2 page \$250, and a full page ad \$400. Information would be placed in the bulletin and ads will be accepted through August 30th.

The following groups that have tentatively agreed to participate in our October celebration: Mike Auchley for German music, National Guard can bring military equipment for show, Osage Angels for country and gospel music, Shiloh for country music, black powder period display/demonstration, Champs Chicken for food, Ready-Pop for food, and the Helias Choir if their upcoming schedule allows. Additional food vendors are needed, but many are booked for October fests.

There was a discussion about the legal boundaries and privacy rights pertaining to what is written and pictured in the history book. The group has been working on approvals for copyrighted photos, but privacy rights have expanded and changed over the years. Questions will be sent to Father. He would work with the Diocese for legal guidance.

The next meeting is planned for February 20th at 6:30 pm.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES for January 30, 2018**

*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, Steve Schellman, Mike Groner, Jason Buschjost, Simon Strobe, Jan Carter, Eileen Volmert, Leroy Heckemeyer & Theresa Veit

**Absent:** Alan Reinkemeyer, Paul Becker, Norbert Veit, Mark Luebbering, and Marshall Boessen

Father led the Parish Pastoral Council in prayer.

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

- Catholic Schools Week runs from January 28-February 3. The kickoff for CSW occurred on Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup>. There was a Mass at 5:00 pm., followed by a dinner and dance at the Parish Center. Everyone enjoyed a nice dinner prepared by the Parish Pastoral Council! We are having our Student Appreciation Day on Monday, followed by our Religious Appreciation Day on Tuesday and our Teacher/Staff Appreciation Day on Wednesday. The School Advisory Board will prepare the breakfast meal for this day and the meal will be served by Mid America Bank employees, while the school board members watch the students. On Thursday will be our Kindergarten Sneak Peek, and then we will have the career day in the afternoon. On Friday will be our VIP Day. We will have Mass at 7:45 am and then go to the Parish Center for refreshments and BINGO! A lot of prizes will be given away and there will be a lot of good fellowship going on. We will conclude the day with our Faculty vs. 8<sup>th</sup> grade volleyball game.
- The Archery team has just started their competitions. They had one at Fatima High School and then one at St. Martins this past weekend. They are all doing well and working hard!
- Classroom parties for Valentine's Day (Feb. 13) at 2:00 p.m.
- D.A.R.E. starts on February 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Catholic Bowl for basketball is on February 11-18.
- Ash Wednesday is on February 14.
- St. Thomas Archery Meet is on February 16.
- NET Retreat for 8<sup>th</sup> grade on February 21.
- Home & School meeting on February 22.
- Diocesan Regional Speech Meet on Saturday, March 3.
- End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter is March 9<sup>th</sup>.
- State Archery Tournament will be on March 23-24 in Branson.

**School Advisory:**

- Raising Preschool rate from \$20 to \$21 per day starting next fall.

**Worship Committee Report:**

- Ash Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>
- Stations of the Cross – working out days and time
- Holy Week – Holy Thursday and Good Friday at St. Thomas, Holy Saturday at St. Cecilia
- First Holy Communion – April 8, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.

**Christian Education Report:**

- Confirmation will be at St. Thomas on May 10, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. (around 20 students)

**Social Concerns Report:**

- Parish Directory: Working on listing and will have parish members verify their information.
- The directory will include parish and school staff, parish committees, and Knights of Columbus officers.

**Administration Report:**

- Concerned about the speed through town on Route B
- Working on grant for the Schwartz Foundation for the sanctuary flooring, which should be done by Easter.
- The two remaining windows in front of school will be completed this summer.

**Old Business:**

- Fish Fry Report: served around 380.
- Sesquicentennial Update: Meeting was held a couple of weeks ago. The book is progressing and is \$45.00 if you preorder.
- Catholic Schools Week Spaghetti Dinner
- A special "Thank you" to Jan Carter for planning and preparing the meal. Served 200 people
- Continuing Parish Repairs and Upgrades : preliminary contacts are being made for church painting.

**New Business:**

- Ham Breakfast March 11, 2018

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Vitae House.

The meeting was adjourned and Father ended with a prayer.