

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

St. Cecilia
in Meta

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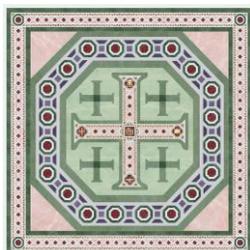
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 11, 2024

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St. Thomas Parish Office hours: Tuesdays 8:30-11:30 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.

St. Cecilia Rectory Office hours: Wednesdays 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. or by appointment

Confessions: Saturdays 4:00 - 4:45 p.m. at St. Thomas; Wednesdays 5:00 – 6:15 p.m. and
Sundays 7:00 - 7:45 a.m. at St. Cecilia; or anytime by appointment, just call Father.

Saint Thomas the Apostle

Mass Schedule for the Week of Feb. 11-18:

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Herb & Imogene Volmert

Ash Wednesday 7:45 a.m. -Rose Schmidt

5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes

Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Slim & Helen Strope

Stations of the Cross immediately following Mass

Friday 7:45 a.m. – Leo & Alma Holtmeyer

Friday 6:30 p.m. – Stations of the Cross

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes

Marilyn Herigon

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Alex Heckman

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of Feb. 11-18:

Ash Wednesday 7:00 p.m. – Phil & David Graessle

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Urban, Ron & Randy Voss

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2023-2024: \$312,000.00

Offertory Goal through Month End: \$208,000.00

Actual Collection for 2023-2024: **\$217,215.95**

Offertory Difference Year to Date: +\$ 9,215.95

Offertory Goal per month: \$ 26,000.00

Collection in Church:

February 4 \$ 8,426.04

February 11 \$

February 18 \$

February 25 \$

Collection Online: \$ 6,760.50

February total to date: **\$15,186.54**

Difference for February: -\$10,813.46

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2023-2024: \$67,000.00

Collection Total for 2023-2024: **\$45,025.00**

Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,583.34

Collection in Church:

February 4 \$ 2,226.00

February 11 \$

February 18 \$

February 25 \$ 2,226.00

February total to date: **\$ 2,226.00**

Difference for February: -\$3,357.34

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

February: Dale & Margie Helton

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

St. Cecilia Readers

Ash Wed. Feb. 14 7:00 p.m. – Doris Stumpe

Sunday, Feb. 18 8:00 a.m. – Jennifer Even

Sunday Feb. 25 8:00 a.m. – Betty Hagenhoff

St. Cecilia Organist

Ash Wed. Feb. 14 7:00 p.m. - Emilie

Sunday, Feb. 18 8:00 a.m. –Lydia

Sunday. Feb. 25 8:00 a.m. – Emilie

**IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO FULFILL YOUR
LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENT, PLEASE
FIND A REPLACEMENT. YOUR FELLOW
PARISHIONERS THANK YOU!**

Church Renovation Capital Campaign

Total Pledges/Donations \$490,654.70

Total Collected \$519,624.59

Total Expenses Paid \$699,195.95

A total of 131 parishioners have returned pledge cards/or
Contributed to the renovation project.

Church Renovation Loan Balance \$55,396.74

Loan payments to date \$156,730.00

(principal) \$144,603.26 (interest) \$12,126.74

St. Thomas the Apostle Cantors / Organists

Ash Wed 5:00 p.m. – Jean Kliethermes/Jeanette

Feb. 17 Saturday 5:00 p.m.– Judy Schroeder / Jeanette

Feb. 18 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Lisa Wieberg / Jackie

Feb. 24 Saturday 5:00 p.m. –Kelsey Kliethermes / Jeanette

Feb. 25 Sunday 10:00 a.m. –Josh Luebbering / Alanna

St. Thomas the Apostle Readers

Feb. 14 Ash Wed. – 5:00 p.m. –PSR Students

Feb. 17 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – David Schroeder

Feb. 18 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Alan Reinkemeyer

Feb. 24 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Jan Carter

Feb. 25 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Richard Heckemeyer

St. Thomas the Apostle Greeters/Ushers

Feb. 14 Ash Wed. 5:00 p.m. – PSR Students
Feb. 17 Saturday 5:00 pm. –Gilbert Schellman & Mark Boessen
Feb. 18 Sunday 10:00 a.m.-Alan Reinkemeyer & Matthew Maasen
Feb. 24 Saturday 5:00 p.m. –Richard Schellman & Phil Akin
Feb. 25 Sunday 10:00 a.m. –Richard Heckemeyer & Art Groner
Parish Count for weekend Masses is on the offertory table.
Collection baskets choir loft by organ, please return after use.

St. Thomas the Apostle Eucharistic Ministers

Feb. 14 Ash Wed. 5:00 p.m. – Mark Graessle
Feb. 17 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Lora Boessen
Feb. 18 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Lynne Reinkemeyer
Feb. 24 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Jan Carter
Feb. 25 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Janet Lueckenhoff

St. Thomas the Apostle Servers

Weekday servers: Valerie Verslues & Miranda Meyer
Feb. 14 Ash Wed. 5:00 p.m. – PSR Students
Feb. 17 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ben & Luke Otto,
Ava Buschjost, Evelyn Wooten
Feb. 18 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Cady Libbert, Aliyah Buechter,
Kora Luebbering, Jude Luebbering
Feb. 24 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – JD Volmert, Carmen Luebbering,
Gregory Kirby, Gannon Reeves
Feb. 25 10:00 a.m. – Fayeth Prenger, Erika Luebbering,
Isabella & Oliver Luebbering

St. Thomas the Apostle Offertory Gifts

Ash Wednesday – PSR Students
Saturday, Feb. 17 – Family of Marilyn Herigon
Sunday, Feb.18– Family of Alex Heckman

St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters

February 18 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg
February 25 – Dunja Wieberg & Jennifer Schroeder
March 3 - Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman
March 10 – Ron & Theresa Veit
March 17 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday, 7:25 a.m. – Shirley Volmert – Sorrowful Mysteries
Wednesday 7:25 a.m. –Bob Schellman – Sorrowful Mysteries
Ash Wednesday, 4:35 p.m. – Barb Graessle – Sorrowful Mysteries
Thursday 7:25 a.m. – Dale Herigon – Sorrowful Mysteries
Friday 7:25 a.m. – Jim Lueckenhoff – Sorrowful Mysteries
Saturday 4:35 p.m. – Barb Graessle – Sorrowful Mysteries
Sunday 9:35 a.m. – Tina Stockman– Sorrowful Mysteries

Live Steam Mass (10:00 a.m.) Sunday

February 18 Lauri Luebbering
February 25 Brooke Schell
March 3 Jenny Becker
March 10 Karlie Reinkemeyer
March 17 Brooke Schell
March 24 Dunja Wieberg

St. Thomas the Apostle Church Cleaners

February 11: Alan Libbert, Nancy Libbert, Darrel Buechter, Jan Heckemeyer
February 18: Janet Lueckenhoff, Jim Lueckenhoff, Charlene Buschjost, Randy Buschjost
February 25: Lynne Reinkemeyer, Linda Boessen, Lauri Luebbering, Lisa Lackman
March 3 Sonya Henson, Susan Buechter, Brenda Schell, Barb Graessle
March 10: Brooke Schell, Tina Stockman, Gina Luebbering, Karen Luebbering

SNACKS FOR QUILTERS: Quilter's luncheon may be dropped off Wednesday night 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. (Evening quilting) or St. Thomas the Apostle School. Please bring snacks to the hall by 1:00 p.m.; snacks served at 3:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Emily Luebbering at 573-477-3459 or Kathy Strobe at 573-477-3349.

Thursday, February 15 – Tami Luebbering & Mary Pat Luebbering **Thursday, February 22** – Noreen Luebbering & Linda Luebbering

SCRIP: Visit www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip for more information about the Scrip program. Please contact, Amanda Wooten 573-694-1735 or amandab_27@hotmail.com

A NOTE OF THANKS! Thanks to Amy Buechter for her time and help in keeping our Church clean and beautiful! We welcome and thank Barb Graessle for joining the cleaning team!

BULLETIN NOTICES & PARISH BULLETINS: Deadline for bulletin is Wednesday at Noon. If you are needing a bulletin and Church is locked at St. Thomas the Apostle, there are some on the Vitae House front porch.

BISHOP MCKNIGHT FEBRUARY PRAYER INTENTION: For the depressed and those suffering from mental illness; may the active compassion of the Church bring healing and consolation to those who are tempted to despair, we pray to the Lord.

MOTHER OF PERPETAUL HELP DEVOTION is Tuesday, February 13, **6:00 p.m.** St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

St. Cecilia Eucharistic Ministers

Ash Wed. Feb. 14 7:00 p.m. – Mary Plassmeyer
Feb. 18 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic Plassmeyer
Feb. 25 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Janice Schanzmeyer

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

Ash Wed. Feb. 14 7:00 p.m. – Randy Hagenhoff & Darin Even
Feb. 18 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Leonard Schulte, Tony Derkum,
William Derkum, Terry Libbert
Feb. 25 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Leon Schanzmeyer, Darin Even,
Mitch Stumpe, Brendan Stumpe

St. Cecilia Servers

Ash Wed. Feb. 14 7:00 p.m. – Tucker & Jesse Schroeder
Feb. 18 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Gavin Werdehausen &
Natalee Derkum
Feb. 25 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Henry & Annaline Schroeder

St. Cecilia Offertory Gifts

Ash Wednesday 7:00 p.m. –Family of Phil & David Graessle
Feb. 18 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Family of Urban, Ron &
Randy Voss

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Ash Wed. Feb. 14 – 6:35 p.m. - Mary Plassmeyer
Sorrowful Mysteries
Feb. 18 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Janice Schanzmeyer
Sorrowful Mysteries
Feb. 25 Sunday 7:35 a.m. –Dorothy Rehagen
Sorrowful Mysteries

VOTIVE CANDLES: The requested donation for lighting a votive candle in church is **\$3.00**.

MASS STIPENDS: \$10.00

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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT: Stations of the Cross will be held Thursday mornings following the 7:45 a.m. Mass beginning February 15 and Fridays at St. Thomas the Apostle 6:30 p.m. beginning February 16. Stations of the Cross will be held Wednesday's at 6:00 p.m. before the 6:30 p.m. Mass at St. Cecilia beginning February 21.

LENTEN REGULATIONS: Abstinence: All who have celebrated their 14th birthday are bound to abstain from meat on **Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent and Good Friday.**

Fasting: Everyone, from the celebration of their 18th birthday to their 59th birthday, is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting means eating only one full meal each day. Two other partial meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken; but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed. Voluntary fasting on other weekdays of Lent is highly recommended. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, neither the law of fasting nor the law of abstinence obliges. These are minimal penitential practices and should not be lightly excused. If in doubt, please consult your parish priest. Other recommended forms of fasting, as regards alcoholic drinks, needless television, video games, Internet use, and social entertainment, are of true spiritual value and strongly encouraged.

Almsgiving: The act of giving to the poor, in the most ancient tradition of the Church, is an expression of penance, a witness of fraternal charity, and an expression of Lenten conversion. Catholics are encouraged to support generously the charitable works of the whole Church: through regular stewardship to their parish and support of charities.

Prayer: To deepen one's love for Christ, Catholics are urged to participate in the sacramental life of the Church during Lent by attending daily Mass and frequenting the sacrament of Reconciliation.

MAGNIFICAT LENTEN COMPANION booklets are in the entrances of both Churches.

OPERATION RICE BOWL: Operation Rice Bowl is a faith in action program that helps us experience Lenten spirituality by live 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 in the entrances of both Churches.

BREAKING THE SILENCE OF ABUSE: As a Diocese, we are committed to breaking the silence of abuse. When someone is reporting abuse, we must acknowledge their pain and how difficult it is to talk about it. False allegations are very rare. Our initial response to someone who is disclosing abuse for the first time must be compassionate. For those who need to report abuse, encourage them to contact our Victims Assistance Coordinator, Jacqueline Baldwin, (573-694-3199) and to make use of the appropriate State of Missouri hotline (1-800-392-3738) or the Attorney General's clergy abuse online form. All of this information is also on our website, under the 'report abuse' tab. For those who want information or want to convey a message to Bishop McKnight, please encourage them to write to us at reportabuse@diojeffcity.org.

SYNOD (DIOCESAN PLANNING PROCESS): All are invited to participate in a special session for the Synod on Synodality and Shaping Our Future Together (our diocesan planning process). This 45-minute special session will focus on your experiences with the structures of our parishes and local Church. The session will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 27, 6:15-7 pm, at five locations in the diocese and via Zoom. For locations, to RSVP and for more information, please visit diojeffcity.org/27FebruaryRSVP

ST. CECILIA PARISH GIVING STATEMENTS: St. Cecilia Parish Giving Statements will be available in the back of the Church in an envelope. If you need your copy mailed, please contact Doris Stumpe at 619-6125 or email at dstumpeoffice@gmail.com.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE 2023 YEAR END CONTRIBUTIONS: Thank you for your generosity this past year. To receive your 2023 contribution statement, you may complete the statement request form on the St. Thomas the Apostle Church website or call the parish office at 573-477-3315 during parish office hours. The form can be found online at www.stthomasapostle.net/contribution-statement or by clicking the Contribution Statement tab at the top of the home page.

ST THOMAS CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE: **Wednesday, February 28** is the next available day for directory photos. If you have not signed up yet, please go to www.stthomasapostle.net to find "Universal Church Directories" or Universal's website, www.ucdir.com, click on the box to the right that says "photography appointment scheduling login", enter mo253 in the Church Code field and enter photos in the Church Password field. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. Please make sure to include your email so you will get a reminder closer to the picture date. **Each family in the directory will receive a free 8X10 photo and a complimentary copy of the directory. This is also an opportunity to purchase additional family photos, without the sitting fee.** Contact Melissa Verslues 338-3433 or Theresa Veit 418-7301, if you have any questions or need assistance signing up. Thank you for your participation in a successful parish directory!

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL NEWS: Monday, February 12 – No School
Monday, February 19 – President's Day – No School
Thursday, February 29 – Early Release 12:50 p.m. car riders, 1:00 p.m. bus riders

ST. THOMAS CEMETERY DUES: Dues are \$10.00 per family and \$5.00 per year for single persons. Also, anyone after their 21st birthday must pay their own dues of \$5.00. Members who are 80+ years old and who have been members for at least 15 years will be exempt from paying dues. Please note: Anyone falling in areas over 5 years must pay \$100.00 to rejoin plus current dues. Please put payment in the collection basket at St. Thomas the Apostle Church or St. Cecilia Church marked "St. Thomas Cemetery Dues" or mail to St. Thomas Cemetery Association, c/o Lisa Lackman, 2222 Upper Bottom Rd, St. Thomas, MO 65076. You may contact Lisa if you have any questions about your current or past dues at 573-338-2703.

THE NEXT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING is Tuesday, February 13, 7:30 p.m. A rosary will be prayed at 7:15 p.m. Please read the February newsletter attached to the bulletin. Fish Fry worklist on the back of newsletter.

MEN OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE AND ST. CECILIA PARISHES: You are invited to the February gathering of the Men of Signum Crucis, which begins at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 21, at Helias Catholic High School. Feel free to come early to Pray the Rosary at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel. If you have been thinking about attending our gatherings but have not been able to "execute" just yet, this would be a great gathering to attend, as we celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in fraternity with the best men in our area. All men are invited to deepen their faith in fraternity with men who will gain from your spirituality. As always, enter the school on the east end of the front Swifts Highway parking lot to sign in. Our Hospitality men will greet you right inside the door and direct you to the appropriate location. The mission of the Men of Signum Crucis is to provide Fraternity through Study, Devotion, and Service to sharpen ourselves to meet the challenges of our day. For more information, please contact Jeff Cassmeyer at 573-690-7546, or visit us at www.menofsignumcrucis.com.

BLOOD DRIVE: The Citizen's Civic League is sponsoring a blood drive on February 22, 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. Please call 1-800-733 2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: CivicLeagueMeta to schedule an appointment.

