

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 12, 2023

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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 February 12-19:

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Danny Libbert
Wednesday 7:45 a.m.- L&D Wm. & Rose Schmidt Family
Thursday, 7:45 a.m. – Bob & Donnie Luebbering
Friday 7:45 a.m. – Mary Lou Bax
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes
Jeremy & Glenn Luebbering
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Lisa Heislen

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2022-2023: \$305,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End: \$203,336.00
Actual Collection for 2022-2023: **\$189,167.45**
Offertory Difference Year to Date: -\$ 14,168.55
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

February 5 \$ 5,185.84
February 12 \$
February 19 \$
February 26 \$

Collection Online: \$ 5,849.50

February total to date: **\$11,035.34**

Difference for February: -\$14,381.66

Church Renovation Capital Campaign

Total Pledges/Donations \$484,477.70

Total Collected \$468,146.56

Total Expenses Paid \$699,195.95

A total of 130 parishioners have returned pledge cards/or
Contributed to the renovation project.

Church Renovation Loan Balance \$149,128.05

Loan payments to date \$58,435.00

(principal) \$50,871.95 (interest) \$7,563.05

St. Thomas the Apostle Cantors / Organists

Feb. 18 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Lisa Wieberg / Lydia

Feb. 19 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Anne Strobe / Alanna

Feb. 22 Ash Wednesday 5:30 p.m. – Doug /Jackie

Feb. 25 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kerry Meyer / Jeanette

Feb. 26 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jean Kliethermes / Jackie

St. Thomas the Apostle Readers

Feb. 18 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kathy Graessle

Feb. 19 Sunday 10:00 p.m. – Larry Lueckenhoff

Feb. 22 Ash Wednesday 5:30 p.m. – PSR

Feb. 25 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Amanda Wooten

Feb. 26 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Bill Luebbering

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of February 12-19:

Wednesday 6:30 p.m.- Phil & David Graessle

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

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2022-2023: \$65,000.00
Collection Total for 2022-2023: **\$40,323.21**
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,416.67

Collection in Church:

February 5 \$1,665.00
February 12 \$
February 19 \$
February 26 \$

February total to date: **\$1,665.00**

Difference for February: -\$ 3,751.67

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

February – Dale & Margie Helton

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

St. Cecilia Readers

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Samantha Helton

Sunday, Feb. 19 8:00 a.m. – Karyn Veltrop

Feb. 22 Ash Wednesday 7:00 p.m. – Doris

Stumpe

Sunday, Feb. 26 8:00 a.m. – Dominic Plassmeyer

St. Cecilia Organist

Feb. 19 8:00 a.m. – Jackie

Feb. 22 Ash Wednesday 7:00 p.m.- Emilie

Feb. 26 8:00 a.m. – Emilie

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

St. Thomas the Apostle Greeters/Ushers

Feb. 18 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark Boessen & Eric Strobe
Feb. 19 Sunday 10:00 a.m. –Mattheuw Prenger & Keith Kliethermes
Feb. 22 Ash Wednesday 5:30 p.m. – PSR & Jeff Cassmeyer
Feb. 25 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Dave Luebbering & Gilbert Schellman
Feb. 26 Sunday 10:00 a.m.-Ryan Buschjost & Richard Heckemeyer
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. 18 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Lora Boessen
Feb. 19 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Lynne Reinkemeyer
Feb. 22 Ash Wednesday 5:30 p.m.- Glenn Prenger
Feb. 25 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Jenny Becker
Feb. 26 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mattheuw Prenger

St. Thomas the Apostle Servers

Weekday – Jason Braun & Francie Tallent
Feb. 18 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Miranda Meyer, Ellie Boessen,
Carmen Luebbering, Emerald Fennewald
Feb. 19 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Valerie & Zeke Verslues,
Cadyn Libbert, Aliyah Buechter
Feb 22 Ash Wednesday 5:30 p.m. – PSR
Feb. 25 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Evelyn Wooten, Ava Buschjost,
Kora Luebbering
Feb. 26 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Francie & Hannah Tallent,
Ben Otto & Wyatt Otto

St. Thomas the Apostle Offertory Gifts

Feb. 18 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Gilbert & Betty Schellman
Feb. 19 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Rosalyn Wieberg & Peters Fam.
Feb. 22 Ash Wednesday 5:30 p.m. - PSR
Feb. 25 Saturday, 5:00 p.m. – Mark & Barb Graessle
Feb. 26 Sunday 10:00 a.m. –Richard & Jan Heckemeyer

St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters

Feb.19 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes
Feb. 26 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg
March 5 – Dunja Wieberg & Jennifer Schroeder
March 12– Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman
March 19 - Paul Becker & Shara Buechter

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

Feb. 19 Karlie Reinkemeyer
Feb. 26 Lauri Luebbering
March 5 Brooke Schell
March 12 Dunja Wieberg
March 19 Jenny Becker

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday, 7:25 a.m. – Bob Schellman – Sorrowful Mysteries
Wednesday 7:25 a.m.- Bob Schellman – Glorious Mysteries
Thursday 7:25 a.m. –Gilbert & Hermina – Luminous Mysteries
Friday 7:25 a.m. – Shirley Volmert – Sorrowful Mysteries
Saturday 4:35 p.m. – Dale Herigon – Sorrowful Mysteries
Sunday 9:35 a.m. – Gilbert & Hermina Strobe – Sorrowful Mysteries

St. Thomas the Apostle Church Cleaners

Feb. 12: Sonya Henson, Susan Buechter, Jackie Prenger, Amy Buechter
Feb. 19: Brooke Schell, Tina Stockman, Gina Luebbering, Karen Luebbering
Feb. 26: Alan Libbert, Nancy Libbert, Darrel Buechter, Jan Heckemeyer
March 5: Janet Lueckenhoff, Jim Lueckenhoff, Charlene Buschjost, Randy Buschjost
March 12: Lynne Reinkemeyer, Linda Boessen, Lauri Luebbering, Lisa Lackman

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 snack to hall by 1:00 p.m.; snack 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, Feb. 16 – Mary Boessen & Roseanne Boessen **Thursday, Feb. 23** - Amanda Boessen & Susan Boessen

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

BULLETIN NOTICES: Deadline for bulletin is Wednesday at noon.

CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL: The CSA goal for St. Cecilia Parish is \$2,550 Received \$1,065.00
The CSA goal for St. Thomas the Apostle Parish is \$10,400 Received \$5,755

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH is looking for volunteer to serve on the Catholic Stewardship Renewal (CSR). If interested, please contact Fr. Leonard.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH is looking for a volunteer to serve as a Liaison for Vocation. If you are interested in serving in this role or need more information, please contact Fr. Leonard.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES FEBRUARY 22: 7:45 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle, 7:00 p.m. St. Cecilia.

St. Cecilia Eucharistic Ministers

Feb. 19 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Betty Hagenhoff
Feb 22 Ash Wednesday 7:00 p.m. – Pam Libbert
Feb. 26 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic Plassmeyer

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

Feb. 19 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Darin Even, Mitch Stumpe,
Brendan Stumpe, Randy Hagenhoff
Feb. 22 Ash Wednesday 7:00 p.m.- Kenny Otto, Otto Wankum,
Leonard Schulte, Tony Derkum
Feb. 26 Sunday 8:00 a.m. –William Derkum, Terry Libbert,
Harold Libbert, Leon Schanzmeyer

St. Cecilia Servers

Feb. 19 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Sophie & Reagan & Eli Bock
Feb. 22 Ash Wednesday 7:00 p.m. – Shelby & Madison
Wankum
Feb. 26 Sunday 8:00 a.m. –Henry & Annaline Schroeder
Please arrive 10 minutes before Mass.
Servers who have questions or would like to practice,
may do so after 8:00 a.m. Mass. Please contact Joanne
Schroeder 573-229-8986.

St. Cecilia Offertory Gifts

Feb. 19 Sunday 8:00 a.m.- Family of Urban, Ronald
& Randy Voss

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Wednesday 6:05 p.m. – Dorothy Rehagen–Glorius Mysteries
Feb. 19 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Janice Schanzmeyer
Sorrowful Mysteries
Feb 22 Ash Wednesday -6:35 p.m. – Mary Plassmeyer
Sorrowful Mysteries
Feb. 26 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer
Sorrowful Mysteries

VOTIVE CANDLES: The requested donation for lighting a votive candle in church is **\$3.00**. **Please note the cost change for both parishes.**

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.

LENTEN REGULATIONS: As another Lenten journey of conversion begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023, and ends with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, April 6, 2023, the Catholic Church calls all Catholics to a deeper spirit of penance, fasting, almsgiving and prayer, "which express conversion in relation to oneself, to God, and to others" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, nos. 1434 and 1969). To foster a greater spirit of penance, reparation for sin, to encourage self-denial, which guide us more closely in the footsteps of Christ, the Church reminds us of the following obligations of fast and abstinence during Lent and admonishes us all to deeper prayer and worship.

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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT:

Stations of the cross will be held Thursday mornings following the 7:45 a.m. Mass beginning February 23 and Fridays at St. Thomas the Apostle 6:30 p.m. beginning February 24.

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 March 1.

OPERATION RICE BOWL: Operation Rise 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 in the entrances of both Churches.

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

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH: Our RCIA catechumens will be presented to the Parishioners at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish on February 19. We ask all the parishioners to pray for them as they go through the rite of initiation.

BISHOP MCKNIGHT FEBRUARY PRAYER INTENTON: For engaged couples preparing for marriage in our Church; that they may grow together in their love for on another as they seek to enrich their matrimonial commitments with the grace of God.

PASTORS MEDITATION: 6th Sunday in Ordinary time. **JESUS FULFILLS THE LAW AND THE PROPHETS. (Sir.15:15-20; 1Cor.2:6-10; Mt.5:17-37)** Today's readings challenge us to choose freely and wisely to observe the laws given by a loving and caring God. He revealed His laws to His Chosen People through Moses and the prophets in the Old Testament and through His own Son Jesus in the New Testament. For the Israelites, the Torah was not a set of laws, but the instruction or teaching intended to promote the holiness and wholeness of each believer. It was the revealed will of a caring God for the people with whom had He made His covenant.

The first reading, taken from Sirach, contains the clearest statement in the Old Testament concerning the God-given freedom of the human will. It exonerates God from all responsibility for evil in the world. "If you choose, you can keep the commandment, before you are life and death, whichever you choose shall be given you." In the second reading, Paul challenges his Corinthian believers to appreciate the wisdom of God's saving plan for His people, a plan hidden for ages but now revealed by the Spirit. In the selection from the Sermon on the Mount in today's Gospel, while challenging his disciples to live a life of justice and righteousness which should exceed that of the scribes and Pharisees, Jesus, as the new lawgiver, sets forth his own position with regard to the Law given through Moses, by providing new interpretation and meaning for the old laws. In today's Gospel passage, Jesus explains the real meaning of three Mosaic laws concerning murder, adultery and divorce. As Christians we are called to live an ordinary life in an extraordinary way just as Jesus did. Therefore, dear friends, we need to obey God's Law, appreciating its basic principles. In obeying God's law and Church law, let us remember the two basic principles on which these laws are based, namely, the principle of reverence and the principle of respect. In the first four of the Ten Commandments, we are asked to reverence God, reverence His holy Name, reverence His holy day and reverence our father and mother. The next six commandments instruct us to respect life, one's personal integrity and good name, the legal system, another's property and another's spouse. Our obedience to these laws must be prompted by love of God and gratitude to God for His blessings.

We need to forgive, forget and move toward reconciliation as soon as possible. St. Paul advises us "Be angry (righteous anger) but do not sin" (Eph 4:26). When we keep anger in our spirit, we are inviting physical illnesses, like hypertension and mental illnesses, like depression. Let us relax and keep silence when we are angry, wait before acting on our anger, giving it time to detoxify and cool off, pray for God's strength for self-control and give the Holy Spirit time to help us to see the event through Jesus' eyes instead of through anger's eyes. We need to be true to God, to ourselves and to others. Let us allow God's word of truth to penetrate our minds and hearts and to form our consciences, making us men and women of integrity.

Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukibi

THE 2023 ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH HAM BREAKFAST will be held, as usual, and is scheduled for Sunday, March 12. We'll be serving country ham & sausage, scrambled eggs, hash browns, apple sauce, biscuits and gravy, cafeteria style, from 8:00 to 11:30, with prices set at \$12 per adult and \$6 per child (6-12). A worklist and additional details will be in the bulletin in the near future.

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION is Tuesday, February 14, 7:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL NEWS:

Thursday, February 16 – Home & School Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Monday, February 20 – President's Day, No School P-8

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PRESCHOOL: If you have a child, ages 3 or 4 and have been thinking about preschool, please call Lizzie Linhardt, llinhardt@stacs.school 573-645-5605 or the school office 573-477-3322. If you have any questions or would like to set up a one on one meeting and school tour please contact the school office. Please check out and like St. Thomas the Apostle Preschool Facebook page!

ST. THOMAS CEMETERY DUES: Dues are \$10.00 per year 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 further 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 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 WILLIAM H. SIMON SCHOLARSHIP & JOHN WARACK SCHOLARSHIP: Students must be a registered Catholic in the Diocese of Jefferson City. Student must be graduating high school or older, including current or returning college student. Student must submit a completed by March 31. Student must demonstrate a financial need by submitting a copy of their Student Aid Report (SAR). Student must submit a letter or recommendation from; 1) School official (teacher, counselor,

principal, coach, etc) 2) Current or present pastor. For the John L. Warack Scholarship, student must attend University of Missouri-Columbia. For more information or to complete the application at www.diojeffcity.org/scholarships. Applications must be returned to the Chancery by March 31, 2022.

GRATEFUL LIVING FAITH SHARING: Prayer is one of the three aspects of the Catholic Stewardship Renewal in our diocese. The program Grateful Living: The Joy of Stewardship is a small group (6-10 people) faith sharing opportunity that will begin during the Lenten season of 2023. It consists of six sessions during Lent and another six sessions in the Fall of 2023, although the book contains all of the sessions and so your group can meet as you wish. Each session lasts about an hour. In the next few weeks sign-up sheets will be available for anyone interested in this opportunity of sharing your faith in a small group. Books are provided to guide the sessions. Please indicate whether you would like to be a small group leader, if you would like to host sessions in your home, meeting time preferences, or any other pertinent information. Please contact Jackie Prenger at 573-291-3558 if you have any questions.

ST. THOMAS / META will be having registration for softball and baseball on the following dates: Registration will be held Saturday, February 18, 2023 from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm & Sunday, February 19, 2023 from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm 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 3, 2023 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 at this time & the fee is \$20.00 per child. Please check out our Facebook group page St. Thomas Ball Park for any updates. If you are unable to make it to registration or have any questions, please contact Lisa Wieberg at (573) 999-7351 or lisawieberg@hotmail.com.

META CITIZENS CIVIC LEAGUE BLOOD DRIVE is Wednesday, February 22, 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Meta Civic League Hall. Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter CivicLeagueMeta to schedule and appointment.

THE NEXT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING is Tuesday, February 14, 7:30 p.m. A rosary will be prayed at 7:15 p.m. Please read the February newsletter attached to the bulletin.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION: Please mark your calendars for Saturday, March 25, 2023. Patsy Luebbering is turning 85 and the family would like to invite you to help us celebrate and wish her a Happy Birthday. An open house will be held from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall in St. Thomas.

ARGYLE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY is Friday, February 17, serving SWAI filets, Au Gratin Potatoes, baked beans, apple sauce & slaw from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Argyle K of C Hall. Adults \$12, Children 12 & under \$6.00. Dine in /carry out. Proceeds will benefit the Pavilion construction.

BONNOTS MILL K OF C COUNCIL #2027 LENTEN FISH FRIES: The Knights of Columbus will be holding two fish fries. Both will be drive through and both will be at Loose Creek. The first is February 17, and the second is March 17. Meals will be served from 5:00 -7:00 p.m. at both events. Please help spread the word to make these events a success. Money raised at these events is given to the local Catholic Schools.

ST. ANTHONY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST is Sunday, February 19, serving ham, sausage, biscuits & gravy, scrambled eggs and applesauce from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Adults \$12, children 6-12 \$6.00. Dine in and carry outs available at the St. Anthony Parish Hall.

OSAGE BEND FISH FRY – ST. MARGARET’S PARISH – Friday, February 24th – ALL YOU CAN EAT – Serving 5pm to 8pm – Catfish Fillets, Hush Puppies, Baked Potatoes, French Fries, Baked Beans and Cole Slaw. Adult - \$14.00 – Children 6-12 - \$6.00 – Children 5 and Under – Free – Carry Outs Available - \$14.00 per plate.

WKCS Spring soccer sign-ups will be held at the Westphalia KC hall on Tuesday evening, February 21 from 4:00 -6:00 p.m. All kids ages 3-14 (on 8/1/22) welcome. Email wksoccerclub@gmail.com with any questions

SAVE THE DATES: Totus Tuus – June 4-9

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Ham/Sausage Breakfast – Sunday, March 12

St. Thomas Knights of Columbus Gluten Free Fish Fry & Art Show – Friday, March 24 in St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Center.

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Stewardship 

God in the beginning created human beings and made them subject to their own free choice.



Sirach 15: 14

Stewardship is not meant to be simply checking boxes on a commitment card, it is meant to be a way of life that involves continuous conversion of heart.



