

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

**St. Cecilia**  
in Meta

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PO Box 146  
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**SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**February 19, 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 19-26:**

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Sylvanus Hoecker

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

**Ash Wednesday 5:30 p.m.** – Greg Russell

Thursday, 7:45 a.m. – Joe & Teresa Kaiser

**Stations of the Cross immediately following Mass**

Friday 7:45 a.m. – Fr. John Groner

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

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

Mary Gallitin

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Herb Kroll

**Your Sunday Offering:**

Offertory Budget for 2022-2023: \$305,000.00

Offertory Goal through Month End: \$203,336.00

Actual Collection for 2022-2023: **\$193,650.72**

Offertory Difference Year to Date: -\$ 9,685.28

Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

**Collection in Church:**

February 5 \$ 5,185.84

February 12 \$ 4,483.27

February 19 \$

February 26 \$

**Collection Online:** \$ 5,849.50

**February total to date:** **\$15,518.61**

Difference for February: -\$ 9,898.39

**Church Renovation Capital Campaign**

Total Pledges/Donations \$484,477.70

Total Collected \$468,340.31

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. 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

March 4 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kelsey Kliethermes / Jeanette

March 5 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Josh Luebbering / Alanna

**St. Thomas the Apostle Readers**

**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

March 4 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mary Kay Brand

March 5 Sunday 10:00 p.m. – Rosalyn Wieberg

**Saint Cecilia**

**Mass Schedule for the Week of February 19-26:**

**Ash Wednesday 7:00 p.m.** -L&D Bruemmer &  
Wansing Families

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Harold “Bud” & Mary Ann Loethen

**Your Sunday Offering:**

Offertory Budget for 2022-2023: \$65,000.00

Collection Total for 2022-2023: **\$41,182.21**

Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,416.67

**Collection in Church:**

February 5 \$1,665.00

February 12 \$ 894.99

February 19 \$

February 26 \$

**February total to date:** **\$2,524.00**

Difference for February: -\$2,892.67

**St. Cecilia Collection Counters**

February – Dale & Margie Helton

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

**St. Cecilia Readers**

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

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

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer

Sunday, March 5 8:00 a.m. – Don Wansing

**St. Cecilia Organist**

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

Feb. 26 8:00 a.m. – Emilie

March 5 8:00 a.m. – Lydia

**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. 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  
March 4 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Eric & Roseanne Boessen  
March 5 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Tom Backes & Alan Reinkemeyer  
**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. 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  
March 4 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Brenda Wansing  
March 5 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Keith Kliethermes

**St. Thomas the Apostle Servers**

Weekday – Dominic Schwartz & Valeries Verslues  
**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  
March 4 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Miranda Meyer, Ellie Boessen,  
Carmen Luebbering, Emerald Fennewald  
March 5 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Fayeth Prenger, Victoria Wieberg,  
Erika Luebbering, Isabella Luebbering

**St. Thomas the Apostle Offertory Gifts**

**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  
March 4 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ralph & Kathy Graessle  
March 5 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Larry & Linda Lueckenhoff

**St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters**

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

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

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

**Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas**

Tuesday, 7:25 a.m. – Bob Schellman – Sorrowful Mysteries  
**Ash Wednesday 7:25 a.m.- Bob Schellman – Sorrowful Mysteries**  
**Ash Wednesday 4:35 p.m. – Barb Graessle – Sorrowful 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. 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  
March 19: Sonya Henson, Susan Buechter, Jackie Prenger, Amy Buechter

**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. 23 - Amanda Boessen & Susan Boessen**      **Thursday, March 2 – Janet Boessen & Donna Boessen**

**SCRIP:** Visit [www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip](http://www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip) for more information about the Scrip program. Please contact, Amanda Wooten 573-694-1735 or [amandab\\_27@hotmail.com](mailto: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 \$5,925

**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.

**St. Cecilia Eucharistic Ministers**

**Feb 22 Ash Wednesday 7:00 p.m. – Pam Libbert**  
Feb. 26 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic Plassmeyer  
March 5 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Janice Schanzmeyer

**St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers**

**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  
March 5 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Darin Even, Mitch &  
Brendan Stumpe, Randy Hagenhoff

**St. Cecilia Servers**

**Feb. 22 Ash Wednesday 7:00 p.m. –** Sophie, Reagan &  
Eli Bock  
Feb. 26 Sunday 8:00 a.m. –Henry & Annaline Schroeder  
March 5 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Skyla, Tucker &  
Jesse 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**

**Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22 –** Family of Bruemmer & Wansing  
Families  
Feb. 26 Sunday 8:00 a.m.- Family of Harold “Bud” &  
Mary Ann Loethen

**Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia**

Wednesday 6:05 p.m. – Dorothy Rehagen–Glorius Mysteries  
**Feb 22 Ash Wednesday -6:35 p.m. –** Mary Plassmeyer  
Sorrowful Mysteries  
Feb. 26 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer  
Sorrowful Mysteries  
March 5 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Dorothy Rehagen  
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 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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, support of charities, and their generous response to the Diocesan Catholic Stewardship Appeal.

**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.

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

**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.

**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: 7th Sunday in Ordinary time. DON'T LET EVIL DEFEAT YOU, INSTEAD CONQUER EVIL WITH GOOD.** (Lev. 19:1-2, 17-18; 1Cor. 3:16-23; Mt. 5:38-48) Today's readings explain why Christians are expected to be holy and how we are meant to become holy people. The first and second readings give us reasons why we should be holy, and the Gospel describes four ways of becoming holy people prescribed for us by Jesus, using three examples of graceful Christian retaliation when people offend us and violate our rights and privileges. The first reading, taken from the book of Leviticus, teaches us that we should be holy because it is the command given to us by God through Moses: "Be holy, for I the Lord, your God, am Holy." It also shows us the way to share in God's holiness: "Love your neighbor as yourself." The Responsorial Psalm (Ps 103) challenges us to be holy as our God is Holy by becoming kind and merciful and forgiving, as He is to us. In the second reading, St. Paul gives us an additional reason to be holy. We are to keep our bodies and souls holy because we are the temples of the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit lives in us. In the Gospel passage, taken from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus teaches us four ways of becoming holy as God is holy. Therefore, dear friends we need to become holy: 1) by abstaining from all forms of retaliation. Jesus discards even the milder form of retaliation developed by Hammurabi in ancient Babylon and passed on to Israel through Moses. The policy was one of limited, proportional retaliation (Lex Talionis, "tit-for-tat"): "an eye for an eye, a tooth for tooth," rather than allowing unlimited vengeance. In place of this limited, proportional retaliation, Jesus gives his new law of love, grace, forgiveness, reconciliation, and no retaliation. For Jesus, retaliation, or even limited vengeance has no place in the Christian life, even though graceful acceptance of an offense requires great strength, discipline of character and strengthening by God's grace. The second way of becoming holy as God is Holy is to take the offense gracefully and love the offender. Jesus illustrates this in three images: "turning the other cheek, freely giving the tunic and adding the cloak to it, and walking the extra mile." Jesus tells us that what makes Christians different is the grace with which they treat others, offering them loving kindness and mercy as God does for us, even if they don't deserve this treatment. We are commanded to love our enemies as Jesus loves us, with agápe love, not because our enemies deserve our love, but because Jesus loves them so much that he died for them as he did for us. The third way of sharing in God's Holiness is by unconditionally and whole-heartedly forgiving the offender without planning revenge in any form. This means not only loving one's neighbors, but also forgiving those enemies who hurt us and seem willfully to cause us suffering, hardship and unhappiness.

The fourth way of becoming holy as God is Holy is to seal our determination to forgive our enemies by sincerely praying for their spiritual and physical welfare and for the grace they need for their conversion and renewal of life. Thus, today's Scripture readings challenge us to become holy as our God is Holy by loving, forgiving and blessing others, even our enemies with graceful and magnanimous love, as our Holy God does for us. ***Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukiibi***

**ST. CECILIA HOLY HOUR** is Friday, February 24, 7:15 p.m. with anointing of the sick after benediction.

**FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH** is March 20. Please join us in praying the St. Joseph Novena beginning March 12 through March 20. Also, join us for Mass at 6:00 p.m. on March 20, St. Thomas the Apostle Church. You can go to [praymorenovenas.com](http://praymorenovenas.com) to sign up for the novena or printed copies are available in Church.

**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.

**ST. CECILIA PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING** is Tuesday, February 21, 6:30 p.m. at rectory.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL NEWS:** 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](mailto: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 21<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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.

**VITAE FOUNDATION:** Register to attend Vitae Foundation's Don & Ruth Ann Schnieders Pro-Life Events on Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at the Capitol Plaza Hotel, 415 W. McCarty Street in Jefferson City. The keynote speaker is Rachel Campos-Duffy, a devout Catholic, mother of nine, respected TV personality, and the newest Co-Host on *Fox & Friends Weekend!* The luncheon is from noon to 1:30 PM for \$50/person and the dinner begins at 6:30 PM for \$100/person. Reservations may be made online at [vitaefoundation.org](http://vitaefoundation.org) or by calling 573-634-4316.

**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](mailto: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](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter CivicLeagueMeta to schedule an appointment.

**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 VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS (VFW) PORST 8045 ANNUAL BREAKFAST** is Sunday, February 19, serving sausage, scrambled eggs, biscuits & gravy & cinnamon roll from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Argyle VFW Hall. Meal \$12.00, Dine in or carry out

**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 24<sup>th</sup> – 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 [wkcsoccerclub@gmail.com](mailto:wkcsoccerclub@gmail.com) with any questions.

**SAVE THE DATES:** 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.

**Totus Tuus** – June 4-9

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## Stewardship

*But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father, for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust.*

Matthew 5:44-45

*One of the pillars of stewardship is PRAYER. When we pray for others, even our enemies, it opens your heart and may soften their hearts.*

