

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

St. Cecilia
in Meta

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7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 23, 2020

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St. Thomas Parish Office hours: Tuesdays 8:30 a.m. – 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 23-March 1:

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Becky Strobe
Ash Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – Bob Luebbering
Ash Wednesday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Fr. James Offutt
Friday 7:45 a.m. – Roberta Bexten
6:30 p.m. – *Stations of the Cross*
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Gregory Veit
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Bob Luebbering

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2019-2020:	\$305,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End:	\$203,336.00
Actual Collection for 2019-2020:	\$181,990.97
Offertory Difference Year to Date:	– \$ 21,345.03
Offertory Goal per month:	\$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

February 2	\$ 5,586.00
February 9	\$ 5,207.00
February 16	\$ 2,870.36
February 23	\$

Collection Online:

February total to date:	\$19,265.36
Difference for February	–\$ 6,151.64

St. Thomas the Apostle Expansion & Building Fund

Total Expansion Project expenses paid:	\$2,273,475.34
Income from parishioners for FY 2019-2020 (via the yellow "Building Fund" envelope):	\$19,629.20
Loan payments to date for FY 2019-2020:	\$55,366.44
(Principal \$51,206.48 Interest \$4,159.96)	
Parish Building Expansion Debt remaining:	\$149,532.37

St. Thomas the Apostle Cantor / Organist

Ash Wednesday 5:00 p.m. – Choir / Annette Kehner
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Lisa Wieberg / Annette Kehner
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Choir / Annette Kehner

St. Thomas the Apostle Reader

Ash Wednesday 5:00 p.m. – Rosalyn Wieberg
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kathy Graessle
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Dave Schroeder

St. Thomas the Apostle Altar Servers

Weekday – Kora Luebbering & Carson Libbert
Ash Wednesday 5:00 p.m. – Klint & Mason Luebbering,
Gregory Kirby
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Henry & Sophie Fine,
Owen Schellman
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Madi & Audrey Buschjost,
Abigail & Valerie Verslues

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of February 23-March 1:

Ash Wednesday 7:00 p.m. – Betty Trippensee

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Martina Goeller

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2019-2020:	\$62,000.00
Collection Total for 2019-2020:	\$38,446.25
Offertory Goal per month:	\$ 5,166.67

Collection in Church:

February 2	\$ 2,014.00
February 9	\$ 1,555.00
February 16	\$ 772.00
February 23	\$

February total to date: **\$ 4,041.00**

Difference for February: **–\$1,125.67**

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

Marie Lueckenotto & Pam Libbert

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

St. Cecilia Reader

Ash Wednesday 7:00 p.m. – Dominic Plassmeyer
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Doris Stumpe

St. Cecilia Altar Servers

Ash Wednesday 7:00 p.m. – Skyla, Jesse & Tucker
Schroeder
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Shelby Wankum & Madison
Wankum

**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

February 26 (Ash Wednesday) 5:00 p.m. -Mike Wieberg

February 29-March 1

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Pat Kaiser, Marshall Boessen, Brenda Wansing

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

March 7-8

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Betty Schellman, Carolyn Loethen, Mark Graessle

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Glenn Prenger, Sheri Wieberg, Bill Luebbering

St. Thomas Greeters/Ushers

February 26, Ash Wednesday

7:45 a.m. – Gilbert Schellman & Fred Luebbering

5:00 p.m. - Eric Strobe & Mattheuw Prenger

February 29-March 1

Saturday 5:00 p.m. –Mark Boessen & Mike Groner

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Keith Kliethermes & Mike Buschjost

March 7-8

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

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Tom Backes & Ryan Buschjost

St. Thomas Presentation of Gifts at Mass

February 26 (Ash Wednesday) 5:00 p.m.

Ralph & Kathy Graessle

February 29-March 1

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Steve & Katrina Schellman Family

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Travis & Kathy Rackers Family

March 7-8

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

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Tom & Carol Backes Family

St. Thomas Collection Counters

March 1 – Greg & Darlene Russell

March 8 – Jennifer Schroeder & Dunja Wieberg

March 15 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas:

Tuesday 7:20 a.m. – Joann Heckman – Sorrowful

Wednesday 7:20 a.m. – Pat Loethen – Sorrowful

Wednesday 4:35 p.m. – Barb Graessle - Sorrowful

Thursday 7:20 a.m. – Viola Boessen – Luminous

Friday 7:20 a.m. – Gilbert & Hermina Strobe - Sorrowful

Saturday 4:35 p.m. – Marilyn Herigon – Sorrowful

Sunday 9:35 a.m. – Tina Stockman – Sorrowful

SNACKS FOR QUILTERS:

Thursday, February 27 – Karen Struempf & Tracy Suthoff Thursday, March 5 – Lucy Suthoff & Lynn Taggart

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.

SCRIP: **February 29-March 1:** Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Amy Luebbering Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Daffiny Tallent

Visit www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip for more information about the Scrip program. Please contact Daffiny Tallent at 573-694-4408 to purchase anytime. A large variety of cards in various denominations are in stock and available for purchase.

PASTOR'S MEDITATION:

7TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, (FEB 23RD): LET US STRIVE TO BE HOLY AS OUR GOD IS HOLY ESPECIALLY DURING THIS LENTEN SEASON

This Sunday prepares us for the Lenten season and what is required of us; today's readings explain why Christians are expected to be holy and how we are meant to become holy people. Lent is an opportune time for us to become Holy, The readings give us reasons why we should be holy, and the Gospel describes four methods of becoming holy people as prescribed for us by Jesus.

The first method to become holy is to abstain from all forms of retaliation. Jesus discards even the milder form of retaliation. In place of 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 method of becoming holy as God is holy is to take the offense gracefully and love the offender. Jesus tells us that what makes Christians different is the grace with which they treat others, offering them loving kindness and mercy, even if they don't deserve this treatment as God does for us.

The third method 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 method 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 needed for their conversion and renewal of life.

Dear friends we are thus challenged to **become holy as our God is holy by loving, forgiving, and blessing others, even our enemies with graceful and magnanimous love.** Have a blessed week. *Fr. Leonard Mukiibi*

BISHOP MCKNIGHT'S FEBRUARY PRAYER INTENTION: For those discerning a vocation: May they have the grace to hear the voice of God in their hearts, and may they experience the encouragement of the Church to respond with grateful hearts.

A NOTE OF THANKS!

I want to thank you all for the birthday wishes, cards, prayers, and visitation last Sunday! It is a great pleasure and privilege to belong to this loving parish family. May God continue to bless all! *Norma Ullman*

LENT IS COMING: Palms from previous years can be placed in baskets provided near the entrance of Church.

St. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

February 26 (Ash Wednesday) 7:00 p.m.

Dominic Plassmeyer

March 1

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Betty Hagenhoff, Dorothy Rehagen, Pam Libbert

March 8

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer, Doris Stumpe

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

February 26 (Ash Wednesday) 7:00 p.m.

Kenny Otto, Larry Lueckenotto, Mitch Stumpe, Darin Even

March 1

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Leonard Schulte, Harold Libbert, Anton Libbert, Terry Libbert

March 8

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Tony Derkum, Leon Schanzmeyer, Kenny Otto, Larry Lueckenotto

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Wednesday 6:35 p.m. – Dorothy Rehagen – Sorrowful

Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Mary Plassmeyer - Sorrowful

VOTIVE CANDLES: The requested donation for lighting a votive candle in church is **\$2.50.**

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY: Masses will be offered at 7:45 a.m. & 5:00 p.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle and at 7:00 p.m. at St. Cecilia on Wednesday, February 26.

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 in the entrances of both Churches.

CATHOLIC STEWARSHIP APPEAL: The CSA goal for St. Thomas the Apostle Parish is \$10,000. \$9,845.00 received so far. The CSA goal for St. Cecilia Parish is \$2,500. \$1,645.00 received so far.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT:

Stations of the Cross will be held on Friday's St. Thomas the Apostle Church 6:30 p.m. **beginning Friday, Feb. 28.**

Stations of the Cross will be held on Wednesday's following the 7:45 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas beginning **Wed. March 4.**

Stations of the Cross will be held on Wednesday's at 6:00 p.m. before the 6:30 p.m. Mass St. Cecilia beginning **Wed. March 4.**

ST. CECILIA HOLY HOUR is Friday, February 28, 7:30-8:30 p.m. with anointing of the sick to follow.

ST. THOMAS PARISHIONERS please pick up your 2020 Time, Talent & Stewardship form in the back of church if you haven't done so already.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION CLASS will not meet this week. Students are encouraged to attend Ash Wednesday Mass.

PRAYER HOUR WITH MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION is Tuesday, February 25, 7:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

ST. THOMAS PARISH HAM & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST WORK-LIST was attached to last week's bulletin. There are additional copies in the entrances of St. Thomas the Apostle Church or on our web page.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH HAM BREAKFAST RAFFLE CHANCES: Please remember to pick up your breakfast raffle chances in Church. Each family is asked to sell \$20 or more of raffle chances. Sold raffle chances and money can be returned in an envelope in the collection basket or to the Grand Raffle stand on breakfast day. Extra raffle chances are in the entrances of St. Thomas the Apostle Church or Speedy B's.

THE ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE is sponsoring a food drive beginning the first week of March and extending through Lent. The food will be delivered to Samaritan Center during Holy Week. Please be generous with canned goods, nonperishable items or money donations. Boxes are located at both entrances of Church. Thank you.

CHRISM MASS: Bishop W. Shawn McKnight invites you to attend our annual Chrism Mass at the Cathedral Church of St. Joseph, Jefferson City on Thursday, April 2, 5:30 p.m. This Liturgy unites the Diocese in recalling the gifts of the Holy Priesthood and the Most Holy Eucharist. The Oil of the Sick and the Oil of the Catechumens are blessed and the Sacred Chrism is consecrated at this time. These Holy Oils impact the lives of those who are preparing to enter into the Church, those who are ill, and all preparing for Confirmation and Holy Orders.

DIOCESAN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS: Applications for the 2020-2021 Simon Scholarship and Warack Scholarship are being accepted through **March 31, 2020.** Applications can be acquired through Jan, Jenny, Diane or Doris or may be downloaded at diojeffcity.org/scholarships.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL ESSAY:

Why I love St. Thomas: I love St. Thomas for many reasons. I like being with friends and doing activities. St. Thomas also taught me a lot about God and the Catholic Church. I like being in a small school like St. Thomas. Everybody knows everybody. It's good to have someone you know and can talk to. At St. Thomas we do fun activities at times, like Red Ribbon Week or Catholic Schools Week. We also have field trips. We do activities at holy times, like Lent or Advent. We do a lot of different things at St. Thomas the Apostle school. We have P.E. WE have a candy bar and pizza fundraiser every year. I like being a little bit different. I like going to Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle School. We have a great priest Fr. Leonard, and a wonderful staff. I like learning about Jesus and following in his ways. I have learned many great things here. I have made a lot of close friends here too. I thank God and my family for the opportunity to go to St. Thomas the Apostle School. I have good teachers and friends here at school. I especially like the small classes and knowing that if I have a problem there is someone I can go to for help or just to talk to. I love St. Thomas. It has taught me a lot. I'm glad to go to St. Thomas the Apostle School.
Henry Fine - 5th

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesday, February 26 – Ash Wednesday, Bookmobile 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, March 4 – Stations of the Cross following 7:45 a.m. Mass

Thursday, March 5 – Early Release 12:50 a.m. car riders, 1:00 p.m. bus riders

Friday, March 6 – First Friday, Adoration, Confessions 2-8, Benediction 11:10 p.m.

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.

BOX TOPS: Please continue to save Box Tops for Education, Coke Points & Best Choice labels. Please drop them off at school or in the boxes in the entrances of St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

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 Miss Jaycine Bax at jbaxstacs@gmail.com

ST. THOMAS CEMETERY DUES: The 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 \$5.00. Please note: Anyone falling in areas 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.

MISSOURI RIVER REGIONAL LIBRARY BOOKMOBILE will be available to the St. Thomas Community on Monday, February 24 from 6:15 -7:15 p.m. in the St. Thomas the Apostle Church parking lot off Park Street.

ST. THOMAS CHURCH CLEANING TEAM ROTATION FOR UPCOMING WEEKS

Week of February 23rd: Lynne Reinkemeyer, Linda Boessen, Lauri Luebbering, Lisa Lackman

Week of March 1st: Sonya Henson, Susan Buechter, Jackie Prenger, Amy Buechter

Week of March 8th: Janet Lueckenhoff, Jim Lueckenhoff, Charlene Buschjost, Randy Buschjost

Thanks to all who volunteer to help keep our Church looking beautiful! Anyone else interested in helping out, please contact Lynne Reinkemeyer at 573-690-7113 and we can add another group.

LET'S TALK FAITH: Please join local women for a night of faith-filled companionship and conversation on **Thursday, February 27 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at the St. Thomas Parish Center.** LeAnn Korsmeyer, Director of Women's Ministry for the Diocese will be speaking on Angels. The night includes, music, fellowship and embracing our amazing Catholic faith together. Questions, please call Barbara Graessle at 573-680-2954 or <https://diojeffcity.org/womens-ministry>

THE DIOCESE OF JEFFERSON CITY WOMEN'S MINISTRY is proud to present Kelly Wahlquist as a guest speaker for the Women's Conference on Saturday, March 7 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Joseph, Jefferson City. What if you witnessed the events of Jesus' last days? Looking at the gifts of the "feminine genius" through the eyes of women in the relating to him in a profound intimate way – the way in which you were created to relate to Him, as a woman. Registration includes lunch, snacks, inspirational talks by Kelly Wahlquist, founder of WINE (Women in the New Evangelization), sisterhood, and a goodie bag filled with fun items! \$40 – includes Walk in Her Sandals book bundle, \$30 without book bundle. To register on line: www.diojeffcity.org/womens-ministry or Erin Boeckman at (573) 634-9127 ext. 240.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS, SATURDAY MARCH 14: Please join the Office of Vocations in this wonderful opportunity to venerate the relic of St. Jude Thaddeus, as well as make this a day of prayer for an increase of Vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood for our Diocese at the Cathedral of Jefferson City. This day will be a similar format to last year: we will begin with Holy Mass, Confessions will be available all day, a couple of reflections/talks will be given, and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be available. Veneration 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., opening Mass at 8:00 a.m. & closing Mass at 5:30 p.m. celebrated by the Most Reverend W. Shawn McKnight. Reflection 10:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m., Adoration 8:30 a.m. – 5:15 p.m. Confession 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN WORKSHOPS: The Catholic Church in the United States is committed to providing safe environments in all of our ministries and activities, especially those involving children and youth. One aspect of our commitment is that anyone who works with minors in our parishes, schools and other Catholic organizations in the Diocese of Jefferson City receive training. For a full list of trainings currently available, please visit our [Virtus site](#) and select "Jefferson City, MO (Diocese)," or go to our Events page and filter by "Protecting God's Children."

ST. NICHOLAS ACADEMY is a supportive living experience for boys from families that are under-resourced who want to give their sons every opportunity to succeed in school and life. St. Nick's partners with families and St. Peter Interparish School to provide this opportunity. St. Nick's is seeking Christian, married couples or single individuals who are willing to be part of a pool of relief parents. The role of relief parents is to care for the boys and home when the full-time house parents are off duty or away. Typically, the full-time house parents are off duty every fourth weekend from 9:00 AM Friday through 7:00 PM Sunday. Relief parents, on a rotational schedule, fill in during this time. They may also be asked to be on a call list to help fill in when the house parents are on vacation and/or sick. Relief parents receive an hourly wage, all legally mandated benefits and a compensation package that includes a private suite and all meals for the days on duty. Please contact Sister Susan Renner, SSND at 573-635-7719 or director@stnick.org

WKCSOC Spring soccer sign-ups will be held at the Westphalia KC hall on Tuesday evening, February 25 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. All kids ages 3-14 (on 8/1/19) welcome. Email wkcsoccerclub@gmail.com with any questions

OSAGE BEND FISH FRY, ST. MARGARET'S PARISH is Friday, February 28, serving catfish filets, hush puppies, baked potatoes, French fries, baked beans and cole slaw from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Adults \$12.00, children 6-12 \$5.00. Carry-outs \$12.00 per plate.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRYS, HOLTS SUMMIT are Fridays, February 28, March 6, 13, 20 & 27. Serving U.S.A raised catfish, spaghetti, baked beans, baked potato, French fries, cornbread, slaw, dessert & drink from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Adults \$11, children 6-12 \$5.00 at the St. Andrew Church, Holts Summit.

FRANKENSTEIN CYO BREAKFAST is Sunday, March 1, serving sausage, pancakes, scrambled eggs, biscuits & gravy from 7:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Adults \$8; children 6-10 \$4.00.

AMERICAN LEGION POST #544 SPRING BREAKFAST WESTPHALIA is March 1, serving country ham, biscuits & gravy, fried eggs at the Westphalia K of C Hall 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. Adults \$8:00, children 6-10 \$4:00. Proceeds to sponsor Honor Flight-Wounded Warrior fund, Veterans services, Boys & Girls State, American Legion Auxiliary Bake Sale.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH HAM & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST is Sunday, March 8, serving country ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, hash browns, biscuits & gravy & applesauce from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Parish Center. Adults \$10.00, children 6-12 \$5.00. Country store, crafts & raffle – with over \$2,000 in cash prizes.

SAVE THE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR:

St. Thomas Parish Ham Breakfast – Sunday, March 8, 2020

St. Thomas/Meta Knights of Columbus Fish Fry – Friday, March 27, 2020, St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Center

TOTUS TUUS – June 14-19, 2020

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Pastoral Council Minutes February 11, 2020

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. Leonard, Mark Luebbering, Jackie Prenger, Leroy Heckemeyer, Jan Carter, Paul Becker, Curt Goeller, Steve Schellman, Brian Luebbering, Ryan Wieberg and Theresa Veit

Absent: Alan Reinkemeyer, Jason Buschjost, and Barb Graessle

Father led the Parish Pastoral Council in prayer.

Principal's Report (Mr. Heckemeyer):

- We had a wonderful Advent Program on January 8th. The attendance was great, and the kids were awesome in the Program! There were a lot of good voices.
- The students have been playing several basketball games, and they are enjoying their games. They are winning several of their games, and they are constantly improving. The season is winding down and the Catholic Bowl will be the end of the season for the basketball teams. Track season will be just around the corner.
- Our 8th graders went to the LINC on January 13th for their TEAM training, which is part of the Council for Drug Free Youth. They all had a good time.

- Our 7th graders went to the LINC on January 14th for their COPE training, which is also part of the Council for Drug Free Youth. They had a good time as well.
- We had school on Monday, January 20th to make up our first snow day.
- The Archery team has just started their competitions.
- Catholic Schools Week was from January 26-February 1.
- Ms. Morris, several of our students, and Leroy went to the March for Life in Washington D.C. on January 22-25.
- Mid-Quarter was on Wednesday, February 5th.
- The NET retreat for our 8th graders is on February 13.
- Classroom parties for Valentine's Day (Feb. 14) at 2:00 p.m.
- School is in session on February 17 – Presidents' Day to make up a snow day.
- Home & School meeting on February 20 at 6:30 PM.
- CMPAL Championships for basketball is Feb. 23-March 1.
- Bookmobile is here on February 26.
- End of 3rd Quarter is Friday, March 6.
- Preschool Sneak Peek is Friday, March 20.
- Early out on Friday, March 20 (Car riders-11:05, Bus riders-11:15).
- State Archery Tournament will be on March 20-22 in Branson.
- FOX Theatre show for 7th and 8th graders in St. Louis on March 22 at 6:30 PM.
- No School on Monday, March 23 due to a Diocesan Professional Development Day.
- **Pastor's Report (Father Leonard):**
- Fr. Leonard said thank you for the parish support of his vacation.
- Penance Services for Lent
 - March 31st at St. Thomas
 - March 24th at St. Cecelia
- Picture of the Parish Pastoral Council will be taken at next meeting to put on the website.

Worship Committee Report:

- Let's Talk Faith – February 27th
- Ash Wednesday
 - 7:45 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at St. Thomas
 - 7:00 p.m. at St. Cecelia
- Stations of the Cross
 - Wednesday mornings following the 7:45 a.m. Mass
 - Friday nights at 6:30 p.m.
 - Wednesday nights at 6:00 p.m. at St. Cecelia (prior to Mass)

Christian Education Report:

- Kristin Buschjost will not be the coordinator of PSR after this year. We will need a new coordinator.

Social Concerns Report:

- Food Drive for Lent

Administration Report:

- Project Updates
 - Working on getting a Schwartze grant for the tuck pointing of the brick part of school (maybe for the summer)
 - New bathroom fans in school and cafeteria were added where needed.
- Snow Removal
 - Has been working out really well.
 - The parish will buy the salt spreader that has been used this year.

Finance Report:

- Kathy Graessle is president.
- FORMED was renewed.

Old Business:

- Fall Fantasy Committee
 - Looking for volunteers
- Church Sanctuary/Ceiling Project
 - Looking at three companies. Going to look at Churches they have done recently.
- Parish Meal Update
 - Around 200 people – the food was delicious.

New Business:

- Reviewing Time and Talent Sheet
- Looking for volunteers for Upcoming Parish Council Elections
- February 8 Diocesan Meeting Update
 - Stewardship, co-responsibility, charity and mercy are the four goals the diocese is looking at for the new "Fulfilling our Parish Dream for Future Generations" project.
 - Diocese has reported the following:
 - Mass attendance has gone down 29% in the last 10 years
 - Social index has a lot of unmet needs
 - Rise in the number of youth not claiming a religion any more
 - Sexual Abuse/Power Abuse of the clergy
 - Each parish should show charity and mercy (clergy and laity working together)
 - Different groups from parish will fill out reports and send them to Parish Council and Diocese
 - The Parish Council will use these reports to create a plan for the next three years for the Parish.
 - The Diocese wants each parish to have discernment during lent (different groups from the parishes), the final reports from these groups need to be given to the PPC by May 1st.
 - PPC will create the three year plan during May and send to the Diocese.
 - Diocese will review material from parishes in July
 - Diocese will have the Diocesan plan by September 12th
 - Diocese wants the new plans for the parish and Diocese to start in Advent
 - There will be a movie night March 1st to discuss this in the parish.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 14, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in the Vitae House
The meeting was adjourned and Father ended with a prayer.

