The Roman Catholic Parishes of St. Thomas the Apostle

in St. Thomas

St. Cecilia in Meta

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PO Box 146 St. Thomas, MO 65076

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT **FEBRUARY 25, 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 25-March 4:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Herb Volmert

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – People of our Parishes Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Theresa Mertens

Wednesday 7:45 a.m. - Sylvanus Hoecker

Thursday 7:45 a.m. - Rose Schmidt

Stations of the Cross immediately following Mass

Friday 7:45 a.m. - L&D Joe & Dorothy Luebbering

Anointing of the Sick following Mass Stations of the Cross 6:00 p.m. in church

Saturday 5:00 p.m. - Keith Luebbering

Sunday 10:00 a.m. -L&D Harry Lueckenhoff Family

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2017-2018: \$305,000.00 Offertory Goal through Month End: \$203,336.00 Actual Collection for 2017-2018: \$191,289.13 Offertory Difference Year to Date: -\$ 12,046.87 Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

February 4 \$4,495.50 February 11 \$3,501.00 February 18 \$3,019.00

February 25

Collection Online: \$6,002.00 February total to date: \$17,017.50 Difference for February: -\$ 8,399.50

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): \$19,930.45 Loan payments to date for FY 2017-2018: \$64,594.18 (Principal) \$55,208.83 (Interest) \$9,385.35 \$<u>341,513.43</u> Parish Building Expansion Debt remaining:

St. Thomas the Apostle Cantor / Organist

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

St. Thomas the Apostle Reader

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Amanda Wooten Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Molly Suthoff

St. Thomas the Apostle Altar Servers

Weekday - Claire Morris & Brie Heckman Saturday 5:00 p.m. - Ely & Dawson Wieberg, Lilly Schulte

Sunday 10:00 a.m. - Kenzie, Avery & Lane Libbert, Abigail Verslues

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of February 25-March 4:

Saturday 7:00 p.m. - Vince & Brad Reinkemeyer Sunday 8:00 a.m. - Gus Kelly

6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross before Wednesday Mass Wednesday 6:30 p.m. - Leona Fick

Saturday 7:00 p.m. - People of our Parishes Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Lawrence "Dick" Rehagen

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2017-2018: \$62,000.00 Collection Total for 2017-2018: \$42,679.15 Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5.166.67

Collection in Church:

February 4 \$ 1,131.00 February 11 \$ 1,065.00 February 18 \$1,236.00 February 25 February total to date: \$ 3.432.00

Difference for February: - \$ 1,734.67

Please remember your parish in your last will & testament.

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

February - Dale & Margie Helton March - Pam Libbert & Marie Lueckenotto

St. Cecilia Reader

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. - Cathy Borgmeyer Saturday 7:00 p.m. - Doris Stumpe Sunday 8:00 a.m. - Dominic Plassmeyer

St. Cecilia Altar Servers

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – servers needed Sunday 8:00 a.m. –Nicholas & Shelby Wankum, Ava & Saige Werdehausen

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 March 3-4

Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Carolyn Loethen, Mark & Barb Graessle

Sunday 10:00 a.m. - Mike & Sheri Wieberg, Millie Wieberg

March 10-11

Saturday 5:00 p.m. - Lora Boessen, Mark Luebbering,

Pat Kaiser

Sunday 10:00 a.m. - Shirley Volmert, Bill & Betty Jo Luebbering

St. Thomas Greeters/Ushers

please ring tower bells at least 10 minutes before weekend Masses March 3-4

Saturday 5:00 p.m. - Gilbert Schellman & Richard Schellman

Sunday 10;00 a.m. - Eric & Keith Boessen

March 10-11

Saturday 5:00 p.m. - Fred Luebbering & Carolyn Loethen

Sunday 10:00 a.m. - Art Groner & Arthur McManus

St. Thomas Presentation of Gifts at Mass March 3-4

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark & Barb Graessle Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Keith & Jean Kliethermes

March 10-11

Saturday 5:00 p.m. - Mark & Lora Boessen Family Sunday 10:00 a.m. - Travis & Kathy Rackers Family

St. Thomas Collection Counters

March 3-4 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman March 10-11 - Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg March 17-18 - Keith & Jean Kliethermes

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas (in Church)

Tuesday 7:25 a.m. – Joann Heckman – Sorrowful Wednesday 7:25 a.m. - Pat Loethen - 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

St. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion March 3-4

Saturday 7:00 p.m. - Dorothy Rehagen, Bonnie Kampeter, Lou Kloeppel

Sunday 8:00 a.m. - Gerald & Phyllis Rehagen, Pam Libbert March 10-11

Saturday 7:00 p.m. - Brenda Wansing, Doris Stumpe, Jennifer Even

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

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

March 3-4

Saturday 7:00 p.m. - Darin Even, Randy Hagenhoff, Lou Kloeppel, Mitch Stumpe Sunday 8:00 a.m. - Larry Lueckenotto, Harold Libbert,

Anton Libbert, Terry Libbert

March 10-11

Saturday 7:00 p.m. - Brendan Stumpe, Darin Even, Randy Hagenhoff, Lou Kloeppel Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Tony Derkum, Dominic Plassmeyer, Larry Lueckenotto, Harold Libbert

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

No rosary before Wednesday Mass during Lent, due to Stations of the Cross.

Saturday 6:40 p.m. - Dorothy Rehagen- Sorrowful Sunday 7:40 a.m. - Margaret Brune - 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.

SCRIP: March 3-4 Saturday - Karen Luebbering Sunday – Amanda Boessen

Visit 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, March 1 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Lisa Wieberg Thursday, March 8 - Millie Wieberg & Felicia Williams 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.

EXTREMELY LOW GLUTEN HOSTS (Less than 0.01% gluten) are available to those parishioners who are highly sensitive to wheat. Please contact Fr. Secrist to determine particulars of distribution and reception of the low-gluten hosts.

THE CATHOLIC MISSOURIAN IS NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE The official newspaper of the Diocese of Jefferson City, is up and running. You can access the online edition – without any signup necessary – using any web browser such as Explorer, Chrome & Safari on your computer, tablet or smartphone. Please go to www.catholicmissourianonline.com or www.cathmo.com Access will be free to all for a 6-month introductory period (possibly longer) as we evaluate a new subscription framework for print and online users.

PLEASE SIGN UP FOR THE VARIOUS LITURGICAL MINISTRIES during Holy Week and the Triduum. Sign- up sheets are on clip boards located at entrances of St. Cecilia & St. Thomas the Apostle Churches. Please check the bulletin for ministry assignments.

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Annette Kehner

email: AnnetteKehner@mail.com Phone: 573-680-2824

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be prayed at 8:30 a.m. on Thursdays & 6:00 p.m. on Fridays at St. Thomas the Apostle and at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays at St. Cecilia Parish.

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

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT is Friday, March 2 at St. Thomas.

7:45 a.m. Mass with Anointing of the Sick offered after Mass to those who are in need of the Sacrament. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Church throughout the day; please sign up on the sheet located on the offertory table.

4:30-5:30 p.m. - Confessions

5:45 p.m. - Benediction

6:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross

ST. CECILIA PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: The next PPC meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. Thursday, March 1 in the Parish Center basement.

FIRST FRIDAY SOCIAL AT ST. THOMAS will not be held during Lent.

PRAYING A ROSARY FOR OUR COUNTRY will be prayed at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 4 at St. Thomas the Apostle.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SANCTUARY FLOORING work will continue on Monday, March 5 when the actual hardwood installation by the Richardet Company begins. In the meantime, weekend and weekday Masses during this next week will be in church. Many thanks to Shane Verslues for his carpentry expertise in the reconstruction of the sanctuary steps and other preparatory wood work.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION will be 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 28 in the St. Thomas the Apostle School library.

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

TUESDAY, February 27 St. Cecilia, Meta March 2 St. Louis, Bonnots Mill March 13 St. Joseph, Westphalia March 14 Sacred Heart, Rich Fountain St. Aloysius, Argyle March 15 Immaculate Conception, Loose Creek March 6

March 8 TUESDAY, March 20 St. Thomas the Apostle, St. Thomas St. George, Linn

March 11 St. Stanislaus, Wardsville (6:30 p.m.) March 28 Our Lady Help of Christians, Frankenstein

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE HAM & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST RAFFLE TICKETS: Tickets are available in St. Thomas Church. For every \$20 worth of tickets of raffle tickets sold and returned by Sunday, March 4, your name will be entered in a drawing for a prize of \$100 donated by Rudy Veit. Please be sure to complete all the information lines on the ticket stub included "sold by", so that your name will be entered in the drawing. Completed raffle tickets and accompanying payment should be returned in clearly marked envelope via the weekend collection basket or mailed to: St. Thomas Parish Office, P.O. Box 146, St. Thomas, MO 65076

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PRAYER LINE REQUESTS should be emailed to Jenny Becker at jbeckeroffice @gmail.com or by calling (573) 690-0642. The Prayer Line exists to communicate prayer intentions for those in need of healing.

PRAYER HOUR WITH MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION will be held Tuesday, February 27, 7:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

ST. CECILIA EASTER FLOWERS: Anyone interested in making a monetary donation for Easter flowers in memory of loved ones is asked to place the donation along with PRINTED names to be remembered in an envelope and place in the collection basket by March 25. The names will be printed in the Easter Sunday bulletin, April 1.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE EASTER FLOWERS: Anyone interested in making a monetary donation for the Easter flowers in memory of loved ones is asked to place the donation along with PRINTED names to be remembered in an envelope and place in the collection basket by March 25. The names will be published in the Easter Sunday Bulletin, April 1.

SACRED TRIDUUM SCHEDULE:

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church

Good Friday Stations of the Cross: 3:00 p.m. - St. Cecilia Church

Good Friday Liturgy with Veneration of the Cross: 7:00 p.m. - St. Thomas the Apostle Church

Easter Vigil 8:00 p.m. – St. Cecilia Church Easter Sunday Mass: 8:00 a.m. – St. Cecilia Church Easter Sunday Mass: 10:00 a.m. - St. Thomas Church

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH REGISTRATION: 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.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PRESCHOOL SNEAK PEEK is Thursday, March 15, 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. School wide tour, parent questions/answers, yummy breakfast, gonoodle dancing, fun games & more. For more information please call Mrs. Melanie Kirkweg 573-690-5888 or Miss Jaycine Bax 573-821-1179 or the school office 573-477-3322.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 1 – Early Release 1:20 p.m. – car riders, 1:30 p.m. bus riders

March 3 – Diocesan Regional Speech Meet will be held at St. Thomas the Apostle School

March 9 - End of 3rd Quarter

March 15 - Preschool Sneak Peek 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

March 23-24 - State Archery Meet in Branson

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.

SPRING TRINKLEINS PLANT FUNDRAISER: St. Thomas the Apostle School students are selling plant baskets \$25 and 16" patio planters for \$40.00. There are several to choose from and will be delivered on Friday, May 11 from 3-6 p.m. in the lower school parking lot. Please see any of our school students are please call the school office by March 5.

WHY I LOVE MY CATHOLIC SCHOOL:

This is why I love my Catholic School. I like it because there are great teachers, fun things to do and we get to learn about God. This essay should help you understand why. First, I am going to talk about the great teachers. The teachers are great because they all have a smile on their face every day. They help every student in school when they need it. They help me on my homework. Next, I am going to talk about the fun activities we do here at school. We have a Halloween Party and a Christmas Party every year. We also have celebration called Catholic Schools Week, where we celebrate that we are lucky to go to a Catholic School The best thing is field day. This is where we get to do fun activities outside all day. Lastly, I'm going to talk

about how we get to learn about God every day. We have a priest named Fr. Secrist. He sometimes comes into our classroom and teaches us more about God. We go to Church every day except on Mondays. These are the reasons why I love my Catholic School, the great teachers, the fun activities, and learning about God every day. I hope you like my Catholic School too. Colton Libbert - 6th Grade

I love my Catholic School for many reasons. The opportunities, the loving community, and the many ways to express my faith and love for my God are all reasons I love my Catholic School. There are plenty more reasons, but these mean the most to me. Going to a small school like St. Thomas has given me many opportunities I wouldn't have at a public school. The March for Life is a gift I am so grateful for. I would not have this opportunity to go on this trip if I went to a public school. Aquinas Academy was another great gift from the Diocese of Jefferson City that was offered to me, through my Catholic School. One-on-one help from teachers, knowing all of the student's names, and getting to be with parishioners every day are also great opportunities. The St. Thomas Catholic Community is full of love. I feel like our community is one, big, loving family. Tuesday through Friday we celebrate Mass at 7:45 a.m. with students, teachers, and parishioners. Sharing my faith with all of the wonderful people of my community has been a great gift from God. Seeing everyone at Mass doing the readings, serving, singing, bringing ups gifts, and participating in the Holy ministries helps me to better see how we all come together to celebrate two things, our faith and our community. Those are just a few of the reasons why I love my Catholic School. The opportunities God has given me through my Catholic School are greater than I can express. The community of St. Thomas is something I never want to let go of. *Molly Suthoff – 7th Grade*

There are a lot of benefits of being in a Catholic School. You get to learn and express your faith within the school. We get to do things in the community around school. We also get to help the preschoolers grow in faith. Because our school is small, you get to learn a lot about each other and form good friendships. I also get to help the preschoolers. I sit with them at lunch and help them learn how to behave and use their manners at lunch. When we go to Church, we teach them how to pay attention and not get distracted, with is a lot of fun. There is a lot of faith within the school, from the kids to the faculty. No matter what there is, always someone there to help because St. Thomas is one big family. I love to go to Church every day and deepen my faith and love in God. The thing I love most about St. Thomas is writing this essay, because it show me how well I have it at St. Thomas, like getting to go to Mass and helping the preschoolers. We also get to do a lot in the community. When someone passes away in the community, the whole school stands in front of the rectory and prays the Hail Mary as the casket and family goes to the cemetery. I also got to go Christmas caroling to the elderly in the community. We all dressed up in warm clothes and walked to their homes and sang to them. You could just see in their expressions that we touched their hearts. In all, there are a lot of things I love about my Catholic School from learning about my faith to being a part of the community. That is why I love my Catholic School. Luke Schroeder - 8th Grade

BOX TOPS: Please continue to save Box Tops, Best Choice labels & coke points and send to the St. Thomas School office or drop box in the side entrance of St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

THE WILLIAM B. SIMON SCHOLARSHIP FUND awards scholarships to Catholic students in the Jefferson City Diocese who are in financial need for attending an accredited college of the student's choice. The scholarship is \$1,000 per semester. Please see Fr. Secrist at the rectory for details and application. Students from St. Thomas have been awarded this scholarship in the past. Applications must be postmarked or returned to the Chancery by March 31, 2018. All applicants will be notified of the results by May 1, 2018.

MISSOURI RIVER REGIONAL LIBRARY BOOKMOBILE will be in St. Thomas from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. Monday, February 26. The bookmobile will stop on the church parking lot located at Park Street and Highway B.

WESTPHALIA AMERICAN LEGION BREAKFAST is Sunday, February 25, serving country ham, biscuits & gravy & eggs from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the K of C Hall Westphalia. Adults \$8.00, children 6-10 \$4.00.

VITAE FOUNDATION 26TH 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 or call 573-634-4316.

SAVE THE DATES: ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH HAM/SAUSAGE BREAKFAST – Sunday, March 11, 2018 Work-list will be attached to next week's bulletin. 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. CECILIA ANNUAL CEMETERY MEETING is scheduled for Monday, March 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the parish center. Subjects to be discussed include financial report, reviewing by laws and other concerns anyone may have.

DO YOU BELIEVE IN MIRACLES? –Seeing is believing Parish Mission presentations by Tim Francis March 7 & 8 at the Cathedral of St. Joseph, 7:00-9:30 p.m. each evening and also Sunday, March 11 at Sacred Heart Church in Eldon, 3:00-5:30 p.m..

CONTEMPLATIVE OUTREACH OF CENTRAL MISSOURI will host the Diocesan observance of the 25th Annual United in Prayer Day, on Saturday, March 17, 2018 in Jefferson City. It will be at held from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Alphonse J. Schwartze Memorial Catholic Center, 2207 West Main St. Jefferson City, MO. Welcome, registration and hospitality will begin at 8:30 a.m. The theme will be The Four Senses of Scripture ... A Journey to Unity presented by Jefferson City Priest, Fr. Matthew Flatley. For more information and to register contact COCEMO at 573-864-1097 or email @ www.cocemo1@gmail.com