

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

**St. Cecilia**  
in Meta

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[www.stthomasapostleschool.net](http://www.stthomasapostleschool.net)

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PO Box 146  
St. Thomas, MO 65076

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**FEBRUARY 4, 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 4-11:**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Joe & Teresa Kaiser  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – L&D Joseph & Helen Schaefer Family  
Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Pat Kliegel  
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – Fr. Patrick Shortt  
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Tom & Clara Schmidt  
Friday 7:45 a.m. – Joe & Teresa Kaiser  
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Becky Strobe

**Your Sunday Offering:**

Offertory Budget for 2017-2018: \$305,000.00  
Offertory Goal through Month End: \$177,919.00  
Actual Collection for 2017-2018: **\$174,271.63**  
Offertory Difference Year to Date: – \$ 3,647.37  
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

**Collection in Church:**

January 7 \$ 2,607.10  
January 14 \$ 3,327.25  
January 21 \$ 2,347.00  
January 28 \$ 3,751.00

**Collection Online:** \$ 6,102.00

**January total to date:** **\$18,134.35**

Difference for January: – \$ 7,282.65

**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): **\$18,396.45**  
Loan payments to date for FY 2017-2018: **\$55,366.44**  
(Principal) \$47,323.65 (Interest) \$8,042.79  
Parish Building Expansion Debt remaining: **\$349,398.61**

**St. Thomas the Apostle Cantor / Organist**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Doug Luebbering / Annette Kehner  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Lisa Wieberg / Jackie Prenger

**St. Thomas the Apostle Reader**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Alfred Kaiser  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jan Carter

**St. Thomas the Apostle Altar Servers**

Weekday – Sophie Fine & Luke Schroeder  
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ethan & Noah Luebbering,  
Cale Luebbert  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Brooke, Grace & Belle Boessen,  
Brie Heckman

**Saint Cecilia**

**Mass Schedule for the Week of February 4-11:**

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Raymond Luebbering

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Hubert Brune

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Lawrence "Dick" Rehagen  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Rita Schuttenberg/Larry Stumpe

**Your Sunday Offering:**

Offertory Budget for 2017-2018: \$62,000.00  
Collection Total for 2017-2018: **\$39,247.15**  
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,166.67

**Collection in Church:**

January 7 \$ 1,159.00  
January 14 \$ 906.00  
January 21 \$ 1,056.00  
January 28 \$ 1,881.00

**January total to date:** **\$ 5,002.00**

Difference for January: – \$ 164.67

**Please remember your parish in your last will & testament.**

**St. Cecilia Collection Counters**

February – Dale & Margie Helton

**St. Cecilia Reader**

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Dorothy Rehagen  
Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Jennifer Even  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Don Wansin

**St. Cecilia Altar Servers**

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Ben & Henry Schroeder  
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**

**February 10-11**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Lora Boessen, Mark Luebbering, Pat Kaiser

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Keith Kliethermes, Rob Henson, Rosalyn Wieberg

**Ash Wednesday 5:00 p.m.** – Lynne Reinkemeyer

**February 17-18**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark & Barb Graessle, Marshall Boessen

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

**St. Thomas Greeters/Ushers**

*\*please ring tower bells at least 10 minutes before weekend Masses\**

**February 10-11**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark Boessen & Gregg Boessen

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

**Ash Wednesday 5:00 p.m.** – Joe Buschjost & Steve Schellman

**February 17-18**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mike Groner & Dave Luebbering

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Alan Cortvrient & Ryan Buschjost

**St. Thomas Presentation of Gifts at Mass**

**February 10-11**

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

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Arthur McManus & Mary Engelmeyer Family

**Ash Wednesday 5:00 p.m.** – Ralph & Kathy Graessle

**February 17-18**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mike & Trish Green

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Alan & Lynn Reinkemeyer

**St. Thomas Collection Counters**

February 10-11 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg

February 17-18 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes

February 24-25 – Jennifer Schroeder & Stephanie Cortvrient

**Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas**

Tuesday 7:25 a.m. – Joann Heckman – Sorrowful

Wednesday 7:25 a.m. – Pat Loethen – Glorious

Thursday 7:25 a.m. – Viola Boessen – Luminous

Friday 7:25 a.m. – Gilbert & Hermina Strobe – Sorrowful

Saturday 4:40 p.m. – Barb Graessle – Glorious

Sunday 9:40 a.m. – Pat Loethen – Glorious

**SCRIP: February 10-11** Saturday – Karen Luebbering Sunday – Sara Otto

Visit [www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip](http://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, February 8:** Shirley Volmert & Eileen Volmert **Thursday, February 15** – Glenda Werdehausen & Kelly Wieberg  
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 Strobe or Emily Luebbering.

**THE PENITENTIAL SEASON OF LENT** begins on **Ash Wednesday, February 14** (Valentine’s Day) this year. On a day typically reserved for chocolates, candies and meals shared with a loved one, Holy Mother Church asks us all to fast, pray and abstain from meat. Take it as an opportunity to pray with each other and grow deeper in a true and abiding love of God.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are the two obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics in the whole year. The norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence from meat. Catholic peoples from time immemorial have set apart Friday for special penitential observance by which they gladly suffer with Christ that they may one day be glorified with Him. This is the heart of the tradition of abstinence from meat on Friday where that tradition has been observed in the Catholic Church.

**MASSES ON ASH WEDNESDAY** – February 14 : **7:45 a.m. & 5:00 p.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish & 7:00 p.m. St. Cecilia Parish.**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be prayed at **8:30 a.m. on Thursdays** (beginning February 15) & **6:00 p.m. on Fridays** (beginning February 16) at St. Thomas the Apostle and at **6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays** (beginning February 21) at St. Cecilia Parish.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH FISH FRY RESULTS:**

INCOME:	Meal Tickets	\$3,601.00
	Beer:	\$ 58.00
	50/50 Drawing:	\$ 269.00
	Total Income:	\$3,928.00

EXPENSES:	Food Supplies:	\$2,004.03
	Dinnerware:	\$ 59.90
	50/50 Prize:	\$ 134.00
	Advertising:	\$ 36.00
	Total Expenses:	\$2,233.93
	<b>Net Income:</b>	<b>\$1,694.07</b>

*Winner of the 50/50 drawing was Kay Stockman*

**St. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

**February 10-11**

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Jennifer Even, Betty Hagenhoff, Dorothy Rehagen

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Gerald & Phyllis Rehagen, Janice Schanzmeyer

**Ash Wednesday 7:00 p.m.** – Brenda Wansing

**February 17-18**

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Bonnie Kampeter, Lou Kloeppele, Brenda Wansing

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Pam Libbert, Gerald & Phyllis Rehagen

**St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers**

**February 10-11**

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Brendan Stumpe, Darin Even, Randy Hagenhoff, Mitch Stumpe

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Terry Libbert, Tony Derkum, Leon Schanzmeyer, Kenny Otto

**Ash Wednesday 7:00 p.m.** – Mitch & Brendan Stumpe, Harold Libbert, Anton Libbert

**February 17-18**

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Lou Kloeppele, Mitch & Brendan Stumpe, Darin Even

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Larry Lueckenotto, Harold Libbert, Anton Libbert, Terry Libbert

**Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia**

Wednesday 6:10 p.m. – Florentine Hagenhoff – Glorious

Saturday 6:40 p.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer – Glorious

Sunday 7:40 a.m. – Margaret Brune – Glorious

**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.

**FLU SEASON:** Because of the continuing cases of the flu and other illnesses in the local area, we are refraining from exchanging the Sign of Peace and offering the Precious Blood of Christ at Mass. Thank you for your understanding.

**CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS FOR 2017** are available in alphabetized boxes at the entrances of St. Thomas the Apostle & St. Cecilia Churches. Please pick up your envelop to aid in your tax preparation.

**CONFIRMATION PREPARATION** this coming week will be on **Wednesday, February 7** will be in the **St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Center**.

**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.

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

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH REGISTRATION:** Are you new to the area? Have you moved, changed your phone number or email address? 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. Thank you for your assistance in this important matter.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS:**

February 12 – Valentine's Day parties in classrooms

February 14 – Bookmobile

February 16 – Archery Tournament in Parish Center. All are welcome!

**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](mailto:mkirkweg@embarqmail.com).

**BOX TOPS:** Please send in Box Tops by February 16 for submission.

**ST. THOMAS HAM / SAUSAGE BREAKFAST RAFFLE:** If you are interested in making a donation or know of someone who might, please contact Janet Lueckenhoff at 573-690-5682 **before February 5** so the donation may be included in this year's raffle. Our breakfast is **Sunday, March 11, 2018**.

**2018 ANNOUNCEMENT FOR SOFTBALL & BASEBALL REGISTRATION:** St. Thomas & Meta will be having registration for softball & baseball on the following dates and times. Registration will be held Friday, February 23 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, February 25 from 11:00 a.m. to noon 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 14 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. If you are unable to make it one of the registration times or have any questions, please contact Amy Luebbering at 573-619-6325 or [raluebbering@embarqmail.com](mailto:raluebbering@embarqmail.com). You may also send questions to [stparkboard@gmail.com](mailto:stparkboard@gmail.com).

**PRESCRIPTION DRUG DISPOSAL KITS:** If you have old medication that needs to be disposed of safely (and kept out of the environment), please stop by the St. Thomas School office to pick up a disposal kit. These kits have been made available free from the Cole County Sheriff's Department.

**ARGYLE / KOELTZTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT'S BREAKFAST** is Sunday, February 4, 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Argyle K of C Hall. Adults \$8.00, children 6-12 \$4.00. Proceeds to benefit the maintenance of all fire equipment.

**ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF BISHOP-ELECT SHAWN McKNIGHT** as the Fourth Bishop of Jefferson City will be **2:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 6**. The Ordination Mass will be able to be viewed on the following networks: EWTN NETWORK, FOX 22- KQFX, CATHOLIC TV Livestreaming on EWTN.COM, Livestreaming KMIZ.COM or ABC17NEWS.COM, Livestreaming on CATHOLICTV.ORG

The **6:00 p.m. Vespers Service** on **Monday, February 5** at the Cathedral of St. Joseph is open for everyone to attend.

**ST. THOMAS / META KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS VALENTINE'S DANCE:** Saturday, February 10 in the St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Center.

**WARDSVILLE/OSAGE BEND KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST** is Sunday, February 11, serving ham, sausage, biscuits & gravy, scrambled eggs from 7:30 a.m. to noon. Adults \$10, children 5-12 \$4.00.

**LIONS DEN BREAKFAST**, Westphalia is Sunday, February 11, serving pancake, sausage & fried eggs from 7:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Adults \$8.00, children 6-10 \$4.00.

**ST. THOMAS / META KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY:** Friday, February 23 in the St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Center.

**VITAE FOUNDATION 26<sup>TH</sup> 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 and producer. 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/events](http://www.VitaeFoundation.org/events) or call 573-634-4316.

**ST. BRENDAN CATHOLIC CHURCH** in Mexico will be hosting Dr. Edward Sri on Thursday, March 22, 7:00 p.m. at the Missouri Military Academy. His topic is A Biblical Walk through the Mass. To register for his talk, please call St. Brendan Parish Office (573) 581-4720 or email [parishoffice@saintbrendans.org](mailto:parishoffice@saintbrendans.org).

**SAVE THE DATES:**

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH HAM/SAUSAGE BREAKFAST - Sunday, March 11, 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. THOMAS CEMETERY ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL STATEMENT for year ending December 31, 2017**

Checking Account

Beginning 1/1/17	\$ 926.04
Deposits	\$2,449.00
Disbursements	-\$1,574.09
Ending Balance 12/31/17	\$1,800.95

Savings Account

Beginning Balance 1/1/17	\$7,424.62
Deposits (Interest)	\$ 18.73
Total	\$7,443.35

Income Statement Receipts

Membership Dues	\$2,249.00
Gifts	\$ 200.00
Interest (Savings)	\$ 18.73
Total Receipts	\$2,467.73

Expenses

Repairs/Maintenance	\$1,474.09
Secretary	\$ 100.00
Total Expenses	\$1,574.09
Total Receipts over expenses:	\$ 893.64

**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

O God, Father of all Mercies, Provider of a bountiful Harvest, send Your Graces upon those You have called to gather the fruits of Your labor; preserve and strengthen them in their lifelong service of you. Open the hearts of Your children that they may discern Your Holy Will; inspire in them a love and desire to surrender themselves to serving others in the name of Your son, Jesus Christ. Teach all Your faithful to follow their respective paths in life guided by Your Divine Word and Truth. Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, all the Angels, and Saints, humbly hear our prayers and grant Your Church's needs, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**PARISH VITALITY PRAYER**

Eternal God, Father most holy, whose Son established the Church, promising that the power of evil would never prevail against her, stir up our faith and bolster our perseverance, that our faith may vitalize our parishes and our perseverance maintain our outreach. You have taught us that dying to self and obedience to the Church are essential to holiness, peace and unity. Preserve our unity as one Diocesan Church, and may the spouse of the Holy Spirit, the Immaculate Heart of Mary, protect us with her mantle and intercede for us with her prayer. Through Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.