

**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

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**February 4, 2024**

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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 Feb. 4-11:**

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – No Mass

Wednesday – No Mass

Thursday – No Mass

Friday - No Mass

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Bob & Donnie Luebbering

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – People of our Parishes  
Jane Lindenbusch

**Your Sunday Offering:**

Offertory Budget for 2023-2024:	\$312,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End:	\$182,000.00
Actual Collection for 2023-2024:	<b>\$202,029.41</b>
Offertory Difference Year to Date:	+\$ 20,029.41
Offertory Goal per month:	\$ 26,000.00

**Collection in Church:**

January 7	\$ 4,108.88
January 14	\$ 3,196.17
January 21	\$ 3,512.68
January 28	\$ 3,677.17

**Collection Online:** \$ 8,088.00

**January total to date:** **\$22,582.90**

Difference for January: -\$ 3,417.10

**Church Renovation Capital Campaign**

Total Pledges/Donations \$490,634.70

Total Collected \$518,736.09

Total Expenses Paid \$699,195.95

A total of 131 parishioners have returned pledge cards/or  
Contributed to the renovation project.

Church Renovation Loan Balance \$58,872.80

Loan payments to date \$153,015.00

(principal) \$141,127.20 (interest) \$11,887.80

**St. Thomas the Apostle Cantors / Organists**

Feb. 10 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mary Kay Brand / Jeanette

Feb. 11 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Amanda Wooten / Alanna

**Feb. 14 Ash Wed 5:00 p.m.** – Jean Kliethermes  
/Jeanette

Feb. 17 Saturday 5:00 p.m.– Judy Schroeder / Jeanette

Feb. 18 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Lisa Wieberg / Jackie

**St. Thomas the Apostle Readers**

Feb. 10 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kathy Graessle

Feb. 11 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jan Heckemeyer

**Feb. 14 Ash Wed. – 5:00 p.m.** –PSR Students

Feb. 17 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – David Schroeder

Feb. 18 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Alan Reinkemeyer

**Saint Cecilia**

**Mass Schedule for the Week of Feb. 4-11:**

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – No Mass

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Marilyn Bax

**Your Sunday Offering:**

Offertory Budget for 2023-2024:	\$67,000.00
Collection Total for 2023-2024:	<b>\$42,799.00</b>
Offertory Goal per month:	\$ 5,583.34

**Collection in Church:**

January 7	\$ 897.00
January 14	\$ 572.00
January 21	\$2,259.00
January 28	\$1,613.00

**January total to date:** **\$5,273.00**

Difference for January: -\$ 310.32

**St. Cecilia Collection Counters**

February: Dale & Margie Helton

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

**St. Cecilia Readers**

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. – No Mass

Sunday Feb. 11 8:00 a.m. – Janice Schanzmeyer

**Ash Wed. Feb. 14 7:00 p.m.** – Doris Stumpe

Sunday, Feb. 18 8:00 a.m. – Jennifer Even

**St. Cecilia Organist**

Sunday. Feb. 11 8:00 a.m. – Jackie

**Ash Wed. Feb. 14 7:00 p.m.** - Emilie

Sunday, Feb. 18 8:00 a.m. –Lydia

**YOUR LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENT,  
PLEASE FIND A REPLACEMENT. YOUR  
FELLOW PARISHIONERS THANK YOU!**

### **St. Thomas the Apostle Greeters/Ushers**

Feb. 10 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Eric Strobe & Dave Luebbering  
Feb. 11 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Keith Kliethermes & Larry Lueckenhoff  
**Feb. 14 Ash Wed. 5:00 p.m.** – PSR Students  
Feb. 17 Saturday 5:00 pm. –Gilbert Schellman & Mark Boessen  
Feb. 18 Sunday 10:00 a.m.-Alan Reinkemeyer & Matthew Maasen  
**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. 10 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Brenda Wansing  
Feb. 11 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Marshall Boessen  
**Feb. 14 Ash Wed. 5:00 p.m.** – Mark Graessle  
Feb. 17 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Lora Boessen  
Feb. 18 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Lynne Reinkemeyer

### **St. Thomas the Apostle Servers**

Feb. 10 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – JD Volmert, Carmen Luebbering,  
Austyn Christian, Gregory Kirby  
Feb. 11 10:00 a.m. – Francie, Hannah, Levi Tallent,  
Virgil Lackman  
**Feb. 14 Ash Wed. 5:00 p.m.** – PSR Students  
Feb. 17 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ben & Luke Otto,  
Ava Buschjost, Evelyn Wooten  
Feb. 18 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Cadyn Libbert, Aliyah Buechter,  
Kora Luebbering, Jude Luebbering

### **St. Thomas the Apostle Offertory Gifts**

Saturday, Feb. 10 – Family of Bob & Donnie Luebbering  
Sunday, Feb.11– Family of Jane Lindenbusch

### **St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters**

February 11 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes  
February 18 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg  
February 25 – Dunja Wieberg & Jennifer Schroeder  
March 3 - Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman

### **Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas**

**Wednesday – No Mass**

**Thursday – No Mass**

**Friday – No Mass**

Saturday 4:35 p.m. –Dale Herigon – Glorious Mysteries  
Sunday 9:35 a.m. – Millie Wieberg– Glorious Mysteries

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

February 11	Dunja Wieberg
February 18	Lauri Luebbering
February 25	Brooke Schell
March 3	Jenny Becker
March 10	Karlie Reinkemeyer
March 17	Brooke Schell

### **St. Thomas the Apostle Church Cleaners**

February 4: Brooke Schell, Tina Stockman, Gina Luebbering, Karen Luebbering  
February 11: Alan Libbert, Nancy Libbert, Darrel Buechter, Jan Heckemeyer  
February 18: Janet Lueckenhoff, Jim Lueckenhoff, Charlene Buschjost, Randy Buschjost  
February 25: Lynne Reinkemeyer, Linda Boessen, Lauri Luebbering, Lisa Lackman  
March 3 - Sonya Henson, Susan Buechter, Brenda Schell, 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 snacks to the hall by 1:00 p.m.; snacks 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, February 8** – Terra Luebbering & Marlene Luebbering

**Thursday, February 15** – Tami Luebbering & Mary Pat Luebbering

**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 & PARISH BULLETINS:** Deadline for bulletin is Wednesday at Noon. If you are needing a bulletin and Church is locked at St. Thomas the Apostle, there are some on the Vitae House front porch.

**IN NEED OF A PRIEST WHILE FR. LEONARD IS GONE,** please contact Theresa Veit, 573-418-7301, Doris Stumpe, 573-619-6125, Jan Heckemeyer, 573-619-8432 or Diane Lueckenhoff, 573-645-5794.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH MASSES:** The following Masses will be said in Father's Home Parish while he is gone. Fr. Clarence Wiederholt - 2 Masses, Billy Chestnut - 2 Masses, Joe Kaiser - 6 Masses, Teresa Kaiser - 6 Masses Raymond Groner - 2 Masses, Greg Russell - 7 Masses

**BISHOP MCKNIGHT FEBRUARY PRAYER INTENTION:** For the depressed and those suffering from mental illness; may the active compassion of the Church bring healing and consolation to those who are tempted to despair, we pray to the Lord.

**A ROSARY FOR OUR COUNTRY** will be prayed on Sunday, February 4, 5:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

### **St. Cecilia Eucharistic Ministers**

Feb. 11 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Pam Libbert  
**Ash Wed. Feb. 14 7:00 p.m.** – Mary Plassmeyer  
Feb. 18 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic Plassmeyer

### **St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers**

Feb. 11 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Brendan Stumpe, Randy Hagenhoff,  
Kenny Otto, Otto Wankum  
**Ash Wed. Feb. 14 7:00 p.m.** – Randy Hagenhoff & Darin Even  
Feb. 18 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Leonard Schulte, Tony Derkum,  
William Derkum, Terry Libbert

### **St. Cecilia Servers**

Feb. 11 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Reagan & Eli Bock  
**Ash Wed. Feb. 14 7:00 p.m.** – Tucker & Jesse Schroeder  
Feb. 18 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Gavin Werdehausen &  
Natalee Derkum

### **St. Cecilia Offertory Gifts**

Feb. 11 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Family of Marilyn Bax

### **Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia**

Feb. 11 Sunday 7:35 a.m. –Dorothy Rehagen  
**Ash Wed. Feb. 14 – 6:35 p.m.** - Mary Plassmeyer  
Sorrowful Mysteries  
Feb. 18 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Janice Schanzmeyer  
Sorrowful Mysteries

**VOTIVE CANDLES:** The requested donation for lighting a votive candle in church is **\$3.00.**

**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.

**ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 MASSES:** 7:45 a.m. & 5:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle  
7:00 p.m. St. Cecilia

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT:** Stations of the Cross will be held Thursday mornings following the 7:45 a.m. Mass beginning February 15 and Fridays at St. Thomas the Apostle 6:30 p.m. beginning February 16. 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 February 21.

**LENTEN REGULATIONS:**

**Abstinence:** All who have celebrated their 14th birthday are bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent and Good Friday.

**Fasting:** Everyone, from the celebration of their 18th birthday to their 59th birthday, is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting means eating only one full meal each day. Two other partial meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken; but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed. Voluntary fasting on other weekdays of Lent is highly recommended. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, neither the law of fasting nor the law of abstinence obliges. These are minimal penitential practices and should not be lightly excused. If in doubt, please consult your parish priest.

Other recommended forms of fasting, as regards alcoholic drink, needless television, video games, Internet use, and social entertainment, are of true spiritual value and strongly encouraged.

**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 and support of charities.

**Prayer:** To deepen one's love for Christ, Catholics are urged to participate in the sacramental life of the Church during Lent by attending daily Mass and frequenting the sacrament of Reconciliation.

**BREAKING THE SILENCE OF ABUSE:** As a Diocese, we are committed to breaking the silence of abuse. When someone is reporting abuse, we must acknowledge their pain and how difficult it is to talk about it. False allegations are very rare. Our initial response to someone who is disclosing abuse for the first time must be compassionate. For those who need to report abuse, encourage them to contact our Victims Assistance Coordinator, Jacqueline Baldwin, (573-694-3199) and to make use of the appropriate State of Missouri hotline (1-800-392-3738) or the Attorney General's clergy abuse online form. All of this information is also on our website, under the 'report abuse' tab. For those who want information or want to convey a message to Bishop McKnight, please encourage them to write to us at [reportabuse@diojeffcity.org](mailto:reportabuse@diojeffcity.org).

**ST. CECILIA PARISH** is in need of some volunteers to serve on the Stewardship Committee. It can be any age of parishioners that are willing to participate. If you are interested in serving on the Stewardship Committee, please contact Fr. Leonard or Dusty Stegeman 573-291-3064.

**ST. CECILIA PARISH GIVING STATEMENTS:** St. Cecilia Parish Giving Statements will be available in the back of the Church in an envelope. If you need your copy mailed, please contact Doris Stumpe at 619-6125 or email at [dstumpeoffice@gmail.com](mailto:dstumpeoffice@gmail.com).

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE 2023 YEAR END CONTRIBUTIONS:** Thank you for your generosity this past year. To receive your 2023 contribution statement, you may complete the statement request form on the St. Thomas the Apostle Church website or call the parish office at 573-477-3315 during parish office hours. The form can be found online at [www.stthomasapostle.net/contribution-statement](http://www.stthomasapostle.net/contribution-statement) or by clicking the Contribution Statement tab at the top of the home page.

**ST THOMAS CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE:** **Wednesday, February 28** is the next available day for directory photos. If you have not signed up yet, please go to [www.stthomasapostle.net](http://www.stthomasapostle.net) to find "Universal Church Directories" or Universal's website, [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com), click on the box to the right that says "photography appointment scheduling login", enter mo253 in the Church Code field and enter photos in the Church Password field. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. Please make sure to include your email so you will get a reminder closer to the picture date. **Each family in the directory will receive a free 8X10 photo and a complimentary copy of the directory. This is also an opportunity to purchase additional family photos, without the sitting fee.** Contact Melissa Verslues 338-3433 or Theresa Veit 418-7301, if you have any questions or need assistance signing up. Thank you for your participation in a successful parish directory!

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISHIONER NOTIFICATION TEXT:** To join **REMIND** please TEXT **81010** and then Message: **@c2chf2** and hit send. Then you will need to put in your full name and hit send. Please choose Student (s) and hit send. Then your DOB and hit send. Simple and easy, and you will receive parish/parish related events and cancellations. If you have any questions or need help, please contact Theresa Veit at (573) 418-7301.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL NEWS:** Monday, February 12 – No School  
Monday, February 19 – President's Day – No School  
Thursday, February 29 – Early Release 12:50 p.m. car riders, 1:00 p.m. bus riders

**ST. THOMAS CEMETERY DUES:** Dues are \$10.00 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 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 or St. Cecilia 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.

**OVER 50 GET TOGETHER GROUP:** The over 50 group will be getting together for the monthly luncheon on February 8, eating at noon at the parish center. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish and \$5.00 for yearly dues. Anyone is welcome to join and enjoy visiting with friends, playing cards or whatever.

**BLOOD DRIVE:** The Citizen's Civic League is sponsoring a blood drive on February 22, 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. Please call 1-800-733 2767 or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: CivicLeagueMeta to schedule an appointment.

**ST. THOMAS K OF C VALENTINE'S DANCE:** Please mark your calendars for Saturday, February 10, 2024, the St. Thomas Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Valentines Dance in the St. Thomas Parish Gym, from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. Music by Shiloh. \$35 a couple or \$20 per single. BYOB. **NO ONE UNDER 21 ALLOWED.**

**WKCSO SPRING SOCCER SIGN-UPS** will be held at the Westphalia KC hall on Tuesday evening, February 13 from 4-6 PM. All kids ages 3-14 (on 8/1/23) welcome. Email [wkcsoccerclub@gmail.com](mailto:wkcsoccerclub@gmail.com) with any questions

**SAVE THE DATES: St. Thomas Knights of Columbus Fish Fry – February 23 – St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Center  
St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Pictorial Directory – February 28 & 29.  
St. Thomas the Apostle Parish – Ham & Sausage Breakfast – Sunday, March 10, 2024**

**St. Cecilia Parish Pastoral Council Meeting**

The St. Cecilia Parish Pastoral Council meeting was held on Tuesday, January 17. Those present were Dusty Stegeman, Lydia Hurst, Shirley Bock, Janice Schanzmeyer, Cordel Schroeder, Katy Werdehausen and Doris Stumpe. Father Leonard was still out on vacation so was not present. The meeting opened at 6:40 p.m. with a prayer.

Dusty reported that no one has contacted him about interest in being on the Stewardship Committee. It has been listed in several bulletins. They are still going through the Stewardship forms received and entering into a spreadsheet. Only a small number have been returned. Doris will be placing all others that were not picked up into the mail.

Doris gave a brief update on the account balances and mentioned that details will be in an upcoming bulletin.

Lydia stated the Worship Committee will be having a meeting soon to discuss details for the Lenten season.

Janice has been in contact with the photographer used for the parish directories. It would be at least April before the photographer would be available. After discussion on the time it would take to put together the details in the book, the committee decided an early fall timeline would be best for planning purposes.

Cordel purchased a new freezer for the parish center from St. Elizabeth TV and Appliance for \$379 and it has been set up in the parish center. Doris will be sure the bill gets paid.

Cordell had stopped to get pictures of the two bathrooms in the Rectory and brought the pictures along to the meeting. There has still not been any bids so discussion continued on if it would be beneficial to have the bathrooms stripped so a contractor could come in and do the remodel work quickly.

There had been a large water break in front of the priest's house. Doris reported that Ruben Wieberg has repaired this.

There was discussion on snow removal off the parish lot. There were a couple names of local individuals that may be interested, the committee will be in contact with them to see if they find anyone interested.

The final discussion was on this summer's parish picnic. Jean Libbert had notified Dusty, indicating she would be unable to organize the picnic this year, due to family health. The committee discussed how grateful we are to Jean and Dorothy for their many years of taking this on. All agreed it would be best to put notification in the bulletin to see if there was interest from parishioners on being the chair and co-chair for a picnic committee. The parish council will help as well and assist however needed.

The meeting was adjourned around 7:30, due to the heat not working in the parish center. Doris called Rehagen Heating and Cooling to have them come look at it. She reported back later that they got the heat temporarily working but ordered a part for the permanent fix.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 19 at 6:30 p.m.

**TOTUS TUUS - JUNE 23 - 28** - Due to the rising cost of Totus Tuus, we have decided to join with St. Stanislaus and St Francis Xavier this year. Totus Tuus will be held at St. Stanislaus the week of June 23- 28. Please see the flyer at the end of the bulletin. .We will have sign-ups available in the next few weeks both online and paper. Thank you for your continued support and participation in this summer program.

ST FRANCIS XAVIER, ST STANISLAUS, AND ST THOMAS PARISHES

2024

**TOTUS TUUS**  
PARISH SUMMER CATECHETICAL PROGRAM  
FOR YOUTH GRADES 1-12

**ST STANISLAUS CHURCH,  
WARDSVILLE, MO  
June 23-28, 2024**

Join us for a fun and faith-filled week! Learn about the Apostles Creed and the Glorious Mysteries of the rosary while growing in your relationship with the Lord. See you there!

DAY PROGRAM	EVENING PROGRAM
• Monday - Friday	• Sunday - Thursday
• 8am - 1:30pm	• 6:30pm-8:00pm
• Grades 1-6	• Grades 7-12
COST: \$25/child	COST: Evening program is FREE
\$75 for 3 or more children	

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To register, contact Abby Thompson (St Stan), Cathy Singer (SFX), or Theresa Veit (St Thomas)

# ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE COUNTRY HAM & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST

*Sunday, March 10th, 2024*

**SERVING CAFETERIA STYLE  
8:00AM - 11:30AM  
CARRY-OUTS ALSO AVAILABLE**

**COUNTRY HAM, SAUSAGE, EGGS,  
BISCUITS & GRAVY  
POTATOES & APPLESAUCE**

**Adults: \$12  
Children ages 6-12: \$6  
5 & under: Free**

**BE SURE TO CHECK OUT OUR COUNTRY STORE**