

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

St. Cecilia
 in Meta

www.stthomasapostle.net

www.stceciliameta.net

PO Box 146
 St. Thomas, MO 65076

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 5, 2017

Pastor: Very Reverend Jeremy A. Secrist, V.F.
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School Principal: Mr. Leroy Heckemeyer
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St. Thomas Secretary:
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School Website:
www.stthomasapostleschool.net

St. Thomas Parish Office hours: Tuesdays 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Thursdays 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 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 5-12:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes
 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jim & Christine Luebbering
 Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Becky Strope
 Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – Tom & Clara Schmidt
 Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Joe Kaiser
 Friday 7:45 a.m. – L&D Vincent & Katie Loethen Family
Anointing of the Sick following Mass
 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – L&D Joe & Dorothy Luebbering Family
 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – L&D Harold Bexten Family

Your Sunday Offering:

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| Offertory Budget for 2016-2017: | \$305,000.00 |
| Offertory Goal through Month End: | \$177,919.00 |
| Actual Collection for 2015-2017: | \$168,526.02 |
| Offertory Difference Year to Date: | - \$ 9,392.98 |
| Offertory Goal per month: | \$ 25,417.00 |

Collection in Church:

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| January 1 | \$ 3,898.56 |
| January 8 | \$ 4,839.71 |
| January 15 | \$ 4,429.00 |
| January 22 | \$ 2,154.80 |
| January 29 | \$ 4,975.00 |

Collection Online:

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| January total to date: | \$ 20,566.07 |
| Difference for January | + \$ 123.07 |

St. Thomas the Apostle Expansion & Building Fund

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| Total Expansion Project expenses paid: | \$2,273,475.34 |
| Income from parishioners for FY 2016-2017 (via the yellow "Building Fund" envelope): | \$17,493.00 |
| Loan payments to date for FY 2016-2017: | \$64,594.18 |
| (Principal) \$52,399.54 (Interest) \$12,194.64 | |
| Parish Building Expansion Debt remaining: | \$443,696.43 |

St. Thomas Cantor / Organist

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kerry Meyer /Jackie Prenger
 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jean Kliethermes /Annette Kehner

St. Thomas Reader/ Petitions

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Alfred Kaiser
 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Kristin Buschjost

St. Thomas Altar Servers

Weekdays – Sabrina Luebbering, Latham Cavin & Samantha Christian
 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Grace & Chase Luebbering, Sam Schaefer
 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mason & Klint Luebbering, Morgan & Jacob Luebbering

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of February 5-12:

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Francis J. "Fritz" Luebbert
 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Mary Sidwell

 Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Victor Bruemmer

 Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Rita Schuttenberg
 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – People of the Parishes

Your Sunday Offering:

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| Offertory Budget for 2016-2017: | \$60,500.00 |
| Collection Total for 2016-2017: | \$39,625.34 |
| Offertory Goal per month: | \$ 5,041.00 |

Collection in Church:

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| January 1 | \$ 2,406.35 |
| January 8 | \$ 1,305.00 |
| January 15 | \$ 838.00 |
| January 22 | \$ 1,541.00 |
| January 29 | \$ 1,077.00 |
| January total to date: | \$ 7,167.35 |
| Difference for January: | + \$ 2,126.35 |

Please remember your parish in your last will & testament.

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

February – Dale & Margie Helton

St. Cecilia Reader / Petitions

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Dorothy Rehagen
 Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Betty Hagenhoff
 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic Plassmeyer

St. Cecilia Altar Servers

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Alex & Joshua Even, Carson Libbert & Gavin Holterman
 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Nicholas & Shelby Wankum, Ava & Saige Werdehausen

**IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO FULFILL YOUR
 LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENT,
 IN YOUR KINDNESS & CHARITY,
 PLEASE FIND A REPLACEMENT**

St. Thomas Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

February 11-12

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

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Millie Wieberg, Bill & Betty Jo Luebbering

February 18-19

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Betty Schellman, Leeroy Budnik, Carolyn Loethen

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Lynne Reinkemeyer, Jan Carter, Mattheuw Prenger

St. Thomas Greeters/Ushers

February 11-12

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Carolyn Loethen & Mark Boessen

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Arthur McManus & Alan Reinkemeyer

February 18-19

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

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Doug Stockman & TJ Loethen

St. Thomas Presentation of Gifts at Mass

February 11-12

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark & Lauri Luebbering

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Ray & Shirley Volmert

February 18-19

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ralph & Kathy Graessle

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – David & Judy Schroeder

St. Thomas Collection Counters

February 11-12 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg

February 18-19 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes

February 25-26 – Richard & Jan Heckemeyer

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday 7:25 a.m. – Alex & 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. – Marilyn Herigon – Sorrowful

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

SCRIP: February 11-12 Visit www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip for more information about the Scrip program.

Saturday – Karen Luebbering Sunday – Melissa Verslues

We have a large variety of cards in various denominations in stock and available for purchase. Scrip is available for purchase after every weekend Mass in St. Thomas and available during the week by contacting the school office at 573-477-3322. You can also contact Lindsay Luebbering at 573-680-4920 or Karen Luebbering at 573-301-5835 to purchase anytime.

LADIES TO BRING SNACK TO ST. THOMAS QUILTERS:

Thursday, February 9 – Karen Luebbering & Lauri Luebbering Thursday, February 16 – Jayne Luebbering & Lindsay Luebbering Please bring 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.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH OFFICE NEWS: Beginning the week of February 12, the parish office hours will be changing to **8:30 – 12:00 a.m. Tuesdays & 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Wednesdays.** Additionally, Mrs. Jenny Becker will be working on Tuesday mornings as Administrative Secretary and Mrs. Jan Heckemeyer will be working on Wednesdays as Parish Bookkeeper. Contact information will be included in next week's bulletin.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016 are available in the back of St. Thomas the Apostle & St. Cecilia churches. Please pick up your envelop to aid in your tax preparation. Thank you to all who have been so generous in the financial support of our parishes.

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.

NOTE FOR ALL ST. THOMAS USHERS: With the completion of the powered door operators and controls at the side entrance of church, you hopefully notice that they now have an easy-to-use three position toggle switch. Please note the following: when the doors need to be held open for longer than 5 seconds, please make use of the **hold open function** (toggle switch **down**). The normal **operating** switch position is **up**. The exterior switch needs to be in the **center** position any time the door is **locked**.

2016-2017 CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL (CSA): The Catholic Stewardship Appeal (CSA) videos for this year's Catholic Stewardship appeal is available at: www.diojeffcity.org. The CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP GOALS for 2016 are:

St. Cecilia Parish: \$2,000.00. So far **\$1,526.00** (76%) has been contributed.

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish: \$8,000.00. So far **\$7,057.00** (88%) has been contributed. Thank you for your generosity!

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 6**, so the donation may be included in this year's raffle. Our breakfast is March 12, 2017.

ST. THOMAS CYO will meet on Monday, February 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

ST. THOMAS CYO CINNAMON ROLLS will be available for purchase after Masses on February 11 & 12. Please contact any of the CYO members for more information.

St. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

February 11-12

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Dorothy Rehagen, Bonnie Kampeter, Lou Kloepfel

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

February 18-19

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Brenda Wansing, Jennifer Even, Betty Hagenhoff

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer, Karen Fick

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

February 11-12

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Randy Hagenhoff, Lou Kloepfel, Mitch & Brendan Stumpe

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Harold Libbert, Anton Libbert, Terry Libbert, Tony Derkum

February 18-19

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

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Leon Schanzmeyer, Kenny Otto, Dominic Plassmeyer, Larry Lueckenotto

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

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

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

MOVIE NIGHT AT ST. CECILIA PARISH: At 4:00 p.m. on Sunday February 26th - the Sunday before the penitential season of Lent begins – *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe* will be shown in the Parish Center basement. Everyone is invited to bring a comfortable chair. Light snacks will be provided.

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 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. Out of respect for individuals' privacy, only necessary information is communicated.

ST. THOMAS SCHOOL/PSR DROP OFF & PICK UP REMINDER: For the safety of everyone, please remember to ENTER from Park Street and EXIT from the Church parking lot ONLY. This will keep our children safe and the traffic flowing smoothly.

ST. THOMAS SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGES: The school Facebook page is now able to be viewed from the school homepage: stthomasapostleschool.net. The preschool program is also working on creating a Facebook page so that you can keep tabs on all the good things going on there as well.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PRESCHOOL: If you have a preschool aged child, please email Mrs. Kirkweg for information on how to get your child enrolled. Email mkirkweg@embarqmail.com or call the St. Thomas School office at 573-477-3322 for more information.

BOX TOPS Please continue to save Box Tops for Education, Coke Points & Best Choice Labels and pull tabs from cans. ***Please send in Box Tops by February 20 for submission.***

COPY PAPER: St. Thomas School is in need of copy paper, clean on one side and staple free. Please drop off paper at school or call the school office.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PRESCHOOL: It's that time of year again! St. Thomas Preschool is busy making plans for the 2017-2018 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

HOME AND SCHOOL FUNDRAISER: St. Thomas the Apostle School students are selling Proven Winners Combination Hanging Baskets and Patio Planters. Trinklein Brothers Greenhouse will be growing the planters for us. There are hanging baskets and potted planters for sun and shade. Hanging baskets 12" diameter \$25.00, Patio planters are 16" in diameter \$40.00. Please call Kerry Meyer at 573-477-0166 if interested.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS:

February 16 – 8th Grade Retreat NET team
20 – Snow make-up day for P-8
23 – Home & School Meeting 6:30 p.m.
25 – Hosting Archery Tournament in Parish Center

DVD'S OF THE PFEFFER PIPE ORGAN REDEDICATION held on October 2nd, are still available for \$15. These DVD's were recorded and edited by the videographer and sportscaster Rod Smith. Please contact Fr. Secrist or Diane Lueckenhoff to obtain a copy. Proceeds will go for the continued care and maintenance of the historic instrument.

THE WILLIAM 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, 2017. All applicants will be notified of the results by May 1, 2017.

ST. THOMAS CRAFT STAND: If anyone is interested in quilting baby quilts for our annual parish picnic (August 20, 2017) to please contact Diane Lueckenhoff, 573-645-5794 or Charlene Buschjost 573-477-3480.

WKCSOC Spring soccer sign-ups will be held at the Westphalia KC hall on Monday and Tuesday evening February 6 & 7 from 4:00-6:00 PM each night. All kids ages 3-14 (on 8/1/16) welcome. Please no late sign ups! Email wkcsoccerclub@gmail.com with any questions

ARGYLE / KOELTZTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL BREAKFAST is February 5, serving pancakes, sausage & eggs from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Argyle K of C Hall. Adults \$8.00, children 6-12 \$4.00. Proceeds to benefit the maintenance of all Fire Equipment.

WARDSVILLE / OSAGE BEND K OF C BREAKFAST is Sunday, February 12, serving Burger's ham, sausage, biscuits & gravy, scrambled eggs from 7:30 a.m. to noon in the St. Stanislaus Parish gym. Adults \$10.00, children 5-12 \$4.00.

WESTPHALIA LIONS CLUB BREAKFAST is Sunday, February 12, serving pancakes, sausage and fried eggs from 7:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Lion's Den in Westphalia. Adults: \$8.00; children: \$4.00.

TRIVIA NIGHT on February 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Thomas Parish Hall. Please contact Tiffany Lackman at 573-477-3373 or Paul Moyer at 573-694-3946 for more info.

PREGNANCY HELP CENTER CHILI COOKOFF AND POLAR BEAR RIDE is Saturday, February 18, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Memorial Baptist Church. For the Polar Bear ride, bikers meet at the State Capitol near the fountains at 11:00 a.m. for prayer service & Bike blessing and then ride together to the chili cook off at 11:30 a.m. \$10.00 advance purchase for adults and \$12.00 at the door, \$6.00 for kids 6-12. To buy advance tickets, register to compete, and for more details, please call 573-644-6635, or www.friendsofphc.org

MARDI GRAS DANCE is Saturday, February 18 at St. Francis Xavier School (Taos). \$15.00 per person, doors open at 7:30 p.m., dance 8:00 – 11:30 p.m., featuring the music of Five Turn Knot. Must be 21 to attend. All proceeds to benefit St. Francis Xavier school technology.

ST. ANTHONY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST is Sunday, February 19, serving ham, sausage, biscuits & gravy and scrambled eggs from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the St. Anthony Parish Hall, St. Anthony. Adults \$8.00, children 6-12 \$4.00.

ARGYLE VFW POST 8045 ANNUAL BREAKFAST is February 19 at Post Home in Argyle serving whole hog sausage, fried eggs, pancakes, morning pastries, coffee, milk & orange juice. Serving from 7:30 - 11:30. Adults \$8.00, children 6-12 \$4.00. Carry outs available, Raffle, Veterans Service Officer.

SOFTBALL & BASEBALL REGISTRATION: ST. THOMAS/META will be having registration for softball and baseball on the following dates and times. Registration will be held Friday, February 17 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, February 19 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 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 to one of the registration times or have any question, please contact Amy Luebbering at 573-619-6325 or raluebbering@embarqmail.com You may also send questions to stparkboard@gmail.com

ST. THOMAS HERITAGE BOOK: In the near future, the Sesquicentennial Team will be asking each family household to write a short narrative for inclusion in the heritage book. We are providing examples of family narratives in the bulletin to spark your creativity for writing your own family's narrative. There will be four topics that you choose to write about in less than 260 words: tell us about your family, tell us about your family's occupation, tell us about family traditions, and tell us about anything special that defines your family. We will also ask for two photos, one family photo and one of your choice. Have fun preparing your narrative and photos!

SAVE THE DATES:

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH HAM/ SAUSAGE BREAKFAST – Sunday, March 12, 2017

ST. CECILIA PARISH PICNIC – Sunday, July 9, 2017

TOTUS TUUS SUMMER CAMP AT ST. THOMAS & ST. CECILIA PARISHES – July 15-21, 2017

ST. THOMAS K OF C FISH FRY



Fish fillets (*gluten free*)

Hushpuppies

French fries

Baked potatoes

Baked beans

Coleslaw

*Proceeds to benefit the
repair of pews in St.
Thomas the Apostle
Church*

Adults: \$10

Children 6-12: \$5

Children 5 & under: free

ALL YOU CARE TO EAT

CARRY-OUTS AVAILABLE

February 17, 2017 4:30-7:30 pm

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Center St. Thomas, MO 65076