

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

St. Cecilia
in Meta

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PO Box 146
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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 5, 2023

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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 February 5-12:

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Tom & Clara Schmidt
Wednesday 7:45 a.m.- Roy & Lidwina Brockman
Thursday, 7:45 a.m. – Becky Strope
Friday 7:45 a.m. – Alan & Germine Strope
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Herb & Imogene Volmert
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – People of our Parishes
Alex Heckman

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2022-2023: \$305,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End: \$177,919.00
Actual Collection for 2022-2023: **\$178,132.11**
Offertory Difference Year to Date: +\$ 213.11
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

January 1 \$ 5,150.01
January 8 \$ 4,270.07
January 15 \$ 2,863.26
January 22 \$ 2,454.82
January 29 \$ 4,366.07

Collection Online: \$ 6,972.00
January total to date: **\$28,076.23**
Difference for January +\$ 659.23

Church Renovation Capital Campaign

Total Pledges/Donations \$484,477.70
Total Collected \$464,353.06
Total Expenses Paid \$699,195.95

A total of 130 parishioners have returned pledge cards/or
Contributed to the renovation project.

Church Renovation Loan Balance \$152,322.68
Loan payments to date \$54,720.00
(principal) \$47,677.32 (interest) \$7,042.68

St. Thomas the Apostle Cantors / Organists

Feb.11 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Jean Kliethermes / Jeanette
Feb. 12 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Anne Strope / Alanna
Feb. 18 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Lisa Wieberg / Lydia
Feb. 19 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Anne Strope / Alanna

St. Thomas the Apostle Readers

Feb. 11 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Judy Schroeder
Feb. 12 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Bill Luebbering
Feb. 18 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kathy Graessle
Feb. 19 Sunday 10:00 p.m. – Larry Lueckenhoff

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of February 5-12:

Wednesday 6:30 p.m.- Daniel Libbert

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – 50th Wedding Anniversary
Vernon & Pam Huhmann

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2022-2023: \$65,000.00
Collection Total for 2022-2023: **\$37,833.21**
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,416.67

Collection in Church:

January 1 \$3,230.00
January 8 \$ 715.00
January 15 \$3,555.00
January 22 \$ 783.00
January 29 \$ 825.00

January total to date: **\$9,108.00**
Difference for January: +\$ 3,691.33

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. – Cathy Borgmeyer
Sunday, Feb. 12 8:00 a.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer
Sunday, Feb. 19 8:00 a.m. – Karyn Veltrop

St. Cecilia Organist

Feb. 12 8:00 a.m. – Emilie
Feb. 19 8:00 a.m. – Jackie

**IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO FULFILL
YOUR LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENT,
PLEASE FIND A REPLACEMENT. YOUR
FELLOW PARISHIONERS THANK YOU!**

St. Thomas the Apostle Greeters/Ushers

Feb. 11 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Gilbert Schellman & Richard Schellman
Feb. 12 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Josh Schroeder & TJ Loethen
Feb. 18 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark Boessen & Eric Strobe
Feb. 19 Sunday 10:00 a.m. –Mattheuw Prenger & Keith Kliethermes

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. 11 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Paul Becker
Feb. 12 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Bill Luebbering
Feb. 18 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Lora Boessen
Feb. 19 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Lynne Reinkemeyer

St. Thomas the Apostle Servers

Weekday – Evelyn Wooten & Bradyn Stegeman
Feb. 11 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Evelyn Wooten, Ava Buschjost,
Kora Luebbering
Feb. 12 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Victoria Wieberg, Stella Volmert,
Isabella Luebbering
Feb. 18 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Miranda Meyer, Ellie Boessen,
Carmen Luebbering, Emerald Fennewald
Feb. 19 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Valerie & Zeke Verslues,
Cadyn Libbert, Aliyah Buechter

St. Thomas the Apostle Offertory Gifts

Feb. 11 Saturday, 5:00 p.m. – Paul & Jenny Becker
Feb. 12 Sunday 10:00 a.m. –Shane & Melissa Verslues Fam.
Feb. 18 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Gilbert & Betty Schellman
Feb. 19 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Rosalyn Wieberg & Peters Fam.

St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters

Feb. 12 - Paul Becker & Shara Buechter
Feb.19 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes
Feb. 26 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg
March 5 – Dunja Wieberg & Jennifer Schroeder
March 12– Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman

Live Stream Mass (10:00 a.m. Sunday)

Feb. 12 Jenny Becker
Feb. 19 Karlie Reinkemeyer
Feb. 26 Lauri Luebbering
March 5 Brooke Schell
March 12 Dunja Wieberg

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday, 7:25 a.m. – Bob Schellman – Sorrowful Mysteries
Wednesday 7:25 a.m.- Bob Schellman – Glorious Mysteries
Thursday 7:25 a.m. –Gilbert & Hermina – Luminous Mysteries
Friday 7:25 a.m. – Shirley Volmert – Sorrowful Mysteries
Saturday 4:35 p.m. – Dale Herigon – Glorious Mysteries
Sunday 9:35 a.m. – Tina Stockman – Glorious Mysteries

St. Thomas the Apostle Church Cleaners

Feb. 5: Lynne Reinkemeyer, Linda Boessen, Lauri Luebbering, Lisa Lackman
Feb. 12: Sonya Henson, Susan Buechter, Jackie Prenger, Amy Buechter
Feb. 19: Janet Lueckenhoff, Jim Lueckenhoff, Charlene Buschjost, Randy Buschjost
Feb. 26: Alan Libbert, Nancy Libbert, Darrel Buechter, Jan Heckemeyer
March 5: Brooke Schell, Tina Stockman, Gina Luebbering, Karen Luebbering

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 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.

Thursday, Feb. 9 – Jenny Becker & Linda Boessen

Thursday, Feb. 16 – Mary Boessen & Roseanne Boessen

SCRIP: Visit www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip for more information about the Scrip program. Please contact, Amanda Wooten 573-694-1735 or amandab_27@hotmail.com

BULLETIN NOTICES: Deadline for bulletin is Wednesday at noon.

FR. JONES will be celebrating Masses on the weekend of February 11&12 to talk to parishioners about Catholic Stewardship Renewal during all Masses.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES FEBRUARY 22: 7:45 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle, 7:00 p.m. St. Cecilia.

CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL: *The CSA goal for St. Cecilia Parish is \$2,550 Received \$1,065.00*
The CSA goal for St. Thomas the Apostle Parish is \$10,400 Received \$5,755

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH is looking for volunteer to serve on the Catholic Stewardship Renewal (CSR). If interested, please contact Fr. Leonard.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH is looking for a volunteer to serve as a Liaison for Vocation. If you are interested in serving in this role or need more information, please contact Fr. Leonard.

St. Cecilia Eucharistic Ministers

Feb. 12 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Doris Stumpe
Feb. 19 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Betty Hagenhoff

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

Feb. 12 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – William Derkum, Terry Libbert,
Harold Libbert, Leon Schanzmeyer
Feb. 19 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Darin Even, Mitch Stumpe,
Brendan Stumpe, Randy Hagenhoff

St. Cecilia Servers

Feb. 12 Sunday 8:00 a.m. –Natalee Derkum
Feb. 19 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Sophie & Reagan & Eli Bock
Please arrive 10 minutes before Mass.
Servers who have questions or would like to practice, may do so after 8:00 a.m. Mass. Please contact Joanne Schroeder 573-229-8986.

St. Cecilia Offertory Gifts

Feb. 12 Sunday 8:00 a.m.- Family of Vernon & Pam Huhmann

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Wednesday 6:05 p.m. – Dorothy Rehagen–Glorius Mysteries
Feb. 12 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Mary Plassmeyer
Glorious Mysteries
Feb. 19 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Janice Schanzmeyer
Sorrowful Mysteries

VOTIVE CANDLES: The requested donation for lighting a votive candle in church is **\$3.00**. **Please note the cost change for both parishes.**

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'

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH: Our RCIA catechumens will be presented to the Parishioners at St. Thomas the Apostle parish on February 19. We ask all the parishioners to pray for them.

BISHOP MCKNIGHT FEBRUARY PRAYER INTENTON: For engaged couples preparing for marriage in our Church; that they may grow together in their love for on another as they seek to enrich their matrimonial commitments with the grace of God.

PASTORS MEDITATION: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, **LIGHT AND SALT OF THE EARTH (Is. 58:7-10; 1Cor. 2:1-5; Mt. 5:13-16)** The common theme of today's three readings is our two-fold mission to the world, to be salt and to be the light of the world. Jesus said, your light must shine before people, so they will see it and praise your father in heaven.

In our first reading, the Lord God through His prophet Isaiah gives us examples of how we are to allow the light of God to shine through us. "Share your bread with the hungry, sheltering the oppressed and the homeless; clothing the naked when you see them and not turning your back on your own. Then light shall rise for you in the darkness, and the gloom shall become for you like midday" (58:7, 10). Today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps.112), reminds us, "The just man is a light in the darkness to the upright." St. Paul, in the second reading, tells us that our proclamation of Faith will carry the Spirit and His power when we rely on the power and wisdom of God. Using two simple metaphors of salt and the light of a city on a mountaintop in today's Gospel, Jesus outlines the role of Christians in this world. As a symbol of purity, salt was the common ingredient in sacrifices offered to God by Jews and pagans. In the ancient world, salt was the commonest of all preservatives, used to prevent the putrefaction of meat, fish and fruits in pickles. Salt lends flavor to food items and was used to season and preserve food. A light is something which is meant to be seen. A lamp or light is a guide to make the way clear. A light serves also as a warning e.g., red traffic lights which tell us to halt when there is danger ahead. Finally, light, particularly the sun light, gives warmth and heat. So dear friends, we need to be the salt of the earth, salt is a symbol of purity used in sacrifices; the Christian must be an example of purity in speech, in conduct, and even in thought. b) As salt is an antiseptic and healing agent, the Christian must have a certain antiseptic influence on life and society, defeating corruption, fighting against injustice and making it easier for others to avoid sin. c) As salt preserves foods, we need to preserve the religious Faith, Christian cultural values and moral principles which Jesus has given us, and to work at reconciling quarreling factions in families and communities. d) As salt is a food-flavoring agent, we need to add flavor to the lives of desperate people through outreach programs, which give meaning to their lives, boost their morale, offer them occasions to help others, and provide hope where there is none. 2) We need to be the light of the world: The second role of Christians is to receive the light of Christ and radiate it to everyone as love, kindness, mercy, forgiveness, humble service, and respect for those with different ethnic backgrounds, different lifestyles, other faiths, or with no faith at all. As guiding light in darkness, our duty is to show the correct and safe way and to illuminate it with Christ's Light, thus removing the darkness caused by hatred, prejudice, spite and jealousy. As a warning light, it is the Christian's duty to give timely and loving warning of physical and moral danger to fellow Christians. As a warming light, our duty is to warm the cold hearts of others with warm and affectionate words and deeds. ***Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukibi***

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL NEWS:

Thursday, February 16 – Home & School Meeting 6:30 p.m. Monday, February 20 – President's Day, No School P-8

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PRESCHOOL: If you have a child, ages 3 or 4 and have been thinking about preschool, please call Lizzie Linhardt, llinhardt@stacs.school 573-645-5605 or the school office 573-477-3322. If you have any questions or would like to set up a one on one meeting and school tour please contact the school office. Please check out and like St. Thomas the Apostle Preschool Facebook page!

ST. THOMAS CEMETERY DUES: Dues are \$10.00 per year per family and \$5.00 per year for single persons. Also, anyone after their 21st 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 further 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 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.

THE WILLIAM H. SIMON SCHOLARSHIP & JOHN WARACK SCHOLARSHIP: Students must be a registered Catholic in the Diocese of Jefferson City. Student must be graduating high school or older, including current or returning college student. Student must submit a completed by March 31. Student must demonstrate a financial need by submitting a copy of their Student Aid Report (SAR). Student must submit a letter or recommendation from; 1) School official (teacher, counselor, principal, coach, etc) 2) Current or present pastor. For the John L. Warack Scholarship, student must attend University of Missouri-Columbia. For more information or to complete the application at www.diojeffcity.org/scholarships. Applications must be returned to the Chancery by March 31, 2022.

GRATEFUL LIVING FAITH SHARING: Prayer is one of the three aspects of the Catholic Stewardship Renewal in our diocese. The program Grateful Living: The Joy of Stewardship is a small group (6-10 people) faith sharing opportunity that will begin during the Lenten season of 2023. It consists of six sessions during Lent and another six sessions in the Fall of 2023, although the book contains all of the sessions and so your group can meet as you wish. Each session lasts about an hour. In the next few weeks sign-up sheets will be available for anyone interested in this opportunity of sharing your faith in a small group. Books are provided to guide the sessions. Please indicate whether you would like to be a small group leader, if you would like to host sessions in your home, meeting time preferences, or any other pertinent information. Please contact Jackie Prenger at 573-291-3558 if you have any questions.

JEFFERSON CITY MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: Get away for the weekend, just you and your spouse, to celebrate how far you've come and look for areas to improve in your marriage. This is not exclusive to the Catholic faith, but does focus on putting Christ at the center of your marriage. The next weekend is February 11-12, 2023, in Jefferson City, Missouri. Cost is \$75 which includes 1 night hotel stay and all meals and materials. Register at jeffcityme.com (Scholarships are available) Questions? Visit website jeffcityme.com, call 573-619-7416, or email info@jeffcityme.com.

OVER 50 get together is scheduled for Thursday, February 9 at the St Cecilia Parish Center. We will try again this month, weather permitting. We will gather and eat at noon. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish to share with the group.

META CITIZENS CIVIC LEAGUE BLOOD DRIVE is Wednesday, February 22, 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Meta Civic League Hall.

ARGYLE/KOELTZTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL PANCAKE, SAUSAGE & EGG BREAKFAST is Sunday, February 5, 7:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Dine in & carry out available at the Argyle K of C Hall. Adults \$12, children under 12 \$6. Proceeds to benefit the maintenance of all fire equipment.

ST. THOMAS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS VALENTINE'S DANCE is February 11 at the Parish Center - featuring Shiloh playing from 7:30 - 11:30 p.m. \$35 per couple or \$20 per single person. **NO ONE UNDER 21 ALLOWED.**

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION: Please mark your calendars for Saturday, March 25, 2023. Patsy Luebbering is turning 85 and the family would like to invite you to help us celebrate and wish her a Happy Birthday. An open house will be held from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall in St. Thomas.

SAVE THE DATES: Totus Tuus – June 4-9

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Ham/Sausage Breakfast – Sunday, March 12

St. Thomas Knights of Columbus Gluten Free Fish Fry & Art Show – Friday, March 24 in St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Center.

St. Cecilia Parish Pastoral Council Meeting - January 23, 2023

The meeting opened at 7:06 with a prayer by Fr. Leonard Mukiibi.

Those present were Joanne Schroeder, Emily Libbert, Katy Werdehausen, Shirley Bock, Dusty Stegeman, Doris Stumpe, Janice Schanzmeyer, Fr. Leonard

Minutes from the last meeting had been previously approved.

Committee Reports

- Building and Grounds: Janice and Doris provided an update on buildings and grounds. A roofing contractor had come out to look at and take pictures of the roof on the Church per request by the insurance company. The roofing recommendation will now be sent to the diocese to process for potentially replacing the roof. A day was set for building and grounds clean-up in the spring. It will be on April 29. All parishioners are invited and welcome to come help. The council decided to put grass cutting/ground maintenance, parish hall cleaning and church cleaning out for bid every 2 years as a standard protocol. This is the 2nd year since the last bid for grass cutting/grounds, so those will be listed in the bulletin soon. The peeling/cracking paint/plaster in the church was also discussed. There may be some structural items that need fixed before painting should be done. This will get looked into further.
- Cemetery: Next meeting is in March. They will look into if the organization uses the Church ID and if Father's name should be on the account.
- Finance: Will be meeting in February.
- Liturgical and Worship: Will be meeting Jan. 26. Still currently working on drawings for cabinets and tables.
- Social Concerns: They brought a good size donation to Helping Hands before Christmas and are thankful for all who donated money or goods.
- Website: If anything needs added/updated, parishioners may send an email to emily.libbert@gmail.com

Father Leonard's Report

- Father talked about how Father Jones will be coming the weekend of February 11 to talk about new ways to give contributions to the Church with the new Stewardship Launch coming soon.
- Father also reminded the council that we will need a PPC member to be a representative at the Deanery meetings and that the parish is still seeking a parish vocations liaison person or coordinator. Anyone interested can reach out to Father or a parish council member.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 9, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was closed at 8:33 with a prayer by Fr. Leonard.

**St. Cecilia Church - Budget Summary
July 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022**

Income:

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| General (Sunday Collections) | \$ | 31,870.21 |
| Special Income (Parish Center Rental, Misc) | | 400.00 |
| Diocesan Collection Income | | 183.00 |
| Universal Church Collection | | 908.00 |
| Special Church Receipts | | 2,359.73 |

Regular Checking Interest

57.16

Total Income:

\$ 35,778.10

Expenses:

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|------------------------------------|---------------|
| Church & Rectory General | 27,961.24 |
| Church & Rectory Special | 11,220.98 |
| Religious Education (Tuition Paid) | 4,666.68 |
| Diocesan Collections | <u>994.00</u> |

Total Expenses:

\$44,842.90

Net Income (Loss)

(\$9,064.80)



