

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

St. Cecilia
in Meta

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 6, 2022

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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.; 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. 6-13:

WEEKDAY MORNING MASSES IN PARISH CENTER

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – No Mass
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – No Mass
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – No Mass
Friday 7:45 a.m. – No Mass

WEEKEND MASSES IN ST. CECILIA CHURCH

Saturday 5:00 p.m. - Rosalie Leuthen
Sunday 10:00 a.m. - People of our Parishes
Mary Lou Bax

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2021-2022: \$305,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End: \$177,919.00
Actual Collection for 2021-2022: **\$169,256.00**
Offertory Difference Year to Date: –\$ 8,663.00
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

January 2 \$ 2,480.00
January 9 \$11,212.00
January 16 \$ 1,980.00
January 23 \$ 4,470.00
January 30 \$ 2,510.00

Collection Online:

January total to date: **\$29,224.00**
Difference for January: +\$ 3,807.00

Church Renovation Capital Campaign

Total Pledges/Donations \$474,993.04
Total Collected \$389,863.58
Total Expenses Paid \$626,239.57
A total of 125 parishioners have returned pledge cards/or
Contributed to the renovation project.

St. Thomas the Apostle Cantors / Organists

WEEKEND MASSES IN ST. CECILIA CHURCH
Feb. 12 Saturday 5:00 p.m. - Kelsey Kliethermes / Alanna
Feb. 13 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Kerry Meyer / Jackie
WEEKEND MASSES IN ST. THOMAS CHURCH
Feb. 19 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Choir / Jackie
Feb. 20 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Josh Luebbering / Jackie

St. Thomas the Apostle & St. Cecilia Readers

WEEKEND MASSES IN ST. CECILIA CHURCH
Feb. 12 Saturday 5:00 p.m. - Judy Schroeder
Feb. 13 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Richard Heckemeyer
WEEKEND MASSES IN ST. THOMAS CHURCH
Feb. 19 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Lauri Luebbering
Feb. 20 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Ben Luebbering

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of Feb. 6-13:

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. - No Mass

Sunday 8:00 a.m. - Hubert Brune

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2021-2022: \$62,000.00
Collection Total for 2021-2022: **\$36,326.96**
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,166.67

Collection in Church:

January 2 \$ 960.00
January 9 \$ 995.00
January 16 \$1,260.00
January 23 \$ 700.00
January 30 \$ 2,490.00
January total to date: \$6,405.00
Difference for January: +\$1,238.33

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

February – Dale & Margie Helton

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

St. Cecilia Reader

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – No Mass
Feb. 13 8:00 a.m. - Dominic Plassmeyer
Feb. 20 8:00 a.m. - Cathy Borgmeyer

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

St. Thomas & St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

WEEKEND MASSES IN ST. CECILIA CHURCH

Feb. 12 Saturday 5:00 p.m.-Eric Strobe & Dave Luebbering
Feb. 13 Sunday 10:00 a.m.-Alan Reinkemeyer & Doug Stockman

WEEKEND MASSES IN ST. THOMAS CHURCH

Feb. 19 Saturday 5:00 p.m.-Gilbert Schellman, Eric Strobe
Alan Reinkemeyer, Richard Heckemeyer
Feb. 20 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Mattheuw Prenger & Keith Kliethermes

St. Thomas the Apostle & St. Cecilia Eucharistic Ministers
MASSES IN ST. CECILIA CHURCH

Feb. 12 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Brenda Wansing & Marshall Boessen
Feb. 13 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Glenn Prenger & Bill Luebbering

WEEKEND MASSES IN ST. THOMAS CHURCH

Feb. 19 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Janet Lueckenhoff
Feb. 20 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Mattheuw Prenger

St. Thomas the Apostle Servers

WEEKEND MASSES IN ST. CECILIA CHURCH

Feb. 12 Saturday 5:00 p.m.-
Feb. 13 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Fayeth Prenger, Victoria Wieberg,
Zeke & Valerie Verslues

WEEKEND MASSES IN ST. THOMAS CHURCH

Feb. 19 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Klint & Kora Luebbering,
Carmen Luebbering, Valerie Verslues
Feb. 20 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Fayeth Prenger, Erika Luebbering,
Ava Buschjost

St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters

Feb. 13- Keith & Jean Kliethermes
Feb. 20 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg
Feb. 27 – Dunja Wieberg & Jennifer Schroeder
Mar. 6 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman
Mar. 13 - Paul Becker & Shara Buechter

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas

WEEKEND MASSES IN ST. CECILIA CHURCH

Saturday 4:35 p.m. – Dale Herigon – Sorrowful Mysteries
Sunday 9:35 a.m. – Tina Stockman – Sorrowful Mysteries

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.

Thurs. Feb. 10 – Janet Lueckenhoff & Linda Lueckenhoff **Thurs. Feb. 17** – Diane Lueckenhoff & Mary Engelmeyer
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.

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.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE 2021 YEAR END CONTRIBUTIONS: Thank you for your generosity this past year. To receive your 2021 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 at www.stthomasapostle.net/contribution-statement or by clicking the Contribution Statement tab at the top of the home page.

ST. CECILIA 2021 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES are located in the entrance in Church in a box filed alphabetically. If you are unable to pick up your envelope, please contact Doris Stumpe by email or phone and the envelope will be mailed to you.

ST. CECILIA OFFERTORY PARTICIPATION: The St. Cecilia Parish Council would love to get families more involved in participating in Masses. If family members are interested in bringing up the offertory when they turn in Mass intentions, please write a note or leave a message when you turn in your Mass intention request. Any other families who wish to bring up offertory may also let Doris Stumpe know and it will be included in the bulletin.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISHIONERS: It is once again time to offer our time and talents to God and to our parish. Green sheets are available in the entryway of St. Cecilia Church. These can be completed and put into the collection basket at church or returned to the parish office. This year it can also be completed **online** on the St. Thomas the Apostle website. Go to the Home Page under Support the Parish and fill out the online Time and Talent Form. Please mark ministries you would like to continue doing as well as any new ministries. If possible complete the form and return it by January 31 so they can be used starting February 19 when Masses resume in St. Thomas the Apostle Church. Thank you!

ST. CECILIA PRAYER LINE REQUESTS can be made by calling Marie Lueckenotto at 573-229-4336.

St. Cecilia & St. Thomas the Apostle Eucharistic Minister

Feb. 13 Sunday 8:00 a.m.- Betty Hagenhoff & Janice Schanzmeyer
Feb. 20 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Betty Hagenhoff

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

Feb. 13 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Larry Lueckenotto & Mitch Stumpe
Feb. 20 Sunday 8 8:00 a.m. –Darin Even & Leonard Schulte

St. Cecilia Servers

Feb. 13 Sunday 8:00 a.m. –
Feb. 20 Sunday 8:00 a.m.-

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Feb. 13 Sunday 7:35 a.m.- Mary Plassmeyer–Sorrowful Mysteries
Feb. 20 Sunday 7:35 a.m.–Dorothy Rehagen –Glorious Mysteries

VOTIVE CANDLES: The requested donation for lighting a votive candle in church is **\$2.50.**

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 & St. Cecilia Offertory

WEEKEND MASSES IN ST. CECILIA CHURCH

Feb. 12 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ralph & Kathy Graessle
Feb. 13 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Brian & Katie Luebbering Fam.

WEEKEND MASSES IN ST. THOMAS CHURCH

Feb. 19 Saturday, 5:00 p.m. -Richard & Jan Heckemeyer
Feb. 20 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Rosalyn Wieberg & Grandchildren

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PRAYER LINE REQUESTS should be emailed to Theresa Veit at tveitoffice@gmail.com or by calling 573-418-7301.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE WEBSITE: The St. Thomas the Apostle Website (www.stthomasapostle.net) has been updated and is now mobile friendly. Please visit the website for updates for upcoming events, renovation, and many more items.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISHIONERS: The Parish Pastoral Council wants to update the current list of parishioners in St Thomas. If you are 21 years of age or working full time please visit the St. Thomas webpage to fill out the Parish Registration Form. You can email it back to Theresa Veit (tveitoffice@gmail.com) or put the completed form in collection basket at Church. Thank you!

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH WEEKLY BULLETINS may be found in St. Cecilia Church, Web page, St. Thomas Vitae House on front porch or school when in session.

BISHOP MCKNIGHT'S FEBRUARY PRAYER INTENTION: For those who are ill, depressed, or forgotten in society; may the charity and mercy of the local parish community manifest the healing presence of God and counter the culture of indifference.

CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL: The CSA goal for St. Cecilia Parish is **\$2,550**. So far **\$1,540** has been collected. The CSA goal for St. Thomas the Apostle Parish is **\$10,200**. So far **\$5,565** has been collected.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE VIRTUS TRAINING: If you serve as a Volunteer for the parish in any capacity (for example, Fund Raising Events - Picnic/Ham Breakfast, or as a Liturgical Lay Minister - lector/communion minister/usher/organist...) you should complete the VIRTUS Training per Diocesan Policy. You can complete the training on-line by going to stthomasapostle.net and Clicking on SAFE ENVIRONMENT FIRST-TIME REGISTRANT for instructions, **OR** you can attend ONE of the following VIRTUS training sessions on **Thursday, February 24 from 8:30 AM-10:30AM** or **Monday, February 28 from 6:30 PM-8:30 PM** in the school library. This is a ONE-TIME training. St. Cecilia Parish members are also invited to attend. Light refreshments will be served. Contact Jan Heckemeyer or Theresa Veit during Parish Office hours to sign up. If you have questions regarding this, please talk to Fr. Leonard.

PRAYER HOUR WITH MOTHER HELP DEVOTION is Tuesday, February 8, 7:00 p.m. in the Vitae House.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE VIRTUAL WINTER FANTASY: The Virtual Winter Fantasy Live Drawing will be held this **Saturday, February 5 starting at 6:30 p.m.** Tune in to the Facebook Live drawing to see if you are the winner of one of the cash prizes! Winners will be published in the next bulletin.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE VIRTUAL WINTER FANTASY SILENT AUCTION: The Silent Auction website *closes Saturday, February 5 at 9:00 p.m.* We have some great items to bid on! The auction can be found at <https://www.biddingowl.com/StThomastheApostleCatholi>. You need to register first to be able to log in and place bids. Once you register you will receive an email to activate your account. Then you can log in with your Username and Password to bid on items. If you bid last year, you should be able to use the same login information to access the site. For additional information go to stthomasapostle.net and click on the following links - Upcoming Events > Virtual Winter Fantasy > Silent Auction. Items will be available for pick-up at the Vitae House from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Monday, February 7 and 5:00-7:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 8. You may also pick items up during normal Parish Office hours, which are Tuesday, February 8 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, February 9 from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Please plan to bring a check or cash with you when you pick up your item or you can pay online.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PRESCHOOL: If you have a child, ages 3 or 4 and have been thinking about preschool, please call Lizzie Linhardt 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.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL NEWS! UPCOMING EVENTS!

Monday, February 21- President's Day, No School P-8

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. 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.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, JEFFERSON CITY is hosting a Synod Listening Session Saturday, February 12 at 1:30 p.m. This process ... is an exercise of mutual listening, conducted at all levels of the Church and involving the entire People of God. The Cardinal Vicar, the auxiliary bishops, priests, religious and laity have to listen to one another, and then to everyone else. Listening, speaking and listening. It is not about garnering opinions, not a survey, but a matter of listening to the Holy Spirit. To register for the Session, or for more information, please go to <https://diojeffcity.org/synod/>.

THE WILLIAM H. SIMON SCHOLARSHIP & JOHN WARACK SCHOLARSHIP 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 John Warack Scholarship is specifically for a student attending the University of Missouri-Columbia. For more information or to complete the application at www.diojeffcity.org/scholarships. Students from St. Thomas have been awarded this scholarship in the past. Applications must be returned to the Chancery by March 31, 2022.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Becoming a Knight of Columbus can transform your life. As a Knight, you have the opportunity to support our parishes and communities, and to grow in your faith. You can also gain access to top-rated insurance programs to protect your family. Plus, you are joining a band of brothers, a network of men in communities around the world dedicated to doing good in the service of God and our neighbors. As Pope St. John Paul II said: "The Knights of Columbus is the strong right arm of the Catholic Church." If you would like more information or to join, please contact Jeff Cassmeyer at (573) 690-7546.

THE NEXT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING is Tuesday, February 8, 7:30 p.m. A rosary will be prayed at 7:15 p.m. Please read the February newsletter attached to the bulletin.

THE META OVER 50 GROUP will again meet at the parish center on February 10 for the monthly get together at noon. Please bring a covered dish to share and plan on visiting with fellow members. This is open to anyone who wishes to attend.

ST. THOMAS PARISH PARK BOARD: St. Thomas / Meta will be having registration for softball and baseball on the following date. Registration will be held **Sunday, February 13, 2022** from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. 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 1, 2022** 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 at this time & the fee is \$20.00 per child. Please check out our Facebook group page St. Thomas Ball Park for any updates. If you are unable to make it to registration or have any questions, please contact Lisa Wieberg at (573) 999-7351 or lisawieberg@hotmail.com

THE CITIZEN'S CIVIC LEAGUE OF META is sponsoring a Blood Drive on February 17, 2022 between the hours of 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: CivicLeagueMeta to schedule an appointment. The blood bank is in need of all types of blood. If at all possible, come. Refreshments will be served. Per the Red Cross, for coming to donate, they will send you a \$10.00 Amazon.com Gift card via email.

ARGYLE/KOELTZTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT DRIVE-THRU BREAKFAST is Sunday, February 6, 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Argyle K of C Hall.

ST. ANTHONY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST is Sunday, February 13, serving ham, sausage, biscuits & gravy, scrambled eggs and applesauce, all you eat from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Adults \$10.00, children 6-12 \$5.00 in the St. Anthony Parish Hall.

WESTPHALIA LIONS CLUB BREAKFAST is Sunday, February 13, serving pancakes, sausage & eggs from 7:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Adults \$9.00, children 10 and under \$5.00. Dine in or carry out at the Westphalia Lions Den.

BLAIR OAKS FFA ALUMNI & SUPPORTS: Annual Dinner and Dance on February 19, 2022 at the Wardsville Lions Club with music by Shiloh. Tickets are available for \$40.00 per person or \$320 for a reserved table of 8. Doors open at 5:30, Dinner Served at 6:30 p.m. Dance at 8:00-11:00. All proceeds go towards the Blair Oaks FFA program. For tickets, please contact Brittany Carrender at 573-680-7120 or Angie Thessen 573-528-9788.

SAVE THE DATES:

Saturday, February 19, 2022 – Blessing & Celebration of Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle Church newly renovated Church.
Sunday, March 13, 2022- St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Ham Breakfast

St. Cecilia Parish Pastoral Council Meeting January 13, 2022

The meeting opened at 7:03 with a prayer by Fr. Leonard Mukiibi.

Those present were Betty Hagenhoff, Dorothy Rehagen, Janice Schanzmeyer, Emily Libbert and Doris Stumpe

Absent were JoAnn Schroeder and Katy Werdehausen

Minutes from the last meeting were read and had previously been approved.

Committee Reports

- Website: Emily gave an update on the website and some pages that have been updated.
- Building and Grounds: Janice shared that a light was out and had been replaced and that it was discussed to replace some other lights as well. Doris shared that Mitch had cleaned the gutters and that some parts on the boiler in the Parish Center had been fixed. There are still a couple of items that need updated from the previous inspection, but the state had come back after the boiler was fixed and it did pass inspection. Doris also shared that the stumps around the church grounds had been ground and that Tom Hurst had donated the stump grinder and his time. The committee thanks him for that donation of time and materials. There is a need for some replacement dirt to fill in some of those holes and a request has been sent to the City of Meta to use some of the extra dirt they already have.

Old Business

- A nativity scene was donated by the Luebbert family and put on display before the Christmas parade.
- Betty shared that Doris, Dorothy and herself had attended the Virtus Safe Environment portion of the St. Thomas Parish Council meeting with people from the diocese. They shared some of what they learned about the Safe Environment Training Program and it was discussed to schedule some in-person trainings for those who are not able to complete the training online. Those in-person trainings are scheduled for Thursday, February 24 and Monday, February 28. St. Thomas and Meta parishioners will be able to attend. More information and a notice will be put in the bulletin closer to that time to make people aware of these options and invite them to attend.
- The committee again discussed having St. Cecilia families participate in bringing offertory up at Masses. Doris will try to remember to ask families who turn in Mass intentions if they would also like to bring offertory up during those Masses.

Father Leonard's Report

- Father still plans to go on his trip and asked for prayers for a safe journey. He also shared that he had a training for servers but very few showed up. The new ones who came are doing great. He shared that the Advent confessions were very well arranged and went well. He also talked up about the upcoming re-opening of the St. Thomas Church and the blessing/celebration they are planning for that time.

New Business

- Betty and Father both recommended the building and grounds committee get together and figure out what improvements are needed in order to prepare for the upcoming Schwartz Grant deadline and to use some of the money that was received from last year's grant to make improvements as well.
- Betty reminded the committee that Parish Council Elections are usually held in May and Dorothy and Betty are both scheduled to go off the council at that time. Members will begin thinking of parishioners who may be interested in serving on the committee. Volunteers are also appreciated.
- Emily asked if we wanted to pick a day at this meeting for a parish grounds cleanup date or wait until the next meeting in March. The committee decided to wait until the March meeting to choose the date for cleanup.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 3.

The meeting was closed at 8:15 with a prayer by Fr. Leonard.

