

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

St. Cecilia
in Meta

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
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St. Thomas Parish Office hours: Tuesdays 8:30 a.m. – 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

St. Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of December January 12-19:

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Tuesday, 9:00 a.m. – Tom & Clara Schmidt
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mary Jane Lueckenotte

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Ben & Jason Hake

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2019-2020: \$305,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End: \$177,919.00
Actual Collection for 2019-2020: **\$151,531.61**
Offertory Difference Year to Date: – \$ 26,387.39
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2019-2020: \$62,000.00
Collection Total for 2019-2020: **\$31,631.25**
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,166.67

Collection in Church:

January 5 \$ 4,667.00
January 12 \$
January 19 \$
January 26 \$

Collection Online: \$ 4,642.00

January total to date: \$ 9,309.00

Difference for January -\$16,108.00

Collection in Church:

January 5 \$ 1,348.00
January 12 \$
January 19 \$
January 26 \$

January total to date: \$ 1,348.00

Difference for January: -\$ 3,818.67

St. Thomas the Apostle Expansion & Building Fund

Total Expansion Project expenses paid: \$2,273,475.34

Income from parishioners for FY 2019-2020

(via the yellow "Building Fund" envelope): **\$14,894.25**

Loan payments to date for FY 2019-2020: **\$55,366.44**

(Principal \$51,206.48 Interest \$4,159.96)

Parish Building Expansion Debt remaining: **\$149,532.37**

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

January – Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer

February – Dale & Margie Helton

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

St. Thomas the Apostle Cantor / Organist

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Judy Schroeder / Annette Kehner

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

St. Thomas the Apostle Reader

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Carolyn Loethen

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jan Heckemeyer

St. Cecilia Reader

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer

St. Cecilia Altar Servers

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Melina Derkum & Natalie Derkum

St. Thomas the Apostle Altar Servers

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. – Landon Kliegel & Noah Luebbering

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ethan & Noah Luebbering,
Cale Luebbert

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Kadence & Dylan Kliegel,
Grace & Belle Boessen

***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
January 18-19

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Marshall Boessen, Brenda Wansing, Betty Schellman
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Rosalyn Wieberg, Richard & Jan Heckemeyer

January 25-26

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Leroy Heckemeyer, Sarah Schwartz, Kristin Morris
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Emily Luebbering, Janet Lueckenhoff, Linda Lueckenhoff

St. Thomas Greeters/Ushers

January 18-19

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark Boessen & Mike Groner
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mike Buschjost & Tom Backes

January 25-26

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – St. Thomas School Students
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Richard Heckemeyer & Jim Lueckenhoff

St. Thomas Presentation of Gifts at Mass

January 18-19

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Steve & Katrina Schellman Family
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Ray & Shirley Volmert

January 25-26

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – St. Thomas School Students
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – David & Judy Schroeder

St. Thomas Collection Counters

January 19 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg
January 26 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes
February 2 – Jennifer Schroeder & Dunja Wieberg

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas:

Tuesday 8:35 a.m. – Pat Loethen - Sorrowful
Saturday 4:35 p.m. – Marilyn Herigon – Glorious
Sunday 9:35 a.m. – Tina Stockman – Glorious

SNACKS FOR QUILTERS:

Thursday, January 16 – Katrina Schellman & Judy Schroeder Thursday, January 23 – Cathy Schroeder & Rachel Schulte
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.

BISHOP MCKNIGHT'S JANUARY PRAYER INTENTION: For an increase in Christian unity, racial, harmony, and respect for the dignity of all human life; that Christians everywhere may work together to promote peace in our homes and communities throughout the world.

WEEKDAY MASSES FOR JANUARY: Fr. Joby P. Thomas will celebrate Mass on Tuesday, January 14, 21, & 28 at 9:00 a.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

Fr. James Finder will celebrate Mass on Friday, January 31 at 7:45 a.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

2019 CHRISTMAS/SEMINARY ASSESSMENT: Our assessment for Seminarian Formation & Priest Retirement is \$843.00 for St. Cecilia and \$3,199.00 for St. Thomas the Apostle Parish. Please support the formation and education of our Diocese's future priests.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE 2019 YEAR END CONTRIBUTIONS: Thank you for your generosity this past year. If you would like a statement of your contributions for 2019, please contact the parish office at jbeckeroffice@gmail.com or by calling Jenny at 573-477-3315. They will be available in the back of St. Thomas Church the weekend of January 18-19, 2020.

ST. CECILIA 2019 YEAR END CONTRIBUTIONS will be available January 26, 2020 in Church for pickup.

ST. CECILIA CHURCH CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS will be taken down Saturday, January 18 at 9:00 a.m. Your help would be appreciated returning the trees and crib to the Church basement. Anyone that made a donation toward the Christmas flowers is welcome to take a poinsettia home.

META NATIVITY: We will be taking down the Meta nativity scene on Sunday, January 19 at 11:00am. Anyone is welcome to help, will also discuss ideas for upgrades/improvements, including electric, poles, site work, tree removal, etc. Meet at Meta firehouse. Please contact Darin Even, 573-680-6946, with any questions or for more information.

SCRIP: **January 18-19** Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Amy Luebbering Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Daffiny Tallent
Visit www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrif for more information about the Scrip program. Please contact Daffiny Tallent at 573-694-4408 to purchase anytime. A large variety of cards in various denominations are in stock and available for purchase.

CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL: The CSA goal for St. Thomas the Apostle Parish is \$10,000. \$8,925.00 received so far. The CSA goal for St. Cecilia Parish is \$2,500. \$1,595.00 received so far.

ST. THOMAS PARISHIONERS please pick up your 2020 Time, Talent & Stewardship form in the back of church if you haven't done so already.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION CLASS will meet on Wednesday, January 15, 7:00 p.m. St. Cecilia.

ST. THOMAS HAM BREAKFAST COMMITTEE MEETING: 2020 Ham Breakfast committee meeting is Wednesday, January 15, 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. **Important:** If you or someone in your family **CAN NOT** work at the Ham Breakfast or need to change jobs, please contact either Larry Lueckenhoff at 573-619-6783 or MaryPat Luebbering at 573-338-3476 as we need this information to make a correct work-list.

St. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
January 19

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer, Doris Stumpe

January 26

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Jennifer Even, Betty Hagenhoff, Dorothy Rehagen

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

January 19

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

January 26

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Kenny Otto, Larry Lueckenotto, Mitch Stumpe, Darin Even

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer – Glorious

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

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.

PRAYER HOUR WITH MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION is Tuesday, January 14 at 7:00 p.m. in St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK FAMILY SUPPER: All parishioners are invited to a dinner in St. Thomas Parish Center on Saturday, January 25 following the 5:00 Mass for a free chili meal & dessert. St. Thomas the Apostle Parish families with the last names **M-Z** are asked to please bring a dessert.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK will be January 27-31. A lot of activities are being planned. We are also asking for any donations which can be used for Bingo prizes for our VIP day Friday, January 31. Thanks in advance for helping out with the prizes for the bingo games. There will be more information to follow at a later date.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN SNEAK PEEK: On Thursday, January 30, please join us as we celebrate Catholic Schools Week! We will activities of in-coming Kindergartners and children of families considering future enrollment. Information will be provided for parents about new programs & initiatives. This will be a great time for you to see St. Thomas the Apostle, and we will answer any questions you may have about the upcoming school year. If you have been curious about what you may be missing in a faith-based school close to home, please RSVP by calling 573-477-3322 or email lheckemeyerstacs@gmail.com to schedule a more workable time to see what our Catholic School may offer you.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, January 20 – School will be in session, snow make up

Tuesday, January 21 – Bookmobile 10:00 a.m.

COPY PAPER: Please drop off clean on one side and staple free paper at school or call the St. Thomas the Apostle School office, 573-477-3322.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PRE-SCHOOL: If you have a preschool age child and have been thinking about preschool, please contact the school office at 573-477-3322 or Miss Jaycine Bax at jbaxstacs@gmail.com

HELIAS OPEN HOUSE: Come visit Helias for our annual Open House on Saturday, February 1 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Take a look at our facilities, meet teachers, coaches and administrators, explore our activities and clubs, learn about how we are building Saints and Scholars. Incoming Freshmen/Parent meeting is at NOON during the Open House on February 1. We will also have Freshmen Registration nights on February 11 and 13 (pick one) from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m., where incoming Freshmen admission process will be explained and paperwork can be filled out. All are welcome! Please contact Helias with questions at 573-635-6139.

ST. THOMAS CHURCH CLEANING TEAM ROTATION FOR UPCOMING WEEKS

Week of January 12th: Janet Lueckenhoff, Jim Lueckenhoff, Charlene Buschjost, Randy Buschjost

Week of January 19th: Alan Libbert, Nancy Libbert, Darrel Buechter

Week of January 26th: Lynne Reinkemeyer, Linda Boessen, Lauri Luebbering, Lisa Lackman

Thanks to all who volunteer to help keep our Church looking beautiful! Anyone else interested in helping out, please contact Lynne Reinkemeyer at 573-690-7113 and we can add another group!

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN WORKSHOPS: The Catholic Church in the United States is committed to providing safe environments in all of our ministries and activities, especially those involving children and youth. One aspect of our commitment is that anyone who works with minors in our parishes, schools and other Catholic organizations in the Diocese of Jefferson City receive training. For a full list of trainings currently available, please visit our [Virtus site](#) and select "Jefferson City, MO (Diocese)," or go to our Events page and filter by "Protecting God's Children."

ST. NICHOLAS ACADEMY is a supportive living experience for boys from families that are under-resourced who want to give their sons every opportunity to succeed in school and life. St. Nick's partners with families and St. Peter Interparish School to provide this opportunity. St. Nick's is seeking Christian, married couples or single individuals who are willing to be part of a pool of relief parents. The role of relief parents is to care for the boys and home when the full-time house parents are off duty or away. Typically, the full-time house parents are off duty every fourth weekend from 9:00 AM Friday through 7:00 PM Sunday. Relief parents, on a rotational schedule, fill in during this time. They may also be asked to be on a call list to help fill in when the house parents are on vacation and/or sick. Relief parents receive an hourly wage, all legally mandated benefits and a compensation package that includes a private suite and all meals for the days on duty. Please contact Sister Susan Renner, SSND at 573-635-7719 or director@stnick.org

STEVE ANGRISANO IN CONCERT is Sunday, February 9, 3:00 p.m. at Our Lady of the Lake Church in Lake Ozark. Tickets are now available \$8.00 adults, \$5.00 students. Please call 573-365-2241, Ext 13 for tickets.

SNOW REMOVAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The St. Thomas Parish and School will be in need of snow removal services for the church/school entrances, parking lots and sidewalks. If you are willing to assist, please contact Alan Reinkemeyer at 573-694-6984 or Mark Luebbering at 573-694-6393.

CITY OF ST. THOMAS – CITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS: Looking for applicants interested in running for a two year term City Council position. The council meets once a month to discuss, review, all matters regarding the City of St. Thomas. For the April 7, 2020 election the City will have three open positions. If you are interested in running for a two-year term Council position, please contact Susan Boessen, City Clerk, at (573) 619-4424. Please leave a message with your name and contact number. You must reside within the City limits of St. Thomas to hold a Council position. Must apply by January 19, 2020.

COLE COUNTY PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT NO. 5: Candidates interested in running for a three year term on the Board of Directors must notify the District by 5:00 pm, January 21, 2020 to be included on the April 7, 2020 election ballot. Please notify Sheri Wieberg at 573-477-3497 if interested. (You must reside within the district one whole year before the election and be at least 25 years of age to hold a seat on the Board.)

LET'S TALK FAITH: Please join local women for a night of faith-filled companionship and conversation on **Tuesday, January 14** from 6:30-8pm at the Westphalia Knights of Columbus Hall. LeAnn Korsmeyer, Director of Women's Ministry for the Diocese will be speaking on the topic of Angels. The night includes music, fellowship and embracing our amazing Catholic faith together. Questions, call Nancy Massman at 573-418-8295, or visit <https://diojeffcity.org/womens-ministry>

17TH ANNUAL TASTE OF ITALY is Saturday, January 18, 4:00-9:30 p.m. in St. George School Activity Center Linn. Meal tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. For tickets, please contact St. George School or Parish Office, also at Thriftway & Legends main bank, Linn.

OSAGE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT proudly announces the return of the ***FOOT & NAIL CLINIC*** starting January 23 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Care by a trained registered nurse. Cost for office visit is \$25. Please call the health department for more information/make an appointment at 573-897-3103.

THE NEXT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING is Tuesday, January 14 at 7:30 p.m. A rosary will be prayed at 7:15 p.m. Please read the January newsletter & breakfast worklist (back of newsletter) attached to the bulletin.

ST. THOMAS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST will be held 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. **Sunday, January 19** at the St. Thomas Knights of Columbus Hall. Serving pancakes, sausage, biscuits and gravy, and scrambled eggs. Adults \$8.00 and Children 6-12 \$4.00. Proceeds will benefit St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School and other charities.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BASKETBALL FREE THROW CONTEST: The St. Thomas/Meta Knights of Columbus annual basketball free throw contest will be held in the St. Thomas gym on **Sunday, January 19 at 11:30 a.m.** All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 as of Jan. 1 are eligible to participate. Proof of age and written parental consent is required during registration on the day of the event. All participants will receive a certificate. Winners will receive a new, full-size, leather basketball and advance to the district level competition (also in St. Thomas on Feb. 9) and possibly regional and state levels. Last year, more than 120,000 sharpshooters participated in over 3,600 local competitions across the country. For more information please contact Steve Schellman at 573-694-3471.

ST. MARY SCHOOL FRANKENSTEIN ARCHERY BREAKFAST is January 26 to support their archery program. Serving ham, pancakes, eggs, biscuits and gravy from 7:00-10:30 a.m. Adults \$8.00, children 6-10 years old \$4:00.

PITCH TOURNAMENT is Friday, January 31 at the St. Thomas Knight of Columbus Hall. \$25 per team. Hosted by Faith, Hope and Family Relay Team. Please contact: Jessica Kliegel, 690.3987.

OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS, MARY HOME DANCE is Saturday, January 18, 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. in the gym. Must be 18 to attend, \$15.00 per person, \$25 per couple. Concessions will be available for purchase, BYOB, cups & ice provided. Music by Shiloh.

OSAGE FIRE PROTECTION ANNUAL FIGHTFIGHTERS DANCE will be held on January 25, 2020 from 8:00 p.m.-11:30 p.m. at the Wardsville Lions Hall. Music by Shiloh.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA BREAKFAST, FOLK is Sunday, January 26, serving pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Adults \$8.00, children 6-10 \$4.00. Bake sale proceeds to St. Jude.

LOOSE CREEK COMMUNITY CLUB \$10,000 DINNER AND DANCE: The Loose Creek Community Club will be hosting a dinner and dance, Saturday, February 15, 2020. Fried Chicken/Burgers Country Ham - Music by Dave Baker - \$100 per ticket-admits 2 people. For tickets see Myra Verslues, Brenton Voss or they are available at Legends Bank.

SAVE THE DATE! The Blair Oaks FFA Alumni & Supporters is hosting a "Cowboy Boots & Country Roots" Dinner & Dance on Saturday, February 22, 2020 at the Wardsville Lions Club with music by Shiloh. Tickets will be available in January 2020. Tickets \$40 per person or \$320 for a table of 8. For more information contact Linda Lackman @ 573-375-0001, Jennifer Borgmeyer @ 573-338-0049 or TJ Loethen, [573-690-8809](tel:573-690-8809). We hope to see you there!

A HERX FAMILY HISTORY BOOK has been published and is currently available for sale. This hardbound edition is \$45.00. If you would like more information about the book or would like to purchase a copy, please contact Bev Backers at 301-7275. Thank you!

SAVE THE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR:

TOTUS TUUS – June 14-19, 2020

St. Thomas Parish Ham Breakfast – Sunday, March 8, 2020

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