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St. Thomas the Apostle
in St. Thomas

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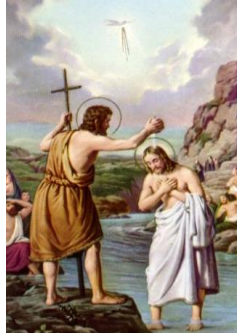
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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
JANUARY 13, 2019

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St. Thomas Parish Office hours: Tuesdays 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.; Wednesdays 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 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 January 12-20:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – L&D Anthony & Ida Schellman
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Vic & Rita Otto
Monday 7:45 a.m. – L&D Andrew Strope Family
Monday 6:00 p.m. – Ella Otto
Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Martina Goeller
Tuesday 6:00 p.m. – Sabina Plassmeyer
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – Tom & Clara Schmidt
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – *No Mass, Fr. in Washington D.C.*
Friday 7:45 a.m. – *No Mass, Fr. in Washington D.C.*
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Herman & Agatha Luebbering

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2018-2019: \$305,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End: \$177,919.00
Actual Collection for 2018-2019: **\$151,401.62**
Offertory Difference Year to Date: – \$ 26,517.38
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

January 6 \$ 3,897.00
January 13 \$
January 20 \$
January 27 \$

Collection Online: \$ 4,542.00

January total to date: \$ **8,439.00**
Difference for January: - \$16,978.00

St. Thomas the Apostle Expansion & Building Fund

Total Expansion Project expenses paid: \$2,273,475.34
Income from parishioners for FY 2018-2019
(via the yellow "Building Fund" envelope): **\$16,389.00**
Loan payments to date for FY 2018-2019: **\$64,594.18**
(Principal) \$57,547.41 (Interest) \$7,046.77
Parish Building Expansion Debt remaining: **\$251,617.82**

St. Thomas the Apostle Cantor / Organist

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Judy Schroeder & Molly Suthoff / Annette Kehner
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Amanda Wooten / Jackie Prenger

St. Thomas the Apostle Reader

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Alfred Kaiser
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mary Kay Brand

St. Thomas the Apostle Altar Servers

Weekday – Ava Rackers & Kenzie Libbert
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Cameron & Chesney Luebbering, Courtney Luebbering, Owen Schellman
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Molly Suthoff, Abigail Verslues, Kenadi & Jackson Braun

St. Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of January 12-20:

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – L&D Tom & Clara Schmidt Family

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – *No Mass, Fr. in Washington D.C.*

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Lawrence & Scott Otto
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Raymond Luebbering

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2018-2019: \$62,000.00
Collection Total for 2018-2019: **\$35,715.22**
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,166.67

Collection in Church:

January 6 \$ 1,666.00
January 13 \$
January 20 \$
January 27 \$

January total to date: \$ **1,666.00**

Difference for January: - \$ 3,500.67

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

January – Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer
February – Dale & Margie Helton

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

St. Cecilia Reader

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Betty Hagenhoff
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Janice Schanzmeyer

St. Cecilia Altar Servers

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – *servers needed*
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Melina Derkum, Sophie Bock

**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 19-20

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Paul & Jenny Becker, Marshall Boessen

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Rob Henson, Rosalyn Wieberg, Emily Luebbering

January 26-27

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Leroy Heckemeyer, Sarah Schwartz,

St. Thomas the Apostle School Staff

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Janet Lueckenhoff, Linda Lueckenhoff, Glenn Prenger

St. Thomas Greeters/Ushers

January 19-20

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Fred Luebbering & Carolyn Loethen

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Keith Kliethermes & Mike Buschjost

January 26-27

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – St. Thomas School Students

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Alan Cortvrient & Larry Lueckenhoff

St. Thomas Presentation of Gifts at Mass

January 19-20

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark & Lora Boessen Family

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Larry & Linda Lueckenhoff

January 26-27

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – St. Thomas the Apostle School Students

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mike & Sheri Wieberg Family

St. Thomas Collection Counters

January 19-20 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes

January 26-27 – Jennifer Schroeder & Stephanie Cortvrient

February 2-3 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas

Monday, 7:45 a.m. – Bob Schellman – Joyful

Tuesday 7:25 a.m. – Joann Heckman – Sorrowful

Wednesday 7:25 a.m. – Pat Loethen – Glorious

Thursday 7:25 a.m. – No Mass

Friday 7:25 a.m. – No Mass

Saturday 4:40 p.m. – Marilyn Herigon – Joyful

Sunday 9:40 a.m. – Gilbert & Hermina Strobe – Joyful

SNACKS FOR QUILTERS:

Thursday, January 17 – Jeanne Herigon & Jill Hickman Thursday, January 24 – Joni Hoecker & Delores Holtmeyer

Please bring snack to hall by 1:00 p.m.; snack served at 3:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please call Kathy Strobe 573-477-3349 or Emily Luebbering 573-477-3459.

A NOTE OF THANKS!

"We want to thank Fr. Secrist and all of our St. Thomas Parish Family who sent Christmas and New Year Greetings to us. We sincerely appreciated all of the many cards we received. We were amazed at the response. We are very grateful for each and every prayer and best wishes extended to us!" "Delphine is now residing at St. Joseph's Bluff's in Jefferson City and I am able to remain in our home. We continue to pray for all of you." – **Marie & Delphine Luebbering**

PARISH REGISTRATION: Are you new to the area? Have you moved, changed your phone number or email address?

Please keep your parish information current by filling out a Parish Registration form, located at the church entrances, on the parish website (under the Resources link), or by contacting Mrs. Jenny Becker. Students away at college should be listed under their family, but young adults living on their own or married, are encouraged to register separately. Thank you for your assistance in this important matter.



CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL: For each one of you who chose to give back gratefully to God through a contribution to the CSA, we are deeply appreciative. Catholics are a community of faith, and you recognize that members of any community, particularly the Body of Christ, have responsibility to each other. For those who have not joined your fellow Catholics in support of the CSA, we urge you to pray about it. It is not too late and no gift is too small. If you misplaced your letter from Bishop McKnight, please look for a CSA envelope at the entrances of church. You can also make a pledge by going online to diojeffcity.org and clicking the "Giving" button.

The CSA goal for St. Thomas the Apostle Parish is \$8,000. **\$8,400.00 (105% our goal!)** has been received from 45 donors. Because we surpassed our CSA goal, a percentage will be received back once the CSA campaign is completed.

The CSA goal for St. Cecilia Parish is: \$2,500. **\$1,301.00 (52% of goal)** has been received from 12 donors

BISHOP MCKNIGHT'S JANUARY PRAYER INTENTION: "For the gift of peace within families, our community and the world: that violence shall cease and the destruction of human life from conception until natural death will be no more."

MARCH FOR LIFE Please keep in your prayers our parishioners journeying to Washington D.C. for the 46th Annual March for Life: Colton Libbert, Ava Morris, Fayeth Prenger, Kenadi Braun, Hannah Brenneke, Madi Buschjost, Brie Heckman, Kenzie Libbert, Isaac Rackers, Amy Buechter, Michaela McDonnell, Sabrina Luebbering, Eli Sandbothe, Ms. Kristin Morris, Mr. Leroy Heckemeyer & Fr. Secrist.

MINISTRY TO THE ILL & INFIRM: If you are preparing for surgery, recovering from surgery, homebound or ill, please let Fr. Secrist (573-477-3315) and/or MaryPat Luebbering (573-477-3476) know so that you have the opportunity to receive the Sacraments and pastoral care.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE 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.

St. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

January 19-20

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Betty Hagenhoff, Dorothy Rehagen, Bonnie Kampeter

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer, Pam Libbert

January 26-27

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Lou Kloepfel, Brenda Wansing, Doris Stumpe

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer, Janice Schanzmeyer

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

January 19-20

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mitch & Brendan Stumpe, Darin Even, Randy Hagenhoff

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

January 26-27

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Lou Kloepfel, Mitch & Brendan Stumpe, Darin Even

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

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Saturday 6:40 p.m. – Dorothy Rehagen – Joyful

Sunday 7:40 a.m. – Margaret Brune – Joyful

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.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK will be offered after 7:45 a.m. Mass on Friday, January 25, instead of Friday, February 1.

RECENT SCAM: Recently individuals have been contacted by email by someone pretending to be a clergy from our Diocese, asking for gift cards, such as iTunes cards. This is a variation on a scam which occurs quite frequently throughout the United States. Be very cautious in providing any unknown or suspicious contact with personal information, including your contact information or financial information. Verify any request for money through a separate contact, such as the individual's known email address, calling the individual, or contacting the Chancery, Catholic Charities or the parish.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING is Tuesday, January 29, 6:00 p.m. in the Vitae House.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING is Tuesday, January 29, 7:00 p.m. in the Vitae House.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK FAMILY SUPPER: All parishioners are invited to a dinner in St. Thomas Parish Center on Saturday, January 26 following the 5:00 p.m. Mass for a free chili meal & dessert. St. Thomas the Apostle Parish families with the last names A-L are asked to please bring a dessert.

SCRIP: **January 19-20** - Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kerry Meyer Sunday 10:00 a.m. – April Heckeman
Visit www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip for more information about the Scrip program. Scrip is available after every other weekend Mass in St. Thomas. You can contact Lindsay Luebbering at 573-680-4920 or Karen Luebbering at 573-301-5835 to purchase anytime. A large variety of cards in various denominations are in stock and available for purchase.

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 Ms. Jaycine Bax at jbaxstacs@gmail.com. The Pre-School program will be offered during the summer.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL DRAMA CLUB PLAY: St. Thomas the Apostle drama club will be presenting a short play, on Tuesday, January 29 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. There is no admission fee. Everyone is invited to come enjoy the show!

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN SNEAK PEEK: On Thursday, January 31, please join us as we celebrate Catholic Schools Week! We will have 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 CATHOLIC SCHOOL WEEK INVITATION: On Friday, February 1, we will be celebrating all our VIP's – parents, grandparents, parishioners, volunteers and friends – by starting our day with Mass at 7:45 a.m. followed by refreshments and BINGO in the Parish Center. All are welcome! To RSVP, please call the St. Thomas School Office at 573-477-3322. It's that time of the year when we may be cleaning things or have some items (new or used) laying around that would make excellent BINGO prizes. Please call the school office if you have any items to donate. Thanks in advance for helping out with the prizes for the BINGO games.

BOX TOPS: Box Tops for Education, Coke Points & Best Choice Labels. Please drop them by the St. Thomas School Office or in the boxes in the entrances of St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

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 SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, January 14- Host Basketball games
January 16-19 – Pro Life March, Washington, D.C.
Saturday, January 19 – Regional Speech Meet
Sunday, January 20 – K of C Breakfast, portion of proceeds to benefit St. Thomas the Apostle School
Monday, January 21 – School is in session, snow make-up day
Wednesday, January 23 – Bookmobile
Saturday, January 26 – Kick off of Catholic Schools Week, Mass, Dinner & Dance
January 26-February 2 – Catholic School Week
Tuesday, January 29 – St. Thomas the Apostle Parish School Advisory Board Meeting 6:00 p.m. Vitae House
Wednesday, January 30 – Host Basketball Games
Thursday, January 31 – Kindergarten Sneak Peek
Friday, February 1 – VIP, Mass, Refreshments & Bingo

ST. CECILIA PARISH CENTER restroom renovations began on Monday, January 7. The restrooms will be totally renovated with new fixtures, flooring and brought up to ADA standards.

ST. CECILIA CEMETERY INFO:

Anyone interested in serving on the Parish Cemetery Committee, please call Norma Jean Libbert at (573)229 4248. The election is held in March and we need someone to step up to serve on the committee as one person per year is to rotate off.

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 p.m., January 15, 2019 to be included on the April 2, 2019 election ballot. Please notify Sheri Wieberg at 573-477-3497 if interested.

CITY OF ST. THOMAS COUNCIL ELECTIONS: Looking for applicants interested in running for a two-year term City Council position. The council meets once a month to review all matters in regard to the City of St. Thomas. For the upcoming April 2, 2019 election the City will have two open positions.

If you interested in running for a two-year term Council position please contact Susan Boessen, City Clerk, at (573) 619-4424 leave a message with your name and contact number. You must reside within the City Limits of St. Thomas to hold a Council position. All applications must be received by January 15, 2019.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE is Tuesday, January 22 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Westphalia Lions Den. Your blood donation will be very much appreciated.

RETROUVAILLE is a weekend retreat, is for couples with marital problems seeking help. Those who are considering marriage separation and those who are already separated or divorced are encouraged to consider the Retrouvaille program. There is always hope of reviving your relationship. The next weekend is available in Kansas City January 25-27. You can find more information online at www.helpourmarriage.org.

16TH ANNUAL TASTE OF ITALY is Saturday, January 19, 4:00 – 9:30 p.m. in St. George School Activity Center. 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.

ST. THOMAS / META KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST is Sunday, January 20, 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the St. Thomas K of C Hall. Adults \$8.00, children 6-12 \$4.00. Part of the proceeds will benefit the St. Thomas School.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA PARISH, FOLK PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST is Sunday, January 27, serving pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs & applesauce from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Adults \$8.00, children 6-10 \$4.00.

ST. MARY SCHOOL FRANKENSTEIN ARCHERY BREAKFAST is January 27 Serving ham, pancakes, eggs and biscuits and gravy from 7-10:30 AM. Adults \$8, children 6-10 years old \$4, to support their archery program.

FAITH, HOPE & FAMILY RELAY TEAM PITCH TOURNAMENT is Friday, February 1, 6:30 p.m. (6:00 p.m. registration) at the St. Thomas Knights of Columbus Hall. Pitch Tournament. \$20 per team. To register, please contact Jessica Kliegel, 573-690-3987 or kleegs7@gmail.com

MIDWEST MARCH FOR LIFE SATURDAY FEB 2, PLEASE MARK CALENDARS! St Andrew Life Affirming Committee/40 Days for Life is pleased to have Kristan Hawkins, President of the National Students for Life of America as the MidWest March keynote speaker on February 2 at the Missouri State Capitol rotunda. Please go to www.midwestmarchforlife.com or call (573)340-8444 for more information.

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 the Apostle Gym on Sunday, January 27 at 12:00 PM**. All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 as of January 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 and possibly regional and state levels. This year, the district level competition is also at St. Thomas on Sunday, February 10 at 12:00 PM. 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.

“UNDOUBTABLY THOMAS” – A Concert for Organ and Tenor: Organist Thomas Gaynor and Tenor Thomas Leslie will present a free concert at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 17 at St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

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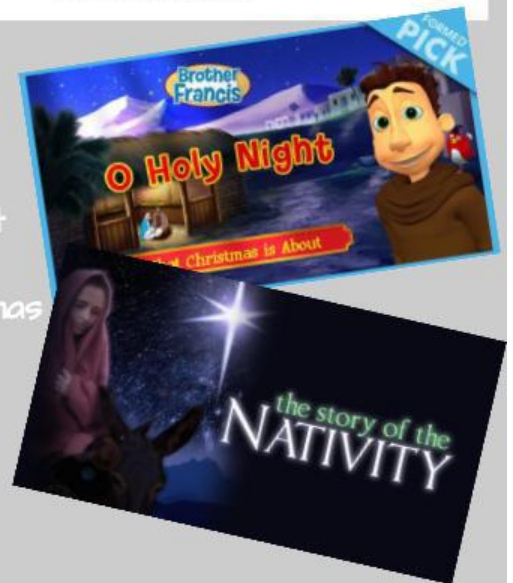
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JANUARY 13-15, 2018

Presented by Msgr. K. Bartholomew Smith



A Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania native who grew up primarily in Alabama, Msgr. K. Bartholomew Smith graduated from Washington & Lee University in Virginia and worked as a surveillance analyst for the National Photographic Interpretation Center before entering the seminary. He completed his studies for the priesthood at St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore and then the Pontifical North American College in Rome, Italy.

After His Ordination for the Archdiocese of Washington in 1998, he served as an associate pastor at St. Bernadette Parish in Silver Spring, Maryland before then serving as priest secretary to Cardinal William W. Baum and completing graduate studies in Rome.

Pope Benedict XVI named him a Chaplain to His Holiness in 2005. Msgr. K. Bartholomew Smith has been Pastor of St. Bernadette Parish in Silver Spring, Maryland for 13 years.

Sunday, January 13

7:00 p.m. Mission Presentation

Monday, January 14

6:00 p.m. Holy Mass in the
Extraordinary Form

7:00 p.m. Mission Presentation

Tuesday, January 15

6:00 p.m. Holy Mass in the
Ordinary Form

7:00 p.m. Mission Presentation

