

## The Roman Catholic Parishes of

### St. Thomas the Apostle

in St. Thomas

### St. Cecilia

in Meta

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[www.stthomasapostleschool.net](http://www.stthomasapostleschool.net)

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## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 14, 2018

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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 14-21:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. - People of our Parishes

Sunday 10:00 a.m. - L&D John H. Boessen Family

**Monday 7:45 a.m.** - Tom & Clara Schmidt

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. - L&D Andrew Strobe Family

Wednesday 7:45 a.m. - *No Mass - Fr. at March for Life*

Thursday 7:45 a.m. - *No Mass - Fr. at March for Life*

Friday 7:45 a.m. - *No Mass - Fr. at March for Life*

Saturday 5:00 p.m. - L&D Joe & Dorothy Luebbering

Sunday 10:00 a.m. - Herman & Agatha Luebbering

#### Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2017-2018: \$305,000.00

Offertory Goal through Month End: \$177,919.00

Actual Collection for 2017-2018: **\$163,786.38**

Offertory Difference Year to Date: - \$ 14,132.62

Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

#### Collection in Church:

January 7 \$ 2,607.10

January 14 \$

January 21 \$

January 28 \$

Collection Online: \$ 5,042.00

**January total to date: \$ 7,649.10**

Difference for January: - \$ 17,767.90

#### St. Thomas the Apostle Expansion & Building Fund

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

Income from parishioners for FY 2017-2018

(via the yellow "Building Fund" envelope): **\$16,778.45**

Loan payments to date for FY 2017-2018: **\$55,366.44**

(Principal) \$47,323.65 (Interest) \$8,042.79

Parish Building Expansion Debt remaining: **\$349,398.61**

#### St. Thomas the Apostle Cantor / Organist

Saturday 5:00 p.m. - Amanda Wooten / Annette Kehner

Sunday 10:00 a.m. - Kelsey Kliethermes / Jackie Prenger

#### St. Thomas the Apostle Reader / Petitions

Saturday 5:00 p.m. - Kathy Graessle

Sunday 10:00 a.m. - Rosalyn Wieberg

#### St. Thomas the Apostle Altar Servers

Weekday - Madelyn Brenneke & Chesney Luebbering

Saturday 5:00 p.m. - Ely & Dawson Wieberg, Lilly Schulte

Sunday 10:00 a.m. - Molly Suthoff, Isaac & Ethan Rackers,

Madi Buschjost

### Saint Cecilia

#### Mass Schedule for the Week of January 14-21:

Saturday 7:00 p.m. - Celestine & Louis Stegeman Jr.

Sunday 8:00 a.m. - L&D Tom & Clara Schmidt Family

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. - *No Mass - Fr. at March for Life*

Saturday 7:00 p.m. - Lawrence "Dick" Rehagen

Sunday 8:00 a.m. - People of our Parishes

#### Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2017-2018: \$62,000.00

Collection Total for 2017-2018: **\$35,404.15**

Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,166.67

#### Collection in Church:

January 7 \$ 1,159.00

January 14 \$

January 21 \$

January 28 \$

**January total to date: \$ 1,159.00**

Difference for January: - \$ 4,007.67

**Please remember your parish in your last will & testament.**

#### St. Cecilia Collection Counters

January - Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer

#### St. Cecilia Reader / Petitions

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. - *No Mass*

Saturday 7:00 p.m. - Betty Hagenhoff

Sunday 8:00 a.m. - Don Wansing

#### St. Cecilia Altar Servers

Saturday 7:00 p.m. - Alex & Joshua Even

Sunday 8:00 a.m. - Adam & Madalyn Veltrop,

Skylla & Jesse Schroeder

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

#### MASSES CELEBRATED AWAY THIS WEEK:

Jim and Christine Luebbering & Bernadine Groner

**St. Thomas Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

**January 20-21**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mike & Trish Green, Betty Schellman

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

Millie Wieberg

**January 27-28**

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

Danielle Plassmeyer

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Shirley Volmert, Bill & Betty Jo

Luebbering

**St. Thomas Greeters/Ushers**

*\*please ring tower bells at least 10 minutes before weekend Masses\**

**January 20-21**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mike Green & Richard Schellman

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Art Groner & Arthur McManus

**January 27-28**

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

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Alan Reinkemeyer & Doug Stockman

**St. Thomas Presentation of Gifts at Mass**

**January 20-21**

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

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

**January 27-28**

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

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Rosalyn Wieberg, Cole & Cooper Peters

**St. Thomas Collection Counters**

January 20-21 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes

January 27-28 – Jennifer Schroeder & Stephanie Cortvrient

February 3-4 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman

**Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas**

Monday 7:25 a.m. – Pat Loethen - Joyful

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

Wednesday 7:25 a.m. – No Mass

Thursday 7:25 a.m. – No Mass

Friday 7:25 a.m. – No Mass

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

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

**SCRIP: January 20-21** Saturday – Kerry Meyer Sunday – Melissa Verslues

Visit [www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip](http://www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip) for more information about the Scrip program. You can contact Lindsay Luebbering at 573-680-4920 or Karen Luebbering at 573-301-5835 to purchase anytime.

**SNACKS FOR ST. THOMAS QUILTERS:**

**Thursday, January 18:** Theresa Veit & Melissa Verslues

**Thursday, January 25:** Sarah Volmert & Peggy Volmert

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 or Emily Luebbering.

**A WARM WELCOME** to **Sam & Katie Luebbering**, along with their two children Hattie & Hank to St. Thomas the Apostle Parish.

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS our parishioners journeying to Washington D.C. for the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual March for Life:**

Grace Boessen, Kenadi Braun, Hannah Brenneke, Amy Buechter, Madilyn Buschjost, Leroy Heckemeyer, Brie Heckman, Sandy Kliegel, Kadence Kliegel, Kristi Luebbering, Myron Luebbering, Karen Luebbering, Amy Luebbering, Chesney Luebbering, Cameron Luebbering, Klint Luebbering, Noah Luebbering, Ethan Luebbering, Jacob Luebbering, Morgan Luebbering, Bill Lueckenhoff, Michaela McDonnell, Kristin Morris, Ava Morris, Travis Rackers, Isaac Rackers, Luke Schroeder, Fr. Secrist, Tracy Suthoff, Molly Suthoff, Gail Wolken, Leon Wolken

**CONFIRMATION PREPARATION** this coming week will be on **Wednesday, January 17** will be in the **St. Cecilia Parish Center**.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHES' CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES:** The Confirmation candidates named below have signed and returned their *Candidate Commitment Form* which, among other things, indicates that they promise to attend and participate in the Confirmation preparation sessions with an open mind and heart, will attend Mass every Sunday and on Holy Days of obligation, will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Confirmation, will commit to daily prayer, especially for growth in faith, hope and charity and will accept more responsibility in their families, parish and community:

Haylee Bax, Brooke Boessen, Drew Boessen, Emma Boessen, Kya Boessen, Cole Brenneke, Caleb Buechter, Jonathan Buschjost, William Derkum, Mason Francis, Teagan Humphrey, Ashlyn Kroll, Claire Luebbering, Isaac Prenger, Brayden Schaben, Kaleb Schaben, Emily Schell, Jeremy Stockman, Nolan Suthoff, Adam Veltrop, Nicholas Wankum, Brianna Wieberg.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE 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 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.

**DIOCESAN CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL:** We're nearing the end of this year's Catholic Stewardship Appeal. Opportunities continue to be available to those who have not yet made a pledge. If you no longer have a pledge card go online to [www.diojeffcity.org](http://www.diojeffcity.org). Any gift you can make will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your generosity!

**CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP GOALS for 2017-2018 are:**

St. Cecilia Parish: **\$2,500**. So far \$1,400 (56%) has been contributed.

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish: **\$8,000**. So far \$7,188.00 (90%) has been contributed.

**St. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

**January 20-21**

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

Jennifer Even

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

Pam Libbert

**January 27-28**

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Betty Hagenhoff, Dorothy Rehagen,

Bonnie Kampeter

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

Schanzmeyer

**St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers**

**January 20-21**

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Lou Kloeppel, Mitch & Brendan

Stumpe, Darin Even

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic Plassmeyer, Larry Lueckenotto,

Harold Libbert, Anton Libbert

**January 27-28**

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Randy Hagenhoff, Lou Kloeppel, Mitch

& Brendan Stumpe,

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

Leon Schanzmeyer, Kenny Otto

**Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia**

Wednesday 6:10 p.m. – No Mass

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

Sunday 7:40 a.m. – Mary Plassmeyer – 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.

**COAT DRIVE:** The St. Thomas / Meta Knights of Columbus are collecting kids, women's & men's (all sizes) in the entrances of both Churches until January 21. Any questions, please contact MaryPat Luebbering at 573-477-3476.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL DRAMA CLUB PLAY:** St. Thomas the Apostle drama club will be presenting a short play, "Cinderella—the Stepsisters' Story" on **Monday, January 22** at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. There is no admission fee. Everyone is invited to come enjoy the show!

**CATHOLIC SCHOOL WEEK FAMILY SUPPER:** All parishioners are invited to a dinner in St. Thomas Parish Center on **Saturday, January 27** following the 5:00 p.m. Mass for a **free** meal of spaghetti, salad & dessert. St. Thomas the Apostle Parish families with the last names M-Z are asked to please bring a dessert.



**ST. THOMAS SCHOOL & PRESCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGES** are available for your information and browsing via a link at the school website's homepage: [www.stthomasapostleschool.net](http://www.stthomasapostleschool.net)

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN SNEAK PEEK:** On Thursday, February 1, please join us as we celebrate Catholic Schools Week! We will have activities for **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 some of the changes at 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 [lheckemeyer@embarqmail.com](mailto:lheckemeyer@embarqmail.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 2, 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.

#### **ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS**

January 15 – MLK Day – No School

January 17 – Bookmobile

January 17-20 – March for Life, Washington, D.C.

January 20 – Diocesan Speech Meet

January 27 – Catholic Schools Week, Mass, Dinner & Dance in Parish Center

January 30 – Parish School Advisory Board Meeting 6:00 p.m. in Vitae House

February 1 – Kindergarten Sneak Peek

February 2 – VIP, Mass, Refreshments, Bingo in the Parish Center

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PRESCHOOL:** It's that time of year again: St. Thomas Preschool is busy making plans for the 2018-2019 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](mailto:mkirkweg@embarqmail.com)

**PREPARING FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK:** St. Thomas the Apostle School is asking for any donations which can be used for bingo prizes on our VIP day Friday, February 2. They can be new or used items. Please call or drop off any donations at the school office. Thanks!

**COPY PAPER:** Please drop off clean on one side and staple free paper at school or call the St. Thomas School office.

**BOX TOPS:** *Please send in Box Tops by February 16 for submission.*

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO SAVE** Box Tops for Education, Coke Points & Best Choice Labels.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PRAYER LINE REQUESTS** should be emailed to Jenny Becker at [jbeckeroffice@gmail.com](mailto:jbeckeroffice@gmail.com) or by calling (573) 690-0642. The Prayer Line exists to communicate prayer intentions for those in need of healing.

**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 5** so the donation may be included in this year's raffle. Our breakfast is March 11, 2018.

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** is Wednesday, January 17, at the Westphalia Lions Den from 2:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

**ST. THOMAS / META KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST** is Sunday, January 21, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the K of C Hall. Adults \$8.00; children 6-12: \$4.00. Part of the proceeds to benefit the St. Thomas the Apostle School.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 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 21 at 11:30 a.m. 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. For more information please contact Steve Schellman at 573-694-3471.

**RETROUVAILLE** is marriage program for couples whose marriage has become off course. It's an effective program that has worked for thousands of couples & it can work for your marriage. The next program begins with the weekend of February 2- 4, 2018. For further information, 800-470-2230 or visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com).

**CITY OF ST. THOMAS CITY COUNCIL POSITIONS:** The Council is made up of four board members and the Mayor. If you wish to run for a two year term Council position please contact Susan Boessen, City Clerk, at 573- 619-4424 with a message of your name and contact number. You must reside within the City Limits of St. Thomas to hold a Council position. Must apply by January 15, 2018.

**ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA PARISH PANCAKE BREAKFAST, FOLK** is Sunday, January 28, serving pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs & applesauce from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Adults \$8.00, children 6-10 \$4.00.

**FATIMA BAND BOOSTER FUNDRAISER STEAK NIGHT & AUCTION** is February 17, serving 5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Auction will be at 6:30 p.m. at the Vienna Eagles.

# ST. THOMAS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #2149

## Sausage and Pancake Breakfast Work List

January 21, 2018 8 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.

BREAKFAST CHAIRMEN:

**Gilbert Schellman**

Shift Chairmen, please contact your workers to check on availability of workers and to arrange shifts if necessary. If you cannot work your shift please find someone to take your place.

### Cashier

**Chairmen:** **Bob Luebbering**  
Lenoard Strope  
Gene Luebbering Harry Bexten  
Sam Suthoff

### Pancakes/Biscuits (9:30-End)

**Chairmen:** **Paul Struempf**  
**Dick Schellman**  
TJ Loethen  
Josh Luebbering  
Josh Libbert

### Dining Room (7:30-9:30)

**Chairmen:** **Kurt Luebbering**

### Pancakes/Biscuits (7:00-9:30)

**Chairmen:** **Dave Schroeder**  
**Mike Luebbering**  
Kellen Cassmeyer  
Stefan Cassmeyer  
George Bax  
Greg Luebbering

### Dining Room (9:30-End)

**Chairmen:** **Cassidy Luebbering**

### Serving Seconds (9:30-End)

Brian Luebbering Jim Hurst  
Bill Luebbering  
Alan Holtmeyer

### Serving Seconds (7:30-9:30)

Rob Henson Greg Russell  
Tom Wolken  
James Rustemeyer

### Sausage (9:30-End)

**Chairmen:** **Keith Kliethermes**  
**Darin Even**  
Brian Schulte Adam Boessen

### Sausage (6:30-9:30)

**Chairmen:** **Doug Stockman**  
**Leon Schanzmeyer**  
Shane Verslues  
Daron Williams  
Dave Brune

### Bussing Tables (7:30-9:30)

Kenny Buschjost Ryan Wieberg  
James Lueckenotto

### Bussing Tables (9:30-End)

Ryan Lueckenhoff Karl Luebbert  
Brett Volmert Paul Strope

### Eggs (6:30-9:30)

**Chairmen:** **Norbert Veit**  
Scott Veit Mac Rackers  
John Christian Justin Schulte

### Eggs (9:30-End)

**Chairman:** **Matt Prenger**  
Ben Luebbering Joe Twehes  
Michael Luebbering Pete Koenigsfield

### Serve Juice and Coffee (9:30-End)

Art Luebbering Zac Stockman  
Cliff Hagenhoff Jarrett Luebbering  
Andy Myers Jeff Pabst

### Serving Juice and Coffee (7:30-9:30)

Brad Hagenhoff Brendan Stumpe  
Craig Buechter Frank Veltrop  
Kevin Volmert

### Food Servers (7:00-9:30)

**Chairmen:** **Mike Wieberg**  
**Ryan Buschjost**  
Ray Stegeman Gene Lapp  
Jeff Cassmeyer Bob Jaegers

### Food Servers (9:30-End)

**Chairmen:** **Chris Luebbering**  
**Glenn Prenger**  
Paul Lackman Art McManus  
Wayne Werdehausen

### Dishwashing (7:30-10:00)

**Chairmen:**  
Matt Green **Keith Buechter**  
Jason Lueckenhoff Justin Buechter

### Dishwashing (10:00-End)

**Chairmen:** **Cody Luebbering**  
**Matt Lackman**  
Payton Lackman John Lueckenotto  
Craig Wieberg

### Make Juice and Coffee

**Chairman:** **Bob Schellman**  
**(7:00-9:00) (9:00-End)**  
Bob Schellman Bill Lueckenhoff  
Paul Becker Gilbert Strope

### Cleanup (11:45)

**Chairmen:** **Nathan Luebbering**  
L.B. Herigon Mark Wolken  
Clayton Libbert Tom Werdehausen  
Jordan Volmert Jamie Libbert  
Tom Backes Jeffrey Libbert