

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

St. Cecilia
in Meta

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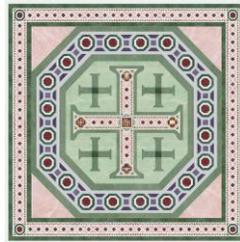
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 14, 2024

Pastor: Fr. Leonard Mukiibi
frleonardmukiibi@gmail.com
Rectory Phone: 573-477-3315

St. Thomas the Apostle Bookkeeper:
Mrs. Jan Heckemeyer
jheckemeyeroffice@gmail.com

St. Thomas the Apostle Admin. Secretary:
Mrs. Theresa Veit
tveitoffice@gmail.com



School Principal: Mr. Leroy Heckemeyer
lheckemeyer@stacs.school
School: 573-477-3322 Fax: 573-477-3700

St. Thomas the Apostle Secretary:
Mrs. Diane Lueckenhoff
dlueckenhoffoffice@gmail.com

St. Cecilia Bookkeeper:
Mrs. Doris Stumpe
dstumpeoffice@gmail.com

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 Jan. 14-21:

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – **No Mass**
Wednesday 9:00 a.m. – Sally Herigon
Thursday 9:00 a.m. – Greg Russell
Friday, 7:45 a.m. – **No Mass**
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes
Joe, Antonia & Richard Schwartz
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Alex Heckman

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2023-2024: \$312,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End: \$182,000.00
Actual Collection for 2023-2024: **\$190,590.89**
Offertory Difference Year to Date: +\$ 8,590.89
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 26,000.00

Collection in Church:

January 7 \$ 4,108.88
January 14 \$
January 21 \$
January 28 \$
Collection Online: \$ 7,035.50
January total to date: **\$11,144.38**
Difference for January: -\$14,855.62

Church Renovation Capital Campaign

Total Pledges/Donations \$490,284.70
Total Collected \$517,261.09
Total Expenses Paid \$699,195.95
A total of 131 parishioners have returned pledge cards/or
Contributed to the renovation project.
Church Renovation Loan Balance \$62,333.90
Loan payments to date \$149,300.00
(principal) \$137,666.10 (interest) \$11,633.90

St. Thomas the Apostle Cantors / Organists

Jan. 20 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Judy Schroeder / Jeanette
Jan. 21 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Josh Luebbering / Jackie
Jan. 27 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kelsey Kliethermes / Jeanette
Jan. 28 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Lisa Wieberg / Alanna

St. Thomas the Apostle Readers

Jan. 20 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – David Schroeder
Jan. 21 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mary Kay Brand
Jan. 27 Saturday 5:00 p.m. - Paul Becker
Jan. 28 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – St. Thomas School

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of Jan. 14-21:

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – **No Mass**

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Frank Wilde

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2023-2024: \$67,000.00
Collection Total for 2023-2024: **\$38,423.00**
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,583.34

Collection in Church:

January 7 \$ 897.00
January 14 \$
January 21 \$
January 28 \$
January total to date: **\$ 897.00**
Difference for January: -\$ 4,686.34

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

January: Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer

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

St. Cecilia Readers

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. – **No Mass**
Sunday, Jan. 21 8:00 a.m. – Karyn Veltrop
Sunday Jan. 28 8:00 a.m. – Dominic Plassmeyer

St. Cecilia Organist

Sunday, Jan. 21 8:00 a.m. – Lydia
Sunday, Jan. 28 8:00 a.m. – Emilie

**YOUR LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENT,
PLEASE FIND A REPLACEMENT. YOUR
FELLOW PARISHIONERS THANK YOU!**

St. Thomas the Apostle Greeters/Ushers

Jan. 20 Saturday 5:00 pm– Eric Strobe & Phil Akin
Jan. 21 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Keith Kliethermes & Josh Schroeder
Jan. 27 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Glenn Reynolds & Gilbert Schellman
Jan. 28 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Craig Buechter & Michael Wooten
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

Jan. 20 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Jenny Becker
Jan. 21 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Janet Lueckenhoff
Jan. 27 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Marshall Boessen
Jan. 28 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Leroy Heckemeyer
Kristin Morris (Choir Loft)

St. Thomas the Apostle Servers

Weekday servers: Miranda Myer & Jude Luebbering
Jan. 20 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ben & Luke Otto
Miranda Meyer, Carmen Luebbering
Jan. 21 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Isabella & Oliver Luebbering,
Cady Libbert & Aliyah Buechter
Jan. 27 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – JD Volmert,
Ellie & Sadie Boessen, Emerald Fennewald
Jan.28 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – St. Thomas School

St. Thomas the Apostle Offertory Gifts

Sat. Jan. 20 –Family of Joe, Antonia & Richard Schwartz
Sunday, Jan. 21– Family of Alex Heckman

St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters

January 21 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg
January 28 – Dunja Wieberg & Jennifer Schroeder
February 4 - Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman
February 11 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas

Wednesday 8:35 a.m. Bob Schellman – Glorious Mysteries
Thursday 8:35 a.m. Gilbert & Hermina –Luminous Mysteries
Saturday 4:35 p.m. – Dale Herigon –Sorrowful Mysteries
Sunday 9:35 a.m. – Gilbert & Hermina – Sorrowful Mysteries

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

January 21	Brooke Schell
January 28	Jenny Becker
February 4	Karlie Reinkemeyer
February 11	Dunja Wieberg
February 18	Lauri Luebbering

St. Thomas the Apostle Church Cleaners

January 14: Janet Lueckenhoff, Jim Lueckenhoff, Charlene Buschjost, Randy Buschjost
January 21: Lynne Reinkemeyer, Linda Boessen, Lauri Luebbering, Lisa Lackman
January 28 - Sonya Henson, Susan Buechter, Brenda Schell, Amy Buechter
February 4: Brooke Schell, Tina Stockman, Gina Luebbering, Karen Luebbering
February 11: Alan Libbert, Nancy Libbert, Darrel Buechter, Jan Heckemeyer

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 snacks to the hall by 1:00 p.m.; snacks 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, January 18 – Pat (Andrew) Luebbering & Courtney (Antone) Luebbering
Thursday, January 25 – Betty Ann Luebbering & Katie (Brian) Luebbering

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 & PARISH BULLETINS: Deadline for bulletin is Wednesday at Noon. If you are needing a bulletin and Church is locked at St. Thomas the Apostle, there are some on the Vitae House front porch.

IN NEED OF A PRIEST WHILE FR. LEONARD IS GONE, please contact Theresa Veit, 573-418-7301, Doris Stumpe, 573-619-6125, Jan Heckemeyer, 573-619-8432 or Diane Lueckenhoff, 573-645-5794.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH MASSES: The following Masses will be said in Father's Home Parish while he is gone. Fr. Clarence Wiederholt - 2 Masses, Billy Chestnut - 2 Masses, Joe Kaiser - 6 Masses, Teresa Kaiser - 6 Masses Raymond Groner - 2 Masses, Greg Russell - 7 Masses

BISHOP MCKNIGHT JANUARY PRAYER INTENTION: For the gift of patience; may we embrace poverty of spirit when suffering the shortcomings of others and ourselves. we pray to the Lord.

ST. CECILIA PARISH is in need of some volunteers to serve on the Stewardship Committee. It can be any age of parishioners that are willing to participate. If you are interested in serving on the Stewardship Committee, please contact Fr. Leonard or Dusty Stegeman 573-291-3064.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE 2023 YEAR END CONTRIBUTIONS: Thank you for your generosity this past year. To receive your 2023 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 online at www.stthomasapostle.net/contribution-statement or by clicking the Contribution Statement tab at the top of the home page.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING is Tuesday, January 30, 7:00 p.m. school library.

St. Cecilia Eucharistic Ministers

Jan. 21 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Jennifer Even
Jan. 28 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Doris Stumpe

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

Jan. 21 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Mitch Stumpe, Brendan Stumpe,
Randy Hagenhoff, Kenny Otto
Jan. 28 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Otto Wankum, Leonard Schulte,
Tony & William Derkum

St. Cecilia Servers

Jan. 21 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Henry & Annaline Schroeder
Jan. 28 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Sarah & Elizabeth Backes
Annaline Schroeder

St. Cecilia Offertory Gifts

Jan. 21 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Family of Frank Wilde

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Jan. 21 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Mary Plassmeyer
Sorrowful Mysteries
Jan. 28 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Janice Schanzmeyer
Luminous Mysteries

VOTIVE CANDLES: The requested donation for lighting a votive candle in church is **\$3.00**.

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 CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE: Thank you to those who have signed up to have your photo taken for our parish directory! If you still would like your photo taken and did not get a time slot, please contact Melissa Verslues 573-338-3433 or Theresa Veit 573-418-7301. Depending on the number of responses, we could possibly get another day of photography.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISHIONER NOTIFICATION TEXT: To join REMIND please TEXT 81010 and then Message: @c2chf2 and hit send. Then you will need to put in your full name and hit send. Please choose Student (s) and hit send. Then your DOB and hit send. Simple and easy, and you will receive parish/parish related events and cancellations. If you have any questions or need help, please contact Theresa Veit at (573) 418-7301.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL NEWS: Monday, January 15, Marthin Luther King Day - No School Prek-8.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL 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 St. Thomas the Apostle and 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@stacs.school to schedule a more workable time to see what our Catholic School may offer you!

BINGO PRIZES NEEDED FOR VIP DAY (CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK): 'Tis the season for cleaning and bargain shopping! If you have or find items that would make great BINGO prizes for VIP Day, please drop them off at school. You can also donate candy, chips, soda Gatorade, juice pouches, etc. for prizes. Please send to school by Feb. 1.

PENNY WAR: We will once again have our Penny War during Catholic Schools Week. All money raised will benefit the Pregnancy Help Center of Jefferson City. Start saving your pennies!!

HELIAS HIGH SCHOOL: Crusader for a Day - Junior high students are invited to visit Helias Catholic High School as a Crusader for a Day! Experience what a typical school day is like by shadowing a current student. Meet teachers, attend classes, tour the school, and have lunch on us! Visiting students may stay for all or part of the day. Please go to heliascatholic.com/visit to request a Crusader for a Day visit.

Helias Catholic applications open January 8 - New student applications for Helias Catholic High School's 2024-25 school year will open January 8, 2024. Please visit heliascatholic.com/apply to start the enrollment process to officially join the Crusader family!

LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING: The next Ladies Auxiliary meeting is Tuesday Jan 16 at 7:00 p.m. at the KC hall.

SIGNUM CRUCIS: Men of St. Thomas the Apostle & St. Cecilia Parishes: You are invited to the December gathering of the Men of Signum Crucis, which begins at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 17, at Helias Catholic High School. Feel free to come early to pray the Rosary at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel. For more information, contact Jeff Cassmeyer at 573-690-7546, or visit us at www.menofsignumcrucis.com.

ATTENTION OVER 50 MEMBERS: Our January get together will be canceled this month due to medical issues yet. Hopefully, February will be a better month. Sorry!

ST. THOMAS CEMETERY DUES: Dues are \$10.00 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 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 or 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.

SIMON & WARACK SCHOLARSHIP: Applications are accepted through the end of the day on **March 28, 2024**. These scholarships are available to all parish high school seniors or current college students with a financial need who commit to practicing their faith. The John L. Warack Scholarship is specifically for a student attending the University of Missouri-Columbia. Scholarship eligibility information and applications are available at diojeffcity.org/scholarships. If you have any questions, please contact Tracy Oswald or Denise Barnes. Our diocese is blessed to have families committed to the continuing education of our parish families in financial need. Please include the Simon and Warack families in your prayers.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: Looking for the perfect Valentine's gift for your spouse? Register now for the February 10-11 Marriage Encounter Weekend in Jefferson City! Closeness, comfort, fun, trust, a friend, and a helper - these are some of the blessings of marriage. Marriage Encounter provides the opportunity and the atmosphere for you to celebrate and renew these blessings in YOUR marriage. Don't let the busyness of life steal them away. While this event is not exclusive to the Catholic faith, it does focus on putting Christ at the center of your marriage. Celebrate this Valentine's Day by discovering a deeper level of satisfaction and joy in your marriage. Register today before the event fills up! Visit www.jeffcityme.com for more information and to register, or contact Harry & Cecilia Hentges at 573-619-7416.

ST. THOMAS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST is Sunday, January 21, serving 8-11:30 a.m. Adults \$10.00, children \$5.00, under 6 free. Brother Knights – Please look at the work-list on the last page of the bulletin.

TASTE OF ITALY ST. GEORGE CATHOLIC PARISH is Saturday, January 20, 2024, tickets are \$15.00 in advance and \$17.00 at the door. Serving from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Meal catered by Argyle Catering, lasagna, fettucine, chicken parmesan, salad, breadsticks, and cheesecake. Advanced ticket sales end on Friday, January 19th at 4:00 p.m.

ST. THOMAS K OF C VALENTINE'S DANCE: Please mark your calendars for Saturday, February 10, 2024, the St. Thomas Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Valentines Dance in the St. Thomas Parish Gym, from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. Music by Shiloh. \$35 a couple or \$20 per single. BYOB. **NO ONE UNDER 21 ALLOWED.**

CARMELITE NUNS: The ministry of our Carmelite Nuns is to offer prayer and sacrifice for the Church and the people of the Diocese of Jefferson City. To make a prayer request, write or email the Carmelite Nuns at carmelofjc.prayers@gmail.com 31920 State Highway P, Clyde, MO 64432.

SAVE THE DATE: St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Pictorial Directory – February 29.

Sausage and Pancake Breakfast Work List

January 21, 2024 8 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.

BREAKFAST CHAIRMEN:

Bob Schellman & Mike Wieberg

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 trade with or find someone to take your place or call 694-6104.

Cashier

Chairmen: Jason Buschjost
Cash McManus Tom Kliegel
Rudy Veit Keith Kliethermes

Collect Dues from Members:

Glenn Prenger (690-1568)

Sausage Sales:

Paul Becker
Gil Schellman

Dining Room (7:30 to 9:30)

Chairmen: Mark Luebbering
Kelly Stewart Kurt Luebbering
Jacob Prenger

Dining Room (9:30 to End)

Chairmen: Randy Buschjost
Klint Luebbering Mike Buschjost
Ethan Luebbering

Pancakes/Biscuits (7:00 to 9:30)

Chairmen: Dave Schroeder
Bruce Lackman Mike Luebbering
Greg Luebbering Kellen Cassmeyer

Pancakes/Biscuits (9:30 to End)

Chairmen: Paul Struempf
Bryan Braun Dick Schellman
Paul Lackman, Jr. TJ Loethen
Josh Libbert

Serving Seconds (7:30 to 9:30)

Gary Luebbering Hayden Hurst
Norman Otto Bill Luebbering
Greg Reinkemeyer Alan Holtmeyer

Serving Seconds (9:30 to End)

Rob Henson Tom Wolken
Marc Lueckenhoff James Rustemeyer
Mark Wolken Donnie Otto

Sausage (6:30 to 9:30)

Chairmen: Jim Lueckenhoff
Matt Kliegel Darin Even
Brian Schulte Gregg Boessen
Justin Schulte Mark Boessen

Sausage (9:30 to End)

Chairmen: Doug Stockman
Shane Verslues Leon Schanzmeyer
Daron Williams Dave Brune
John Braun Rodney Luebbering
John Boessen III James Braun

Bussing Tables (7:30 to 9:30)

Kenny Buschjost Ryan Wieberg
Stanley Kroll James Lueckenotto
Doug Otto Cole Veltrop
Jeremy Stockman Henry Kleffner

Bussing Tables (9:30 to End)

Ryan Lueckenhoff Brian Luebbering
Brett Volmert Sam Schell
Norman Otto Jr. Karl Luebbert
Curt Goeller

Eggs (6:30 to End)

Chairman: Norbert Veit
Scott Veit Marc Rackers
Marlan Schaeffer Mark Graessle
Clayton Graessle Steve Loethen

Make Juice and Coffee

Chairman: Patrick Luebbering
(7:00 to 9:00) **(9:00 to End)**
Dave Luebbering Ron Heckman
Simon Strobe Dusty Stegeman

Serving Juice and Coffee (7:30 to 9:30)

Brad Hagenhoff Brendan Stumpe
Wilfred Mueller Frank Veltrop
Kevin Volmert John Lueckenotto
Adam Veltrop David Sturtz

Serving Juice and Coffee (9:30 to End)

Artie Buschjost Brent Verhoff
Andy Myers Jarrett Luebbering
Kalib Christian Jeff Pabst
Alex Schroeder Cole Veltrop

Food Servers (7:30 to 9:30)

Chairman: Doug Luebbering
Craig Buechter Stefan Cassmeyer
Cole Czarnecki Brian Lackman
Bob Buschjost Brad Peters
Isaac Prenger

Food Servers (9:30 to End)

Chairman: Bill Lueckenhoff
Dick Heckemeyer Mike Wooten
Wayne Werdehausen Joe Buschjost
Myron Luebbering John Christian
Jason Lueckenhoff

Dishwashing (8:00 to 10:00)

Chairman: Cody Luebbering
Payton Lackman Matt Lackman
Craig Wieberg Anton Luebbering

Dishwashing (10:00 to End)

Chairman: Chad Luebbering
Jon Luebbering Keith Buechter
Nick Luebbering Justin Buechter
Pat Schellman

Cleanup (11:45)

Chairman: Tom Backes
Clayton Libbert Jason Volmert

Jeffrey Libbert Jordan Volmert
Jamie Libbert Russell Werner