

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

St. Cecilia
in Meta

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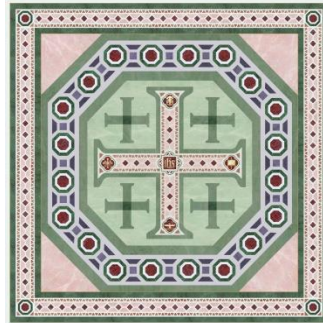
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 15, 2017

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School Website:
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St. Thomas Parish Office hours: Tuesdays 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Thursdays 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 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 15-22

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Sylvanus Hoecker
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Henrietta Kroll
Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Ralph Hirschman
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – Tom & Clara Schmidt
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – L&D Andrew Strobe Family
Friday 7:45 a.m. – L&D Henry & Agnes Lueckenotto Fam.
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Ray Luebbering (4th Degree)

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2016-2017: \$305,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End: \$177,919.00
Actual Collection for 2015-2017: **\$156,008.22**
Offertory Difference Year to Date: - \$ 21,910.78
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

January 1 \$ 3,898.56
January 8 \$ 4,839.71
January 15 \$
January 22 \$
January 29 \$

Collection Online:

January total to date: **\$ 13,682.27**
Difference for January - \$11,734.73

St. Thomas the Apostle Expansion & Building Fund

Total Expansion Project expenses paid: \$2,273,475.34
Income from parishioners for FY 2016-2017
(via the yellow "Building Fund" envelope): **\$16,718.00**
Loan payments to date for FY 2016-2017: **\$55,366.44**
(Principal) \$45,006.56 (Interest) \$10,359.88
Parish Building Expansion Debt remaining: **\$451,089.31**

St. Thomas Cantor / Organist

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kaitlyn Kliethermes / Annette Kehner
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Judy Schroeder, Doug Luebbering,
Amanda Wooten/ Jackie Prenger

St. Thomas Reader/ Petitions

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kathy Graessle
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Rebecca Schroeder

St. Thomas Altar Servers

Tuesday 7:45 – Luke Kirkweg & Dylan Kliegel
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Cameron & Chesney Luebbering,
Owen Schellman
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Ben Luebbering, Andrew Luebbering,
Austin Heckman, Caleb Buechter

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of January 15-22:

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Lawrence "Dick" Rehagen
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – People of our Parishes

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. –L&D Conrad & Hedwig Holtmeyer Fam.

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Josephine Werdehausen
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – L&D Tom & Clara Schmidt Family

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2016-2017: \$60,500.00
Collection Total for 2016-2017: **\$35,203.34**
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,041.00

Collection in Church:

January 1 \$ 2,406.35
January 8 \$ 1,305.00
January 15 \$
January 22 \$
January 29 \$
January total to date: \$ 3,711.35
Difference for January: - \$ 1,329.65

Please remember your parish in your last will & testament.

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

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

St. Cecilia Reader / Petitions

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Doris Stumpe
Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic Plassmeyer

St. Cecilia Altar Servers

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Alex & Joshua Even,
Ben & Henry Schroeder
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Nicholas & Shelby Wankum
Ava & Saige Werdehausen

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

St. Thomas Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

January 21-22

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Pat Kaiser, Marshall Boessen, Betty Schellman

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Barb Graessle, Glenn Prenger, Rob Henson

January 28-29

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

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

St. Thomas Greeters/Ushers

January 21-22

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Gilbert Schellman & Richard Schellman

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Natalie Otto & Josh Henson

January 28-29

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

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mike Green & Art Groner

St. Thomas Presentation of Gifts at Mass

January 21-22

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

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Renee Stockman & Emily Schell

January 28-29

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

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mike & Trish Green

St. Thomas Collection Counters

January 21-22 – Richard & Jan Heckemeyer

January 28-29 – Jennifer Schroeder & Stephanie Cortvriert

February 4-5 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas

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

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

Thursday 7:25 a.m. – Viola Boessen – Luminous

Friday 7:25 a.m. – Gilbert & Hermina Strobe – Sorrowful

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

Sunday 9:40 a.m. – Tina Stockman – Sorrowful

SCRIP: January 21-22 Visit www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip for more information about the Scrip program.

Saturday – Kerry Meyer Sunday – Amy Luebbering

We have a large variety of cards in various denominations in stock and available for purchase. Scrip is available for purchase after every weekend Mass in St. Thomas and available during the week by contacting the school office at 573-477-3322. You can also contact Lindsay Luebbering at 573-680-4920 or Karen Luebbering at 573-301-5835 to purchase anytime.

LADIES TO BRING SNACK TO ST. THOMAS QUILTERS:

Thursday, January 19 – Noreen Luebbering & Linda Luebbering Thursday, January 26-Joyce Luebbering & Donna Luebbering

Please bring 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 NOTE OF THANKS

PSR Ornaments for Seniors: A big thank you to everyone who came to St. Thomas PSR's ornament making night during Advent. We made enough ornaments for residents staying at the Golden Living Center, St. Joseph's Bluffs, and Miller County Nursing Home. The hand-made ornaments were well received and mean so much to them. Thanks again.

2016-2017 CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL (CSA): The Catholic Stewardship Appeal (CSA) videos for this year's Catholic Stewardship appeal is available at: www.diojeffcity.org. The CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP GOALS for 2016 are:

St. Cecilia Parish: \$2,000.00. So far **\$1,401.00** (70%) has been contributed.

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish: \$8,000.00. So far **\$7,032.00** (88%) has been contributed. Thank you for your generosity!

ST. THOMAS CEMETERY DUES: The new dues are \$10.00 per family (\$5.00 for single persons). Family members becoming the head of a separate household are not covered under their parent's membership. Also, anyone after their 21st birthday must pay their own dues of \$5. Please note: Anyone falling in arrears over 5 years must pay \$100.00 to rejoin plus current dues. Please put your payment in the collection basket marked "Cemetery Dues" or mail to: St. Thomas Cemetery Association, c/o Lisa Lackman, 2222 Upper Bottom Road, St. Thomas, MO 65076.

You may contact Lisa, if you have questions about your current or past dues, at 573-338-2703.

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 6**, so the donation may be included in this year's raffle. Our breakfast is March 12, 2017.

ST. THOMAS 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. Out of respect for individuals' privacy, only necessary information is communicated.

DVD'S OF THE PFEFFER PIPE ORGAN REDEDICATION held on October 2nd, are still available for \$15. These DVD's were recorded and edited by the videographer and sportscaster Rod Smith. Please contact Fr. Secrist or Diane Lueckenhoff to obtain a copy. Proceeds will go for the continued care and maintenance of the historic instrument.

ST. THOMAS SCHOOL/PSR DROP OFF & PICK UP REMINDER: For the safety of everyone, please remember to ENTER from Park Street and EXIT from the Church parking lot ONLY. This will keep our children safe and the traffic flowing smoothly.

St. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

January 21-22

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

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

January 28-29

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Bonnie Kampeter, Lou Kloepfel, Brenda Wansing

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

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

January 21-22

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Brendan Stumpe, Darin Even, Randy Hagenhoff, Lou Kloepfel

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

January 28-29

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Mitch & Brendan Stumpe, Darin Even, Randy Hagenhoff

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

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Wednesday 6:10 p.m. – Florentine Hagenhoff - Glorious

Saturday 6:40 p.m. – Alice Hake – Sorrowful

Sunday 7:40 a.m. – Margaret Brune – 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.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK FAMILY SUPPER – ALL ST. THOMAS PARISHIONERS & SCHOOL FAMILIES ARE INVITED

to dinner in the St. Thomas Parish Center on **Saturday, January 28** following the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Spaghetti, salad & dessert will be served. St. Thomas Parish families with the last names A-L are asked to bring a dessert.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PRESCHOOL: If you have a preschool aged child, please email Mrs. Kirkweg for information on how to get your child enrolled. mkirkweg@embarqmail.com or call the St. Thomas School office at 573-477-3322.

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

COPY PAPER: St. Thomas School is in need of copy paper, clean on one side and staple free. Please drop off paper at school or call the school office.

ST. THOMAS SCHOOL SNEAK PEEK: On Thursday, February 2, 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 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 to schedule a more workable time to see what our Catholic School may offer you!

ST. THOMAS CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK INVITATION: On Friday, February 3, 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 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.

CONGRATULATIONS to our four basketball teams on all of their games so far this season. They have won several of their games. The Varsity girls' team have won all of their contests so far in league play!! Thanks to all of these student-athletes for representing St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School.

CONGRATULATIONS!!! Several St. Thomas the Apostle School students who participated in the Helias Archery meet on Saturday, January 7. In the Elementary Girls Division, Ava Morris took home 1st place medal. In the Elementary Boys Division we had a clean sweep on the three medals!! Chase Luebbering took 1st place medal, Will Otto took 2nd place and Noah Luebbering 3rd place medal. In the Middle School Boys Division Ben Schroeder took home the 2nd place & Luke Schroeder took the 3rd place medal. Congratulations to these medalists and to all our archers who competed. We took first place as a team in both divisions!! Great job archers & coaches!

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PRESCHOOL: It's that time of year again! St. Thomas Preschool is busy making plans for the 2017-2018 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

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 16 – MLK – No School K-8
17 – 7th Grade Retreat
21 – Diocesan Regional Speech Meet
26 – Dental Program 1:30 p.m. for Grades K-4

THE WILLIAM SIMON SCHOLARSHIP FUND 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 scholarship is \$1,000 per semester. Please see Fr. Secrist at the rectory for details and application. Students from St. Thomas have been awarded this scholarship in the past. Applications must be postmarked or returned to the Chancery by March 31, 2017. All applicants will be notified of the results by May 1, 2017.

ST. THOMAS/META KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST is this Sunday, January 15, 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 St. Thomas the Apostle School.***

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 29 at 12-noon. 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 an award and advance to the district level competition 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. THOMAS PARISH PARK BOARD MEETING will be held Wednesday, January 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria.

ST. THOMAS SESQUICENTENNIAL MEETING is Tuesday, January 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the Vitae House.

NEXT "SEEKING CHRIST FOR OUR NATION" MASS is Tuesday, January 17 at 6:00 p.m. Our Lady of Snows, Mary's Home.

CITY OF ST. THOMAS CITY COUNCIL POSITIONS: Looking for applicants interested in running for City Council position. The Council is made up of four board members and the Mayor. The Council meets once a month to discuss, review, all matters in regards to the City of St. Thomas. The 2017 election will have two positions open for election. All interested must sign up by January 15, 2017 to be on the April 2017 election ballot. If you wish to run for a two year term Council position please contact Susan Boessen, City Clerk, at (573) 619-4424 and leaving a message. You must reside within the City Limits of St. Thomas to hold a Council position.

TRIVIA NIGHT & SILENT AUCTION is Friday, January 20, 7:00-10:00 p.m. at the Helias High School Commons. Ten rounds of spirited trivia, silent auction, games of chance throughout the evening. Cost: Teams of 10 people - \$100.00, Individuals welcome \$10.00. For additional information and registration, <http://helias.com/pdfs/trivianight.pdf> or Mike & Mary Ellen Shimmens at 573-821-4855 or meshimmens@gmail.com Hosted by Helias Catholic & InterParish Bands.

META FIRE & RESCUE AND AUXILIARY - Chili Supper (along with Chicken Noodle Soup, Chili Dogs and Desserts) will be January 21, serving from 4-9 PM. Cost is \$5 (11 years & up), \$3 (6-10 years) and under 6 eat free.

ST. ELIZABETH BALL PARK: 2 Bands 1 Big Night. FIRECREEK & Low Rent District with Guest Vocals. Saturday, January 21, 2017 at St. Elizabeth Community Center. Music starts around 6:00 p.m., 50/50 Drawing, Food available at 5:30, BYOB. \$5 per person / \$20 family rate / 5 and under are free. For questions, email: steballpark@gmail.com

OSAGE FIRE PROTECTION ANNUAL FIREFIGHTER'S DANCE is Saturday, January 28, from 7:30-11:30 p.m. at the Wardsville Lion's Hall. Music by Shiloh. All are welcome. \$10 at door.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA, FOLK PANCAKE BREAKFAST is Sunday, January 29, 2017, serving 7:30-11:30 a.m. Adults: \$8.00; children: \$4.00; 5 & under: free.

ST. THOMAS HERITAGE BOOK: In the near future, the Sesquicentennial Team will be asking each family household to write a short narrative for inclusion in the heritage book. We are providing examples of family narratives in the bulletin to spark your creativity for writing your own family's narrative. There will be four topics that you choose to write about in less than 260 words: tell us about your family, tell us about your family's occupation, tell us about family traditions, and tell us about anything special that defines your family. We will also ask for two photos, one family photo and one of your choice. This week we have included Richard Heckemeyer and Brian Luebbering family narratives. Have fun preparing your narrative and photos!

Richard and Jan Heckemeyer

Richard Heckemeyer was raised in St. Elizabeth, the son of Lawrence and Cyrilla (Doerhoff) Heckemeyer. Jan (Rehagen) was raised in Westphalia, the daughter of Walter and Theresa (Woehr) Rehagen.

They were married on September 13, 1986 by Father Richard Cronin at St. Joseph's church in Westphalia. They built a house in St. Thomas in 1992.

Richard received a B.S. degree in Business Administration from Central Missouri State University (now University of Central Missouri). Jan received a B.S. degree in Accounting from Northeast Missouri State University (now Truman State University) and a Master's degree in Public Administration from University of Missouri – Columbia.

Richard and Jan have two children, Kelsey and Brent. Kelsey graduated from Blair Oaks High School and Missouri State University with a B.S. degree in Social Work. She currently lives in Springfield. Brent graduated from Blair Oaks High School and is currently attending Missouri Valley College.

Richard has worked in the Information Technology industry since graduating from college in 1985. He worked for the State of Missouri and various private companies. Jan has worked in the Accounting and Management fields since graduating from college in 1984. She worked for a public accounting firm and the State of Missouri.

Richard and Jan have been very involved in the St. Thomas Parish and community serving as members and president of various organizations including: Parish Council, Parish School Advisory Board, Parish Finance Committee, Cole County Public Water District No. 5, and St. Thomas Park Board.

Richard and Jan enjoy many activities, including golf, bowling, fishing, hunting and camping.

Brian and Katie Luebbering

Brian Luebbering grew up on his family farm on Lower Bottom Road with his parents, Bob and Betty, and sisters Becky, Beth, Bridget, and Brooke. Brian attended St. Thomas the Apostle Elementary School and Helias High School. He then attended Rockhurst University in Kansas City, where he achieved his Master's degree in Occupational Therapy. While there, he met Katie Mann, a native of Kansas City, Kansas who was studying Elementary Education at Rockhurst. She received her Master's degree from the University of Missouri in Elementary Education. Brian and Katie were married on September 25, 2010 in Kansas City.

After living in Jefferson City for about 2 years, Brian and Katie moved back to St. Thomas, but by this time their family had grown to include their daughter Isabella who was born on October 2, 2011. Their family continued to expand in 2013 with another daughter, Olivia. Although her time on earth was brief, Olivia continues to be a very important part of their family. On December 1, 2014, a son, Oliver, was welcomed into the family.



Currently, Brian works as an Occupational Therapist at Southwest Early Childhood Center along with helping his dad on the family farm. Katie is teaching second grade at Belair Elementary. Their family enjoys trips to Kansas City, Cardinals baseball, and spending time with loved ones. The family farm continues to be central to their lives in St. Thomas. Whether it is learning to bake like "Mama" or driving the tractor with "Papa", they hope to continue making memories there for many years to come.