

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

St. Cecilia
in Meta

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PO Box 146
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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 15, 2023

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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 January 15-22:

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – L&D Tom & Clara Schmidt Fam.

Wednesday 7:45 a.m.- Alex Heckman

Thursday, 7:45 a.m. – Teresa Kaiser

Friday 7:45 a.m. – Joe, Antonia & Richard Schwartz

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Greg Russell

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – People of our Parishes

L&D Herman & Anna Marie Buschjost Family

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of January 15-22:

Wednesday 6:30 p.m.- Cindy Wansing Carmack

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Norman & Delphine Jaegers

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2022-2023: \$305,000.00

Offertory Goal through Month End: \$177,919.00

Actual Collection for 2022-2023: **\$167,325.46**

Offertory Difference Year to Date: -\$ 10,593.54

Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

January 1 \$ 5,150.01

January 8 \$ 4,270.07

January 15 \$

January 22 \$

January 29 \$

Collection Online: \$ 5,849.50

January total to date: **\$15,269.58**

Difference for January -\$10,147.42

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2022-2023: \$65,000.00

Collection Total for 2022-2023: **\$33,495.21**

Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,416.67

Collection in Church:

January 1 \$3,230.00

January 8 \$ 715.00

January 15 \$

January 22 \$

January 29 \$

January total to date: **\$ 3,945.00**

Difference for January: -\$ 1,471.67

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. – Doris Stumpe

Sunday, Jan. 22 8:00 a.m. – Doris Stumpe

Sunday, Jan. 29 8:00 a.m. – Betty Hagenhoff

St. Cecilia Organist

Jan. 22 8:00 a.m. – Lydia

Jan. 29 8:00 a.m. – Emilie

Church Renovation Capital Campaign

Total Pledges/Donations \$484,477.70

Total Collected \$461,963.06

Total Expenses Paid \$699,195.95

A total of 130 parishioners have returned pledge cards/or
Contributed to the renovation project.

Church Renovation Loan Balance \$152,322.68

Loan payments to date \$54,720.00

(principal) \$47,677.32 (interest) \$7,042.68

St. Thomas the Apostle Cantors / Organists

Jan. 21 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kelsey Kliethermes / Jeanette

Jan. 22 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Josh Luebbering / Jackie

Jan. 28 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kerry Meyer / Jeanette

Jan. 29 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Amanda Wooten / Alanna

St. Thomas the Apostle Readers

Jan. 21 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Bill Luebbering

Jan. 22 Saturday 10:00 p.m. – Mason Otto

Jan 28 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kathy Graessle

Jan. 29 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jim Lueckenhoff

**IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO FULFILL
YOUR LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENT,
PLEASE FIND A REPLACEMENT. YOUR
FELLOW PARISHIONERS THANK YOU!**

St. Thomas the Apostle Greeters/Ushers

Jan. 21 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Gilbert & Richard Schellman
Jan. 22 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Alan Reinkemeyer & Doug Stockman
Jan. 28 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Dave Luebbering & Eric Strobe
Jan. 29 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Craig Buechter & Doug Stockman

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. 21 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Marshall Boessen
Jan. 22 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Rob Henson
Jan. 28 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Barb Graessle
Jan. 29 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Glenn Prenger

St. Thomas the Apostle Servers

Weekday – Emerald Fennewald & Ava Rackers
Jan. 21 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Miranda Meyer
Carmen Luebbering, Emerald Fennewald
Jan. 22 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Francie & Hannah Tallent,
Ben Otto, Wyatt Otto
Jan. 28 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Evelyn Wooten, Ava Buschjost,
Kora Luebbering
Jan. 29 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Valerie & Zeke Verslues,
Stella Volmert, Cady Libbert

St. Thomas the Apostle Offertory Gifts

Jan. 21 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark & Lora Boessen Family
Jan. 22 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Doug & Tina Stockman
Jan. 28 Saturday, 5:00 p.m. – Ralph & Kathy Graessle
Jan. 29 Sunday 10:00 a.m.-Craig Buechter & Doug Stockman

St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters

Jan. 22 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg
Jan. 29 – Dunja Wieberg & Jennifer Schroeder
Feb. 5– Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman
Feb. 12 - Paul Becker & Shara Buechter
Feb. 19 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes

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

Jan. 22 Lauri Luebbering
Jan. 29 Brooke Schell
Feb. 5 Dunja Wieberg
Feb. 12 Jenny Becker
Feb. 19 Karlie Reinkemeyer

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday, 7:25 a.m. – Bob Schellman – Sorrowful Mysteries
Wednesday 7:25 a.m.- Bob Schellman – Glorious Mysteries
Thursday 7:25 a.m. –Gilbert & Hermina – Luminous Mysteries
Friday 7:25 a.m. – Shirley Volmert – Sorrowful Mysteries
Saturday 4:35 p.m. – Dale Herigon – Glorious Mysteries
Sunday 9:35 a.m. – Gilbert & Hermina Strobe– Sorrowful Mysteries

St. Thomas the Apostle Church Cleaners

Jan. 15: Janet Lueckenhoff, Jim Lueckenhoff, Charlene Buschjost, Randy Buschjost
Jan. 22: Alan Libbert, Nancy Libbert, Darrel Buechter, Jan Heckemeyer
Jan. 29: Brooke Schell, Tina Stockman, Gina Luebbering, Karen Luebbering
Feb. 5: Lynne Reinkemeyer, Linda Boessen, Lauri Luebbering, Lisa Lackman
Feb. 12: Sonya Henson, Susan Buechter, Jackie Prenger, Amy Buechter

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 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.

Thursday, Jan. 19 – Lisa Wieberg & Millie Wieberg

Thursday, Jan. 26 – Felicia Williams & Amanda Wooten

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: Deadline for bulletin is Wednesday at noon.

CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL: *The CSA goal for St. Cecilia Parish is \$2,550 Received \$1,015.00*
The CSA goal for St. Thomas the Apostle Parish is \$10,400 Received \$5,300

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE 2022 YEAR END CONTRIBUTIONS: Thank you for your generosity this past year. To receive your 2022 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. CECILIA 2022 YEAR END CONTRIBUTIONS: St. Cecilia Contributions will be in the back of Church the weekend of January 22. If they would like for their copy to be mailed to them, please contact Doris Stumpe.

ST. CECILIA PRAYER LINE REQUESTS can be made by calling Marie Lueckenotto at 573-229-4336.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PRAYER LINE REQUESTS should be emailed to Theresa Veit at tveitoffice@gmail.com or by calling 573-418-7301.

St. Cecilia Eucharistic Ministers

Jan. 22 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Mary Plassmeyer
Jan. 29 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Janice Schanzmeyer

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

Jan. 22 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – William Derkum, Terry Libbert,
Harold Libbert, Leon Schanzmeyer
Jan. 29 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Darin Even, Mitch Stumpe,
Brendan Stumpe, Randy Hagenhoff

St. Cecilia Servers

Jan. 22 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Ava & Gavin Werdehausen
Jan. 29 Sunday 8:00 a.m. –Sarah & Elizabeth Backes,
Jesse Schroeder

Please arrive 10 minutes before Mass.

Servers who have questions or would like to practice, may do so after 8:00 a.m. Mass. Please contact Joanne Schroeder 573-229-8986.

St. Cecilia Offertory Gifts

Jan. 22 Sunday 8:00 a.m.- Family of Norman & Delphine Jaegers

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Wednesday 6:05 p.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer –Glorious Mysteries
Jan. 22 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Mary Plassmeyer
Sorrowful Mysteries
Jan. 29 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Janice Schanzmeyer
Luminous Mysteries

VOTIVE CANDLES: The requested donation for lighting a votive candle in church is **\$3.00**. **Please note the cost change for both parishes.**

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*

BISHOP MCKNIGHT JANUARY PRAYER INTENTON: For foster parents and adopting parents; may they experience the support of the Church and the love of God, as they expand their homes to make room for more children in their families, we pray to the Lord.

PASTORS MEDITATION: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary time year A: **JESUS THE LAMB OF GOD, JESUS THE SERVANT: (Is. 49:3, 5-6; 1Cor. 1:1-3; Jn. 1:29-34)** The title "Jesus the lamb of God" calls up images of love, sacrifice and triumph. The readings today challenge us to live like the Lamb of God and to die like the Lamb of God and thus bear witness to Christ the "Lamb of God." We have to choose to accept John's testimony in today's Gospel as God's personal and corporate call to us to become witnesses to the Lamb of God. In both the first and second readings, God calls individuals to His service entrusting them with a mission. The first reading is from the "Songs of the Suffering Servant" in Isaiah, where the prophet was chosen by God from his mother's womb and consecrated to be a "light to the nations." Here, aspects of Jesus' own life, as sacrificial lamb and mission, as salvation of the world are foreshadowed. In the second reading, Paul reminds the Corinthian Christians that, like all who call on the name of Jesus, they are "sanctified and called to be holy." They are called by God and consecrated in Christ Jesus for a life of holiness and service. As believers, we too have been called by God to become members of Christ's Body by our Baptism, and we are consecrated in Christ Jesus for a life of holiness and service. The Gospel passage presents three themes, namely, the witness John the Baptist bears to Jesus, the revelation (epiphany) and identification of Jesus as the "Lamb of God" and the call to discipleship. John's first declaration probably brought five pictures of the "lamb" to the minds of his Jewish listeners. 1) The Lamb of Yearly Atonement (Lev. 16:20-22) used on Yom Kippur. 2) The Lamb of Daily Atonement (Ex. 29:38-42; Num. 28:1-8). 3) The Paschal Lamb (Ex. 12:11ss). 4) The Lamb of the Prophets (Jer. 11:19), (Is. 53:7). 5) The Lamb of the Conquerors. So dear friends we need to live and die like the Lamb of God. **First**, Live like a lamb by: i) leading pure, innocent, humble, selfless lives, obeying Christ's commandment of love; ii) appreciating the loving providence and protecting care of the Good Shepherd in His Church; iii) eating the Body and drinking the Blood of the Good Shepherd and deriving spiritual strength from the Holy Spirit through the Holy Bible, the Sacraments and our daily prayers. **Secondly**, die like a sacrificial lamb by: i) the sacrificial sharing of our blessings of health, wealth, and talents with others in the family, parish and community; ii) bearing witness to Christ in our illness, pain and suffering; iii) offering our sufferings for the salvation of souls and in reparation for our sins and those of others. We need to be witnesses to the Lamb of God by our exemplary lives. Today's Gospel reminds us that being a disciple of Jesus means that we are to grow by Faith to become witnesses for him. And bearing witness to Christ is an active, not passive lifetime enterprise. One cannot be a disciple of Jesus at a distance any more than one can be a distant lover. We are invited to "Come and see." The essence of our witnessing is to state what we have seen and believed and then to invite others to "come and see" our experience of Jesus. As with Andrew and John, Faith begins with our responding to Jesus' invitation to "come and see." We tell others about good restaurants, barbers, optometrists, etc. Why isn't there the same fervor over inviting and encouraging people to come and participate in our Church activities? If we are not willing to invite others into this experience, what does that say about our experiences with Christ and with our Church? **Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukiibi**

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE WEBSITE: The St. Thomas the Apostle Website (www.stthomasapostle.net) is now mobile friendly. Please visit the website for updates for upcoming events and many more items.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE 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 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!

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE 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 the Apostle 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. You can also donate candy, chips, soda, Gatorade, juice pouches, etc. for 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 NEWS: Monday, January 16 – No School, Martin Luther King Day
Thursday, January 26 – Early Release, 12:50 p.m. car riders, 1:00 p.m. bus riders
January 27&28 – St. Thomas the Apostle School Archery Tournament (Hosting)
Sunday, January 29-February 3 – Catholic Schools Week

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PRESCHOOL: If you have a child, ages 3 or 4 and have been thinking about preschool, please call Lizzie Linhardt, llinhardt@stacs.school 573-645-5605 or the school office 573-477-3322. If you have any questions or would like to set up a one on one meeting and school tour please contact the school office. Please check out and like St. Thomas the Apostle Preschool Facebook page!

GRATEFUL LIVING FAITH SHARING: Prayer is one of the three aspects of the Catholic Stewardship Renewal in our diocese. The program Grateful Living: The Joy of Stewardship is a small group (6-10 people) faith sharing opportunity that will begin during the Lenten season of 2023. It consists of six sessions during Lent and another six sessions in the Fall of 2023, although the book contains all of the sessions and so your group can meet as you wish. Each session lasts about an hour. In the next few weeks sign-up sheets will be available for anyone interested in this opportunity of sharing your faith in a small group. Books are provided to guide the sessions. Please indicate whether you would like to be a small group leader, if you would like to host sessions in your home, meeting time preferences, or any other pertinent information. Please contact Jackie Prenger at 573-291-3558 if you have any questions.

VISIT HELIAS CATHOLIC: Interested in learning more about Helias Catholic High School and experiencing life as a student? Visit the school as a Crusader for a Day! Junior high students are invited to attend classes, meet teachers, tour the school and have lunch while partnered with a current student on any regular school day. Sign up by clicking "Visit the School" on the homepage at www.heliascatholic.com and completing the Crusader for a Day form. Please call Sharon Fennwald at 573-635-6139 with any questions.

HELIAS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI: Graduates of Helias Catholic High School are invited to stay informed about Crusader alumni news! Visit www.heliascatholic.com/alumni to sign up for email updates.

LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING: Our next ladies is Tuesday, January 17, 6:30 p.m. Soup and salad will be served. We will be collecting dues (\$10) and ordering T-shirts. Hope to see you there new members interested in joining are welcome to attend.

ST. STANISLAUS CHURCH, WARDSVILLE PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL OPEN HOUR is 1:00-2:00 a.m. Sunday morning. Please call Donna at 573-680-1470 if you are interested in joining our chapel program.

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.

ATTENTION MEN OF ST. THOMAS AND ST. CECILIA: You are invited to join the new fraternity of men called 'The Men of Signum Crucis'. We gather the third Wednesday of each month from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at Helias Catholic High School. Our chaplain is Father Paul Clark. The next gathering is January 18. Call Jeff Cassmeyer at 690-7546 for directions or more information.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Becoming a Knight of Columbus can transform your life. As a Knight, you have the opportunity to support our parishes and communities, and to grow in your faith. You can also gain access to top-rated insurance programs to protect your family. Plus, you are joining a band of brothers, a network of men in communities around the world dedicated to doing good in the service of God and our neighbors. As Pope St. John Paul II said: "The Knights of Columbus is the strong right arm of the Catholic Church." If you would like more information or to join, please contact Jeff Cassmeyer at (573) 690-7546.

DIVINE MERCY SIGNS: St. Thomas Knights of Columbus will be stocking the following sizes: Small 8 x 12 one-sided \$15, Medium 20 x 27 two-sided \$35, Large 24 x 48 two-sided \$90. The signs will be available at the Knights or Ladies Auxiliary meetings or by calling Janet Lueckenhoff 573-690-5682.

JEFFERSON CITY MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: Get away for the weekend, just you and your spouse, to celebrate how far you've come and look for areas to improve in your marriage. This is not exclusive to the Catholic faith, but does focus on putting Christ at the center of your marriage. The next weekend is February 11-12, 2023, in Jefferson City, Missouri. Cost is \$75 which includes 1 night hotel stay and all meals and materials. Register at jeffcityme.com (Scholarships are available) Questions? Visit website jeffcityme.com, call 573-619-7416, or email info@jeffcityme.com

THE OSAGE SENIOR CENTER located in Wardsville, MO, is looking for interested people who are 62 and above years old or have confirmed disabilities to be placed on our waiting list. The Senior Center is located close to St. Stan Catholic Church, gas stations, a restaurant and a Dollar General store. If interested call or email for a tour and talk with our manager. Phone: 573-632-2712, email: osageseniorcenter@gmail.com.

ST. THOMAS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #2149 PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST is Sunday, January 15 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the K of C Hall. Adults \$10.00, Children 6-12 \$5.00. Part of the proceeds will benefit St. Thomas the Apostle School.

BLAIR OAKS FFA ALUMNI ANNUAL DINNER & DANCE is Saturday, February 4. \$40 per person or \$320.00 for a received table of 8 at the Wardsville Lions Club. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., dinner served at 6:30 p.m., dancing from 8:00-11:00 p.m., BOYB. Music by Shiloh. Please contact Jennifer Borgmeyer at 573-338-0049 for tickets.

ST. THOMAS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS VALENTINE'S DANCE is February 11 at the Parish Center - featuring Shiloh playing from 7:30 - 11:30 p.m. \$35 per couple or \$20 per single person. NO ONE UNDER 21 ALLOWED.

PASTA NIGHT FUNDRAISER BENEFITTING DONNA VERSLUES is Saturday, January 28, 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. St. Thomas K of C Hall. Spaghetti, chicken Fettuccini, salad, bread and dessert (Drinks for dine in) Dine in or carry-outs available. \$15 Adults, kids (6-10) \$8.00. Raffle tickets are also available for purchase. Please contact 573-694-1628 for more information.

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SAVE THE DATES: Totus Tuus – June 4-9

Stewardship

For now the LORD has spoken
who formed me as his servant from the womb,
That Jacob may be brought back to him
and Israel gathered to him;
I am honored in the sight of the LORD,
and my God is now my strength!

Isaiah 49:5

Jesus' saving mission began the first moment of his
conception in the womb of our Blessed Mother,
thus making it true for us.

We have each been called by the Father to further
His kingdom on earth.



