

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 16, 2022

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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.; 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. 16-23:

WEEKDAY MORNING MASSES IN PARISH CENTER

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – No Mass
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – No Mass
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – No Mass
Friday 7:45 a.m. – No Mass

WEEKEND MASSES IN ST. CECILIA CHURCH

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes
Rose Mary Buschjost
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Alex Heckman

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2021-2022: \$305,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End: \$177,919.00
Actual Collection for 2021-2022: **\$159,123.50**
Offertory Difference Year to Date: – \$ 18,795.50
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

January 2 \$ 2,480.00
January 9 \$11,212.00
January 16 \$
January 23 \$
January 30 \$

Collection Online: \$ 5,399.50

January total to date: **\$19,091.50**

Difference for January: -\$ 6,325.50

Church Renovation Capital Campaign

Total Pledges/Donations \$474,993.04
Total Collected \$387,863.58
Total Expenses Paid \$594,760.57
A total of 119 parishioners have returned pledge cards/or
Contributed to the renovation project.

St. Thomas the Apostle Cantors / Organists

WEEKEND MASSES IN ST. CECILIA CHURCH

Jan. 22 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Judy Schroeder / Jackie
Jan. 23 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Doug Luebbering / Jackie
Jan. 29 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Amanda Wooten / Jeanette
Jan. 30 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Josh Luebbering / Jackie

St. Thomas the Apostle & St. Cecilia Readers

WEEKEND MASSES IN ST. CECILIA CHURCH

Jan. 22 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – David Schroeder
Jan.23 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jean Kliethermes
Jan. 29 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Kathy Graessle
Jan. 30 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Tom Backes

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of Jan. 16-23:

Wednesday 6:30 p.m.- No Mass

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Alma Blomberg

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2021-2022: \$62,000.00
Collection Total for 2021-2022: **\$31,876.96**
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,166.67

Collection in Church:

January 2 \$ 960.00
January 9 \$ 995.00
January 16 \$
January 23 \$
January 30 \$
January total to date: **\$ 1,955.00**
Difference for January: -\$ 3,211.67

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

January – Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer

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

St. Cecilia Reader

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – No Mass
Jan. 23 8:00 a.m.- Janice Schanzmeyer
Jan. 30 8:00 a.m. -Don Wansing

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

St. Thomas & St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

WEEKEND MASSES IN ST. CECILIA CHURCH

Jan. 22 Saturday 5:00 p.m.-Gilbert Schellman & Mark Boessen
Jan.23 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Ryan Buschjost & Craig Buechter
Jan. 29 Saturday 5:00 p.m.-Eric Strope & Dave Luebbering
Jan. 30 Sunday 10:00 a.m.-Richard Heckemeyer & Tom Backes

St. Thomas the Apostle & St. Cecilia Eucharistic Ministers

MASSES IN ST. CECILIA CHURCH

Jan. 22 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Brenda Wansing
Jan. 23 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Jan Heckemeyer
Jan.29 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Lora Boessen
Jan. 30 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Richard Heckemeyer

St. Thomas the Apostle Servers

WEEKEND MASSES IN ST. CECILIA CHURCH

Jan. 22 Saturday 5:00 p.m.-
Jan. 23 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Valerie & Zeke Verslues,
Evelyn Wooten
Jan. 29 Saturday 5:00 p.m.-
Jan. 30 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Erika Luebbering,
Francie & Hannah Tallent

St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters

Jan. 23 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg
Jan. 30 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman
Feb. 6 - Paul Becker & Shara Buechter
Feb. 13- Keith & Jean Kliethermes

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas

WEEKEND MASSES IN ST. CECILIA CHURCH

Saturday 4:35 p.m. – Dale Herigon – Sorrowful Mysteries
Sunday 9:35 a.m. – Pat Loethen – Sorrowful Mysteries

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 hours.

Thurs, Jan. 20 – Kristi Luebbering & Michelle Luebbering **Thurs, Jan. 27** – Rose Mary Luebbering & Katie (Sam) Luebbering
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 Strope at 573-477-3349.

SCRIP: Visit www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip for more information about the Scrip program. Please contact Amanda Wooten 573-694-1735 or amandab_27@hotmail.com

NOTES OF THANKS!

The family of Amy Veit would like to thank everyone for your kindness at the loss of our sister, daughter, aunt and niece. A very special thank you to Father Leonard, the servers, Emily and the choir for the beautiful Mass of Farewell. May God continue to Bless you. ***The family of Amy Veit.***

Thanks for the beautiful Christmas Cards, prayers, gifts and food. I enjoyed all of them. May all of you have a "Blessed and Happy New Year!" ***Rose Libbert***

PARISHIONERS: If anyone made a monetary donation towards the poinsettias are free to take one after Mass this weekend.

BULLETIN NOTICES: Deadline for bulletin is Wednesday at noon.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE 2021 YEAR END CONTRIBUTIONS: Thank you for your generosity this past year. To receive your 2021 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 at www.stthomasapostle.net/contribution-statement or by clicking the Contribution Statement tab at the top of the home page.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISHIONERS: It is once again time to offer our time and talents to God and to our parish. Green sheets are available in the entryway of St. Cecilia Church. These can be completed and put into the collection basket at church or returned to the parish office. This year it can also be completed **online** on the St. Thomas the Apostle website. Go to the Home Page under Support the Parish and fill out the online Time and Talent Form. Please mark ministries you would like to continue doing as well as any new ministries. If possible complete the form and return it by January 31 so they can be used starting February 19 when Masses resume in St. Thomas the Apostle Church. Thank you!

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 veitoffice@gmail.com or by calling 573-418-7301.

St. Cecilia & St. Thomas the Apostle Eucharistic Minister

Jan. 23 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Doris Stumpe
Jan. 30 Sunday 8:00 a.m.- Dominic Plassmeyer

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

Jan. 23 Sunday 8:00 a.m. –Harold Libbert & Anton Libbert
Jan. 30 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Terry Libbert & Tony Derkum

St. Cecilia Servers

Jan. 23 Sunday 8:00 a.m. –
Jan. 30 Sunday 8:00 a.m.-

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Jan. 23 Sunday 7:35 a.m.–Dorothy Rehagen–Sorrowful Mysteries
Jan. 30 Sunday 7:35 a.m.- Janice Schanzmeyer–Luminous Mysteries

VOTIVE CANDLES: The requested donation for lighting a votive candle in church is **\$2.50.**

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 & St. Cecilia Offertory

WEEKEND MASSES IN ST. CECILIA CHURCH

Jan. 22 Saturday, 5:00 p.m. -Paul & Jenny Becker
Jan. 23 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Riley & Daffiny Tallent Fam.
Jan. 29 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark & Lora Boessen Fam.
Jan. 30 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Richard & Jan Heckemeyer

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

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISHIONERS: The Parish Pastoral Council wants to update the current list of parishioners in St Thomas. If you are 21 years of age or working full time please visit the St. Thomas webpage to fill out the Parish Registration Form. You can email it back to Theresa Veit (tveitoffice@gmail.com) or put the completed form in collection basket at Church. Thank you!

2021 CHRISTMAS/SEMINARY ASSESSMENT: Our assessment for Seminarian Formation and Priest Retirement is \$699.00 for St. Cecilia and \$4,471.00 for St. Thomas the Apostle Parish. Please support the formation and education of our Diocese's future priests.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH WEEKLY BULLETINS may be found in St. Cecilia Church, Web page, St. Thomas Vitae House on front porch or school when in session.

BISHOP MCKNIGHT'S JANUARY PRAYER INTENTION: As we begin a new year, may the opportunities for the grace to clearly recognize the dignity of life, education and ecumenism allow us to better support our brothers and sisters who need the warmth of Christ's love and our compassion during this winter season.

CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL: The CSA goal for St. Cecilia Parish is **\$2,550**. So far **\$1,540** has been collected. The CSA goal for St. Thomas the Apostle Parish is **\$10,200**. So far **\$4,145** has been collected.

PASTORS MEDITATION: 2nd Sunday in ordinary time year C: WHEN YOU INVITE JESUS INTO YOUR HOME YOU ARE NEVER THE SAME AGAIN. (Is. 62:1-5; 1Cor. 12:4-11, Jn. 2:1-11)

This week we are at a wedding in Cana where Jesus reveals Divine power by transforming water into wine. At Cana, Jesus blesses human marriage, perhaps at that moment instituting the Sacrament of Matrimony. Throughout the Bible, marriage is the symbol of the Covenant relationship between God and His chosen people. God is the faithful Bridegroom and humanity is His beloved bride. This reminds us to pray for God's daily miracles in our families.

In today's first reading, Isaiah uses the metaphor of spousal love to describe God's love for Israel. God's fidelity to his people is compared to a husband's fidelity to his wife. Isaiah predicts God's salvation of Jerusalem after the return of the Babylonian exiles and visualizes it as a wedding between God and Jerusalem. Jesus' provision of abundant wine for the wedding feast in Cana signifies that the day foreseen by Isaiah has arrived. In today's second reading, St. Paul reminds us that the new wine that Jesus pours out for us is the gift of the Holy Spirit, given to His Bride. In today's Gospel, John describes the first of the seven "signs" by which Jesus showed forth His Divinity. When the wine "ran short," Jesus' Mother told Jesus about it. At first Jesus seemed to refuse to do anything about it. But later he told the servants to fill six large stone jars with water and take some of the miraculous water-made-wine to the head waiter. When they did so, the headwaiter expressed his surprise that such a great wine had been reserved for late use.

Dear friends, let us, "invite Jesus and Mary to remain with us in our homes" when we feel shortages in our family lives. The spouses need Jesus and Mary when their dreams are gone, mutual love seems dried up, the relationship becomes boring, and raising the children becomes a burden draining all their energy. The awareness of the presence of Jesus and Mary in the family will encourage parents to create an atmosphere of mutual love, prayer and respect, with a spirit of forgiveness and sacrificial service at home. This change will refresh and renovate family life, removing its boredom.

Let us follow Mary's instruction, "Do whatever He tells you", This is the only recorded command given by Mary in the New Testament, and it is a prerequisite for miracles in our families. The Bible tells us how to do the will of God and effect salvific changes in our daily lives.

Just as Jesus filled the empty water jars with wine, let us fill the empty hearts around us with love. By the miracle of Cana, Jesus challenges us also to enrich the empty lives of those around us with the new wine of love, mercy, concern, and care.

Let us learn to appreciate the miracles of God's providence in our lives. God, often as an uninvited guest in our families, works daily miracles in our lives by protecting us from physical and moral dangers, providing for our needs, inspiring us, and strengthening us with His Holy Spirit. Let us also appreciate, where God transforms our offering of bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Jesus. ***Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukiibi***

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE VIRTUAL WINTER FANTASY: Tickets for the Winter Fantasy for cash prizes of up to \$11,000 will be sold at the St. Thomas Knights of Columbus Pancake & Sausage breakfast on Sunday, January 16 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the K of C Hall. We will also have a few of our Silent Auction items on display. Tickets may also be purchased for \$75 at Speedy B's or by contacting Kim Kliegel at 573-619-9188. The Winter Fantasy Facebook Live Drawing will be held on Saturday, February 5 at 6:30 p.m. The Early Bird winner is Mike Distler who will receive \$100.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE VIRTUAL WINTER FANTASY SILENT AUCTION: All donations of \$50 or more for the Silent Auction should be turned in to the Vitae House or a committee member by no later than Sunday, January 23 to allow time to set up the website. For additional details, go to www.stthomasapostle.net and click on the Event tab.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PRESCHOOL: If you have a child, ages 3 or 4 and have been thinking about preschool, please call Lizzie Linhardt 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.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL NEWS! UPCOMING EVENTS!

Sunday, January 16- K of C Breakfast 8-11:30 a.m. – Part of the proceeds to benefit St. Thomas the Apostle School.

Monday, January 17 –MLK Day, No School P-8

HELIAS MARCHING BAND is hosting a Trivia Night on Friday, January 21 in the Helias Old Gym. Only \$100 for a full night of fun! Trivia starts at 6:00 p.m. with cash prizes. Contact Amy Bax at amybax99@gmail.com to register your teams!

HELIAS CATHOLIC OPEN HOUSE: Mark your calendar for Helias Catholic High School's Open House on **Saturday, January 29**, from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Families and students of all ages are invited to come meet teachers, tour facilities, explore activities and clubs, and learn about how Helias Catholic is building a community of saints and scholars for Christ. All are welcome! Please call 573-635-6139 with any questions.

ST. THOMAS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #2149 PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST is this Sunday, January 16 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the K of C Hall. Adults \$10.00 & children \$5.00. Part of the proceeds will benefit St. Thomas the Apostle School.

ST. THOMAS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT is Saturday, February 5 at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Center. Registration starts at 11:00, \$60.00. Tournament begins at noon. Refreshments will be served (BYOB is allowed). Cash prizes will be awarded to the top two teams in each division. To RSVP please contact Zac Stockman 573-301-6189 or Jason Buschjost 573-821-1138.

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, Jan. 16 at 1:00 PM.** 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 a new, full-size, leather basketball** and advance to the district level competition and possibly regional and state levels. Again, this year, **the district level competition is at St. Thomas on Sunday, Feb. 6 at 1:00 PM.** Typically, more than 120,000 sharpshooters participate in over 3,600 local competitions across the country. For more information, please contact Steve Schellman at 573-694-3471.

BLAIR OAKS FFA ALUMNI & SUPPORTS: Annual Dinner and Dance on February 19, 2022 at the Wardsville Lions Club with music by Shiloh. Tickets are available for \$40.00 per person or \$320 for a reserved table of 8. Doors open at 5:30, Dinner Served at 6:30 p.m. Dance at 8:00-11:00. All proceeds go towards the Blair Oaks FFA program. For tickets, please contact Brittany Carrender at 573-680-7120 or Angie Thessen 573-528-9788.

SAVE THE DATE:

Sunday, January 16, 2022 – St. Thomas Knights of Columbus Breakfast 8:00-11:30 a.m. K C Hall

Saturday, February 5, 2022 – St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Virtual Winter Fantasy

Saturday, February 19, 2022 – Blessing & Celebration of Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle Church newly renovated Church.

GO FUND ME: Justin Wekenborg and Jacalyn Stockton Trinklein recently lost her home due to a fire on December 1. Justin was badly burned and his recovery is going well but will take time for him to be able to return to work. Nearly everything in the home was lost either to the fire or smoke and water damage. They would appreciate any donations to help their family out. Any amount would help. There is a gofundme page set up under Justin Wekenborg.



**Blessing and Celebration Mass for our Newly Renovated Church Saturday,
February 19, 2022
Mass and Blessing at 5:00 p.m.
Meal Immediately Following in Parish Center**

Please join fellow parishioners and guests as we celebrate our newly renovated Church. The meal is limited to St. Thomas the Apostle parish families and St. Cecilia parish families. Argyle Catering will provide a meal of fried chicken, gluten free burnt ends and all the fixings. To help defray the cost of the meal, a donation of \$5 per person with a maximum of \$25 per family is requested. You can put the below form and payment in an envelope marked "Renovation RSVP" in the collection basket or you can mail the below form and payment by Monday, February 7th to St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Attention: Jan Heckemeyer, PO Box 146, St. Thomas, MO 65076. We look forward to being together again with our Church family in the newly renovated Church.

TO RSVP, RETURN THIS FORM AND PAYMENT BY MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH to St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Attention: Jan Heckemeyer, PO Box 146, St. Thomas MO 65706 OR put your RSVP and payment in the collection basket in an envelope marked "Renovation RSVP".

NAME: _____

NUMBER ATTENDING: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

