

**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 20, 2019**

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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 19-27:**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Herman & Agatha Luebbering  
Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Alex Heckman  
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – John & Norma Ullman Wedding Ann.  
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Jim Green  
Friday 7:45 a.m. – Mary Jane Lueckenotte  
*Anointing of the Sick following Mass*  
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Gregory & Lucille Veit  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – L&D Joe & Dorothy Luebbering Family

**Your Sunday Offering:**

Offertory Budget for 2018-2019: \$305,000.00  
Offertory Goal through Month End: \$177,919.00  
Actual Collection for 2018-2019: **\$154,342.87**  
Offertory Difference Year to Date: – \$ 23,576.13  
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

**Collection in Church:**

January 6 \$ 3,897.00  
January 13 \$ 2,941.25  
January 20 \$  
January 27 \$

**Collection Online:** \$ 4,542.00

**January total to date:** **\$11,380.25**  
Difference for January: - \$14,036.75

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

Total Expansion Project expenses paid: \$2,273,475.34  
Income from parishioners for FY 2018-2019  
(via the yellow "Building Fund" envelope): **\$17,314.00**  
Loan payments to date for FY 2018-2019: **\$64,594.18**  
(Principal) \$57,547.41 (Interest) \$7,046.77  
Parish Building Expansion Debt remaining: **\$251,617.82**

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

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kelsey Kliethermes / Annette Kehner  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Anne Strobe / Annette Kehner

**St. Thomas the Apostle Reader**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – St. Thomas School Students  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jean Kliethermes

**St. Thomas the Apostle Altar Servers**

Weekday – Ava Rackers & Kenzie Libbert  
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – St. Thomas School Students  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Emma Luebbering, Henry Buschjost,  
Gregory Kirby, Owen Schellman

**St. Cecilia**

**Mass Schedule for the Week of January 19-27:**

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Lawrence & Scott Otto  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Raymond Luebbering  
*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions before 6:30 p.m. Mass*  
Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Lawrence "Dick" Rehagen

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Brian Wansing

**Your Sunday Offering:**

Offertory Budget for 2018-2019: \$62,000.00  
Collection Total for 2018-2019: **\$36,342.22**  
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,166.67

**Collection in Church:**

January 6 \$ 1,666.00  
January 13 \$ 627.00  
January 20 \$  
January 27 \$

**January total to date:** **\$ 2,293.00**  
Difference for January: - \$ 2,873.67

**St. Cecilia Collection Counters**

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

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

**St. Cecilia Reader**

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Dorothy Rehagen  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Don Wansing

**St. Cecilia Altar Servers**

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – *servers needed*  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Shelby Wankum,  
Ava & Saige Werdehausen

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

**St. Thomas Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**  
**January 26-27**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Leroy Heckemeyer, Sarah Schwartz, Jenny Becker  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Janet Lueckenhoff, Linda Lueckenhoff, Glenn Prenger

**February 2-3**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. - Mike & Trish Green, Betty Schellman  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mike & Sheri Wieberg, Lynne Reinkemeyer

**St. Thomas Greeters/Ushers**

**January 26-27**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – St. Thomas School Students  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Alan Cortvrient & Larry Lueckenhoff

**February 2-3**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark Boessen & Dave Luebbering  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Art Groner & Cash McManus

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

**January 26-27**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – St. Thomas the Apostle School Students  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. - Mike & Sheri Wieberg Family

**February 2-3**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Alfred & Margie Kaiser  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Brian & Katie Luebbering Family

**St. Thomas Collection Counters**

January 26-27 – Jennifer Schroeder & Stephanie Cortvrient  
February 2-3 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman  
February 9-10 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg

**Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas**

Tuesday 7:25 a.m. – Joann Heckman – Sorrowful  
Wednesday 7:25 a.m. – Pat Loethen – Glorious  
Thursday 7:25 a.m. – Viola Boessen - Luminous  
Friday 7:25 a.m. – Bob Schellman – Sorrowful  
Saturday 4:40 p.m. – Paul Becker – Glorious  
Sunday 9:40 a.m. – Pat Loethen – Glorious

**SNACKS FOR QUILTERS:**

Thursday, January 24 – Joni Hoecker & Delores Holtmeyer      Thursday, January 31 – Margie Kaiser & Pat Kaiser  
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 573-477-3349 or Emily Luebbering 573-477-3459.

**BLESSING OF THROATS:** In addition to being the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary time, February 3 is the Memorial of St. Blaise. The traditional blessing of the throats will be offered immediately following the Sunday Masses on February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**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 Mrs. Jenny Becker. Students way 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.



**CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL:** For each one of you who chose to give back gratefully to God through a contribution to the CSA, we are deeply appreciative. Catholics are a community of faith, and you recognize that members of any community, particularly the Body of Christ, have responsibility to each other. For those who have not joined your fellow Catholics in support of the CSA, we urge you to pray about it. It is not too late and no gift is too small. If you misplaced your letter from Bishop McKnight, please look for a CSA envelope at the entrances of church. You can also make a pledge by going online to [diojeffcity.org](http://diojeffcity.org) and clicking the "Giving" button.

The CSA goal for St. Thomas the Apostle Parish is \$8,000. **\$8,450.00 (105% our goal!)** has been received from 47 donors. Because we surpassed our CSA goal, a percentage will be received back once the CSA campaign is completed.

The CSA goal for St. Cecilia Parish is: \$2,500. **\$1,401.00 (56% of goal)** has been received from 13 donors

**BISHOP MCKNIGHT'S JANUARY PRAYER INTENTION:** "For the gift of peace within families, our community and the world: that violence shall cease and the destruction of human life from conception until natural death will be no more."

**MINISTRY TO THE ILL & INFIRM:** If you are preparing for surgery, recovering from surgery, homebound or ill, please let Fr. Secrist (573-477-3315) and/or MaryPat Luebbering (573-477-3476) know so that you have the opportunity to receive the Sacraments and pastoral care.

**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.

**RECENT SCAM:** Recently individuals have been contacted by email by someone pretending to be a clergy from our Diocese, asking for gift cards, such as iTunes cards. This is a variation on a scam which occurs quite frequently throughout the United States. Be very cautious in providing any unknown or suspicious contact with personal information, including your contact information or financial information. Verify any request for money through a separate contact, such as the individual's known email address, calling the individual, or contacting the Chancery, Catholic Charities or the parish.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK** will be offered after 7:45 a.m. Mass on Friday, January 25, instead of Friday, February 1.

**St. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**  
**January 26-27**

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Lou Kloeppe, Brenda Wansing, Doris Stumpe  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer, Janice Schanzmeyer

**February 2-3**

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Jennifer Even, Betty Hagenhoff, Dorothy Rehagen  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer, Pam Libbert

**St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers**

**January 26-27**

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Lou Kloeppe, Mitch & Brendan Stumpe, Darin Even  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Harold Libbert, Anton Libbert, Terry Libbert, Tony Derkum

**February 2-3**

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Randy Hagenhoff, Lou Kloeppe, Mitch & Brendan Stumpe  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Leon Schanzmeyer, Kenny Otto, Dominic Plassmeyer, Larry Lueckenotto

**Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia**

Wednesday 6:10 p.m. – Florentine Hagenhoff – Glorious  
Saturday 6:40 p.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer – Glorious  
Sunday 7:40 a.m. – Mary Plassmeyer – Glorious

**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.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Because of Catholic Schools Week VIP Day, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will not be offered following Mass on Friday, February 1. Everyone is invited to join the St. Thomas School Students in the Parish Center for refreshments immediately following Mass.

**FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** will be held on Friday, February 1. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Church throughout the day; please sign up on the sheet in church. 4:30-5:50 p.m. Confessions, Benediction at 6:00 p.m.

**ST. THOMAS SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE MEETING** is Thursday, January 24 at 6:00 p.m. in the School library.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING** is Tuesday, January 29, 6:00 p.m. in the Vitae House.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING** is Tuesday, January 29, 7:00 p.m. in the Vitae House.

**PRAY THE ROSARY DURING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK:** Students and staff will pray the Rosary on Monday, January 28 at 8:15 a.m. in the Parish Center. All are welcome.

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK FAMILY SUPPER:** All parishioners are invited to a dinner in St. Thomas Parish Center on Saturday, January 26 following the 5:00 p.m. Mass for a free chili meal & dessert. St. Thomas the Apostle Parish families with the last names A-L are asked to please bring a dessert.

**SCRIP:** January 26-27 - Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Dee Luebbering Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Sara Otto  
Visit [www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip](http://www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip) for more information about the Scrip program. Scrip is available after every other weekend Mass in St. Thomas. You can contact Lindsay Luebbering at 573-680-4920 or Karen Luebbering at 573-301-5835 to purchase anytime. A large variety of cards in various denominations are in stock and available for purchase.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PRE-SCHOOL:** If you have a preschool age child and have been thinking about preschool, please contact the school office at (573-477-3322) or Ms. Jaycine Bax at [jbaxstacs@gmail.com](mailto:jbaxstacs@gmail.com). The Pre-School program *will* be offered during the summer.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL DRAMA CLUB PLAY:** St. Thomas the Apostle drama club will be presenting a short play, on Tuesday, January 29 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. There is no admission fee. Everyone is invited to come enjoy the show!

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN SNEAK PEEK:** On Thursday, January 31, please join us as we celebrate Catholic Schools Week! We will have activities of 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 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 [lheckemeyerstacs@gmail.com](mailto:lheckemeyerstacs@gmail.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 1, 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.

**BOX TOPS:** *Please send in Box Tops by February 15 for submission.* Box Tops for Education, Coke Points & Best Choice Labels. Please drop them by the St. Thomas School Office or in the boxes in the entrances of St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

**COPY PAPER:** Please drop off clean on one side and **staple free paper** at school or call the St. Thomas the Apostle School Office, 573-477-3322.

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

Sunday, January 20 – K of C Breakfast, portion of proceeds to benefit St. Thomas the Apostle School

Monday, January 21 – School is in session, snow make-up day

Wednesday, January 23 – Bookmobile

Saturday, January 26 – Kick off of Catholic Schools Week, Mass, Dinner & Dance

January 26-February 2 – Catholic School Week

Tuesday, January 29 – St. Thomas the Apostle Parish School Advisory Board Meeting 6:00 p.m. Vitae House

Wednesday, January 30 – Host Basketball Games

Thursday, January 31 – Kindergarten Sneak Peek

Friday, February 1 – VIP, Mass, Refreshments & Bingo

**ST. CECILIA CEMETERY INFO:** Anyone interested in serving on the Parish Cemetery Committee, please call Norma Jean Libbert at (573)229 4248. The election is held in March and we need someone to step up to serve on the committee as one person per year is to rotate off.

**COLE COUNTY PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT NO. 5:** Candidates interested in running for a three year term on the Board of Directors must notify the District by 5:00 p.m., January 15, 2019 to be included on the April 2, 2019 election ballot. Please notify Sheri Wieberg at 573-477-3497 if interested.

**CITY OF ST. THOMAS COUNCIL ELECTIONS:** Looking for applicants interested in running for a two-year term City Council position. The council meets once a month to review all matters in regard to the City of St. Thomas. For the upcoming April 2, 2019 election the City will have two open positions.

If you interested in running for a two-year term Council position please contact Susan Boessen, City Clerk, at (573) 619-4424 leave a message with your name and contact number. You must reside within the City Limits of St. Thomas to hold a Council position. All applications must be received by January 15, 2019.

**AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** is Tuesday, January 22 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Westphalia Lions Den. Your blood donation will be very much appreciated.

**RETROUVAILLE** is a weekend retreat, is for couples with marital problems seeking help. Those who are considering marriage separation and those who are already separated or divorced are encouraged to consider the Retrouvaille program. There is always hope of reviving your relationship. The next weekend is available in Kansas City January 25-27. You can find more information online at [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org).

**ST. THOMAS / META KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST** is Sunday, January 20, 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the St. Thomas K of C Hall. Adults \$8.00, children 6-12 \$4.00. Part of the proceeds will benefit the St. Thomas School.

**ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA PARISH, FOLK PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST** is Sunday, January 27, serving pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs & applesauce from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Adults \$8.00, children 6-10 \$4.00.

**ST. MARY SCHOOL FRANKENSTEIN BREAKFAST** is January 27 Serving ham, pancakes, eggs and biscuits and gravy from 7-10:30 AM. Adults \$8, children 6-10 years old \$4, to support their archery program.

**FAITH, HOPE & FAMILY RELAY TEAM PITCH TOURNAMENT** is Friday, February 1, 6:30 p.m. (6:00 p.m. registration) at the St. Thomas Knights of Columbus Hall. Pitch Tournament. \$20 per team. To register, please contact Jessica Kliegel, 573-690-3987 or [kleegs7@gmail.com](mailto:kleegs7@gmail.com)

**MIDWEST MARCH FOR LIFE SATURDAY** St. Andrew Life Affirming Committee/40 Days for Life is pleased to have Kristan Hawkins, President of the National Students for Life of America as the MidWest March keynote speaker on Saturday, February 2 at the Missouri State Capitol rotunda. Please go to [www.midwestmarchforlife.com](http://www.midwestmarchforlife.com) or call (573)340-8444 for more information.

**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 the Apostle Gym on Sunday, January 27 at 12:00 PM**. 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. 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. This year, the district level competition is also at St. Thomas on Sunday, February 10 at 12:00 PM. 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.

**“UNDOUBTABLY THOMAS” – A Concert for Organ and Tenor:** Organist Thomas Gaynor and Tenor Thomas Leslie will present a free concert at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 17 at St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

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