

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

St. Cecilia
in Meta

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 28, 2018

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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 28-February 4:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – L&D Joe & Dorothy Luebbering Family
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – People of our Parishes
Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Mary Jane Lueckenotte
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – Jack Griffin
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Alma Chambers
Friday 7:45 a.m. – Jim & Christine Luebbering
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Joe Kaiser
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – L&D Joseph & Helen Schaefer Family

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2017-2018: \$305,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End: \$177,919.00
Actual Collection for 2017-2018: **\$177,420.63**
Offertory Difference Year to Date: – \$ 7,498.37
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

January 7 \$ 2,607.10
January 14 \$ 3,327.25
January 21 \$ 2,347.00
January 28 \$

Collection Online: \$ 6,002.00

January total to date: **\$14,283.35**

Difference for January: – \$11,133.65

St. Thomas the Apostle Expansion & Building Fund

Total Expansion Project expenses paid: \$2,273,475.34
Income from parishioners for FY 2017-2018
(via the yellow "Building Fund" envelope): **\$18,118.45**
Loan payments to date for FY 2017-2018: **\$55,366.44**
(Principal) \$47,323.65 (Interest) \$8,042.79
Parish Building Expansion Debt remaining: **\$349,398.61**

St. Thomas the Apostle Cantor / Organist

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kerry Meyer / Annette Kehner
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Choir / Annette Kehner

St. Thomas the Apostle Reader

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Amanda Wooten
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Alan Reinkemeyer

St. Thomas the Apostle Altar Servers

Weekday – Samantha Christian & Morgan Luebbering
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Cameron & Chesene Luebbering,
Courtney Luebbering
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Morgan & Jacob Luebbering,
Will & Natalie Otto

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of January 28-February 4:

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Lawrence & Scott Otto
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Raymond Luebbering

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Rebecca Leonard

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Donna Scheulen

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2017-2018: \$62,000.00
Collection Total for 2017-2018: **\$37,366.15**
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,166.67

Collection in Church:

January 7 \$ 1,159.00
January 14 \$ 906.00
January 21 \$ 1,056.00
January 28 \$

January total to date: **\$ 3,121.00**

Difference for January: –\$ 2,045.67

Please remember your parish in your last will & testament.

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

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

St. Cecilia Reader

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. –Doris Stumpe
Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Doris Stumpe
Sunday 8:00 a.m. –Janice Schanzmeyer

St. Cecilia Altar Servers

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Alex & Joshua Even
Sunday 8:00 a.m. –Will & Melina Derkum
Sophie Bock

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

February 3-4

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Carolyn Loethen, Mark & Barb Graessle

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Lynne Reinkemeyer, Jan Carter, Mattheuw Prenger

February 10-11

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Lora Boessen, Mark Luebbering, Pat Kaiser

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Keith Kliethermes, Rob Henson, Rosalyn Wieberg

St. Thomas Greeters/Ushers

please ring tower bells at least 10 minutes before weekend Masses

February 3-4

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Fred Luebbering & Carolyn Loethen

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – TJ Loethen & Mattheuw Prenger

February 10-11

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark Boessen & Gregg Boessen

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Keith Kliethermes & Mike Buschjost

St. Thomas Presentation of Gifts at Mass

February 3-4

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Gregg & Susan Boessen Family

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Bill & Betty Jo Luebbering

February 10-11

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Steve Schellman Family

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Arthur McManus & Mary Engelmeyer Family

St. Thomas Collection Counters

February 3-4 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman

February 10-11 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg

February 17-18 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes

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. – Gilbert & Hermina Strobe – Sorrowful

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

Sunday 9:40 a.m. – Gilbert & Hermina Strobe – Joyful

SCRIP: February 3-4 Saturday – Lindsay Luebbering Sunday – Amy Luebbering

Visit www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip for more information about the Scrip program. You can contact Lindsay Luebbering at 573-680-4920 or Karen Luebbering at 573-301-5835 to purchase anytime.

SNACKS FOR ST. THOMAS QUILTERS:

Thursday, February 1: Imogene Volmert & Jenna Volmert **Thursday, February 8:** Shirley Volmert & Eileen Volmert

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 or Emily Luebbering.

CONGRATULATIONS to **Gannon Wayne & Kasen Wayne Reeves**, sons of William & Kailey Reeves, who were washed in the saving waters of Baptism this weekend at St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

FLU SEASON: Because of the continuing cases of the flu and other illnesses in the local area, we are refraining from exchanging the Sign of Peace and offering the Precious Blood of Christ at Mass. Thank you for your understanding.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS FOR 2017 will be available for in the back of church next week.

FIRST FRIDAY: Mass for the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, will be celebrated on Friday, February 2 at 7:45 a.m. You are invited to bring your candles from home to be blessed at that Mass. The schedule of the day will be:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will occur following First Friday Mass until 6:00 p.m..

Confessions will be heard 4:30-5:50 p.m.

Litany of the Sacred Heart, followed by Benediction at 6:00 p.m..

PLEASE NOTE: Because of the Catholic Schools Week **VIP Day**, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be **not** be offered following Mass on Friday, February 2. Everyone is invited to join the St. Thomas School students in the Parish Center for refreshments immediately following Mass .

BLESSING OF THROATS: February 3 is the Memorial of St. Blaise. The traditional blessing of the throats will be offered immediately following the weekend Masses on February 3 & 4.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION this coming week will be on **Wednesday, January 31** will be in the **St. Cecilia Parish Center**.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHES' CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES: The Confirmation candidates named below have signed and returned their *Candidate Commitment Form* which, among other things, indicates that they promise to attend and participate in the Confirmation preparation sessions with an open mind and heart, will attend Mass every Sunday and on Holy Days of obligation, will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Confirmation, will commit to daily prayer, especially for growth in faith, hope and charity and will accept more responsibility in their families, parish and community:

Haylee Bax, Brooke Boessen, Drew Boessen, Emma Boessen, Kya Boessen, Cole Brenneke, Caleb Buechter, Jonathan Buschjost, William Derkum, Mason Francis, Teagan Humphrey, Ashlyn Kroll, Claire Luebbering, Isaac Prenger, Brayden Schaben, Kaleb Schaben, Emily Schell, Jeremy Stockman, Nolan Suthoff, Adam Veltrop, Nicholas Wankum, Brianna Wieberg.

St. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

February 3-4

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Lou Kloeppe, Brenda Wansing, Doris Stumpe

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer, Pam Libbert

February 10-11

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

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Gerald & Phyllis Rehagen, Janice Schanzmeyer

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

February 3-4

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Darin Even, Randy Hagenhoff, Lou Kloeppe, Mitch Stumpe

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic Plassmeyer, Larry Lueckenotto, Harold Libbert, Anton Libbert

February 10-11

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

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Terry Libbert, Tony Derkum, Leon Schanzmeyer, Kenny Otto

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

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

Saturday 6:40 p.m. – Dorothy Rehagen – Joyful

Sunday 7:40 a.m. – Janice Schanzmeyer – Joyful

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.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE 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.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE 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 Jenny Becker. Students away 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.

DIOCESAN CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL: We're nearing the end of this year's Catholic Stewardship Appeal. Opportunities continue to be available to those who have not yet made a pledge. If you no longer have a pledge card go online to www.diojefcity.org. Any gift you can make will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your generosity!

CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP GOALS for 2017-2018 are:

St. Cecilia Parish: **\$2,500.** So far \$1,400 (56%) has been contributed.

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish: **\$8,000.** So far \$7,388.00 (93%) has been contributed.

ST. THOMAS PARISH SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING is Tuesday, January 30, 6:00 p.m. in the Vitae House.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING is Tuesday, January 30, 7:00 p.m. in the Vitae House.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL KINDERGARDEN SNEAK PEEK: Thursday, February 1. We will have activities for in-coming Kindergarteners and families considering future enrollment. Please email lheckemeyer@embarqmail.com to schedule a time to see what our Catholic School may offer you!

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL WEEK INVITATION: On Friday, February 2, 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.

PRAY THE ROSARY DURING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK: Students and staff will pray the Rosary on Monday, January 29 at 8:15 a.m. in the Parish Center. All are welcome.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 29 – Rosary 8:15 a.m. in the Parish Center, All are welcome

January 30 – Parish School Advisory Board Meeting 6:00 p.m. in Vitae House

February 1 – Kindergarten Sneak Peek

February 2 – VIP, 7:45 a.m. Mass, Refreshments, Bingo in the Parish Center

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PRESCHOOL: It's that time of year again: St. Thomas Preschool is busy making plans for the 2018-2019 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.

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

BOX TOPS: Please send in Box Tops by **February 16 for submission.**

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 5** so the donation may be included in this year's raffle. Our breakfast is **Sunday, March 11, 2018.**

RETROUVAILLE is marriage program for couples whose marriage has become off course. It's an effective program that has worked for thousands of couples & it can work for your marriage. The next program begins with the weekend of February 2-4, 2018. For further information, call 800-470-2230 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BASKETBALL FREE THROW CONTEST: Congratulations to the following winners of the St. Thomas/Meta Knights of Columbus annual basketball free throw contest held Jan. 21: Belle Boessen, Cooper Peters, Abigail Verslues, Jackson Braun, Ava Morris, Owen Schellman, Isaac Rackers, Kadence Kliegel, and Leon Wolken. These Council Champions will advance to the district level of competition held on Sunday, February 4 at Mary's Home at 12 noon. Thank you to everyone who participated and good luck to those moving on to the next round.

2018 ANNOUNCEMENT FOR SOFTBALL & BASEBALL REGISTRATION: St. Thomas & Meta will be having registration for softball & baseball on the following dates and times. Registration will be held Friday, February 23 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, February 25 from 11:00 a.m. to noon in the St. Thomas School Cafeteria. Boys and girls ages 6-15 are eligible. Registration fees are \$50.00 for first child, \$30.00 for second child, and \$10.00 for third child with a cap of \$90.00 per family. After March 14 there will be a \$10.00 late fee per child. Registration for Fun League will also be held for boys and girls ages 5-6 at this time. If you are unable to make it one of the registration times or have any questions, please contact Amy Luebbering at 573-619-6325 or raluebbering@embarqmail.com. You may also send questions to sparkboard@gmail.com.

ST. BRENDAN CATHOLIC CHURCH in Mexico will be hosting Dr. Edward Sri on Thursday, March 22, 7:00 p.m. at the Missouri Military Academy. His topic is A Biblical Walk through the Mass. Dr. Edward Sri takes us on a unique tour of the liturgy. Based on the revised translation of the Mass, this book explores the biblical roots of the words and gestures we experience in the liturgy and explains their profound significance. This intriguing look at the Mass is sure to renew your faith and deepen your devotion to the Eucharist. His website is: www.edwardsri.com. To register for his talk, please call St. Brendan Parish Office (573) 581-4720 or email parishoffice@saintbrendans.org

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA PARISH PANCAKE BREAKFAST, FOLK is Sunday, January 28, serving pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs & applesauce from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.. Adults \$8.00, children 6-10 \$4.00.

ARGYLE / KOELTZTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL PANCAKE, SAUSAGE & EGG BREAKFAST is Sunday, February 4, 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Argyle K of C Hall. Adults \$8.00, children 6-12 \$4.00. Proceeds to benefit the maintenance of all fire equipment.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS VALENTINE'S DANCE: Saturday, February 10 in the St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Center.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY: Friday, February 23 in the St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Center.

WESTPHALIA LIONS CLUB BREAKFAST is Sunday, February 11, serving pancakes, sausage & eggs from 7:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.. Adults \$8.00, children 6-10 \$4.00, carry-outs available at the Westphalia Lions Den.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF BISHOP-ELECT SHAWN McKNIGHT as the Fourth Bishop of Jefferson City will be **2:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 6.** The Ordination Mass will be able to be viewed on the following networks:

EWTN NETWORK

FOX 22- KQFX

CATHOLIC TV

Livestreaming on EWTN.COM

Livestreaming KMIZ.COM or ABC17NEWS.COM

Livestreaming on CATHOLICTV.ORG

Because of the number of people attending the Ordination Mass at the Cathedral of St. Joseph, it is a *ticketed event*. Each parish and mission in the diocese will be represented by three parishioners. St. Cecilia Parish will be represented by Brenda Wansing, DJ and Joanne Schroeder. St. Thomas the Apostle Parish will be represented by Tina Stockman, Ray and Shirley Volmert.

The **6:00 p.m. Vespers Service** on **Monday, February 5** at the Cathedral of St. Joseph is open for everyone to attend.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

O God, Father of all Mercies, Provider of a bountiful Harvest,
send Your Graces upon those You have called to gather the fruits of Your labor;
preserve and strengthen them in their lifelong service of you.
Open the hearts of Your children that they may discern Your Holy Will;
inspire in them a love and desire to surrender themselves to serving others in the name of Your son, Jesus Christ.
Teach all Your faithful to follow their respective paths in life guided by Your Divine Word and Truth. Through the
intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, all the Angels, and Saints,
humbly hear our prayers and grant Your Church's needs, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

PARISH VITALITY PRAYER

Eternal God, Father most holy, whose Son established the Church,
promising that the power of evil would never prevail against her,
stir up our faith and bolster our perseverance,
that our faith may vitalize our parishes and our perseverance maintain our outreach.
You have taught us that dying to self and obedience to the Church are essential to holiness, peace and unity.
Preserve our unity as one Diocesan Church,
and may the spouse of the Holy Spirit, the Immaculate Heart of Mary, protect us with her mantle and intercede for us with her
prayer.
Through Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.