

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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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 28, 2024

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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 Jan. 28-Feb. 4:

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – **No Mass**

Wednesday – No Mass

Thursday – No Mass

Friday, 8:30 a.m.- St. Thomas the Apostle School Families

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Becky Strobe

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2023-2024:	\$312,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End:	\$182,000.00
Actual Collection for 2023-2024:	\$198,352.24
Offertory Difference Year to Date:	+\$ 16,352.24
Offertory Goal per month:	\$ 26,000.00

Collection in Church:

January 7	\$ 4,108.88
January 14	\$ 3,196.17
January 21	\$ 3,512.68
January 28	\$

Collection Online: \$ 8,088.00

January total to date: **\$18,905.73**

Difference for January: -\$ 7,094.27

Church Renovation Capital Campaign

Total Pledges/Donations	\$490,434.70
Total Collected	\$517,936.09
Total Expenses Paid	\$699,195.95

A total of 131 parishioners have returned pledge cards/or
Contributed to the renovation project.

Church Renovation Loan Balance \$58,872.80

Loan payments to date \$153,015.00

(principal) \$141,127.20 (interest) \$11,887.80

St. Thomas the Apostle Cantors / Organists

Feb. 3 Saturday 5:00 p.m.– Jean Kliethermes / Jeanette

Feb. 4 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Doug Luebbing / Jackie

Feb. 10 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mary Kay Brand / Jeanette

Feb. 11 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Amanda Wooten / Alanna

St. Thomas the Apostle Readers

Feb. 3 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Jenny Becker

Feb. 4 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Daffiny Tallent

Feb. 10 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kathy Graessle

Feb. 11 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jan Heckemeyer

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of Jan. 28-Feb. 4:

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – **No Mass**

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – James Wansing

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2023-2024:	\$67,000.00
Collection Total for 2023-2024:	\$41,186.00
Offertory Goal per month:	\$ 5,583.34

Collection in Church:

January 7	\$ 897.00
January 14	\$ 572.00
January 21	\$ 2,259.00
January 28	\$

January total to date: **\$ 3,660.00**

Difference for January: -\$1,923.34

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

February: Dale & Margie Helton

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

St. Cecilia Readers

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. – **No Mass**

Sunday, Feb. 4 8:00 a.m. – Don Wansing

Sunday Feb. 11 8:00 a.m. – Janice Schanzmeyer

St. Cecilia Organist

Sunday, Feb. 4 8:00 a.m. – Lydia

Sunday, Feb. 11 8:00 a.m. – Jackie

**YOUR LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENT,
PLEASE FIND A REPLACEMENT. YOUR
FELLOW PARISHIONERS THANK YOU!**

St. Thomas the Apostle Greeters/Ushers

Feb. 3 Saturday 5:00 pm. –Richard Schellman & Adam Holterman
Feb. 4 Sunday 10:00 a.m.-Richard Heckemeyer & Doug Stockman
Feb. 10 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Eric Strobe & Dave Luebbering
Feb. 11 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Keith Kliethermes & Larry Lueckenhoff

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

Feb. 3 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Marian Buschjost
Feb. 4 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Glenn Prenger
Feb. 10 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Brenda Wansing
Feb. 11 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Marshall Boessen

St. Thomas the Apostle Servers

Friday servers: School Students

Feb 3 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ava Buschjost, Evelyn Wooten,
Gannon Reeves & Miranda Meyer
Feb. 4 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Valerie, Zeke & Max Verslues,
Angelina Veltrop
Feb. 10 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – JD Volmert, Carmen Luebbering,
Austyn Christian, Gregory Kirby
Feb. 11 10:00 a.m. – Francie, Hannah, Levi Tallent,
Virgil Lackman

St. Thomas the Apostle Offertory Gifts

Saturday, Feb. 3 – Ushers
Sunday, Feb. 4– Family of Becky Strobe

St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters

February 4 - Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman
February 11 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes
February 18 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg
February 25 – Dunja Wieberg & Jennifer Schroeder

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas

Wednesday – No Mass

Thursday – No Mass

Friday 8:10 a.m. – Janet Lueckenhoff - Sorrowful Mysteries

Saturday 4:35 p.m. – Barb Graessle – Joyful Mysteries

Sunday 9:35 a.m. – Millie Wieberg– Joyful Mysteries

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

February 4	Brooke Schell
February 11	Dunja Wieberg
February 18	Lauri Luebbering
February 25	Brooke Schell
March 3	Jenny Becker
March 10	Karlie Reinkemeyer

St. Thomas the Apostle Church Cleaners

January 28 - Sonya Henson, Susan Buechter, Brenda Schell, Amy Buechter
February 4: Brooke Schell, Tina Stockman, Gina Luebbering, Karen Luebbering
February 11: Alan Libbert, Nancy Libbert, Darrel Buechter, Jan Heckemeyer
February 18: Janet Lueckenhoff, Jim Lueckenhoff, Charlene Buschjost, Randy Buschjost
February 25: Lynne Reinkemeyer, Linda Boessen, Lauri Luebbering, Lisa Lackman

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 snacks to the hall by 1:00 p.m.; snacks 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, February 1 – Gina Luebbering & Emily Luebbering

Thursday, February 8 – Terra Luebbering & Marlene Luebbering

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

FEAST OF ST. BLAISE: Father Finder will **bless throats** for St. Blaise **30 minutes prior** to **all Masses** next weekend at St. Thomas the Apostle and St. Cecilia.

BULLETIN NOTICES & PARISH BULLETINS: Deadline for bulletin is Wednesday at Noon. If you are needing a bulletin and Church is locked at St. Thomas the Apostle, there are some on the Vitae House front porch.

IN NEED OF A PRIEST WHILE FR. LEONARD IS GONE, please contact Theresa Veit, 573-418-7301, Doris Stumpe, 573-619-6125, Jan Heckemeyer, 573-619-8432 or Diane Lueckenhoff, 573-645-5794.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH MASSES: The following Masses will be said in Father's Home Parish while he is gone. Fr. Clarence Wiederholt - 2 Masses, Billy Chestnut - 2 Masses, Joe Kaiser - 6 Masses, Teresa Kaiser - 6 Masses Raymond Groner - 2 Masses, Greg Russell - 7 Masses

BISHOP MCKNIGHT FEBRUARY PRAYER INTENTION: For the depressed and those suffering from mental illness; may the active compassion of the Church bring healing and consolation to those who are tempted to despair, we pray to the Lord.

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 MASSES: 7:45 a.m. & 5:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle
7:00 p.m. St. Cecilia

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT: Stations of the Cross will be held Thursday mornings following the 7:45 a.m. Mass beginning February 15 and Fridays at St. Thomas the Apostle 6:30 p.m. beginning February 16. Stations of the Cross will be held Wednesday's at 6:00 p.m. before the 6:30 p.m. Mass at St. Cecilia beginning February 21.

St. Cecilia Eucharistic Ministers

Feb. 4 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Betty Hagenhoff
Feb. 11 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Pam Libbert

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

Feb. 4 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Terry Libbert, Leon Schanzmeyer,
Darin Even, Mitch Stumpe
Feb. 11 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Brendan Stumpe, Randy Hagenhoff,
Kenny Otto, Otto Wankum

St. Cecilia Servers

Feb. 4 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Bradyn, Kambrie & Matthew
Stegeman
Feb. 11 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Reagan & Eli Bock

St. Cecilia Offertory Gifts

Feb. 4 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Family of James Wansing

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Feb. 4 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Mary Plassmeyer
Joyful Mysteries
Feb. 11 Sunday 7:35 a.m. –Dorothy Rehagen
Glorious Mysteries

VOTIVE CANDLES: The requested donation for lighting a votive candle in church is **\$3.00**.

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.

BREAKING THE SILENCE OF ABUSE: As a Diocese, we are committed to breaking the silence of abuse. When someone is reporting abuse, we must acknowledge their pain and how difficult it is to talk about it. False allegations are very rare. Our initial response to someone who is disclosing abuse for the first time must be compassionate. For those who need to report abuse, encourage them to contact our Victims Assistance Coordinator, Jacqueline Baldwin, (573-694-3199) and to make use of the appropriate State of Missouri hotline (1-800-392-3738) or the Attorney General's clergy abuse online form. All of this information is also on our website, under the 'report abuse' tab. For those who want information or want to convey a message to Bishop McKnight, please encourage them to write to us at reportabuse@diojeffcity.org.

ST. CECILIA PARISH is in need of some volunteers to serve on the Stewardship Committee. It can be any age of parishioners that are willing to participate. If you are interested in serving on the Stewardship Committee, please contact Fr. Leonard or Dusty Stegeman 573-291-3064.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE 2023 YEAR END CONTRIBUTIONS: Thank you for your generosity this past year. To receive your 2023 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. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING is Tuesday, January 30, 7:00 p.m. school library.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE: Thank you to those who have signed up to have your photo taken for our parish directory! If you still would like your photo taken and did not get a time slot, please contact Melissa Versluis 573-338-3433 or Theresa Veit 573-418-7301. Depending on the number of responses, we could possibly get another day of photography.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISHIONER NOTIFICATION TEXT: To join REMIND please TEXT **81010** and then Message: **@c2chf2** and hit send. Then you will need to put in your full name and hit send. Please choose Student (s) and hit send. Then your DOB and hit send. Simple and easy, and you will receive parish/parish related events and cancellations. If you have any questions or need help, please contact Theresa Veit at (573) 418-7301.

TOTUS TUUS - JUNE 23 - 28 - Due to the rising cost of Totus Tuus, we have decided to join with St. Stanislaus and St Francis Xavier this year. Totus Tuus will be held at St. Stanislaus the week of June 23- 28. We will have more information next week. Thank you for your continued support and participation in this summer program.

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.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL NEWS:

Catholic Schools Week – January 28-February 3

VIP Mass, Bingo & refreshments – Friday, February 2 8:30 a.m. Mass, 11:00 a.m. dismissal

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL SNEAK PEEK: On Thursday, February 1, 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 lheckmeyer@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 2, we will be celebrating all our VIP's – parents, grandparents, parishioners, volunteers and friends – by starting our day with **Mass at 8:30 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. Please send to school by Feb. 1.

PENNY WAR: We will once again have our Penny War during Catholic Schools Week. All money raised will benefit the Pregnancy Help Center of Jefferson City. Start saving your pennies!!

ST. THOMAS CEMETERY DUES: Dues are \$10.00 per family and \$5.00 per year for single persons. Also, anyone after their 21st birthday must pay their own dues of \$5.00. Members who are 80+ years old and who have been members for at least 15 years will be exempt from paying dues. Please note: Anyone falling in areas over 5 years must pay \$100.00 to rejoin plus current dues. Please put payment in the collection basket at St. Thomas the Apostle Church or St. Cecilia Church marked "St. Thomas Cemetery Dues or mail to St. Thomas Cemetery Association, c/o Lisa Lackman, 2222 Upper Bottom Rd, St. Thomas, MO 65076. You may contact Lisa if you have any questions about your current or past dues at 573-338-2703.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE PRAYER VIGIL BEGINS FEB 14: The Columbia Planned Parenthood once again will be the site of the Spring 40 Days For Life prayer vigil from Wednesday, February 14 until Palm Sunday. The hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily Monday through Saturday. Trained team will be there to greet you as you come to pray on the sidewalk at 711 N Providence Rd. Ballot initiatives threaten to bring abortion back to Missouri and much prayer and fasting is needed. Be a part of this life saving ministry. Call Kathy at 573 821 5130 for more details or sign up at www.40daysforlife.com/columbiamo for your hour with Jesus. Opening rally Tuesday, Feb 13 at Our Lady of Lourdes, 903 Bernadette, Columbia at 6pm. Guest speaker, light refreshments and fellowship.

SIMON & WARACK SCHOLARSHIP: Applications are accepted through the end of the day on **March 28, 2024**. These scholarships are available to all parish high school seniors or current college students with a financial need who commit to practicing their faith. The John L. Warack Scholarship is specifically for a student attending the University of Missouri-Columbia. Scholarship eligibility information and applications are available at diojeffcity.org/scholarships. If you have any questions, please contact Tracy Oswald or Denise Barnes. Our diocese is blessed to have families committed to the continuing education of our parish families in financial need. Please include the Simon and Warack families in your prayers.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: Looking for the perfect Valentine's gift for your spouse? Register now for the February 10-11 Marriage Encounter Weekend in Jefferson City! Closeness, comfort, fun, trust, a friend, and a helper - these are some of the blessings of marriage. Marriage Encounter provides the opportunity and the atmosphere for you to celebrate and renew these blessings in YOUR marriage. Don't let the busyness of life steal them away. While this event is not exclusive to the Catholic faith, it does focus on putting Christ at the center of your marriage. Celebrate this Valentine's Day by discovering a deeper level of satisfaction and joy in your marriage. Register today before the event fills up! Visit www.jeffcityme.com for more information and to register, or contact Harry & Cecilia Hentges at 573-619-7416.

XLT ADORATION is Thursday, February 8, 7:00-8:00 p.m. St. Joseph Cathedral.

DOUBLE FEATURE WITH JASON EVERT: One day – Two talks \$25 (Free resources with every attendee) is Sunday, March 3, 3:00-4:30 (Purified – Life Changing event for families (ages 13+) 5:30-6:30 p.m. - Gender & the Theology of your Body (13+) at the Cathedral of Jefferson City. Dinner break, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation & Eucharistic Adoration 6:30-7:00 p.m. Tickets: chacity.com/purified – Information julie.g@cathedraljc.org or 573-635-7991.

BLAIR OAKS FFA ALUMNI ANNUAL DINNER AND DANCE is February 3rd Wardsville Lions Club. Please come out and help support the Blair Oaks FFA program. \$25.00 per person or \$200.00 for a reserved table. Doors open at 5:30, Dinner at 6:30, Student Labor Auction, 50/50 and gun raffle, Dance 8:30-11:00 p.m. For ticket's, please contact Jennifer Borgmeyer at 573-338-0049

ST. THOMAS K OF C VALENTINE'S DANCE: Please mark your calendars for Saturday, February 10, 2024, the St. Thomas Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Valentines Dance in the St. Thomas Parish Gym, from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. Music by Shiloh. \$35 a couple or \$20 per single. BYOB. **NO ONE UNDER 21 ALLOWED.**

WKCSC SPRING SOCCER SIGN-UPS will be held at the Westphalia KC hall on Tuesday evening, February 13 from 4-6 PM. All kids ages 3-14 (on 8/1/23) welcome. Email wksoccerclub@gmail.com with any questions

SAVE THE DATE: St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Pictorial Directory – **February 29.**
St. Thomas the Apostle Parish – Ham & Sausage Breakfast – **Sunday, March 10, 2024**

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE COUNTRY HAM & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST

Sunday, March 10th, 2024

**SERVING CAFETERIA STYLE
8:00AM - 11:30AM
CARRY-OUTS ALSO AVAILABLE**

**COUNTRY HAM, SAUSAGE, EGGS,
BISCUITS & GRAVY
POTATOES & APPLESAUCE**

**Adults: \$12
Children ages 6-12: \$6
5 & under: Free**

BE SURE TO CHECK OUT OUR COUNTRY STORE

