

The Roman Catholic Parishes of

St. Thomas the Apostle

in St. Thomas

St. Cecilia

in Meta

www.stthomasapostle.net

www.stceciliameta.net

PO Box 146
St. Thomas, MO 65076

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 29, 2017

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St. Thomas Parish Office hours: Tuesdays 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Thursdays 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 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 29-February 5:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Sabina Plassmeyer

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – L&D Knights of Columbus

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – L&D Harry Lueckenhoff Family

Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – L.K. Family, in thanksgiving

Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Carol (Schell) Pleus Riley

Friday 7:45 a.m. – Rose Schmidt

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

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jim & Christine Luebbering

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2016-2017: \$305,000.00

Offertory Goal through Month End: \$177,919.00

Actual Collection for 2015-2017: **\$163,552.02**

Offertory Difference Year to Date: - \$ 14,366.98

Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

January 1 \$ 3,898.56

January 8 \$ 4,839.71

January 15 \$ 4,429.00

January 22 \$ 2,154.80

January 29 \$

Collection Online: \$ 5,244.00

January total to date: \$ 20,566.07

Difference for January - \$ 4,850.93

St. Thomas the Apostle Expansion & Building Fund

Total Expansion Project expenses paid: \$2,273,475.34

Income from parishioners for FY 2016-2017

(via the yellow "Building Fund" envelope): **\$17,218.00**

Loan payments to date for FY 2016-2017: **\$64,594.18**

(Principal) \$52,399.54 (Interest) \$12,194.64

Parish Building Expansion Debt remaining: **\$443,696.43**

St. Thomas Cantor / Organist

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kaitlyn Kliethermes / Annette Kehner

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Rebecca Schroeder / Jackie Prenger

St. Thomas Reader/ Petitions

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Amanda Wooten

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jean Kliethermes

St. Thomas Altar Servers

Weekdays – Mason Luebbering & Madelyn Brenneke

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ely & Dawson Wieberg, Lilly Schulte

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Clara & Dorothy Lackman,

Madilyn Buschjost, Sabrina Luebbering

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of January 29-February 5:

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Brian Wansing

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Frank Wilde

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Francis J. "Fritz" Luebbert

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Mary Sidwell

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2016-2017: \$60,500.00

Collection Total for 2016-2017: **\$38,552.34**

Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,041.00

Collection in Church:

January 1 \$ 2,406.35

January 8 \$ 1,305.00

January 15 \$ 838.00

January 22 \$ 1,541.00

January 29 \$

January total to date: \$ 6,090.35

Difference for January: +\$ 1,049.35

Please remember your parish in your last will & testament.

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

February – Dale & Margie Helton

St. Cecilia Reader / Petitions

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Doris Stumpe

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Jennifer Even

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Don Wansing

St. Cecilia Altar Servers

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Alex & Joshua Even,

Ben & Henry Schroeder

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Will & Melina Derkum, Sophie Bock

**IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO FULFILL YOUR
LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENT,
IN YOUR KINDNESS & CHARITY,
PLEASE FIND A REPLACEMENT**

St. Thomas Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
February 4-5

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Leeroy Budnik, Carolyn Loethen, Lora Boessen

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Shirley Volmert, Mike & Trish Green

February 11-12

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark & Barb Graessle, Marshall Boessen

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

St. Thomas Greeters/Ushers

February 4-5

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Fred Luebbering & Joe Buschjost

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Eric & Keith Boessen

February 11-12

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Carolyn Loethen & Mark Boessen

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Arthur McManus & Alan Reinkemeyer

St. Thomas Presentation of Gifts at Mass

February 4-5

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Alfred & Margie Kaiser

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Brian & Katie Luebbering

February 11-12

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark & Lauri Luebbering

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Ray & Shirley Volmert

St. Thomas Collection Counters

February 4-5 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman

February 11-12 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg

February 18-19 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday 7:25 a.m. – Alex & 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. – Barb Graessle – Glorious

Sunday 9:40 a.m. – Tina Stockman – Glorious

SCRIP: February 4-5 Visit www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip for more information about the Scrip program.

Saturday – Joanie Prenger Sunday – April Heckman

We have a large variety of cards in various denominations in stock and available for purchase. Scrip is available for purchase after every weekend Mass in St. Thomas and available during the week by contacting the school office at 573-477-3322. You can also contact Lindsay Luebbering at 573-680-4920 or Karen Luebbering at 573-301-5835 to purchase anytime.

LADIES TO BRING SNACK TO ST. THOMAS QUILTERS:

Thursday, Feb. 2 – Kasie Luebbering & Dee Luebbering Thursday, February 9 – Karen Luebbering & Lauri Luebbering

Please bring 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.

BLESSING OF CANDLES & THROATS: Mass for the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, with the blessing of candles, will be celebrated on **Thursday, February 2** at 7:45 a.m. You are invited to bring your candles from home to be blessed at that Mass. On **Friday, February 3**, the Memorial of St. Blaise, the traditional Blessing of the Throats will be offered following the 7:45 a.m. Mass.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament *will* occur following First Friday Mass until 6:00 p.m. on February 3rd.

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

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

PLEASE NOTE: Because of the Catholic Schools Week VIP Day, the Sacrament of **Anointing of the Sick** will be offered following Mass on **Friday, February 10**.

FIRST FRIDAY SOCIAL: Please join the St. Thomas School students in the Parish Center for refreshments immediately following Mass and the blessing of the throats on Friday, February 3.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016 are available in the back of St. Thomas the Apostle & St. Cecilia churches. Please pick up your envelop to aid in your tax preparation. Thank you to all who have been so generous in the financial support of our parishes.

NOTE FOR ALL ST. THOMAS USHERS: With the completion of the powered door operators and controls at the side entrance of church, you hopefully notice that they now have an easy-to-use three position toggle switch. Please note the following: when the doors need to be held open for longer than 5 seconds, please make use of the **hold open function** (toggle switch **down**). The normal **operating** switch position is **up**. The exterior switch needs to be in the **center** position any time the door is **locked**.

2016-2017 CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL (CSA): The Catholic Stewardship Appeal (CSA) videos for this year's Catholic Stewardship appeal is available at: www.diojeffcity.org. The CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP GOALS for 2016 are:

St. Cecilia Parish: \$2,000.00. So far **\$1,526.00** (76%) has been contributed.

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish: \$8,000.00. So far **\$7,057.00** (88%) has been contributed. Thank you for your generosity!

ST. THOMAS PARISH SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING is Tuesday, January 31 at 6:00 p.m. in the Vitae House.

ST. THOMAS PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING is Tuesday, January 31 at 7:00 p.m. in the Vitae House.

ST. THOMAS PARISH HAM / SAUSAGE BREAKFAST MEETING is Thursday, February 2 at 7:00 p.m. in the Vitae House.

St. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
February 4-5

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Doris Stumpe, Jennifer Even, Betty Hagenhoff

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

February 11-12

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Dorothy Rehagen, Bonnie Kampeter, Lou Kloeppel

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

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

February 4-5

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Lou Kloeppel, Mitch & Brendan Stumpe, Darin Even

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Leon Schanzmeyer, Kenny Otto, Dominic Plassmeyer, Larry Lueckenotto

February 11-12

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Randy Hagenhoff, Lou Kloeppel, Mitch & Brendan Stumpe

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Harold Libbert, Anton Libbert, Terry Libbert, Tony Derkum

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

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

Saturday 6:40 p.m. – Alice Hake – Glorious

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

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 6**, so the donation may be included in this year's raffle. Our breakfast is March 12, 2017.

WINTER & INCLEMENT WEATHER: Just a reminder that when school has been cancelled because of inclement weather, previously scheduled parish meetings in the evening will also be cancelled.

ST. THOMAS CYO will meet on Monday, February 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

ST. THOMAS CYO CINNAMON ROLLS will be available for purchase after Masses on February 11 & 12. Please contact any of the CYO members for more information.

MOVIE NIGHT AT ST. CECILIA PARISH: At 4:00 p.m. on Sunday February 26th - the Sunday before the penitential season of Lent begins - a movie (yet to be determined) will be shown in the Parish Center basement. Everyone is invited to bring a comfortable chair. Light snacks will be provided.

ST. THOMAS 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. Out of respect for individuals' privacy, only necessary information is communicated.

ST. THOMAS CEMETERY DUES: The new dues are \$10.00 per family (\$5.00 for single persons). Family members becoming the head of a separate household are not covered under their parent's membership. Also, anyone after their 21st birthday must pay their own dues of \$5. Please note: Anyone falling in arrears over 5 years must pay \$100.00 to rejoin plus current dues. Please put your payment in the collection basket marked "Cemetery Dues" or mail to: St. Thomas Cemetery Association, c/o Lisa Lackman, 2222 Upper Bottom Road, St. Thomas, MO 65076. You may contact Lisa, if you have questions about your current or past dues, at 573-338-2703.

ST. THOMAS SCHOOL/PSR DROP OFF & PICK UP REMINDER: For the safety of everyone, please remember to ENTER from Park Street and EXIT from the Church parking lot ONLY. This will keep our children safe and the traffic flowing smoothly.

ST. THOMAS SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGES: The school Facebook page is now able to be viewed from the school homepage: stthomasapostleschool.net. The preschool program is also working on creating a Facebook page so that you can keep tabs on all the good things going on there as well.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PRESCHOOL: If you have a preschool aged child, please email Mrs. Kirkweg for information on how to get your child enrolled. Email mkirkweg@embarqmail.com or call the St. Thomas School office at 573-477-3322 for more information.

BOX TOPS Please continue to save Box Tops for Education, Coke Points & Best Choice Labels and pull tabs from cans. **Please send in Box Tops by February 20 for submission.**

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

ST. THOMAS 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 some of the changes 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 lheckemeyer@embarqmail.com to schedule a more workable time to see what our Catholic School may offer you!

ST. THOMAS 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 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.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PRESCHOOL: It's that time of year again! St. Thomas Preschool is busy making plans for the 2017-2018 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

PRAY THE ROSARY DURING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK: Students & staff will pray the Rosary on Monday, January 30 at 8:15 a.m. in the Parish Center. All are welcome.

HOME AND SCHOOL FUNDRAISER: St. Thomas the Apostle School students are selling Proven Winners Combination Hanging Baskets and Patio Planters. Trinklein Brothers Greenhouse will be growing the planters for us. There are hanging baskets and potted planters for sun and shade. Hanging baskets 12" diameter \$25.00, Patio planters are 16" in diameter \$40.00. Please call Kerry Meyer at 573-477-0166 if interested. They will be taking orders after each Mass on this weekend of January 28 and 29.

CONGRATULATIONS to the St. Thomas the Apostle School students who participated in the St. Joseph's Westphalia Archery Meet on January 20-21. They all did a tremendous job at the meet and we had several students who received medals. Ben Schroeder took home 1st place medal, Luke Schroeder the 2nd place medal & Cameron Luebbering the 3rd place medal (Middle School Boys). Grace Boessen took home the 2nd place medal (Middle School Girls). Will Otto took home the 1st place medal (Elementary Boys). Middle school team took 1st place and the Elementary team took 2nd place. Outstanding job to all our archers and coaches!!

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS:

January	30 – Rosary 8:15 a.m. in the Parish Center, All are welcome
	31 – Parish School Advisory Board Meeting 6:00 p.m. in the Vitae House
February	2 – Kindergarten Sneak Peek
	3 – VIP Day 7:45 a.m. Mass, Refreshments and bingo in the Parish Center.

DVD'S OF THE PFEFFER PIPE ORGAN REDEDICATION held on October 2nd, are still available for \$15. These DVD's were recorded and edited by the videographer and sportscaster Rod Smith. Please contact Fr. Secrist or Diane Lueckenhoff to obtain a copy. Proceeds will go for the continued care and maintenance of the historic instrument.

THE WILLIAM SIMON SCHOLARSHIP FUND awards scholarships to Catholic students in the Jefferson City Diocese who are in financial need for attending an accredited college of the student's choice. The scholarship is \$1,000 per semester. Please see Fr. Secrist at the rectory for details and application. Students from St. Thomas have been awarded this scholarship in the past. Applications must be postmarked or returned to the Chancery by March 31, 2017. All applicants will be notified of the results by May 1, 2017.

ST. THOMAS CRAFT STAND: If anyone is interested in quilting baby quilts for our annual parish picnic (August 20, 2017) to please contact Diane Lueckenhoff, 573-645-5794 or Charlene Buschjost 573-477-3480.

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 Sun. January 29 at 12-noon. 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 regulation-size, leather basketball as an award** and advance to the district level competition and possibly regional and state levels. 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.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA, FOLK PANCAKE BREAKFAST is Sunday, January 29, 2017, serving 7:30-11:30 a.m. Adults: \$8.00; children: \$4.00; 5 & under: free.

WKCS Spring soccer sign-ups will be held at the Westphalia KC hall on Monday and Tuesday evening February 6 & 7 from 4:00-6:00 PM each night. All kids ages 3-14 (on 8/1/16) welcome. Please no late sign ups! Email wksoccerclub@gmail.com with any questions

ARGYLE / KOELTZTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL BREAKFAST is February 5, serving pancakes, sausage & eggs from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Argyle K of C Hall. Adults \$8.00, children 6-12 \$4.00. Proceeds to benefit the maintenance of all Fire Equipment.

WARDSVILLE / OSAGE BEND K OF C BREAKFAST is Sunday, February 12, serving Burger's ham, sausage, biscuits & gravy, scrambled eggs from 7:30 a.m. to noon in the St. Stanislaus Parish gym. Adults \$10.00, children 5-12 \$4.00.

WESTPHALIA LIONS CLUB BREAKFAST is Sunday, February 12, serving pancakes, sausage and fried eggs from 7:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Lion's Den in Westphalia. Adults: \$8.00; children: \$4.00.

TRIVIA NIGHT on February 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Thomas Parish Hall. Please contact Tiffany Lackman at 573-477-3373 or Paul Moyer at 573-694-3946 for more info.

PREGNANCY HELP CENTER CHILI COOKOFF AND POLAR BEAR RIDE is Saturday, February 18, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Memorial Baptist Church. For the Polar Bear ride, bikers meet at the State Capitol near the fountains at 11:00 a.m. for prayer service & Bike blessing and then ride together to the chili cook off at 11:30 a.m. \$10.00 advance purchase for adults and \$12.00 at the door, \$6.00 for kids 6-12. To buy advance tickets, register to compete, and for more details, please call 573-644-6635, or www.friendsofphc.org

ST. ANTHONY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST is Sunday, February 19, serving ham, sausage, biscuits & gravy and scrambled eggs from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the St. Anthony Parish Hall, St. Anthony. Adults \$8.00, children 6-12 \$4.00.

ST. THOMAS HERITAGE BOOK: In the near future, the Sesquicentennial Team will be asking each family household to write a short narrative for inclusion in the heritage book. We are providing examples of family narratives in the bulletin to spark your creativity for writing your own family's narrative. There will be four topics that you choose to write about in less than 260 words: tell us about your family, tell us about your family's occupation, tell us about family traditions, and tell us about anything special that defines your family. We will also ask for two photos, one family photo and one of your choice. Have fun preparing your narrative and photos!

SAVE THE DATE:

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH HAM/ SAUSAGE BREAKFAST – Sunday, March 12, 2017

ST. CECILIA PARISH PICNIC – Sunday, July 9, 2017



ST. THOMAS/META KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY is Friday, February 17, serving fish fillets (gluten free) hushpuppies, french fries, baked potatoes, baked beans & coleslaw. Adults \$10.00, children 6-12 \$5.00. All you care to eat, carry-outs available in the St. Thomas Parish Center. Proceeds to benefit the repair of pews in St. Thomas the Apostle Church.