

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

**St. Cecilia**  
in Meta

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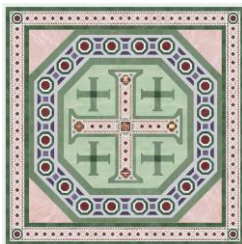
**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**January 29, 2023**

**Pastor: Fr. Leonard Mukiibi**  
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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 January 29-Feb.5:**

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Fr. John Groner  
Wednesday 7:45 a.m.- Alfred & Angeline Berhorst  
Thursday, 7:45 a.m. –Joe Kaiser  
Friday 7:45 a.m. – Harry Lueckenhoff  
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes  
Martin & Margaret Bauer  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Marie & Delphine Luebbering

**Your Sunday Offering:**

Offertory Budget for 2022-2023: \$305,000.00  
Offertory Goal through Month End: \$177,919.00  
Actual Collection for 2022-2023: **\$173,766.04**  
Offertory Difference Year to Date: -\$ 4,152.96  
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

**Collection in Church:**

January 1 \$ 5,150.01  
January 8 \$ 4,270.07  
January 15 \$ 2,863.26  
January 22 \$ 2,454.82  
January 29 \$

**Collection Online:** \$ 6,972.00

**January total to date:** **\$21,710.16**

Difference for January -\$ 3,706.84

**Church Renovation Capital Campaign**

Total Pledges/Donations \$484,477.70

Total Collected \$463,633.06

Total Expenses Paid \$699,195.95

A total of 130 parishioners have returned pledge cards/or  
Contributed to the renovation project.

Church Renovation Loan Balance \$152,322.68

Loan payments to date \$54,720.00

(principal) \$47,677.32 (interest) \$7,042.68

**St. Thomas the Apostle Cantors / Organists**

Feb. 4 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mary Kay Brand / Jeanette

Feb. 5 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Doug Luebbering / Jackie

Feb.11 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Jean Kliethermes / Jeanette

Feb. 12 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Anne Strobe / Alanna

**St. Thomas the Apostle Readers**

Feb. 4 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Amanda Wooten

Feb. 5 Sunday 10:00 p.m. – Alan Reinkemeyer

Feb. 11 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Judy Schroeder

Feb. 12 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Bill Luebbering

**Saint Cecilia**

**Mass Schedule for the Week of January 29-Feb. 5:**

Wednesday 6:30 p.m.-Francis J “Fritzie” & Margie Luebbert

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Hubert Brune

**Your Sunday Offering:**

Offertory Budget for 2022-2023: \$65,000.00  
Collection Total for 2022-2023: **\$37,833.21**  
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,416.67

**Collection in Church:**

January 1 \$3,230.00  
January 8 \$ 715.00  
January 15 \$3,555.00  
January 22 \$ 783.00  
January 29 \$

**January total to date:** **\$8,283.00**

Difference for January: +\$ 2,866.33

**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. – Doris Stumpe

Sunday, Feb. 5 8:00 a.m. – Dorothy Rehagen

Sunday, Feb. 12 8:00 a.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer

**St. Cecilia Organist**

Feb. 5 8:00 a.m. – Lydia

Feb. 12 8:00 a.m. – Emilie

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

### **St. Thomas the Apostle Greeters/Ushers**

Feb. 4 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Eric & Roseanne Boessen  
Feb. 5 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Simon Strobe & Ryan Buschjost  
Feb. 11 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Gilbert Schellman & Richard Schellman  
Feb. 12 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Josh Schroeder & TJ Loethen

### **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. 4 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark Graessle  
Feb. 5 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Rosalyn Wieberg  
Feb. 11 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Paul Becker  
Feb. 12 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Bill Luebbering

### **St. Thomas the Apostle Servers**

Weekday – Stella Volmert & Annaline Schroeder  
Feb. 4 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Miranda Meyer, Ellie Boessen,  
Carmen Luebbering, Emerald Fennwald  
Feb. 5 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Fayeth Prenger, Erkia Luebbering,  
Cadyn Libbert, Aliyah Buechter  
Feb. 11 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Evelyn Wooten, Ava Buschjost,  
Kora Luebbering  
Feb. 12 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Victoria Wieberg, Stella Volmert,  
Isabella Luebbering

### **St. Thomas the Apostle Offertory Gifts**

Feb. 4 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Alfred & Margie Kaiser  
Feb. 5 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Brian & Katie Luebbering Family  
Feb. 11 Saturday, 5:00 p.m. – Paul & Jenny Becker  
Feb. 12 Sunday 10:00 a.m. –Shane & Melissa Verslues Fam.

### **St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters**

Feb. 5– Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman  
Feb. 12 - Paul Becker & Shara Buechter  
Feb.19 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes  
Feb. 26 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg  
March 5 – Dunja Wieberg & Jennifer Schroeder

### **Live Stream Mass (10:00 a.m. Sunday)**

Feb. 5 Dunja Wieberg  
Feb. 12 Jenny Becker  
Feb. 19 Karlie Reinkemeyer  
Feb. 26 Lauri Luebbering  
March 5 Brooke Schell

### **Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas**

Tuesday, 7:25 a.m. – Bob Schellman – Sorrowful Mysteries  
Wednesday 7:25 a.m.- Bob Schellman – Glorious Mysteries  
Thursday 7:25 a.m. –Gilbert & Hermina – Luminous Mysteries  
Friday 7:25 a.m. – Shirley Volmert – Sorrowful Mysteries  
Saturday 4:35 p.m. – Dale Herigon – Joyful Mysteries  
Sunday 9:35 a.m. – Gilbert & Hermina Strobe– Joyful Mysteries

### **St. Thomas the Apostle Church Cleaners**

Jan. 29: Brooke Schell, Tina Stockman, Gina Luebbering, Karen Luebbering  
Feb. 5: Lynne Reinkemeyer, Linda Boessen, Lauri Luebbering, Lisa Lackman  
Feb. 12: Sonya Henson, Susan Buechter, Jackie Prenger, Amy Buechter  
Feb. 19: Janet Lueckenhoff, Jim Lueckenhoff, Charlene Buschjost, Randy Buschjost  
Feb. 26: Alan Libbert, Nancy Libbert, Darrel Buechter, Jan Heckemeyer

**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 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 Strobe at 573-477-3349.

**Thursday, Feb. 2** – Kim Akin & Carol Backes

### **St. Cecilia Eucharistic Ministers**

Feb. 5 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Jennifer Even  
Feb. 12 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Doris Stumpe

### **St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers**

Feb. 5 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Kenny Otto, Otto Wankum,  
Leonard Schulte, Tony Derkum  
Feb. 12 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – William Derkum, Terry Libbert,  
Harold Libbert, Leon Schanzmeyer

### **St. Cecilia Servers**

Feb. 5 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Bradyn & Kambrie Stegeman  
Feb. 12 Sunday 8:00 a.m. –Natalee Derkum  
***Please arrive 10 minutes before Mass.***  
***Servers who have questions or would like to practice,***  
***may do so after 8:00 a.m. Mass. Please contact Joanne***  
***Schroeder 573-229-8986.***

### **St. Cecilia Offertory Gifts**

Feb. 5 Sunday 8:00 a.m.- Family of Hubert Brune

### **Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia**

Wednesday 6:05 p.m. – Dorothy Rehagen–Glorius Mysteries  
Feb. 5 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer  
Joyful Mysteries  
Feb. 12 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Mary Plassmeyer  
Glorious Mysteries

**VOTIVE CANDLES:** The requested donation for lighting a votive candle in church is **\$3.00**. **Please note the cost change for both parishes.**

### **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'

**SCRIP:** Visit [www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip](http://www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip) for more information about the Scrip program. Please contact Amanda Wooten 573-694-1735 or [amandab\\_27@hotmail.com](mailto:amandab_27@hotmail.com)

**BULLETIN NOTICES:** Deadline for bulletin is Wednesday at noon.

**FR. JONES** will be coming on the weekend of February 11&12 to talk to parishioners about Catholic Stewardship Renewal during all Masses.

**CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL:** ***The CSA goal for St. Cecilia Parish is \$2,550 Received \$1,015.00***  
***The CSA goal for St. Thomas the Apostle Parish is \$10,400 Received \$5,300***

**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](mailto:veitoffice@gmail.com) or by calling 573-418-7301.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Anointing of the Sick will be held every month after benediction during the Holy Hour. St. Thomas will have the Anointing on the First Friday of each month and St. Cecilia will have the Anointing on the last Friday of the month.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE HOLY HOUR/ADORATION FOLLOWED BY BENEDICTION** is Friday, February 3, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

**A ROSARY FOR OUR COUNTRY** will be prayed Saturday, February 4, 3:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church

**BISHOP MCKNIGHT JANUARY PRAYER INTENTON:** For foster parents and adopting parents; may they experience the support of the Church and the love of God, as they expand their homes to make room for more children in their families, we pray to the Lord.

**PASTORS MEDITATION:** *4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, REAL HAPPINESS IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD. (Zeph. 2:3; 3:12-13; 1Cor. 1:26-31; Mt. 5:1-12a)* Today's readings define our Christian goal of eternal happiness and explain the attitudes and actions necessary to reach it. They form the outline for Christ-like living, noting the personal qualities expected of a disciple of Jesus and pointing out the way of life to be lived by a disciple. They show us the values that Christ cares about. In essence, the Beatitudes both fulfill and complete the Ten Commandments which stress the "Thou shalt nots." But Jesus presents the Beatitudes in a positive sense, as the virtues in life which will ultimately lead to the rewards of salvation, not in this world, but in the next. Zephaniah, in the first reading, calls the "moral minority" of the Jews of his time "blessed" because they seek justice, humility, truth and righteousness thus making a declaration of dependence on God. In the second reading, Paul advises his Corinthian Christians to use their gifts and Heaven-sent blessings for the good of the community because God has chosen to give them life in Jesus, by whom He justified, sanctified and redeemed them. In today's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples in the paradoxical blessed-ness of poverty, hunger, sorrow and persecution. In poverty, we recognize God's reign; in hunger, His providence; in sorrow, true happiness and in persecution, true joy. In other words, the blessed in Jesus' list are poor in spirit, compassionate, meek, merciful, clean of heart, peace makers and those who are willing even to be insulted and persecuted for their lived Faith in him. The "poor in Spirit" value God above all things and place complete trust in him. Each of the inspired authors of today's readings, Zephaniah, Paul and Matthew, "makes a motion," that each of us should consider making a personal Declaration of Dependence on God and then work with His grace to lead a holier and happier life. So, friends we need to respond to the challenge of the Beatitudes in daily life. The Beatitudes propose to us a way of life, inviting us to identify with the poor, those who mourn, the meek and those who hunger and thirst after justice. They challenge us to be compassionate people, to be men and women who are pure in heart and to become the peacemakers in our dealings with one another, in our families and in the society at large, even when this approach to things exposes us to ridicule and persecution. Let us remember that each time we reach out to help the needy, the sick, and the oppressed, we share with them a foretaste of the promises of the Beatitudes here and now. We need to choose the way wisely. "There are two Ways, one of Life and one of Death and there is a great difference between the two Ways." These are the opening lines of the "Didache," a first century Christian catechism used to teach new Christians the essence of the Christian faith. The way of life is the way of Jesus that leads to eternal life. The challenge of the beatitudes is: "Are you going to be happy in the world's way or in Christ's way?" God wants us to live as brothers and sisters who care for one another. ***Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukiibi***

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING** is Tuesday, January 31, 6:00 p.m. school library.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING** is Tuesday, January 31, 7:00 p.m. school library.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE 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 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 [lheckemeyer@stacs.school](mailto:lheckemeyer@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 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 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.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL NEWS:**

Sunday, January 29-February 3 – Catholic Schools Week

Monday, January 30 – Living Rosary in Parish Center, 8:15 a.m. All are welcome.

Thursday, February 2- Kindergarten Sneak Peek

Friday, February 3 – VIP, 7:45 a.m. Mass, followed by refreshments and bingo in the Parish Center.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PRESCHOOL:** If you have a child, ages 3 or 4 and have been thinking about preschool, please call Lizzie Linhardt, [lilhardt@stacs.school](mailto:lilhardt@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 CEMETERY DUES:** Dues are \$10.00 per year per family and \$5.00 per year for single persons. Also, anyone after their 21<sup>st</sup> 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 further 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 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.

**THE WILLIAM H. SIMON SCHOLARSHIP & JOHN WARACK SCHOLARSHIP:** Students must be a registered Catholic in the Diocese of Jefferson City. Student must be graduating high school or older, including current or returning college student. Student must submit a completed by March 31. Student must demonstrate a financial need by submitting a copy of their Student Aid Report (SAR). Student must submit a letter or recommendation from; 1) School official (teacher, counselor, principal, coach, etc) 2) Current or present pastor. For the John L. Warack Scholarship, student must attend University of Missouri-Columbia. For more information or to complete the application at [www.diojeffcity.org/scholarships](http://www.diojeffcity.org/scholarships). Applications must be returned to the Chancery by March 31, 2022.

**GRATEFUL LIVING FAITH SHARING:** Prayer is one of the three aspects of the Catholic Stewardship Renewal in our diocese. The program Grateful Living: The Joy of Stewardship is a small group (6-10 people) faith sharing opportunity that will begin during the Lenten season of 2023. It consists of six sessions during Lent and another six sessions in the Fall of 2023, although the book contains all of the sessions and so your group can meet as you wish. Each session lasts about an hour. In the next few weeks sign-up sheets will be available for anyone interested in this opportunity of sharing your faith in a small group. Books are provided to guide the sessions. Please indicate whether you would like to be a small group leader, if you would like to host sessions in your home, meeting time preferences, or any other pertinent information. Please contact Jackie Prenger at 573-291-3558 if you have any questions.

**JEFFERSON CITY MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:** Get away for the weekend, just you and your spouse, to celebrate how far you've come and look for areas to improve in your marriage. This is not exclusive to the Catholic faith, but does focus on putting Christ at the center of your marriage. The next weekend is February 11-12, 2023, in Jefferson City, Missouri. Cost is \$75 which includes 1 night hotel stay and all meals and materials. Register at [jeffcityme.com](http://jeffcityme.com) (Scholarships are available) Questions? Visit website [jeffcityme.com](http://jeffcityme.com), call 573-619-7416, or email [info@jeffcityme.com](mailto:info@jeffcityme.com).

**BLAIR OAKS FFA ALUMNI ANNUAL DINNER & DANCE** is Saturday, February 4. \$40 per person or \$320.00 for a received table of 8 at the Wardsville Lions Club. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., dinner served at 6:30 p.m., dancing from 8:00-11:00 p.m., BOYB. Music by Shiloh. Please contact Jennifer Borgmeyer at 573-338-0049 for tickets.

**ARGYLE/KOELTZTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL PANCAKE, SAUSAGE & EGG BREAKFAST** is Sunday, February 5, 7:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Dine in & carry out available at the Argyle K of C Hall. Adults \$12, children under 12 \$6. Proceeds to benefit the maintenance of all fire equipment.

**ST. THOMAS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS VALENTINE'S DANCE** is February 11 at the Parish Center - featuring Shiloh playing from 7:30 - 11:30 p.m. \$35 per couple or \$20 per single person. **NO ONE UNDER 21 ALLOWED.**

**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION:** Please mark your calendars for Saturday, March 25, 2023. Patsy Luebbering is turning 85 and the family would like to invite you to help us celebrate and wish her a Happy Birthday. An open house will be held from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall in St. Thomas.

**SAVE THE DATES: Totus Tuus – June 4-9**

**St. Thomas Knights of Columbus Gluten Free Fish Fry & Art Show** – Friday, March 24 in Parish Center.

**St. Thomas the Apostle Church - Financial Summary  
July 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022**

<b>Income</b>	
General (Sunday collections, fundraisers, gifts from benefactors) (Includes net income of \$78,404.01 from Parish Picnic and \$20,740.29 from Fall Fantasy)	\$381,641.02
Special (Building & Improvement Fund contributions including \$29,138.38 for church renovation project)	\$ 52,760.23
Diocesan collections	\$ 5,617.00
Universal Church collections	\$ 2,066.00
Parish School (includes grants and gifts from benefactors)	\$118,182.80
Pre-School	<u>\$ 19,416.87</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b><u>\$579,683.92</u></b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Church & Rectory General	\$ 69,875.85
Church & Rectory Special (Improvement projects, church renovation loan payments)	\$ 63,060.27
Diocesan collections	\$ 5,043.00
Universal Church collections	\$ 2,041.00
Parish School	\$293,898.03
Pre-School	\$ 19,003.52
Religious Education (PSR)	\$ 2,550.22
Vitae House	\$ 1,668.86
Parish Center	<u>\$ 26,441.16</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b><u>\$483,581.91</u></b>
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b><u>\$ 96,102.01</u></b>

