

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

**St. Cecilia**  
in Meta

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**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

**JANUARY 2, 2022**

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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.; 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. 2-9:**

**WEEKDAY MORNING MASSES IN PARISH CENTER**

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Shirley Luebbering  
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – Herman & Agatha Luebbering  
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Raymond Groner  
Friday 7:45 a.m. – Jim & Christine Luebbering

**WEEKEND MASSES IN ST. CECILIA CHURCH**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Curt Stockman

**Your Sunday Offering:**

Offertory Budget for 2021-2022: \$305,000.00  
Offertory Goal through Month End: \$152,502.00  
Actual Collection for 2021-2022: **\$139,972.00**  
Offertory Difference Year to Date: – \$ 12,530.00  
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

**Collection in Church:**

December 5 \$ 5,851.00  
December 12 \$ 4,309.00  
December 19 \$ 4,786.00  
December 26 \$ 2,755.00

**Collection Online:** \$ 6,572.00

**December total to date:** **\$24,273.00**

Difference for December: -\$ 1,144.00

**Church Renovation Capital Campaign**

Total Pledges/Donations \$474,993.04  
Total Collected \$384,843.35  
Total Expenses Paid \$562,798.63

A total of 119 parishioners have returned pledge cards/or  
Contributed to the renovation project.

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

**WEEKEND MASSES IN ST. CECILIA CHURCH**

Jan. 8, Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Amanda Wooten / Jackie  
Jan. 9, Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mary Kay Brand / Alanna  
Jan. 15, Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Kerry Meyer / Jeanette  
Jan. 16, Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Lisa Wieberg / Jackie

**St. Thomas the Apostle & St. Cecilia Readers**

**WEEKEND MASSES IN ST. CECILIA CHURCH**

Jan. 8, Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kathy Graessle  
Jan. 9, Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Katie Luebbering  
Jan. 15, Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Amanda Wooten  
Jan. 16, Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mary Kay Brand

**Saint Cecilia**

**Mass Schedule for the Week of Jan. 2-9:**

Wednesday 6:30 p.m.- Cindy Wansing Carmack

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Norman & Delphine Jaegers

**Your Sunday Offering:**

Offertory Budget for 2021-2022: \$62,000.00  
Collection Total for 2021-2022: **\$29,921.96**  
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,166.67

**Collection in Church:**

December 5 \$ 1,290.00  
December 12 \$ 705.00  
December 19 \$ 897.14  
December 26 \$ 894.25

**December total to date:** **\$ 3,786.39**

Difference for December -\$ 1,380.28

**St. Cecilia Collection Counters**

January – Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer

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

**St. Cecilia Reader**

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Doris Stumpe  
Jan. 9 8:00 a.m.- Cathy Borgmeyer  
Jan. 16 8:00 a.m. -Dorothy Rehagen

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

**St. Thomas & St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers**

**WEEKEND MASSES IN ST. CECILIA CHURCH**

Jan. 8, Saturday 5:00 p.m.-Gilbert & Steve Schellman  
Jan.9, Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Tom Backes & Mike Buschjost  
Jan. 15, Saturday 5:00 p.m.-Eric Strobe & Dave Luebbering  
Jan. 16, Sunday 10:00 a.m.-Alan Reinkemeyer & TJ Loethen

**St. Thomas the Apostle & St. Cecilia Eucharistic Ministers**  
**MASSES IN ST. CECILIA CHURCH**

Jan. 8, Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Paul Becker  
Jan. 9, Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Rob Henson  
Jan.15 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Jenny Becker  
Jan. 16 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Keith Kliethermes

**St. Thomas the Apostle Servers**

**WEEKEND MASSES IN ST. CECILIA CHURCH**

Jan. 8 Saturday 5:00 p.m.-  
Jan. 9 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Klint & Kora Luebbering,  
Carmen Luebbering  
Jan. 15 Saturday 5:00 p.m.-  
Jan. 16 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Gregory Kirby, Victoria Wieberg,  
Fayeth Prenger

**St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters**

Jan. 9 - Paul Becker & Shara Buechter  
Jan. 16- Keith & Jean Kliethermes  
Jan. 23 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg  
Jan. 30 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman

**Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas**

**WEEKEND MASSES IN ST. CECILIA CHURCH**

Tuesday, 7:20 a.m.– Bob Schellman – Sorrowful Mysteries  
Wednesday, 7:20 a.m.– Pat Loethen– Glorious Mysteries  
Thursday 7:20 a.m. –Gilbert & Hermina – Luminous Mysteries  
Friday 7:20 a.m. – Bob Schellman – Sorrowful Mysteries  
Saturday 4:35 p.m. – Dale Herigon – Joyful Mysteries  
Sunday 9:35 a.m. – Pat Loethen – Joyful Mysteries

**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 hours.

**Thursday, Jan. 6** – Lauri Luebbering & Jayne Luebbering      **Thursday, Jan. 13** – Lindsay Luebbering & Renee Luebbering  
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.

**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.

**ADDITIONAL CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS** received this week: Henry & Alma Blomberg, Mark Clark, Jeremy Luebbering.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE 2021 YEAR END CONTRIBUTIONS:** Thank you for your generosity this past year. All 2021 contributions must be at the parish office by January 9. Any contributions received after that date will be counted for 2022. To receive your 2021 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](http://www.stthomasapostle.net/contribution-statement) or by clicking the Contribution Statement tab at the top of the home page.

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

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE WEBSITE:** The St. Thomas the Apostle Website ([www.stthomasapostle.net](http://www.stthomasapostle.net)) has been updated and is now mobile friendly. Please visit the website for updates for upcoming events, renovation, and many more items.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISHIONERS:** The Parish Pastoral Council wants to update the current list of parishioners in St Thomas. If you are 21 years of age or working full time please visit the St. Thomas webpage to fill out the Parish Registration Form. You can email it back to Theresa Veit ([tveitoffice@gmail.com](mailto:tveitoffice@gmail.com)) or put the completed form in collection basket at Church. Thank you!

**2021 CHRISTMAS/SEMINARY ASSESSMENT:** Our assessment for Seminarian Formation and Priest Retirement is \$699.00 for St. Cecilia and \$4,471.00 for St. Thomas the Apostle Parish. Please support the formation and education of our Diocese's future priests.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH WEEKLY BULLETINS** may be found in St. Cecilia Church, Web page, St. Thomas Vitae House on front porch or school when in session.

**St. Cecilia & St. Thomas the Apostle Eucharistic Minister**

Jan. 9 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Pam Libbert  
Jan. 16 Sunday 8:00 a.m.-Dorothy Rehagen

**St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers**

Jan. 9 Sunday 8 8:00 a.m. –Larry Lueckenotto & Mitch Stumpe  
Jan. 16 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Darin Even & Leonard Schulte

**St. Cecilia Servers**

Jan. 9 Sunday 8:00 a.m. –  
Jan. 16 Sunday 8:00 a.m.-

**Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia**

Wednesday, 6:05 p.m. - Dorothy Rehagen - Glorious Mysteries  
Jan. 9 Sunday 7:35 a.m. –Margaret Brune–Joyful Mysteries  
Jan. 16 Sunday 7:35 a.m.- Cathy Borgmeyer–Glorious Mysteries

**VOTIVE CANDLES:** The requested donation for lighting a votive candle in church is **\$2.50**.

**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.

**St. Thomas the Apostle & St. Cecilia Offertory**

**WEEKEND MASSES IN ST. CECILIA CHURCH**

Jan. 8 Saturday, 5:00 p.m. -Ralph & Kathy Graessle  
Jan. 9 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- TJ & Erica Loethen  
Jan. 15 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark & Barb Graessle  
Jan. 16 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Ryan & Kelley Buschjost Fam.

**BISHOP MCKNIGHT'S JANUARY PRAYER INTENTION:** As we begin a new year, may the opportunities for the grace to clearly recognize the dignity of life, education and ecumenism allow us to better support our brothers and sisters who need the warmth of Christ's love and our compassion during this winter season.

**CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL:** The CSA goal for St. Cecilia Parish is **\$2,550**. So far **\$1,540** has been collected. The CSA goal for St. Thomas the Apostle Parish is **\$10,200**. So far **\$4,095** has been collected.

**PASTORS MEDITATION: HAPPY NEW YEAR! Feast of Epiphany: THE GREATEST GIFT TO THE KING OF KINGS IS THE GIFT OF FAITHFUL LOVE AND SERVICE. (Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt. 2:1-12)** I hope everyone had wonderful Christmas and New Year celebrations, we thank God for all his goodness, He has been so nice to us that he is giving us a gift of a new year. Happy new year to everyone, and let us pray for a blessed, peaceful, lively, healthy and prosperous year for each of us. Epiphany means appearance or manifestation. First, the angels revealed Jesus to the shepherds. In the Western Church, this Feast of the Epiphany celebrates Jesus' first manifestation to the Gentiles, represented by the Magi, while in the Eastern Church, the Feast commemorates the baptism of Christ, at which the Father and the Holy Spirit gave combined testimony to Jesus' identity as Son of God. Later, in the synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus revealed Himself in words as the promised Messiah, and at Cana Jesus revealed His Divinity by transforming water into wine. These multiple revelations are all suggested by the Feast of the Epiphany. Today's Gospel teaches us how Christ enriches those who bring Him their hearts and offer their lives to Him. The adoration of the Magi fulfills the oracle of Isaiah prophesying that the nations of the world would travel to the Holy City following a brilliant light, bringing gold and incense to contribute to the worship of God. Today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 72) picture kings from foreign lands bringing gifts to pay homage to a just king in Israel. Paul's letter to the Church of Ephesus, expresses God's secret plan in clear terms: "the Gentiles are...co-heirs ... co-partners in the promise, in Christ Jesus through the Gospel." Today's Gospel reminds us that if God brought the Magi – foreigners and pagans – to recognize and give Jesus proper respect as the King of Jews, we should know that there is nothing in our sinful lives that would keep God from bringing us to Jesus. There were three groups of people who reacted to the Epiphany of Christ's birth. The first group, headed by King Herod, tried to eliminate Jesus, the second group, priests and scribes, ignored Jesus, and the third group, represented by the shepherds and the Magi, came to adore Jesus. Let us make sure that we belong to the third group: a) by actively worshiping Jesus at Mass with the gold of our love, the myrrh of our humility and the frankincense of our adoration; b) by giving a new direction to our lives. Just as the Magi chose another route to return to their homes, let us choose a better way of life, abstaining from proud, unjust and impure thoughts, words, and actions, evil habits, and selfish behavior; c) by becoming stars leading others to Jesus, as the star led the Magi to Jesus. Let us remove the darkness of the evil around us by radiating the light of Jesus' love through selfless service, unconditional forgiveness and compassionate care. Like the Magi, let us offer Jesus our gifts on this feast of Epiphany and every day: a) the Gift of our life by offering it on the altar during the Holy Mass and every morning as soon as we get up, asking for the strengthening anointing of the Holy Spirit to do good and avoid evil during the course of the day. b) the Gift of responsive relationship with God by talking to Him in personal and family prayers and listening to Him through reading the Holy Bible every day. c) the Gift of friendship with God by recognizing Jesus' presence in offering loving, humble service to everyone we encounter, and by getting reconciled to God every night asking His pardon and forgiveness for our sins and failures during the day. Happy New Year! ***Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukiibi***

**REMINDERS FOR PARISHIONERS** that every First Friday of the month, we have a Holy Hour/Adoration followed by Benediction from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at St. Cecilia Church.

**HOLY HOUR** is Friday, January 7, 7:00 p.m. St. Cecilia Church.

**A ROSARY FOR OUR COUNTRY** will be prayed on Tuesday, January 4, 5:00 p.m. St. Cecilia Church.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE VIRTUAL WINTER FANTASY AND SILENT AUCTION:** The Winter Fantasy Facebook Live Drawing for cash prizes of \$11,000 will be held on Saturday, February 5 at 6:30 PM. Tickets can be purchased for \$75 at Speedy B's or by contacting Kim Kliegal at 573-619-9188. All donations of \$50 or more for the Silent Auction should be turned in to the Vitae House or a committee member by **no later than January 23**, to allow time to set up the website. For additional details go to [www.stthomasapostle.net](http://www.stthomasapostle.net) and click on the Event tab.

**EARLY BIRD DRAWING:** All tickets sold by December 31, 2021 will be entered into an Early Bird Drawing for the chance to win \$100. The drawing will take place around January 6, 2022.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PRESCHOOL:** If you have a child, ages 3 or 4 and have been thinking about preschool, please call Lizzie Linhardt 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.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL NEWS! UPCOMING EVENTS!**

Tuesday, January 4 - Classes resume

Monday, January 17 –MLK Day, No School P-8

**HELIAS CATHOLIC OPEN HOUSE:** Mark your calendar for Helias Catholic High School's Open House on **Saturday, January 29**, from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Families and students of all ages are invited to come meet teachers, tour facilities, explore activities and clubs, and learn about how Helias Catholic is building a community of saints and scholars for Christ. All are welcome! Please call 573-635-6139 with any questions.

**ST. THOMAS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #2149 PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST** is Sunday, January 16 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the K of C Hall. Adults \$10.00 & children \$5.00. Part of the proceeds will benefit St. Thomas the Apostle School.

**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 Sunday, Jan. 16 at 1:00 PM**. All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 as of Jan. 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. Again, this year, **the district level competition is at St. Thomas on Sunday, Feb. 6 at 1:00 PM**. Typically, more than 120,000 sharpshooters participate in over 3,600 local competitions across the country. For more information, please contact Steve Schellman at 573-694-3471.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** Becoming a Knight of Columbus can transform your life. As a Knight, you have the opportunity to support our parishes and communities, and to grow in your faith. You can also gain access to top-rated insurance programs to protect your family. Plus, you are joining a band of brothers, a network of men in communities around the world dedicated to doing good in the service of God and our neighbors. As Pope St. John Paul II said: "The Knights of Columbus is the strong right arm of the Catholic Church." If you would like more information or to join, please contact Jeff Cassmeyer at (573) 690-7546.

**CARMELITE NUNS:** The ministry of our Carmelite Nuns is to offer prayer and sacrifice for the Church and the people of the Diocese of Jefferson City. To make a prayer request, write or email the Carmelite Nuns at [carmelofc.prayers@gmail.com](mailto:carmelofc.prayers@gmail.com) 31920 State Highway P, Clyde, MO 64432.

**ST. NICHOLAS ACADEMY** is a supportive living experience for boys from families that are under-resourced who want to give their sons every opportunity to succeed in school and life. Thanks to St. Nick's partners with families and St. Peter Interparish School to provide this opportunity. St. Nick's is seeking Christian, married couples or single individuals who are willing to be part of a pool of relief parents. The role of relief parents is to care for the boys and home when the full-time house parents are off duty or away. Typically, the full-time house parents are off duty every fourth weekend from 9:00 AM Friday through 7:00 PM Sunday. Relief parents, on a rotational schedule, fill in during this time. They may also be asked to be on a call list to help fill in when the house parents are on vacation and/or sick. Relief parents receive an hourly wage, all legally mandated benefits and a compensation package that includes a private suite and all meals for the days on duty. Please contact Sister Susan Renner, SSND at 573-635-7719 or [director@stnick.org](mailto:director@stnick.org)

**DIocese OF JEFFERSON CITY:** The Diocese of Jefferson City warns the public of what appears to be an ongoing phishing scam involving emails and texts purportedly from priests or parish/Chancery staff. This scam has hit many parishes across the United States. The email or text purports to be from a person the target knows, such as one's pastor, a parish staff member, the bishop or someone else from the Church. If the target responds to the fake email or text, the sender will follow up with a request for some sort of monetary assistance, often for gift cards or iTunes cards. It is truly unfortunate cyber criminals will attempt to exploit the generous nature of our community. Sending emails or texts asking for cash or gifts cards is not how priests, parishes or the Diocese of Jefferson City seeks financial assistance for our work. If you receive an email or text from a trusted church personnel asking for assistance, confirm by calling that person and do NOT respond to the email or text. For more information, the FBI website address to file an online Internet crime complaint is <https://www.ic3.gov>.

**THE OSAGE SENIOR CENTER** has an opening at its location in Wardsville, MO. The Senior center is located close to the Catholic Church, two restaurants, 2 gas stations, a Dollar General and is close the Jefferson City. Call 573-632-2712 if interested in applying for this opening or to be placed on the wait list. Applications can be mailed to you or picked up at our office at the Osage Senior Center located 1815 Albert Place, Wardsville, MO.

**SAVE THE DATE:**

Sunday, January 16, 2022 – St. Thomas Knights of Columbus Breakfast 8:00-11:30 a.m. K C Hall

Saturday, February 5, 2022 – St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Virtual Winter Fantasy

Saturday, February 19, 2022 – Blessing & Celebration of Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle Church newly renovated Church.

**GO FUND ME:** Justin Wekenborg and Jacalyn Stockton Trinklein recently lost her home due to a fire on December 1. Justin was badly burned and his recovery is going well but will take time for him to be able to return to work. Nearly everything in the home was lost either to the fire or smoke and water damage. They would appreciate any donations to help their family out. Any amount would help. There is a gofundme page set up under Justin Wekenborg.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE AND ST. CECILIA PARISHIONERS – VIRTUS/SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING:** The Safe Environment Policy of the Diocese of Jefferson City requires Employees, Clergy, Religious, Seminarians, Deacons and Volunteers in the Church to be compliant with Safe Environment Regulations. The volunteers include those who work with minors and/or who participate in any ministry in the church (Greeters/Ushers, Lectors, Eucharist Ministers, Choir/Canters), working at parish fundraisers and all parents of students attending St. Thomas the Apostle Parish. Information may be found on the St. Thomas Parish website on the home page and under Resources, Resources Home, and Safe Environment on St. Cecilia's website. Please follow the steps. **This is MANDATORY, effective August 1, 2021**

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the parish or school office. **Remember**, it is important that we comply with the Diocesan Policy for Safe Environment and the Diocese will be coming in September to conduct a **Safe Environment Audit**.

**Safe Environment Instructions - For First Time Registrants - Volunteering with Minors**

Go to [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org) website. Click on the "First Time Registrant" button and enter your profile information.

It is vital this information remains current, ESPECIALLY your email address. Your email address is how the system will communicate with you in the future.

Next, sign up for a Protecting God's Children workshop. This workshop may be done online or in person (if offered) and only needs to be completed one time. However, if you choose the online version, you MUST commit to the entire two hours required. If you leave the workshop prior to completion, you may have difficulty resuming.

Next, you will be prompted to read the "Code of Conduct" form (which you will sign electronically).

Within days of completing the training, the Office of Child and Youth Protection will approve your account. At this time you will receive an email from Virtus stating to log into your account to complete the background check screening process.

If you have used the site in the past and simply don't remember your information, we can help you find your information and give you a chance to update the system.

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