

**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 5, 2020**



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St. Thomas Parish Office hours: Tuesdays 8:30 a.m. – 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 December January 5-12:**

**Tuesday, 9:00 a.m.** – Ray & Bernadine Groner  
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Stanley Strobe  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – People of our Parishes

**Your Sunday Offering:**

Offertory Budget for 2019-2020: \$305,000.00  
Offertory Goal through Month End: \$152,502.00  
Actual Collection for 2019-2020: **\$142,222.61**  
Offertory Difference Year to Date: – \$ 10,279.39  
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

**Collection in Church:**

December 1 \$ 5,271.20  
December 8 \$ 4,140.66  
December 15 \$ 4,483.00  
December 22 \$ 4,492.00  
December 29 \$ 4,610.00

**Collection Online:** \$ 5,602.00

**December total to date:** **\$28,598.86**

Difference for December +\$ 3,181.86

**St. Thomas the Apostle Expansion & Building Fund**

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

Income from parishioners for FY 2019-2020

(via the yellow "Building Fund" envelope): **\$14,894.25**

Loan payments to date for FY 2019-2020: **\$55,366.44**

(Principal \$51,206.48 Interest \$4,159.96)

Parish Building Expansion Debt remaining: **\$149,532.37**

**St. Thomas the Apostle Cantor / Organist**

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

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jean Kliethermes / Jackie Prenger

**St. Thomas the Apostle Reader**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Alfred Kaiser

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Eugene Luebbering

**St. Thomas the Apostle Altar Servers**

**Tuesday 9:00 a.m.** –Elijah Gass & Jacob Luebbering

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Dawson Wieberg, Lilly Schulte,  
Rowan Buechter

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Abigail & Valerie Verslues,  
Isaac & Ava Rackers

**St. Cecilia**

**Mass Schedule for the Week of January 5-12:**

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

**Your Sunday Offering:**

Offertory Budget for 2019-2020: \$62,000.00  
Collection Total for 2019-2020: **\$30,283.25**  
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,166.67

**Collection in Church:**

December 1 \$ 1,088.00  
December 8 \$ 874.25  
December 15 \$ 1,295.00  
December 22 \$ 718.00  
December 29 \$ 3,009.00

**December total to date:** **\$ 6,200.00**

Difference for December: +\$ 1,033.33

**St. Cecilia Collection Counters**

January – Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer

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

**St. Cecilia Reader**

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic Plassmeyer

**St. Cecilia Altar Servers**

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Shelby Wankum & Madison  
Wankum

**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**  
**January 11-12**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Pat Kaiser, Paul & Jenny Becker  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mattheuw Prenger, Keith Kliethermes,  
Rob Henson

**January 18-19**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Marshall Boessen, Brenda Wansing,  
Betty Schellman  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Rosalyn Wieberg, Richard & Jan  
Heckemeyer

**St. Thomas Greeters/Ushers**

**January 11-12**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Fred Luebbering & Carolyn Loethen  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mattheuw Prenger & Keith Kliethermes

**January 18-19**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark Boessen & Mike Groner  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mike Buschjost & Tom Backes

**St. Thomas Presentation of Gifts at Mass**

**January 11-12**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Paul & Jenny Becker  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Brian & Katie Luebbering Family

**January 18-19**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Steve & Katrina Schellman Family  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Ray & Shirley Volmert

**St. Thomas Collection Counters**

January 12 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman  
January 19 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg  
January 26 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes

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

**Tuesday 8:35 a.m.** – Joann Heckman - Sorrowful  
Saturday 4:35 p.m. – Dale Herigon – Joyful  
Sunday 9:35 a.m. – Pat Loethen – Joyful

**SNACKS FOR QUILTERS:**

Thursday, January 9 – Carol Schellman & Donna Schellman Thursday, January 16 – Katrina Schellman & Judy Schroeder  
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.

**PASTOR'S MEDITATION:** Jan 5th Sunday, Epiphany of the Lord and Happy New Year

Epiphany means *appearance* or *manifestation*. Revelations of Jesus as God are celebrated in the Feast of the Epiphany, the angels revealed Jesus to the shepherds. In the Western Church, the Feast of the Epiphany celebrates Jesus' first appearance to the Gentiles, represented by the Magi.

There were three groups of people who reacted to the Epiphany of Christ's birth. The first group, headed by King Herod the Great, tried to eliminate him, the second group, priests and scribes, ignored him, and the third group, represented by the shepherds and the Magi, came to adore him.

Let us make sure that we belong to the third group: by worshiping Jesus at Mass with the gold of our love, the myrrh of our humility and the frankincense of our adoration; by giving a new direction to our lives. As the Magi chose another route to return to their homes, we need to choose a better way of life, abstaining from proud and impure thoughts, evil habits and selfish behavior; by becoming stars leading others to Jesus as the star led the Magi to Jesus, removing the darkness of the evil around us and radiating Jesus' love through selfless service, unconditional forgiveness and compassionate care.

Let us make the New Year meaningful by having for every day, some noble thing to dream, something good to do and Someone to love, the first-person being Jesus. Let us sanctify every day of the New Year: by offering every morning all the activities of the day for God's glory, thus transforming them into prayers, by asking for the anointing and strengthening of the Holy Spirit to do good to others and to avoid evil, by remaining faithful to our family prayers and Bible reading, by asking God's pardon and forgiveness for our sins committed during the day and by seeking God's special protection during the sleep. Before we sleep, let us say, "Good night!" to our Lord, repeating Jesus' last words from the cross, "*Father, into Your hands I commend my spirit.*" **HAPPY NEW YEAR & SEE YOU SOON! Fr. Leonard Mukibi**

**BISHOP MCKNIGHT'S JANUARY PRAYER INTENTION:** For an increase in Christian unity, racial, harmony, and respect for the dignity of all human life; that Christians everywhere may work together to promote peace in our homes and communities throughout the world.

**WEEKDAY MASSES FOR JANUARY:** Fr. Joby P. Thomas will celebrate Mass on Tuesday, January 7, 14, 21, & 28 at 9:00 a.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

Fr. James FINDER will celebrate Mass on Friday, January 31 at 7:45 a.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

**2019 CHRISTMAS/SEMINARY ASSESSMENT:** Our assessment for Seminarian Formation & Priest Retirement is \$843.00 for St. Cecilia and \$3,199.00 for St. Thomas the Apostle Parish. Please support the formation and education of our Diocese's future priests.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:** Please remember Stanley Strobe & Keith Luebbering in your prayers, whose names were accidentally omitted from our Christmas Flower list last weekend listed in the bulletin.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE 2019 YEAR END CONTRIBUTIONS:** Thank you for your generosity this past year. If you would like a statement of your contributions for 2019, please contact the parish office at [jbeckeroffice@gmail.com](mailto:jbeckeroffice@gmail.com) or by calling Jenny at 573-477-3315. They will be available in the back of St. Thomas Church the weekend of January 18-19, 2020.

**ST. CECILIA 2019 YEAR END CONTRIBUTIONS** will be available January 26, 2020 in Church for pickup.

**St. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**  
**January 12**

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Betty Hagenhoff, Dorothy Rehagen, Pam Libbert

**January 19**

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer, Doris Stumpe

**St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers**

**January 12**

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Mitch Stumpe, Darin Even, Leonard Schulte, Harold Libbert

**January 19**

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

**Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia**

Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Dorothy Rehagen – Joyful

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

**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 CHURCH CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS** will be taken down after Mass on Sunday, January 12. Your help will be welcomed!

**SCRIP:** January 11-12 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kerry Meyer Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Sara Otto  
Visit [www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip](http://www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip) for more information about the Scrip program. Please contact Daffiny Tallent at 573-694-4408 to purchase anytime. A large variety of cards in various denominations are in stock and available for purchase.

**CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL:** The CSA goal for St. Thomas the Apostle Parish is \$10,000. \$8,925.00 received so far. The CSA goal for St. Cecilia Parish is \$2,500. \$1,595.00 received so far.

**ST. THOMAS PARISHIONERS** please pick up your 2020 Time, Talent & Stewardship form in the back of church if you haven't done so already.

**CONFIRMATION PREPARATION CLASS** will meet on Wednesday, January 8, 7:00 p.m. St. Thomas.

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK** will be January 27-31. A lot of activities are being planned. We are also asking for any donations which can be used for Bingo prizes for our VIP day Friday, January 31. Thanks in advance for helping out with the prizes for the bingo games. There will be more information to follow at a later date.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Monday, January 6 – School resumes

Wednesday, January 8 – Advent program (rescheduled) 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. Dress rehearsal 10:00 a.m.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PRE-SCHOOL:** If you have a preschool age child and have been thinking about preschool, please contact the school office at 573-477-3322 or Miss Jaycine Bax at [jbaxstacs@gmail.com](mailto:jbaxstacs@gmail.com)

**ST. THOMAS CHURCH CLEANING TEAM ROTATION FOR UPCOMING WEEKS**

Week of January 5<sup>th</sup>: Sonya Henson, Susan Buechter, Jackie Prenger, Amy Buechter

Week of January 12<sup>th</sup>: Janet Lueckenhoff, Jim Lueckenhoff, Charlene Buschjost, Randy Buschjost

Week of January 19<sup>th</sup>: Alan Libbert, Nancy Libbert, Darrel Buechter

Week of January 26<sup>th</sup>: Lynne Reinkemeyer, Linda Boessen, Lauri Luebbering, Lisa Lackman

*Thanks to all who volunteer to help keep our Church looking beautiful! Anyone else interested in helping out, please contact Lynne Reinkemeyer at 573-690-7113 and we can add another group!*

**PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN WORKSHOPS:** The Catholic Church in the United States is committed to providing safe environments in all of our ministries and activities, especially those involving children and youth. One aspect of our commitment is that anyone who works with minors in our parishes, schools and other Catholic organizations in the Diocese of Jefferson City receive training. For a full list of trainings currently available, please visit our [Virtus site](#) and select "Jefferson City, MO (Diocese)," or go to our Events page and filter by "Protecting God's Children."

**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. 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)

**ECUMENICAL HANDBELL CONCERT:** Come watch and enjoy five handbell choirs perform at the Jefferson City Community Handbell Concert on Sunday, January 5, 3:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Joseph. Admission is one canned food item or cash gift, which will be donated to the Jefferson City Samaritan Center. Cookies and punch will follow the concert.

**STEVE ANGRISANO IN CONCERT** is Sunday, February 9, 3:00 p.m. at Our Lady of the Lake Church in Lake Ozark. Tickets are now available \$8.00 adults, \$5.00 students. Please call 573-365-2241, Ext 13 for tickets.

**OVER 50 CLUB:** The OVER 50 group is meeting January 9 at the St. Cecilia parish center for a noon meal. Welcome to new members if wanting to join. The cost is \$5.00 a year and meet monthly for food and visiting. We put all carry in items together and share lunch.

**SNOW REMOVAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** The St. Thomas Parish and School will be in need of snow removal services for the church/school entrances, parking lots and sidewalks. If you are willing to assist, please contact Alan Reinkemeyer at 573-694-6984 or Mark Luebbering at 573-694-6393.

**BLOOD DRIVE:** The American Red Cross will have a blood drive at Blair Oaks High School on Wednesday, January 8, 11:00 – 4:00 p.m. Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: BlairOaks to schedule an appointment.

**CITY OF ST. THOMAS – CITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS:** Looking for applicants interested in running for a two year term City Council position. The council meets once a month to discuss, review, all matters regarding the City of St. Thomas. For the April 7, 2020 election the City will have three open positions. If you are interested in running for a two-year term Council position, please contact Susan Boessen, City Clerk, at (573) 619-4424. Please leave a message with your name and contact number. You must reside within the City limits of St. Thomas to hold a Council position. Must apply by January 19, 2020.

**COLE COUNTY PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT NO. 5:** Candidates interested in running for a three year term on the Board of Directors must notify the District by 5:00 pm, January 21, 2020 to be included on the April 7, 2020 election ballot. Please notify Sheri Wieberg at 573-477-3497 if interested. (You must reside within the district one whole year before the election and be at least 25 years of age to hold a seat on the Board.)

**LET'S TALK FAITH:** Please join local women for a night of faith-filled companionship and conversation on **Tuesday, January 14** from 6:30-8pm at the Westphalia Knights of Columbus Hall. LeAnn Korsmeyer, Director of Women's Ministry for the Diocese will be speaking on the topic of Angels. The night includes music, fellowship and embracing our amazing Catholic faith together. Questions, call Nancy Massman at 573-418-8295, or visit <https://diojeffcity.org/womens-ministry>

**OSAGE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT** proudly announces the return of the **FOOT & NAIL CLINIC** starting January 23 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Care by a trained registered nurse. Costs for office visit is \$25. Please call the health department for more information/make an appointment at 573-897-3103.

**ST. THOMAS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST** will be held 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. **Sunday, January 19** at the St. Thomas Knights of Columbus Hall. Serving pancakes, sausage, biscuits and gravy, and scrambled eggs. Adults \$8.00 and Children 6-12 \$4.00. Proceeds will benefit St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School and other charities.

**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, January 19 at 11:30 a.m.** 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 (also in St. Thomas on Feb. 9) 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.

**PITCH TOURNAMENT** is Friday, January 31 at the St. Thomas Knight of Columbus Hall. \$25 per team. Hosted by Faith, Hope and Family Relay Team. Please contact: Jessica Kliegel, 690.3987.

**OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS, MARY HOME DANCE** is Saturday, January 18, 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. in the gym. Must be 18 to attend, \$15.00 per person, \$25 per couple. Concessions will be available for purchase, BYOB, cups & ice provided. Music by Shiloh.

**OSAGE FIRE PROTECTION ANNUAL FIGHFIGHTERS DANCE** will be held on January 25, 2020 from 8:00 p.m.-11:30 p.m. at the Wardsville Lions Hall. Music by Shiloh.

**SAVE THE DATE!** The Blair Oaks FFA Alumni & Supporters is hosting a "Cowboy Boots & Country Roots" Dinner & Dance on Saturday, February 22, 2020 at the Wardsville Lions Club with music by Shiloh. Tickets will be available in January 2020. Tickets \$40 per person or \$320 for a table of 8. For more information contact Linda Lackman @ 573-375-0001, Jennifer Borgmeyer @ 573-338-0049 or TJ Loethen, 573-690-8809. We hope to see you there!

**SAVE THE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR:**

**TOTUS TUUS** – June 14-19, 2020

**St. Thomas Parish Ham Breakfast** – Sunday, March 8, 2020

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