

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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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 7, 2018

Pastor: Very Reverend Jeremy A. Secrist, V.F.

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jheckemeyeroffice@gmail.com

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St. Thomas Secretary:

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St. Cecilia Bookkeeper:

Mrs. Doris Stumpe

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St. Thomas Parish Office hours: Tuesdays 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.; Wednesdays 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 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 7-14:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Joe Luebbering

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Kim Boessen

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Theresa Mertens

Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – Stanley Strobe

Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Fr. Frank Bussmann

Friday 7:45 a.m. – Fr. Patrick Shortt

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

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – L&D John H. Boessen Family

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2017-2018: \$305,000.00

Offertory Goal through Month End: \$152,502.00

Actual Collection for 2017-2018: **\$156,137.28**

Offertory Difference Year to Date: – \$ 3,635.28

Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

December 3 \$ 5,194.00

December 10 \$ 5,362.00

December 17 \$ 6,056.25

December 24 \$ 4,305.20

December 31 \$ 8,568.00

Collection Online: \$ 6,102.00

December total to date: \$35,587.45

Difference for December: + \$10,170.45

St. Thomas the Apostle Expansion & Building Fund

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

Income from parishioners for FY 2017-2018

(via the yellow "Building Fund" envelope): **\$16,111.45**

Loan payments to date for FY 2017-2018: **\$55,366.44**

(Principal) \$47,323.65 (Interest) \$8,042.79

Parish Building Expansion Debt remaining: **\$349,398.61**

St. Thomas the Apostle Cantor / Organist

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Judy Schroeder / Annette Kehner

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Lisa Wieberg / Jackie Prenger

St. Thomas the Apostle Reader / Petitions

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Carolyn Loethen

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Doug Luebbering

St. Thomas the Apostle Altar Servers

Weekday – Belle Boessen & Cameron Luebbering

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Cameron & Chesney Luebbering,

Courtney Luebbering

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Henry Buschjost, Owen Schellman,

Mason & Klint Luebbering

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of January 7-14:

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

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Charles & Pauline Werdehausen

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Francis J. "Fritzie" Luebbert

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Celestine & Louis Stegeman Jr.

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – L&D Tom & Clara Schmidt Family

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2017-2018: \$62,000.00

Collection Total for 2017-2018: **\$34,245.15**

Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,166.67

Collection in Church:

December 3 \$ 1,386.00

December 10 \$ 1,098.00

December 17 \$ 1,100.70

December 24 \$ 1,089.00

December 31 \$ 1,850.00

December total to date: \$ 6,523.70

Difference for December: +\$ 1,357.03

Please remember your parish in your last will & testament.

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

January – Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer

St. Cecilia Reader / Petitions

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Jennifer Even

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Janice Schanzmeyer

St. Cecilia Altar Servers

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

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Nicholas & Shelby Wankum,

Ava & Saige Werdehausen

**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

January 13-14

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Lora Boessen, Mark Luebbering, Marshall Boessen

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Richard & Jan Heckemeyer, Janet Lueckenhoff

January 20-21

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mike & Trish Green, Betty Schellman

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Linda Lueckenhoff, Glenn Prenger, Millie Wieberg

St. Thomas Greeters/Ushers

please ring tower bells at least 10 minutes before weekend Masses

January 13-14

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Dave Luebbering & Steve Schellman

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jim Lueckenhoff & Larry Lueckenhoff

January 20-21

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mike Green & Richard Schellman

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Art Groner & Arthur McManus

St. Thomas Presentation of Gifts at Mass

January 13-14

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

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

January 20-21

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ralph & Kathy Graessle

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – David & Judy Schroeder

St. Thomas Collection Counters

January 13-14 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg

January 20-21 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes

January 27-28 – Jennifer Schroeder & Stephanie Cortvrient

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday 7:25 a.m. – 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. – Dale Herigon – Glorious

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

SCRIP: January 13-14 Saturday – Sarah Luebbert Sunday – April Heckman

Visit www.stthomasapostleschool.net/scrip for more information about the Scrip program. You can contact Lindsay Luebbering at 573-680-4920 or Karen Luebbering at 573-301-5835 to purchase anytime.

SNACKS FOR ST. THOMAS QUILTERS: Thursday, January 11: Norma Ullman & Marilyn Veit. Thursday, January 18: Theresa Veit & Melissa Verslues. Please bring snack 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.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH REGISTRATION: Are you new to the parish? Have you moved, changed your phone number or email address? Please keep your parish information current by filling out a Parish Registration form, located at the church entrances, on the parish website (under the Resources link), or by contacting Jenny Becker. Students away at college should be listed under their family, but young adults living on their own or married, are encouraged to register separately. Thank you for your assistance in this important matter.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION this coming week will be on **Wednesday, January 10** will be in the **St. Thomas School Library**.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHES' CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES: The Confirmation candidates named below have signed and returned their *Candidate Commitment Form* which, among other things, indicates that they promise to attend and participate in the Confirmation preparation sessions with an open mind and heart, will attend Mass every Sunday and on Holy Days of obligation, will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Confirmation, will commit to daily prayer, especially for growth in faith, hope and charity and will accept more responsibility in their families, parish and community: Haylee Bax, Brooke Boessen, Drew Boessen, Emma Boessen, Kya Boessen, Cole Brenneke, Caleb Buechter, Jonathan Buschjost, William Derkum, Mason Francis, Teagan Humphrey, Ashlyn Kroll, Claire Luebbering, Isaac Prenger, Brayden Schaben, Kaleb Schaben, Emily Schell, Jeremy Stockman, Nolan Suthoff, Adam Veltrop, Nicholas Wankum, Brianna Wieberg.

COAT DRIVE: The St. Thomas / Meta Knights of Columbus are collecting kids, women's & men's (all sizes) in the entrances of both Churches until January 21. Any questions, please contact MaryPat Luebbering at 573-477-3476.

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION will be held on Tuesday, January 9 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle.

WORK BEING PERFORMED AT ST. THOMAS RECTORY: If you were wondering...the recent work at the rectory in St. Thomas is the renovation of the original 1948 bathroom.

DIOCESAN CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL: We're nearing the end of this year's Catholic Stewardship Appeal. Opportunities continue to be available to those who have not yet made a pledge. If you no longer have a pledge card, look for a CSA envelope in church at the end of the pew, or in the back of church—or go online to www.diojeffcity.org. Any gift you can make will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your generosity!

CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP GOALS for 2017 are:

St. Cecilia Parish: **\$2,500**. So far \$1,220 (49%) has been contributed.

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish: **\$8,000**. So far \$6,256 (79%) has been contributed.



ST. THOMAS SCHOOL & PRESCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGES are available for your information and browsing via a link at the school website's homepage: www.stthomasapostleschool.net

St. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

January 13-14

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Lou Kloeppe, Brenda Wansing, Bonnie Kampeter

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

Janice Schanzmeyer

January 20-21

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Brenda Wansing, Doris Stumpe,

Jennifer Even

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

Pam Libbert

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

January 13-14

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Mitch & Brendan Stumpe, Darin Even, Randy Hagenhoff

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

January 20-21

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Lou Kloeppe, Mitch & Brendan

Stumpe, Darin Even

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic Plassmeyer, Larry Lueckenotto,

Harold Libbert, Anton Libbert

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

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

Saturday 6:40 p.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer – Glorious

Sunday 7:40 a.m. – Margaret Brune – 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 THE APOSTLE SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS

January 10 – Report cards go home
January 15 – MLK Day – No School
January 17 – Bookmobile
January 17-20 – March for Life, Washington, D.C.
January 20 – Diocesan Speech Meet
January 27 – Catholic Schools Week, Mass, Dinner & Dance in Parish Center

CATHOLIC SCHOOL WEEK FAMILY SUPPER: All parishioners are invited to a dinner in St. Thomas Parish Center on **Saturday, January 27** following the 5:00 p.m. Mass for a **free** meal of spaghetti, salad & dessert. St. Thomas the Apostle Parish families with the last names M-Z are asked to please bring a dessert.

PREPARING FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK: St. Thomas the Apostle School is asking for any donations which can be used for bingo prizes on our VIP day Friday, February 2. They can be new or used items. Please call or drop off any donations at the school office. Thanks!

COPY PAPER: Please drop off clean on one side and staple free paper at school or call the St. Thomas School office.
BOX TOPS: Box Tops for Education, Coke Points & Best Choice Labels. Please drop them by the St. Thomas School office.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE 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.

ST. THOMAS HAM BREAKFAST MEETING in preparation for the Ham Breakfast on Sunday, March 11 will be Thursday, January 11, 7:00 p.m. in the Vitae House. We are looking for a couple of volunteers to help plan the breakfast. Please contact Greg Luebbing at 573-418-6230 if you are interested.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING is Tuesday, January 9 at 7:30 p.m. A rosary will be prayed at 7:15 p.m. Please read the January newsletter attached to the bulletin.

ST. THOMAS / META KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST is Sunday, January 21, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the K of C Hall. Adults \$8.00; children 6-12: \$4.00. Part of the proceeds to benefit the St. Thomas the Apostle School.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 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 21 at 11:30 a.m. 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. For more information please contact Steve Schellman at 573-694-3471.

META OVER 50 CLUB will meet on Thursday, January 11 at noon in the Parish Center. Please bring a dish & join us for lunch, fun & fellowship.

RETROUVAILLE is marriage program for couples whose marriage has become off course. It's an effective program that has worked for thousands of couples & it can work for your marriage. The next program begins with the weekend of February 2- 4, 2018. For further information, 800-470-2230 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

CITY OF ST. THOMAS CITY COUNCIL POSITIONS: The Council is made up of four board members and the Mayor. If you wish to run for a two year term Council position please contact Susan Boessen, City Clerk, at 573- 619-4424 with a message of your name and contact number. You must reside within the City Limits of St. Thomas to hold a Council position. Must apply by January 15, 2018.

BUDGET SUMMARY FOR ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH – July 1, 2017 - December 31, 2017

<u>Income</u>		
General (Sunday collections, fundraisers, gifts from benefactors)		\$337,777.05
<i>Sunday collections:</i>	\$146,609.28	
<i>Fundraisers:</i>	\$ 86,157.82	
<i>Gifts from benefactors:</i>	\$ 86,739.00	
Special (donations for special projects, Building & Improvement Fund)		\$ 37,070.30
Diocesan collections		\$ 7,214.35
Universal Church collections		\$ 2,282.00
Parish School		\$ 72,320.43*
	* Includes \$25,500.00 from benefactors	
Pre-School		\$ 23,925.00
Total Income:		\$480,589.13

<u>Expenses</u>		
Church & Rectory General		\$ 63,798.71
Church & Rectory Special (loan payment, improvements projects)		\$118,430.08
<i>Loan payment:</i>	\$ 55,366.44	
<i>School window replacement:</i>	\$ 25,600.00	
<i>Church pews & kneelers:</i>	\$ 25,394.00	
Diocesan collections		\$ 7,664.25
Universal Church collections		\$ 1,947.00
Parish School		\$232,874.47
Pre-School		\$ 28,017.09
Religious Education (PSR)		\$ 2,298.49
Vitae House		\$ 10,854.50**
	**Furnace replacement:	\$9,698.50
Parish Center		\$ 24,611.43
Total Expenses		\$490,496.02
Net Income (Loss)		\$ (9,906.89)

SACRAMENTAL STATS IN OUR PARISHES for 2017:

Baptisms	at St. Thomas the Apostle: 12	at St. Cecilia: 1
First Holy Communions	at St. Thomas the Apostle: 18	at St. Cecilia: 0
Marriages	at St. Thomas the Apostle: 1	at St. Cecilia: 3
Funerals	at St. Thomas the Apostle: 7	at St. Cecilia: 5

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH



Proceeds support the continued repair of parish buildings at St. Thomas the Apostle.

Hand-breaded, gluten free
Fish fillets
Hushpuppies
French fries
Baked beans
Coleslaw
Tea, Lemonade, Water &
Beer for sale

Adults: \$10
Children 6-12: \$5
Children 5 & under: free

ALL YOU CARE TO EAT

CARRY-OUTS AVAILABLE

January 12, 2018

4:30-7:00 pm

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Center St. Thomas, MO 65076

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH FISH FRY WORK LIST

Fish Fryers 3:00 – 7:30

Norbert Veit – **Chairperson**
Mark Luebbering – **Co-Chair**
Mark Boessen
Simon Strope
Randy Buschjost
Marlan Schaefer
Craig Buechter
Ryan Buschjost
Paul Becker
Shane Verslues
Glenn Prenger
Jacob Graessle

Cashier/Beer/50-50 – 4:00 to end

Jason Buschjost – **Chair**
Joyce Boessen
Lynne Reinkemeyer
Jenny Becker
Shelia Veit

Setup

Bill Lueckenhoff – **Chair**
Myron Luebbering
Mason Luebbering
Nathan Luebbering
Michael Luebbering

Juice, Coffee, Tea

Barb Graessle – **Chair**
Mark Graessle
Samantha Schulte
Darrel Buechter
Amy Buechter

Carry Outs 4:15 to end

Gilbert Schellman – **Chair**
Darlene Russell
Brian Luebbering
Travis Rackers
Bryan Braun
Renee Braun

Bus Tables

Kristi Luebbering – **Chair**
Chesney Luebbering
Oliva Boessen
Karlle Reinkemeyer
Kenadi Braun
Madilyn Buschjost

Serving Line 4:00 to end

Paul Struempf – **Chair**
Karen Struempf
Jan Heckemeyer
Richard Heckemeyer
Matt Lackman
Jessica Lackman

General Help - Assist Where Needed

Tom Backes – **Chair**
James Reinkemeyer
Adam Schell
Patrick Luebbering
Alex Schroeder

Dishwashers 6:00 to end

Larry Lueckenhoff – **Chair**
Linda Luebbering
Roseanne Boessen
Ron Veit
Theresa Veit
Lisa Wieberg

Serving Seconds

Gary Luebbering
Joe Twehus
Deanne Twehus
Todd Luebbering
Sam Suthoff
Scott Suthoff

Clean Up 7:30 to end

Justin Schulte – **Chair**
Phil Akin
Eric Boessen
Keith Boessen
Bob Schellman
Danny Hoecker
Marshall Boessen

NOTE: If you cannot work please try to find a replacement or text/call Alan Reinkemeyer at 573-694-6984