

**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, 2024**

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St. Thomas the Apostle Bookkeeper:  
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Mrs. Theresa Veit  
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[lheckemeyer@stacs.school](mailto:lheckemeyer@stacs.school)  
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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 Jan. 7-14:**

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – **No Mass**  
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – **No Mass**  
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – **No Mass**  
Friday, 7:45 a.m. – **No Mass**  
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – L&D Tom & Clara Schmidt Family  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – People of our Parishes

**Your Sunday Offering:**

Offertory Budget for 2023-2024:	\$312,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End:	\$156,000.00
Actual Collection for 2023-2024:	<b>\$179,446.51</b>
Offertory Difference Year to Date:	+\$ 23,446.51
Offertory Goal per month:	\$ 26,000.00

**Collection in Church:**

December 3	\$ 5,610.17
December 10	\$ 7,254.17
December 17	\$ 5,025.40
December 24	\$ 8,354.67
December 31	\$ 5,557.67

**Collection Online:** \$ 7,232.00

**December total to date:** **\$39,034.08**

Difference for December: +\$13,034.08

**Church Renovation Capital Campaign**

Total Pledges/Donations	\$490,179.70
Total Collected	\$516,258.86
Total Expenses Paid	\$699,195.95

A total of 131 parishioners have returned pledge cards/or  
Contributed to the renovation project.

Church Renovation Loan Balance \$62,333.90

Loan payments to date \$149,300.00

(principal) \$137,666.10 (interest) \$11,633.90

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

Jan. 13 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Amanda Wooten/Jeanette

Jan. 14 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mary Kay Brand/ Jackie

Jan. 20 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Judy Schroeder /Jeanette

Jan. 21 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Josh Luebbering / Jackie

**St. Thomas the Apostle Readers**

Jan. 13 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kara Holterman

Jan. 14 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Doug Luebbering

Jan. 20 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – David Schroeder

Jan. 21 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mary Kay Brand

**Saint Cecilia**

**Mass Schedule for the Week of Jan. 7-14:**

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – **No Mass**

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

**Your Sunday Offering:**

Offertory Budget for 2023-2024:	\$67,000.00
Collection Total for 2023-2024:	<b>\$35,364.00</b>
Offertory Goal per month:	\$ 5,583.34

**Collection in Church:**

December 3	\$ 932.00
December 10	\$ 1,487.00
December 17	\$ 1,010.00
December 24	\$ 5,331.00
December 31	\$ 2,162.00

**December total to date:** **\$10,922.00**

Difference for December: +\$ 5,338.66

**St. Cecilia Collection Counters**

January: Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer

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

**St. Cecilia Readers**

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. – **No Mass**

Sunday Jan. 14 8:00 a.m. – Betty Hagenhoff

Sunday, Jan. 21 8:00 a.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer

**St. Cecilia Organist**

Sunday, Jan. 14 8:00 a.m. – Emilie

Sunday, Jan. 21 8:00 a.m. – Lydia

**YOUR LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENT,  
PLEASE FIND A REPLACEMENT. YOUR  
FELLOW PARISHIONERS THANK YOU!**

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

Jan. 13 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Al Carter & Mark Boessen  
Jan. 14 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Art Groner & Larry Lueckenhoff  
Jan. 20 Saturday 5:00 pm– Eric Strope & Phil Akin  
Jan. 21 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Matthew Maasen & Alan Reinkemeyer  
**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**

Jan. 13 Saturday 5:00 p.m. –Jan Carter  
Jan. 14 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Keith Kliethermes  
Jan. 20 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Jenny Becker  
Jan. 21 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Janet Lueckenhoff

**St. Thomas the Apostle Servers**

Jan. 13 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Gregory Kirby, Ava Buschjost,  
Evelyn Wooten, Gannon Reeves  
Jan. 14 Sunday 10:00 a.m. –Valerie, Zeke & Max Verslues,  
Virgil Lackman  
Jan. 20 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ben & Luke Otto  
Miranda Meyer, Carmen Luebbering  
Jan. 21 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Isabella & Oliver Luebbering,  
Cadyn Libbert & Aliyah Buechter

**St. Thomas the Apostle Offertory Gifts**

Saturday, Jan. 13 – Family of Tom & Clara Schmidt  
Sunday, Jan. 14 – Ushers

**St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters**

January 14 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes  
January 21 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg  
January 28 – Dunja Wieberg & Jennifer Schroeder  
February 4 - Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman

**Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas**

Tuesday through Friday – **NO MASSES**  
Saturday 4:35 p.m. – Dale Herigon – Glorious Mysteries  
Sunday 9:35 a.m. – Gilbert & Hermina – Glorious Mysteries

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

January 14	Lauri Luebbering
January 21	Brooke Schell
January 28	Jenny Becker
February 4	Karlie Reinkemeyer
February 11	Dunja Wieberg

**St. Thomas the Apostle Church Cleaners**

January 7: Alan Libbert, Nancy Libbert, Darrel Buechter, Jan Heckemeyer  
January 14: Janet Lueckenhoff, Jim Lueckenhoff, Charlene Buschjost, Randy Buschjost  
January 21: Lynne Reinkemeyer, Linda Boessen, Lauri Luebbering, Lisa Lackman  
January 28 - Sonya Henson, Susan Buechter, Brenda Schell, Amy Buechter  
February 4: Brooke Schell, Tina Stockman, Gina Luebbering, Karen Luebbering

**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 snacks to the hall by 1:00 p.m.; snacks served at 3:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Emily Luebbering at 573-477-3459 or Kathy Strope at 573-477-3349.

**Thursday, January 11** – Sara Libbert & Carolyn Loethen

**Thursday, January 18** – Pat (Andrew) Luebbering & Courtney (Antone) Luebbering

**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.

**PARISH BULLETINS:** If you are needing a bulletin and Church is locked at St. Thomas the Apostle, there are some on the Vitae House front porch.

**IN NEED OF A PRIEST,** please contact Theresa Veit, 573-418-7301, Doris Stumpe, 573-619-6125, Jan Heckemeyer, 573-619-8432 or Diane Lueckenhoff, 573-645-5794.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH MASSES:** The following Masses will be said in Father's Home Parish while he is gone. Fr. Clarence Wiederholt - 2 Masses, Billy Chestnut - 2 Masses, Joe Kaiser - 6 Masses, Teresa Kaiser - 6 Masses Raymond Groner - 2 Masses, Greg Russell - 7 Masses

**ST. CECILIA PRAYER LINE REQUESTS** can be made by calling Katie Lueckenotto at 573-229-4318 or 573-619-6454.

**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.

**BISHOP MCKNIGHT JANUARY PRAYER INTENTION:** For the gift of patience; may we embrace poverty of spirit when suffering the shortcomings of others and ourselves. we pray to the Lord.

**CHRISTMAS ASSESSMENT FOR THE SEMINARIAN FORMATION AND INFIRM PRIEST FUND:** St. Cecilia Parish: \$994, St. Thomas the Apostle Parish: \$3,623. Please be generous.

**St. Cecilia Eucharistic Ministers**

Jan. 14 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Janice Schanzmeyer  
Jan. 21 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Jennifer Even

**St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers**

Jan. 14 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – William Derkum, Terry Libbert,  
Leon Schanzmeyer, Darin Even  
Jan. 21 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Mitch Stumpe, Brendan Stumpe,  
Randy Hagenhoff, Kenny Otto

**St. Cecilia Servers**

Jan. 14 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Gavin Werdehausen &  
Natalee Derkum  
Jan. 21 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Henry & Annaline Schroeder

**St. Cecilia Offertory Gifts**

Jan. 14 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Family of Norman & Delphine  
Jaegers

**Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia**

Jan. 14 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Janice Schanzmeyer  
Glorious Mysteries  
Jan. 21 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer  
Sorrowful Mysteries

**VOTIVE CANDLES:** The requested donation for lighting a votive candle in church is **\$3.00**.

**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.

**CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL PACKETS:** Forms may be turned in to your parish by using the self-addressed envelope, collection basket, Church Office or place it in the box on table in the back of Church. Implementation of the Catholic Stewardship Renewal Time and Talent and Tithing forms will start January 1, 2024. St. Thomas parishioners may also fill out the Stewardship forms on our website to submit online.

**ST. CECILIA PARISH** is in need of some volunteers to serve on the Stewardship Committee. It can be any age of parishioners that are willing to participate. If you are interested in serving on the Stewardship Committee, please contact Fr. Leonard or Dusty Stegeman 573-291-3064.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE 2023 YEAR END CONTRIBUTIONS:** Thank you for your generosity this past year. To receive your 2023 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. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE:** Thank you to those who have signed up to have your photo taken for our parish directory! If you still would like your photo taken and did not get a time slot, please contact Melissa Verslues 573-338-3433 or Theresa Veit 573-418-7301. Depending on the number of responses, we could possibly get another day of photography.

**MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION** is Tuesday, January 9, **6:00 p.m.** St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISHIONER NOTIFICATION TEXT:** Several St. Thomas the Apostle Parishioners have notified us that they would like to receive a text when upcoming parish announcements need to be sent out and so we are going to use the Remind App which allows us to send a mass text to our parishioners. You do NOT have to have the app to receive text messages. You will receive an individual text. If you reply to the text, it will come only to the parish (other parishioners will not get it). Several groups in the parish are already using this and we are going to try to do it with the Parish. If you would like to receive a text message on upcoming parish announcements, please go to the following link and fill out your name and cell phone number. If you have any questions or need help, please contact Theresa Veit at (573) 418-7301.  
<https://www.remind.com/join/c2chf2>

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL NEWS:** Monday, January 15, Marthin Luther King Day - No School Prek-8.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL SNEAK PEEK:** On Thursday, February 1, 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!

**BINGO PRIZES NEEDED FOR VIP DAY (CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK):** Tis the season for cleaning and bargain shopping! If you have or find items that would make great BINGO prizes for VIP Day, please drop them off at school. You can also donate candy, chips, soda Gatorade, juice pouches, etc. for prizes. Please send to school by Feb. 1.

**PENNY WAR:** We will once again have our Penny War during Catholic Schools Week. All money raised will benefit the Pregnancy Help Center of Jefferson City. Start saving your pennies!!

**HELIAS HIGH SCHOOL: Crusader for a Day** - Junior high students are invited to visit Helias Catholic High School as a Crusader for a Day! Experience what a typical school day is like by shadowing a current student. Meet teachers, attend classes, tour the school, and have lunch on us! Visiting students may stay for all or part of the day. Please go to [heliascatholic.com/visit](http://heliascatholic.com/visit) to request a Crusader for a Day visit.

**Helias Catholic applications open January 8** - New student applications for Helias Catholic High School's 2024-25 school year will open January 8, 2024. Please visit [heliascatholic.com/apply](http://heliascatholic.com/apply) to start the enrollment process to officially join the Crusader family!

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

**SIGNUM CRUCIS: Men of St. Thomas the Apostle & St. Cecilia Parishes:** You are invited to the December gathering of the Men of Signum Crucis, which begins at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 17, at Helias Catholic High School. For men who would like to engage in a Study on our faith, you will be able to continue the Study of Church History, taught by Helias Theology Teacher and Coach Chris Hentges. For those who prefer to immerse themselves in a Devotion in our faith, Father Drew Clary, CSC, will join us from South Bend, Indiana, leading men in the Chaplet of Our Lady of Sorrows, a special devotion of the Congregation of Holy Cross. These concurrent sessions will run from 6:30 p.m. until approximately 7:15 p.m.. Afterwards, we will all assemble in the Commons for brief concluding remarks, food and fellowship, and the Litany of St. Joseph at 7:55 p.m. to end the evening. As always, enter the school on the east end of the front Swifts Highway parking lot to sign in. Our Hospitality men will greet you right inside the door and direct you to the appropriate location. Feel free to come early to pray the Rosary at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel. The presence of each man makes an impact on others in our fraternity. If you have not attended yet, be confident that your presence will make a difference to someone there—this is all part of God's plan. Join the 70+ men who consistently attend and make their mark on others in this fraternity of Catholic men of the Jefferson City area. The mission of the Men of Signum Crucis is to provide Fraternity through Study, Devotion, and Service to help us become more Christ-like husbands, fathers, brothers, uncles, and friends. For more information, contact Jeff Cassmeyer at 573-690-7546, or visit us at [www.menofsignumcrucis.com](http://www.menofsignumcrucis.com).

**ATTENTION OVER 50 MEMBERS:** Our January get together will be canceled this month due to medical issues yet. Hopefully, February will be a better month. Sorry!

**ST. THOMAS CEMETERY DUES:** Dues are \$10.00 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 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 or St. Cecilia 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.

**JEFFERSON CITY COMMUNITY HANDBELL CONCERT PRESENTING BELLS OF CHRISTMASTIDE** is Sunday, January 7, 3:00 p.m. Cathedral of St. Joseph. Canned food or cash donation to the Jefferson City Samaritan Center are appreciated.

**ST. THOMAS K OF C VALENTINE'S DANCE:** Please mark your calendars for Saturday, February 10, 2024, the St. Thomas Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Valentines Dance in the St. Thomas Parish Gym, from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. Music by Shiloh. \$35 a couple or \$20 per single. **NO ONE UNDER 21 ALLOWED.**

**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 [carmelofjc.prayers@gmail.com](mailto:carmelofjc.prayers@gmail.com) 31920 State Highway P, Clyde, MO 64432.

**ST. THOMAS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST** is Sunday, January 21, serving 8-11:30 a.m. Adults \$10.00, children \$5.00, under 6 free. Brother Knights – Please look for the work-list in the bulletin next week.

**TASTE OF ITALY ST. GEORGE CATHOLIC PARISH** is Saturday, January 20, 2024, tickets are \$15.00 in advance and \$17.00 at the door. Serving from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Meal catered by Argyle Catering, lasagna, fettucine, chicken parmesan, salad, breadsticks, and cheesecake. Advanced ticket sales end on Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

**SAVE THE DATE:** St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Pictorial Directory – February 29.

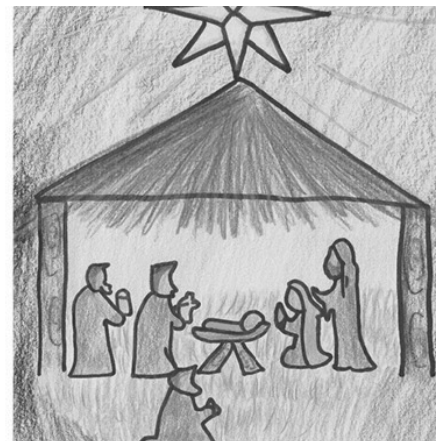
**XLT ADORATION** will be held at the Cathedral of Jefferson City, Thursday, January 11, 7-8 p.m.



*They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary, his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.*

Matthew 2:10-11

**Christ reveals himself to us in the Eucharist. May we always see Christ in our hearts and let us be Christ to others.**



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