

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

St. Cecilia
in Meta

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 9, 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. 9-16:

WEEKDAY MORNING MASSES IN PARISH CENTER

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Stanley Strope
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – Mark Oligschlaeger
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Alfred & Angeline Berhorst
Friday 7:45 a.m. – Lucy Luebbering

WEEKEND MASSES IN ST. CECILIA CHURCH

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Tom & Clara Schmidt
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – People of our Parishes
Shirley Luebbering

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2021-2022: \$305,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End: \$177,919.00
Actual Collection for 2021-2022: **\$147,911.50**
Offertory Difference Year to Date: – \$ 30,007.50
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

January 2 \$ 2,480.00
January 9 \$
January 16 \$
January 23 \$
January 30 \$

Collection Online: \$ 5,399.50

January total to date: \$ 7,879.50

Difference for January: -\$17,537.50

Church Renovation Capital Campaign

Total Pledges/Donations \$474,993.04
Total Collected \$385,183.35
Total Expenses Paid \$594,648.63
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. 15 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Kerry Meyer / Jeanette
Jan. 16 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Lisa Wieberg / Jackie
Jan. 22 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Judy Schroeder / Jackie
Jan. 23 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Doug Luebbering / Jackie

St. Thomas the Apostle & St. Cecilia Readers

WEEKEND MASSES IN ST. CECILIA CHURCH

Jan. 15 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Amanda Wooten
Jan. 16 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mary Kay Brand
Jan. 22 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – David Schroeder
Jan.23 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jean Kliethermes

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of Jan. 9-16:

Wednesday 6:30 p.m.- Ben & Jason Hake

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Ray Luebbering

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2021-2022: \$62,000.00
Collection Total for 2021-2022: **\$30,881.96**
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,166.67

Collection in Church:

January 2 \$ 960.00
January 9 \$
January 16 \$
January 23 \$
January 30 \$
January total to date: \$ 960.00
Difference for January: -\$ 4,206.67

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. – Cathy Borgmeyer
Jan. 16 8:00 a.m. -Dorothy Rehagen
Jan. 23 8:00 a.m.- Janice Schanzmeyer

**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. 15 Saturday 5:00 p.m.-Eric Strope & Dave Luebbering
Jan. 16 Sunday 10:00 a.m.-Alan Reinkemeyer & TJ Loethen
Jan. 22 Saturday 5:00 p.m.-Gilbert & Steve Schellman
Jan.23 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Ryan Buschjost & Craig Buechter

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

Jan.15 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Jenny Becker
Jan. 16 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Keith Kliethermes
Jan. 22 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Brenda Wansing
Jan. 23 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Jan Heckemeyer

St. Thomas the Apostle Servers

WEEKEND MASSES IN ST. CECILIA CHURCH

Jan. 15 Saturday 5:00 p.m.-
Jan. 16 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Gregory Kirby, Victoria Wieberg,
Fayeth Prenger
Jan. 22 Saturday 5:00 p.m.-
Jan. 23 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Valerie & Zeke Verslues,
Evelyn Wooten

St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters

Jan. 16- Keith & Jean Kliethermes
Jan. 23 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg
Jan. 30 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman
Feb. 6 - Paul Becker & Shara Buechter

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. – Gilbert & Hermina – Glorious 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. 13 – Lindsay Luebbering & Renee Luebbering **Thursday, Jan. 20** – Kristi Luebbering & Michelle 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 Strope at 573-477-3349.

SCRIP: Visit www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip for more information about the Scrip program. Please contact Amanda Wooten 573-694-1735 or amandab_27@hotmail.com

BULLETIN NOTICES: Deadline for bulletin is Wednesday at noon.

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 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 or by calling 573-418-7301.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE WEBSITE: The St. Thomas the Apostle Website (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) 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. 16 Sunday 8:00 a.m.-Dorothy Rehagen
Jan. 23 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Doris Stumpe

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

Jan. 16 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Darin Even & Leonard Schulte
Jan. 23 Sunday 8 8:00 a.m. –Harold Libbert & Anton Libbert

St. Cecilia Servers

Jan. 16 Sunday 8:00 a.m.-
Jan. 23 Sunday 8:00 a.m. –

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Wednesday, 6:05 p.m. – Margaret Brune - Glorious Mysteries
Jan. 16 Sunday 7:35 a.m.- Cathy Borgmeyer–Glorious Mysteries
Jan. 23 Sunday 7:35 a.m.–Dorothy Rehagen–Sorrowful 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. 15 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark & Barb Graessle
Jan. 16 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Ryan & Kelley Buschjost Fam.
Jan. 22 Saturday, 5:00 p.m. -Paul & Jenny Becker
Jan. 23 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Riley & Daffiny Tallent 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 **\$4,145** has been collected.

PASTORS MEDITATION: BAPTISM OF THE LORD. EMPOWERED FOR MISSION BY THE HOLY SPIRIT (Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22)

The Baptism of the Lord is the great event that marks the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. It is the occasion of the first public revelation of all the Three Persons in the Holy Trinity, and the official revelation of Jesus as the Son of God to the world by God the Father.

Jesus' baptism by John was a very important event in the Messianic mission. First it was a moment of identification with us sinners. Sinless, Jesus received the baptism of repentance to identify Himself with His people who realized for the first time that they were sinners. Just like St. Damien, Blessed Mother Teresa, Gandhi, and Mandela identified with the people whom they served.

Second, it was a moment of conviction about Jesus' identity and mission: that He is the Son of God and His mission was to preach the Good News of God's love and salvation and to atone for our sins by becoming the "suffering servant." God the Father's words, "This is My beloved Son," (Psalm 2:17), confirmed Jesus' identity as Incarnate Son of God, and the words "with Whom I am well pleased," (Isaiah 42:1), referring to the "suffering servant, pointed to Jesus' mission of atoning for the sins of the world by suffering and dying on the cross. Third, it was a moment of equipment. The Holy Spirit, descending and resting upon Jesus in the form of a dove, bestowed on Jesus the power to preach and heal. Fourth, receiving the approval of God, His Heavenly Father, as His Beloved Son presented Jesus with a moment of decision to begin public ministry at the most opportune time.

The baptism of Jesus reminds us of our identity. It reminds us of who we are and whose we are. By Baptism we become sons and daughters of God, brothers and sisters of Jesus, members of his Church, heirs of Heaven, and temples of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus' baptism reminds us also of our mission: a) to experience the presence of God within us, to acknowledge our own dignity as God's children, and to appreciate the Divine Presence in others by honoring them, loving them and serving them in all humility; b) to live as the children of God in thought, word and action. c) to lead holy and transparent Christian lives and not to desecrate our bodies (the temples of the Holy Spirit and members of Jesus' Body), by impurity, injustice, intolerance, jealousy, or hatred; d) to accept both the good and the bad experiences of life as the gifts of a loving Heavenly Father for our growth in holiness; e) to grow daily in intimacy with God by personal and family prayers, by meditative reading of the Word of God, by participating in the Holy Mass, and by frequenting the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

It is a day to thank God for the graces we have received in Baptism, to renew our Baptismal promises and to preach Christ's "Good News" by our transparent Christian lives of love, mercy, service and forgiveness.

Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukibi

THE MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION is Tuesday, January 11, at 7:00 p.m. Vitae House.

ST. CECILIA PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING is Thursday, January 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center Basement.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE VIRTUAL WINTER FANTASY: Tickets for the Winter Fantasy for cash prizes of up to \$11,000 will be sold at the St. Thomas Knights of Columbus Pancake & Sausage breakfast on Sunday, January 16 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the K of C Hall. We will also have a few of our Silent Auction items on display. Tickets may also be purchased for \$75 at Speedy B's or by contacting Kim Kliegel at 573-619-9188. The Winter Fantasy Facebook Live Drawing will be held on Saturday, February 5 at 6:30 p.m. The Early Bird winner is Mike Distler who will receive \$100.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE VIRTUAL WINTER FANTASY SILENT AUCTION: 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 Sunday, January 23 to allow time to set up the website. For additional details, go to www.stthomasapostle.net and click on the Event tab.

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!

Sunday, January 16- K of C Breakfast 8-11:30 a.m. – Part of the proceeds to benefit St. Thomas the Apostle School.

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

HELIAS MARCHING BAND is hosting a Trivia Night on Friday, January 21 in the Helias Old Gym. Only \$100 for a full night of fun! Trivia starts at 6:00 p.m. with cash prizes. Contact Amy Bax at amybax99@gmail.com to register your teams!

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.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING is Tuesday, January 11, 7:30 p.m. A rosary will be prayed at 7:15 p.m. Please read the January newsletter attached to the bulletin. The breakfast worklist is on the back of the newsletter.

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.

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

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.



**Blessing and Celebration Mass for our Newly Renovated Church Saturday,
February 19, 2022
Mass and Blessing at 5:00 p.m.
Meal Immediately Following in Parish Center**

Please join fellow parishioners and guests as we celebrate our newly renovated Church. The meal is limited to St. Thomas the Apostle parish families and St. Cecilia parish families. Argyle Catering will provide a meal of fried chicken, gluten free burnt ends and all the fixings. To help defray the cost of the meal, a donation of \$5 per person with a maximum of \$25 per family is requested. You can put the below form and payment in an envelope marked "Renovation RSVP" in the collection basket or you can mail the below form and payment by Monday, February 7th to St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Attention: Jan Heckemeyer, PO Box 146, St. Thomas, MO 65076. We look forward to being together again with our Church family in the newly renovated Church.

TO RSVP, RETURN THIS FORM AND PAYMENT BY MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH to St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Attention: Jan Heckemeyer, PO Box 146, St. Thomas MO 65706 OR put your RSVP and payment in the collection basket in an envelope marked "Renovation RSVP".

NAME: _____

NUMBER ATTENDING: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED:

SIGNATURE: _____

