

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

St. Cecilia
in Meta

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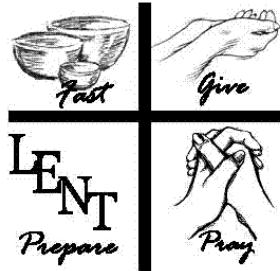
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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 10, 2019

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St. Thomas Parish Office hours: Tuesdays 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.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.

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 March 11-17:

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Albert Plassmeyer
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – *Stations of the Cross*

Friday 7:45 a.m. – Alex Heckman
Friday 6:00 p.m. - *Stations of the Cross*
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Pat Kliegel

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2018-2019:	\$305,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End:	\$228,753.00
Actual Collection for 2018-2019:	\$201,943.72
Offertory Difference Year to Date:	– \$ 26,809.28
Offertory Goal per month:	\$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

March 3	\$ 4,325.50
March 10	\$
March 17	\$
March 24	\$
March 31	\$

Collection Online:

March total to date:	\$ 8,967.50
Difference for March:	- \$16,449.50

St. Thomas the Apostle Expansion & Building Fund

Total Expansion Project expenses paid:	\$2,273,475.34
Income from parishioners for FY 2018-2019 (via the yellow "Building Fund" envelope):	\$20,589.65
Loan payments to date for FY 2018-2019:	\$73,821.92
(Principal) \$65,749.72 (Interest) \$8,072.20	
Parish Building Expansion Debt remaining:	\$243,415.51

St. Thomas the Apostle Cantor / Organist

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Lisa Wieberg / Annette Kehner
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Judy Schroeder / Annette Kehner

St. Thomas the Apostle Reader

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Amanda Wooten
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Daffiny Tallent

St. Thomas the Apostle Altar Servers

Weekday – Rowan Buechter, Madi Buschjost, Annaline Schroeder
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ethan & Noah Luebbering, Cale Luebbert
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Isaac & Ava Rackers, Kenzie & Avery Libbert

St. Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of March 11-17:

Stations of the Cross 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 6:30p.m. – Gus Kelly

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Jason Hake
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Roman & Geneva Plassmeyer

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2018-2019:	\$62,000.00
Collection Total for 2018-2019:	\$44,820.22
Offertory Goal per month:	\$ 5,166.67

Collection in Church:

March 3	\$ 770.00
March 10	\$
March 17	\$
March 24	\$
March 31	\$
March total to date:	\$ 770.00
Difference for March:	- \$ 4,396.67

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

March – Pam Libbert & Marie Lueckenotto
April – Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer

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

St. Cecilia Reader

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. –Cathy Borgmeyer
Saturday 7:00 p.m. –Jennifer Even
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Don Wansing

St. Cecilia Altar Servers

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – *servers needed*
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Madalyn Veltrop, Skyla & Jesse Schroeder

***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
March 16-17

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Betty Schellman, Mark & Barb Graessle
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mike & Sheri Wieberg, Millie Wieberg

March 23-24

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Lora Boessen, Mark Luebbering,
Pat Kaiser
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Shirley Volmert, Bill & Betty Jo
Luebbering

St. Thomas Greeters/Ushers

March 16-17

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Richard Schellman & Fred Luebbering
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Ryan Buschjost & Jim Lueckenhoff

March 23-24

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark Boessen & Mike Groner
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Larry Lueckenhoff & Art Groner

St. Thomas Presentation of Gifts at Mass

March 16-17

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark & Barb Grasessle
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Alan & Lynne Reinkemeyer

March 23-24

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark & Lora Boessen Family
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Al & Jan Carter

St. Thomas Collection Counters

March 16-17 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes
March 23-24 – Jennifer Schroeder & Stephanie Cortvrient
March 30-31 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday 7:25 a.m. – Pat Loethen – Sorrowful
Friday 7:25 a.m. – Bob Schellman – Sorrowful
Saturday 4:40 p.m. – Paul Becker – Sorrowful
Sunday 9:40 a.m. – Tina Stockman – Sorrowful

St. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
March 16-17

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Betty Hagenhoff, Dorothy Rehagen,
Bonnie Kampeter

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

March 23-24

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Lou Kloepfel, Brenda Wansing,
Doris Stumpe

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

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

March 16-17

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Darin Even, Randy Hagenhoff,
Lou Kloepfel, Mitch Stumpe

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Tony Derkum, Leon Schanzmeyer,
Kenny Otto, Dominic Plassmeyer

March 23-24

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Brendan Stumpe, Darin Even,
Randy Hagenhoff, Lou Kloepfel

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Larry Lueckenotto, Leonard Schulte,
Harold Libbert, Anton Libbert

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

No rosary before Wednesday Mass during Lent, due to
Stations of the Cross.

Saturday 6:40 p.m. – Dorothy Rehagen – Sorrowful

Sunday 7:40 a.m. – Mary Plassmeyer – Sorrowful

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.

SNACKS FOR QUILTERS:

Thursday, March 14 – Carolyn Loethen & Pat Loethen Thursday, March 21 – Pat Luebbering (Andy) & Katie Luebbering
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 Strope
573-477-3349 or Emily Luebbering 573-477-3459.

BISHOP MCKNIGHT'S MARCH PRAYER INTENTION: "For a penitential spirit that our observance of Lent may open our won
hearts to greater sorrow for sins that offend our love of God and neighbor."

THE PARISH OFFICE will be closed Tuesday, March 12.

BULLETIN NOTICES: Deadline for bulletin notices is noon on Wednesday.

A NOTE OF THANKS!

Thank you to the "Snow Crew" at St. Thomas on Sunday, March 3. The crew showed up early to clear the parking lot and
sidewalks. Great job to the following volunteers who made the work easier: Matt Kliegel Jason Buschjost, Randy Buschjost,
Paul Becker, Marc Rackers, Steve Schellman, Ryan Wieberg, Alan Reinkemeyer and anyone else that we may have missed.
Thank you to everyone who has pitched in to help in any way during this transition.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS FOR 2018 will be available in the back of St. Thomas the Apostle Church & St. Cecilia Church
in alphabetized boxes. Please pick up your envelope to aid in your tax preparation.

OPERATION RICE BOWL: Operation Rice Bowl is a faith-in-action program that helps us experience Lenten spirituality by
living in solidarity with people in need around the world. Proceeds raised will help our less fortunate brothers & sisters in our
Diocese and around the world. Be sure to pick up your cardboard Rice Bowl at the entrances of Church.

MINISTRY TO THE ILL & INFIRM: If you are preparing for surgery, recovering from surgery, homebound or ill, please let
MaryPat Luebbering (573-477-3476) know so that you have the opportunity to receive the Sacraments and pastoral care.

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 PARISH HAM & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST POST MEETING is Wednesday, March 13 at 6:45 p.m. in the parish
cafeteria.

SCRIP: **March 16-17** - Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kerry Meyer Sunday 10:00 a.m. – April Heckman

Visit www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrup for more information about the Scrip program. Scrip is available after every other
weekend Mass in St. Thomas. You can contact Lindsay Luebbering at 573-680-4920 or Karen Luebbering at 573-301-5835 to
purchase anytime. A large variety of cards in various denominations are in stock and available for purchase.

HEART OF A PRIEST RELIC PILGRIMAGE OF ST. JEAN VIANNEY'S INCORRUPT HEART is Saturday, March 16 at the
Cathedral of St. Joseph, Jefferson City. Veneration 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.; Mass 8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.; Reflection 10:00 a.m.-
2:00 p.m. Adoration 8:30 a.m. – 5:15 p.m.; Confession 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

PRAYER HOUR WITH MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION will be held on Tuesday, March 12 at 7:00 p.m. in St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

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 Ms. Jaycine Bax at jbaxstacs@gmail.com. The Pre-School program *will* be offered during the summer.

BOX TOPS: Please save Box Tops for Education, Coke Points & Best Choice Labels. Please drop them by the St. Thomas School Office or in the boxes in the entrances of St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL SPRING PLANT FUNDRAISER: Basket & Patio planters, sun & shade flowers. Orders due: March 11, plant pick up is Friday, May 10 from 3:00-6:00 p.m. Please call the school office at 573-477-3322 or any St. Thomas the Apostle School student.

CONGRATULATIONS to our winners at the Diocesan Regional Speech Meet that was held this past Saturday at St. Martins. Our students all received blue ribbons and they are: Colton Libbert, Grace Luebbering, Isaac Rackers, Henry Schroeder, Savanna Wieberg & Sadie Wolken. Congratulations to these students and their coach, Mrs. Jeanette Schroeder!

CONGRATULATIONS to our winners from the Diocesan Vocations day Essay/Poster Contest that was held this past January. Our winners are: Evelyn Wooten in Kindergarten, Cami Libbert in 1st Grade, Henry Fine in 4th Grade and Sophie Fine in 5th Grade. Congratulations to these students and they also received a \$10.00 gift card from Chick-fil-A for their effort!!

CONGRATULATIONS to two of our students who place in the top three at our St. Thomas the Apostle Archery Meet that was held on March 1. Klint Luebbering took 1st place in the Middle School Boys Division and Kylie Hoeller Rademan took 2nd place in the Elementary Girls Division. Congratulations to these two students and to all of our archers who completed at the meet!

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesday, March 13 – Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 15- Report Cards go Home

Tuesday, March 19 – Diocesan Music Appreciation Day

Wednesday, March 20 – Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 22 – No School, State Archery Meet, Branson

Tuesday, March 26 – Parish School Advisory Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m. in the Vitae House

Friday, March 29 – Preschool Sneak Peek

THE WILLIAM B. SIMON SCHOLARSHIP FUND awards scholarships to Catholic students in the Jefferson City Diocese who are in financial need for attending an accredited college of the student's choice. The scholarship is \$1,000 per semester. Please call the parish or school office for details and application. Students from St. Thomas have been awarded this scholarship in the past. Applications must be postmarked or returned to the Chancery by March 31, 2019. All applicants will be notified of the results by May 1, 2019.

THE META OVER 50 CLUB is gathering on Thursday, March for their monthly get together in the Parish Center, eating at noon. Come join the group for lunch & visiting.

ST. CECILIA CEMETERY: The St. Cecilia annual Cemetery meeting for 2019 will be held on Monday, March 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the parish center. Please plan to attend.

THE NEXT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING is Tuesday, March 12 at 7:30 p.m. A rosary will be prayed at 7:15 p.m. The March newsletter is attached to the bulletin.

ST. THOMAS CEMETERY DUES: The new dues are \$10.00 per family (\$5.00 for single persons). Family members becoming the head of a separate household are not covered under their parent's membership. Also, anyone after their 21st birthday must pay their own dues of \$5.00. Please note: Anyone falling in arrears over 5 years must pay \$100.00 to rejoin plus current dues. Please put your payment in the collection basket marked "Cemetery Dues" or mail to: St. Thomas Cemetery Association, c/o Lisa Lackman, 2222, Upper Bottom Road. St. Thomas, MO 65076. You may contact Lisa, if you have questions about your current or past dues, at 573-338-2703.

ST. THOMAS/META REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER BALL: St. Thomas/Meta registration is still going on. Boys & girls ages 6-15 are eligible. Registration fees are \$50.00 for first child, \$30.00 for second child and \$10.00 for third child with a cap of \$90.00 per family. After March 14 there will be a \$10.00 late fee per child. Registration for Fun League will also be held for boys and girls ages 5-6 at this time: registration fee is \$20.00 for each child. To get a registration form or if you have any questions, please contact Lisa Wieberg at 573-999-7351 or lisakorte@hotmail.com

VITAE FOUNDATION'S 27TH ANNUAL PRO-LIFE EVENT will be on Tuesday, April 2, 2019, at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City. The featured speaker is Monica Crowley, political and foreign affairs analyst for the Fox News Channel, and host of the nationally syndicated radio program The Monica Crowley Show. Tickets are \$100 for dinner and \$50 for luncheon. For reservations, visit our website at www.VitaeFoundation.org/events or call 573-634-4316.

SAVE THE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR:

Sunday, March 10, 2019 – St. Thomas the Apostle Ham & Sausage Breakfast

Friday, March 15, 2019 – St. Thomas/Meta K of C Fish Fry in Parish Center

Sunday, May 5, 2019 – St. Thomas the Apostle School 30th Anniversary Celebration

June 1-7, 2019 – TOTUS TUUS Summer Camp in St. Thomas the Apostle and St. Cecilia Parishes

Saturday, June 29, 2019 – 4:00 p.m. Sesquicentennial Mass with Bishop McKnight at St. Thomas the Apostle; catered dinner and dance for parishioners who RSVP.

Sunday, July 14, 2019 - St. Cecilia Parish Picnic

Sunday, August 18, 2019 – St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Picnic

Sunday, October 6, 2019 – St. Thomas Parish Sesquicentennial Celebration Homecoming for the public

Saturday, November 2, 2019 – St. Thomas Parish Fall Fantasy

ST. GEORGE CHURCH, LINN MISSION: Journey to Joy starring Frank Runyeon is March 19, 20 & 21 at 7:00 p.m. Come & enjoy the dramatic interpretation on a variety of topics. The event is free to the public, but a goodwill offering will be taken for those wishing to help defray the cost to St. George Parish.

ST. ELIZABETH CYO BREAKFAST is Sunday, March 3, serving sausage, biscuits & gravy, hash-browns, scrambled eggs from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Adults \$10.00, children 6-12 \$5.00 at the St. Elizabeth Community Center.

COUNTRY HAM & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST, ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH is Sunday, March 10, serving ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, hash browns, applesauce, biscuits & gravy from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Adults \$10.00, children 6-12 \$5.00. Country store, craft stand & raffle. Carry-outs available.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH CHILI SUPPER BABBTOWN is Sunday, March 10, serving chili, chili dogs, hot dogs, homemade chicken noodle soup, cinnamon rolls, pie and other desserts. Adults \$6.00, children 4-10 \$3.00.

ST. THOMAS/META KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY is Friday, March 15, serving fish fillets (Gluten Free) Hushpuppies, baked potatoes, French fries, baked beans & coleslaw from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Adults \$11.00, children \$5.00. Dine in or carryout dinners served in St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Center.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH CHICKEN DINNER, WESTPHALIA is Sunday, March 17, serving fried chicken dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Adults \$10.00, children 5-12 \$5.00. Carry-outs available until 6:45 p.m.

CHILI DINNER & PITCH TOURNAMENT: Come and join the Blair Oaks FFA Washington Leadership Conference for a Chili Dinner and Pitch Tournament as they raise money for their trip to Washington D.C., March 10 at Wardsville Lions Club, Pitch Tournament Registration 3:00 p.m.; Pitch Tournament to begin at 4:00; \$30.00 per team and all you can eat; just for Chili Dinner \$10.00 all you can eat; serving from 3:00-7:00 Chili, Grilled Cheese, and Hot Dogs; 50/50 Raffle/Country Store. For pitch tournament sign up please contact Angie Thessen @ 573-528-9788 or Jennifer Borgmeyer @ 573-338-0049

MOST PURE HEART OF MARY PARISH SEAFOOD BUFFETS CHAMOIS is Friday, March 15 & Friday, April 5, serving fish, frog legs & shrimp from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Adults \$15.00, ages 5-12 \$8.00. Buy a full-priced adult meal on March 15 and receive a coupon worth \$1.00 off adult meal on April 5.

27TH ANNUAL UNITED DAY IN PRAYER – MARCH 16-27: Presented by Father Matthew Flatley, the diocesan moderator for spiritual formation, the theme of the 27th Annual United Day in Prayer will be "Forgiveness; The Path to Freedom ... the Freedom to Choose Love." It will be held March 16, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the A.J. Schwartz Memorial Catholic Center, 2207 West Main St. in Jefferson City. Newcomers to Centering Prayer will be offered a mini-introduction to learn this simple yet profound method of prayer. Free-will offerings will be accepted to help cover the cost of the event, which is hosted by the Cathedral of St. Joseph Centering Prayer Group and facilitated by Contemplative Outreach of Central Missouri. For more information, including a printable flyer, visit <https://cocemo.org/united-day-in-prayer> or contact Carol Steinman at 573-422-3878. Registration is not required but helpful to assure we have adequate handouts.

WARDSVILLE/OSAGE BEND K OF C FISH FRY is Friday March 22 in the St. Stanislaus Parish Gym. Serving catfish fillets, baked potatoes, French fries, baked beans, cole slaw, home-made rolls from 4:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Cost is Adults \$12.00, Children (6-12) \$6.00, Children 5 and under are free. Beverage available for purchase.

THE GREAT I AM A WOMEN'S RETREAT is hosted by St. Stanislaus Church in Wardsville on Sunday March 31st from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Presenters are LeAnn Korsmeyer, Sister Kathleen Wegman, Stephanie Rankin, Jeanne Livers and Millie Aulber. Cost is \$20.00 which includes lunch. Doors open at 11:00 a.m. You can register by calling the parish office at 573-636-4925 between 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday or by filling out our registration form which can be found on our website at www.ststan.net, click on church and then click on Adult tab. All are welcome!

SENIOR CITIZEN'S DAY AT FATIMA HIGH SCHOOL is Thursday, March 21. There will be a musical program in the gym starting at 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be provided to all attending starting at 12:40 p.m., courtesy of the Osage County RIII Board of Education. Bus transportation will be provided from St. Cecilia Church, Meta. Please meet at 10:35 a.m./Folk at 11:00 a.m. We encourage everyone to take advantage of this free transportation. Transportation will be available for those needing a ride from the gym to the cafeteria after the musical program.

WARDSVILLE/OSAGE BEND KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HOME ASSOCIATION CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT is Friday, May 17 at Redfield Golf Course, Eugene. 36 team limit, \$400 per team / \$100 per person. Cash prizes awarded for each flight. Hole Sponsors \$100.00 per hole. Lunch provided. For tournament registration and information, please contact: Jeff Ahlers 573-694-0291, Mark Heckman 573-680-5535, Leo Ahlers 573-291-3122 or Don Keever 573-690-2866.

LOOSE CREEK 175TH BOOK FOR SALE: The Loose Creek Book Committee is taking orders for Volume IV of the "Growing of Loose Creek". This hardbound book contains over 700 family histories of people who lived in Loose Creek from the early settlers until the present day and will be available during the parish's 175-year celebration in October, 2020. The pre-paid cost of this book is now \$55 until Oct. 1, 2019, then cost will go up to \$60. Also for sale is volumes I, II, of the "Growing of Loose Creek" and volume III (available in June, 2019). These volumes contain pictures of the life and times of parish people. For more information contact, Janice Backes at 573- 619-8149 or Janice@midmomicro.com.