

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

**St. Cecilia**  
in Meta

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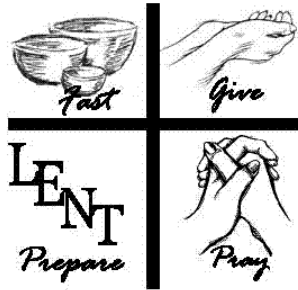
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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**MARCH 11, 2018**

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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 March 11-18:**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Wm & Rufina Boessen  
Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Becky Strobe  
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – Albert Plassmeyer  
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Geneva Plassmeyer  
*Stations of the Cross immediately following Mass in school gym*  
Friday 7:45 a.m. – Henrietta Kroll  
*Stations of the Cross 6:00 p.m. in church*  
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Josephine Heckman  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – John Boessen

**Your Sunday Offering:**

Offertory Budget for 2017-2018:	\$305,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End:	\$228,753.00
Actual Collection for 2017-2018:	<b>\$205,305.14</b>
Offertory Difference Year to Date:	– \$ 23,447.86
Offertory Goal per month:	\$ 25,417.00

**Collection in Church:**

March 4	\$ 4,648.00
March 11	\$
March 18	\$
March 25	\$

**Collection Online:** \$ 5,042.00  
**March total to date:** \$ **9,690.00**  
Difference for March: – \$15,727.00

**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):	<b>\$20,900.45</b>
Loan payments to date for FY 2017-2018:	<b>\$73,821.92</b>
(Principal) \$63,283.37 (Interest) \$10,538.55	
Parish Building Expansion Debt remaining:	<b>\$333,438.89</b>

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

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Amanda Wooten / Annette Kehner  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Lisa Wieberg / Jackie Prenger

**St. Thomas the Apostle Reader**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Carolyn Loethen  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Stephanie Cortvrient

**St. Thomas the Apostle Altar Servers**

Weekday – Annie Stewart & Ethan Luebbering  
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ethan & Noah Luebbering,  
Cale Luebbert, Owen Schellman  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Henry Buschjost,  
Erika Luebbering, Dorothy Lackman, Madi Buschjost

**Saint Cecilia**

**Mass Schedule for the Week of March 11-18:**

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Rita & Doug Kampeter  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Martina Goeller  
  
6:00 p.m. *Stations of the Cross before Wednesday Mass*  
Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Martina Goeller

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Donna Scheulen

**Your Sunday Offering:**

Offertory Budget for 2017-2018:	\$62,000.00
Collection Total for 2017-2018:	<b>\$45,382.15</b>
Offertory Goal per month:	\$ 5,166.67

**Collection in Church:**

March 4	\$ 1,207.00
March 11	\$
March 18	\$
March 25	\$

**March total to date:** \$ **1,207.00**  
Difference for March: – \$ 3,959.67

***Please remember your parish in your last will & testament.***

**St. Cecilia Collection Counters**

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

**St. Cecilia Reader**

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer  
Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Betty Hagenhoff  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Don Wansing

**St. Cecilia Altar Servers**

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – *servers needed*  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Melina Derkum & Sophie Bock

*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 17-18**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Paul & Jenny Becker, Marshall Boessen  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Lynne Reinkemeyer, Mattheuw Prenger, Keith Kliethermes

#### **March 24-25**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mike & Trish Green, Betty Schellman  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Rob Henson, Rosalyn Wieberg, Janet Lueckenhoff

### **St. Thomas Greeters/Ushers**

*\*please ring tower bells at least 10 minutes before weekend Masses\**

#### **March 17-18**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark Boessen & Mike Groner  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Alan Reinkemeyer & Doug Stockman

#### **March 24-25**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Steve Schellman & Gilbert Schellman  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – TJ Loethen & Mattheuw Prenger

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

#### **March 17-18**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Alfred & Margie Kaiser  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Tom & Carol Backes Family

#### **March 24-25**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark & Lauri Luebbering  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Eugene & MaryPat Luebbering

### **St. Thomas Collection Counters**

March 17-18 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes

March 24-25 – Jennifer Schroeder & Stephanie Cortvrient

March 31-April 1 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman

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

Tuesday 7:25 a.m. – Joann Heckman – Sorrowful

Wednesday 7:25 a.m. – Pat Loethen – Sorrowful

Thursday 7:25 a.m. – Viola Boessen – Luminous

Friday 7:25 a.m. – Gilbert & Hermina Strobe – Sorrowful

Saturday 4:40 p.m. – Marilyn Herigon – Sorrowful

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

### **SCRIP: March 17-18**

Saturday – Karen Luebbering      Sunday – Amy Luebbering

Visit [www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip](http://www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/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, March 15** – Susan Wood & Amanda Wooten      **Thursday, March 22** – Kimberly Akin & Carol Backes

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 K OF C FISH FRY RESULTS (February 23):** Served 446 adults & 47 children. Total Profit \$3,100.



### **HOLY WEEK**

### **HOLY WEEK & SACRED TRIDUUM SCHEDULE FOR 2018:**

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, March 25.** Procession with palms from Parish Center into Church, 8:00 a.m. at St. Cecilia (weather permitting). Procession with palms from Parish school building into Church, 10:00 a.m. at St. Thomas (weather permitting).

**Tuesday, March 27** – 7:45 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle

**Spy Wednesday, March 28,** 7:45 a.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle; 6:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. Mass and Stations of the Cross at St. Cecilia.

**Holy Thursday, March 29,** 7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper at St. Thomas the Apostle. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight. Please sign up for spending an hour with the Lord in adoration.

**Good Friday, March 30** – 3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross at St. Cecilia

7:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy at St. Thomas the Apostle. *Day of Fast & Abstinence*

**Holy Saturday, March 31** – 8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil at St. Cecilia

**Easter Sunday, April 1** – 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Cecilia, 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle

**EXTREMELY LOW GLUTEN HOSTS** (Less than 0.01% gluten) are available to those parishioners who are highly sensitive to wheat. Please contact Fr. Secrist to determine particulars of distribution and reception of the low-gluten hosts.

**PLEASE SIGN UP FOR THE VARIOUS LITURGICAL MINISTRIES** during Holy Week and the Triduum. Sign-up sheets are on clip boards located at entrances of St. Cecilia & St. Thomas the Apostle Churches. Please check the bulletin for ministry assignments.

**MUSIC FOR HOLY WEEK** with the turn of the calendar, Easter is now less than a month away! As we journey together through this Lenten season, those interested in singing for any or all of the Masses and Liturgies (Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday) are invited to join us as we prepare the music. BOTH St. Cecilia & St. Thomas the Apostle parishioners are welcome and encouraged to be a part of this very special journey, regardless of the location of the Triduum Liturgy. Please contact Annette Kehner at 573-680-2824 or [AnnetteKehner@mail.com](mailto:AnnetteKehner@mail.com) so enough copies and books will be available at the rehearsals.

Rehearsals will be in the St. Thomas the Apostle School music room (on cafeteria level) every Tuesday night, starting promptly at 7:00 p.m. and ending at 8:15 p.m. There are two rehearsals before Palm Sunday (March 25) and three before the Holy Triduum (March 29-31). If you can commit of your energy, time and talent for these rehearsals you will find them to be a rewarding experience, personally and spiritually.

**CONTACT INFORMATION FOR ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:** Annette Kehner

email: [AnnetteKehner@mail.com](mailto:AnnetteKehner@mail.com) Phone: 573-680-2824

### **St. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

#### **March 17-18**

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

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

#### **March 24-25**

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

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

### **St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers**

#### **March 17-18**

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

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

#### **March 24-25**

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

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Kenny Otto, Larry Lueckenotto, 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. – Janice Schanzmeyer – Sorrowful

**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.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be prayed at **8:30 a.m. on Thursdays & 6:00 p.m. on Fridays** at St. Thomas the Apostle and at **6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays** at St. Cecilia Parish.

**OPERATION RICE BOWL:** This Lent, our community will have the opportunity to participate in the Catholic Relief Services 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 to Church

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SANCTUARY FLOORING:** with the sanctuary furnishings having been returned to their places after the installation of the maple hardwood flooring, please know that discussion is underway regarding the installation of a hand rail on the ambo side of church. Many thanks to all of the parishioners and students who assisted in the "spring cleaning" of Church this week.

**CONFIRMATION PREPARATION** class will be Wednesday, March 14 in the Parish Center at St. Cecilia .

**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.

**LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES** All Penance Services begin at 7:00 p.m., unless otherwise indicated

March 11 St. Stanislaus, Wardsville (6:30 p.m.)

March 13 St. Joseph, Westphalia

March 14 Sacred Heart, Rich Fountain

March 15 Immaculate Conception, Loose Creek

**TUESDAY, March 20 St. Thomas the Apostle, St. Thomas**

March 28 Our Lady Help of Christians, Frankenstein

**PRAYER HOUR WITH MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION** will be held on Tuesday, March 13 at 7:00 p.m. in St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PRAYER LINE REQUESTS** should be emailed to Jenny Becker at [jbeckeroffice@gmail.com](mailto:jbeckeroffice@gmail.com) or by calling (573) 690-0642. The Prayer Line exists to communicate prayer intentions for those in need of healing.

**ST. CECILIA EASTER FLOWERS:** Anyone interested in making a monetary donation for Easter flowers in memory of loved ones is asked to place the donation along with PRINTED names to be remembered in an envelope and place in the collection basket **by March 25**. The names will be printed in the Easter Sunday bulletin, April 1.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE EASTER FLOWERS:** Anyone interested in making a monetary donation for the Easter flowers in memory of loved ones is asked to place the donation along with PRINTED names to be remembered in an envelope and place in the collection basket **by March 25**. The names will be published in the Easter Sunday Bulletin, April 1.

**CHRISM MASS:** Bishop W. Shawn McKnight invites you to attend our annual Chrism Mass at the Cathedral Church of St. Joseph, 2215 W. Main St., Jefferson City on Thursday, March 22 at 5:30 p.m. This Liturgy unites the Diocese in recalling the gifts of the Holy Priesthood and the Most Holy Eucharist. The Oil of the Sick and the Oil of the Catechumens are blessed and the Sacred Chrism is consecrated at this time. These Holy Oils impact the lives of those who are preparing to enter into the Church, those who are ill, and all preparing for Confirmation and Holy Orders.

**THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST FILM** (2004, directed by Mel Gibson) will be shown on Palm Sunday, March 25 at 4:30 p.m. in the St. Cecilia Parish Center basement. Please bring snacks to share. All are invited.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PRESCHOOL:** It's that time of year again: St. Thomas Preschool is busy making plans for the 2018-2019 school year. If you have a preschool age child and have been thinking about Preschool, please contact the school office at (573-477-3322) or Mrs. Kirkweg at [mkirkweg@embarqmail.com](mailto:mkirkweg@embarqmail.com).

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PRESCHOOL SNEAK PEEK** is Thursday, March 15, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. School wide tour, parent questions/answers, yummy breakfast, gonoodle dancing, fun games & more. For more information please call Mrs. Melanie Kirkweg 573-690-5888 or Miss Jaycine Bax 573-821-1179 or the school office 573-477-3322.

**WINNERS AT THE DIOCESAN REGIONAL SPEECH MEET** that was held here at St. Thomas the Apostle School last Saturday. Receiving blue ribbons were: Isaac Rackers, Colton Libbert, Brie Heckman & Fayeth Prenger. Those receiving red ribbons were Sadie Wolken and Henry Schroeder. Congratulations to their coach Mrs. Jeanette Schroeder.

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

March 12 – No School, Diocesan Professional Day for Teachers

March 13 – Freddy's fundraiser, please tell cashier St. Thomas the Apostle School and the school will receive 15% of the sales.

March 15 – Preschool Sneak Peek 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

March 23-24 – State Archery Meet in Branson

March 29 – Holy Thursday – No School

March 30 – Good Friday – No School

April 2 – Easter Monday – No School

**BOX TOPS:** Please continue to save Box Tops, Best Choice labels & coke points and send to the St. Thomas School office or drop box in the side entrance of St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

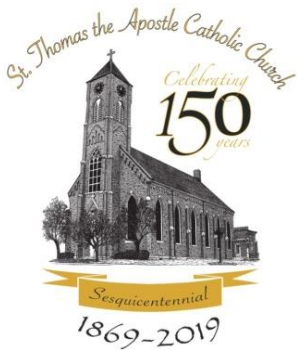
**ST. THOMAS CEMETERY DUES:** The new dues are \$10.00 per family (\$5.00 for single persons). Family members becoming the head of a separate household are not covered under their parent's membership. Also, anyone after their 21st birthday must pay their own dues of \$5. Please note: Anyone falling in 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.

**THE NEXT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING** is Tuesday, March 13 at 7:30 p.m. A rosary will be prayed at 7:15 p.m. The March newsletter is attached to the bulletin.

**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 see Fr. Secrist at the rectory 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, 2018. All applicants will be notified of the results by May 1, 2018.

**ST. CECILIA ANNUAL CEMETERY MEETING** is scheduled for Monday, March 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the parish center. Subjects to be discussed include financial report, reviewing by laws and other concerns anyone may have.

**DO YOU BELIEVE IN MIRACLES? –Seeing is believing** Parish Mission presentations by Tim Francis, Sunday, March 11 at Sacred Heart Church in Eldon, 3:00-5:30 p.m.



**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SESQUICENTENNIAL HISTORY BOOK:** Please pick up your family's envelope in the back of St. Thomas the Apostle Church. Inside the envelope you will find a copy of your family's narrative from the draft history book. Please review the content and let Roseanne Boessen know if you see any corrections needed to your narrative. The envelope may also contain photos you provided to Roseanne. If you don't have an envelope in the back of church, then Roseanne needs a family narrative and photos from you. Mail your corrections, photos, and/or your family narrative to Roseanne at 1304 Upper Bottom Rd, St. Thomas MO, 65076 or email her at: [eboessen@centurylink.net](mailto:eboessen@centurylink.net). Please send these to Roseanne no later than April 30th. Questions? Please call her at 573-477-0168.

**FATIMA SENIOR CITIZEN'S DAY:** Our annual "Senior Citizen's Day" will be held at Fatima on **Wednesday, March 21.** There will be a musical program in the gym starting at 11:30 a.m. Lunch will then be provided to all attending starting at 12:40 p.m., courtesy of the Osage County R-III Board of Education. Bus transportation will be provided from your church according to the following schedule: **Bus D** – Meta at 10:35 a.m./Folk at 11:00 a.m. We encourage everyone to take advantage of this free transportation. Transportation will also be available for those needing a ride from the gym to the cafeteria after the musical program.

**ST. ANDREW KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY, HOLTS SUMMIT:** Friday March 16. Serving catfish, spaghetti, baked beans, baked potato, French fries, cornbread, slaw & dessert. Adults \$11.00, children 6-12 \$5.00.

**CHICKEN DINNER, ST. JOSEPH PARISH, WESTPHALIA:** Sunday, March 18. Serving country fried chicken dinners family style 11:00 a.m.- 6:30 p.m.. Adults \$9.00, children \$4.50 and children under 5 free.

**RELAY FOR LIFE EVENT: Paint, Sip & Repeat** is Friday, March 23 at the St. Thomas Knights of Columbus Hall. Doors open at 6:00 p.m., painting starts at 6:30 p.m. \$30.00 per person. To RSVP, please contact Kim Kliegel 573-6199188. First 25 to RSVP will be included in a drawing.

**SHROUD ENCOUNTER:** Could the ancient Jewish linen cloth be the actual burial shroud of Jesus? Explore the mystery of the Shroud of Turin with international expert Russ Breault on Saturday, March 24 at 5:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Church in Pilot Grove.

**CITY OF ST. THOMAS CITY ISSUE ON APRIL BALLOT:** Shall the City of St. Thomas apply and collect the local sales tax on the titling of motor vehicles, trailers, boats and outboard motors that were purchased from a source other than a licensed Missouri dealer? Approval of this measure will not result in a reduction of local revenue. This provides for vital services for the City of St. Thomas and it will not place Missouri dealers of motor vehicle, outboard motors, boats, and trailers at a competitive disadvantage to non-Missouri dealers of motor vehicles, outboard motors, boats and trailers.

**SAVE THE DATES:**

**MUSIC FOR ORGAN & TRUMPET – 4:00 p.m., Sunday, April 29** at St. Thomas the Apostle.

**ST. CECILIA PARISH PICNIC – Sunday, July 8, 2018**

**TOTUS TUUS SUMMER CAMP AT ST. THOMAS & ST. CECILIA PARISHES – July 14-20, 2018**

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PICNIC – Sunday, August 19, 2018**

**PARISH VITALITY PRAYER**

Eternal God, Father most holy, whose Son established the Church, promising that the power of evil would never prevail against her, stir up our faith and bolster our perseverance,

that our faith may vitalize our parishes and our perseverance maintain our outreach.

You have taught us that dying to self and obedience to the Church are essential to holiness, peace and unity.

Preserve our unity as one Diocesan Church,

and may the spouse of the Holy Spirit, the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

protect us with her mantle and intercede for us with her prayer.

Through Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.