

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

St. Cecilia
in Meta

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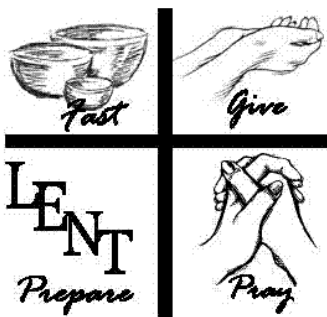
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 13, 2016

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St. Thomas Parish Office hours: Tuesdays 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Thursdays 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 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 13-20:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – L&D Alfred & Angeline Berhorst Family
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Geneva Plassmeyer
Tuesday 7:45 a.m. –Herb Volmert
Wednesday 7:45 a.m.– Jerome & Lucy Luebbering
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – David Borgmeyer
Stations of the Cross immediately following Thursday Mass
Friday 7:45 a.m. – Mary Ann Schmidt
6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – L&D Jerome & Dot Buschjost Family

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2015-2016:	\$305,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End:	\$228,753.00
Actual Collection for 2015-2016:	\$197,364.03
Offertory Difference Year to Date:	- \$31,388.97
Offertory Goal per month:	\$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

March 6	\$4,940.00
March 13	\$
March 20	\$
March 27	\$

Collection Online:

March total to date:	\$9,224.00
Difference for March:	- \$16,193.00

St. Thomas the Apostle Expansion & Building Fund

Total Expansion Project expenses paid:
\$2,273,475.34
Income from parishioners for fiscal year 2015-2016
(via the yellow "Building Fund" envelope): **\$20,357.00**
Loan payments to date for FY 2015-2016: **\$83,049.66**
(Principal) \$65,681.08 (Interest) \$17,368.58
Parish Building Expansion Debt remaining: **\$518,372.46**

St. Thomas Cantor / Organist

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Amanda Wooten/Elizabeth
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Choir/Jackie

St. Thomas Reader/ Petitions

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kathy Graessle & Lauri Luebbering
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jan Heckemeyer & Jim Lueckenhoff

St. Thomas Altar Servers

Weekday: Carson Libbert & Isabelle Brenneke
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Bruno Puleo, Andrew Luebbering,
Owen Schellman
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Kenzie & Lane Libbert,
Jeremy Stockman, Grace Boessen

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of March 13-20:

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Jason Hake
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – People of our Parishes
6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross before Wednesday Mass
Wednesday 6:30 p.m. –Josephine Werdehausen

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Lawrence & Scott Otto
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Roman & Geneva Plassmeyer

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2015-2016:	\$60,471.51
Collection Total for 2015-2016:	\$42,756.01
Offertory Goal per month:	\$ 5,039.29

Collection in Church:

March 6	\$1,334.00
March 13	\$
March 20	\$
March 27	\$
March total to date:	\$
Difference for March:	- \$3,705.29

Please remember your parish in your last will & testament.

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

March – Marie Lueckenotto & Pam Libbert

St. Cecilia Reader / Petitions

Wednesday –Doris Stumpe
Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Jennifer Even & Cathy Borgmeyer
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Don Wansing & Dominic Plassmeyer

St. Cecilia Altar Servers

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Zachary & Joshua Even,
Ben & Henry Schroeder
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Nicholas & Shelby Wankum,
Ava & Saiga Werdehausen

Please sign up for the various ministries during Holy Week and the Triduum. Sign up sheets are located at entrances of both St. Cecilia and St. Thomas the Apostle churches.

St. Thomas Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

March 19-20

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Leeroy Budnik, Mark & Barb Graessle
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Linda Lueckenhoff, Glenn Prenger,
Gilbert & Hermina Strobe, Millie Wieberg
Holy Saturday (March 26) 8:00 p.m. – *sign up on sheets*
Easter Sunday (March 27) 10:00 a.m. – *sign up on sheets*

St. Thomas Greeters/Ushers

March 19-20

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mike Groner & Dave Luebbering
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Tom Backes & Alan Cortvrient
Holy Saturday (March 26) 8:00 p.m. -

St. Thomas Presentation of Gifts at Mass

March 19-20

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Steve & Katrina Schellman Family
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Bryan & Renee Braun Family
Holy Saturday (March 26) 8:00 p.m. – *please sign up on sheets*

St. Thomas Collection Counters

March 19-20 – Richard & Jan Heckemeyer
March 26-27– Jennifer Schroeder & Stephanie Cortvrient

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday 7:25 a.m. – Alex & Joann Heckman – Sorrowful
(Shelby Christian)
Wednesday 7:25 a.m. – Pat Loethen – Glorious
(Samantha Christian)
Thursday 7:25 a.m. – Celeste & Martha Strobe – Luminous
(John Christian)
Friday 7:25 a.m. – Gilbert & Hermina Strobe – Sorrowful
(Angie Christian)
Saturday 4:40 p.m. – Dale Herigon – Sorrowful
(Sarah Luebbert)
Sunday 9:40 a.m. – Tina Stockman–Sorrowful
(Meghan Rackers)

** The names listed after the mysteries of the rosary to be prayed before Mass are those who are preparing to receive the Easter Sacraments. Throughout this season of Lent, please keep them in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament.*

St. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

March 19-20

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Bonnie Kampeter, Lou Kloeppel,
Brenda Wansing
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer,
Pam Libbert
March 24 (Holy Thursday) – *sign up on sheets*
March 25 (Good Friday) – *sign up on sheets*
Holy Saturday – *sign up on sheets*
Easter Sunday 8:00 a.m. – *sign up on sheets*

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

March 19-20

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Mitch & Brendan Stumpe,
Darin Even & Randy Hagenhoff
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Kenny Otto, Dominic Plassmeyer,
Larry Lueckenotto, Harold Libbert

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Wednesday: *No Rosary during Lent, due to Stations of the Cross*
Saturday 6:40 p.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer– Sorrowful Mysteries
(Jessica Schulte & Kalib Christian)
Sunday 7:40 a.m. – Margaret Brune– Sorrowful Mysteries
(Austyn & Kaycie Christian)

VOTIVE CANDLES: The requested donation for lighting a votive candle in church is **\$2.50.**

***IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO FULFILL
YOUR LITURGICAL MINISTRY,
IN YOUR KINDNESS & CHARITY,
PLEASE FIND A REPLACEMENT.***

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION at St. Thomas the Apostle will be at a 1:00 p.m. Mass on **Sunday, April 3, 2016.**

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION will be conferred on **Thursday, May 12 at 7:00 p.m.** in St. Cecilia Church.

HOLY WEEK & TRIDUUM SCHEDULE FOR 2016:

Palm Sunday, March 20:	8:00 a.m. Procession with palms from Parish Center into Church at St. Cecilia 10:00 a.m. Procession with palms from parish school building into Church at St. Thomas (weather permitting)
Tuesday, March 22:	7:45 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas
Spy Wednesday, March 23:	7:45 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas; 6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross at St. Cecilia, 6:30 p.m. Mass at St. Cecilia.
Holy Thursday, March 24:	7:00 p.m. <u>Mass of the Lord's Supper at St. Cecilia,</u> Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight.
Good Friday, March 25:	3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross at St. Thomas, 7:00 p.m. <u>Good Friday Liturgy at St. Cecilia. Day of Fast & Abstinence</u>
Holy Saturday, March 26:	8:00 p.m. <u>Easter Vigil at St. Thomas.</u>
Easter Sunday, March 27:	8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Cecilia, 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas

SNACKS FOR ST. THOMAS QUILTERS:

Thursday, March 17 – Kelley Buschjost & Jan Carter Tuesday, March 22 – Stephanie Cortvrient & Dana Dudenhoeffer
Please bring snacks to hall by 1:00 p.m.; snack served at 3:00 p.m. If you have questions, please call Kathy Strobe or Emily Luebbering. Wednesday night quilting at 7:00 p.m.

SCRIP SALES (March 19-20) Visit www.stthomasapostleschool.net/scrip for more information about the Scrip program.

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kelley Buschjost Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Sara Otto

CONGRATULATIONS to **Jayden Lloyd Libbert**, son of Jeffrey Libbert & Loree Curtman who was washed in the saving waters of Baptism this weekend in St. Thomas Parish.

NOTES OF THANKS

ST. THOMAS/META K of C BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN collected \$1,840.00 that will benefit the Pregnancy Help Centers and Vitae Foundation to help save lives of the unborn. Thank you for your donations! The Knights of Columbus have purchased and placed 39 ultra sound machines in Pregnancy Help Centers in Missouri to date.

The total profit from the Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry was \$3,822.00 which will be donated to St. Thomas the Apostle Parish for the continuing repair of parish buildings. Thank you for your support!

GIVING STATEMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015 are available in the back of St. Thomas the Apostle and St. Cecilia Churches. Please pick them up to aid your tax preparation.

PRAYING TOWARD THE EASTER VIGIL: Please keep John & Angie Christian, Shelby Christian, Kalib Christian, Jessica Schulte, Austyn Christian, Kaycie Christian, Sarah Luebbert & Meghan Rackers in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Easter Sacraments at the Easter Vigil on Saturday, March 26.

ADULT SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION: The next meeting will be **Sunday, March 13 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Vitae House at St. Thomas. This meeting is for those who are becoming Catholic. Questions? Please contact Fr. Secrist at 477-3315.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION: **Wednesday, March 16, 7:30 p.m.** in the St. Cecilia Parish Center.

ST. THOMAS 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. Out of respect for individuals' privacy, only necessary information is communicated.

FIREWOOD AVAILABLE: Anyone in need of firewood can help themselves to the wood located behind the rectory at Meta.

ST. CECILIA FLOWERS: Anyone interested in making a monetary donation for Easter lilies/flowers in memory of your loved ones, please **PRINT** the name(s) of your loved one on a note and include your donation in an envelope marked "FLOWER DONATION" and place it in the collection basket on all the weekends in March. The names will be published in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

ST. THOMAS FLOWERS: Anyone interested in make a monetary donation toward the purchase of Easter flowers in memory of loved ones is asked to place the donation along with **PRINTED** names of those to be remembered in the envelope and place in the collection basket on all the weekends in March. The names will be published in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

CHOIR PRACTICE FOR HOLY WEEK at ST. CECILIA & ST. THOMAS will be Thursday, March 17 & Monday March 21 at 6:30 p.m. in St. Cecilia Church.

CHOIR PRACTICE: There will be choir practice for St. Thomas Palm Sunday Mass and Holy Saturday Mass on Monday, March 14 at 7:00 p.m., and Sunday, March 20 at 8:00 a.m. Anyone is welcome to come join us. New choir members would be much appreciated.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 14 – No School - Diocesan Teacher Retreat
- 17 – Report Cards Go Home
- 18-19 – State Archery Meet
- 22 – Parish School Advisory Board Meeting 6:00 p.m. in Vitae House
- 23 – Diocesan Music Enrichment Day
- 24 – Holy Thursday – No School K-8
- 25 – Good Friday – No School P-8
- 28 – Easter Monday – No School K-8
- 30 – Bookmobile

CONGRATULATIONS to St. Thomas the Apostle School Students who participated in the Helias High School Archery meet on Sunday, March 6. Klint Luebbering took home 2nd place medal and Jacob Luebbering took home 3rd place medal in the Elementary boys division. Great job to all of our archers and coaches!

WINNING SCHOOL ESSAY

"It's okay to not know, but it's not okay not to try." This is why I love St. Thomas the Apostle School: special sports, education, & Catholic based events. The students get the opportunity to participate in several types of sports such as basketball, archery, volleyball, speech and track.

Archery is a sport that most school do not offer. I like archery because it is unique and an opportunity I am lucky to participate in. It teaches me how to aim and I could possibly use these skills for hunting. Safety is a very important thing I have learned in archery. Archery is a mental sport also. It teaches you to think positive even if you have a bad shot. You have to take a deep breath, focus and concentrate on the next arrow and not let a bad shot get you down.

Education is an important part of my life because I want to obtain a good paying job when I grow up. The skills I learn at my school will help me be able to perform job duties in the future. Math is important because I will use Math all the time no matter what I do. Reading is important because I will read all the time. English is important because if I have to write a report on something I will know what I'm doing. Our school is small so we also get one on one help with teachers.

Some Catholic based events are attending Mass, religion class and sending cards to prisoners, nursing homes and hospice patients. When we attend Mass the kids participate by bringing up the bread and wine, read the readings, read petitions, read the responsible Psalm, serve and help Fr. Secrist at Mass. Religion class teaches me about God, Heaven and how to be a good person to everyone and anyone. By sending cards to prisoners we can convince them to believe in God and to be a better person when they get out of prison. I love Catholic based events because I get to learn about God and Heaven. Religion is one of my favorite subjects.

Each day in school it is okay to now know because you can always ask question at the end of the day. It's not okay not to try because if you don't try then you'll never learn. The things I learn each day will help me to grow up to be a good & respectful Catholic. These are my three favorite things about St. Thomas the Apostle. I want to be a very good Catholic and I am very lucky to attend St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School.

Leon Wolken 6th Grade

THE DIOCESE OF JEFFERSON CITY is seeking applicants for the following positions:

Coordinator for Youth Ministry (Diocese of Jefferson City, Missouri): The Coordinator for youth ministry provides direct support and development of parish based youth ministers in the outreach and evangelization to, faith formation and pastoral care of their youth. The successful candidate must have a BS/BA, with a Master's degree in Theology or Youth Ministry Certification preferred. A minimum 5 years of full time parish/diocesan youth ministry or related ministry experience required. Experience with Hispanic Ministry desirable, with proficiency in Spanish preferred.

(positions continued) **Diocesan Coordinator of Catholic Hospital Ministry (Diocese of Jefferson City, Missouri):** The Coordinator is responsible for planning, organizing, coordinating and directing the activities of Catholic Hospital Ministries in Columbia, MO. Certification as a chaplain by the NACC/APC, or, experience and eligible for certification by NACC is required. The candidate must be a practicing Catholic in good standing with at least three years of healthcare experience as chaplain.

For additional information regarding these and other available positions, as well as instructions stating how to apply, visit www.diojeffcity.org/employment

UPCOMING EVENTS:

ST CECILIA CEMETERY MEETING is scheduled for Monday, March 14 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center. If unable to attend meeting and would like to be on the board, contact Michael Schroeder.

ST. THOMAS PARISH PARK BOARD will meet Monday, March 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SESQUICENTENTIAL MEETING the next meeting to plan for our 150th anniversary in 2019 is Friday, March 18 at 6:45 p.m. in the Vitae House.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD: 6:00 p.m., Tuesday March 22, in the Vitae House.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: 7:00 p.m., Tuesday March 22, in the Vitae House.

SENIOR CITIZEN'S DAY AT FATIMA HIGH SCHOOL, WESTPHALIA: The annual "Senior Citizen's Day" will be held at Fatima on Wednesday, March 23. There will be a musical program in the gym starting at 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be then 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 your church, Bus D departures from: Meta at 10:35 a.m. & Folk at 11:00 a.m.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH CHICKEN DINNER, WESTPHALIA is Sunday, March 20, serving fried chicken dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Adults \$9.00, children 5-12 \$4.50. Carry-outs available until 6:45 p.m.

"LUKE STORIES ON THE ROAD": TV star Frank Runyeon will be speaking by telling stories on Wednesday, March 23 at 6:30 p.m. at St. George Church, Linn. All are welcome! You may also visit www.frankrunyeon.com.

AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION FRIED CHICKEN DINNER is Saturday, April 2 serving ½ fried chicken with sides from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the St. Thomas K of C Hall. Dine in or carry-out. Sponsored by the Boessen/Veit Families & Friends

WALK FOR LIFE: You are invited to participate in the 39th annual **Walk for Life** on April 3rd following the 10:30 am Mass (@11:30 am) at St. Stanislaus Church. The Walk is 1.7 miles to the Wardsville Lions Club. Funds are raised by participants collecting donations prior to the walk. Proceeds benefit Missouri Right to Life, Birthright, Vitae Foundation and Prolife Across America. More information and forms can be found at ststan.net.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE ANNUAL HAM BREAKFAST is **THIS Sunday, March 13**. Serving country ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, hash browns, applesauce, biscuits & gravy **8:00 – 11:30 a.m.** Country store, craft stand, raffle and much more. Adults: \$9.00, children 6-12: \$4.00, children 5 & younger: free.

St. Cecilia Pastoral Council

January 14, 2016

Attendees: Fr. Jeremy Secrist, Cathy Borgmeyer, Darren Even, Joanne Schroeder, Brenda Wansing, Don Wansing (Absent Michelle Derkum)

Opening Prayer (7:00 PM)

Minutes Darren Even approved the minutes from the previous meeting..

New Business

Fr. Secrist, Darren and Cathy gave updates on the Confirmation class. Everything is going great and Deacon Schwartze is helping out and doing a great job. Confirmation is scheduled for Thursday, May 12 at St. Cecilia. Fr. Secrist said he would take care of the meal for the Bishop for that evening. Brenda Wansing, Cathy Borgmeyer and Darren Even volunteered to make refreshments for the candidates and their families and sponsors

Michelle Derkum reported to Fr. Secrist that she is ready to start working on the St. Cecilia website and Joanne Schroeder reported that she will be helping Michelle work on the tabs this week. Father asked if anyone had pictures concerning the history of the church which might be included on the website.

First Communion is scheduled for April 3 at the 8:00 Mass. We have two children making their First Holy Communion.

The projector for the St. Cecilia parish was purchased and should be installed by this weekend. It was noted that the white board has many cracks and is an accident waiting to happen. Father mentioned that the radiator cracked in the women's restroom and we are looking at yearly maintenance or possibly purchasing a soft water heater. He said we are not getting proper heating and the insulation is melting.

Father said the diocesan lawyer will be sending a formal letter to our disappearing contractor. He will be given one last chance to respond. If he doesn't respond, we may need to sue him in order to recoup some of the money we paid him. The ramp was not the proper width and the two steps were not the same height. He was also suppose to refinish the front doors as well as the side doors.

Father also met with Scruggs Lumber to get bids on replacing the broken windows in the basement of the church. He also got bids to improve the lighting in the parking lot. Meyer Electric has submitted a quote for LED lighting and removing the pole in the middle of the parking lot.

It was suggested that the money from the Schwartze grant might be used to improve and upgrade the lighting in the parking lot. Father is also working with some men from Meyer Electric to upgrade the lighting in the sanctuary.

We discussed the attendance at the Christmas Masses. There was not a large attendance at the Christmas morning mass at Meta Discussion was held on whether we wanted to do a soup or chili supper. We decided not to have an event at this time.

Ash Wednesday is February 10. Mass will be at 7:45 in the morning at St. Thomas and 5:00 in the evening, Mass will be at 7:00 in the evening at St. Cecilia.

Father will have Stations at 6:00 on Wednesdays before the 6:30 Mass at St. Cecilia. He will have Stations on Thursday mornings at 8:30 at St. Thomas and 6:00 pm on Friday evenings at St. Thomas.

It was suggested that a Penance service be held on a Wednesday evening.

Holy Thursday services will be held at Meta. Adoration will be held until midnight.

Good Friday and Holy Saturday services will be held at St. Thomas

The Vigil Mass will be held at 8:00pm at St. Thomas..

Father will have Stations at 3:00 pm at Meta and 7:00 pm at St. Thomas on Good Friday.

Father asked Don Wansing to contact the U.D to inform them of our Mass schedule. Father thanked Don Wansing for helping install the gently used appliances in the St. Cecilia rectory.

Deacon Schwartze is helping with the Confirmation classes and other duties at Mass .

Next Meeting: April 21, 2016 7pm

Closing prayer: 8:30 pm