

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

St. Cecilia
in Meta

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 15, 2020

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St. Thomas Parish Office hours: Tuesdays 8:30 a.m. – 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 March 15-22:

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – L&D Alex Heckman Family

Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – Fr. James Offutt

Stations of the Cross following Mass

Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Bob Luebbering

Friday 7:45 a.m. – Henrietta Kroll

6:30 p.m. – Stations of the Cross

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mary Lou Bax

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Pat Kliegel

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2019-2020:	\$305,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End:	\$228,753.00
Actual Collection for 2019-2020:	\$203,894.02
Offertory Difference Year to Date:	– \$ 24,858.98
Offertory Goal per month:	\$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

March 1	\$ 11,153.05
March 8	\$ 2,633.00
March 15	\$
March 22	\$
March 29	\$

Collection Online: \$ 4,642.00

March total to date: \$ **18,428.05**

Difference for March -\$ 6,988.95

St. Thomas the Apostle Expansion & Building Fund

Total Expansion Project expenses paid: \$2,273,475.34

Income from parishioners for FY 2019-2020

(via the yellow "Building Fund" envelope): **\$21,344.20**

Loan payments to date for FY 2019-2020: **\$64,594.18**

(Principal \$59,635.10 Interest \$4,959.08)

Parish Building Expansion Debt remaining: **\$141,103.75**

St. Thomas the Apostle Cantor / Organist

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Lisa Wieberg / Annette Kehner

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Amanda Wooten / Annette Kehner

St. Thomas the Apostle Reader

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kathy Graessle

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mary Kay Brand

St. Thomas the Apostle Altar Servers

Weekday – Brody Buschjost & Henry Schroeder

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Dawson Wieberg,

Lilly Schulte, Owen Schellman

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Dylan & Landon Kliegel,

Molly Suthoff, Francie Tallent

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of March 15-22:

Stations of the Cross 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Victor Bruemmer

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Vince & Brad Reinkemeyer

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2019-2020:	\$62,000.00
Collection Total for 2019-2020:	\$42,384.25
Offertory Goal per month:	\$ 5,166.67

Collection in Church:

March 1	\$ 1,414.00
March 8	\$ 806.00
March 15	\$
March 22	\$
March 29	\$

March total to date: \$ **2,220.00**

Difference for March: -\$ 2,946.67

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

March - Marie Lueckenotto & Pam Libbert

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

St. Cecilia Reader

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Doris Stumpe

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dorothy Rehagen

St. Cecilia Altar Servers

March 22

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Saige & Ava Werdehausen

March 29

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Ben, Henry & Annaline 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 21-22

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Pat Kaiser
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mattheuw Prenger

March 28-29

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Marshall Boessen
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – K of C Member

St. Thomas Greeters/Ushers

March 21-22

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Fred Luebbering & Carolyn Loethen
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Larry Lueckenhoff & Art Groner

March 28-29

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark Boessen & Mike Groner
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – K of C Members

St. Thomas Presentation of Gifts at Mass

March 21-22

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Al & Jan Carter
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Bryan & Renee Braun Family

March 28-29

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Alfred & Margie Kaiser
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – K of C Members

St. Thomas Collection Counters

March 22 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg
March 29 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes
April 5 – Shara Buechter & Paul Becker

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas:

Tuesday 7:20 a.m. – Joann Heckman – Sorrowful
Wednesday 7:20 a.m. – Pat Loethen – Glorious
Thursday 7:20 a.m. – Viola Boessen – Luminous
Friday 7:20 a.m. – Bob Schellman - Sorrowful
Saturday 4:35 p.m. – Barb Graessle – Sorrowful
Sunday 9:35 a.m. – Pat Loethen– Sorrowful

SNACKS FOR QUILTERS:

Thursday, March 19 – Theresa Veit & Melissa Verslues Thursday, March 26 – Sarah Volmert & Peggy Volmert
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 Strobe at 573-477-3349.

SCRIP: March 21&22 Saturday 5:00 p.m. –Lindsay Luebbering Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Melissa Verslues
Visit www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip for more information about the Scrip program. Please contact Daffiny Tallent at 573-694-4408 to purchase anytime. A large variety of cards in various denominations are in stock and available for purchase.

BISHOP MCKNIGHT'S MARCH PRAYER INTENTION: For the gifts of wisdom, knowledge and understanding as our local church discerns a new pastoral plan.

PASTOR'S MEDITATION: 3rd Sunday of Lent: **BAPTISM AND NEW LIFE.** Today's readings are centered on Baptism and new life. Living water represents God's Spirit who comes to us in Baptism, penetrating every aspect of our lives and quenching our spiritual thirst. The Holy Spirit of God, the Word of God, and the Sacraments of God in the Church are the primary sources of the *living water* of Divine Grace. We always assemble in the Church to drink the *water* of eternal life and salvation. Washed in it at Baptism, renewed by its abundance at each Eucharist, invited to it in every proclamation of the Word, and daily empowered by the anointing of the Spirit, we are challenged to remain thirsty for the *living water*, which only God can give.

We need to allow Jesus free entry into our personal lives. Jesus wishes to come into our "private" life, not to embarrass us, not to judge or condemn us, but to free us, to change us, and to offer us what we really need: the *living water of the Holy Spirit*. Let us find this *living water* in the Sacraments, in prayer, and in the Holy scriptures, especially during this Lenten season.

We need to be witnesses to Jesus as the Samaritan woman was. Let us have the courage to "be" Jesus for others, especially in those "unexpected" places for unwanted people. Let us also have the courage of our Christian convictions to stand for truth and justice in our day-to-day life.

We need to leave the "husbands" (our unholy attachments and the evil habits and sinful addictions) behind during Lent as the Samaritan woman did. We are challenged to get rid of our unholy attachments, evil habits and sinful addictions that keep us enslaved and idolatrous. Lent is our time to learn from our mistakes of over-indulgence in food, drink, drugs, gambling, promiscuity, or any other addiction that distances us from the *Living Water*. May you have a blessed 3rd week of Lent.

Have a blessed week. Fr. Leonard Mukibi

DIocese OF JEFFERSON CITY: Please be aware the obligation to attend Sunday Mass does not apply to those who are ill, especially those who suffer from contagious disease. It is a sign of consideration for others that those with a fever or flu-like symptoms remain at home. In consideration of the severity of the flu season, we are suspending the distribution of the Precious Blood at Mass. We also ask that people use a bow to greet one another in the Sign of Peace, instead of a handshake, and forego the holding of hands at the Lord's Prayer. We are implementing these measures out of care for everyone's well-being and not out of unkindness or a lack of piety. Those who are not able to join us are encouraged to join the community in a spiritual communion by praying the Sunday scriptures, using the readings at <http://uscbb.org/bible/readings> and perhaps praying the Rosary or the Divine Chaplet.

DIocese OF JEFFERSON CITY: The Diocese of Jefferson City warns the public of what appears to be an ongoing phishing scam involving emails and texts purportedly from priests or parish/Chancery staff. This scam has hit many parishes across the United States. The email or text purports to be from a person the target knows, such as one's pastor, a parish staff member, the bishop or someone else from the Church. If the target responds to the fake email or text, the sender will follow up with a request for some sort of monetary assistance, often for gift cards or iTunes cards. It is truly unfortunate cyber criminals will attempt to exploit the generous nature of our community. Sending emails or texts asking for cash or gifts cards is not how priests, parishes or the Diocese of Jefferson City seeks financial assistance for our work. If you receive an email or text from a trusted church personnel asking for assistance, confirm by calling that person and do NOT respond to the email or text. For more information, the FBI website address to file an online Internet crime complaint is <https://www.ic3.gov>.

St. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

March 22

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Betty Hagenhoff

March 29

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dorothy Rehagen

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

March 22

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Anton Libbert, Terry Libbert,
Leon Schanzmeyer, Kenny Otto

March 29

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Larry Lueckenotto, Mitch Stumpe,
Darin Even, Leonard Schulte

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Wednesday – No Rosary before Mass during Lent due to Stations of the Cross.

Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer - 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.

OPERATION RICE BOWL: Be sure to pick up your cardboard Rice Bowl in the entrances of both Churches.

CATHOLIC STEWARSHIP APPEAL: The CSA goal for St. Thomas the Apostle Parish is \$10,000. \$10,000 was received, because we surpassed our CSA goal, a percentage will be received back to our parish. The CSA goal for St. Cecilia Parish is \$2,500. \$1,770.00 was received.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION CLASS will meet on Wednesday, March 18, 7:30 p.m. St. Cecilia.

THE ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE is sponsoring a food drive beginning the first week of March and extending through Lent. The food will be delivered to Samaritan Center during Holy Week. Please be generous with canned goods, nonperishable items or money donations. Boxes are located at both entrances of Church. Thank you.

ST. CECILIA PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL and Father Leonard would like to form a Building and Grounds Committee to oversee the needs of maintaining the parish grounds and buildings. Interested parishioners should contact Mitch Stumpe at 573-229-4311. Leave message if no answer.

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 **April 5**. The names will be published in the Easter Sunday bulletin, April 12.

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COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION SERVICES FOR LENT AROUND THE AREA:

March 17 -Most Pure Heart of Mary Church, Chamois, 7:00 p.m. **March 26**-Our Lady of Help of Christians, Frankenstein, 7:00 p.m.
March 24- St. Cecilia Church, Meta, 7:00 p.m. **March 31**-St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 7:00 p.m.

ST. CECILIA CEMETERY MEETING is scheduled for March 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the parish center. Members from the association, living in Meta or elsewhere, can serve on the cemetery board. If a parishioner knows of someone that belongs to the cemetery association and living elsewhere, please make them aware of this position and meeting. Any person interested in the maintenance and lawn care, are asked to attend this meeting. If unable and wish to be considered for this position, please contact Charles Schroeder.

CHRISM MASS is Thursday, April 2, 5:30 p.m., Cathedral Church of St. Joseph, Jefferson City.

DIOCESAN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS: Applications for the 2020-2021 Simon Scholarship and Warack Scholarship are being accepted through **March 31, 2020**. Applications can be acquired through Jan, Jenny, Diane or Doris or may be downloaded at diojeffcity.org/scholarships.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL ESSAY: Why I love St. Thomas the Apostle? I love St. Thomas for many reasons. I love it because of how small it is and how everyone is so kind here. We also have good classes and specials, and most importantly we get to learn about God. The first reason why I love St. Thomas the Apostle is because of how small it is here. Everybody knows everybody and everybody is so kind to everyone. The classes are so small so everyone gets a turn and nobody ever gets left out. Everyone gets one on one time with the teachers when you do not understand something. The second reason why I love St. Thomas the Apostle is the classes and specials. We have classes like Music, P.E., Life Skills, and Art. In Music we sing and get to play instruments. In Art we learn about color and how to blend and shade with it. In P.E. we play games like basketball, volleyball, baseball, archery and even bowling. And in Life Skills we learn basic day to day things that will help you in the world. The third and most important reason why I love St. Thomas the Apostle is that we get to learn about God. I get to become stronger in my Faith while also learning academic stuff. We get to go to Mass in the morning before we go off to class. Father also comes into the classroom sometimes and talks to us about our Faith. I have learned a lot about my Faith over the past years at St. Thomas. There are many reasons why I love St. Thomas and I am very thankful for my parents sending me here. I will always remember what I learned at St. Thomas the Apostle. **Jacob Luebbering 8th**

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS:

Friday, March 20 – Preschool Sneak Peek 8:30-9:45 a.m., Early Release 11:05 car riders, 11:15 bus riders
Monday, March 23 – No School K-8, Diocesan Professional Day

ST. THOMAS CEMETERY DUES: The 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 areas 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 CHURCH CLEANING TEAM ROTATION FOR UPCOMING WEEKS

Week of March 15th: Alan Libbert, Nancy Libbert & Darrel Buechter
Week of March 22nd: Lynne Reinkemeyer, Linda Boessen, Lauri Luebbering & Lisa Lackman
Week of March 29th: Sonya Henson, Susan Buechter, Jackie Prenger & Amy Buechter
Thanks to all who volunteer to help keep our Church looking beautiful! Anyone else interested in helping out, please contact Lynne Reinkemeyer at 573-690-7113 and we can add another group.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH CHICKEN DINNER, WESTPHALIA is Sunday, March 15, from 11:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Adults \$12.00, children 5-12 \$6.00. Carry-outs available until 6:45 p.m.

SENIOR CITIZEN'S DAY AT FATIMA HIGH SCHOOL is Thursday, March 19. 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRYs, HOLTS SUMMIT is Friday, March 20. Serving U.S.A raised catfish, spaghetti, baked beans, baked potato, French fries, cornbread, slaw, dessert & drink from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Adults \$11, children 6-12 \$5.00 at the St. Andrew Church, Holts Summit.

ST. LOUIS OF FRANCE PARISH CHICKEN DINNER, BONNOTS MILL is Sunday, March 22, serving fried chicken, real mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, corn, slaw & dessert from 11:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Adults \$10.00, children 6-12 \$5.00.

ST. THOMAS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY is Friday, March 27 serving **Gluten Free** fish fillets, hushpuppies, baked potatoes, French fries, baked beans, coleslaw from 4:30-7:00 p.m. in the St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Center. Adults \$11.00, children 6-12 \$5.00.

ST. THOMAS PARISH PARK BOARD DUELING PIANOS is Saturday, March 28 in St. Thomas Parish Center. Tickets are \$15 per person, and must have a ticket to attend. For tickets, please contact Nick Luebbering 573-301-9185 or Lisa Wieberg 573-999-7351. Proceeds to benefit the St. Thomas Parish Ball Park Light Project.

SAVE THE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR:

St. Thomas/Meta Knights of Columbus Fish Fry – Friday, March 27, 2020, St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Center

Confirmation – Wednesday, April 22, 7:00 p.m. St. Cecilia Church

TOTUS TUUS – June 14-19, 2020

St. Cecilia Parish Picnic – July 12, 2020

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Picnic – August 16, 2020

Catholic Relief Services Collection

March 21-22, 2020

“Behold, I stand at the door and knock.” — Rev 3:20

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Next weekend, our Diocese will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Your support of this collection serves **Jesus in disguise** in some of the most marginalized communities in our world.

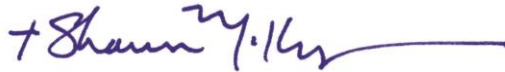
Catholic Relief Services is the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the U.S. Working in over 100 countries, Catholic Relief Services provides emergency relief in times of famine, earthquakes, and other natural disasters. It also supports agriculture, education, and economic development to help the poor work their way out of poverty.

One of Catholic Relief Services projects include drilling wells in Africa. In droughts, the only water available in many areas of East Africa runs deep underground, up to 1,000 feet. Catholic Relief Services helped bring in rigs that can drill to this depth. They made wells along migratory paths so that nomadic people can continue to provide water for their families and livestock.

Your support of this collection makes a difference for so many around the globe. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection this year. Support the collection, and answer the knock of **Jesus in disguise**.

I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Most Reverend W. Shawn McKnight, S.T.D., Bishop of Jefferson City

2020 ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH HAM/SAUSAGE BREAKFAST RESULTS

2020 BREAKFAST TOTALS

Number of meals served at the Ham Breakfast were 980 adults & 82 children.

Breakfast tickets	\$10,345.00
Country Store:	\$ 2,575.75
Craft Stand:	\$ 372.25
Kitchen Sales:	\$ 389.00
Raffle:	\$ 2,938.00
Total before bills:	\$16,620.00

ST. THOMAS THE APSTLE BREAKFAST RAFFLE WINNERS:

1. Rob & Sonya Henson - \$500.00 Cash – (Diamond Pet Foods)
2. Tom Kliegel - \$250.00 Cash – (Rudy Veit)
3. Judy Bax - \$100.00 Cash – (Mike Luebbering)
4. Gail Jones - \$100.00 Cash – (Priority Heating & Cooling)
5. Eileen Volmert - \$100.00 Cash – (Speedy B's)
6. Ronda Schaefer - \$100.00 Cash – (Cole County Industries)
7. Joyce Boessen - \$100.00 Cash – (Kathy Graessle, Williams Keepers)
8. Nancy Wekenborg - \$100.00 Cash – (Advanced Septic & Pumping)
9. Chris Luebbering - \$100.00 Cash – (Fancher Rekus Funeral Home)
10. Jenny Becker - \$100.00 Cash – (Mid America Bank)
11. Tom Kliegel - \$100.00 Cash – (Russel Monument, Greg Russell)
12. Harrison Kempker - \$100.00 Cash – (William J. Luebbering Custom Cabinets)
13. Ava Buschjost - 6 bags Traeger pellets (St. Elizabeth TV & Appliance)
14. Rob Henson - \$75.00 Cash – (Clinton Luebbering Construction)
15. Ava Morris - Gift Basket – (The Hair Company, Jessie Lackman)
16. Imogene Volmert - Burgers' Cured Ham – (Burgers')
17. Zac & Alanna Stockman - \$50.00 Cash – (Double Check Glass Service)
18. Paul & Lillian Lackman - \$50.00 Cash – (St. Thomas Knights of Columbus #2149)
19. Heather Baser - \$50.00 Cash – (Bank of St. Elizabeth)
20. Carson Boessen - \$50.00 Cash – (St. Thomas Babtown Insurance)
21. Samuel Wallace - \$50.00 Cash – (Tina Bischoff)
22. Imogene Volmert - Wall Clock – (Coca Cola Bottling)
23. Mary Kay Brand - Cutting Board & Knives – (Jefferson Bank)
24. Leeroy Budnik - Wet Brush Set – (Lori Fowler, Hair Expressions)
25. Emily Luebbering - Oil Change & Service – (Groner's Garage)
26. Lucy Suthoff - Oil Change & Service – (Mark Braun Truck & Auto)
27. Haddie Otto - \$25 Cash – (Bax Auto Body & Marine)
28. Abigail Luebbering - \$25 Cash – (Three Rivers Propane)
29. Ron Veit - \$25 Cash – (Meta MFA)
30. Harold Loethen - \$25 Gift Card – (The Butcher Shop)

Tickets Courtesy of Osage Veterinary Clinic

