

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

St. Cecilia
in Meta

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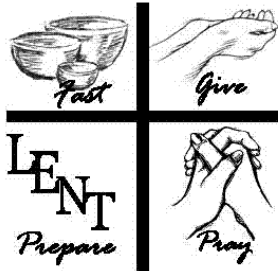
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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 17, 2019

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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 18-24:

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – L&D John H. Boessen Family
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – *Stations of the Cross*
7:15 p.m. – *Stations of the Cross*
Friday 7:45 a.m. – Fred & Bertha Beck
Friday 6:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Cletus & Clara Lehman Family
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Ben & Ledwina Bode

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2018-2019:	\$305,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End:	\$228,753.00
Actual Collection for 2018-2019:	\$204,913.72
Offertory Difference Year to Date:	– \$ 23,839.28
Offertory Goal per month:	\$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

March 3	\$ 4,325.50
March 10	\$ 2,970.00
March 17	\$
March 24	\$
March 31	\$

Collection Online:

March total to date:	\$11,937.50
Difference for March:	– \$13,479.50

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):	\$21,159.65
Loan payments to date for FY 2018-2019:	\$83,049.66
(Principal) \$74,098.83 (Interest) \$8,950.83	
Parish Building Expansion Debt remaining:	\$235,066.40

St. Thomas the Apostle Cantor / Organist

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Amanda Wooten & Molly Suthoff / Annette Kehner
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Kelsey Kliethermes / Jackie Prenger

St. Thomas the Apostle Reader

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Alfred Kaiser
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Doug Luebbering

St. Thomas the Apostle Altar Servers

Weekday – Annaline Schroeder, Brie Heckman, Rowan Buechter
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Dawson Wieberg, Lilly Schulte, Owen Schellman
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Will Otto, Kadence & Dylan Kliegel, Dorothy Lackman

St. Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of March 18-24:

Stations of the Cross 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Victor & Rita Otto

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Lawrence & Scott Otto
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – People of our Parishes

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2018-2019:	\$62,000.00
Collection Total for 2018-2019:	\$46,429.22
Offertory Goal per month:	\$ 5,166.67

Collection in Church:

March 3	\$ 770.00
March 10	\$1,609.00
March 17	\$
March 24	\$
March 31	\$
March total to date:	\$ 2,379.00
Difference for March:	– \$ 2,787.67

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. – Dorothy Rehagen
Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Betty Hagenhoff
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic Plassmeyer

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 23-24

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

March 30-31

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Marshall Boessen, Betty Schellman, Barb Graessle
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Randy Buschjost, Keith Kliethermes, Glenn Prenger

St. Thomas Greeters/Ushers

March 23-24

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

March 30-31

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Steve Schellman & Gilbert Schellman
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Ryan Buschjost & Craig Buechter

St. Thomas Presentation of Gifts at Mass

March 23-24

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

March 30-31

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Alfred & Margie Kaiser
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Ryan Buschjost & Craig Buechter

St. Thomas Collection Counters

March 23-24 – Jennifer Schroeder & Stephanie Cortvrient
March 30-31 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman
April 6-7 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday 7:25 a.m. – Joann Heckman – Sorrowful
Friday 7:25 a.m. – Viola Boessen – Sorrowful
Saturday 4:40 p.m. – Dale Herigon – Sorrowful
Sunday 9:40 a.m. – Gilbert & Hermina Strobe – Sorrowful

SNACKS FOR QUILTERS:

Thurs., March 21 – Pat Luebbering (Andy) & Katie (Brian) Luebbering Thurs., March 28 – Gina Luebbering & Emily 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 Strobe 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."

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

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.

SCRIP: **March 23-24** - Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Dee Luebbering Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Sara Otto
Visit www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip 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.

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 14. The names will be published in the Easter Sunday bulletin, April 21.

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ST. THOMAS PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING is Tuesday, March 26, 7:00 p.m. in the Vitae House.

ST. THOMAS PARISH SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING is Tuesday, March 26, 6:00 p.m. in the Vitae House.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PRESCHOOL SNEAK PEEK is Friday, March 29, 8:45 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. School wide tour, parent questions/answers, yummy breakfast, gonoodle dancing, fund games & more. For more information, please call Miss Jaycine Bax 573-821-1179 or the school office 573-477-3322.

St. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

March 23-24

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Lou Kloepfel, Brenda Wansing, Doris Stumpe
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer, Pam Libbert

March 30-31

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Jennifer Even, Betty Hagenhoff, Dorothy Rehagen
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominc & Mary Plassmeyer, Pam Libbert

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

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

March 30-31

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Mitch & Brendan Stumpe, Darin Even, Randy Hagenhoff
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Terry Libbert, Tony Derkum, Leon Schanzmeyer, Kenny Otto

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

No rosary before Wednesday Mass during Lent, due to Stations of the Cross.
Saturday 6:40 p.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer – Sorrowful
Sunday 7:40 a.m. – Margaret Brune – 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.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PRESCHOOL: 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 UPCOMING EVENTS:

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
Tuesday, April 2 – Diocesan Spelling Bee, Preschool field trip to Runge Nature Center
Friday, April 5 – First Friday, Adoration & Confessions grades 2-8
Saturday, April 6 – Diocesan Speech Meet

COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION SERVICES FOR LENT AROUND THE AREA:

Jefferson City – Saturday March 16, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. –Cathedral of St. Joseph; Monday, April 15, St. Peter Church;
Tuesday, April 16, Immaculate Conception Church
St. Anthony of Padua Church, St. Anthony, Thursday, March 21, 7:00 p.m.
St. Stanislaus Church, Wardsville – Sunday, March 24, 6:30 p.m.
St. Lawrence Church, St. Elizabeth – Sunday, March 31, 4:00 p.m.
St. Francis Xavier Church, Taos – Monday, April 8, 7:00 p.m.
St. Thomas the Apostle Church, St. Thomas, Tuesday, April 9, 7:00 p.m.
St. Joseph Church, Westphalia – Tuesday, April 16, 7:00 p.m.

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.

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, 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. 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.

WARDSVILLE/OSAGE BEND KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY is Friday, March 22, serving fish fillets, hush puppies, baked potatoes, French fries, baked beans, cole slaw & homemade rolls 4:30-7:30 p.m. Adults \$12.00, children 6-12 \$6.00 in the St. Stanislaus Parish gym.

ST. LOUIS OF FRANCE PARISH CHICKEN DINNER, BONNETS MILL is Sunday, March 24, serving real mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, corn, slaw and dessert from 11:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Adults \$10.00, children 6-12 \$5.00.

MOST PURE HEART OF MARY PARISH SEAFOOD BUFFETS CHAMOIS is 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.

THE GREAT I AM A WOMEN’S RETREAT is hosted by St. Stanislaus Church in Wardsville on Sunday March 31 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 Kever 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.

2019 ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH HAM/SAUSAGE BREAKFAST RESULTS

2019 BREAKFAST TOTALS

Number of meals served at the Ham & Sausage were 990 Adults & 82 children.

Breakfast tickets:	\$10,310.00
Country Store:	\$ 2,918.45
Craft Stand:	\$ 581.75
Kitchen Sales:	\$ 416.00
Raffle:	<u>\$ 2,364.00</u>
Total before bills:	\$16,590.20

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE BREAKFAST RAFFLE WINNERS:

Lil Boehmer - Traeger Grill (Diamond Pet Foods)
Sophie Bock - \$250 cash (Rudy Veit)
Joe Brenneke - \$250 cash (Mike Luebbering)
Glenn Prenger - \$100 cash (Priority Heating & Cooling)
Richard Heckemeyer - \$100 cash (Luebbering Oil Company)
Ray Volmert - \$100 cash (Cole County Industries)
Julia Cassmeyer - \$100 cash (Kathy Graessle, Williams Keepers)
Sam Luebbering - \$100 cash (Advanced Septic & Pumping)
Mike Groner - \$100 cash (Fancher Rekus Funeral Homes)
Noreen Luebbering - \$100 Certificate (Mid-America Bank)
Leo Buechter - 6 bags Traeger Pellets (St. Elizabeth TV & Appliance)
Clem Groner - \$75 cash (Clinton Luebbering Construction)
Austin Heckman - Gift basket (The Hair Company, Jessi Lackman)
Barb Graessle - (Burger’s Cured Ham)
Glenn Prenger - \$50 cash (William J. Luebbering Cabinets)
Grant Lueckenhoff - \$50 cash (St. Thomas Knights of Columbus #2149)
Betty Ann Luebbering - \$50 cash (Bank of St. Elizabeth)
Donnie Champlain - \$50 cash (St. Thomas Babtown Insurance)
Lillian Lackman - \$50 cash (Leap of Faith, Tina Bischoff)
Mary Boessen - \$25 gift card & pepper mill (Jefferson Bank)
Tom Mengwasser - \$25 gift card (The Butcher Shop)
Debbie Kolb - Joico gift set (Lori Fowler, Hair Expressions)
Isaac Rackers - Oil Change & Service (Groner’s Garage)
Mary Plassmeyer - Oil Change & Service (Mark Braun Truck & Auto)
James Massman - \$25 cash (Wieberg Red-E-Mix)
Linda Lackman - \$25 cash (Bax Auto Body & Marine)
Ronda Schaefer - \$25 Walmart gift card (Three Rivers Propane)
Emma Boessen - \$25 cash (Meta MFA)
Tickets courtesy of Osage Veterinary Clinic