

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 18, 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 18-25:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Josephine Heckman
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – John Boessen
Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Pat Kliegel
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – Jerome & Dorothy Buschjost
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Fred & Bertha Beck
Stations of the Cross immediately following Mass
Friday 7:45 a.m. – Sylvanus Hoecker
Stations of the Cross 6:00 p.m. in church
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Vic Otto

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2017-2018: \$305,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End: \$228,753.00
Actual Collection for 2017-2018: **\$210,616.64**
Offertory Difference Year to Date: – \$ 18,136.36
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

March 4 \$ 4,648.00
March 11 \$ 5,311.50
March 18 \$
March 25 \$

Collection Online: \$ 5,042.00

March total to date: **\$15,001.50**

Difference for March: – \$10,415.50

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

St. Thomas the Apostle Cantor / Organist

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

St. Thomas the Apostle Reader

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kathy Graessle & Carolyn Loethen
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jim Lueckenhoff & Stephanie Cortvrient

St. Thomas the Apostle Altar Servers

Weekday – Ava Rackers, Belle Boessen & Klint Luebbering
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ely & Dawson Wieberg, Lilly Schulte, Cameron Luebbering
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mason & Klint Luebbering, Luke Schroeder, Grace Boessen

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of March 18-25:

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

6:00 p.m. *Stations of the Cross before Wednesday Mass*
Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Lawrence & Scott Otto

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Norman & Delphine Jaegers
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Charles & Pauline Werdehausen

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2017-2018: \$62,000.00
Collection Total for 2017-2018: **\$47,344.15**
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,166.67

Collection in Church:

March 4 \$ 1,207.00
March 11 \$ 1,962.00
March 18 \$
March 25 \$

March total to date: **\$ 2,696.00**

Difference for March: – \$ 2,470.67

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. – Doris Stumpe
Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Jennifer Even & Betty Hagenhoff
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Janice Schanzmeyer & Don Wansing

St. Cecilia Altar Servers

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – *servers needed*
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Nicholas & Shelby Wankum, Ava & Saige Werdehausen

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 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 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 24-25

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

St. Thomas Collection Counters

March 24-25 – Jennifer Schroeder & Stephanie Cortvrient
March 31-April 1 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman
April 7-8 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg

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 Strope – Sorrowful
Saturday 4:40 p.m. – Dale Herigon – Sorrowful
Sunday 9:40 a.m. – Gilbert & Hermina Strope – Sorrowful

SCRIP: March 24-25 Saturday – Kerry Meyer Sunday – Melissa Verslues

Visit 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 22 – Kimberly Akin & Carol Backes **Tuesday, March 27** – Jenny Becker & Agnes Boessen
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 or Emily Luebbering.

CONGRATULATIONS to **Jack David Boessen**, son of Fred & Amanda Boessen, who was washed in the saving waters of Baptism this weekend in St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

MINISTRY TO THE ILL & INFIRM: If you are preparing for surgery, recovering from surgery, homebound or ill, please let Fr. Secrist (573-477-3315) and/or MaryPat Luebbering (573-477-3476) know so that you have the opportunity to receive the Sacraments and pastoral care.

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.



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.

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Annette Kehner
email: AnnetteKehner@mail.com Phone: 573-680-2824

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.

BISHOP'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH Bishop McKnight would like to inaugurate a monthly prayer intention for our Local Church. This month the intention is **"For the healing of all racial divisions in our communities."**



LENTE PENANCE SERVICES: Penance Services begin at 7:00 p.m.

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

March 28 Our Lady Help of Christians, Frankenstein

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION class will be Wednesday, March 21 in the library of St. Thomas the Apostle School.

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.

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 Veltrap, Nicholas Wankum, Brianna Wieberg.

AED'S FOR OUR PARISHES: Approximately 890 deaths from coronary heart disease occur outside of the hospital or emergency room *every day*. Most of these deaths are due to the sudden loss of heart function or sudden cardiac death. Chances of survival from sudden cardiac death diminish by 7-10% for each minute without immediate CPR or defibrillation. After 10 minutes, resuscitation rarely succeeds. An AED is an electronic device designed to deliver an electric shock to a victim of sudden cardiac arrest. Ventricular fibrillation may be restored to normal rhythm up to 60% of the time if treated promptly with an AED, a procedure called defibrillation. Automated External Defibrillators are portable devices that check the heart rhythm and can send an electric shock to the heart to try to restore a normal rhythm. **AED's** are used to treat sudden cardiac arrest (SCA).

Because of the length of ambulance response times in this area and in memory of some of our parishioners who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith, both St. Thomas the Apostle & St. Cecilia Parishes will soon have AED's on campus.

In preparation for their installation and availability in our parishes, there will be an AED training session at **7:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 25** in the School Library at St. Thomas the Apostle for all interested parishioners.

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.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS:

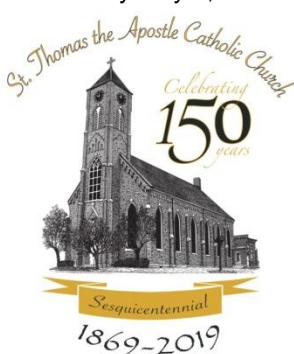
March 23-24 – State Archery Meet in Branson

March 29 – April 2 – 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 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. 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. 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.

CHICKEN DINNER, ST. JOSEPH PARISH, WESTPHALIA is this 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.

ARGYLE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LENTEN FISH FRY is Friday, March 23, serving fish, French fries & trimmings from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Argyle Knights of Columbus Hall. Adults \$10.00, children \$5.00.

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.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PARK BOARD: St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Park Board is looking to find a few individuals who are interested in helping serve on the board. Ideal candidates will help with Southern Missouri River League (SMRL) registrations, assist and coordinate meetings, help with potential grants for the betterment of park area and work closely with the pastor and parish members. Anyone interested, please reach out to Gina Luebbering at 573- 694-1863.

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

POST-HAM/SAUSAGE BREAKFAST MEETING for St. Thomas the Apostle Parish will be Wednesday, March 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the Vitae House.

2018 ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE HAM & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST TOTALS:

Number of meals served at the Ham & Sausage Breakfast were 935 adults & 100 children.

Breakfast Tickets:	\$ 9,840.00
Country Store:	\$ 3,220.00
Craft Stand:	\$ 210.50
Kitchen Sales:	\$ 433.75
Raffle	\$ 2,793.10
Total before bills:	\$16,497.35

The winner of the early-bird raffle ticket sales was **Norman Luebbering**.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE BREAKFAST RAFFLE WINNERS:

Miranda Meyer - \$500 Cash (Diamond Pet Foods)
Harry Bexten - \$100 Cash (Priority Heating & Cooling)
Al Kaiser - \$100 Cash (Luebbering Oil Company)
Olivia Pabst - \$100 Cash (Cole County Industries)
Mike Kaiser - \$100 Cash (Kathy Graessle, Williams Keepers)
Alana Wansing - \$100 Cash (Tony & Melanie Kirkweg)
Bruce Lackman - \$100 Cash (Fancher Rekus Funeral Homes)
Jackson Jurd - \$100 Cash (Mid America Bank)
Jason Lueckenhoff - 6 bags Traeger Pellets (St. Elizabeth TV & Appliance)
LaVerne Dubbert - \$75 Cash (Clinton Luebbering Construction)
Jenna Luebbering - \$75 Cash (Mike Luebbering Construction)
Jesse Reinkemeyer - Gift Basket (The Hair Company, Jessie Lackman)
Noreen Luebbering - Burgers' Cured Ham
Carolyn Loethen - Baby Quilt (MaryPat Luebbering)
Gage Abbott - \$50 Cash (Double Check Glass Service)
Matt Kliegel - \$50 Cash (William Luebbering Cabinets)
Mike Kaiser - \$50 Cash (St. Thomas K of C #2149)
Don Renkemeyer - Baby Quilt (Bank of St. Elizabeth)
Matt Kliegel - \$50 Cash (St. Thomas Babtown Insurance)
Carol Ousley - \$50 Gift Card (The Butcher Shop)
Colton Libbert - Cooler, t-shirts, cap, sign (Coca Cola Bottling)
Emma Boessen - Cards/Dice gift set (Jefferson Bank)
Austin Heckman - Joico Gift Set (Lori Fowler, Hair Expressions)
Carolyn Loethen - Oil Change & Service (Groner's Garage)
Don Renkemeyer - Oil Change & Service (Mark Braun Truck & Auto)
Lauren Buechter - \$30 Cash (Detail Doctor, Otto Wankum)
Ruth Doerhoff - \$25 Cash (Wieberg Red-E-Mix)
Nancy Gragert - \$25 Cash (Bax Auto Body & Marine)
Bailey Veltrop - \$25 Cash (Three Rivers Propane)
June Palmer - \$25 Cash (Meta MFA)

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.