

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

**St. Cecilia**  
in Meta

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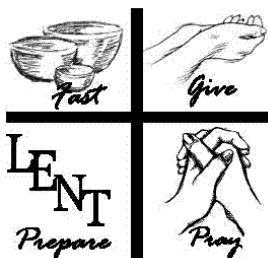
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**March 19, 2023**

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St. Thomas Parish Office hours: Tuesdays 8:30-11:30 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 19-26:**

**Monday 6:00 p.m.** – Joe Kaiser  
**Tuesday 7:45 a.m.** – Dianne Herigon  
**Wednesday 7:45 a.m.**- Lucille Veit  
**Thursday, 7:45 a.m.** – Shirley & Keith Luebbering  
**Stations of the Cross immediately following Mass**  
**Friday 7:45 a.m.** – John & Norma Ullman  
**Friday 6:30 p.m. – Stations of the Cross**  
**Saturday 5:00 p.m.** – People of our Parishes  
Jane Lindenbusch  
**Sunday 10:00 a.m.** – Marie & Delphine Luebbering

**Your Sunday Offering:**

Offertory Budget for 2022-2023: \$305,000.00  
Offertory Goal through Month End: \$228,753.00  
Actual Collection for 2022-2023: **\$217,892.53**  
Offertory Difference Year to Date: -\$ 10,860.47  
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

**Collection in Church:**

March 5 \$ 4,298.53  
March 12 \$ 3,745.67  
March 19 \$  
March 26 \$

**Collection Online:**

March total to date: **\$13,893.70**  
Difference for March: -\$11,523.30

**Church Renovation Capital Campaign**

Total Pledges/Donations \$485,477.70  
Total Collected \$473,592.52  
Total Expenses Paid \$699,195.95

A total of 130 parishioners have returned pledge cards/or  
Contributed to the renovation project.

Church Renovation Loan Balance \$145,924.59  
Loan payments to date \$62,150.00  
(principal) \$54,075.41 (interest) \$8,074.59

**St. Thomas the Apostle Cantors / Organists**

March 25 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Judy Schroeder / Jeanette  
March 26 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Anne Strobe / Jackie  
April 1 Saturday 5:00 p.m.-Kelsey Kliethermes / Jeanette  
April 2 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Choir / Jackie

**St. Thomas the Apostle Readers**

**March 20 Monday 6:00 p.m.** – Jeff Cassmeyer  
March 25 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Amanda Wooten  
March 26 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mason Otto  
April 1 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – **Narrator** – Kathy Graessle  
**Speaker** -Amanda Wooten  
April 2 Sunday 10:00 p.m. – **Narrator** – Brian Luebbering  
**Speaker** – Jennifer Schroeder

**Saint Cecilia**

**Mass Schedule for the Week of March 19-26:**

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – **No Mass**

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

**Your Sunday Offering:**

Offertory Budget for 2022-2023: \$65,000.00  
Collection Total for 2022-2023: **\$46,009.21**  
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,416.67

**Collection in Church:**

March 5 \$2,155.00  
March 12 \$ 993.00  
March 19 \$  
March 26 \$

**March total to date: \$3,148.00**  
Difference for March: -\$2,268.67

**St. Cecilia Collection Counters**

March – Pam Libbert & Marie Lueckenotto

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

**St. Cecilia Readers**

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – **No Mass**  
Sunday, March 26 8:00 a.m. – Betty Hagenhoff  
Sunday, April 2 8:00 a.m. – **Narrator** – Don  
Wansing  
**Speaker** – Dorothy Rehagen

**St. Cecilia Organist**

March 26 8:00 a.m. – Emilie  
April 2 8:00 a.m. – Lydia

**IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO FULFILL  
YOUR LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENT,  
PLEASE FIND A REPLACEMENT. YOUR  
FELLOW PARISHIONERS THANK YOU!**

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

**March 20 Monday 6:00 p.m. Gilbert & Richard Schellman**

March 25 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Phil Akin & Tom Backes

March 26 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Shane & Zeke Verslues

April 1 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Eric Strobe & Dave Luebbering

April 2 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Eric & Roseanne Boessen

**Parish Count for weekend Masses is on the offertory table.**

**Collection baskets choir loft by organ, please return after use.**

### **St. Thomas the Apostle Eucharistic Ministers**

March 25 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Lora Boessen

March 26 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Lynne Reinkemeyer

April 1 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark Luebbering

April 2 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Keith Kliethermes

### **St. Thomas the Apostle Servers**

Weekday – JD Volmert & Annaline Schroeder

March 25 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Evelyn Wooten, Ava Buschjost,  
Gregory Kirby

March 26 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Fayeth Prenger,  
Erika Luebbering, Stella Volmert, Aliyah Buechter

April 1 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Miranda Meyer, Ellie Boessen,  
Carmen Luebbering, Emerald Fennewald

April 2 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Valerie & Zeke Verslues,  
Cady Libbert, Victoria Wieberg

### **St. Thomas the Apostle Offertory Gifts**

March 25 Saturday 5:00 p.m. –Family of Jane Lindenbusch

March 26 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Family of Marie & Delphine  
Luebbering

### **St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters**

March 26 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes

April 2 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg

April 9 – Ron & Theresa Veit

April 16 -Dunja Wieberg & Jennifer Schroeder

April 23– Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman

April 30 - Paul Becker & Shara Buechter

### **Live Stream Mass (10:00 a.m. Sunday)**

March 26 Karlie Reinkemeyer

April 2 Lauri Luebbering

April 9 Brooke Schell

April 16 Dunja Wieberg

April 23 Jenny Becker

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

**Monday, 5:35 p.m. – Tina Stockman – Joyful Mysteries**

Tuesday, 7:25 a.m. – Bob Schellman – Sorrowful Mysteries

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Thursday 7:25 a.m. –Gilbert & Hermina – Luminous Mysteries

Friday 7:25 a.m. – Shirley Volmert – Sorrowful Mysteries

Saturday 4:35 p.m. – Dale Herigon – Sorrowful Mysteries

Sunday 9:35 a.m. – Tina Stockman – Sorrowful Mysteries

### **St. Thomas the Apostle Church Cleaners**

March 19: Sonya Henson, Susan Buechter, Jackie Prenger, Amy Buechter

March 26: Brooke Schell, Tina Stockman, Gina Luebbering, Karen Luebbering

April 2: Alan Libbert, Nancy Libbert, Darrel Buechter, Jan Heckemeyer

April 9: Janet Lueckenhoff, Jim Lueckenhoff, Charlene Buschjost, Randy Buschjost

April 16: Lynne Reinkemeyer, Linda Boessen, Lauri Luebbering, Lisa Lackman

**SNACKS FOR QUILTERS:** Quilter's luncheon may be dropped off Wednesday night 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. (Evening quilting) or St. Thomas the Apostle School. 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.

**Thursday, March 23** – Jennifer Borgmeyer & Mary Kay Brand **Thursday, March 30** – Renee Braun & Mary Jane Budnik

**SCRIP:** Visit [www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip](http://www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip) for more information about the Scrip program. Please contact, Amanda Wooten 573-694-1735 or [amandab\\_27@hotmail.com](mailto:amandab_27@hotmail.com)

### **A NOTE OF THANKS!**

The family of Lorene Heckemeyer would like to thank you for your thoughtfulness and kindness expressed during our mom's passing! Whether you visited, sent a card, brought food, said a prayer, or gave support we are truly grateful Thank you to Fr. Aubuchon, Deacon Steve, Fr. Leonard & Fr. Secrist for a beautiful service.

**Linda Boessen, Leroy Heckemeyer and the Lorene Heckemeyer Family.**

**BULLETIN NOTICES:** Deadline for bulletin is Wednesday at noon.

**FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH:** Mass at 6:00 p.m., March 20, St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

**CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL:** The CSA goal for St. Cecilia Parish is \$2,550 Received \$1,065.00  
The CSA goal for St. Thomas the Apostle Parish is \$10,400 Received \$6,050. **We are nearing the end of the Catholic Stewardship Appeal. If you have not yet made a donation to this year's appeal, please prayerfully consider making a donation. Thank you to everyone who has already donated.**

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH** is looking for volunteer to serve on the Catholic Stewardship Renewal (CSR) & looking for a volunteer to serve as a Liaison for Vocation If interested, please contact Fr. Leonard.

### **St. Cecilia Eucharistic Ministers**

March 26 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dorothy Rehagen

April 2 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Betty Hagenhoff

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

March 26 Sunday 8:00 a.m. –Darin Even, Mitch Stumpe,  
Brendan Stumpe, Randy Hagenhoff

April 2 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Kenny Otto, Leonard Schulte,  
Tony Derkum, William Derkum

### **St. Cecilia Servers**

March 26 Sunday 8:00 a.m. –Natalee Derkum

April 2 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Henry & Annaline Schroeder

**Please arrive 10 minutes before Mass.**

**Servers who have questions or would like to practice, may do so after 8:00 a.m. Mass. Please contact Joanne Schroeder 573-229-8986.**

### **St. Cecilia Offertory Gifts**

March 26 Sunday 8:00 a.m.- Family of Vince & Brad  
Reinkemeyer

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

**No rosary before Wednesday Mass during Lent, due to the Stations of the Cross.**

March 26 Sunday 8:00 a.m. –Dorothy Rehagen  
Sorrowful Mysteries

April 2 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Mary Plassmeyer  
Sorrowful Mysteries

**VOTIVE CANDLES:** The requested donation for lighting a votive candle in church is **\$3.00**. **Please note the cost change for both parishes.**

### **MASS STIPENDS: \$10.00**

**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.

### **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2023**

**Palm Sunday, April 2** – 8:00 a.m. procession with palms from Parish Center into Church at St. Cecilia (weather permitting)  
10:00 a.m. Procession with palms from St. Thomas the Apostle School ENTRANCE into Church at St. Thomas

**Tuesday, April 4** – 7:45 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle Church

**Spy Wednesday, April 5** – 7:45 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle Church and 6:30 p.m. Mass at St. Cecilia Church

**Holy Thursday, April 6** – 7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Adoration until 11:00 p.m.  
(Sign-up sheets in the entrances of both Churches).

**Good Friday, April 7** – 3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross, St. Cecilia Church; 7:00 p.m. Good Friday services, St. Cecilia Church

**Holy Saturday, April 8** – 8:00 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle Church

**Easter Sunday, April 9** – 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Cecilia Church; 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle Church

**BISHOP MCKNIGHT MARCH PRAYER INTENTON:** For a greater respect for the dignity of all human life; may our Catholic Faith inspire us to recognize all human beings – no matter their age, race, or condition – as our brothers and sisters in the Lord.

**PASTORS MEDITATION: FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT [A] JESUS IS THE TRUE LIGHT FOR THE BELIEVERS. (1Sam. 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Eph. 5:8-14; Jn. 9:1-41)** The Fourth Sunday of Lent is known as “Laetare (Rejoice) Sunday,” expressing the Church’s joy in anticipation of the Resurrection of our Lord. Today’s readings remind us that it is God Who both gives us proper vision in body as well as in soul and instructs us that we should be constantly on our guard against spiritual blindness.

The first reading, taken from the First Book of Samuel, by describing the anointing of David as the second king of Israel, illustrates how blind we are in our judgments and how much we need God’s help. It reminds us that those whom God involves in his saving plans are not necessarily those whom the world perceives as great. St. Paul in the second reading, reminds the Ephesians of their new responsibility as children of light and “to live as children of the light, by producing every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth.” In today’s Responsorial Psalm, (Ps 23), we celebrate the care of God, our Good Shepherd, who keeps us safe in the darkness of this world. Presenting the miracle of Jesus’ giving of sight to a man born blind, today’s Gospel teaches us the necessity of being willing to have our eyes opened by Faith and warns us that those who assume they see the truth are often blind, while those who acknowledge their blindness are given clear vision. In this episode, the most unlikely person, namely the beggar born blind, receives the light of Faith in Jesus, while the religion-oriented, law-educated Pharisees remain spiritually blind. To live as a Christian is to see and to grow continually, gaining clearer vision about God, about ourselves and about others. Our Lenten prayers and sacrifices should help to heal our spiritual blindness so that we can look at others, see them as children of God, and love them as our own brothers and sisters, saved by the death and Resurrection of Jesus.

So dear friends we need to allow Jesus to heal our spiritual blindness. We all have blind-spots our lives, in our marriages, our parenting, our work habits and our personalities. We are often blind to the presence of the Triune God dwelling within us and fail to appreciate His presence in others. Even practicing Christians can be blind to the poverty, injustice, and pain around them. Let us remember that Jesus wants to heal our blindness. We need to ask him to remove from us the root causes of our blindness: self-centeredness, greed, anger, hatred, prejudice, jealousy, addiction to evil habits, hardness of heart and the like. Let us pray to God our Father, to help us see Christ more clearly, love him more dearly and follow him more nearly” day by day. We need to get rid of cultural blindness. Our culture also has blind-spots. Often it is blind to things like selfless love, happiness, fidelity with true, committed love in marriage and the value of human life from birth to natural death. Our culture has become anesthetized to the violence and the enormous suffering in the world around us. Let us counteract this cultural blindness as, with His grace, we experience Jesus dwelling within us and within others, through personal prayer, meditative reading of the Bible, and a genuine Sacramental life. ***Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukiibi***

**ST. CECILIA & ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE 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 provided in your monthly packet and place in the collection basket or mail to the Parish Office by April 2. The names will be published in the Easter Sunday bulletin, April 9.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL NEWS:** Self Study – March 22-24, March 29 – Diocesan Spelling bee

**ST. THOMAS CEMETERY DUES:** Dues are \$10.00 per year per family and \$5.00 per year for single persons. Also, anyone after their 21<sup>st</sup> birthday must pay their own dues of \$5.00. Members who are 80+ years old and who have been members for at least 15 years will be exempt from paying further dues. Please note: Anyone falling in areas over 5 years must pay \$100.00 to rejoin plus current dues. Please put payment in the collection basket at St. Thomas the Apostle Church marked “St. Thomas Cemetery Dues or mail to St. Thomas Cemetery Association, c/o Lisa Lackman, 2222 Upper Bottom Rd., St. Thomas, MO 65076. You may contact Lisa if you have any questions about your current or past dues at 573-338-2703.

**GRASS MOWING NOTICE:** A big **THANK YOU** to parish member Dustin Pohl and his landscaping company Elite Turf for donating their services to mow the Parish property. What a great donation! With this in mind, the Grass Cutting Teams will serve as backup and support should Dustin be out of town or need assistance. Team members are encouraged to keep involved and assist in other areas of need such as Church cleaning, Church clock maintenance, assisting Eric & Roseanne Boessen with flowers and landscape and miscellaneous odd jobs for the parish as needed. Thanks to all our volunteers for what you do to keep our parish strong and keeping our property looking beautiful.

**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION:** Please mark your calendars for Saturday, March 25, 2023. Patsy Luebbering is turning 85 and the family would like to invite you to help us celebrate and wish her a Happy Birthday. An open house will be held from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall in St. Thomas.

**THE META CITIZENS CIVIC LEAGUE** is having a monthly meeting on March 27 at 7:00 p.m. All meetings are open to the public. Anyone interested in becoming a Board member please attend. Election of officers will be done at the April 24 meeting.

**FATIMA SCHOOL DISTRICT PATRONS:** Do you want to know about Fatima Schools future? Where we are, and where we need to be. Come to one of the following informational sessions. March 21<sup>st</sup> – Westphalia, Fatima High School Gym at 6:00 PM, with tour of the facility, March 22<sup>nd</sup> - Meta, Fire Station at 7:00 PM

**SENIOR CITIZEN’S DAY AT FATIMA** is Wednesday, March 29. There will be a musical program by our students in the gym starting at 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be provided to all attending at 12:40 p.m. courtesy of Osage County R-III Board of Education. Bus transportation will be provided from your Church: Bus D – Meta at 10:35 a.m./Folk at 11:00 a.m.

**ST. THOMAS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY** is Friday, March 24, serving **GLUTEN FREE fish fillets & fries**, baked potato, Hushpuppies (not gluten free) baked beans, coleslaw & dessert from 4:30-7:00 p.m. Adults \$12.00, children \$6.00 (5 & under free). All you care of eat dine in or carry out in the St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Center.

**CHICKEN DINNER/ST. LOUIS FRANCE CATHOLIC CHURCH** is Sunday, March 26 at the Bonnots Mill Parish Hall serving 12:00-6:00 PM. County Store and 50/50. Online Silent Auction on the St. Louis of France Catholic Church Facebook page. Bidding starts 5:30 PM on March 19 and ends 5:30 PM, March 26. Bids can also be placed in-person on Sunday, March 26. Adults/To-Go Plates: \$15.00; Kids 5-10: \$8.00; and 4 & Under: Free.

**SAVE THE DATES: Totus Tuus – June 4-9**

**St. Thomas Knights of Columbus Gluten Free Fish Fry & Art Show** – Friday, March 24 in St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Center.

**2023 ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH HAM BREAKFAST**

**The Ham Breakfast Committee** would like to thank everyone for a job well done on Sunday, **THANK YOU** to everyone who worked or otherwise participated! A special thanks to all who chaired work areas, worked extra shifts, baked, and prepared food on Friday and Saturday, and donated food or raffle items! It takes a community effort to make this event a success and your efforts and donations are greatly appreciated! In lieu of a Post-Breakfast meeting, we are asking that chairpersons evaluate their work areas and make note of any specific issues, areas of concern, things that went well, or recommendations for improvement. Document any thoughts or ideas you wish to bring forward and forward your input to Larry Lueckenhoff ([lueckenhoff@embarqmail.com](mailto:lueckenhoff@embarqmail.com)), Phil Akin ([phillipakin@yahoo.com](mailto:phillipakin@yahoo.com)), Lisa Lackman ([llackman@blairoaks.org](mailto:llackman@blairoaks.org)), or Kathy Graessle ([kgraessle@williamskeepers.com](mailto:kgraessle@williamskeepers.com)); electronic correspondence is preferred, if possible.

**WANTED** - Picnic & Ham Breakfast Committee Members: Members of the Parish Picnic & Ham Breakfast Committee have served for several years, and it's time to incorporate new participation. The committee operates smoothly and incorporating new members into the mix will allow members to "roll off" while bringing new members up to speed on operations of the committee. Please consider this service and contact a committee member, or Fr. Leonard, if you have an interest in joining. Fresh membership will ensure we have adequate leadership for years to come. Thank you for your consideration.

**2023 St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Breakfast Totals**

Breakfast tickets: \$10,243.00	Kitchen Sales: \$ 748.50
Country Store: \$ 2,560.50	Raffle: \$ 2,363.00
Craft Stand: \$ 185.25	Total before bills: \$16,100.25

**2023 St. Thomas the Apostle Raffle Winners** (Thank you to Larry & Linda Lueckenhoff on the Printing of Raffle Tickets)

1. Claire Morris - \$500 Cash (Diamond Pet Foods)
2. Donna Haslag - \$200 Cash (Rudy Veit, State Representative)
3. Tom Kliegel - \$150 Cash (Williams-Keepers LLC)
4. Kelsi Schlotz - \$100 Cash (Clinton Luebbering Construction LLC)
5. Joyce Boessen - \$100 Cash (Mid- America Bank)
6. Jan Carter - \$100 Cash (Leap of Faith Preschool)
7. Mike Wooten - \$100 Cash (Fancher Rekus Funeral Homes)
8. Art Luebbert - \$100 Cash (Cole County Industries, Inc)
9. Lynne Reinkemeyer - \$100 Cash (Priority Heating & Cooling LLC)
10. Glenn Wolken - \$100 Gift Basket (The Hair Company)
11. TJ Loethen – \$75 Cash (William Luebbering Custom Cabinets LLC)
12. Isabella Luebbering \$50 Cash (Double Check Glass Service)
13. Ava Buschjost - \$50 Cash (Meta MFA Exchange)
14. Grady Volmert - \$50 Cash (Knights of Columbus Council #2149)
15. Donna Haslag - \$50 Cash (Wieberg Red-E-Mix, Inc.)
16. Harold Bexten - \$50 Cash (St. Thomas Babbtown Mutual Insurance)
17. Janet Lueckenhoff - \$50 Gift Card (Speedy B's St. Thomas)
18. Jan Carter - \$30 Cash (Linn Printing)
19. Dorothy Rehagen - \$25 Cash (Hilke's Ice Company)
20. Brynlee Goeller – Cutting board set & \$25 gift certificate (Jefferson Bank of Missouri)
21. Tom Buschjost – Oil Change for a car or light truck (Mark Braun Truck & Auto Repair)
22. Richard Schellman –Certificate for 6 bags of Traeger Pellets/\$50.00 off a new Traeger Grill (St. Elizabeth TV & Appliance)

**St. Cecilia Parish Pastoral Council Meeting - March 9, 2023**

The meeting opened at 6:50 with a prayer by Fr. Leonard Mukiibi.

Those present were Joanne Schroeder, Emily Libbert, Katy Werdehausen, Shirley Bock, Dusty Stegeman, Norma Jean Libbert, Janice Schanzmeyer, Fr. Leonard. Not in attendance was bookkeeper Doris Stumpe.

Minutes from the last meeting had been previously approved.

**Committee Reports**

- Building and Grounds: The roof has been replaced. The external sewage issue had been dug out so it is able to drain. There isn't currently a septic system so the council may need to look into that. Father mentioned joining it in with the rectory system. Father also mentioned the door at the sacristy is rotting and needs to be looked into. Parish grounds cleanup will be April 29. The parish is still accepting bids for grass cutting and cleaning. Those will be accepted through March 15. Janice Schanzmeyer has the list of expectations for those jobs. Contracts will need to be drawn up for these jobs along with choosing a start/end date for whoever wins the bids.
- Cemetery: Next meeting is March 13. They will look in if the organization uses the church ID and if Father's name should be on the account.
- Finance: Met in February. There was a discussion about the use of the AJ Schwartz fund and use of this year's funds and the council will be submitting the next request. Dusty also reported on current finances and balances on the accounts.
- Liturgical and Worship: May need help with getting church ready for Easter. Sign-ups will be in the back of the Church for Holy Week mass participation. Joanne put together a calendar of events to help keep the parish council on track for planning purposes moving forward. This list was greatly appreciated by the council.
- Website: If anything needs added/updated, parishioners may send an email to [emily.libbert@gmail.com](mailto:emily.libbert@gmail.com)

**Father Leonard's Report**

- Father discussed the deanery meeting and new dean. He also reminded of the upcoming switch from the Catholic Stewardship Appeal to the new Stewardship ways of giving. Our parish still needs to find ways to meet their Stewardship goals.

**New Business**

- Picnic discussion: Norma Jean Libbert was invited to discuss the upcoming picnic plans. The picnic will go back to buffet style and the committee will start assisting Norma Jean with some of the planning.
- Papers for nominations for new parish council members will be placed in Church in the pews. Joanne and Emily will be going off the council in May and 2 new members will be coming on.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 11, 2023 at 6:30. The meeting was closed at 8:30 with a prayer by Fr. Leonard.

