

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

St. Cecilia
in Meta

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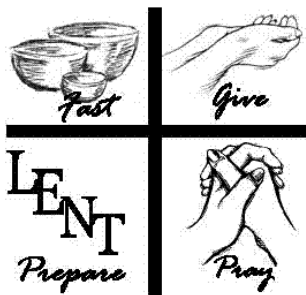
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 1, 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 1-8:

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Keith Luebbering

Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – L&D Anthony & Ida Schellman Fam.

Stations of the Cross following Mass

Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Joe Veit

Friday 7:45 a.m. – Tom & Clara Schmidt

Anointing of the Sick following Mass

6:30 p.m. – Stations of the Cross

7:00 p.m. - Holy Hour

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes

Sunday 10:00 a.m. –Jeremy Luebbering

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2019-2020: \$305,000.00

Offertory Goal through Month End: \$203,336.00

Actual Collection for 2019-2020: **\$185,465.97**

Offertory Difference Year to Date: – \$ 17,870.03

Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

February 2 \$ 5,586.00

February 9 \$ 5,207.00

February 16 \$ 2,870.36

February 23 \$ 3,475.00

Collection Online: \$ 5,602.00

February total to date: **\$22,676.64**

Difference for February -\$ 2,676.64

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): **\$20,054.20**

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. – Amanda Wooten / Annette Kehner

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Doug Luebbering / Jackie Prenger

St. Thomas the Apostle Reader

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Judy Schroeder

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Bill Luebbering

St. Thomas the Apostle Altar Servers

Weekday – Miranda Meyer & Grace Luebbering

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ethan & Noah Luebbering,

Cale Luebbert, Rowan Buechter

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Belle Boessen,

Madi & Audrey Buschjost, Francie Tallent

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of March 1-8:

Stations of the Cross 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Hubert Brandt

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Gus Kelly

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2019-2020: \$62,000.00

Collection Total for 2019-2020: **\$40,164.25**

Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,166.67

Collection in Church:

February 2 \$ 2,014.00

February 9 \$ 1,555.00

February 16 \$ 772.00

February 23 \$ 1,718.00

February total to date: **\$ 5,759.00**

Difference for February: +\$ 592.33

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. – Dorothy Rehagen

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Jennifer Even

St. Cecilia Altar Servers

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Melina Derkum & Natalie Derkum

**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 7-8

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Betty Schellman, Carolyn Loethen,

Mark Graessle

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Glenn Prenger, Sheri Wieberg,

Bill Luebbering

March 14-15

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Jan Carter, Lora Boessen,

Mark Luebbering

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Lynne Reinkemeyer,

Mattheuw Prenger, Keith Kliethermes

St. Thomas Greeters/Ushers

March 7-8

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Dave Luebbering & Steve Schellman

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Tom Backes & Ryan Buschjost

March 14-15

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Gilbert Schellman & Richard Schellman

Sunday 10:00 a.m. –Richard Heckemeyer & Jim Lueckenhoff

St. Thomas Presentation of Gifts at Mass

March 7-8

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Gilbert & Betty Schellman

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Tom & Carol Backes Family

March 14-15

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark & Barb Graessle

Sunday 10:00 a.m. - Eugene & MaryPat Luebbering

St. Thomas Collection Counters

March 8 – Jennifer Schroeder & Dunja Wieberg

March 15 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman

March 22 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg

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. – Dale Herigon – Sorrowful

Sunday 9:35 a.m. – Gilbert & Hermina Strobe – Sorrowful

SNACKS FOR QUILTERS:

Thursday, March 5 – Lucy Suthoff & Lynn Taggart

Thursday, March 12 – Deanne Twehus & Marilyn Veit

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 7&8: Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Lindsay Luebbering Sunday 10:00 a.m. – ***NO SALES – Ham Breakfast***

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:

1st Sunday of Lent: LET US CONFRONT OUR EVIL TENDENCIES WITH PRAYER & PENANCE DURING THIS TIME OF LENT. Lent is primarily the time of intense spiritual preparation for conquering our temptations, using the means Jesus used during his forty days of preparation in the desert for his public life. It is also the time for renewing our lives for the celebration of Easter with our Risen Lord who conquered sin and death by his suffering, death and Resurrection. We should remember that we are always tempted by the devil, by the world and by our own selfish interests. So, we need to cooperate actively with God's grace to conquer our temptations. We should meditate during this time and learn how the "desert experience" of fasting, praying, and soul-strengthening enabled Jesus to confront his temptations successfully and then to preach the Good News of salvation.

We are to confront and conquer temptations as Jesus did, using the means he employed, Every one of us is tempted to seek sinful pleasures, easy wealth, positions of authority, power and glory using any means, even unjust or sinful ones to gain these things. Jesus serves as a model for us in conquering temptations by strengthening himself through **prayer, penance and the effective use of the Word of God.** Hence, during this Lent, let us confront our evil tendencies with prayer especially by participating in the Holy Mass, with penance and with meditative reading of the Bible.

We are to grow in holiness by prayer, reconciliation and sharing during Lent: by finding time to be with God every day of Lent, speaking to Him in fervent prayer and listening to Him through the meditative reading of the Bible; by being reconciled with God through the Sacrament of Reconciliation and reconciled with others by asking their forgiveness for our offenses against them; by sharing our love with others through selfless and humble service, almsgiving and helping those in need. I wish you a prayerful and fruitful Lenten season. Have a blessed week. **Fr. Leonard Mukiibi**

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 8: Please don't forget to set your clock forward one hour before bedtime Saturday night.

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 in the entrances of both Churches.

CATHOLIC STEWARSHIP APPEAL: The CSA goal for St. Thomas the Apostle Parish is \$10,000. \$9,845.00 received so far. The CSA goal for St. Cecilia Parish is \$2,500. \$1,745.00 received so far.

St. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

March 8

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer, Doris

Stumpe

March 15

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Jennifer Even, Betty Hagenhoff,

Dorothy Rehagen

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

March 8

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Tony Derkum, Leon Schanzmeyer,

Kenny Otto, Larry Lueckenotto

March 15

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Mitch Stumpe, Darin Even,

Leonard Schulte, Harold Libbert

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

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

Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Mary Plassmeyer - 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 PARISHIONERS please pick up your 2020 Time, Talent & Stewardship form in the back of church if you haven't done so already.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION CLASS will meet on Wednesday, March 4, St. Cecilia.

ST. THOMAS PARISH HAM & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST WORK-LIST: There are additional copies are in the entrances of St. Thomas the Apostle Church and on our web page.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH HAM BREAKFAST RAFFLE CHANCES: Please remember to pick up your breakfast raffle chances in Church. Each family is asked to sell \$20 or more of raffle chances. Sold raffle chances and money can be returned in an envelope in the collection basket or to the Grand Raffle stand on breakfast day. Extra raffle chances are in the entrances of St. Thomas the Apostle Church or Speedy B's.

PRAYING A ROSARY FOR OUR COUNTRY will be prayed at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 4 at 5:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

FIRST FRIDAY AT ST. THOMAS, MARCH 6: Anointing of the sick following 7:45 a.m. Mass, adoration, all school Benediction at 11:10 a.m. and Holy Hour 7:00 p.m.

FIRST FRIDAY SOCIAL AT ST. THOMAS will not be held during Lent.

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 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: Bishop W. Shawn McKnight invites you to attend our annual Chrism Mass at the Cathedral Church of St. Joseph, Jefferson City on Thursday, April 2, 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.

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 my Catholic School. I've been here since preschool and I've loved it ever since. Everybody is really nice to you, and nobody will leave you out, you'll always be included in something. You can also make friends really easy here, and they'll always be there for you. If you're going through hard times you can always talk to a teacher from the teacher's staff or the principal, secretary, priest or anybody you feel comfortable to talk to. They are very friendly, always have your back, and will help you in any ways they can. If you're interested in sports we have basketball, volleyball. There's softball and baseball in St. Thomas during the summer, and we have archery in the fall throughout winter! Another thing I like is Church we usually have it every day of the week besides Monday. You always learn something from the Priest's homilies, he is really funny, kind and friendly. He'll even play with you at recess! The fun things we have are Spirit week, Red Ribbon Week, Catholic Schools Week, and we have awesome field trips all thanks to the staff. All those things and people are why I love my Catholic School. We always stick together, pray together, help each other and are always there for each other. **Annie Stewart – 6th**

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL SPRING PLANT FUNDRAISER: Basket & patio planters, sun & shade flowers. Orders due Monday, March 9, plant pickup is Friday, May 8 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Please call the school office at 573-477-3322 or any St. Thomas the Apostle School student.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesday, March 4 – Stations of the Cross following 7:45 a.m. Mass
Thursday, March 5 – Early Release 12:50 a.m. car riders, 1:00 p.m. bus riders
Friday, March 6 – First Friday, Adoration, Confessions 2-8, Benediction 11:10 p.m.
Monday, March 9 – Plant orders due

COPY PAPER: Please drop off clean on one side and staple free paper at school or call the St. Thomas the Apostle School office, 573-477-3322.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PRE-SCHOOL: If you have a preschool age child and have been thinking about preschool, please contact the school office at 573-477-3322 or Miss Jaycine Bax at jbaxstacs@gmail.com

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 1st: Sonya Henson, Susan Buechter, Jackie Prenger, Amy Buechter
Week of March 8th: Janet Lueckenhoff, Jim Lueckenhoff, Charlene Buschjost, Randy Buschjost
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.

THE DIOCESE OF JEFFERSON CITY WOMEN'S MINISTRY is proud to present Kelly Wahlquist as a guest speaker for the Women's Conference on Saturday, March 7 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Joseph, Jefferson City. What if you witnessed the events of Jesus' last days? Looking at the gifts of the "feminine genius" through the eyes of women in the relating to him in a profound intimate way – the way in which you were created to relate to Him, as a woman. Registration includes lunch, snacks, inspirational talks by Kelly Wahlquist, founder of WINE (Women in the New Evangelization), sisterhood, and a goodie bag filled with fun items! \$40 – includes Walk in Her Sandals book bundle, \$30 without book bundle. To register on line: www.diojeffcity.org/womens-ministry or Erin Boeckman at (573) 634-9127 ext. 240.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS, SATURDAY MARCH 14: Please join the Office of Vocations in this wonderful opportunity to venerate the relic of St. Jude Thaddeus, as well as make this a day of prayer for an increase of Vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood for our Diocese at the Cathedral of Jefferson City. This day will be a similar format to last year: we will begin with Holy Mass, Confessions will be available all day, a couple of reflections/talks will be given, and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be available. Veneration 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., opening Mass at 8:00 a.m. & closing Mass at 5:30 p.m. celebrated by the Most Reverend W. Shawn McKnight. Reflection 10:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m., Adoration 8:30 a.m. – 5:15 p.m. Confession 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

CHRISTOPHER WEST & MIKE MANGIONE: Brought to you by the Cathedral of St. Joseph, St. Peter, and St. Martin Parishes. **May 5, 2020** 7:00—9:30 p.m. Cathedral of St. Joseph. *This event will sell out, so get your tickets early!* World renowned speaker and author Christopher West, along with musician Mike Mangione, are coming to the Cathedral of St. Joseph with an all new event called MADE FOR MORE: VISIONS OF THE PROMISED LAND. Bring family and friends. No one should miss this awesome and inspiring event! Tickets are \$25. Go to www.corproject.com/jeffersoncity/ for tickets and more information about the event, or email julie.g@cathedraljc.org.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRYs, HOLTS SUMMIT are Fridays, March 6, 13, 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.

FRANKENSTEIN CYO BREAKFAST is Sunday, March 1, serving sausage, pancakes, scrambled eggs, biscuits & gravy from 7:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Adults \$8; children 6-10 \$4.00.

AMERICAN LEGION POST #544 SPRING BREAKFAST WESTPHALIA is March.1, serving country ham, biscuits & gravy, fried eggs at the Westphalia K of C Hall 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. Adults \$8:00, children 6-10 \$4:00. Proceeds to sponsor Honor Flight-Wounded Warrior fund, Veterans services, Boys & Girls State, American Legion Auxiliary Bake Sale.

ARGYLE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LENTEN FISH FRY is Friday, March 6, serving fish, French fries & the trimmings from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Adults \$10.00, children \$5.00.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH HAM & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST is Sunday, March 8, serving country ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, hash browns, biscuits & gravy & applesauce from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Parish Center. Adults \$10.00, children 6-12 \$5.00. Country store, crafts & raffle – with over \$2,000 in cash prizes.

WARDSVILLE/OSAGE BEND KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY is Friday, March 13, serving fish fillets, hush puppies, baked potato, French fried chips, baked beans, cole slaw and homemade rolls from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Adults \$12.00, children 6-12 \$6.00. Beverages available for purchase. Funds to be used for a new K of C hall.

ARGYLE/KOELTZTOWN RELAY FOR LIFE FISH FRY is Friday, March 13, serving fish, potatoes, onion rings, salad, mac & cheese, dessert from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the St. Boniface Center, Koeltztown. Adults \$11.00, children 6-12 \$5.00.

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.

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 Parish Ham Breakfast – Sunday, March 8, 2020

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

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