

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 21, 2021

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St. Thomas Parish Office hours: Wednesdays 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.; **Thursdays 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.**

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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 21-28:

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Ray, Marcella & Sam Herigon
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – Fred & Bertha Beck
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Herb & Imogene Volmert
Friday 7:45 a.m. – Bernadine Groner

Stations of the Cross – 6:30 p.m.

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Marie Luebbering

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2020-2021:	\$305,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End:	\$228,753.00
Actual Collection for 2020-2021:	\$195,191.75
Offertory Difference Year to Date:	– \$ 33,561.25
Offertory Goal per month:	\$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

March 7	\$ 5,355.00
March 14	\$ 3,542.75
March 21	\$
March 28	\$

Collection Online: \$ 5,117.00

March total to date: **\$14,014.75**

Difference for March -\$11,402.25

St. Thomas the Apostle Expansion & Building Fund

Income from parishioners for FY 2020-2021
(via the yellow "Building Fund" envelope): **\$16,979.00**

St. Thomas the Apostle Cantor / Organist

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Jean Kliethermes / Annette Kehner
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Doug Luebbering / Annette Kehner

St. Thomas the Apostle Reader

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Reader: Dale Herigon
Narrator Dave Schroeder, Speaker Mary Kay Brand
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Reader: Jan Heckemeyer
Narrator Jennifer Schroeder, Speaker Jackie Prenger

St. Thomas the Apostle Ushers

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Gilbert Schellman & Dave Luebbering
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Richard Heckemeyer & Jim Lueckenhoff

St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters

March 28- Keith & Jean Kliethermes
April 4 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg
April 11 – Jennifer Schroeder & Dunja Wieberg

St. Thomas Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Brenda Wansing
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Randy Buschjost

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of March 21-28:

Stations of the Cross – 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Keith Juergensmeyer

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Lawrence "Dick" Rehagen

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2020-2021:	\$62,000.00
Collection Total for 2020-2021:	\$38,461.35
Offertory Goal per month:	\$ 5,166.67

Collection in Church:

March 7	\$ 950.00
March 14	\$1,055.00
March 21	\$
March 28	\$

March total to date: **\$2,005.00**

Difference for March: -\$3,161.67

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

March – Pam Libbert & Marie Lueckenotto

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

St. Cecilia Reader

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Narrator Jennifer Even
Speaker Doris Stumpe

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

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas:

Tuesday, 7:20 a.m. – Joann Heckman – Sorrowful Mysteries
Wednesday 7:20 a.m. – Pat Loethen – Glorious Mysteries
Thursday 7:20 a.m. - Viola Boessen – Luminous Mysteries
Friday 7:20 a.m. – Bob Schellman – Sorrowful Mysteries
Saturday 4:35 p.m. – Dale Herigon – Sorrowful Mysteries
Sunday 9:35 a.m. – Gilbert & Hermina Strobe – Sorrowful Mysteries

Mass Live Streamers:

March 28 – Karlie Reinkemeyer
April 1 (Holy Thursday) 7:00 p.m. – Jennifer Schroeder
April 2 (Good Friday) 7:00 p.m. – Lauri Luebbering
April 3 (Holy Saturday) 8:00 p.m. – Lauri Luebbering
April 4 (Easter Sunday) 10:00 a.m. – Karlie Reinkemeyer
April 11 – Dunja Wieberg

St. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Betty Hagenhoff

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

Sunday 8:00 a.m. - Anton Libbert & Terry 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. – Margaret Brune – Sorrowful Mysteries

VOTIVE CANDLES: The requested donation for lighting a votive candle in church is **\$2.50.**

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.

SCRIP: Visit www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip for more information about the Scrip program. Please contact Daffiny Tallent at 573-694-4408 to purchase anytime.

SNACKS FOR QUILTERS: Anyone entering the St. Thomas Parish School building must wear a mask at all times, except when quilting. Must be fever free or no temperature of 100 or higher. Please take your temperature at home.

Thursday, March 25 – Tricia Heislen & Sonya Henson

Tuesday, March 30 - Jeanne Herigon & Jill Hickman

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.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PRAYER LINE REQUESTS should be emailed to Theresa Veit at veitoffice@gmail.com or by calling 573-418-7301.

BISHOP MCKNIGHT'S MARCH PRAYER INTENTION: Through the example and intercession of St. Joseph, Husband of Mary, may a gentle disposition rule our hearts and allow for charity, reconciliation, and mercy in our lives.

DIOCESAN CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL: *This is the last week to meet the March 15 deadline for donations to the CSA.* Please donate if you haven't already done so. Your donation is greatly appreciated to help meet our goal.

The CSA goal for St. Cecilia Parish is \$2,500, **\$2,095.00** received so far

The CSA goal for St. Thomas the Apostle Parish is \$10,000, **\$8,355.00** received so far

FORMED: **This week's recommending viewing on FORMED:** *Joseph of Nazareth: The Story of the Man Closest to Christ* - This film uses creative license in telling the story of St. Joseph. Parental guidance is suggested.

Guard What Has Been Entrusted To You - A Sermon for the Feast of St. Joseph - A sermon by Bishop Jacques-Benigne Bossuet

St. Joseph (4-Part Series) - FORMED Now Series

St. Joseph: Patron of the Universal Church by Mark Miravalle - A presentation on the hidden life of the man whom God chose to "substitute" for Himself.

Lukas Storyteller: Saint Joseph - This show is geared to teach young kids about St. Joseph and the virtue of obedience.

RCIA CLASSES are going on every Thursday from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. for those who have registered, also open to those that want to further enrich their faith life. Please contact Fr. Leonard Mukiibi if you are interested.

ON PASTORAL ACTIVITIES IN THE DIOCESE OF JEFFERSON CITY:

Whereas guidance from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention of the U.S. Government advises: 1) the more frequently a surface is touched by multiple people, the more frequently it should be cleaned and then disinfected, and 2) frequently touched surfaces should be cleaned and disinfected at least daily; and

Whereas many local health authorities allow for social gatherings and events when the standard protocols of social distancing and the wearing of face masks are observed;

I therefore emend, as Diocesan Bishop, the DECREES of 21 August 2020, 11 November 2020, and 2 March 2021 according to the following:

1. The Bible, hymnals, other liturgical aids or spiritual resources for the celebration of liturgies and devotions may be returned to the pews of churches and adoration chapels, effective immediately. Those who enter churches and chapels are to be encouraged to wash or sanitize their hands frequently, and pews and other frequently touched surfaces shall be cleaned and disinfected at least daily.

2. Holy Water may be returned to fonts with frequent changes of Holy Water, at least daily.

3. Social gatherings may take place on parish properties as early as 1 June 2021, but only if local health authority directives are observed. Parishes and schools are encouraged, however, to delay such events until late summer to avoid the need to cancel them if local circumstances require it.

This decree is effective immediately unless otherwise noted, anything to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given at the Chancery of the Diocese of Jefferson City on this 12th day of March 2021. **The Most Rev. W. Shawn McKnight, S.T.D.**

PASTORS MEDITATION: 5th Sunday of Lent year B: **The painful struggle Jesus had to endure to be faithful to his vocation as the suffering Messiah.** (Jer.31:31-34; Heb.5:7-9; Jn.12:20-33) Today's readings focus on the approaching death of Jesus which Paul considers a priestly sacrifice and John considers the moment of Jesus' "exaltation" and "glorification."

The readings offer us a challenge, Just as Jesus became the "Promised Messiah of Glory" and the "Conquering Son of Man" by offering his life for others, we too, if we would come to Heaven, must die to self by loving obedience, spending our lives in self-giving, sacrificial service.

The first reading, taken from the book of the Prophet Jeremiah, explains how God will replace the Old Covenant of Judgment with a New Covenant of Forgiveness of sins. This New or Renewed Covenant prophesied by Jeremiah was fulfilled through Jesus' life, death and Resurrection. In the second reading, St. Paul tells the Hebrews that it is by Jesus' suffering and death, in obedience to his Father's will, that Jesus established the New Covenant. Using metaphors of the "sown wheat grain" and

the “*spent life*” in today’s Gospel, Jesus teaches the lessons St. Paul will repeat. The Gospel hints at the inner struggle of Jesus in accepting the cup of suffering to inaugurate the New and Eternal Covenant. However, Jesus accepts the cross as his “*hour*,” meaning the stepping-stone to his passion, death, Resurrection and exaltation. Jesus also considers his “*hour*” as the way of glorifying his Heavenly Father and of being glorified by his Father. It is the way by which all people will be drawn into the saving action of God. Finally, the “*lifting up*” of Jesus on the cross and later into Heavenly glory by Resurrection and Ascension is the assurance of our own exaltation and glorification, provided we accept our crosses.

1) Today’s Gospel teaches us that new life and eternal life are possible only by the death of the self through obedience, suffering and service. Salt gives its taste by dissolving in water. A candle gives light by having its wick burned and its wax melted. The oyster produces a priceless pearl by transforming a grain of sand through a long and painful process. Loving parents sacrifice themselves so that their children can enjoy a better life than they themselves have had. Let us pray that we may acquire this self-sacrificing spirit, especially during Lent.

2) Only a life spent for others will be glorified, sometimes here in this world but always in Heaven. We know that the world owes everything to people who have spent their time and talents for God and for their fellow human beings. Mother Teresa, for instance, gave up her comfortable teaching career, and with just 5 rupees (17 cents) in her pocket began her challenging life for the “poorest of the poor” in the crowded slums of Calcutta. We see similar cases in the history of great saints, scientists, and benefactors of mankind in all walks of life. They chose to burn out rather than to rust out. Examples are the Rockefeller Foundation for scientific progress and the Bill Gates Foundation for AIDS Research. Let us, too, spend ourselves for others.

Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukibi

HOLY WEEK AND SACRED TRIDUUM SCHEDULE FOR 2021

Palm Sunday: March 28, no procession before Mass

Holy Thursday: April 1, 7:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle

Good Friday Stations of the Cross: April 2, 3:00 p.m. St. Cecilia

Good Friday Service: April 2, 7:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil: April 3, 8:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle

Easter Sunday: St. Cecilia 8:00 a.m.; St. Thomas the Apostle 10:00 a.m.

ST. CECILIA HOLY HOUR is Friday, March 26, 7:30 p.m.

CHRISM MASS is Tuesday, March 30, 10:00 a.m. Cathedral of Jefferson City, Live Streamed for the people, but the priests will attend in person.

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 or mail to the parish office by March 28. The names will be published in the Easter Sunday bulletin, April 4.

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 and place in the collection basket or mail to the parish office by March 28. The names will be published in the Easter Sunday bulletin, April 4.

CONFIRMATION CLASS: March classes will be held in St. Cecilia parish center. There will be no Confirmation class during Holy Week (March 31). The following Wednesday will be Confirmation practice at 7:00 p.m. at St. Thomas Church. Sponsors are strongly encouraged to attend as well.

ST. THOMAS CEMETERY DUES: Dues are \$10.00 per year per family and \$5.00 per year for single persons. Also, anyone after their 21st 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 arrears over 5 years must pay \$100.00 to rejoin plus current dues. Please put payment in the collection basket marked “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 questions about your current or past dues at 573-338-2703.

ST. THOMAS CHURCH CLEANING TEAM ROTATION FOR UPCOMING WEEKS:

Week of March 21st: Lynne Reinkemeyer, Linda Boessen, Lauri Luebbering, Lisa Lackman

Week of March 28th: Sonya Henson, Susan Buechter, Jackie Prenger, Amy Buechter

Week of April 4th: Janet Lueckenhoff, Jim Lueckenhoff, Charlene Buschjost, Randy Buschjost

Week of April 11th: Alan Libbert, Nancy Libbert, Darrel 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. THOMAS PRESCHOOL: If you have a child ages 3 or 4 and have thinking about preschool, please call Jaycine Bax 573-821-1179 or email jbax@stacs.school or the school office 573-477-3322. Due to COVID-19 we will not be hosting a group sneak peek for the upcoming preschoolers. If you have any questions or would like to set up a one on one meeting and school tour please contact Jaycine or the school office.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 1- No School, Holy Thursday P-8; April 2 – No School, Good Friday P-8; April 5 – No School, Easter Monday P-8

JOB OPENING: St. Thomas the Apostle School is seeking a custodian to clean the school campus for around 10-15 hours per week. It would be Monday-Friday starting at 3:30 p.m. and then working until the cleaning is done each day. Some days you may work longer, and some days may be shorter will depend upon what needs to be completed for the day. This would be for the remainder of this school year. This position would be for the months of August through May. You would have your summers off. The hourly wage will depend upon experience. Applicants should complete and submit an application to the Catholic School office at <https://diofeffcity.org/blog/2019/06/17/employment-in-our-catholic-schools/> and contact Principal Leroy Heckemeyer at 573-477-3322.

LIFE RUNNERS: Dr. Pat Castle, the founder of LIFE Runners, one of the largest Pro-Life teams in the world, will be making a special visit to our 4th -11th grade St. Anthony/St. Lawrence CCD students on the evening of Wednesday, March 24th at 7:00 pm in the school gym. Dr. Pat is an inspiring force for ProLife through faith, involvement, court of law and education. Everyone is welcome to attend! Anyone interested in making a donation is much appreciated! Donations must be received before March 24th. For more information, please visit liferunners.org

ST. JOSEPH PARISH CHICKEN DINNER, WESTPHALIA is Sunday, March 21, **DRIVE THRU ONLY**, \$12.00 per meal, (follow the signs to the drive thru entrance). Serving fried chicken, with real mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, corn and coleslaw. Serving from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE: June 27-July 2 – Totus Tuus

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE BBQ DINNER (March 14) total income (before paying expenses).

Winner of the 50/50 raffle was Andy Luebbering who received \$390.00

BBQ Meal	\$7,186.00
5050 Raffle	\$780.00
Kitchen Sales	<u>\$154.00</u>
Total	\$8,120.00

PRAYER TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY FOR PROTECTION FROM THE CORONAVIRUS

O Immaculate Heart of Mary, we entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.

At the foot of the Cross, you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith.

Patroness of the Diocese of Jefferson City, you know what we need.

We are certain of the power of your intercession, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us:

He who taught us to "love one another, as I have loved you" took our sufferings upon Himself and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection.

Bring under your mantel of protection all who provide care for the sick and minister to their needs, as your Son implores us to do for one another.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

Do not despise our pleas and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen

DECREE: Lenten, Holy Week and the Easter Triduum 2021

Whereas the common good demands that the public health requirements and recommendations of the state are to be observed whenever possible; and

Whereas the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments has issued a NOTE (N.96/21) renewing the mandate given in the previous year to guide Diocesan Bishops in their task of providing for the spiritual welfare of pastors and faithful for the celebrations surrounding Holy Week;

I therefore decree, as the Diocesan Bishop, the following:

1. All dispensations, obligations and guidance of the previous DECREE of 21 August 2020, as modified by the DECREE of 11 November 2020, remain in effect except for the following:
2. Parish communal penance services and other seasonal services (e.g., Stations of the Cross, Eucharistic Adoration, rosaries and novenas) may be celebrated while following all the normal protocols for social distancing and/or the wearing of face coverings.
3. The dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass in person on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation continues for all the faithful of the Diocese of Jefferson City and those who are present in the territory of the Diocese, provided that for days of precept they do one of the following:
 - a. Prayerfully participate in the Sunday of Holy Day of Obligation Mass live streamed from their parish church or chapel, the Cathedral, the Vatican or of any Mass of the day celebrated in communion with the Roman Catholic Church.
 - b. Prayerfully read and meditate on the readings of the Mass for the Sunday or Holy Day of Obligation, and recite the rosary of Divine Mercy chaplet.
4. The faithful still have the obligation to keep the Lord's Day holy and "to refrain from engaging in work or activities that hinder the worship owed to God, the joy proper to the Lord's Day, the performance of the works of mercy, and the appropriate relaxation of mind and body" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no.2185)
5. Parishes are highly encouraged to live stream Masses for Sundays, Holy Days of Obligation, and Holy Week liturgies to maintain a pastoral connection with their parishioners during and after the pandemic.
6. The Chrism Mass will be live streamed from the Cathedral on Tuesday, March 30 at 10:00 a.m. with clergy participating. Any faithful unable to attend are encouraged to participate spiritually by watching the live stream of this Mass which celebrates our unity as a priestly people. Priest of the diocese will renew their priestly promises at this Mass.
7. On Palm Sunday, the commemoration of the Lord's entrance into Jerusalem is to be celebrated. Parish priests will use their pastoral judgement in choosing whether the second form (solemn entrance) or third form (simple entrance) as given in the Roman Missal is to be adopted. Blessed palms may be made available this year for the benefit of the faithful. Care should be taken that this distribution is done with safety precautions.
8. For the Mass of the Lord's Supper, the washing of feet, which is already optional, is to be omitted. At the end of the Mass of the Lord's Supper, the procession with the Blessed Sacrament may take place (the use of a monstrance is strictly prohibited), but the place of reservation of the Blessed Sacrament after the procession should be the normal place where the Blessed Sacrament is reserved throughout the year (no special altar of repose). On this day the faculty to celebrate Mass in the parish church or a chapel, without the presence of the people, is exceptionally granted to all priests.
9. On Good Friday, the addition of the following intention is to be added: XI. For an end to the pandemic. Let us pray, dearly beloved, for a swift end to the coronavirus pandemic that afflicts our world, that our God and Father will heal the sick, strengthen those who care for them and help us all to persevere in faith.
Prayer in silence. Then the Celebrant says: Almighty and merciful God, source of all life, health and healing, look with compassion on our world, brought low by disease; protect us in the midst of the grave challenges that assail us and in your fatherly providence grant recovery to the stricken, strength to those who care for them, and success to those working to eradicate this scourge. Through Christ our Lord. R. Amen
10. The adoration of the Cross by a kiss shall be limited solely to the celebrant. The faithful who come forward to adore may individually genuflect or bow to the Cross (which may be a crucifix).
11. The Easter Vigil is to be celebrated only in the Cathedral and parish Churches. A simplified *Lucernarium* may take place with the blessing of the fire and the candle inside the church; or a representative group of the faithful (for the purpose of social distancing) may join the celebrant outside for the blessing of the fire, lighting of the candle, and procession into the church. The incensation of the paschal candle and chanting of the *Exsultet* follow. For the "Baptismal Liturgy." Each Baptism should be done using a fresh pouring of water (not by dipping into the font). When confirming, the ministering Priest shall sanitize his thumb after each Confirmation. Holy Communion for those initiated may be given under both species only if there is a small enough number to accommodate a separate chalice for each one. Pastoral judgment should be used. For the Renewal of Baptismal Promises, the rite as presented in the Roman Missal may be used.
12. Congregational singing is allowed only with the permission of the Pastor, taking into account the safety of the faithful and the capacity for having adequate safeguards in place in accord with local health directives.
13. Persons, whether Catechumens or not, who are in danger of death but are not at the point of death and so are able to hear and answer the questions involved, may be baptized with the shorter rite in the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* (cf. "Christian Initiation of a Person in Danger of Death"). If they are at the point of death, "Christian Initiation for the Dying" in the *Pastoral Care of the Sick* is to be observed (cf. no.277). Candidates for full communion who are in danger of death may be received into full communion, confirmed and given First Communion immediately, even outside of Mass, with the celebration of the Rite of Penance beforehand.

This decree is effective from 2 March 2021 and until further notice, anything to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given at the Chancery of the Diocese of Jefferson City on the 2nd day of March 2021.

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

