

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

St. Cecilia
in Meta

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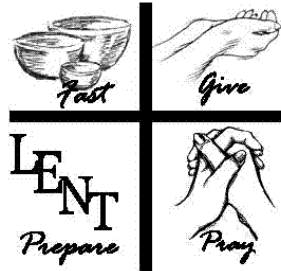
PO Box 146
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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 24, 2019

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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 25-31:

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – L&D Alex Heckman Family
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – *Stations of the Cross*
Friday 7:45 a.m. – Sylvanus Hoecker
Friday 6:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – L&D Knights of Columbus

Your Sunday Offering:

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| Offertory Budget for 2018-2019: | \$305,000.00 |
| Offertory Goal through Month End: | \$228,753.00 |
| Actual Collection for 2018-2019: | \$209,231.72 |
| Offertory Difference Year to Date: | – \$ 19,521.28 |
| Offertory Goal per month: | \$ 25,417.00 |

Collection in Church:

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| March 3 | \$ 4,325.50 |
| March 10 | \$ 2,970.00 |
| March 17 | \$ 3,358.00 |
| March 24 | \$ |
| March 31 | \$ |

Collection Online:

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| | \$ 5,602.00 |
| March total to date: | \$16,255.50 |
| Difference for March: | – \$ 9,161.50 |

St. Thomas the Apostle Expansion & Building Fund

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| Total Expansion Project expenses paid: | \$2,273,475.34 |
| Income from parishioners for FY 2018-2019 (via the yellow "Building Fund" envelope): | \$21,893.65 |
| 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. – Kerry Meyer / Jackie Prenger
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Doug Luebbering / Annette Kehner

St. Thomas the Apostle Reader

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kathy Graessle
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Bill Lueckenhoff

St. Thomas the Apostle Altar Servers

Weekday – Annaline Schroeder, Kenzie Libbert, Bradyen Stegeman
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Cameron & Chesney Luebbering, Courtney Luebbering
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Molly Suthoff, Gregory Kirby, Klint & Mason Luebbering

St. Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of March 25-31:

Stations of the Cross 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Lawrence "Dick" Rehagen

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

Your Sunday Offering:

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| 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:

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| March 3 | \$ 770.00 |
| March 10 | \$1,609.00 |
| March 17 | \$1,642.25 |
| March 24 | \$ |
| March 31 | \$ |

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| March total to date: | \$ 4,021.25 |
| Difference for March: | – \$ 1,145.42 |

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. –Doris Stumpe
Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Dorothy Rehagen
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer

St. Cecilia Altar Servers

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – *servers needed*
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – 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 30-31**

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

April 6-7

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Lora Boessen, Mark Luebbering, Pat Kaiser
 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jan Carter, Mattheuw Prenger, Rob Henson

St. Thomas Greeters/Ushers**March 30-31**

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

April 6-7

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Richard Schellman & Fred Luebbering
 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Eric & Keith Boessen

St. Thomas Presentation of Gifts at Mass**March 30-31**

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

April 6-7

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark & Lauri Luebbering
 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Keith & Jean Kliethermes

St. Thomas Collection Counters

March 30-31 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman
 April 6-7 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg
 April 13-14 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday 7:25 a.m. – Pat Loethen – Sorrowful
 Friday 7:25 a.m. – Bob Schellman – Sorrowful
 Saturday 4:40 p.m. – Marilyn Herigon – Sorrowful
 Sunday 9:40 a.m. – Tina Stockman – Sorrowful

SNACKS FOR QUILTERS:

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 Strope 573-477-3349 or Emily Luebbering 573-477-3459.

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.

BISHOP MCKNIGHT'S MARCH PRAYER INTENTION: "For a penitential spirit that our observance of Lent may open our own hearts to greater sorrow for sins that offend our love of God and neighbor."

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

A NOTE OF THANKS!

Many thanks to all who supported the St. Thomas Knights of Columbus Fish Fry on March 15. Proceeds will go to St. Thomas the Apostle Parish. We served adults 503, children 51. 50/50 Raffle winners: 1st Jeff Hoelscher (Wardsville) \$68.00, 2nd Sandy Coleman (Wardsville) \$40.00, 3rd Jacob Wolken (Taos) \$27.00

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.

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 11 at 5:30 p.m. The 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 in 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.

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. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**March 30-31**

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

April 6-7

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Bonnie Kampeter, Lou Kloeppe, Brenda Wansing
 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer, Pam Libbert

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers**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

April 6-7

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Lou Kloeppe, Mitch & Brendan Stumpe, Darin Even
 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic Plassmeyer, Larry Lueckenotto, Leonard Schulte, Harold Libbert

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

No rosary before Wednesday Mass during Lent, due to Stations of the Cross.
 Saturday 6:40 p.m. – Dorothy Rehagen – Sorrowful
 Sunday 7:40 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.

PRAYER HOUR WITH MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP is Tuesday, March 26, 7:00 p.m. in St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

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. 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 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 – Monday, April 15, St. Peter Church; Tuesday, April 16, Immaculate Conception Church

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

THE META CIVIC LEAGUE will hold its monthly meeting on March 25 at 7:00 p.m.

ST. LOUIS OF FRANCE PARISH CHICKEN DINNER, BONNOTS 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.

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!

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.

THE OSAGE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT is accepting applications for a full time/part time maintenance worker. Qualified applicants must have a valid driver's license. Duties include: general building and grounds maintenance, including the operation and basic maintenance of fire apparatus and equipment. Must attend OFPD monthly Board meetings. Competitive salary. Submit resume by April 29 to Osage Fire Protection District, Route W Jefferson City, MO 65101. EOE

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.

St Thomas Parish Grass Cutting and Maintenance Teams Needed:

We all know how much Fr. Secrist enjoyed cutting grass, shoveling snow, trimming trees and taking care of the Parish Property. Please know that as much as I would love to be able to duplicate his efforts, I simply cannot given my situation of splitting my time between Helias Catholic High School, serving St. Thomas the Apostle and St. Cecilia Parishes and also being a supportive husband and father to my 4 children.

I instill in the belief that this is YOUR Parish and it is best maintained and cared for by the parishioners who gather here to worship and who give of their time, talent and treasure. As your Pastor I promised to serve you as best I can, but as any Pastor is to any Parish, we are not assigned indefinitely. The strength of a Parish is only as strong as the Parishioners who worship and live in the community. Your ancestors helped build this parish and it is up to today's parishioners to continue to build and maintain it for the future generations to follow.

I have discussed this with the Parish Pastoral Council and we agreed to seek "Teams" of volunteers who would be willing to be put on a rotating schedule to mow and weed-eat the church property (not the ball field) and assist possibly in snow removal when needed. We have been told that this sort of arrangement works well in other parishes nearby. The parish has a nice lawn tractor to utilize so personal mowers are not required unless the team chooses to do so.

With that in mind, I ask that you consider adding your name to this rotation and help keep YOUR parish property as beautiful as it currently is. If interested please contact one of the PPC members (Alan Reinkemeyer, Ryan Wieberg, Simon Strobe, Eileen Volmert, Jan Carter, Theresa Veit, Brian Luebbering, Mark Luebbering, Mike Groner, Jason Buschjost or Steve Schellman). In addition you may email or contact Diane Lueckenhoff at dlueckenhoffoffice@gmail.com

God Bless

Fr. Stephen Jones

Catholic Relief Services Collection March 30-31, 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock." —Rev 3:20 Next weekend, our Diocese will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Your support of this collection serves Jesus in disguise in some of the most marginalized communities in our world. In rural Afghanistan, children have limited access to education because of the distance and the danger of commuting to public schools. In a remote village in Ghor, one of the poorest provinces, an estimated 80% of adults are illiterate. The illiteracy rate is even higher for women. Most villagers are farmers who never attended school. The closest school was too far and the way too treacherous for young children. Catholic Relief Services brought a community-based classroom to this village. Your generosity made it possible for the children to attend school, offering them a more hopeful and secure future. This effort, repeated in Afghani rural communities for 15 years, has helped more than 23,000 students build prosperous lives. Children across Afghanistan, and indeed, across the world, depend on your support to go to school and have bright futures. In our Diocese, the annual Catholic Relief Services Collection also benefits the Franciscan's care of the people and shrines of the Holy Land and Peter's Pence, the Holy Father's emergency relief fund. Your support of this collection makes a difference for so many around the globe. Please prayerfully consider what you can give this year. Please answer the knock of Jesus in disguise.

***I am, Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend W. Shawn McKnight, S.T.D. Bishop of Jefferson City***