# The Roman Catholic Parishes of St. Thomas the Apostle

in St. Thomas

St. Cecilia in Meta

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PO Box 146 St. Thomas, MO 65076

#### PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

## March 24, 2024

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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 24-31:

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Fred & Bertha Beck Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – Aaron Fennewald Holy Thursday 7:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes Adoration until 11:00 p.m.

**Holy Saturday 8:00 p.m.** – People of our Parishes **Easter Sunday 10:00 a.m.** – Jim Reinkemeyer

## Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2023-2024: \$312,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End: \$234,000.00
Actual Collection for 2023-2024: \$250,386.71
Offertory Goal per month: \$16,386.71

**Collection in Church:** 

 March 3
 \$ 6,723.55

 March 10
 \$ 1,687.80

 March 17
 \$ 4,457.56

 March 24
 \$

 March 31
 \$

 Collection Online:
 \$ 7,933.00

 March total to date:
 \$20,801.91

 Difference for March:
 -\$ 5,198.09

# **Church Renovation Capital Campaign**

Total Pledges/Donations \$491,766.62
Total Collected \$523,045.55
Total Expenses Paid \$699,195.95
A total of 131 parishioners have returned pledge cards/or Contributed to the renovation project.

Church Renovation Loan Balance \$51,892.16

Loan payments to date \$160,445.00

(principal) \$148,107.84 (interest) \$12,337.16

# St. Thomas the Apostle Cantors / Organists March 30 Holy Saturday 8:00 p.m.— Choir /Jackie

Easter Sunday 10:00 a.m.-Amanda Wooten/ Jeanette

April 6 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – TBD April 7 Sunday 10:00 a.m. –TBD

April 7 Sunday 1:00 p.m. – Amanda Wooten / Jackie

# St. Thomas the Apostle Readers

March 31 Easter Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Larry Lueckenhoff April 6 Saturday – 5:00 p.m. – Amanda Wooten April 7 Sunday – 10:00 a.m. – Richard Heckemeyer April 7 Sunday–1:00 p.m. – Allie Siebeneck & Kailey Reeves

# Saint Cecilia Mass Schedule for the Week of March 24-31:

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

Easter Sunday 8:00 a.m. - Norman & Delphine Jaegers

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2023-2024: \$67,000.00 Collection Total for 2023-2024: \$52,734.00 Offertory Goal per month: \$5,583.34

#### **Collection in Church:**

 March 3
 \$ 1,707.00

 March 10
 \$ 1,372.00

 March 17
 \$ 730.00

 March 24
 \$

 March 31
 \$

 March total to date:
 \$ 4,959.00

 Difference for March:
 -\$ 624.34

#### St. Cecilia Collection Counters

March: Terry & Pam Libbert April: Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer

# PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR PARISH IN YOUR LAST WILL & TESTAMENT.

#### St. Cecilia Readers

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. – Dorothy Rehagen **Easter Sunday, March 31 8:00 a.m.** – Doris Stumpe

Sunday, April 7 - 8:00 a.m.- Jennifer Even

## St. Cecilia Organist

Easter Sunday, March 31 8:00 a.m. –Lydia Sunday, April 7 8:00 a.m. – TBD

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 31 Easter Sunday 10:00 a.m. - Ryan Buschjost & Alan Reinkemeyer

April 6 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Eric Strope & Glenn Reynolds April 7 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Eric Boessen & Art Groner April 7 Sunday 1:00 p.m.- Mattheuw Prenger, Phil Akin, Glenn Reynolds, Justin Schulte

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 31 Easter Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Lynne Reinkemeyer

April 6 Saturday 5:00 p.m. - Brenda Wansing

April 7 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jan Heckemeyer April 7 Sunday 1:00 p.m. – Mrs. Wieberg & Mr. Heckemeyer

St. Thomas the Apostle Servers

Weekday servers: Isabella & Oliver Luebbering

March 31 Easter Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Fayeth Prenger,

Isabella & Oliver Luebbering, Evelyn Wooten

April 6 Saturday 5:00 p.m. - Ben & Luke Otto

Ava Buschjost & Carmen Luebbering

April 7 10:00 a.m. - Victoria & Will Wieberg, Stella Volmert, Kora Luebbering

April 7 1:00 p.m. - JD Volmert, Fayeth Prenger, Emerald Fennewald, Gannon Reeves

St. Thomas the Apostle Offertory Gifts

Holy Saturday, - Ushers

Easter Sunday, March 31 - Family of Jim Reinkemeyer

St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters

March 31 - Ron & Theresa Veit

April 7 – Dunja Wieberg & Jennifer Schroeder

April 14 - Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman

April 21 - Keith & Jean Kliethermes

April 28- Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg

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

March 31 Jenny Becker April 7 Brooke Schell April 14 Dunja Wieberg April 21 Lauri Luebbering

#### Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday, 7:25 a.m. - Shirley Volmert - Sorrowful Mysteries Wednesday 7:25 a.m. -Bob Schellman - Sorrowful Mysteries Easter Sunday 9:35 a.m. - Shirley Volmert - Glorious Mysteries

#### St. Thomas the Apostle Church Cleaners

Janet Lueckenhoff, Jim Lueckenhoff, Charlene Buschjost, Randy Buschjost March 24: March 31: Lynne Reinkemeyer, Linda Boessen, Lauri Luebbering, Lisa Lackman Sonya Henson, Susan Buechter, Brenda Schell, Barb Graessle April 7 April 14: Brooke Schell, Tina Stockman, Gina Luebbering, Karen Luebbering April 21: Alan Libbert, Nancy Libbert, Darrel Buechter, Jan Heckemeyer

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 snacks to the hall by 1:00 p.m.; snacks served at 3:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Emily Luebbering at 573-477-3459 or Kathy Strope at 573-477-3349.

Tues, March 26 – Kristi Luebbering & Michelle Luebbering Thurs, April 4 – Katie (Sam) Luebbering & Betty Jo Luebbering

**SCRIP:** Visit www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip for more information about the Scrip program. Please contact, Amanda Wooten 573-694-1735 or amandab 27@hotmail.com

BULLETIN NOTICES & PARISH BULLETINS: Deadline for bulletin is Wednesday at Noon. If you are needing a bulletin and Church is locked at St. Thomas the Apostle, there are some on the Vitae House front porch.

A NOTE OF THANKS! The St. Thomas the Apostle School Silent Auction Committee wants to thank the donators, bidders, teachers, and families for their support with the silent auction. It was a huge success. We would not have been able to raise the funds for the students without you all!

**EASTER SPECIAL COLLECTION:** This Easter, the Diocese is holding a special collection in support of retired priests and religious. Donations given during this collection will support the Retirement Fund for Religious as well as retired priests in our Diocese. The Diocese is providing special envelopes for this collection or in our April Church offering envelopes (pink). They were delivered to our faithful as an insert in the March 15 issue of the Catholic Missourian-however, parishioners aren't required to use this envelope, they can use any Easter Collection envelope. Please make checks out to St. Cecilia Church or St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

<u>DIOCESAN SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING:</u> As Father Leonard mentioned in Church, our parishes recently had an audit with the Diocese on Safe Environment/Virtus. Any parishioner that has volunteered to do a ministry during Mass must complete the Safe Environment/Virtus program. Anyone 18 years or older needs the training. Safe Environment/Virtus Training may be found on the Homepage of the Parish Website (www.stthomasapostle.net) or go directly to the Diocese Safe Environment/Virtus link (www.virtus.org). If you have never done any of the Virtus training please create an account and complete your training. If you have signed on before, please sign in using your existing account. The Virtus Training cannot be done on a phone, you will need a laptop or computer. If you are needing a computer or laptop to complete the training please let us know and we can make arrangements for you to use one at school. We would like to have all training completed by May 31, 2024. If you need help, please contact Theresa, Diane, or Doris. Thank you for your help in this matter.

BISHOP MCKNIGHT MARCH PRAYER INTENTION: For those preparing for reception of the Easter Sacraments this year; may our whole Church be renewed and invigorated by the celebrations of baptism, confirmation and First Holy Communion, we pray to the Lord.

#### St. Cecilia Eucharistic Ministers

March 31 Easter Sunday 8:00 a.m. - Pam Libbert April 7 Sunday 8:00 a.m. - Dominic Plassmeyer

# St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

March 31Easter Sunday 8:00 a.m. - Will Derkum, Terry Libbert, Leon Schanzmeyer, Darin Even April 7 Sunday 8:00 a.m. - Randy Hagenhoff, Kenny Otto, Otto Wankum, Leonard Schulte

#### St. Cecilia Servers

March 31 Easter Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Skyla, Jesse & Tucker Schroeder

April 7 Sunday 8:00 a.m. - Henry & Annaline Schroeder

#### St. Cecilia Offertory Gifts

Easter March 31 Sunday 8:00 a.m. - Family of Norman & **Delphine Jaegers** 

#### Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

March 31 Easter Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Dorothy Rehagen Glorious Mysteries

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

**VOTIVE CANDLES:** The requested donation for lighting a votive candle in church is \$3.00.

#### 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.

**LENTEN REGULATIONS FOR GOOD FRIDAY:** Good Friday is a day of fasting and Abstinence. Only one full meal is permitted along with two smaller meals, but no snacks allowed for all between the ages of 18 and 59. Not meat is permitted for all 14 years of age and over. Liquids are allowed.

PASTORS MEDITATION: PALM SUNDAY: JESUS REVEALS HE IS THE MESSIAH. Gospel for Procession: (Mk. 11:1-10 or Jn. 12:12-16) & Holy Mass: (ls. 50:4-7; Phil. 2:6-11; Mk. 14:1-15:47 or 15: 1-39) Palm Sunday is a day to remember the two contrasting moments: Christ's triumph and tragedy. Jesus reveals he is the Messiah, but he is to be a Messiah of peace and not a warrior-king Messiah. In the first reading, Jesus Christ is presented as the "suffering Servant" of Isaiah's prophecy. In the second reading, taken from Paul's Letter to the Philippians, Jesus' saving mission is highlighted. In the first part of today's Gospel reading, we have the details of Jesus' triumphant reception to the city of Jerusalem. We are told that Jesus' followers welcomed him (riding on a donkey), as king and savior. We are also told how Jesus wept over Jerusalem, cleansed the Temple of Jerusalem and cursed a barren fig tree. But in the second part of the Passion reading from the Gospel we reflect on Jesus' unjust trial, humiliating, cruel torture and crucifixion. The Significance of the Holy Week is a week of remembrance and appreciation, a week of thanksgiving, a week of repentance and reconciliation, a week to keep Christ's New Commandment of Agape love, a week to deepen our Faith and strengthen our relationship with God. Questions we should ask ourselves during this week: Does Jesus weep over the sinful situation of our souls? Am I a barren fig tree? Will Jesus need to cleanse my heart with his whip? Do I welcome Jesus into my heart as our personal Savior and God? Are we ready to carry Jesus like a donkey on Palm Sunday to our homes and workplaces, conveying his love, mercy, compassion and spirit of forgiveness to others? May you have a blessed Holy Week. Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukiibi

#### **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2024**

Tuesday, March 26 - 7:45 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle Church and Chrism Mass, 3:00 p.m. Cathedral of St. Joseph. Refreshments afterwards, to RSVP online at diojeffcity.org/Chrism-Mass-RSVP

Spy Wednesday, March 27-7:45 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle Church and 6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross & 6:30 p.m. Mass at St. Cecilia Church

Holy Thursday, March 28 - 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, March 29 - 3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross and 7:00 p.m. Good Friday services, St. Cecilia Church

Holy Saturday, March 30 - 8:00 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle Church

Easter Sunday, March 31 - 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Cecilia Church; 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle Church

Those serving are asked to come to the Sacristy 30 minutes prior to Mass for special instructions. Ushers are asked to help with seating as needed. If you are not able to fulfill your Liturgical assignment, please find a replacement. Thank you!

# HOLY THURSDAY 7:00 P.M. ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH

Servers: Valerie, Zeke & Max Verslues, Annaline Schroeder

Lector: Larry Lueckenhoff

Eucharistic Ministers: Barb Graessle & Mark Graessle (Choir Loft)

Ushers: Gilbert Schellman & Richard Schellman

Washing of the Feet: Jesse Schroder, Debbie Hurst, Jennifer Even, Samantha Helton, Joanne Schroeder, Brenda Wansing,

Lynne Reinkemeyer, Darrel Buechter, Ben Luebbering, Keith Boessen, Jacob Graessle, Jean Kliethermes

Presentation of Gifts: Mark & Barb Grassle

Rosary 6:35 p.m. - Barb Graessle - Luminous Mysteries

Organist/Cantor: - Choir/Jeanette

PLEASE RETURN RICE BOWL CONTRIBUTIONS TO CHURCH ON HOLY THURSDAY. THANK YOU!

# **GOOD FRIDAY**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS 3:00 P.M. ST. CECILIA CHURCH - Servers: Skyla, Jesse & Tucker Schroeder

#### **GOOD FRIDAY 7:00 P.M. ST. CECILIA CHURCH**

Servers: Bradyn, Kambrie & Matthew Stegeman & Tucker Schroeder Lectors: Jennifer Even (Narrator) Janice Schanzmeyer (Speaker)

Intercessions: Jennifer Even

Eucharistic Ministers: Doris Stumpe & Brenda Wansing (Choir Loft) Ushers: Darin Even, Mitch Stumpe, Tony Derkum & William Derkum

Organist/Cantor: Choir/Alanna

#### HOLY SATURDAY/EASTER VIGIL 8:00 P.M. ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH

Servers: Gregory Kirby, Kora Luebbering, Carmen Luebbering
Lectors: 1st Reading – Jeff Cassmeyer, 2nd Reading - Mary Kay Brand, 3rd Reading – Jeff Cassmeyer,

5th Reading – Jim Lueckenhoff, 6th Reading – Jim Lueckenhoff, 7th Reading – Jan Carter

Epistle: Jan Carter

Eucharistic Ministers: Janet Lueckenhoff & Keith Kliethermes (Choir Loft)

Ushers: Keith Kliethermes & Doug Stockman

Presentation of Gifts: Ushers

Rosary 7:35 p.m. – Tina Stockman - Glorious Mysteries Organist/Cantor – Choir/Jackie

## EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 8:00 a.m. St. Cecilia Church & 10:00 a.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church

HOLY WEEK CHOIR: There will be practice for the Holy Week on Tuesday, March 26 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle. All are welcome to join.

ST. CECILIA & ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE EASTER FLOWERS: Anyone interested in making a monetary donation for Easter Flowers in memory of loves ones is asked to place the donation along with PRINTED NAMES to be remembered in an envelope provided in your March monthly packet and place in the collection basket or mail to the Parish Office by March 24. The names will be published in the Easter Sunday bulletin, March 31.

ST. CECILIA PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING is April 9, 6:30 p.m.in the parish center.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING is April 16, 7:00 p.m. school library.

CONFIRMATION for St. Cecilia & St. Thomas the Apostle Candidates is Thursday, April 4, 6:30 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL NEWS: Holy Thursday, March 28 – No School P-8

Good Friday, March 29 - No School P-8 Easter Monday, April 1 - No School P-8

ST. THOMAS CEMETERY DUES: Dues are \$10.00 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 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 or St. Cecilia 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.

ST. CECILIA CEMETERY ASSOCIATION will be holding its annual clean-up day on Sunday, April 14 at 10:30 a.m. (Rain make-up day will be April 21). Everyone is welcome and all help is appreciated. Please bring yard tools if you have them for trimming shrubs and cleaning up yard debris. Please contact Dominic Plassmeyer if you have any questions.

PLEASE REMOVE ALL FLOWERS & ARRANGEMENTS from in front of the stones in the St. Thomas Cemetery during the grass cutting season. Thank you for your cooperation.

NEED HELP WITH FILING TAXES? A free service is provided by AARP on Tuesday and Friday from 9 am to noon at the Salvation Army Building, 927 Jefferson Ave., Jefferson City MO. Your return will be prepared by trained preparers and reviewers. All age taxpayers are welcome. "First come, First served!"

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WOMEN'S MINISTRY SPRING PILGRIMMAGE: Saturday, April 6, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 pm. Join us for a day of prayer and reflection on the Luminous Mysteries of the rosary for our Spring pilgrimage at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Shelbina, Missouri. National speaker, Jill Simmons of Many Parts Ministry, will be our keynote speaker. Join us for a day of formation, fun, and fellowship. Fee is \$15 for lunch. We hope women form throughout our diocese will join us in the North Deanery for this faithfilled pilgrimage! Register online at diojeffcity.org/springpilgrimmage.

TOTUS TUUS - JUNE 23 - 28 - Due to the rising cost of Totus Tuus, we have decided to join with St. Stanislaus and St Francis Xavier this year. Totus Tuus will be held at St. Stanislaus the week of June 23-28. We will have sign-ups available in the next few weeks both online and paper. Thank you for your continued support and participation in this summer program.

# SAVE THE DATES: Totus Tuus - June 23-28 - held at St. Stanislaus Church

WANTED - Picnic & Ham Breakfast Committee Members: Members of the Parish Picnic & Ham Breakfast Committee have served for several years, and it's desired to incorporate new participation. The committee operates smoothly and incorporating new members into the mix will allow members of long standing 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.

# 2024 St. Thomas the Apostle Breakfast Income Totals

Breakfast Tickets: \$10.458.00 Country Store: \$ 2,528.00 Kitchen Sales 332.00 Total before Expenses: \$13,318.50



Don't sign your rights and freedom away by signing an abortion initiative petition that would alter Missouri's Constitution!

Don't let lobbying groups and out-of-state special interests inject abortion politics where it doesn't belong and where it isn't wanted.

# This extreme initiative petition could:

- Legalize abortion as a method of birth control and abortion after a baby can survive outside the womb.
- Allow abortion clinics in your neighborhood even near schools and churches.
- Give power to judges and the government to force Missouri taxpayers to fund abortions.
- Permit governmental intrusion in health care decisions made by parents with their children.

Don't be fooled! Signature collectors might tell you that it's for "women's health" or "reproductive rights" or "to restore Roe" —or that it's "pro-life" or "pro-choice" —or say anything to get you to sign. Don't believe them!

DECLINE TO SIGN any petition that lets lobbying groups and the government take away your rights and freedom! Tell family, friends, neighbors, coworkers and everybody to DECLINE TO SIGN.

The future of Missouri is counting on you!

For more information on **Decline to Sign**, contact Missouri Stands with Women at mostandswithwomen.org



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