

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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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 26, 2017

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St. Thomas Parish Office hours: **Tuesdays 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**; **Wednesdays 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 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 26-April 2:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Alex Heckman

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Sr. Cecilia Lackman, FSM, Mass of Thanksgiving

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Jerome & Lucy Luebbering Family

Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – Sabina Plassmeyer

Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Anna Kampeter

Stations of the Cross immediately following Mass

7:00 p.m. Lenten Penance Service

Friday 7:45 a.m. – Ella Otto

6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

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

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – L&D John H. Boessen Family

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2016-2017: \$305,000.00

Offertory Goal through Month End: \$228,753.00

Actual Collection for 2015-2017: **\$208,930.17**

Offertory Difference Year to Date: - \$ 19,822.83

Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

March 5 \$ 4,736.75

March 12 \$ 4,471.00

March 19 \$ 3,632.00

March 26 \$

Collection Online: \$ 5,952.00

March total to date: \$18,791.75

Difference for March - \$ 6,625.25

St. Thomas the Apostle Expansion & Building Fund

Total Expansion Project expenses paid: \$2,273,475.34

Income from parishioners for FY 2016-2017

(via the yellow "Building Fund" envelope): **\$21,782.00**

Loan payments to date for FY 2016-2017: **\$83,049.66**

(Principal) \$67,474.57 (Interest) \$14,855.09

Parish Building Expansion Debt remaining: **\$427,901.40**

St. Thomas Cantor / Organist

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Jean Kliethermes/Annette Kehner

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Amanda Wooten/Jackie Prenger

St. Thomas Reader / Petitions

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Judy Schroeder

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Richard Heckemeyer

St. Thomas Altar Servers

Weekdays – Chesney Luebbering, Annie Stewart, Belle Boessen

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

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Kadence & Dylan Kliegel, Lane & Kenzie Libbert

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of March 26-April 2:

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Lawrence "Dick" Rehagen

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – People of our Parishes

6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross before Wednesday Mass

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Francis J. "Fritzie" Luebbering

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Josephine Werdehausen

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

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2016-2017: \$60,500.00

Collection Total for 2016-2017: **\$48,043.16**

Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,041.00

Collection in Church:

March 5 \$ 1,470.82

March 12 \$ 1,230.00

March 19 \$ 1,072.00

March 26 \$

March total to date: \$ 3,772.82

Difference for March: - \$ 1,268.18

Please remember your parish in your last will & testament.

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

March – Marie Lueckenotto & Pam Libbert

April – Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer

St. Cecilia Reader / Petitions

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Doris Stumpe

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Doris Stumpe

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Karen Fick

St. Cecilia Altar Servers

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Zachary & Joshua Even, Henry & Ben Schroeder

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Adam & Madalyn Veltrop

Skyla Schroeder

***IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO FULFILL
YOUR LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENT,
IN YOUR KINDNESS & CHARITY,
PLEASE FIND A REPLACEMENT***

St. Thomas Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

April 1-2

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Pat Kaiser, Paul & Jenny Becker

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Shirley Volmert, Bill & Betty Jo

Luebbering

April 8-9

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Marshall Boessen, Mike & Trish Green

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

Mattheuw Prenger

St. Thomas Greeters/Ushers

April 1-2

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mike Groner & Dave Luebbering

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Larry Lueckenhoff & Art Goner

April 8-9

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Steve Schellman & Mike Green

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Eric & Keith Boessen

St. Thomas Presentation of Gifts at Mass

April 1-2

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Alfred & Margie Kaiser

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Alan & Lynne Reinkemeyer

April 8-9

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark & Lauri Luebbering

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Al & Jan Carter

St. Thomas Collection Counters

April 1-2 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman

April 8-9 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg

April 15-16 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday 7:25 a.m. – Joann Heckman – Sorrowful

Wednesday 7:25 a.m. – Pat Loethen – Glorious

Thursday 7:25 a.m. – Viola Boessen – Luminous

Friday 7:25 a.m. – Gilbert & Hermina Strobe - Sorrowful

Saturday 4:40 p.m. – Dale Herigon – Sorrowful

Sunday 9:40 a.m. – Pat Loethen– Sorrowful

SCRIP: April 1-2 Visit www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip for more information about the Scrip program.

Saturday – Kristi Luebbering Sunday – Sara Otto

We have a large variety of cards in various denominations in stock and available for purchase. Scrip is available for purchase after every weekend Mass in St. Thomas and available during the week by contacting the school office at 573-477-3322. You can also contact Lindsay Luebbering at 573-680-4920 or Karen Luebbering at 573-301-5835 to purchase anytime.

SNACKS FOR ST. THOMAS QUILTERS:

Thursday, March 30, Linda Lueckenhoff & Diane Lueckenhoff Thursday, April 6-Mary Engelmeyer & Amanda McManus

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 Strobe or Emily Luebbering.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH OFFICE will be open next Wednesday (March 29) 8:30-12:30 p.m. & Friday (March 31) 8:30-12:30 p.m.

RESTLESS CHILDREN DURING MASS: This is a gentle reminder that at St. Thomas the Apostle, both the entrance foyer and confessional are available for use if your children become restless during Mass. Also, please encourage your children to take care of visiting the restroom *before* Mass begins in order to minimize distractions, particularly during the Eucharistic Prayer.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: will be prayed at **8:30 a.m.** on **Thursdays** & **6:00 p.m.** on **Fridays** at St. Thomas the Apostle and at **6:00 p.m.** on **Wednesdays** at St. Cecilia.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION is available 4:00-4:45 p.m. on Saturday evenings at St. Thomas, 7:30-7:50 a.m. on Sunday mornings at St. Cecilia, at the Penance Services listed below, at 4:30-5:30 p.m. on the First Friday, April 7, at St. Thomas or call Fr. Secrist at 573-477-3315 to arrange another time. For the good of one's spiritual life, the bare minimum expectation is that every Catholic go to Confession at least *once* a year.



PENANCE SERVICES AROUND THE AREA DURING LENT

Wednesday, March 29, 7:00 p.m. – Chamois

Thursday, March 30, 7:00 p.m. – St. Thomas

Wednesday, April 5, 7:00 p.m. – Westphalia

PLEASE SIGN UP FOR THE VARIOUS LITURGICAL MINISTRIES during Holy Week and the Triduum. **Sign-up sheets on clip boards are located at entrances of both St. Cecilia & St. Thomas the Apostle Churches.**

INFIRM PRIEST / EASTER COLLECTION: St. Cecilia Parish has been assessed \$1,077.00 and St. Thomas the Apostle Parish has been assessed \$3,540.00 for the annual Priest Retirement & Infirm Fund. Please be generous.

ST. THOMAS 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. Out of respect for individuals' privacy, only necessary information is communicated.

INVITATION TO ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISHIONERS: Volunteers are needed to help coordinate for the Annual Parish Picnic. Questions? Please contact Greg Luebbering.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING is at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 28, Vitae House.

St. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

April 1-2

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Dorothy Rehagen, Bonnie Kampeter,

Lou Kloepfel

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

Karen Fick

April 8-9

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Brenda Wansing, Jennifer Even,

Betty Hagenhoff

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Gerald & Phyllis Rehagen, Pam Libbert

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

April 1-2

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Brendan Stumpe, Darin Even, Randy

Hagenhoff, Lou Kloepfel

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Leon Schanzmeyer, Kenny Otto,

Dominic Plassmeyer, Larry Lueckenotto

April 8-9

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Mitch & Brendan Stumpe, Darin Even,

Randy Hagenhoff

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Harold Libbert, Anton Libbert, Terry

Libbert, Tony Derkum

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Wednesday: *No Rosary during Lent, due to Stations of the Cross.*

Saturday 6:40 p.m. – Alice Hake– Sorrowful

Sunday 7:40 a.m. – Margaret Brune– Sorrowful

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

BAPTISM PREPARATION: Please call Fr. Secrist to schedule a meeting and date for Baptism.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION: Please call Fr. Secrist at *least* six months prior to the desired date.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PASTORIAL COUNCIL MEETING is at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 28, Vitae House.

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION is at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 28. in St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING is at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 29 Vitae House.



ST. THOMAS CHOIR PRACTICE: There will be choir practice for Palm Sunday and Holy Saturday at 6:30 p.m. on **Tuesday, March 28** in the school music room (cafeteria level) and at 6:30 p.m. on **Tuesday, April 11** in the Vitae House. New people are welcome.

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 on all the weekends in March & April 1-2 & 8-9. The names will be published in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

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CHRISM MASS: Bishop John R. Gaydos invites you to attend the annual Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Jefferson City on Thursday, April 6 at 5:30 p.m.

PRAYING TOWARD THE EASTER VIGIL: Please keep **Michael Wooten** in your prayers as he will be baptized and will receive the Easter Sacraments at the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 15. Easter Vigil will begin at 8:30 p.m. at St. Thomas.



HOLY WEEK & TRIDUUM SCHEDULE FOR 2017:

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, April 9 – Procession with palms from Parish Center into Church, 8:00 a.m. at St. Cecilia (weather permitting). Procession with palms from parish school building into Church, 10:00 a.m. at St. Thomas (weather permitting).

Tuesday, April 11 – 7:45 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas

Spy Wednesday, April 12 – 7:45 a.m. at St. Thomas; 6:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. Mass & Stations of the Cross at St. Cecilia.

Holy Thursday, April 13 – 7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper at St. Cecilia.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight. Please sign up for spending an hour with the Lord in adoration.

Good Friday April 14 – 3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross at St. Thomas,

7:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy at St. Cecilia. *Day of Fast & Abstinence*

Holy Saturday, April 15 – 8:30 p.m. Easter Vigil at St. Thomas

Easter Sunday, April 16 – 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Cecilia, 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas

PRESCHOOL SNEAK PEEK will be on Thursday, March 30 from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. If you have a Preschool aged child we would love for you to come take a look! Please call the school office at 573-477-3322 or contact Mrs. Kirkweg at 573-690-5888 for more information or to RSVP.

ARCHERY NEWS Congratulations to St. Thomas the Apostle School archers. Middle School archery team took 1st place and the elementary team took 2nd place PAL League Tournament on March 17 & 18 at St. Martin's.



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 30 – Preschool Sneak Peek

April 7 – First Friday, Adoration & confessions 2-8

12 – Panaorama / sports group & yearbook photos

13 – No School K-8 (Holy Thursday)

14 – No School P-8 (Good Friday)

17-21 – No School, Easter Monday & NCEA convention

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SESQUICENTENNIAL BOOK: Each parish family is invited to write a short narrative for inclusion in the St. Thomas Heritage Book. Envelopes for each family are in the back of church. Please complete the paper survey and Roseanne Boessen will type your survey into narrative form for your review. Conversely, you can compose your own narrative and send it to Roseanne via email. When your survey is complete, place it in the envelope along with your two photos and drop it off in the designated box in the back of church. Extra blank surveys are in the back of church and on the parish website. **Surveys/narratives are due by Easter.** Call Roseanne Boessen if you have questions (477-0168).

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

VEHICLE KEY FOUND on the St. Thomas Knights of Columbus Parking lot. To claim it, please call the St. Thomas School office: 573-477-3322.

MISSOURI RIVER REGIONAL LIBRARY BOOKMOBILE will be available to the St. Thomas Community on Monday, March 27 from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. at the St. Thomas K of C Hall, and 7:15 -8:00 p.m. at Bee Line Store, Meta.

META CITIZENS CIVIC LEAGUE will hold their March meeting on March 27, at 7:00 pm.

THE "JAMMERS" BAND will be playing from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month in the St. Cecilia Parish Center basement. All are welcome!

EXERCISE OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL AGES: The St. Thomas Parish Park Board and Coach Roz, owner and operator of Crossfit Unstoppable, is bringing Family Fitness to St. Thomas. Please join us Mondays from 6:30-7:15 p.m. Coach Roz currently instructs all ages and stages and we are so excited she is willing to bring that level of expertise to St. Thomas. Please put on your comfy clothes, tennis shoes and grab a water bottle and join in on the FUN! Hope to see you there!

ST. LOUIS OF FRANCE PARISH, BONNOTS MILL CHICKEN DINNER is Sunday, March 26 serving fried chicken, 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.

AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION FRIED CHICKEN DINNER is Saturday, April 1, 2017, serving ½ fried chicken with sides from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the St. Thomas K of C Hall. Dine in or carry-out. Sponsored by the Boessen/Veit Families & Friends.

META AREA RUMMAGE SALES: multiple families will be holding rummage sales in the Meta area, April 6-8 (Thursday afternoon/evening, Friday all day, & Saturday morning). Please contact Joanne Schroeder if you would like to be included in the sale listing or if you have any questions.

2ND ANNUAL COLE COUNTY YOUTH DAY is Saturday, April 8 at 1:00 p.m. Youth in grades 5th -9th grades (and their parents) are invited to join us for Cole County Youth Day! Let your voices be heard about issues you see in our community and HAVE FUN too! Event will be held in Jason Gymnasium of Lincoln University. Free and open to all Cole County youth in 5-9 grades and their parents. \$250 gift card raffle drawing for parents (must be present to win).

ST. THOMAS COMMUNITY RUMMAGE VENDOR & CRAFT SALE: The St. Thomas Home & School Association is sponsoring a community sale on Saturday, April 29th, 7 a.m. – noon in St. Thomas the Apostle gym. \$20 per booth; set up will be 5:30 –9:00 p.m. Friday, April 28th. The flyer was attached to last week's bulletin, in the entrance of St. Thomas Church or on the school web page (upcoming events).

MUSIC FOR STRINGS & PIPES: Sunday, May 7, 4:00 p.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle. Music for string quartet & organ.

ST. CECILIA PARISH PICNIC – Sunday, July 9, 2017

TOTUS TUUS SUMMER CAMP AT ST. THOMAS & ST. CECILIA PARISHES – July 15-21, 2017

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PICNIC – Sunday, August 20, 2017

St. Thomas Parish Park Board
presents

DUELING PIANOS

Friday, March 31st
7:00 PM - 11:30 PM
Doors open at 6:00 PM

St. Thomas Parish Hall

Tickets will be sold for this event.
\$20 per person
contact sparkboard@gmail.com for ticket info

BYOB and Snacks
Must be 21+ to attend

Proceeds to benefit the St. Thomas Parish Park Board