

The Roman Catholic Parishes of
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in St. Thomas

St. Cecilia
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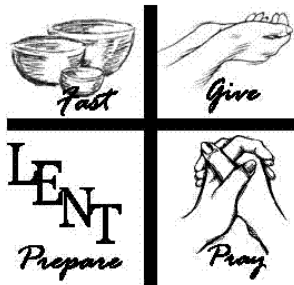
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 27, 2022

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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 28-April 3:

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Shirley Luebbering

Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – Fr. Paul Hartley

Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Joe Hartmann

Stations of the Cross, following Mass

Friday 7:45 a.m. – David A. Boessen

Friday 6:30 p.m. - Stations of the Cross

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

Flavian Volmert & Elias Otto

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Ben, Jim & Butch Engelmeyer

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2021-2022: \$305,000.00

Offertory Goal through Month End: \$228,753.00

Actual Collection for 2021-2022: **\$210,407.00**

Offertory Difference Year to Date: – \$ 18,346.00

Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

March 6 \$ 4,302.00

March 13 \$ 3,255.00

March 20 \$ 4,105.00

March 27 \$

Collection Online: \$ 6,572.00

March total to date: **\$18,234.00**

Difference for March: -\$ 7,183.00

Church Renovation Capital Campaign

Total Pledges/Donations \$486,193.04

Total Collected \$410,039.31

Total Expenses Paid \$687,955.17

A total of 129 parishioners have returned pledge cards/or
Contributed to the renovation project.

St. Thomas the Apostle Cantors / Organists

April 2 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kelsey Kliethermes / Jackie

April 3 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Luke Schroeder / Jackie

April 9 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mary Kay Brand / Jeanette

April 10 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Choir / Jackie

St. Thomas the Apostle Readers

April 2 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kathy Graessle

April 3 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Ben Luebbering

April 9 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Narrator – Kathy Graessle

Speaker – Amanda Wooten

April 10 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Narrator – Brian Luebbering

Speaker – Jennifer Schroeder

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of March 28-April 3:

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

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Norman & Delphine Jaegers

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Jackie Luebbert

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2021-2022: \$62,000.00

Collection Total for 2021-2022: **\$44,092.96**

Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,166.67

Collection in Church:

March 6 \$ 970.00

March 13 \$1,062.00

March 20 \$1,190.00

March 27 \$

March total to date: **\$ 3,156.00**

Difference for March: -\$ 2,010.67

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

April – Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer

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

St. Cecilia Readers

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer

April 3 8:00 a.m.- Dominic Plassmeyer

April 10 8:00 a.m.- Narrator – Don Wansing

Speaker – Doris Stumpe

**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

April 2 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Richard Shellman & Mark Boessen
April 3 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Eric & Keith Boessen
April 9 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Dave Luebbering & Eric Strobe
April 10 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Doug Stockman & TJ Loethen

St. Thomas the Apostle Eucharistic Ministers

April 2 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Paul Becker
April 3 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Mattheuw Prenger
April 9 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark Graessle
April 10 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Glenn Prenger

St. Thomas the Apostle Servers

April 2 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Gregory Kirby
April 3 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Ericka Luebbering, Miranda Meyer
Victoria Wieberg
April 9 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Gregory Kirby
April 10 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Valerie & Zeke Verslues,
Isabella Luebbering, Fayeth Prenger

St. Thomas the Apostle Offertory Gifts

April 2 Saturday, 5:00 p.m. - Paul & Jenny Becker
April 3 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Ryan & Kelley Buschjost Family
April 9 Saturday, 5:00 p.m. – Gilbert & Betty Schellman
April 10 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- David & Linda Boessen

St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters

April 3 – Dunja Wieberg & Jennifer Schroeder
April 10 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman
April 17 – Paul Becker & Shara Buechter
April 24 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes
May 1 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday, 7:20 a.m.- Bob Schellman – Sorrowful Mysteries
Wednesday, 7:20 a.m. – Pat Loethen – Glorious Mysteries
Thursday, 7:20 a.m. – Gilbert & Hermina – 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– Sorrowful Mysteries

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH CLEANERS

April 3: Sonya Henson, Susan Buechter, Jackie Prenger, Amy Buechter
April 10: Janet Lueckenhoff, Jim Lueckenhoff, Charlene Buschjost, Randy Buschjost
April 17: Alan Libbert, Nancy Libbert, Darrel Buechter, Jan Heckemeyer
April 24: Brooke Schell, Tina Stockman, Gina Luebbering, Karen Luebbering
May 1: Lynne Reinkemeyer, Linda Boessen, Lauri Luebbering, Lisa Lackman

Live Stream Mass (10:00 a.m. Sunday)

April 3 Jenny Becker
April 10 Karli Reinkemeyer
April 17 Lauri Luebbering
April 24 Dunja Wieberg
May 1 Brook Schell

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.

Thursday, March 31 – Jessica Peters & Sara Peters

Thursday, April 7 – Jackie Prenger & Joanie Prenger

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: Visit www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip for more information about the Scrip program. Please contact Amanda Wooten 573-694-1735 or amandab_27@hotmail.com

HOLY WEEK & TRIDUUM SCHEDULE FOR 2022

Palm Sunday, April 10: 8:00 a.m. Procession with palms from Parish Center into Church at St. Cecilia (weather permitting)
10:00 a.m. – Procession with palms from Parish School building into Church at St. Thomas (Weather permitting)

Tuesday, April 12: 7:45 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas

Spy Wednesday, April 13: 7:45 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas
6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross at St. Cecilia
6:30 p.m. Mass at St. Cecilia

Holy Thursday, April 14: 7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord’s Supper at St. Thomas the Apostle
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11:00 p.m.

Good Friday, April 15: 3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross at St. Cecilia
7:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy at St. Thomas the Apostle. **Day of Fast & Abstinence**

Holy Saturday, April 16: 8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil at St. Thomas the Apostle

Easter Sunday, April 17: 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Cecilia
10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas

CONGRATULATIONS to **Augustus Joseph Rademan**, son of Chris and Jill Rademan, who became a child of God through baptism this weekend in St. Thomas the Apostle Parish.

BULLETIN NOTICES: Deadline for bulletin is Wednesday at noon.

St. Cecilia Eucharistic Ministers

April 3 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Doris Stumpe
April 10 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Jennifer Even

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

April 3 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Anton Libbert & Terry Libbert
April 10 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Tony Derkum & Leon Schanzmeyer

St. Cecilia Servers

April 3 Sunday 8:00 a.m. –
April 10 Sunday 8:00 a.m.-

St. Cecilia Offertory Gifts

Sunday, April 3 8:00 a.m.- Family of Jackie Luebbert

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

No rosary before Wednesday Mass during Lent, due to the Stations of the Cross.

April 3 Sunday 7:35 a.m.– Dorothy Rehagen–Sorrowful Mysteries
April 10 Sunday 7:35 a.m.– Mary Plassmeyer–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.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH BULLETINS: If you are needing a bulletin and Church is locked there are some on the Vitae House front porch.

CONTRIBUTING TO UKRAINE, FROM THE DIOCESE: As we pray for peace in Ukraine, we also have two opportunities to support the tremendous humanitarian relief effort underway. Please consider contributing either online at diojeffcity.org/donate or by writing a check to our parish with a note "for Ukraine," then giving it in the regular Sunday collection, mailing to our offices or dropping it off during normal business hours. Our parish will send these special donations to the diocese, for the money to be added to a donation being made by our diocese to the US Conference of Catholic Bishops' program for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This appeal focuses on rebuilding the pastoral capacity of the Church and restoring the faith in 28 countries in the region. Now, that focus is centered on Ukraine. Your participation in this relief effort strengthens our ability to be a strong center of charity and sanctuary for mercy. Thank you for your witness.

DIOCESAN CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL FINAL RESULTS! The CSA goal for St. Cecilia Parish is **\$2,550.**, **\$2,100** received. The CSA goal for St. Thomas the Apostle Parish is **\$10,200**, **\$6,288.33** received.

ST. CECILIA PARISHIONERS: Time and Talent sheets are in the entrance of St. Cecilia Church. These can be completed and put in the collection basket or mailed to the Parish office.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISHIONERS: Time & Talent sheets are in the entrances of St. Thomas the Apostle Church. These can be completed and put into the collection basket at church or returned to the parish office. This year it can also be completed **online** on the St. Thomas the Apostle website. Go to the Home Page under Support the Parish and fill out the online Time and Talent Form. Please mark ministries you would like to continue doing as well as any new ministries. Thank you!

JOIN THE STREAM TEAM: We are truly blessed to have such great equipment for live streaming Mass! If anyone is interested in helping live stream Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle, please call or text Lauri Luebbing at 573-619-6090.

BISHOP MCKNIGHT'S MARCH PRAYER INTENTION: For the Universal Church; that her mission of salvation may be advanced in every place under the patronage of St. Joseph.

PASTORS MEDITATION: 4th Sunday of Lent: **A FATHER'S LOVE FOR TWO LOST SONS. (Joshua 5:9, 10-12; 2Cor. 5:17-21; Lk. 15:1-3, 11-32)** Traditionally, the 4th Sunday of Lent is called Laetare Sunday (Rejoice Sunday). Anticipating Easter joy, today's readings invite us to rejoice by being reconciled with God through repentance and confession of our sins, by celebrating our coming home to be with our loving and forgiving God. In the first reading, the Chosen People of God are portrayed as celebrating, for the first time in their own land, the feast of their freedom, by using wheat that had grown in the Promised Land and the Psalm (Ps 34) today, invites us, "Glorify the Lord with me; let us together extol His Name!" St. Paul in the 2nd reading invites the Corinthian Christian community to rejoice because Jesus has reconciled them with God by his suffering and death. Today's Gospel celebrates the joy of the prodigal son on his "homecoming" where he discovers his father's forgiving and overflowing love. It is also the story of the rejoicing of a loving and forgiving father who celebrates the return of his prodigal son by throwing a big party in his honor, a banquet celebrating the reconciliation of the son with his father, his family, his community, and his God. At the same time, by presenting a self-righteous elder brother. The parable invites us to avoid self-righteousness and self-justification by imitating the repentant younger brother. Let us admit the truth that we are an assembly of sinful people, repentant and now we are ready to receive God's forgiveness and to experience Jesus' Personal Presence in the Holy Eucharist as our loving and forgiving God. Friends let us return to our Heavenly Father with repentant hearts, as prodigal children, we face spiritual famine all around us in the form of drug and alcohol abuse, fraud and theft in the workplace, murders, abortions and violence, premarital sex, marital infidelity and priestly infidelity, as well as in hostility between and among people. All of these evils have proliferated because we have been squandering God's abundant blessings, not only in our country and in our families, but also in our personal lives. Hence, let us repent and return to our Heavenly Father's home. Holy Mass enhances our "pass over," from a world of sin to a world of reconciliation, at every Mass, we come to our loving Heavenly Father's house as prodigal children acknowledging that we have sinned ("I confess to Almighty God"). In the Offertory, we give ourselves back to the Father, and this is the moment of our surrendering our sinful lives to God our Father. At the consecration, we hear God's invitation through Jesus: "... this is My Body, which will be given up for you... this is the chalice of My Blood ... which will be poured out for you..." In Holy Communion, we participate in the banquet of reconciliation, thus restoring our full relationship with God and our fellow human beings. ***Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukibi***

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 placed in the collection basket or mail to the parish office by April 10. The names will be published in the Easter Sunday bulletin April 17.

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 provided in your monthly offering packet and placed in the collection basket or mail to the parish office by April 10. The names will be published in the Easter Sunday bulletin April 17.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE HOLY HOUR is Friday, April 1, 7:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

ST. CECILIA PARISH: A parish grounds clean up day is planned for Saturday, April 2 at 8:00 a.m. We have a list of projects to be completed. Please bring rakes, shovels, and other gardening or landscaping tools. We plan to be done no later than noon. In case of inclement weather, the rain date is April 9.

A ROSARY FOR OUR COUNTRY is Monday, April 4, 5:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

ST. CECILIA PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL will need two new members this May. We will have nomination forms available in the pews on Palm Sunday. Please consider volunteering for this important role in our parish. Elections will be held after Easter.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL NEWS, UPCOMING EVENTS! Tuesday, March 29 – Grades 5-8 Field Trip
Wednesday, April 13 – Panoramic Photo

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PRESCHOOL: NOW ENROLLING!! If you have a child, ages 3 or 4 and have been thinking about preschool, please call Lizzie Linhardt, llinhardt@stacs.school 573-645-5605 or the school office 573-477-3322. If you have any questions or would like to set up a one on one meeting and school tour please contact the school office. Please check out and like St. Thomas the Apostle Preschool Facebook page!

THE META CITIZENS CIVIC LEAGUE meeting will be held on March 28 at 7:00 p.m.

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 areas over 5 years must pay \$100.00 to rejoin plus current dues. Please put payment in the collection basket at 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. THOMAS SPRING FLING is Saturday, April 2, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Center. Over 30 vendors, **Pizza Kwik Food Truck 10:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.**, raffle for prizes and free admission. Proceeds to benefit St. Thomas the Apostle School STEM kits for students. For more information, please contact Kim Kliegel 573-619-9188 or on the Parish Website.

ST. ANTHONY KINGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY is Friday, April 8, serving fish, fried potatoes, baked beans, hush puppies, cole slaw and applesauce from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the St. Anthony Parish Hall. Adults \$12.00, children 6-12 \$6.00. All you can eat, carry outs available.

RACHEL'S STORY: You are invited to hear Rachel's Story, Tuesday, April 5, Wardsville Lions club. Doors open at 6:00 p.m., presentation at 6:30 p.m. We are reaching out to middle school through adults to help empower kids to be safe. "160,000 students skip school every day for fear of being bullied." It doesn't have to be this way. Experience the remarkable story of Rachel Scott, the first victim of the Columbine High School tragedy, who knew her life would impact the world. Learn about the movement that is awakening transformation in millions of lives, and promoting safer, more connected school. For more information, please contact Shelle Sandbothe 573-690-2925. Refreshments will be served. rachelchallenge.org

SAVE THE DATES: Saturday, April 2 – St. Thomas Spring Fling, Parish Center
June 26 - July 1, 2022 – Totus Tuus

St. Cecilia Parish Pastoral Council Meeting - March 3, 2022

The meeting opened at 7:04 with a prayer by Fr. Leonard Mukiibi.

Those present were Betty Hagenhoff, Emily Libbert, Dorothy Rehagen, Joanne Schroeder, Katy Werdehausen, Norma Jean Libbert, Doris Stumpe

Absent was Janice Schanzmeyer

Minutes from the last meeting were read and had been previously approved.

Committee Reports

- Doris reported for the building and grounds committee. Two loads of dirt have been approved from the city. Mitch will talk with Harold Libbert about hauling it when he has time. Doris also reported that 2 eyes on the dusk to dawn lights had been fixed.
- Katy reported for the social concerns committee. At Christmas time the St. Cecilia PSR children had raised money to adopt a family. Almost \$200 was raised. Katy had contacted the Samaritan Center to get information about a family and purchased gifts for that family with the money. The PSR students helped wrap the gifts. She was very pleased with how it all went and has ideas of how it can be improved even more next year. Katy is also looking to find more members to join her on the social concerns committee. Volunteers would be greatly appreciated.
- Joanne reported for the worship committee. She will get new time and talent sheets out in the back of the Church and possibly add them to the bulletin to see if there is any new interest for Mass participants.

Old Business

- Parish council elections will be in May. Betty will be putting a notice in the bulletin and putting out slips in the benches on Palm Sunday for nominations. Elections are planned for after Easter. Volunteers are appreciated over council members seeking out new members.
- A parish grounds cleanup day has been scheduled for April 2 at 8:00 with a rain date of April 9. Betty will put a notice in the bulletin. The building and grounds committee will get together prior to that date to determine what jobs need done and have a list ready for that day. All parishioners are encouraged to help with this cleanup day.
- DJ and Joanne Schroeder donated the new large Christmas tree and some lights used for Christmas decorations. The parish council appreciates this donation.
- Dorothy reported on the in-person Virtus Safe Environment training. She attended and said it was handled and presented very well. Father had talked to the trainers and they would come again if there was enough interest. Dorothy suggested hosting it after Mass on a Sunday and recommended having Father recruit people during Masses. All parishioners who help with any parish events are required to receive the training either online or in person.

Father Leonard's Report

- Father reported that his trip went very well and he appreciated all of the prayers for a safe trip. He felt the prayers were answered. He brings good regards from his family and many thanks from back home for taking care of him here.
- He will organize a training and commission any new eucharistic ministers after the time and talent sheets are returned.
- Father is thankful for St. Cecilia parish for hosting St. Thomas the Apostle Parish and allowing them to pray in the Church during the St. Thomas Church renovation. He asked Doris to let him know if St. Cecilia needs any monetary compensation for using the facility and utilities during that time.
- Father reminded the group that confirmation is coming up at St. Cecilia on March 23 for the 7th-9th graders. Jennifer Even and Joanne Schroeder have been planning out the Mass and will be filling Father in on the arrangements.
- Penance will be held at St. Thomas on March 22 at 7 p.m. It will be for both parishes combined.
- Father mentioned that St. Joseph Cathedral will be undergoing a renovation and reminded the group that it is the Mother of all our Diocesan churches and if parishioners are able to donate to that renovation, it will be very welcome. He is still finding out the best way to make those contributions.

New Business

- Norman Jean Libbert attended the meeting to discuss concerns about hosting the picnic due to the requirement of the Virtus Safe Environment Training and the lack of parishioners who have completed this training. After great discussion, the parish council has decided to move forward with picnic plans and will continue to encourage the training.
- Joanne asked if the Church was at a place where ushers could start passing the baskets during the collection and Father says that will be fine. Joanne will get a notice in the bulletin to see which ushers would like their names put back on the list to take up the collection.
- After discussion, it was determined that the grass cutting job will be awarded to Mitch Stumpe another year and put out for bids every other year as he has been the only one to submit a bid in recent years.
- Joanne started a discussion about possibly adding something in the open area between the church and parish center. This discussion will be continued at our next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 12, 2022.

The meeting was closed with a prayer by Fr. Leonard.

