

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

St. Cecilia
in Meta

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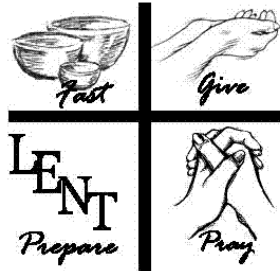
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 31, 2019

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St. Thomas the Apostle Bookkeeper:
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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 April 1-7:

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. - Special Intention DB
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. - Stations of the Cross
Friday 7:45 a.m. - William Schmidt
Friday 6:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross
Saturday 5:00 p.m. - Ida Schellman
Sunday 10:00 a.m. - Vic & Rita Otto

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2018-2019: \$305,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End: \$228,753.00
Actual Collection for 2018-2019: **\$214,464.97**
Offertory Difference Year to Date: - \$ 14,288.03
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

March 3 \$ 4,325.50
March 10 \$ 2,970.00
March 17 \$ 3,358.00
March 24 \$ 5,033.25
March 31 \$

Collection Online: \$ 5,802.00
March total to date: **\$21,488.75**
Difference for March: - \$ 3,928.25

St. Thomas the Apostle Expansion & Building Fund

Total Expansion Project expenses paid: \$2,273,475.34
Income from parishioners for FY 2018-2019
(via the yellow "Building Fund" envelope): **\$22,393.65**
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. - Lisa Wieberg / Annette Kehner
Sunday 10:00 a.m. - Choir / Annette Kehner

St. Thomas the Apostle Reader

Saturday 5:00 p.m. - Alfred Kaiser
Sunday 10:00 a.m. - Rosalyn Wieberg

St. Thomas the Apostle Altar Servers

Weekday - Ethan Luebbering, Bradyen Stegeman,
Francie Tallent
Saturday 5:00 p.m. - Ethan & Noah Luebbering,
Cale Luebbert
Sunday 10:00 a.m. - Henry Buschjost, Madi & Audrey
Buschjost, Abigail Verslues

St. Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of April 1-7:

Stations of the Cross 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 6:30 p.m. - Hubert Brandt

Saturday 7:00 p.m. - Vince & Brad Reinkemeyer
Sunday 8:00 a.m. - People of our Parishes

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2018-2019: \$62,000.00
Collection Total for 2018-2019: **\$48,835.45**
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,166.67

Collection in Church:

March 3 \$ 770.00
March 10 \$ 1,609.00
March 17 \$ 1,642.25
March 24 \$ 764.00
March 31 \$

March total to date: **\$ 4,785.25**
Difference for March: - \$ 381.42

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

April - Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer

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

St. Cecilia Reader

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. - Cathy Borgmeyer
Saturday 7:00 p.m. - Doris Stumpe
Sunday 8:00 a.m. - Don Wansing

St. Cecilia Altar Servers

Saturday 7:00 p.m. - servers needed
Sunday 8:00 a.m. - Madalyn Veltrop,
Skyla & Jesse Schroeder

**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**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

April 13-14

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Paul & Jenny Becker, Marshall Boessen
 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Rosalyn Wieberg, Emily Luebbering, Janet Lueckenhoff

St. Thomas Greeters/Ushers**April 6-7**

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

April 13-14

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark Boessen & Dave Luebbering
 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Cash McManus & Doug Stockman

St. Thomas Presentation of Gifts at Mass**April 6-7**

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

April 13-14

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ralph & Kathy Graessle
 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Travis & Kathy Rackers Family

St. Thomas Collection Counters

April 6-7 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg
 April 13-14 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes
 April 20-21 – Jennifer Schroeder & Stephanie Cortvrient

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday 7:25 a.m. – Joann Heckman – Sorrowful
 Friday 7:25 a.m. – Viola Boessen – Sorrowful
 Saturday 4:40 p.m. – Dale Herigon – Sorrowful
 Sunday 9:40 a.m. – Pat Loethen – Sorrowful

SNACKS FOR QUILTERS:

Thurs., April 4 - Terra Luebbering & Marlene Luebbering Thursday, April 11 – Tami Luebbering & Mary Pat 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: April 6 & 7 - Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Karen Luebbering Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Amy Luebbering

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.

FROM FR. STEPHEN JONES: On this past Tuesday (3/26), Sister Kathleen Wegman, SSND and Fr. Roberto Ike met with the combined parish councils of St. Thomas and St. Cecilia. At this meeting they announced that a change will soon be coming to the parish as Fr. Jones will be reassigned and an International priest will be assigned to be the resident parish administrator beginning May 1st. The Diocese will assist the parishes during this time of transition as the new priest acclimates to ministry in St. Thomas & Meta. Sister Kathleen also expressed Bishop McKnight's request that the current Saturday evening Mass schedule be reduced to one Mass. Fr. Jones will be working with the parish councils of each Church to institute this change. More information will be forthcoming in the coming weeks. Please pray for all involved in this transition!

BISHOP MCKNIGHT'S APRIL PRAYER INTENTION: "For a more welcoming and hospitable environment in the Catholic communities of our parishes, schools and hospitals; that the Kingdom of Heaven may be experienced here on earth in our works of charity and mercy."

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

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. CECILIA PRAYER LINE REQUESTS can be made by calling Florentine Heagenhoff at 573-229-4315. Please leave a message if no answer. Additional Prayer Line Ministers are needed. For more information, please call Florentine.

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 is 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 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**April 6-7**

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

April 13-14

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St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers**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

April 13-14

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Randy Hagenhoff, Lou Kloeppe, Mitch & Brendan Stumpe
 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Anton Libbert, Terry Libbert, Tony Derkum, Leon Schanzmeyer

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

No rosary before Wednesday Mass during Lent, due to Stations of the Cross.
 Saturday 6:40 p.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer – 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 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.

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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY, APRIL 5 AT ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH: Anointing of the Sick will be offered after the 7:45 a.m. Mass to those in need of the Sacrament. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Church until 11:10 a.m. with Benediction at 11:15 a.m.

FIRST FRIDAY HOSPITALITY AT ST. THOMAS: Please join us in the Vitae House after Mass on Friday, April 5.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PSR: With the end of the PSR school year approaching we would like to start the registration process for next year. To ensure enough time to prepare for next year, we are hoping families can complete their registration by April 10. We are again utilizing online registration. To register, please use the registration link: <https://forms.gle/cZGhD2ALThfmA3YS9> If you have any questions regarding registration or the program, please do not hesitate to contact us (stthomaspsr@gmail.com or 573-690-3155). *Kristin Buschjost & Barb Graessle PSR Coordinators.*

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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THE ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHOIR invites singers from both parishes of St. Cecilia & St. Thomas the Apostle to join us in singing for the Holy Triduum. Rehearsals are Tuesday nights, April 9 at 7:30 p.m. & April 16 at 7:00 p.m. Both rehearsals will be in the school music room. Please call Annette Kehner at 573-680-2824 or email AnnetteKehner@mail.com so music can be provided.

ST. CECILIA PARISHIONERS: All available and able bodied parishioners are asked to volunteer an hour or so in cleaning our cemetery on Sunday, April 7 around 10:00 a.m. Let's meet at the cemetery with gardening tools to clean flower beds, turn mulch, rake a few leaves and attend to whatever else needs to be picked up or cleaned. A worth-while project won't take long if we all work together. It is a good time to visit with fellow parishioners. Rain date is April 14.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ARCHERS & COACHES: We want to say congratulations to all our archers and coaches who participated at the NASP State Archery Tournament in Branson. Our Middle School team took 7th place out of 48 teams. In the Middle School Boys Division, Klint Luebbering took 2nd place and in the Elementary Girls Division, Kylie Hoeller Rademan took 4th place. Congratulations to Klint & Kylie and all of our archers and coaches on their success this past weekend.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, April 1 – First day to wear school uniform shorts
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
Monday, April 8 – K-8 Field Trip to Springfield
Wednesday, April 10 – Panorama Photo, Sports Photos
Tuesday, April 16 – Diocesan Sketch Day
Thursday, April 18 – Holy Thursday, No School
Friday, April 19 – Good Friday, No School
Monday, April 22 – Easter Monday, No School

COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION SERVICES FOR LENT AROUND THE AREA:

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.
Jefferson City – Monday, April 15, St. Peter Church; Tuesday, April 16, Immaculate Conception Church
St. Joseph Church, Westphalia – Tuesday, April 16, 7:00 p.m.

ST. THOMAS CEMETARY SPRING CLEANUP: As the mowing season begins, all decorations not in monument vase or attached to the monument should be removed.

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.

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!

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

ST. THOMAS/META KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PITCH TOURNAMENT is Friday, April 5, 6:30 p.m. at the St. Thomas Knights of Columbus Hall. 10 pt. pitch- 2 people per team, \$20 per team. BYOB, bring your own snacks. To register or if you have questions, please contact Craig Buechter at 573-694, 5157. Proceeds to benefit St. Thomas/Meta Knights of Columbus Council,

ARGYLE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY is Friday, April 5, serving fish, French fries, & the trimmings from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Adults \$10.00, children \$5.00 at the K of C Hall, Argyle.

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.

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