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

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

March 31, 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 31-April 7:

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. - Herb & Imogene Volmert Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – Special Intention Thursday 7:45 a.m. – L&D Frank & Catherine Wieberg Fam.

Thursday, 6:30 p.m. - Confirmation Candidates

Friday 7:45 a.m. - Special Intention Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ida Schellman Sunday 10:00 a.m. – People of our Parishes Sunday 1:00 p.m. – First Communicants

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2023-2024: \$312,000.00 Offertory Goal through Month End: \$234,000.00 Actual Collection for 2023-2024: \$253,429.89 Offertory Difference Year to Date: \$ 19,429.89 Offertory Goal per month: \$ 26,000.00

\$6,723.55

Collection in Church:

March 3

March 10 \$1,687.80 March 17 \$ 4,457.56 March 24 \$3,043.18 March 31 **Collection Online:** \$7,933.00 March total to date: \$23,845.09 Difference for March: -\$ 2,154.91

Church Renovation Capital Campaign

Total Pledges/Donations \$491,766.62 **Total Collected** \$523,265.55 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

April 6 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Judy Schroeder / Alanna April 7 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jean Kliethermes / Lydia April 7 Sunday 1:00 p.m. - Amanda Wooten / Jackie

April 13 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- TBD April 14 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- TBD

St. Thomas the Apostle Readers

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

April 13 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kara Holterman April 14 Sunday 10:00 a.m. - David Schroeder

Saint Cecilia Mass Schedule for the Week of March 31-April 7:

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. - Cindy Wansing Carmack

Sunday 8:00 a.m. - Harold & Mary Ann Loethen

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2023-2024: \$67,000.00 \$54,106.00 Collection Total for 2023-2024: \$ 5,583.34 Offertory Goal per month:

Collection in Church:

March 3 \$1,707.00 March 10 \$ 1,372.00 March 17 730.00 \$1,372.00 March 24 March 31 March total to date: \$6,331.00 Difference for March: +\$ 747.66

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. - Doris Stumpe Sunday, April 7 - 8:00 a.m.- Jennifer Even Sunday, April 14 – 8:00 a.m.-Doris Stumpe

St. Cecilia Organist

Sunday, April 7 8:00 a.m. - Emilie Sunday, April 14 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

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

April 13 Saturday 5:00 p.m. -Adam Holterman & Mark Boessen April 14 Sunday 10:00 a.m. -Richard Heckemyer & Kelly Stewart

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

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

April 13 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Lora Boessen

April 14 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Richard Heckemeyer

St. Thomas the Apostle Servers

Weekday servers: Ben & Luke Otto

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

April 13 5:00 p.m. – Jude Luebbering, Kora Luebbering, Miranda Meyer, Gannon Reeves

April 14 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Valerie, Zeke & Max Verslues,

Virgil Lackman

St. Thomas the Apostle Offertory Gifts

April 6, Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Family of Ida Schelman April 7, Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Ushers

April 7, Sunday, 1:00 p.m. - First Communicants

St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters

April 7 – Dunja Wieberg & Jennifer Schroeder

April 14 - Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman

April 21 - Keith & Jean Kliethermes

April 28- Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg

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

Brooke Schell April 7 Dunja Wieberg April 14 April 28 Jenny Becker Lauri Luebbering April 21

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday, 7:25 a.m. - Shirley Volmert - Glorious Mysteries Wednesday 7:25 a.m. -Bob Schellman - Glorious Mysteries Thursday 7:25 a.m. - Dale Herigon - Glorious Mysteries Friday 7:25 a.m. - Jim Lueckenhoff - Glorious Mysteries Saturday 4:35 p.m. – Barb Graessle – Glorious Mysteries Sunday 9:35 a.m. – Tina Stockman– Divine Mercy Chaplet

St. Cecilia Eucharistic Ministers

April 7 Sunday 8:00 a.m. - Dominic Plassmeyer April 14 Sunday 8:00 a.m. - Mary Plassmeyer

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

April 7 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Randy Hagenhoff, Kenny Otto, Otto Wankum, Leonard Schulte April 14 Sunday 8:00 a.m. - Tony & Will Derkum, Terry Libbert, Leon Schanzmeyer

St. Cecilia Servers

April 7 Sunday 8:00 a.m. - Henry & Annaline Schroeder April 14 Sunday 8:00 a.m. - Sarah & Elizabeth Backes

St. Cecilia Offertory Gifts

April 7 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Family of Harold & Mary Ann Loethen

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

April 7 Sunday 7:35 a.m. - Mary Plassmeyer Glorious Mysteries April 14 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer 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.

St. Thomas the Apostle Church Cleaners

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 Alan Libbert, Nancy Libbert, Darrel Buechter, Jan Heckemeyer April 21:

April 28: Janet Lueckenhoff, Jim Lueckenhoff, Charlene Buschjost, Randy Buschjost

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.

Thurs, April 4 - Katie (Sam) Luebbering & Betty Jo Luebbering Thurs, April 11 - Rachel Hopkins & Janet Lueckenhoff

CONGRATULATIONS to Briese Liya Carter, who made her Profession of Faith & her First Holy Communion at the Easter Vigil Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES from both parishes who will be confirmed on April 4, 6:30 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

BISHOP MCKNIGHT APRIL PRAYER INTENTION: For a greater awareness of and respect for our common home in building an authentic human ecology: May we be good stewards of the gift of creation in defending all human life, we pray to the Lord.

THE ROSARY FOR OUR COUNTRY WILL NOT BE HELD ON APRIL 4, DUE TO CONFIRMATION.

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.

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.

HOLY HOUR & ANOINTING OF THE SICK is Friday, April 5, 7:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL NEWS: Easter Monday, April 1 – No School P-8 April 2-5 – NCEA Convention

PASTORS MEDITATION: EASTER SUNDAY 2024: WE ARE WITNESSES OF A NEW LIFE IN JESUS CHRIST, ALLELUIAH. (Acts

10:34, 37-43; Col. 3:1-4 or 1Cor. 56-8; Jn. 20-1-9 or 41; Evening: Lk. 24:13-35; (Rom 6: 3-11; Mt 28:1-10).

Happy Easter to you all, Jesus has risen Alleluia. The message of Easter is that Jesus is alive and risen and at work in our lives. "Easter" literally means "the feast of fresh flowers." Easter is the greatest and the most important feast in the Church for four reasons because: The Resurrection of Christ is the basis of our Christian Faith. It is the greatest of the miracles, for it proves that Jesus is God. That is why St. Paul writes: "If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain; and your Faith is in vain" (1Cor. 15:14). "Jesus is Lord, He is risen" (Rom. 10:9), was the central theme of the preaching or "kerygma", of the Apostles. Easter is the guarantee of our own resurrection. Jesus assured Martha at the tomb of Lazarus: "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me will live even though he dies..." (Jn. 11:25-26). Easter is a feast which gives us hope and encouragement in this world of pain, sorrows and tears. It reminds us that life is worth living. It also gives us strength to fight against temptations and freedom from unnecessary worries and fears. Easter gives meaning to our prayers: It supports our belief in the Real Presence of the Risen Jesus in and around us, in His Church, in the Blessed Sacrament, and in Heaven, hearing our prayers, and so gives meaning to our personal as well as our communal prayers. So, my dear friends let us live the lives of Resurrection people: We are not supposed to lie buried in the tomb of our sins, evil habits, dangerous addictions, despair, discouragement or doubts. Instead, we are expected to live a joyful and peaceful life, constantly experiencing the living presence of the Risen Lord Who loves us in all the events of our lives and amid the boredom, suffering, pain, and tensions of our day-to-day life. The conviction of the Real Presence of the Risen Lord with us and within us and all around us enables us to lead disciplined Christian lives. It will help us to control our thoughts, desires, words, behaviors, and actions. This salutary awareness of the presence of the Risen Lord within us inspires us to honor our bodies, keeping them holy, pure and free from evil habits and addictions. Our conviction that the loving presence of the Risen Lord dwells in our neighbors and in all those we encounter, should encourage us to respect them and to render them loving, humble, selfless service. We need to become transparent Christians, radiating the Risen Lord around us in the form of selfless and sacrificial agape love, mercy, compassion, and a spirit of humble service. May you have a Blessed Easter season. Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukiibi

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.

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 faith-filled pilgrimage! Register online at diojeffcity.org/springpilgrimmage.

HEART OF A HERO, MEN'S CONFERENCE is April 19 & April 20 at Cana Room, Cathedral of St. Joseph. April 19 sessions are from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. and April 20 8:30 a.m. -3:30 p.m. This men's conference is hosted by the Men of Signum Crucis. Includes midday Mass and Adoration and confessions during the lunch break. \$30 for either day, \$40 for both days, \$20 for students and no charge for priests and seminarians. Please visit www.menofsignumcrucis.com/mensconference for more info.

GUARDIAN ANGELS PARISH SPRING DINNER, BRINKTOWN is Sunday, April 7, serving fried chicken & baked ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, cole slaw, applesauce, bread and dessert from 11:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Adults \$15.00, children 6-12 \$7.00, all carry-outs plates \$15.00.

EASTER FLOWERS 2024: Please remember in your prayers these loved ones in whose names the EASTER FLOWERS have been provided in both St. Cecila & St. Thomas the Apostle Parishes .

Velma Barnard Don Hamman Briese Carter Brysen Carter Alfred & Frances Bax Joe Hartman Harold & Mary Lou Bax SJ & Doris Carter, Jr. Alex Heckman

Jon Bax SJ & Mary Carter Herman & Josephine Heckman

Judy Bax Hank Castrop Lisa Heislen Matthew Bauer Leonard & Thea Cisnero Gene Hendricks Martin & Margaret Bauer Veronica Hendricks Mary Clark

Herman & Anita Baumhoer Marilyn & Veronica Herigon Jim Coffman Fred & Bertha Beck Kenny Coleman Ray & Sally Herigon Don & Marian Becker Nettie Dubbert Sam Herigon

Gene & Agnes Benne Anna & Conrad Evers Theo & Sophie Herigon Louis A. & Anna Benne Joyce Evers Richard Hickman

Alfred & Angelina Berhorst Trov & Lisa Feltrop Ralph Hirschman Gerard "Butch" Blomberg Aaron Fennewald Herman & Gertie Hoecker Henry & Alma Blomberg Donald Curtis Forbis Leander & Leo Hoecker

Donald & Valda Forbis

Larry Bock

Chris Garrison Alphonse & Regina Holtmeyer L&D Louis & Elizabeth Bock Family

Sylvanus Hoecker

John & Anna Gerling Gary, Terry, & Randy Holtmeyer James (Bimbo) Boessen Mick Gilliam Joseph & Marie Holtmeyer Joseph & Rosa Boessen L&D Members of the Conrad & Ben & Martina Goeller John & Rosa Boessen Hedwig Holtmeyer Family Helena & Frank Goeller

Philip & Alma Boessen Leo & Alma Holtmeyer Margie Goeller Wm. & Rufina Boessen Olie Holtmever **David Graessle**

Rev. F. C. Bonn Otto & Emma Holtmeyer Phil Graessle Louis & Cecilia Brand Raymond Holtmeyer Steven Gragert Stanley Brand Tammy Holtmeyer Tom Gragert Charlotte Braun Viola Holtmever

Glennon & Josephine Green George Brooks Joe & Katherine Holzer Family Jimmy Green

Dorothy Buschjost Hope Luebbering Hulsey Sam & Christine Groner

Ernie & Rosemary Buschjost Joseph & Mary Jaegers Deceased Members of the Steve & Brian & Denise Carter Norman & Delphine Jaegers Elizabeth Hake Family

L&D Joe Kaiser Families Marsha Meyer Richard Schwartz Norbert & Betty Kemna Eleanor Moeller John Sommerhauser Alvin Kliethermes Helen Mulcahy Larry & Mamie Spinks Tom Kloeppel Mark Oligschlaeger Max Spinks

Karen Kloeppel-Wieberg Lawrence & Ursuline Oligschlaeger Stanley & Sophie Lada

Paul Oligschlaeger Shirley Stockman J.B. Osterman Cletus & Clara Lehmen John & Bernice Stokes Elias Otto Alfred Leven Andrew & Anna Strope Francie Don Otto Bonnie Libbert Becky Strope

Bernard & Betty Stegeman

Celestine Stegeman

Germaine & Alan Strope

Henry & Agnes Strope

Mark Leonard Strope

Slim & Helen Strope

Stanley Strope

Martha & Michael Otto Corey Libbert Scott Otto Danny Libbert Norbert & Ella Otto

Vic & Rita Otto Deceased Members of the Anton & Nettie Libbert Family **Evelyn Ousley**

Dennis Libbert

Sandra Parker Harold Libbert Dennis Struemph Lionel & Arharta Libbert Charles & Betty Peters George & Anna Stumpe Albert Plassmeyer Nicky Libbert

Larry Stumpe Randy Libbert Louis & Regina Plassmeyer David Suthoff Sandy Libbert Roman & Geneva Plassmeyer Steve Suthoff Wilford Libbert Joe Platt Steve & Mable Tallent Rose Mary Little Jim Poettaen Joe & Mildred Taube August, Leona Loethen Donna Porter LaVern Toebben Clara Loethen Helen Prenger

Mary Ann Turner Donald & Jerome Loethen Oscar & Frieda Prenger Clem Veit Delmer, Vince & Katie Loethen Richard & MaryAnn Prenger Gregory & Lucille Veit

Tom (Butch) Loethen Rosemary Prenger Harold Veit August Luebbering Shirley Prenger Joseph Veit Ben & Emma Luebbering & Merle Quiller Kelly Lynn Veit

Deceased Members Alfred & James Raab Rudolph & Josephine Veit **Bob Luebbering** Carol Rackers Harold Veltrop **Donald Luebbering**

Margie Rackers Charles Verslues Glenn P.Luebbering L&D Vernon Rackers Families Chris Verslues Harold Luebbering Ray Radmacher Herb Verslues

Herman & Agatha Luebbering Lawrence "Dick" Rehagen Andrew & Loreen Volmert Jeremy Luebbering Brad Reinkemeyer Ben & Minnie Volmert Jerome & Lucy Luebbering Jim, Bill & Anna Reinkemeyer **David Volmert** John & Minnie Luebbering

Vince Reinkemeyer Herb & Imogene Volmert Joe & Dorothy Luebbering Juliann & Clarence Rockers & Kurt Volmert Leo & Rose Luebbering **Deceased Members**

Leander "Curly" & Viola Volmert Margaret Ann Luebbering Tammy Rusk Voss Families Millie Marie Luebbering Lloyd & Florence Schaben George & Elizabeth Walther Keith Luebbering

Patrick, Anthony & Betty Schaben Wilbert & Roselyn Wankum Leo & Rose Luebbering Philip & Charles Schaben

Brian Wansing Olivia Luebbering Tina Schaben Clarence & Evelyn Wansing Ralph & Rosemary Luebbering Ruth & Walter & Tom Schaefer & Gerhard & Adella Weber Ray & Lorraine Luebbering **Deceased Members**

Pete Weber Reuben Luebbering August & Clara Schanzmeyer Landon Whittle Shirley Luebbering Karen Schanzmeyer

Steve Luebbering B. Henry & Julianna Wibbenmeyer John (Buddy) & Anna Marie Schell Anton & Elizabeth Luebbert

Hilda Wieberg Francis J. "Fritzie" and Margie Anthony & Ida Schellman Kenny (Muzz) Wieberg Luebbert Agnes Schmidt Mary Lou & Lee Wieberg

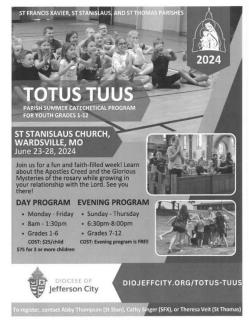
George Luecke Alvin Schmidt Judy Wieberg Gerald Lueckenhoff Bill & Rose Schmidt Paul & Mathilda Wilbers Frank & Frances Lueckenhoff Rick Schmidt Frank & Eleanor Wilde Harry Lueckenhoff

Rose Schmidt Cody Wilson Henry & Lucy Lueckenhoff Thomas & Mary Ann Schmidt John Wintz John Paul Lueckenhoff

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Nolan Schroeder Philip Wolken Mary Jane Lueckenotte Mike Schulte Chris Wood Henry & Agnes Lueckenotto Rita Schuttenburg

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