

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

St. Cecilia
in Meta

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 4, 2018

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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 4-11:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Keith Luebbering
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – L&D Harry Lueckenhoff Family
Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Tom & Clara Schmidt
(N.B. daily Mass in school this week)
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – Ray, Sally & Sam Herigon
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Sabina Plassmeyer
Stations of the Cross immediately following Mass in school gym
Friday 7:45 a.m. – L&D Alex Heckman
Stations of the Cross 6:00 p.m. in church
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Wm & Rufina Boessen

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2017-2018: \$305,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End: \$203,336.00
Actual Collection for 2017-2018: **\$195,615.14**
Offertory Difference Year to Date: – \$ 7,720.86
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

February 4 \$ 4,495.50
February 11 \$ 3,501.00
February 18 \$ 3,019.00
February 25 \$ 4,226.01

Collection Online: \$ 6,102.00

February total to date: **\$21,453.51**

Difference for February: – \$ 4,073.49

St. Thomas the Apostle Expansion & Building Fund

Total Expansion Project expenses paid: \$2,273,475.34
Income from parishioners for FY 2017-2018
(via the yellow "Building Fund" envelope): **\$19,930.45**
Loan payments to date for FY 2017-2018: **\$64,594.18**
(Principal) \$55,208.83 (Interest) \$9,385.35
Parish Building Expansion Debt remaining: **\$341,513.43**

St. Thomas the Apostle Cantor / Organist

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kelsey Kliethermes / Annette Kehner
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Amanda Wooten / Jackie Prenger

St. Thomas the Apostle Reader

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Alfred Kaiser
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jennifer Schroeder

St. Thomas the Apostle Altar Servers

Weekday – Kylie Hoeller Rademan & Kenzie Libbert
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Cameron & Chesney Luebbering,
Courtney Luebbering
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Ethan & Isaac Rackers,
Belle & Grace Boessen

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of March 4-11:

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Lawrence "Dick" Rehagen

6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross before Wednesday Mass
Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Norman & Delphine Jaegers

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Rita & Doug Kampeter
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Martina Goeller

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2017-2018: \$62,000.00
Collection Total for 2017-2018: **\$44,175.15**
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,166.67

Collection in Church:

February 4 \$ 1,131.00
February 11 \$ 1,065.00
February 18 \$ 1,236.00
February 25 \$ 1,496.00

February total to date: **\$ 4,928.00**

Difference for February: – \$ 238.67

Please remember your parish in your last will & testament.

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

March – Pam Libbert & Marie Lueckenotto

St. Cecilia Reader

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Doris Stumpe
Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Jennifer Even
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Janice Schanzmeyer

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**March 10-11**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Lora Boessen, Mark Luebbering,
Pat Kaiser

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

March 17-18

Saturday 5:00 p.m.–Paul & Jenny Becker, Marshall Boessen

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Lynne Reinkemeyer, Mattheuw
Prenger, Keith Kliethermes

St. Thomas Greeters/Ushers

please ring tower bells at least 10 minutes before weekend Masses

March 10-11

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Fred Luebbering & Carolyn Loethen

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Art Groner & Arthur McManus

March 17-18

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark Boessen & Mike Groner

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Alan Reinkemeyer & Doug Stockman

St. Thomas Presentation of Gifts at Mass**March 10-11**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark & Lora Boessen Family

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Travis & Kathy Rackers Family

March 17-18

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

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Tom & Carol Backes Family

St. Thomas Collection Counters

March 10-11 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg

March 17-18 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes

March 24-25 – Jennifer Schroeder & Stephanie Cortvrient

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas (in Church)

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

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

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

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

Saturday 4:40 p.m. – Paul Becker – Sorrowful

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

SCRIP: March 10-11 Saturday – Lindsay Luebbering Sunday – Scrip will not be sold (Ham Breakfast)

Visit www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip for more information about the Scrip program. You can contact Lindsay Luebbering at 573-680-4920 or Karen Luebbering at 573-301-5835 to purchase anytime.

SNACKS FOR ST. THOMAS QUILTERS:

Thursday, March 8 – Millie Wieberg & Felicia Williams **Thursday, March 15** – Susan Wood & Amanda Wooten

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.

A NOTE OF THANKS

Many thanks to all those who cooked, served, or helped out in any way during the time of Mom's funeral. Thanks also for all the gifts, cards, donations, food and especially the continued thoughts, prayers and support from everyone. A special thanks to Fr. Secrist & Deacon Schwartze for the beautiful job they did on Mom's services. Mom & our family have been truly blessed to have such good people in our lives! ***The Martina Goeller Family***

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH OFFICE will be open **Friday, March 9**, instead of Wednesday, March 7.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 11: Please don't forget to set your clock forward one hour before bedtime Saturday night.

EXTREMELY LOW GLUTEN HOSTS (Less than 0.01% gluten) are available to those parishioners who are highly sensitive to wheat. Please contact Fr. Secrist to determine particulars of distribution and reception of the low-gluten hosts.

THE CATHOLIC MISSOURIAN IS NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE: The official newspaper of the Diocese of Jefferson City, is up and running. You can access the online edition – without any signup necessary – using any web browser such as Explorer, Chrome & Safari on your computer, tablet or smartphone. Please go to **www.catholicmissourianonline.com** or **www.cathmo.com** Access will be free to all for a 6-month introductory period (possibly longer) as we evaluate a new subscription framework for print and online users.

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

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Annette Kehner

email: AnnetteKehner@mail.com Phone: 573-680-2824

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 Parish.

OPERATION RICE BOWL: This Lent, our community will have the opportunity to participate in the Catholic Relief Services 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 to Church

St. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**March 10-11**

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

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

March 17-18

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

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

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers**March 10-11**

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

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Tony Derkum, Dominic Plassmeyer,
Larry Lueckenotto, Harold Libbert

March 17-18

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

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. – Mary Plassmeyer – 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 SANCTUARY FLOORING work will continue on Monday, March 5 when the actual hardwood installation by the Richardet Company begins. And so, weekday Masses during this next week will be **in church**. Many thanks to Shane Verslues for his carpentry expertise in the reconstruction of the sanctuary steps and other preparatory wood work.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION will not be held this week because of our candidates attending their Vocation Reflection Day at the Cathedral. The next preparation class will be Wednesday, March 14 in the Parish Center at St. Cecilia.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHES' CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES: The Confirmation candidates named below have signed and returned their *Candidate Commitment Form* which, among other things, indicates that they promise to attend and participate in the Confirmation preparation sessions with an open mind and heart, will attend Mass every Sunday and on Holy Days of obligation, will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Confirmation, will commit to daily prayer, especially for growth in faith, hope and charity and will accept more responsibility in their families, parish and community:

Haylee Bax, Brooke Boessen, Drew Boessen, Emma Boessen, Kya Boessen, Cole Brenneke, Caleb Buechter, Jonathan Buschjost, William Derkum, Mason Francis, Teagan Humphrey, Ashlyn Kroll, Claire Luebbering, Isaac Prenger, Brayden Schaben, Kaleb Schaben, Emily Schell, Jeremy Stockman, Nolan Suthoff, Adam Veltrop, Nicholas Wankum, Brianna Wieberg.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES All Penance Services begin at 7:00 p.m., unless otherwise indicated.

March 6	St. Aloysius, Argyle	March 14	Sacred Heart, Rich Fountain
March 8	St. George, Linn	March 15	Immaculate Conception, Loose Creek
March 11	St. Stanislaus, Wardsville (6:30 p.m.)	TUESDAY, March 20	St. Thomas the Apostle, St. Thomas
March 13	St. Joseph, Westphalia	March 28	Our Lady Help of Christians, Frankenstein

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.

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 March 25*. The names will be printed in the Easter Sunday bulletin, April 1.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE EASTER FLOWERS: Anyone interested in making a monetary donation for the 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 March 25*. The names will be published in the Easter Sunday Bulletin, April 1.

CHRISM MASS: Bishop W. Shawn McKnight invites you to attend our annual Chrism Mass at the Cathedral Church of St. Joseph, 2215 W. Main St., Jefferson City on Thursday, March 22 at 5:30 p.m. This 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.

THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST FILM (2004, directed by Mel Gibson) will be shown on Palm Sunday, March 25 at 4:30 p.m. in the St. Cecilia Parish Center basement. Please bring snacks to share. All are invited.

SACRED TRIDUUM SCHEDULE:

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church
Good Friday Stations of the Cross: 3:00 p.m. – St. Cecilia Church
Good Friday Liturgy with Veneration of the Cross: 7:00 p.m. – St. Thomas the Apostle Church
Easter Vigil 8:00 p.m. – St. Cecilia Church
Easter Sunday Mass: 8:00 a.m. – St. Cecilia Church
Easter Sunday Mass: 10:00 a.m. – St. Thomas Church

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH REGISTRATION: Please keep your parish information current by filling out a Parish Registration form, located at the church entrances, on the parish website (under the Resources link), or by contacting Jenny Becker. Students away at college should be listed under their family, but young adults living on their own or married, are encouraged to register separately.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PRESCHOOL SNEAK PEEK is Thursday, March 15, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. School wide tour, parent questions/answers, yummy breakfast, gonoodle dancing, fun games & more. For more information please call Mrs. Melanie Kirkweg 573-690-5888 or Miss Jaycine Bax 573-821-1179 or the school office 573-477-3322.

We would like to recognize the winners from the Western Catholic Union Poster Contest for Grades 5&6. The top 5 winners are 5th place – Latham Cavin, 4th place – Jackson Braun, 3rd place – Dylan Kligel, 2nd place – Jacob Luebbering, 1st place – Ava Morris. The entire class each received a t-shirt and a certificate and the five winners also received a gift card. Congratulations!

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 9 – End of 3rd Quarter
March 13 – Freddy's fundraiser, please tell cashier St. Thomas the Apostle School and the school will receive 15% of the sales.
March 15 – Preschool Sneak Peek 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
March 23-24 – State Archery Meet in Branson

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PRESCHOOL: It's that time of year again: St. Thomas Preschool is busy making plans for the 2018-2019 school year. If you have a preschool age child and have been thinking about Preschool, please contact the school office at (573-477-3322) or Mrs. Kirkweg at mkirkweg@embarqmail.com.

BOX TOPS: Please continue to save Box Tops, Best Choice labels & coke points and send to the St. Thomas School office or drop box in the side entrance of St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

THE WILLIAM B. SIMON SCHOLARSHIP FUND awards scholarships to Catholic students in the Jefferson City Diocese who are in financial need for attending an accredited college of the student's choice. The scholarship is \$1,000 per semester. Please see Fr. Secrist at the rectory for details and application. Students from St. Thomas have been awarded this scholarship in the past. Applications must be postmarked or returned to the Chancery by March 31, 2018. All applicants will be notified of the results by May 1, 2018.

META OVER 50 CLUB will meet on Thursday, March 8 at noon in the Parish Center. Please join us for lunch & fun.

VITAE FOUNDATION 26TH ANNUAL PRO-LIFE EVENT will be on Monday, March 19, 2018, at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City. The featured speaker is Kirk Cameron, television and film actor. Tickets are \$100 for dinner and \$50 for luncheon (\$75 of dinner and \$25 of luncheon registration is tax-deductible). For reservations, visit www.VitaeFoundation.org/event or call 573-634-4316.

SAVE THE DATES:

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH HAM / SAUSAGE BREAKFAST – Sunday, March 11, 2018 Additional copies of the work-list are in the entrances of St. Thomas the Apostle Church or on our web page.

MUSIC FOR ORGAN & TRUMPET – 4:00 p.m., Sunday, April 29 at St. Thomas the Apostle.

ST. CECILIA PARISH PICNIC – Sunday, July 8, 2018

TOTUS TUUS SUMMER CAMP AT ST. THOMAS & ST. CECILIA PARISHES – July 14-20, 2018

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PICNIC – Sunday, August 19, 2018

ST. THOMAS CEMETERY DUES: The new dues are \$10.00 per family (\$5.00 for single persons). Family members becoming the head of a separate household are not covered under their parent's membership. Also, anyone after their 21st birthday must pay their own dues of \$5. Please note: Anyone falling in arrears over 5 years must pay \$100.00 to rejoin plus current dues. Please put your payment in the collection basket marked "Cemetery Dues" or mail to: St. Thomas Cemetery Association, c/o Lisa Lackman, 2222 Upper Bottom Road, St. Thomas, MO 65076. You may contact Lisa, if you have questions about your current or past dues, at 573-338-2703.

ST. CECILIA ANNUAL CEMETERY MEETING is scheduled for Monday, March 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the parish center. Subjects to be discussed include financial report, reviewing by laws and other concerns anyone may have.

DO YOU BELIEVE IN MIRACLES? –Seeing is believing Parish Mission presentations by Tim Francis March 7 & 8 at the Cathedral of St. Joseph, 7:00-9:30 p.m. each evening and also Sunday, March 11 at Sacred Heart Church in Eldon, 3:00-5:30 p.m.

CONTEMPLATIVE OUTREACH OF CENTRAL MISSOURI will host the Diocesan observance of the 25th Annual United in Prayer Day, on Saturday, March 17, 2018 in Jefferson City. It will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Alphonse J. Schwartze Memorial Catholic Center, 2207 West Main St. Jefferson City, MO. Welcome, registration and hospitality will begin at 8:30 a.m. The theme will be *The Four Senses of Scripture ... A Journey to Unity* presented by Jefferson City Priest, Fr. Matthew Flatley. For more information and to register contact COCEMO at 573-864-1097 or email @ www.cocemo1@gmail.com

FATIMA SENIOR CITIZEN'S DAY: Our annual "Senior Citizen's Day" will be held at Fatima on **Wednesday, March 21**. There will be a musical program in the gym starting at 11:30 a.m. Lunch will then be provided to all attending starting at 12:40 p.m., courtesy of the Osage County R-III Board of Education. Bus transportation will be provided from your church according to the following schedule: **Bus D – Meta** at 10:35 a.m./**Folk** at 11:00 a.m. We encourage everyone to take advantage of this free transportation. Transportation will also be available for those needing a ride from the gym to the cafeteria after the musical program.

ST. ANDREW KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY- HOLTS SUMMIT are Friday's March 9 & 16. Serving catfish, spaghetti, baked beans, baked potato, French fries, cornbread, slaw & dessert. Adults \$11.00, children 6-12 \$5.00.

ARGYLE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY is Friday, March 9, serving fish, French fries and the trimmings from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Adults \$10.00, children \$5.00 in the K of C Hall Argyle.

RELAY FOR LIFE EVENT, PAINT, SIP & REPEAT is Friday, March 23 at the St. Thomas Knights of Columbus Hall. Doors open at 6:00 p.m., painting starts at 6:30 p.m. \$30.00 per person. To RSVP, please contact Kim Kliegel 573-6199188. First 25 to RSVP will be included in a drawing.

CRS LETTER FROM BISHOP MCKNIGHT

Dear Friends in Christ,

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock." —Rev 3:20

Next weekend we will have the Catholic Relief Services Collection, which helps some of the most marginalized communities in our world. It provides services for immigrants and refugees, humanitarian aid in the wake of natural disasters, and advocacy for peace and justice.

In Central America, there are more than 1 million young people out of school and unemployed. Crime and violence run rampant. Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador have some of the highest murder rates in the world. The violence stifles economic growth, further limiting opportunities for jobs and causing many to flee.

Through your support of the Catholic Relief Services Collection, young people can participate in YouthBuild, a program that provides them necessary life skills and opportunities. YouthBuild offers training, school re-entry, job placement, and social services. To date, more than 5,000 young people have participated, 80 percent of whom have found work, gone back to school, or both.

In our Diocese, the Catholic Relief Services Collection funds eight Catholic agencies, including the Care of the Holy Land and Peter's Pence. Through these groups, Catholics in the U.S. provide food shelter, and other vital human assistance to Jesus in the disguise of suffering people every day.

Please prayerfully consider how you will respond to His knock at the door. I am

Sincerely yours in Christ, Most Reverend W. Shawn McKnight, S.T.D. Bishop of Jefferson City

PARISH VITALITY PRAYER

Eternal God, Father most holy, whose Son established the Church, promising that the power of evil would never prevail against her, stir up our faith and bolster our perseverance,

that our faith may vitalize our parishes and our perseverance maintain our outreach.

You have taught us that dying to self and obedience to the Church are essential to holiness, peace and unity.

Preserve our unity as one Diocesan Church,

and may the spouse of the Holy Spirit, the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

protect us with her mantle and intercede for us with her prayer.

Through Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.