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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

March 5, 2023

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Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of March 5-12:

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

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 5-12:

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. - Tom & Clara Schmidt Wednesday 7:45 a.m.- L&D Alex Heckman Family Thursday, 7:45 a.m. - Raymond & Bernadine Groner Stations of the Cross immediately following Mass

Friday 7:45 a.m. - Lucy Luebbering

Friday 6:30 p.m. – Stations of the Cross Saturday 5:00 p.m. - People of our Parishes Gregory Veit & Kenny Koetting

Sunday 10:00 a.m. - L&D Anton Boessen Family

Sunday 8:00 a.m. - Eleanor Wilde

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. - Harold Veltrop

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2022-2023: \$305,000.00 Offertory Goal through Month End: \$203,336.00 Actual Collection for 2022-2023: \$203,998.83 Offertory Difference Year to Date: 662.83 Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

February 5 \$ 5,185.84 February 12 \$ 4,483.27 February 19 \$3,456.34 February 26 \$5,769.34 **Collection Online:** \$ 6,972.00 February total to date: \$25,866.72 Difference for February: 449.72

Church Renovation Capital Campaign

Total Pledges/Donations \$485,477.70 Total Collected \$471,055.31 Total Expenses Paid \$699,195,95 A total of 130 parishioners have returned pledge cards/or Contributed to the renovation project.

Church Renovation Loan Balance \$149,128.05

Loan payments to date \$58,435.00

(interest) \$7,563.05 (principal) \$50,871.95

St. Thomas the Apostle Cantors / Organists

March 11 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Lisa Wieberg / Jackie March 12 Sunday 10:00 a.m. - Mary Kay Brand / Jeanette March 18 Saturday 5:00 p.m.-Amanda Wooten / Jeanette

March 19 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Doug Luebbering / Alanna

St. Thomas the Apostle Readers

March 11 Saturday 5:00 p.m. - Kathy Graessle March 12 Sunday 10:00 a.m. - Doug Luebbering March 18 Saturday 5:00 p.m. - David Schroeder March 19 Sunday 10:00 p.m. - Ben Luebbering

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2022-2023: \$65,000.00 Collection Total for 2022-2023: \$42,861.21 Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,416.67

Collection in Church:

February 5 February 12 \$1,665.00 894.99 February 19 783.00 February 26 896.00 February total to date: \$4,403,00 Difference for February: -\$1.013.67

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

March - Pam Libbert & Marie Lueckenotto

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR PARISH IN YOUR LAST WILL & TESTAMENT

St. Cecilia Readers

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. - Doris Stumpe Sunday, March 12 8:00 a.m. - Janice Schanzmeyer Sunday, March 19 8:00 a.m. - Jennifer Even

St. Cecilia Organist

March 12 8:00 a.m. – Emilie March 19 8:00 a.m. – Lydia

IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO FULFILL YOUR LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENT, PLEASE FIND A REPLACEMENT. FELLOW PARISHIONERS THANK YOU!

St. Thomas the Apostle Greeters/Ushers

March 11 Saturday 5:00 p.m.-Doug Stockman & Richard Schellman March 12 Sunday 10:00 a.m.-TJ Loethen & Mattheuw Prenger

March 18 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Eric Strope & Dave Luebbering March 19 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Craig Buechter & Simon Strope

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

March 11 Saturday 5:00 p.m. - Marshall Boessen

March 12 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Janet Lueckenhoff March 18 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Bill Luebbering March 19 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Rosalyn Wieberg

St. Thomas the Apostle Servers

Weekday – Angelina Veltrop & Audrey Buschjost

March 11 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Evelyn Wooten, Ava Buschjost,

Kora Luebbering

March 12 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Valerie & Zeke Verslues, Stella Volmert, Aliyah Buechter

March 18 Saturday 5:00 p.m. - Miranda Meyer, Ellie Boessen, Carmen Luebbering, Emerald Fennewald

March 19 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Francie & Hannah Tallent, Ben Otto, Wyatt Otto

St. Thomas the Apostle Offertory Gifts

March 11 Saturday, 5:00 p.m. - Family of Jerome & Lucy Luebbering

March 12 Sunday 10:00 a.m. - Family of Joe Veit

March 18 Saturday 5:00 p.m. - Family of Gregory Veit &

Keny Koetting

March 19 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Family of Anton Boessen

St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters

March 12- Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman

March 19 - Paul Becker & Shara Buechter

March 26 - Keith & Jean Kliethermes

April 2 - Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg

April 9 - Ron & Theresa Veit

April 16 -Dunja Wieberg & Jennifer Schroeder

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

March 12 **Dunja Wieberg**

March 19 Jenny Becker

March 26 Karlie Reinkemeyer

Lauri Luebbering April 2

April 9 Brooke Schell

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday, 7:25 a.m. – Bob Schellman – Sorrowful Mysteries

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Friday 7:25 a.m. – Shirley Volmert – Sorrowful Mysteries Saturday 4:35 p.m. – Dale Herigon – Sorrowful Mysteries

Sunday 9:35 a.m. - Gilbert & Hermina Strope - Sorrowful Mysteries

St. Thomas the Apostle Church Cleaners

March 5: Janet Lueckenhoff, Jim Lueckenhoff, Charlene Buschjost, Randy Buschjost

March 12: Lynne Reinkemeyer, Linda Boessen, Lauri Luebbering, Lisa Lackman

March 19: Sonya Henson, Susan Buechter, Jackie Prenger, Amy Buechter

March 26: Brooke Schell, Tina Stockman, Gina Luebbering, Karen Luebbering

April 2: Alan Libbert, Nancy Libbert, Darrel Buechter, Jan Heckemeyer

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 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 Strope at 573-477-3349.

Thursday, March 9 -Lora Boessen & Joyce (Marshall) Boessen Thursday, March 16 – Nanette Boessen & Viola Boessen

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

BULLETIN NOTICES: Deadline for bulletin is Wednesday at noon.

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

CONGRATULATIONS! I would like to congratulate our catechumen Joey Christopher Blankenship and our Candidate Elise Paige Bailey Luebbering that were presented to Bishop Shawn McKnight for the rite of election last weekend. Let's keep them in our prayers on their journey of faith they started. Blessings, Fr. Leonard

CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPLEAL: The CSA goal for St. Cecilia Parish is \$2,550 Received \$1,065.00 The CSA goal for St. Thomas the Apostle Parish is \$10,400 Received \$5,965

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH is looking for volunteer to serve on the Catholic Stewardship Renewal (CSR) & looking for a volunteer to serve as a Liaison for Vocation If interested, please contact Fr. Leonard.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE is Thursday, March 16, 7:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

BISHOP MCKNIGHT MARCH PRAYER INTENTON: For a greater respect for the dignity of all human life; may our Catholic Faith inspire us to recognize all human beings – no matter their age, race, or condition – as our brothers and sisters in the Lord.

St. Cecilia Eucharistic Ministers

March 12 Sunday 8:00 a.m. - Jennifer Even March 19 Sunday 8:00 a.m. - Doris Stumpe

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

March 12 Sunday 8:00 a.m. -Kenny Otto, Otto Wankum, Leonard Schulte, Tony Derkum March 19 Sunday 8:00 a.m. - William Derkum, Terry Libbert, Harold Libbert, Leon Schanzmeyer

St. Cecilia Servers

March 12 Sunday 8:00 a.m. -Sarah & Elizabeth Backes Jesse Schroeder

March 19 Sunday 8:00 a.m. -Bradyn & Kambrie Stegeman Please arrive 10 minutes before Mass.

Servers who have questions or would like to practice, may do so after 8:00 a.m. Mass. Please contact Joanne Schroeder 573-229-8986.

St. Cecilia Offertory Gifts

March 12 Sunday 8:00 a.m.- Family of Eleanor Wilde

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

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

March 12 Sunday 8:00 a.m. - Janice Schanzmeyer Sorrowful Mysteries

March 19 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer

Sorrowful Mysteries

VOTIVE CANDLES: The requested donation for lighting a votive candle in church is **\$3.00**. Please note the cost change for both parishes.

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.

PASTORS MEDITATION: SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT [A] LISTEN TO HIM. (Gn. 12:1-4a; 2Tim. 1:8b-10; Mt. 17:1-9)

Jesus provides us with moments of joy and consolation on our journey of faith to sustain us through the dark valleys. The readings invite us to work, with the assistance of the Holy Spirit, to transform and renew our lives during Lent that we may radiate the glory and grace of the transfigured Lord which we have all received around us by our Spirit-filled lives.

The first reading describes the transformation of a pagan patriarch into a believer in the one God. His name will be transformed from Abram to Abraham and his small family into a great nation. All Abram has to do is to obey the Lord God's command, and he does so. The second reading, taken from St. Paul's second letter to Timothy, explains the type of Lenten transformation expected of us. We are transformed when we recognize the hand of a loving, providing and disciplining God behind all our hardships, pain, and suffering and try our best to grow in holiness by cooperating with the grace of God given to us through Jesus and his Gospel. In the Transfiguration story in today's Gospel, Jesus is revealed as a glorious figure, superior to Moses and Elijah. The primary purpose of Jesus' Transfiguration was to allow Jesus to consult his Heavenly Father in order to ascertain His plan for His Son's suffering, death and Resurrection. The secondary aim was to make his chosen disciples aware of Jesus' Divine glory so that they might discard their worldly ambitions and dreams of a conquering political Messiah and might be strengthened in their time of trial. On the mountain, Jesus is identified by the Heavenly Voice as the Son of God. Thus, the Transfiguration narrative is a Christophany, that is, a manifestation or revelation of who Jesus really is. Describing Jesus' Transfiguration, the Gospel gives us a glimpse of the Heavenly glory awaiting those who do God's will by putting their trusting Faith in Him, as the Responsorial Psalm (Ps 33), for today encourages us to do.

So, dear friends just as the Transfiguration of Jesus strengthened the Apostles in their time of trial, each Holy Mass should be our source of Heavenly strength for resisting our own temptations and a source of grace for renewing our lives during Lent. Hence, the Transubstantiation in the Holy Mass is the source of our strength. In each Holy Mass our offering of bread and wine becomes the Body and Blood of Jesus under the appearances of bread and wine. In addition, communion with Jesus in prayer and especially in the Eucharist should be a source of daily transformation of both our minds and hearts, enabling us to see Jesus in every one of our brothers and sisters with whom we come in contact each day. Each Sacrament that we receive transforms us. Baptism, for example, transforms us into sons and daughters of God and heirs of heaven. Confirmation makes us the temples of the Holy Spirit. By the Sacrament of Reconciliation, God brings back the sinner to the path of holiness. By receiving in Faith, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, we are spiritually and sometimes physically, healed and our sins are forgiven. A message of hope and encouragement in moments of doubt, pain and suffering, disappointment and despair, we need mountain-top experiences to reach out to God and listen to His consoling words: "This is my beloved son/daughter in whom I am well pleased." Our 'Lenten penance' will lead us to the 'Easter joy.' We all have moments when we see beyond the shadows of this world into the glory of the next world. *Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukiibi*

FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH is March 20. Please join us in praying the St. Joseph Novena beginning March 12 through March 20. Also, join us for Mass at 6:00 p.m. on March 20, St. Thomas the Apostle Church. You can go to **praymorenovenas.com** to sign up for the novena or printed copies are available in Church.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH HAM BREAKFAST NOTES: Country Store workers will be baking homemade pies at the hall, beginning at 7:00 a.m. Saturday morning. Anyone who could help with baking pies on Saturday morning, please contact Roseanne Boessen (573-477-0168), any help would be greatly appreciated. Gooseberries are needed for pies if anyone has any to donate. Additionally, please consider baking cinnamon rolls, sweet breads, and other homemade goodies at home, and drop off at the Country Store area on Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning. Thank you for your support and donations! Raffle chances may be picked up in the entrances of St. Thomas the Apostle Church this weekend March 4/5. Reminder to parishioners that parking is available at the Knights of Columbus Hall, with shuttle service available between the Knights Hall & Church parking lot. This service is convenient for workers, while leaving adequate reserve parking for our guests. The work-list may be found on our website or in the main entrance of St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

ST. CECILIA PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING is Thursday, March 9, 7:00 p.m. in rectory.

<u>ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL NEWS:</u> Thursday, March 9 – End of 3rd Quarter Friday, March 10 – No School P-8, Diocesan Professional Day Thursday, March 16 – Early Release 12:50 car riders, 1:00 p.m. bus riders

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PRESCHOOL: If you have a child, ages 3 or 4 and have been thinking about preschool, please call Lizzie Linhardt, <u>llinhardt@stacs.school</u> 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

ST. CECILIA is looking for anyone interested in submitting a bid for several areas, grass mowing, cleaning of Church and rectory, cleaning of the school and parish center. Please submit your bids to Father Leonard by March 15, 2023. You may mail in your bid or place in the collection basket specifically noted as a bid for anyone of the above.

ST. CECILIA CEMETERY ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE: St Cecilia Cemetery Association will be holding its annual meeting on Monday, March 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the basement of the St Cecilia School. All members are encouraged to attend as we will be discussing upcoming projects and electing a new board member. If you have any questions regarding the meeting or the cemetery committee, please contact one of our current board members: Charles Schroeder, President; Karyn Veltrop, Treasurer; Michelle Derkum, Secretary; Ron Meyer, Board Member

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. Thomas the Apostle 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.

LENTEN APPEAL: We at Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri enter Lent with hearts ready for prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We are committed to providing compassionate social services to those in need, and we can't do this incredible work without you. Visit us at cccnmo.diojeffcity.org/give to give your gift to our annual Lenten Appeal online with our safe, secure, and east-to-use online giving form.

THE WILLIAM H. SIMON SCHOLARSHIP & JOHN WARACK SCHOLARSHIP: For more information or to complete the application at www.diojeffcity.org/scholarships. Applications must be returned to the Chancery by March 31, 2023.

THE WOMEN OF THE IMMACULATA CLUB OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION IN JEFFERSON CITY would like to invite Ladies of all ages from your parish to a mini retreat titled "Invitation to (W)holiness, Nurturing Body, Mind and Spirit as Women of Faith." The event will be on Saturday, March 18 in Kertz Hall (the cafeteria space) of Immaculate Conception's school building from 8:45 a.m. – noon and all are invited to start the morning together at the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

SUPPORT HELIAS CATHOLIC PROJECT GRADUATION: Helias Catholic High School is gearing up for its annual Project Graduation event. This is an important celebration for graduating seniors, as it provides a safe and enjoyable environment for them to celebrate this milestone achievement. In order to make this event a success, the 2023 Project Graduation Committee is asking for generous donations. Any amount, big or small, is greatly appreciated and will go toward providing food, entertainment, and prizes for the students. As a community, let us come together to support our graduating seniors and show them that we are proud of their hard work and dedication! Donations can be made via Venmo payment to @HeliasProjectGrad or mailed to: Helias Catholic High School, Attn: Carla Hancock Project Graduation, 1305 Swifts Hwy, Jefferson City, MO 65109.

<u>HELIAS SUMMER CAMPS:</u> Registration is now open for Helias Catholic's Summer 2023 youth sports camps! Please visit www.heliascrusaderscamps.com to view summer camp opportunities and register.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Becoming a Knight of Columbus member can transform your life. As a Knight, you have the opportunity to support our parishes and communities, and to grow in your faith. You can also gain access to top-rated insurance programs to protect your family. Plus, you are joining a band of brothers, a network of men in communities around the world dedicated to doing good in the service of God and our neighbors. As Pope St. John Paul II said: "The Knights of Columbus is the strong right arm of the Catholic Church." If you would like more information or to join, please contact Jeff Cassmeyer at (573) 690-7546. St. Thomas Knights of Columbus Attire – Check out the website below to order shirts, hoodies and coffee mugs with the St. Thomas Council #2149 emblem. Please submit orders by 3/15/23:

https://stores.inksoft.com/knightsofcolumbus2149/shop/home

<u>THE OVER 50 GROUP</u> will be gathering on March 9, for our monthly get together at the St Cecilia Parish center, eating at noon. Those attending, are asked to bring a covered dish. See you there.

<u>BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION:</u> Please mark your calendars for Saturday, March 25, 2023. Patsy Luebbering is turning 85 and the family would like to invite you to help us celebrate and wish her a Happy Birthday. An open house will be held from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall in St. Thomas.

META RUMMAGE SALES: Meta area rummage sales will be held Thursday, April 20 through Saturday, April 22. There will be a multi-family sale at the firehouse, along with various sales at community members' residences. Specific sale times and a list of addresses will be provided closer to the event. If you would like to host a rummage sale and have your address added to the list, please contact Samantha Helton via call or text at (573) 469-8649. This does not have to be limited to Meta. St. Thomas residents are welcome to join in!

<u>FATIMA SCHOOL DISTRICT PATRONS:</u> Do you want to know about Fatima Schools future? Where we are, and where we need to be. Come to one of the following informational sessions. All Fatima School District patrons are invited to attend. March 6tH –Loose Creek, Loose Creek Community Center at 7:00 PM, March 7th – Rich Fountain, Sacred Heart Cafeteria at 7:00 PM, March 14th – Freeburg, American Legion Hall at 7:00 PM, March 21st – Westphalia, Fatima High School Gym at 6:00 PM, with tour of the facility, March 22nd - Meta, Fire Station at 7:00 PM

ST. ELIZABETH KNGIHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY is Friday, March 10, 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. \$12.00 Adults, \$6.00 kids. Dine in or carry out. Proceeds in part go to CYO/NCYC trips.

<u>ST. ANTHONY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST. PATRICK'S DANCE</u> is Saturday, March 18, 8:30 p.m.-11:30 p.m. \$10 per person, music by Morgan County Line, St. Anthony Parish Hall. Ice will be provided and refreshments available for purchase.

ST. THOMAS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY is Friday, March 24, serving GLUTEN FREE fish fillets & fries, baked potato, Hushpuppies (not gluten free) baked beans, coleslaw & dessert from 4:30-7:00 p.m. Adults \$12.00, children \$6.00 (5 & under free). All you care of eat dine in or carry out in the St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Center.

<u>SAVE THE DATES:</u> St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Ham/Sausage Breakfast – Sunday, March 12 St. Thomas Knights of Columbus Gluten Free Fish Fry & Art Show – Friday, March 24 in St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Center.

Totus Tuus – June 4-9.



