

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 7, 2021

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St. Thomas Parish Office hours: Tuesdays 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.; Wednesdays 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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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 7-14:

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Rose Schmidt

Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – Alice Stroycik

Thursday 7:45 a.m. – L&D Alex Heckman Family

Friday 7:45 a.m. – Albert Plassmeyer

Stations of the Cross – 6:30 p.m.

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

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – L&D Martin & Margaret Bauer

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2020-2021:	\$305,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End:	\$203,336.00
Actual Collection for 2020-2021:	\$181,177.00
Offertory Difference Year to Date:	– \$ 22,159.00
Offertory Goal per month:	\$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

February 7	\$ 5,375.00
February 14	\$ 605.00
February 21	\$ 6,245.00
February 28	\$ 4,551.00

Collection Online: \$ 6,152.00

February total to date: **\$22,928.00**

Difference for February: –\$ 2,489.00

St. Thomas the Apostle Expansion & Building Fund

Income from parishioners for FY 2020-2021

(via the yellow "Building Fund" envelope): **\$15,580.00**

Cantor/Organist

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mary Kay Brand / Jackie Prenger

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Lisa Wieberg / Annette Kehner

St. Thomas the Apostle Reader

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kathy Graessle

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jean Kliethermes

St. Thomas the Apostle Ushers

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Gilbert Schellman & Richard Schellman

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Tom Backes & Richard Heckemeyer

St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters:

March 14 – Jennifer Schroeder & Dunja Wieberg

March 21 – Paul Becker & Shara Buechter

March 28 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes

April 4 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of March 7-14:

Stations of the Cross – 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Francis "Fritz" Luebbert

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Ben & Jason Hake

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2020-2021:	\$62,000.00
Collection Total for 2020-2021:	\$35,056.35
Offertory Goal per month:	\$ 5,166.67

Collection in Church:

February 7	\$ 805.00
February 14	\$ 625.00
February 21	\$1,313.00
February 28	\$1,400.00

February total to date: **\$4,143.00**

Difference for February: –\$1,023.67

COLLECTION COUNTERS:

March – Pam Libbert & Marie Lueckenotto

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

St. Cecilia Reader:

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic Plassmeyer

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

**Wednesday – No Rosary before Mass during Lent due to
Stations of the Cross**

Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Margaret Brune – Sorrowful Mysteries

St. Cecilia Ushers

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Mitch Stumpe & Darin Even

Mass live streamers: If anyone is interested in helping livestream the 10:00 a.m. Mass, please contact Barbara Graessle at 573-680-2954.

March 14 – Brooke Schell
March 21 – Lauri Luebbering
March 28 – Karlie Reinkemeyer

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle

Tuesday, 7:20 a.m. – Joann Heckman – Sorrowful Mysteries
Wednesday 7:20 a.m. – Pat Loethen – Glorious Mysteries
Thursday 7:20 a.m. - Viola Boessen – 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 Strobe – Sorrowful Mysteries

SCRIP: Visit www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip for more information about the Scrip program. Please contact Daffiny Tallent at 573-694-4408 to purchase anytime.

SNACKS FOR QUILTERS: Anyone entering the St. Thomas Parish School building must wear a mask at all times, except when quilting. Must be fever free or no temperature of 100 or higher. Please take your temperature at home.

Thursday, March 4 – Trish Green & June Groner

Thursday, March 11 – Debbie Groner & Jan Heckemeyer

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.

A huge **THANK YOU** to all who supported the Knights of Columbus drive thru fish fry last Friday. It was a huge success!!

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS NEXT WEEKEND, MARCH 14. Please don't forget to set your clock forward one hour before bedtime Saturday night.

CONSTRUCTION WORK AT ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE: The stairs to the bell tower in Church can be accessed now.

BISHOP MCKNIGHT'S MARCH PRAYER INTENTION: Through the example and intercession of St. Joseph, Husband of Mary, may a gentle disposition rule our hearts and allow for charity, reconciliation, and mercy in our lives.

DIOCESAN CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL: Thank you to all who have made a gift or pledge. If you have not done so, please know that we benefit greatly by the services and support provided through diocesan ministries. We appreciate any gift you are able to make.

The CSA goal for St. Cecilia Parish is \$2,500, **\$2,095.00** received so far

The CSA goal for St. Thomas the Apostle Parish is \$10,000, **\$8,355.00** received so far

FORMED: This week's recommending viewing on **FORMED: Architecture and Story** - Discusses how the design and decoration of a church can present and reveal our faith. *Stations of the Cross by Saint Alphonsus Liguori* - This audio is a reflection on the Stations of the Cross accompanied by the traditional Catholic hymn Stabat Mater.

Catholic Heroes: The Story of Saint Perpetua - A kid friendly show about the saint whose feast day is on March 7.

DIOCESAN NOVENA IN HONOR OF ST. JOSEPH: Recognizing the Holy Father's call for all Catholics to honor St. Joseph in a particular way this year, the Diocese is encouraging us to participate in a novena of St. Joseph March 10-18. The novena and other resources (such as creating a St. Joseph altar in your home) are available at diojeffcity.org/year-st-joseph. There will also be videos of people praying the novena, from parishes with St. Joseph as their patron, posted on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and at diojeffcity.org/year-st-joseph. If you use any of these social media changes, be sure you are following DioJeffCity!

CONRAD SCHMITT STUDIOS will present their proposed painting design for St. Thomas the Apostle Church on **March 7** following the 10:00 a.m. Mass in Church. The presentation will be live-streamed for those parishioners who cannot attend in person. Please plan to join us as we look to begin a new chapter for our historic Church.

RCIA CLASSES are going on every Thursday from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. for those who have registered, also open to those that want to further enrich their faith life. Please contact Fr. Leonard Mukiibi if you are interested.

PASTOR'S MEDITATION: 3rd Sunday of Lent year B: **OUR BODIES ARE TEMPLES OF GOD. Ex. 20:1-17; I Cor. 1:22-25; Jn. 2:13-25** Today's readings teach us that Lent is the ideal time to clean out the Temple of our own hearts and to offer to God proper Divine worship by obeying the Ten Commandments. They also teach us that our *New Covenant* with God demands that we should keep our parish Church holy and our Divine worship vibrant by our active participation in the liturgy with hearts cleansed by repentance and by allowing the Holy Spirit to control our hearts and lives.

Today's first reading teaches us that the Ten Commandments are the basis of our religious and spiritual life. Instead of restricting our freedom, the Commandments really help us to love and respect our God and our neighbors. The Responsorial Psalm (Ps 19) depicts the Mosaic Law's life-enhancing attributes: it refreshes the soul and the heart; it is pure and true, more precious than gold. The second reading reminds us that we must appreciate the Divine sacrifice of the crucified Christ and obey His commandment of love as our expression of Divine worship. Today's Gospel gives us the dramatic account of Jesus' cleansing the Temple of its merchants and moneychangers, followed by a prediction of his death and Resurrection. The synoptic Gospels place the "cleansing of the Temple" immediately after Jesus' triumphant arrival in Jerusalem on the back of a colt on Palm Sunday, while John places it at the beginning of his Gospel. Jesus cleansed the Temple which King Herod began to renovate in 20 BC. The abuses which kindled the prophetic indignation of Jesus were the conversion of God's Temple into a "noisy marketplace" by the animal merchants and into a "hideout of thieves" by the moneychangers with their grossly unjust business practices, sacrilege in God's Holy Place. Jesus' reaction to this commercialized Faith was fierce. Since no weapons were allowed inside the Temple, Jesus had to construct his own weapon, a whip of cords to drive out the merchants and moneychangers from the Court of the Gentiles.

Dear friends we need to avoid a calculating mentality in Divine worship: Our relationship with God must be that of a child to his parent, one of mutual love, respect and a desire for the family's good, with no thought of personal loss or gain. We are not supposed to think of God as a vending machine into which we put our sacrifices and good deeds to get back His blessings.

Let us remember that we are the temples of the Holy Spirit: St. Paul reminds us that we are God's temples, body and soul, because the Spirit of God dwells in us. Hence, we have no right to desecrate God's temple by impurity, injustice, pride, hatred, or jealousy. Let us be cleansed by asking God's forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Let us love our parish Church as our "Father's house." Let us make our Church, our "Heavenly Father's house" a holier place by our active participation in the liturgy, by offering our time and talents in the various ministries and by our financial support for its maintenance and development. **Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukiibi**

LENTEN SEASON CONFESSIONS: St. Thomas the Apostle Church – Tuesday, March 16, 7:00 p.m. (no visiting priests)
St. Cecilia Church – Thursday, March 18, 7:00 p.m. (no visiting priests)

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 or mail to the parish office by March 28. The names will be published in the Easter Sunday bulletin, April 4.

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 and place in the collection basket or mail to the parish office by March 28. The names will be published in the Easter Sunday bulletin, April 4.

CONFIRMATION CLASS: March classes will be held in St. Cecilia parish center.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH HAM BREAKFAST/SPRING EVENT: Due to ongoing concerns with COVID-19 and COVID protocols for social events, it has been decided to host a Spring Event, but to forego the traditional Ham Breakfast in favor of a Drive-Through-only Bar-B-Que Event, for Spring 2021 only. This type of event will limit both community and visitor proximity and exposure, while requiring far fewer workers than the traditional Ham Breakfast. The Picnic/Ham Breakfast Committee is in the process of planning this event. The event will be scheduled for Sunday, March 14, with serving times between 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. As was the case with the 2020 Picnic, preliminary worklists will be posted in the Bulletin beginning this weekend, with a few versions anticipated. Workers with conflicts or unwilling to serve due to COVID concerns are asked to notify their Stand Chair, or contact Larry Lueckenhoff at (573) 619-6783, at their earliest opportunity. Please monitor upcoming Church Bulletins for worklist updates. Thank you.

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 arrears over 5 years must pay \$100.00 to rejoin plus current dues. Please put payment in the collection basket marked "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 questions about your current or past dues at 573-338-2703.

ST. CECILIA PARISH CEMETERY MEETING is scheduled for March 15, at the parish center at 7:00 p.m.

ST. CECILIA PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING is Wednesday, March 17 after 6:30 p.m. Mass in the rectory.

ST. THOMAS CHURCH CLEANING TEAM ROTATION FOR UPCOMING WEEKS:

Week of March 7th: Janet Lueckenhoff, Jim Lueckenhoff, Charlene Buschjost, Randy Buschjost

Week of March 14th: Alan Libbert, Nancy Libbert, Darrel Buechter

Week of March 21st: Lynne Reinkemeyer, Linda Boessen, Lauri Luebbering, Lisa Lackman

Week of March 28th: Sonya Henson, Susan Buechter, Jackie Prenger, Amy Buechter

Thanks to all who volunteer to help keep our Church looking beautiful! Anyone else interested in helping out, please contact Lynne Reinkemeyer at 573-690-7113 and we can add another group.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL SPRING PLANT FUNDRAISER: Basket & patio planters, sun and shade flowers. New this year is \$10 gift certificate to Trinkleins. They must be used by June 30, 2021. Orders due March 15, plant pickup is Friday, May 7 from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. Please call the school office at 573-477-3322 or contact St. Thomas school student.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS:

Friday, March 12 – End of Third Quarter

Monday, March 15 – No School K-8, Diocesan Professional Day

March 18-20 – State Archery, Branson

Friday, March 19 - Report cards go home

JOB OPENING: St. Thomas the Apostle School is seeking a custodian to clean the school campus for around 10-15 hours per week. It would be Monday-Friday starting at 3:30 p.m. and then working until the cleaning is done each day. Some days you may work longer, and some days may be shorter will depend upon what needs to be completed for the day. This would be for the remainder of this school year. This position would be for the months of August through May. You would have your summers off. The hourly wage will be depended upon your experience. Applicants should complete and submit an application to the Catholic School office at <https://diofeffcity.org/blog/2019/06/17/employment-in-our-catholic-schools/> and contact Principal Leroy Heckemeyer at 573-477-3322.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PARK BOARD: St. Thomas / Meta registration for softball and baseball is now open. Boys and 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 at this time & the fee is \$20.00 per child. Please check out our Facebook group page St. Thomas Ball Park for any updates. If you need a registration form or if you have any questions, please contact Lisa Wieberg at (573) 999-7351 or lisawieberg@hotmail.com.

THE NEXT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING is Tuesday, March 9, 7:30 p.m. A rosary will be prayed at 7:15 p.m. Please read the March newsletter attached to the bulletin.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH CHICKEN DINNER, WESTPAHLIA is Sunday, March 21, **DRIVE THRU ONLY**, \$12.00 per meal, (follow the signs to the drive thru entrance). Serving fried chicken, with real mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, corn and coleslaw. Serving from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, March 14 – St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Drive thru BBQ Event 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
June 27-July 2 – Totus Tuus

PRAYER TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY FOR PROTECTION FROM THE CORONAVIRUS

O Immaculate Heart of Mary, we entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.

At the foot of the Cross, you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith.

Patroness of the Diocese of Jefferson City, you know what we need.

We are certain of the power of your intercession, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us:

He who taught us to "love one another, as I have loved you" took our sufferings upon Himself and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection.

Bring under your mantel of protection all who provide care for the sick and minister to their needs, as your Son implores us to do for one another.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

Do not despise our pleas and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen

Catholic Relief Services Collection, March 13-14, 2021

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Next weekend, our Diocese will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Your support of this collection serves **Jesus in disguise** in some of the most marginalized communities in our world.

CRS is the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community. For over 75 years, CRS has been providing expertise and compassion to the very poorest of our brothers and sisters in more than a 100 countries. It helps support agriculture, education, and economic development to help the poor work their way out of poverty. It also provides relief in times of famine, earthquakes, and other natural disasters.

When you give to CRS, you help fill the bellies of young children so they can focus and study hard in school. You help combat human trafficking and provide aid to survivors. Refugees and migrants find safety, assistance, and counseling. Wells are being dug to prevent women and children from traveling far to collect water. Wells also assist farmers in planting crops even during periods of drought so they can feed their local villages.

Your support of this collection makes a difference for so many around the globe. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection this year. Support the collection, and answer the knock of **Jesus in disguise**. I am,

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

DECREE: Lenten, Holy Week and the Easter Triduum 2021

Whereas the common good demands that the public health requirements and recommendations of the state are to be observed whenever possible; and

Whereas the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments has issued a NOTE (N.96/21) renewing the mandate given in the previous year to guide Diocesan Bishops in their task of providing for the spiritual welfare of pastors and faithful for the celebrations surrounding Holy Week;

I therefore decree, as the Diocesan Bishop, the following:

1. All dispensations, obligations and guidance of the previous DECREE of 21 August 2020, as modified by the DECREE of 11 November 2020, remain in effect except for the following:
2. Parish communal penance services and other seasonal services (e.g., Stations of the Cross, Eucharistic Adoration, rosaries and novenas) may be celebrated while following all the normal protocols for social distancing and/or the wearing of face coverings.
3. The dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass in person on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation continues for all the faithful of the Diocese of Jefferson City and those who are present in the territory of the Diocese, provided that for days of precept they do one of the following:
 - a. Prayerfully participate in the Sunday of Holy Day of Obligation Mass live streamed from their parish church or chapel, the Cathedral, the Vatican or of any Mass of the day celebrated in communion with the Roman Catholic Church.
 - b. Prayerfully read and meditate on the readings of the Mass for the Sunday or Holy Day of Obligation, and recite the rosary of Divine Mercy chaplet.
4. The faithful still have the obligation to keep the Lord's Day holy and "to refrain from engaging in work or activities that hinder the worship owed to God, the joy proper to the Lord's Day, the performance of the works of mercy, and the appropriate relaxation of mind and body" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no.2185)
5. Parishes are highly encouraged to live stream Masses for Sundays, Holy Days of Obligation, and Holy Week liturgies to maintain a pastoral connection with their parishioners during and after the pandemic.
6. The Chrism Mass will be live streamed from the Cathedral on Tuesday, March 30 at 10:00 a.m. with clergy participating. Any faithful unable to attend are encouraged to participate spiritually by watching the live stream of this Mass which celebrates our unity as a priestly people. Priest of the diocese will renew their priestly promises at this Mass.
7. On Palm Sunday, the commemoration of the Lord's entrance into Jerusalem is to be celebrated. Parish priests will use their pastoral judgement in choosing whether the second form (solemn entrance) or third form (simple entrance) as given in the Roman Missal is to be adopted. Blessed palms may be made available this year for the benefit of the faithful. Care should be taken that this distribution is done with safety precautions.
8. For the Mass of the Lord's Supper, the washing of feet, which is already optional, is to be omitted. At the end of the Mass of the Lord's Supper, the procession with the Blessed Sacrament may take place (the use of a monstrance is strictly prohibited), but the place of reservation of the Blessed Sacrament after the procession should be the normal place where the Blessed Sacrament is reserved throughout the year (no special altar of repose). On this day the faculty to celebrate Mass in the parish church or a chapel, without the presence of the people, is exceptionally granted to all priests.
9. On Good Friday, the addition of the following intention is to be added: XI. For an end to the pandemic. Let us pray, dearly beloved, for a swift end to the coronavirus pandemic that afflicts our world, that our God and Father will heal the sick, strengthen those who care for them and help us all to persevere in faith.
Prayer in silence. Then the Celebrant says: Almighty and merciful God, source of all life, health and healing, look with compassion on our world, brought low by disease; protect us in the midst of the grave challenges that assail us and in your fatherly providence grant recovery to the stricken, strength to those who care for them, and success to those working to eradicate this scourge. Through Christ our Lord. R. Amen
10. The adoration of the Cross by a kiss shall be limited solely to the celebrant. The faithful who come forward to adore may individually genuflect or bow to the Cross (which may be a crucifix).
11. The Easter Vigil is to be celebrated only in the Cathedral and parish Churches. A simplified *Lucernarium* may take place with the blessing of the fire and the candle inside the church; or a representative group of the faithful (for the purpose of social distancing) may join the celebrant outside for the blessing of the fire, lighting of the candle, and procession into the church. The incensation of the paschal candle and chanting of the *Exsultet* follow. For the "Baptismal Liturgy." Each Baptism should be done using a fresh pouring of water (not by dipping into the font). When confirming, the ministering Priest shall sanitize his thumb after each Confirmation. Holy Communion for those initiated may be given under both species only if there is a small enough number to accommodate a separate chalice for each one. Pastoral judgment should be used. For the Renewal of Baptismal Promises, the rite as presented in the Roman Missal may be used.
12. Congregational singing is allowed only with the permission of the Pastor, taking into account the safety of the faithful and the capacity for having adequate safeguards in place in accord with local health directives.
13. Persons, whether Catechumens or not, who are in danger of death but are not at the point of death and so are able to hear and answer the questions involved, may be baptized with the shorter rite in the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* (cf."Christian Initiation of a Person in Danger of Death"). If they are at the point of death, "Christian Initiation for the Dying" in the *Pastoral Care of the Sick* is to be observed (cf.no.277). Candidates for full communion who are in danger of death may be received into full communion, confirmed and given First Communion immediately, even outside of Mass, with the celebration of the Rite of Penance beforehand.

This decree is effective from 2 March 2021 and until further notice, anything to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given at the Chancery of the Diocese of Jefferson City on the 2nd day of March 2021.

The Most Reverend W. Shawn McKnight, S.T.D. Bishop of Jefferson City

