

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

St. Cecilia
in Meta

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 8, 2020

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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.

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 8-15:

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Richard Schwartz

Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – Rose Schmidt

Stations of the Cross following Mass

Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Joe & Teresa Kaiser

Friday 7:45 a.m. – Herb & Chris Verslues

6:30 p.m. – Stations of the Cross

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ben Englemeyer

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – People of our Parishes

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2019-2020: \$305,000.00

Offertory Goal through Month End: \$203,336.00

Actual Collection for 2019-2020: **\$201,261.02**

Offertory Difference Year to Date: – \$ 27,491.98

Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

March 1 \$ 11,153.05

March 8 \$

March 15 \$

March 22 \$

March 29 \$

Collection Online: \$ 4,642.00

March total to date: \$ **15,795.05**

Difference for March –\$ 9,621.95

St. Thomas the Apostle Expansion & Building Fund

Total Expansion Project expenses paid: \$2,273,475.34

Income from parishioners for FY 2019-2020

(via the yellow "Building Fund" envelope): **\$21,344.20**

Loan payments to date for FY 2019-2020: **\$64,594.18**

(Principal \$59,635.10 Interest \$4,959.08)

Parish Building Expansion Debt remaining: **\$141,103.75**

St. Thomas the Apostle Cantor / Organist

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kelsey Kliethermes / Jackie Prenger

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Anne Strobe / Annette Kehner

St. Thomas the Apostle Reader

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Rosalyn Wieberg

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Alan Reinkemeyer

St. Thomas the Apostle Altar Servers

Weekday – Zeke Verslues & Cale Luebbert

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Dawson Wieberg,

Lilly Schulte, Courtney Luebbering, Miranda Meyer

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Luke Schroeder, Dorothy Lackman,
Will & Wyatt Otto

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of March 8-15:

Stations of the Cross 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Lawrence "Dick" Rehagen

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Jason Hake

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2019-2020: \$62,000.00

Collection Total for 2019-2020: **\$41,578.25**

Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,166.67

Collection in Church:

March 1 \$ 1,414.00

March 8 \$

March 15 \$

March 22 \$

March 29 \$

March total to date: \$ **1,414.00**

Difference for March: –\$ 3,752.67

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

March - Marie Lueckenotto & Pam Libbert

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

St. Cecilia Reader

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Betty Hagenhoff

St. Cecilia Altar Servers

March 15

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Skyla, Jesse & Tucker Schroeder

March 22

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Saige & Ava Werdehausen

**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 14-15**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Jan Carter

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Lynne Reinkemeyer

March 21-22

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Pat Kaiser

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mattheuw Prenger

St. Thomas Greeters/Ushers**March 14-15**

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

Sunday 10:00 a.m. –Richard Heckemeyer & Jim Lueckenhoff

March 21-22

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

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Larry Lueckenhoff & Art Groner

St. Thomas Presentation of Gifts at Mass**March 14-15**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark & Barb Graessle

Sunday 10:00 a.m. - Eugene & MaryPat Luebbering

March 21-22

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Al & Jan Carter

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Bryan & Renee Braun Family

St. Thomas Collection Counters

March 15 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman

March 22 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg

March 29 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas:

Tuesday 7:20 a.m. – Joann Heckman – Sorrowful

Wednesday 7:20 a.m. – Pat Loethen – Glorious

Thursday 7:20 a.m. – Viola Boessen – Luminous

Friday 7:20 a.m. – Gilbert & Hermina Strobe - Sorrowful

Saturday 4:35 p.m. – Marilyn Herigon – Sorrowful

Sunday 9:35 a.m. – Tina Stockman – Sorrowful

SNACKS FOR QUILTERS:

Thursday, March 12 – Deanne Twehus & Marilyn Veit

Thursday, March 19 – Theresa Veit & Melissa Verslues

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.

SCRIP: March 14&15 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kerry Meyer Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Sara OttoVisit www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip for more information about the Scrip program. Please contact Daffiny Tallent at 573-694-4408 to purchase anytime. A large variety of cards in various denominations are in stock and available for purchase.**BISHOP MCKNIGHT'S MARCH PRAYER INTENTION:** For the gifts of wisdom, knowledge and understanding as our local church discerns a new pastoral plan.**PASTOR'S MEDITATION: 2nd Sunday of Lent: TODAY'S THEME IS TRANSFORMATION.** First, I wish you all a nice Ham and sausage breakfast this Sunday at St Thomas Parish and don't forget to make your daylight savings time.

We invited to work with the assistance of the Holy Spirit to transform our lives by renewing them during Lent and to radiate the glory and grace of the transfigured Lord which we have received all around us by our Spirit-filled lives.

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. Hence, just as the Transfiguration of Jesus strengthened the Apostles in their time of trial, each Holy Mass should be our source of Heavenly strength against our own temptations and a source of grace for the renewal of our lives during Lent. 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.

As 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.*" I wish you all a blessed second week of Lent. *Have a blessed week. Fr. Leonard Mukiibi***DIocese of Jefferson City:** Please be aware the obligation to attend Sunday Mass does not apply to those who are ill, especially those who suffer from contagious disease. It is a sign of consideration for others that those with a fever or flu-like symptoms remain at home. In consideration of the severity of the flu season, we are suspending the distribution of the Precious Blood at Mass. We also ask that people use a bow to greet one another in the Sign of Peace, instead of a handshake, and forego the holding of hands at the Lord's Prayer. We are implementing these measures out of care for everyone's well-being and not out of unkindness or a lack of piety. Those who are not able to join us are encouraged to join the community in a spiritual communion by praying the Sunday scriptures, using the readings at <http://usccb.org/bible/readings> and perhaps praying the Rosary or the Divine Chaplet.**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH BETTER TOGETHER PASTORAL PLANNING:** There will be an introductory meeting for the Better Together pastoral planning effort on Monday, March 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Thomas Parish Center. The Better Together booklets & additional resources and information will be available. Representatives from parish groups are encouraged to attend. Those that are not in a group but are interested in participating are strongly encouraged to attend, as new groups can be formed. This is a parish-wide effort, and we want your perspective to help form our plan for the future of the parish.**OPERATION RICE BOWL:** Be sure to pick up your cardboard Rice Bowl in the entrances of both Churches.**St. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion****March 15**

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Jennifer Even

March 22

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Betty Hagenhoff

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers**March 15**

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

Leonard Schulte, Harold Libbert

March 22

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Anton Libbert, Terry Libbert,

Leon Schanzmeyer, Kenny Otto

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia**Wednesday – No Rosary before Mass during Lent due to Stations of the Cross.**

Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Dorothy Rehagen - 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.

CATHOLIC STEWARSHIP APPEAL: The CSA goal for St. Thomas the Apostle Parish is \$10,000. \$9,845.00 received so far. The CSA goal for St. Cecilia Parish is \$2,500. \$1,770.00 received so far.

ST. THOMAS PARISHIONERS please pick up your 2020 Time, Talent & Stewardship form in the back of church if you haven't done so already.

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: In celebration of Tony & Marsha (Gowin) Strope's 50th Wedding Anniversary on March 7, their children would like to honor them with a card shower. Cards of congratulations may be sent to 12301 Strope Lane, St. Thomas, MO 65076. Tony and Marsha are the proud parents of two children, Wayne (Dana) Strope of Jefferson City, Vanessa (David) Frahm of Wardsville, and six grandchildren.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION CLASS will meet on Wednesday, March 11, 7:30 p.m. St. Thomas.

THE ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE is sponsoring a food drive beginning the first week of March and extending through Lent. The food will be delivered to Samaritan Center during Holy Week. Please be generous with canned goods, nonperishable items or money donations. Boxes are located at both entrances of Church. Thank you.

ST. CECILIA PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL and Father Leonard would like to form a Building and Grounds Committee to oversee the needs of maintaining the parish grounds and buildings. Interested parishioners should contact Mitch Stumpe at 573-229-4311. Leave message if no answer.

PRAYER HOUR WITH MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION will be held on Tuesday, March 10, 7:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

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 5**. The names will be published in the Easter Sunday bulletin, April 12.

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COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION SERVICES FOR LENT AROUND THE AREA:

March 10 at Westphalia, 7:00 p.m.

March 11 at St. Aloysius Church, Argyle, 6:30 p.m.

March 12 at St. George Church, Linn, 7:00 p.m.

March 17 at Most Pure Heart of Mary Church, Chamois, 7:00 p.m.

March 24 at **St. Cecilia Church, Meta, 7:00 p.m.**

March 26 at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Frankenstein, 7:00 p.m.

March 31 at **St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 7:00 p.m.**

ST. CECILIA CEMETERY MEETING is scheduled for March 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the parish center. Members from the association, living in Meta or elsewhere, can serve on the cemetery board. If a parishioner knows of someone that belongs to the cemetery association and living elsewhere, please make them aware of this position and meeting. Any person interested in the maintenance and lawn care, are asked to attend this meeting. If unable and wish to be considered for this position, please contact Charles Schroeder.

CHRISM MASS is Thursday, April 2, 5:30 p.m., Cathedral Church of St. Joseph, Jefferson City.

DIOCESAN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS: Applications for the 2020-2021 Simon Scholarship and Warack Scholarship are being accepted through **March 31, 2020**. Applications can be acquired through Jan, Jenny, Diane or Doris or may be downloaded at diojefcity.org/scholarships.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL ESSAY: For my Catholic Schools essay this year I chose to talk about why I love my amazing school. St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School is small, fun, nice, has a great community, has amazing teachers and last but certainly not least, has great and amazing students! My school's community is made up of very amazing people. Every Sunday morning or Saturday night our parish comes together for the blessed sacrament of Holy Mass. Every week one person from the community comes out and helps take care of our school. Our teachers at this school have made such an impact on my life throughout the years I have been at St. Thomas the Apostle. We have the best teachers here. They are caring, helpful, nice, fun, and willing to help out anyone. There are some advantages of having a small school. One good thing is that you know almost everyone and everyone is like family. We also all get to go to Mass together since we are such a small school. Religion is what we are all focused on here at our school. Our school has great students, staff and people. The students and the staff here are nice, kind and good people. St. Thomas does a lot of fun things. For example we have days like field day, holiday parties, and field trips. 7th & 8th grade goes on field trips such as the St. Louis Cardinals baseball game, the Fox Theater, going to Washington D.C for the March for Life and the Helias Tour. St. Thomas has always been such an amazing school and everyone here makes it even better every day! This is why I really love St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School. **Grace Luebbering 7th**

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL SPRING PLANT FUNDRAISER: Basket & patio planters, sun & shade flowers. Orders due Monday, March 9, plant pickup is Friday, May 8 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Please call the school office at 573-477-3322.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, March 9 – Plant orders due

Friday, March 20 – Preschool Sneak Peek 8:30-9:45 a.m., Early Release 11:05 car riders, 11:15 bus riders, State Archery Tournament.

ST. THOMAS CEMETERY DUES: The 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 \$5.00. Please note: Anyone falling in areas 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. THOMAS CHURCH CLEANING TEAM ROTATION FOR UPCOMING WEEKS

Week of March 8th: Janet Lueckenhoff, Jim Lueckenhoff, Charlene Buschjost, Randy Buschjost

Week of March 15th: Alan Libbert, Nancy Libbert & Darrel Buechter

Week of March 22nd: Lynne Reinkemeyer, Linda Boessen, Lauri Luebbering & Lisa Lackman

Week of March 29th: 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.

THE DIOCESE OF JEFFERSON CITY has formed a Catholic Rural Life Chapter. A Catholic Rural Life Chapter is a group individuals committed to upholding and supporting rural Catholic culture. A CRL Chapter is a part of a family of chapters around the country. With both the national CRL office and the local diocese behind them, they maintain with firm and unbending conviction that genuine rural culture is a priceless and utterly essential bulwark of a healthy, flourishing, community. A CRL Chapter seeks to foster and celebrate rural Catholic culture in their local area. If you live in a rural area of our diocese and wish to be part of our leadership team, please contact LeAnn Korsmeyer at 573-635-9127 ext. 222 or lkorsmeyer@diojeffcity.org.

THE META OVER 50 GROUP is meeting on Thursday, March 12 in the parish center. Bring a covered dish & join us for lunch at noon.

THE NEXT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING is Tuesday, March 10 at 7:30 p.m. A rosary will be prayed at 7:15 p.m. The March newsletter is attached to the bulletin.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH HAM & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST is Sunday, March 8, serving country ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, hash browns, biscuits & gravy & applesauce from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Parish Center. Adults \$10.00, children 6-12 \$5.00. Country store, crafts & raffle – with over \$2,000 in cash prizes.

WARDSVILLE/OSAGE BEND KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY is Friday, March 13, serving fish fillets, hush puppies, baked potato, French fried chips, baked beans, cole slaw and homemade rolls from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Adults \$12.00, children 6-12 \$6.00. Beverages available for purchase. Funds to be used for a new K of C hall.

ARGYLE/KOELTZTOWN RELAY FOR LIFE FISH FRY is Friday, March 13, serving fish, potatoes, onion rings, salad, mac & cheese, dessert from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the St. Boniface Center, Koelztown. Adults \$11.00, children 6-12 \$5.00.

ST. ANTHONY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY is Friday, March 13, serving fried fish, fried potatoes, baked beans, hushpuppies, & cole slaw from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Adults \$10.00, children 6-12 \$5.00.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRYS, HOLTS SUMMIT are Fridays, March 13, 20. Serving U.S.A raised catfish, spaghetti, baked beans, baked potato, French fries, cornbread, slaw, dessert & drink from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Adults \$11, children 6-12 \$5.00 at the St. Andrew Church, Holts Summit.

WESTPHALIA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL SPRING DANCE is March 14, 8:30 p.m. at the K of C Hall. Proceeds from this event help support K of C Catholic information programs. Note: This is a dance only and tickets are available only at the door. Visit <http://www.westphaliakc.com> for more information.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH CHICKEN DINNER, WESTPHALIA is Sunday, March 15, from 11:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Adults \$12.00, children 5-12 \$6.00. Carry-outs available until 6:45 p.m.

SENIOR CITIZEN'S DAY AT FATIMA HIGH SCHOOL is Thursday, March 19. There will be a musical program in the gym starting at 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be provided to all attending starting at 12:40 p.m. courtesy of the Osage County RIII Board of Education. Bus transportation will be provided from St. Cecilia Church, Meta. Please meet at 10:35 a.m./Folk at 11:00 a.m. We encourage everyone to take advantage of this free transportation. Transportation will be available for those needing a ride from the gym to the cafeteria after the musical program.

ST. THOMAS PARISH PARK BOARD DUELING PIANOS is Saturday, March 28 in St. Thomas Parish Center. Tickets are \$15 per person, and must have a ticket to attend. For tickets, please contact Nick Luebbering 573-301-9185 or Lisa Wieberg 573-999-7351. Proceeds to benefit the St. Thomas Parish Ball Park Light Project.

SAVE THE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR: St. Thomas Parish Ham Breakfast – Sunday, March 8, 2020
St. Thomas/Meta Knights of Columbus Fish Fry – Friday, March 27, 2020, St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Center
Confirmation – Wednesday, April 22, 7:00 p.m. St. Cecilia Church
TOTUS TUUS – June 14-19, 2020
St. Cecilia Parish Picnic – July 12, 2020
St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Picnic – August 16, 2020

St. Cecilia Parish Pastoral Council Minutes- February 19, 2020

The meeting opened at 7:15 PM with a prayer led by Fr. Leonard. Present were Fr. Leonard, Betty Hagenhoff, Mary Plassmeyer, Dorothy Rehagen, Mitch Stumpe, Don Wansing, and Emilie Borgmeyer.

The minutes from the October meeting were read and approved.

Old business:

Tuck pointing and stump grinding have yet to be done, but will probably be done when weather improves.

Mitch reported that one baby changing table has been installed in one of the bathrooms in the parish center but they ran into problems while installing the second one.

Dorothy mentioned several issues that she had observed:

There is a lot of cold air coming in from the fan opening in the parish center basement.

There is a water spot in the ceiling tile in the parish center. Mitch will check on it.

Elm trees around the parish center building are dropping a lot of debris in the gutters. We decided that when Feeler tree service comes we will ask them for an estimate on trimming these trees also assess all trees on the parish grounds.

Betty will contact Doris to get a copy of financial report to publish in the bulletin.

Mary suggested posting Holy hour and Benediction times on the marquee sign.

Fathers report:

Fr. Leonard thanked everybody for their generous support of his vacation and that he had a very enjoyable visit back home.

He states that our parish Catholic stewardship appeal goal has not yet been met. He said that when the goal is met that a percentage is returned to the parish.

He would like someone from our parish to monitor our website. At present it is being administered by St. Thomas.

We need to discuss the formation of a Building and Grounds Committee to address the needs of the building and grounds. Emilie will submit a notice for the bulletin for anyone interested in joining this committee to contact Mitch.

Confirmation is April 22 at Saint Cecilia. There will be 40 Confirmation candidates from St. Cecilia and Saint Thomas parishes.

Bishop McKnight wants to develop a three year pastoral plan for our parishes and diocese.

New business:

Betty reported that she had attended a meeting with the bishop and fellow parish pastoral Council presidents to explore the pastoral planning process. The parish plan is to meet in small groups four times during Lent by May 1, and all parish pastoral plans will be provided to the diocese by July 1. The goal is to have these plans implemented by Advent 2020. Betty will explain this 'Better Together' program after Mass this Sunday and will show a video the following Sunday for parishioners. Betty has the planning books, and this video can also be seen on the diocesan website. You can also read about the process in the Catholic Missourian.

Older blessed palms may be put in the basket in back of church to be burned for Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday Mass time for Saint Cecilia 7:00 PM.

Our next meeting is April 15 at 7:15 PM in the rectory. We will invite Norma Jean Libbert to the meeting to discuss the picnic and to see what we may do to assist her.

The meeting adjourned at 9:13 PM with Father Leonard leading us in prayer. *Submitted by Emilie Borgmeyer, secretary*

