The Roman Catholic Parishes of

St. Thomas the Apostle
in St. Thomas

St. Cecilia
in Meta

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PO Box 146
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THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

February 2, 2025

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St. Thomas Parish Office hours: Tuesdays 8:30-11:30 a.m.; Wednesdays 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
School Office hours during school year: Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
St. Cecilia Rectory Office hours: Wednesdays 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. or by appointment
Confessions: Saturdays 4:00 - 4:45 p.m. at St. Thomas; Wednesdays 5:00 – 6:15 p.m. and Sundays 7:00 - 7:45 a.m. at St. Cecilia; or anytime by appointment, just call Father.

Saint Thomas the Apostle

Mass Schedule for the Week of February 2-9:

Tuesday- Friday - No Masses
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Paul & Mark Oligschlaeger
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – People of our Parishes
Bob & Donnie Luebbering

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2024-2025:	$330,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End:	$192,500.00
Actual Collection for 2024-2025:	**$214.519.94**
Offertory Difference Year to Date:	$ 22,019.94
Offertory Goal for December:	$ 27,500.00

Collection in Church:

January 5	$ 2,750.10
January 12	$ 3,168.01
January 19	$ 2,938.10
January 26	$ 5,984.10
Collection Online:	$ 8,473.00
January total to date:	**$23,313.31**

Difference for January -$4,186.69

Church Renovation Loan Balance

Loan Balance	$0
Loan payments to date	$213,776.53
(principal) $200,000.00	(interest) $13,776.53

St. Thomas the Apostle Cantors / Organists
Feb. 8 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Amanda Wooten / Jeanette
Feb. 9 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Judy Schroeder / Jackie
Feb. 15 Saturday 5:00 p.m. –Mary Kay / Jeanette
Feb. 16 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Lisa Wieberg / Alanna

St. Thomas the Apostle Readers
Feb. 8 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kathy Graessle
Feb. 9 Sunday – 10:00 a.m. – Richard Heckemeyer
Feb. 15 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kara Holterman
Feb. 16 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Katie Luebbering

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of February 2-9:

Wednesday – No Mass

Sunday 8:00 a.m. –Marilyn Bax

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2024-2025:	$70,000.00
Collection Total for 2024-2025:	**$35,735.25**
Offertory Goal per month:	$ 5,833.33

Collection in Church:

January 5	$ (no deposit, low Mass attendance)
January 5 &12	$ 1,193.00
January 19	$ 882.00
January 26	$ 2,072.00
January total to date:	**$ 4,147.00**
Difference for January:	$1,686.33

St. Cecilia Collection Counters
February: Dale & Margie Helton

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR PARISH IN YOUR LAST WILL & TESTAMENT.

St. Cecilia Readers
Sunday, Feb. 9 - 8:00 a.m. – Doris Stumpe
Sunday, Feb. 16- 8:00 a.m. – Betty Hagenhoff

St. Cecilia Organist
Sunday, February 9 8:00 a.m. –Emilie
Sunday, February 16 8:00 a.m. – Jackie

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

St. Thomas the Apostle Greeters/Ushers
Feb. 8 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Keith Boessen & Adam Holterman
Feb. 9 Sunday 10:00 a.m.– Keith Kliethermes & Art Groner
Feb. 15 Saturday 5:00 p.m. –Michael Wooten & Phil Akin
Feb. 16 Sun. 10:00 a.m.–Doug Stockman & Richard Heckemeyer
Collection baskets choir loft by organ, please return after use.

St. Thomas the Apostle Eucharistic Ministers
Feb. 8 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Brenda Wansing, Paul & Jenny Becker
Feb. 9 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Janet Lueckenhoff, Glenn Prenger, Linda Lueckenhoff
Feb. 15 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Mark & Barb Graessle, Marshall Boessen
Feb. 16 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Marian Buschjost, Glenn Prenger, Rosalyn Wieberg

St. Thomas the Apostle Servers
Feb. 8 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ben & Luke Otto, Jude Luebbering, Kora Luebbering
Feb. 9 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Fayeth Prenger, Erika Luebbering, Virgil Lackman, Miranda Meyer
Feb.15 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ava Buschjost, Evelyn Wooten, Gannon Reeves, JD Volmert
Feb. 16 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Zeke & Max Verslues, Angelina Veltrop, Aliyah Buechter

St. Thomas the Apostle Offertory Gifts
Feb. 8 Saturday 5:00 p.m.–Family of Paul & Mark Oligschlaeger
Feb. 9 Sun. 10:00 a.m.– Family of Bob & Donnie Luebbering

St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters
Feb. 9 - Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg
Feb. 16 – Dunja Wieberg & Jennifer Schroeder
Feb. 23 - Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman
March 2 - Keith & Jean Kliethermes

Live stream Mass (10:00 a.m.) Sunday
Feb. 9 Lauri Luebbering
Feb. 16 Jenny Becker
Feb. 23 Karlie Reinkemeyer
March 2 Brooke Schell
March 9 Jenny Schellman
March 16 Dunja Wieberg

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas
Saturday 4:35 p.m. – Barb Graessle - Joyful Mysteries
Sunday 9:35 a.m. – Tina Stockman– Joyful Mysteries

St. Cecilia Eucharistic Ministers
Feb. 9 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Pam Libbert, Dominic Plassmeyer, Janice Schanzmeyer
Feb. 16 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Jennifer Even, Doris Stumpe, Betty Hagenhoff

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers
Feb. 9 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Brendan Stumpe, Leonard Schulte Mitch Stumpe, Randy Hagenhoff
Feb. 16 Sunday 8:00 a.m.- Leonard Schulte, Randy Hagenhoff Brendan Stumpe, Mitch Stumpe

St. Cecilia Servers
Feb. 9 Sunday 8:00 a.m. –Henry & Annaline Schroeder
Feb. 16 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Skyla, Jesse & Tucker Schroeder

St. Cecilia Offertory Gifts
Feb. 9 Sunday 8:00 a.m.– Family of Marilyn Bax

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia
Feb. 9 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Mary Plassmeyer Joyful Mysteries
Feb. 16 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Dorothy Rehagen Glorious Mysteries

VOTIVE CANDLES: The requested donation for lighting a votive candle in church is **$3.00.**

MASS STIPENDS: $10.00

BAPTISM PREPARATION: Please call the rectory to schedule a meeting and date for Baptism.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION: Please call the rectory *at least* six months prior to the desired date

St. Thomas the Apostle Church Cleaners
February 2: Janet Lueckenhoff, Jim Lueckenhoff, Charlene Buschjost, Randy Buschjost
February 9: Lynne Reinkemeyer, Linda Boessen, Lauri Luebbering, Lindsay Luebbering
February 16: Sonya Henson, Susan Buechter, Brenda Schell, Barb Graessle
February 23: Brooke Schell, Tina Stockman, Gina Luebbering, Karen Luebbering
March 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 snacks to the hall by 1:00 p.m.; snacks are 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, February 6 – Peggy Volmert & Shirley Volmert **Thursday, February 13** – Eileen Volmert & Kelly Wieberg

SCRIP: Visit *www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip* for more information about the Scrip program. Please contact Amanda Wooten 573-694-1735 or *amandab27@hotmail.com*

BULLETIN NOTICES: Deadline for bulletin is Wednesday at noon. **PARISH BULLETINS:** If you are needing a bulletin and Church is locked at St. Thomas the Apostle, there are some on the Vitae House front porch.

A NOTE OF THANKS! On behalf of the entire ***Martha Strope Family*** we would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude for all those who sent cards, provided food, visited the nursing home, assisted during the Visitation, funeral Mass, burial service and luncheon. Your presence, comforting words and acts of kindness greatly helped our family through this challenging time. May God bless you all!

ST. CECILIA 2024 YEAR END CONTRIBUTIONS: Thank you for your generosity this past year. To receive your 2024 contribution statement, you may contact Doris Stumpe by phone or text (573)619-6125 or email *dstumpeoffice@gmail.com* if you are unable to pick up at Church. The statements are printed off and in the entrance of Church in an envelope with your name on it. Thank you!

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE 2024 YEAR END CONTRIBUTIONS: Thank you for your generosity this past year. To receive your 2024 contribution statement, you may complete the statement request form on the St. Thomas the Apostle Church website or call the parish office at 573-477-3315 during the parish office hours or by calling or texting Theresa Veit at 573-418-7301. The form can be found online at *www.stthomasapostle.net/contribution-statment* or by clicking the Contribution Statement tab at the top of the home page.

IN NEED OF A PRIEST WHILE FR. LEONARD IS GONE ON VACATION, please contact Theresa Veit, 573-418-7301, Doris Stumpe, 573-619-6125, Jan Heckemeyer, 573-619-8432 or Diane Lueckenhoff, 573-645-5794.

BISHOP MCKNIGHT FEBRUARY PRAYER INTENTION: For mutual respect of the unique roles and responsibilities we are given as members of the Body of Christ. May we recognize and draw strength from the distinctive gifts God has given each of us with a spirit of co-responsibility, we pray to the Lord.

CALLED BY NAME WEEKEND – FEBRUARY 8-9: Called by Name Weekend - February 8th and 9th. Next weekend throughout the Diocese is Called By Name Sunday: an initiative of the Diocese of Jefferson City Vocations Office that celebrates God's call to each of us to follow Him in a particular way. Bishop McKnight is encouraging each of us to take this time to not only acknowledge the call given to each heart to be holy and fully in relationship with the One who made it, but also to consider the fact that the One who calls might be asking us to be His voice to others.

1. Be open to God's call. For those who are able – be open to the call to the priesthood or religious life. These vocations are beautiful gifts both to the Church and to those who are called. So be open and be courageous if you hear the call.

2. Spend time this week thinking about someone in our parish who God may be calling to the priesthood or religious life – someone with the qualities that you would want in your priest or religious sister. Next week at all of the Masses, we will have cards for you to share that person's name and contact information. Bishop McKnight and our Vocation Director, Fr. Paul Clark, will then send them a letter of encouragement along with Fr. Clark's contact information should they wish to follow up. God is the one who calls, but He often uses our voice of encouragement and invitation to do so. With your help, we can make this Called By Name Sunday a great success that will bear fruit in our diocese for generations to come. May we be His voice! Thank you for your openness and generous participation.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE / ST. CECILIA YOUTH GROUP: The St. Thomas and St. Cecilia Youth Group will meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at 7:00 p.m., alternating between St. Cecilia parish basement and St. Thomas School library. All students in 8th-12th grade who have been confirmed are welcome to attend. The dates and locations are listed below. **February 12-** St. Thomas, **February 26**- St. Cecilia, **March 12**- St. Thomas, **March 26**- St. Cecilia, **April 9**- St. Thomas, **April 23**- St. Cecilia.

A ROSARY FOR OUR COUNTRY will be prayed on Tuesday, February 4, 5:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL NEWS: Friday, February 7 - Diocesan 7TH Grade Scholar Bowl
Monday, February 10 – No School P-8 Monday, February 17 – No School P-8

ST. THOMAS CEMETERY DUES: Dues are $10.00 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 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 or St. Cecilia 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.

2025 SCHOLARSHIPS: The Diocese of Jefferson City is pleased to offer our parish families college scholarship opportunities through a generous donation from the families of **William H. (Bill) Simon** and **John L. Warack**. Applications for the William H. (Bill) Simon Scholarship and John L. Warack Scholarship will be accepted from **now through midnight on Wednesday, March 26, 2025.** Applications can be found on the Diocese of Jefferson website.

WESTPHALIA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SOCCER is conducting spring soccer sign ups through google forms. Players ages 3-14 are welcome! Please sign up by **February 15**. Please email *wkcsoccerclub@gmail.com* to receive a link to the form or if you have questions. The link is *Spring soccer registration form*

CITIZENS CIVIC LEAGUE BLOOD DRIVE is Thursday, Feb. 20, 2:00-6:00 p.m. Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter CivicLeagueMeta to schedule an appointment.

ARGYLE/KOELTZTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL BREAKFAST is Sunday, February 2, 7:30 a.m. -11:00 a.m. Adults $12.00, children 6-12 $6.00 at the Argyle K of C Hall.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST is Sunday, February 2, Serving Regular & Chocolate Pancakes; Regular & Western Style Scrambled Eggs; Sausage, Fruit Cocktail, Milk, OJ, & Coffee, held at the Cathedral of St. Joseph Undercroft (Cana Hall) to benefit the Special Learning Center. Prices: $10 Adults; $5, 6 -11; $30 MAXIMUM FOR IMMEDIATE FAMILY

ST. ELIZABETH ANGLERS FISH FRY is Friday, February 14, serving fish (Gluten Free) Fries (Gluten Free), mac & cheese, slaw, baked beans, hush puppies, desserts from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. Adults 12 & up $15.00, children 6-11 $10.00, All carry outs $15.00. Dine in or carry out.

ARGYLE VFW POST 8045 BREAKFAST is Sunday, Feb.16, 7:30-11:30 a.m. in Argyle at the Post Home. **This is a Drive Thru event.**

SAVE THE DATE: St. Thomas Knights of Columbus Valentine's Dance – Saturday, February 15
Mass and Dinner for St. Thomas the Apostle Parishioners – February 22
Totus Tuus will be at St. Stanislaus the week of June 22 – 27, 2025

ST. CECILIA CHURCH - FINANCIAL SUMMARY- July 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024

Income:	
General (Sunday Collections – includes Parish Center Rental)	$ 35,842.25
Diocesan Collection Income	1,804.00
Universal Church Collection	410.00
Special Church Receipts	3,368.25
MAB Ckg Interest	28.01
Transfer from Other Account	34,500.00
Total Income:	$75,952.51
Expenses:	
Church & Rectory General	67,920.88
Church & Rectory Special	14,082.93
Religious Education (Tuition Paid)	3,880.56
Diocesan Collections	994.00
Total Expenses:	$86,878.37
Net Income (Loss)	($10,925.86)

ST. THOMAS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
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HELIAS CATHOLIC'S SPIRIT OF EXCELLENCE CAMPAIGN. Helias has launched its Spirit of Excellence Campaign to raise $14 million to build a performing arts center, a baseball/softball complex and an addition to the existing James L. Rackers Field house including necessary updates to its athletic and strength conditioning facilities. The campaign will run through the end of August. For more information and to support the campaign, please visit *heliascatholic.com/spiritofexcellence* or contact Helias+ Catholic President Ron Vossen at *rvossen@heliascatholic.com* or 573-635-6139.

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