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

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 9, 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 9-16:

Tuesday- Friday - No Masses
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes
L&D Martin & Margaret Bauer Family
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – L&D Alex & Joann Heckman Family

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2024-2025:	$330,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End:	$220.000.00
Actual Collection for 2024-2025:	**$228,908.04**
Offertory Difference Year to Date:	$ 8,908.04
Offertory Goal for December:	$ 27,500.00

Collection in Church:

February 3	$ 7,282.60
February 9	$
February 16	$
February 23	$
Collection Online:	$ 7,105.50
February total to date:	**$14,388.10**

Difference for February -$13,111.90

St. Thomas the Apostle Cantors / Organists
Feb. 15 Saturday 5:00 p.m. –Mary Kay / Jeanette
Feb. 16 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Lisa Wieberg / Alanna
Feb. 22 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kelsey Kliethermes Jeanette
Feb. 23 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Josh Luebbering / Jackie

St. Thomas the Apostle Readers
Feb. 15 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kara Holterman
Feb. 16 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Katie Luebbering
Feb. 22 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mary Kay Brand
Feb. 23 Sunday – 10:00 a.m. –Doug Luebbering

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

Feb. 16	Jenny Becker
Feb. 23	Karlie Reinkemeyer
March 2	Brooke Schell
March 9	Jenny Schellman
March 16	Dunja Wieberg
March 23	Lauri Luebbering

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of February 9-16:

Wednesday – No Mass

Sunday 8:00 a.m. –Harold “Bud” & Mary Ann Loethen

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2024-2025:	$70,000.00
Collection Total for 2024-2025:	**$36,742.25**
Offertory Goal per month:	$ 5,833.33

Collection in Church:

February 3	$ 1,004.00
February 9	$
February 16	$
February 23	$
February total to date:	**$ 1,004.00**
Difference for February:	-$ 4,829.33

St. Cecilia Collection Counters
February: Dale & Margie Helton

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR PARISH IN YOUR LAST WILL & TESTAMENT.

St. Cecilia Readers
Sunday, Feb. 16- 8:00 a.m. – Betty Hagenhoff
Sunday, Feb. 23 - 8:00 a.m. – Dorothy Rehagen

St. Cecilia Organist
Sunday, February 16 8:00 a.m. – Jackie
Sunday, February 23 8:00 a.m. – Lydia

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. 15 Saturday 5:00 p.m. –Michael Wooten & Phil Akin
Feb. 16 Sun. 10:00 a.m.–Doug Stockman & Richard Heckemeyer
Feb. 22 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Gilbert Schellman & Adam Holterman
Feb. 23 Sunday 10:00 a.m.– Alan Reinkemeyer & Matthew Maasen
Collection baskets choir loft by organ, please return after use.

St. Thomas the Apostle Eucharistic Ministers
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
Feb. 22 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Brenda Wansing, Paul & Jenny Becker
Feb. 23 Sunday 10:00 a.m. –Lynne Reinkemeyer, Mattheuw Prenger, Keith Kliethermes

St. Thomas the Apostle Servers
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
Feb. 22 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ben & Luke Otto, Jude Luebbering, Carmen Luebbering
Feb. 23 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Francie, Hannah & Levi Tallent, Stella Volmert

St. Thomas the Apostle Offertory Gifts
Feb. 15 Saturday 5:00 p.m.–Family of Martin & Margaret Bauer
Feb. 16 Sun. 10:00 a.m.– Family of Alex & Joann Heckman

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

St. Cecilia Eucharistic Ministers
Feb. 16 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Jennifer Even, Doris Stumpe, Betty Hagenhoff
Feb. 23 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dorothy Rehagen, Pam Libbert, Dominic Plassmeyer

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers
Feb. 16 Sunday 8:00 a.m.- Leonard Schulte, Randy Hagenhoff Brendan Stumpe, Mitch Stumpe
Feb. 23 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Brendan Stumpe, Leonard Schulte Mitch Stumpe, Randy Hagenhoff

St. Cecilia Servers
Feb. 16 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Skyla, Jesse & Tucker Schroeder
Feb. 23 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Bradyn, Kambie & Matthew Stegeman

St. Cecilia Offertory Gifts
Feb.16 Sunday 8:00 a.m.– Family of Harold "Bud" & Mary Ann Loethen

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia
Feb. 16 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Dorothy Rehagen Glorious Mysteries
Feb. 23 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer Sorrowful 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

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas
Saturday 4:35 p.m. – Dale Herigon - Glorious Mysteries
Sunday 9:35 a.m**.** – Jim & Janet Lueckenhoff– Glorious Mysteries

St. Thomas the Apostle Church Cleaners
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
March 9: Janet Lueckenhoff, Jim Lueckenhoff, Charlene Buschjost, Randy Buschjost

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 13 – Eileen Volmert & Kelly Wieberg **Thursday, February 20** – Sheri Wieberg & Dunja 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.

BIRTHDAY WISHES FOR SISTER ANNE BOESSEN: Sister Anne will be turning 90! Let's help her celebrate by joining in a card party for her. Sister Annes' address is: Sister Anne Boessen. Veronica House Room 223, 12284 DePaul Drive, Bridgeton MO 63044. There will also be a box in the back of Church marked Sister Anne for anyone wanting to drop off their card. Cards will be picked up on Saturday March 1 after the 5:00 p.m. Mass.

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.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH - MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION IS CANCELLED UNTIL MARCH.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL NEWS: **Monday, February 10 & 17**– No School P-8

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL AUCTION: Donations needed: St. Thomas the Apostle Home and School is hosting an online auction benefiting the school. If you would like to donate a basket or items to the auction, please contact Jessica Braun (573) 301-8163 or Dunja Wieberg (573) 418-8223. All donations need to be collected by **March 14.** The auction will take place on Bidding Owl. Bidding starts on March 26 at 8:00 a.m. and ends on March 29 at 3:00 p.m. The link to the auction will be posted on the school website under upcoming events and on the parish Facebook page.

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.

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.

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.

THE NEXT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING is Tuesday, February 11, 7:30 p.m. A rosary will be prayed at 7:15 p.m. Please read the February newsletter attached to the bulletin.

MEN OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE AND ST. CECILIA PARISHES: You are invited to join the Men of Signum Crucis at our next gathering, which begins at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 19, at Helias Catholic High School in Jefferson City. This month we will convene to celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in fraternity. Feel free to come early to pray the Rosary at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel. We hope you can come every or any third Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. to deepen your knowledge of and devotion to our faith in fellowship with the best men of our area. As always, enter the school on the east end of the front Swifts Highway parking lot. Our Hospitality men will greet you right inside the door and direct you to the appropriate location. The mission of the Men of Signum Crucis is to provide Fraternity through Catholic Study, Devotion, and Service, in order to increase virtue to meet the many challenges of our day. For more information, contact Jeff Cassmeyer at 573-690-7546, or visit us at www.menofsignumcrucis.com.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OFFERS VIDEO SERIES: Men and women, young and old, strengthen and grow in your faith for your families with five short videos produced by the *Knights of Columbus* called the "**Mission of The Family.**" The videos can be found on the *Knights of Columbus* website for free! Here is the link and QR Code to find **"The Mission of The Family"** videos: *https://www.kofc.org/en/campaigns/into-the-breach.html* The five videos are less than 14 minutes in length.

THE OVER 50 GROUP get together is February 13 at the parish center, eating at noon. .Each person is asked to bring a covered dish. This is also the time dues ($5.00) can be paid for the upcoming year.

SOFTBALL & BASEBALL REGISTRATIONS FOR ST. THOMAS/META: St. Thomas / Meta will be having registration for softball and baseball on Sunday, February 16 & Sunday, February 23 from 11:10 a.m. - 12:00 pm in the St. Thomas School Cafeteria. Boys and girls ages 6-15 are eligible. Registration fees are $60.00 for first child, $25.00 for second child, and $15.00 for third child with a cap of $100.00 per family. After March 2, 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 $30.00 per child. Please check out our Facebook group page St. Thomas Ball Park for any updates. If you are unable to make it to registration or have any questions, please contact Lisa Wieberg at (573) 999-7351 or *lisawieberg@hotmail.com.*

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.

JEFFERSON CITY MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER, FEBRUARY 15-16: This Valentine's Day, give your spouse the gift of your time! This weekend focuses on putting Christ back at the center of your marriage. Cost is only $75 and includes one night stay at Best Western Capital Inn in Jefferson City, meals, and materials. Scholarships are also available. Register online at *jeffcityme.com.*

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.**

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, BABBTOWN will have our annual chili dinner on February 23rd. Chili, homemade cinnamon rolls, chili dogs, chicken noodle soup, and lots of desserts to choose from - all for $8 all you can eat.

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
St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Ham/Sausage Breakfast – March 9
St. Thomas Knights of Columbus Fish Fry – Friday, March 14 in Parish Center
Totus Tuus will be at St. Stanislaus the week of June 22 – 27, 2025

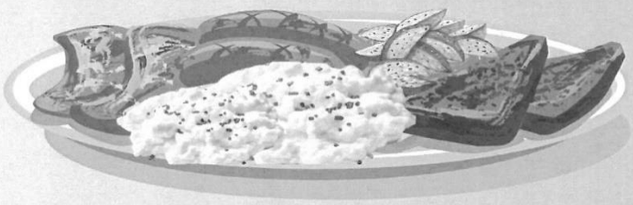
ST. THOMAS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
VALENTINES DANCE

Saturday, February 15, 2025
St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Hall

Time: 7:30 – 10:30 p.m.
$20 per Person $35 a Couple
Doors open at 6:30 p.m.
BYOB
Music by SHILO Country Band
Come have a good time!

St. Thomas the Apostle
Country Ham & Sausage Breakfast

Sunday, March 9th, 2025
8:00-11:30am



Ham, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs,
Biscuits & Gravy,
Potatoes & Applesauce

Don't forget to check out our Country Store!

Adults: $13, Ages 6-12: $6, 5 & under: Free
Carry outs are available.

Marriage Retreat

Living in the Trinity with Mary

March 14-15, 2025

Cathedral of St. Joseph
Jefferson City, MO

Inspiring talks,
prayer experiences,
and quality reflection time for
married couples

Register online at
diojeffcity.org/marriage-retreat

Register by March 1
to receive
free childcare
during the event!

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Marianist Retreat & Conference Center

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.