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 BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 12, 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 January 12-19:

Tuesday-Friday- No Masses
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes
Lucille Veit
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Joe, Antonia & Richard Schwartz

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2024-2025:	$330,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End:	$192,500.00
Actual Collection for 2024-2025:	**$201,162.23**
Offertory Difference Year to Date:	$ 8,662.23
Offertory Goal for December:	$ 27,500.00

Collection in Church:

January 5	$ 2,750.10
January 12	$
January 19	$
January 26	$
Collection Online:	$ 7,205.50
January total to date:	**$ 9,955.60**

Difference for January -$17,544.40

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
Jan. 18 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Amanda Wooten / Jeanette
Jan. 19 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Josh Luebbering / Alanna
Jan. 25 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mary Kay Brand / Jeanette
Jan. 26 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Anne Strope / Jackie

St. Thomas the Apostle Readers
Jan. 18 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Jenny Becker
Jan. 19 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jennifer Schroeder
Jan. 25 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Carolyn Loethen
Jan. 26 Sunday – 10:00 a.m. – Lisa Lackman

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of January 12-19:

Wednesday – No Mass

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Frank & Eleanor Wilde

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2024-2025:	$70,000.00
Collection Total for 2024-2025:	**$31,591.25**
Offertory Goal per month:	$ 5,833.33

Collection in Church:

January 5	$ (no deposit, low Mass attendance)
January 12	$
January 19	$
January 26	$
January total to date:	**$**
Difference for January:	-$

St. Cecilia Collection Counters
January: Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer
February: Dale & Margie Helton

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR PARISH IN YOUR LAST WILL & TESTAMENT.

St. Cecilia Readers
Sunday, Jan. 19- 8:00 a.m.- Don Wansing
Sunday, Jan. 26 - 8:00 a.m.- Janice Schanzmeyer

St. Cecilia Organist
Sunday, January 19 8:00 a.m. – Lydia
Sunday, January 26 8:00 a.m. –Emilie

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
Jan. 18 Saturday 5:00 p.m. –Keith Boessen & Phil Akin
Jan. 19 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mark Loethen & Zac Stockman
Jan. 25 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Michael Wooten & Al Carter
Jan. 26 Sunday 10:00 a.m.– Doug Stockman & Ben Luebbering
Collection baskets choir loft by organ, please return after use.

St. Thomas the Apostle Eucharistic Ministers
Jan. 18 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Mark & Barb Graessle, Marshall Boessen
Jan. 19 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Janet Lueckenhoff, Lora Boessen, Jan Heckemeyer
Jan. 25 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Marian Buschjost, Paul & Jenny Becker
Jan. 26 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Glenn Prenger, Keith Kliethermes, Rosalyn Wieberg

St. Thomas the Apostle Servers
Jan. 18 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ben & Luke Otto, Emerald Fennewald, Carmen Luebbering
Jan. 19 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Francie, Hannah & Levi Tallent, Virgil Lackman
Jan. 25 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Gannon Reeves, JD Volmert, Miranda Meyer, Kora Luebbering
Jan. 26 Sunday 10:00 a.m. –Zeke & Max Verslues Stella Volmert, Cadyn Libbert

St. Thomas the Apostle Offertory Gifts
Jan. 18 Saturday 5:00 p.m.–Family of Lucille Veit
Jan. 19 Sunday 10:00 a.m.– Family of Joe, Antonia & Richard Schwartz

St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters
Jan. 19 – Dunja Wieberg & Jennifer Schroeder
Jan. 26 - Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman
Feb. 2 - Keith & Jean Kliethermes
Feb. 9 - Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg

Live stream Mass (10:00 a.m.) Sunday
Jan. 19 Brooke Schell
Jan. 26 Jenny Schellman
Feb. 2 Dunja Wieberg
Feb. 9 Lauri Luebbering
Feb. 16 Jenny Becker

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas
Saturday 4:35 p.m. – Bob Schellman – Sorrowful Mysteries
Sunday 9:35 a.m. – Jim & Janet Lueckenhoff – Sorrowful Mysteries

St. Cecilia Eucharistic Ministers
Jan. 19 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Janice Schanzmeyer, Dorothy Rehagen, Pam Libbert
Jan. 26 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer, Jennifer Even

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers
Jan. 19 Sunday 8:00 a.m.- Leonard Schulte, Randy Hagenhoff Brendan Stumpe, Mitch Stumpe
Jan. 26 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Brendan Stumpe, Leonard Schulte Mitch Stumpe, Randy Hagenhoff

St. Cecilia Servers
Jan. 19 Sunday 8:00 a.m. –Bradyn, Kambrie & Matthew Stegeman
Jan. 26 Sunday 8:00 a.m. –Reagan & Eli Bock

St. Cecilia Offertory Gifts
Jan. 19 Sunday 8:00 a.m.– Family of Frank & Eleanor Wilde

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia
Jan. 19 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Mary Plassmeyer Sorrowful Mysteries
Jan. 26 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
January 12: Sonya Henson, Susan Buechter, Brenda Schell, Barb Graessle
January 19: Brooke Schell, Tina Stockman, Gina Luebbering, Karen Luebbering
January 26: Alan Libbert, Nancy Libbert, Darrel Buechter, Jan Heckemeyer
February 2: Janet Lueckenhoff, Jim Lueckenhoff, Charlene Buschjost, Randy Buschjost
February 9: Lynne Reinkemeyer, Linda Boessen, Lauri Luebbering, Lindsay Luebbering

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 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, January 16 – Deanne Twehus & Marilyn Veit **Thursday, January 23** – Theresa Veit & Melissa Verslues

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.

MARTHA STROPE: If anyone would like to send Martha Strope a card, her address is Westphalia Hills Nursing Home, Room 122 1899 US Highway 63, Westphalia MO 65085

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.

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION is Tuesday, January 14, 6:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

BISHOP MCKNIGHT JANUARY PRAYER INTENTION, For our civic leaders, that they may be guided by wisdom and integrity in their decisions. May they seek the common good, foster unity in our communities, and lead with compassion and justice, we pray to the Lord.

HEALING MASS: A Healing Mass will be held at 6:30 p.m. on January 16 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Jefferson City. The Mass is for anyone who has been divorced or separated, has been negatively impacted by divorce, and all those who wish to show support.

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. **January 22**- St. Cecilia, **February 12-** St. Thomas, **February 26**- St. Cecilia, **March 12**- St. Thomas, **March 26**- St. Cecilia, **April 9**- St. Thomas, **April 23**- St. Cecilia.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL NEWS: January 20- No School P-8, Martin Luther King
Friday, January 24, St. Thomas the Apostle School Archery Tournament St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Center

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL SNEAK PEEK: On **Thursday, January 30,** please join us as we celebrate Catholic School Week! We will have activities for in-coming Kindergartners and children of families considering future enrollment. Information will be provided for parents about new programs and initiatives. This will be a great time for you to see St. Thomas the Apostle and answer any questions you may have about the upcoming school year. If you have been curious about what you may be missing in a faith based school close to home, please RSVP by calling 573-477-3322 or email *lheckemeyer@stacs.school* to schedule a more workable time to see what our Catholic School may offer you!

BINGO PRIZES NEEDED FOR VIP DAY (CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK): Tis the season for cleaning and bargain shopping! If you have or find items that would make great BINGO prizes for VIP Day (January 31), please drop them off at school. You can also donate candy, chips, soda, Gatorade, juice pouches, etc for prizes. Please send to school by January 27.

PENNY WAR: We will once again have our Penny War during Catholic Schools Week, January 27-31. All money raised will benefit the Pregnancy Help Center of Jefferson City. Start saving your Pennies!!

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 **Monday, January 6 through midnight on Wednesday, March 26, 2025.** Applications can be found on the Diocese of Jefferson website.

THE NEXT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING is Tuesday, January 14, 7:30 p.m. A rosary will be prayed at 7:15 p.m. Please read the January newsletter attached to the bulletin. The breakfast work list is on the back of the newsletter.

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, January 15, at Helias Catholic High School in Jefferson City. Our presenter this month is Father Mark Porterfield on the topic of the Sanctity of Marriage. 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.

ST. THOMAS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST: St. Thomas Knights of Columbus Pancake, Sausage and Egg Breakfast with Biscuits and Gravy, at St. Thomas Knights of Columbus Hall, Sunday, January 19, 8-11:30 a.m., Adults – $10, Children ages 6-12 – $5.00.

WESTPHALIA KNIGHST 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*

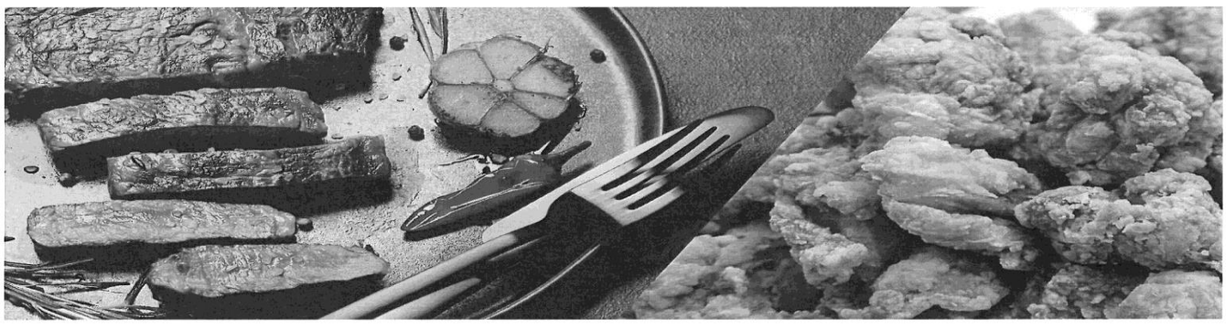
JEFFERSON CITY MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER, FEBRUARY 15-16: This Valentine's Day, give your spouse the gift of your time! This weekend focuses on putting Christ back at the center of your marriage. Cost is only $75 and includes one night stay at Best Western Capital Inn in Jefferson City, meals, and materials.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

SAVE THE DATE: St. Thomas Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast – January 19, 2025 KC hall
Totus Tuus will be at St. Stanislaus the week of June 22 – 27, 2025

STEWARDSHIP: stew·ard·ship [ˈstōōərdˌSHip] noun
1. the job of supervising or taking care of something, such as an organization or property:
I think you will agree that St. Thomas the Apostle Parish is very fortunate to have so many wonderful stewards making it a beautiful community to belong to. In appreciation to all members for supporting our community and being amazing stewards, we are celebrating with a Mass and hosting a catered dinner on Saturday February 22! No worklist! Please be sure to sign up online or in the collection basket by February 1.

CSR Or Catholic Stewardship Renewal is simply saying yes to being part of this community and sharing your talents.
Signing up yearly helps the chair people know that you want to be part of a group and allows them to contact you.
The goal is to have chair people for each group and supervision in place to run our parish more efficiently.
If you haven't signed up yet, it is not too late and can be done online or by contacting Theresa at the office. Thank you for all that you do to support St. Thomas Parish! We are Looking forward to enjoying a fried chicken and roast beef dinner with you!

Mass & Dinner for St. Thomas the Parishioners on Saturday, February 22, 2025. Please see the flyer below and you can also RSVP and pay on the St. Thomas Website. ***http://www.stthomasapostle.net/mass--dinner-22225.html***



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2025

Mass & Dinner

for St. Thomas the Apostle Parishioners

Join us for a Mass of Thanksgiving at 5:00 pm, followed by a catered meal by Annie's Station featuring gluten-free roast beef, fried chicken, and all the fixings.

Reserve your spot with a donation of $7 per person / $20 per family

Submit the form below with payment in an envelope marked "Stewardship RSVP" in the collection basket:

RSVP Form

Name: _____

Number Attending: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Signature: _____

Or mail to:
St. Thomas the Apostle Church
Attn: Jan Heckemeyer
PO Box 146,
St. Thomas, MO 65076

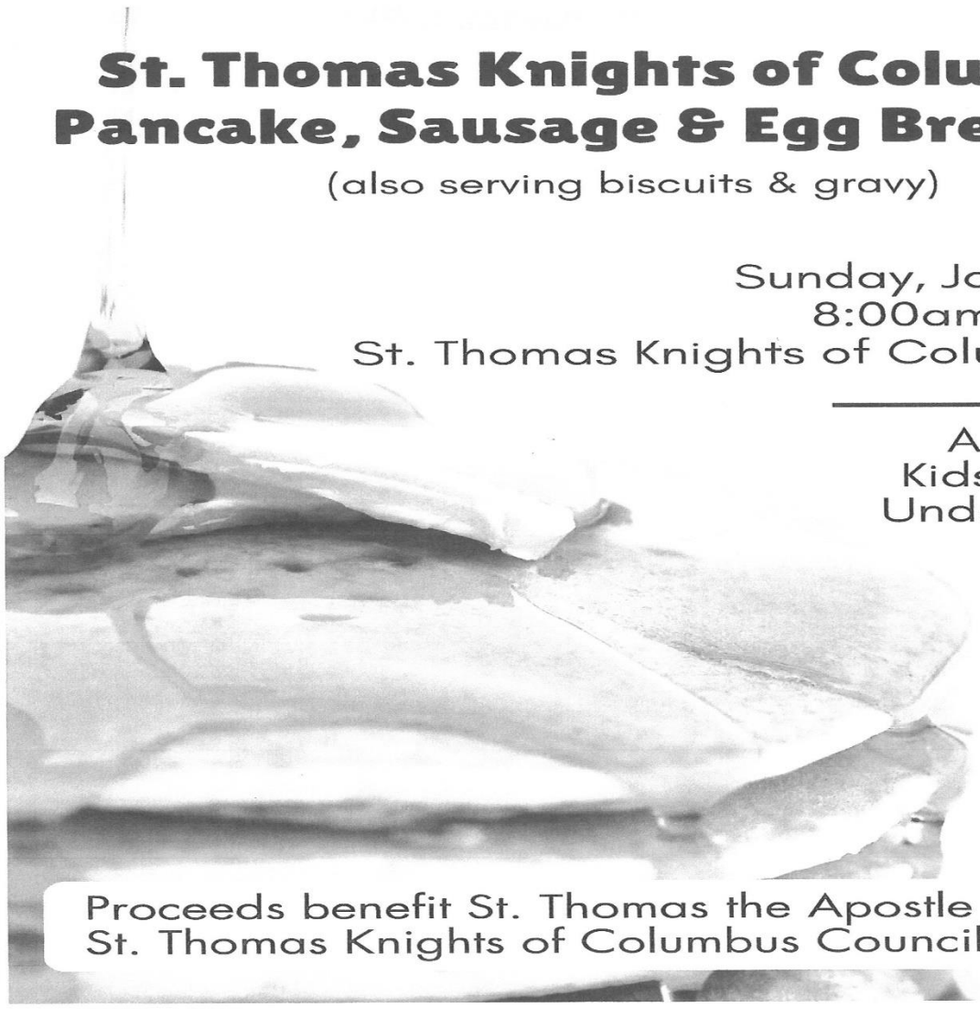
RSVP by February 1st

St. Thomas Knights of Columbus Pancake, Sausage & Egg Breakfast

(also serving biscuits & gravy)

Sunday, January 19th
8:00am – 11:30am
St. Thomas Knights of Columbus Hall

Adults = $10
Kids 6–12 = $5
Under 6 = Free



Proceeds benefit St. Thomas the Apostle School & St. Thomas Knights of Columbus Council #2149

MARRIAGE RETREAT
Living in the Trinity with Mary
MARCH 14-15, 2025
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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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