

The Roman Catholic Parishes of

St. Thomas the Apostle
in St. Thomas

St. Cecilia
in Meta

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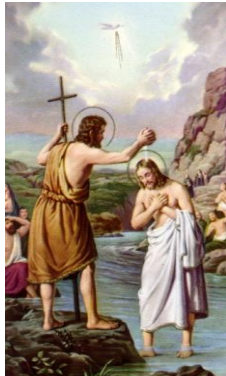
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 10, 2016

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St. Thomas Parish Office hours: Tuesdays 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Thursdays 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

School Office hours during school year: Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Confessions: Saturdays 4:00 - 4:45 p.m. at St. Thomas; Sundays 7:30 - 7:50 a.m. at St. Cecilia;
or anytime by appointment, just call Father.

Saint Thomas the Apostle

Mass Schedule for the Week of January 10-17:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Stanley Strobe
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – People of our Parishes
Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – L&D John Strobe Family
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – Clete Matheisen
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Herman & Agatha Luebbering
Friday 7:45 a.m. – Jerome & Dorothy Buschjost
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Rita Alig
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Wm. & Rufina Boessen

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2015-2016: \$305,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End: \$177,919.00
Actual Collection for 2015-2016: **\$150,744.28**
Offertory Difference Year to Date: - \$27,174.72
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

January 3 \$6,534.00
January 10 \$
January 17 \$
January 24 \$
January 31 \$

Collection Online:

January total to date: **\$10,793.00**
Difference for January: - **\$14,624.00**

St. Thomas the Apostle Expansion & Building Fund

Total Expansion Project expenses paid: \$2,273,475.34
Income from parishioners for fiscal year 2015-2016
(via the yellow "Building Fund" envelope): **\$16,268.00**
Loan payments to date for fiscal year 2015-2016: **\$64,594.18**
(Principal) \$51,101.49 (Interest) \$13,492.69
Parish Building Expansion Debt remaining: **\$532,952.05**

St. Thomas Cantor / Organist

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kaitlyn Kliethermes/Jackie
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Doug Luebbering/Elizabeth

St. Thomas Reader/ Petitions

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kathy Graessle
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Art Groner

St. Thomas Altar Servers

Weekday: Grace Luebbering & Andrew Luebbering
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Cameron & Chesney Luebbering,
Noah & Ethan Luebbering
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Ben & Emma Luebbering,
Morgan & Jacob Luebbering

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of January 10-17:

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Jason Hake
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Norman & Delphine Jaegers

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Vic Otto

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – L&D Martin & Addie Loethen Family
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – People of our Parishes

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2015-2016: \$60,471.51
Collection Total for 2015-2016: **\$32,211.01**
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,039.29

Collection in Church:

January 3 \$1,270.00
January 10 \$
January 17 \$
January 24 \$
January 31 \$
January total to date: **\$1,270.00**
Difference for January: - **\$3,769.29**

Please remember your parish in your last will & testament.

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

January – Mary & Dominic Plassmeyer
February – Dale & Margie Helton

St. Cecilia Reader / Petitions

Wednesday – Doris Stumpe
Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Jennifer Even
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Karen Fick

St. Cecilia Altar Servers

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Zachary & Alex Even,
Carson Libbert & Gavin Holterman
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Adam & Madalyn Veltrop,
Skyla Schroeder

St. Thomas Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

January 16-17

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

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Rosalyn Wieberg, Shirley Volmert,

Bill & Betty Jo Luebbering, Lynne Reinkmeyer

January 23-24

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Lora Boessen, Mark Luebbering, Pat Kaiser

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jan Carter, Mattheuw Prenger, Keith

Kliethermes, Randy Buschjost, Rob Henson

January 30-31

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Leroy Heckemeyer, Sarah Schwartz, Danielle Plassmeyer

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Rosalyn Wieberg, Richard & Jan

Heckemeyer, Emily Luebbering, Janet Lueckenhoff

St. Thomas Greeters/Ushers

January 16-17

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Dave Luebbering & Steve Schellman

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – TJ Loethen & Mattheuw Prenger

January 23-24

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mike Green & Gilbert Schellman

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Keith Kliethermes & Mike Buschjost

January 30-31

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Gilbert Schellman & School Students

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

St. Thomas Presentation of Gifts at Mass

January 16-17

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark & Lora Boessen Family

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Arthur McManus Family

January 23-24

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Alfred & Margie Kaiser

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Alan & Lynne Reinkemeyer

January 30-31

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – St. Thomas School Students

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Al & Jan Carter

St. Thomas Collection Counters:

January 16-17 – Jennifer Schroeder & Stephanie Cortvriert

January 23-24 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman

January 30-31 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday 7:25 a.m.–Viola –Sorrowful (Tori Lackman)

Wednesday 7:25 a.m. – Pat – Glorious (Madison Libbert)

Thursday 7:25 a.m. – Celeste & Martha – Luminous (Austin Loethen)

Friday 7:25 a.m. Gilbert & Hermina – Sorrowful (Michael Luebbering)

Saturday 4:40 p.m. Dale Herigon- Glorious (Ben Luebbering)

Sunday 9:40 a.m. –Tina –Glorious (Jenna Luebbering)

LADIES TO BRING SNACK TO ST. THOMAS QUILTERS:

Thursday, January 14 –Joyce (Kenny) Boessen & Donna Boessen

Thursday, January 21 –Lora Boessen & Joyce (Marshall) Boessen

Please bring to hall by 1:00 p.m.; snack served at 3:00 p.m. If you have questions, please call Kathy Strobe or Emily Luebbering. Wednesday night quilting at 7:00 p.m.

SCRIP SALES (January 16-17) Visit www.stthomasapostleschool.net/scrip for more information about the Scrip program.

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kristi Luebbering

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Amy Luebbering

NOTE OF THANKS Many thanks to Dale Herigon for replacing and repairing the rack on the striking train of our tower clock at St. Thomas. The previous rack had become so worn that the clock was not striking the correct time as the top of the hour. Also, as we are now at the conclusion of the Christmas season, many thanks to all of the parishioners who helped to decorate our parish churches in preparation for Christmas. Sincerely Yours in Christ –Fr. Secrist

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR STORMS AND FLOODING: We have been asked to take up a special collection for the humanitarian and Church needs of those who are suffering from the devastation of recent severe storms and disasters in the Midwest and South. A special collection will be taken up next weekend, **January 16-17**. If you want to contribute, please indicate “**Severe Weather**” on your check or envelope.

The funds collected in this one-time special appeal for the 2015-2016 storms and other natural disasters will be used to support the efforts of Catholic Charities USA, the official domestic relief agency of the U.S. Catholic Church, as they respond to the immediate emergency needs for water, food, shelter, and medical care, as well as to the long term need to rebuild and recover after the widespread destruction.

THE 2015-2016 CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL (CSA): The Catholic Stewardship Appeal (CSA) is our opportunity to come together as the Church in the 95 Catholic Parishes and 15 missions of our diocese. This year, CSA videos are available on the diocesan website www.diojeffcity.org. Please take the time to view the informational videos by clicking on the “Youtube video” link located on the upper right hand corner.

The 2016 CSA goal for **St. Cecilia Parish** is **\$3,363.00 (15 individuals** have pledged **\$1,480.00** so far).

The 2016 CSA goal for **St. Thomas Parish** is **\$7,945.00 (38 individuals** have pledged **\$5,645.00** so far).

Please be generous so that we can reach our CSA goals. Additional CSA envelopes are available at the entrances of Church.

St. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

January 16-17

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Betty Hagenhoff, Dorothy Rehagen,

Bonnie Kampeter

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer, Karen Fick

January 23-24

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Lou Kloeppe, Brenda Wansing, Doris Stumpe

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Gerald & Phyllis Rehagen, Pam Libbert

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

January 16-17

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Mitch & Brendan Stumpe,

Darin Even, Randy Hagenhoff

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

Libbert, Tony Derkum

January 23-24

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Tom Gragert, Lou Kloeppe, Mitch & Brendan Stumpe

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Leon Schanzmeyer, Kenny Otto,

Dominic Plassmeyer, Larry Lueckenotto

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Wednesday 6:10 p.m. – Florentine Hagenhoff – Glorious – (Jason Otto)

January 16-17

Saturday 6:40 p.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer– Glorious Mysteries (Kaitlyn Otto)

Sunday 7:40 a.m. – Margaret Brune–Glorious Mysteries

(Nicole Otto)

VOTIVE CANDLES: The requested donation for lighting a votive candle in church is **\$2.50**.

**IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO FULFILL
YOUR LITURGICAL MINISTRY,
IN YOUR KINDNESS & CHARITY,
PLEASE FIND A REPLACEMENT.**

BAPTISM PREPARATION: Please call Fr. Secrist to schedule a meeting and date for Baptism.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION: Please call Fr. Secrist at least six months prior to the desired date.

** The names listed after the mysteries of the rosary to be prayed before Mass are those from St. Cecilia and St. Thomas the Apostle Parishes who are preparing for the Sacrament Confirmation. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for this important Sacrament.*

MINISTRY TO THE ILL & INFIRM: If you are preparing for surgery, recovering from surgery, homebound or ill, please let Fr. Secrist (477-3315) and/or MaryPat Luebbering (477-3476) know so that you have the opportunity to receive the Sacraments and pastoral care.

MASS INTENTIONS...

The specific Mass intentions for each scheduled Mass are regularly published in this bulletin and are specifically requested by individual request. Every reasonable effort is made to accommodate particular times and dates, when so requested. However, when on occasion the date or time request cannot be met, the intention will be rescheduled for the next earliest date available.

ST. THOMAS PRAYER EMAIL REQUESTS: all email prayer requests should be sent to jbeckeroffice@gmail.com. Please remember that the sole purpose of the parish prayer line and email communication is to ask for prayers for those particularly in need. Out of respect for individuals' privacy, only necessary information is communicated.

ANNIVERSARY NOTES IN CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER: If you would like your anniversary (10 years & over) or birthday (90 years & over) listed in the Catholic Missourian, please send a note to Jenny Becker at jbeckeroffice@gmail.com or call 573-477-3315.

ADULT SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION: The next meeting will be **Sunday, January 10, 6:00 p.m.** in Vitae House at St. Thomas. This meeting is for those adults who are becoming Catholic. Questions? Please contact Fr. Secrist at 477-3315.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION: **Wednesday, January 13, 7:30 p.m.** in St. Thomas School Library.

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION will be held on Tuesday, January 12 at 7:00 p.m. in St. Thomas Church.

ST. THOMAS CYO OPEN GYM The St. Thomas CYO will be hosting an open gym on Sunday, January 10 from 2:00-5:00 p.m. Please join our youth in volleyball, basketball & other activities.

ST. THOMAS PARISH PASTORIAL COUNCIL will meet on Tuesday, January 19 at 7:00 p.m. in Vitae House.

ST. THOMAS SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING will be on Tuesday, January 12 at 6:00 p.m. in Vitae House.

ST. THOMAS PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING will be on Tuesday, January 12 at 7:00 p.m. in Vitae House.

ST. CECILIA PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING will be Thursday, January 14 at 7:00 p.m. in Parish Center.

ST. THOMAS HAM BREAKFAST MEETING will be Thursday, January 14, 7:00 p.m. in Vitae House.

ST. THOMAS HAM/SAUSAGE BREAKFAST RAFFLE: If you are interested in making a donation or know of someone who might, please contact Janet Lueckenhoff at 573-690-5682 or email her at jlueck@embarqmail.com before January 18, so the donation may be included in this year's raffle. Our breakfast is Sunday, March 13, 2016.

PARISH CALENDARS FOR 2016 are available at the entrances to church. These free calendars indicate our parishes' Sunday Mass times and the dates for Holy Days of Obligation throughout the coming year.

ST. THOMAS PSR CLASSES are usually held on Wednesday evenings 7:00-8:00 p.m. for grade & high school students. Everyone involved in the PSR program is asked to please sign up for the Remind text messaging. This is the primary form of communication we will use should classes need to be cancelled. Text @stthomaspsr to 81010 to receive messages. Also, please follow our "St. Thomas the Apostle PSR" page on Facebook for messages and notifications of events.

WEDNESDAY EVENING TRAFFIC PATTERN AT ST. THOMAS: Because of the number of people attending PSR, Confirmation Preparation and Quilting on Wednesday evenings at St. Thomas, all drivers are asked to please **enter via the lower driveway from Park Street** and **exit from the upper parking lot onto Highway B only.**

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday School is for children preschool age (2 years prior to Kindergarten) and will meet on Sundays from 9:00 to 9:45 a.m. in the St. Thomas School Kindergarten room. Please contact Daffiny Tallent at 573-694-4408 or email ddtallent@embarqmail.com if interested and/or for more information.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE YARD SIGNS & WINDOW STICKERS: Show your support for our local Catholic school by purchasing a sign for your front yard and a window sticker for your vehicle, boat or tractor. Yard signs and window stickers are \$5.00 each. Please contact the School Office at 573-477-3322.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 18 – Martin Luther King Day – No School K-8
23 – Diocesan Regional Speech Meet
30-February 6 – Catholic Schools Week

BOX TOPS: Please continue to save Box Tops for Education, Coke Points & Best Choice labels.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL is still accepting registrations for **Preschool through 8th grade**. Please call the school office to register at 573-477-3322.

THE NEXT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING is Tuesday, January 12 at 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 was in the bulletin last week, additional copies are available in the entrances of St. Thomas Church.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

ST. THOMAS PARISH PARK BOARD TRIVIA NIGHT is Saturday, January 23, 7:00 p.m. (Doors open at 6:30 p.m.) in the St. Thomas Parish Center. \$15/person or \$120/team (8 people per team). To register, please call Kim Kliegel at 573-619-9188. Cash prize for winning team. Must be 21 to enter, BYOB.

TOTUS TUUS SUMMER CAMP at St. Thomas and Meta has been scheduled for **July 18-22, 2016**. Please save the dates!

ST. THOMAS/META KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN: The St. Thomas & Meta Knights of Columbus are participating in the "Meet Life" campaign which includes a coordinated effort to reduce abortions in Missouri through the placement of ultrasound technology in local Pregnancy Centers along with mass media advertising by the Vitae Foundation to direct women to those centers. In the past four years, the Knights of Columbus have collected nearly \$9,000 in St. Thomas & Meta which has helped to place an ultrasound machine in the Pregnancy Help Center in Jefferson City. **Baby bottles were distributed to parishioners this weekend January 9 & 10.** You are asked to place the bottle in a prominent place in your home and each time you see it, pray for the unborn. Please place your pocket change, paper money, and/or a donation check (payable to Columbian Charities) into the bottle. **In three weeks, the weekend of January 30 & 31,** please bring your filled bottle back to Mass with you and they will be collected in the back of Church. Each & every one of us has the opportunity to help save lives. Please join the Knights in this campaign and thanks so much for your support!

COLE COUNTY PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT NO. 5: Candidates interested in running for a three year term on the Board of Directors must complete an application by 5:00 pm, January 20, 2016 to be included on the April 7, 2016 election ballot. Please notify Sheri Wieberg at 573-477-3497 if interested. (You must reside within the district one whole year before the election and be at least 25 years of age to hold a seat on the Board.)

CITY OF ST. THOMAS CITY COUNCIL: The Council is made up of four board members and the Mayor. The 2016 election will have three positions open for election. All interested must sign up by January 20, 2016 to be on the April 2016 election ballot. If you wish to run for a two year term Council position, please contact Susan Boessen, City Clerk, at (573) 477-3736 or (573) 619-4424. You must reside within the City Limits of St. Thomas to hold a Council position.

MAKE A RESOLUTION TO LISTEN TO 88.1 FM KHJR CATHOLIC RADIO in the New Year. Tune in to daily Holy Mass, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and the Rosary. Participate in live call-in shows on faith, such as Catholic Answers Live, Open Line, Called to Communion, and more. For a program schedule and a free CD, please call (314) 752-700 or toll free at (877) 305-1234.

RETROUVAILLE: You Can Help Your Marriage: 25% of surveyed couples say they are "Happily Married". For everyone else there is Retrouvaille. Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Does talking only make it worse? For information on the Retrouvaille Program, visit the website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call 1-800-470-2230. The next program begins the weekend of January 29-31, 2016.

ST. THOMAS/META KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST is Sunday, January 17, serving 8:00 to 11:30 a.m. at the K C Hall. Adults \$8.00, children 6-12 \$4.00. Half of the proceeds will benefit St. Thomas the Apostle School. Extra copies of the work-list are in the entrances of St. Thomas Church.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA PARISH PANCAKE BREAKFAST is Sunday, January 31, serving pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs & applesauce from 7:30 a.m. to Noon. Adults \$8.50, children 6-10 \$4.00.

WESTPHALIA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SOCCER CLUB SPRING SIGN-UP will be held at the Westphalia KC Hall on Sunday evening, January 31 and Monday, February 1 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. each night. All kids ages 3-14 (on 8/1/15) welcome. Please no late sign ups! Please email wkcsooccerclub@gmail.com with any questions.

ST. THOMAS/META KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS VALENTINE'S DANCE is Saturday, February 6, 7:30 p.m. – 11:30 p.m. in St. Thomas Parish Center. \$10.00 per person, 50/50 raffle. NO ONE UNDER 21 ALLOWED. Music provided by Shiloh. Proceeds to benefit St. Thomas/Meta Knights of Columbus Council.

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