

# The Roman Catholic Parishes of

## St. Thomas the Apostle

in St. Thomas

## St. Cecilia

in Meta

[www.stthomasapostle.net](http://www.stthomasapostle.net)

PO Box 146  
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### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 6, 2015

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**School Website:**

[www.stthomasapostleschool.net](http://www.stthomasapostleschool.net)

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 December 6-13:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – David Borgmeyer

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Deceased members of Jerome Buschjost Family

**Monday 7:00 p.m.** – Vic Otto

**Tuesday 7:45 a.m.** – People of our Parishes

Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – Roman Wieberg Jr.

Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Rose Schmidt

Friday 7:45 a.m. – Ida Schellman

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – L&D Thomas & Mary Loethen Family

##### Your Sunday Offering:

Offertery Budget for 2015-2016: \$305,000.00

Offertery Goal through Month End: \$127,085.00

Actual Collection for 2015-2016: **\$115,629.17**

Offertery Difference Year to Date: - \$11,455.83

Offertery Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

##### Collection in Church:

November 1 \$5,409.00

November 8 \$5,109.00

November 15 \$2,645.00

November 22 \$1,670.00

November 29 \$4,899.15

**Collection Online:** \$5,244.00

**November total to date:** **\$24,976.15**

Difference for November: - **\$440.85**

#### Saint Cecilia

##### Mass Schedule for the Week of December 6-13:

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Lionel, Arharta, Bonnie & Sandy Libbert

**Tuesday 7:00 p.m.** – Leo & Alberto Wieberg

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Vince Reinkemeyer

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Lawrence & Scott Otto

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Josephine Werdehausen

##### Your Sunday Offering:

Offertery Budget for 2015-2016: \$60,471.51

Collection Total for 2015-2016: **\$25,557.51**

Offertery Goal per month: \$ 5,039.29

##### Collection in Church:

November 1 \$1,288.00

November 8 \$1,172.00

November 15 \$ 883.25

November 22 \$ 950.00

November 29 \$1,004.00

**November total to date:** **\$5,294.25**

Difference for November: + \$ 254.96

**Please remember your parish in your last will & testament.**

#### 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): **\$12,971.00**

Loan payments to date for fiscal year 2015-2016: **\$46,138.70**

(Principal) \$36,194.00 (Interest) \$9,944.60

Parish Building Expansion Debt remaining: **\$547,859.44**

#### St. Thomas Cantor / Organist

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Bill Luebbering/Jackie

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Doug Luebbering/Elizabeth

#### St. Thomas Reader/ Petitions

**Monday 7:00 p.m.** – Lauri Luebbering

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Alfred Kaiser

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Stephanie Cortvrient

#### St. Thomas Altar Servers

Weekday – Dylan Kliegel, Isabelle Brenneke

**Monday 7:00 p.m.** – Henry Buschjost, Isaac Prenger,  
Ben & Emma Luebbering

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Andrew Luebbering, Ethan & Noah  
Luebbering

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Morgan & Jacob Luebbering,  
Cole Peters, Sabrina Luebbering

#### St. Cecilia Collection Counters

December – Pam Libbert & Marie Lueckenotto

#### St. Cecilia Reader / Petitions

**Tuesday 7:00 p.m.** – Doris Stumpe

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Dorothy Rehagen

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic Plassmeyer

#### St. Cecilia Altar Servers

**Tuesday 7:00 p.m.** – Zachary, Joshua & Alex Even  
**December 12-13**

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Zachary & Alex Even,  
Carson Libbert & Gavin Holterman

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Nicholas & Shelby Wankum,  
Ava & Saige Werdehausen

**St. Thomas Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion****Monday, December 7 – 7:00 p.m.** Lynne Reinkemeyer, Janet Lueckenhoff**December 12-13**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mike &amp; Trish Green, Betty Schellman

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Linda Lueckenhoff, Glenn Prenger, Mike &amp; Sheri Wieberg, Millie Wieberg

**December 19-20**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Leeroy Budnik, Carolyn Loethen, Lora Boessen

**St. Thomas Greeters/Ushers** \* please arrive *at least 15 minutes before Mass begins to greet & assist parishioners***Monday, December 7 – 7:00 p.m.** – Alan Reinkemeyer & Mike Buschjost**December 12-13**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mike Groner &amp; Dave Luebbering

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

**December 19-20**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Steve Schellman &amp; Gilbert Schellman

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Tom Backes &amp; Ryan Buschjost

**St. Thomas Presentation of Gifts at Mass****Monday, December 7** – Mike & Trish Green**December 12-13**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Gregg &amp; Susan Boessen

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Leonard &amp; Kathy Strobe

**December 19-20**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Steve Schellman Family

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mike &amp; Sheri Wieberg Family

**St. Thomas Collection Counters:**

December 12-13- Richard &amp; Jan Heckemeyer

December 19-20 – Rosalyn Wieberg &amp; Donna Schellman

December 26-27 – Sonya Henson &amp; Millie Wieberg

**Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas****Monday 6:40 p.m.** – Barb – Joyful (Dylan Bischoff)

Tuesday 7:25 a.m. – Viola – Sorrowful (Kristin Boessen)

Wednesday 7:25 a.m. – Pat – Glorious (Austin Distler)

Thursday 7:25 a.m. – Celeste &amp; Martha – Luminous (Ryan Dudenhoeffer)

Friday 7:25 a.m. – Gilbert &amp; Hermina – Sorrowful (Zachary Even)

Saturday 4:40 p.m. – Marilyn Herigon – Joyful (Dalton Fowler)

Sunday 9:40 a.m. – Pat Loethen – Joyful (Katie Francis)

\* 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.

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

**SCRIP SALES (December 12-13)** Visit [www.stthomasapostleschool.net/scrip](http://www.stthomasapostleschool.net/scrip) for more information about the Scrip program.

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Dee Luebbering

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Sandy Kliegel

**LADIES TO BRING SNACK TO ST. THOMAS QUILTERS:**

**Thursday: December 10** – Linda Boessen & Mary Boessen **Thursday: December 17** – Roseanne Boessen & Susan 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.

**SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION:**Mass will be celebrated on Monday, December 7 (Vigil) at 7:00 p.m. at St. Thomas,Tuesday, December 8 at 7:45 a.m. at St. Thomas &Tuesday, December 8 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Cecilia.**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE****ST. THOMAS:**Mass will be celebrated on December 24: 5:00 p.m. & MidnightDecember 25: 10:30 a.m.**ST. CECILIA:**December 24: 7:00 p.m.December 25: 8:30 a.m.**MARY MOTHER OF GOD MASS SCHEDULE****ST. THOMAS:**December 31, 2015: 6:00 p.m.January 1, 2016: 10:00 a.m.**ST. CECILIA:**January 1, 2016: 8:00 a.m.

**ADVENT REFLECTION BOOKLETS:** Magnificat reflection booklets with daily reflections are available at the entrances to church to assist your daily prayer during the season of Advent.

**St. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion****Tuesday, December 8 – 7:00 p.m.** – Jennifer Even, Betty Hagenhoff**December 12-13**

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Doris Stumpe, Jennifer Even, Betty Hagenhoff

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic &amp; Mary Plassmeyer, Janice Schanzmeyer

**December 19-20**

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Dorothy Rehagen, Bonnie Kampeter, Lou Kloepfel

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Gerald &amp; Phyllis Rehagen, Karen Fick

**St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers****Tuesday, December 8 – 7:00 p.m.** – Harold Libbert, Anton Libbert, Dominic Plassmeyer, Lou Kloepfel

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Darin Even, Randy Hagenhoff, Tom Gragert, Lou Kloepfel

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic Plassmeyer, Larry Lueckenotto, Harold Libbert, Anton Libbert

**Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia**

Tuesday 6:40 p.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer – Sorrowful (Hayden Hurst)

Wednesday 6:10 p.m. – Florentine Hagenhoff – Glorious Mysteries (Lance Jurgensmeyer)

Saturday 6:40 p.m. – Alice Hake – Joyful Mysteries (Dawson Lackman)

Sunday 7:40 a.m. – Margaret Brune – Joyful Mysteries (Tori Lackman)

**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.

**DIACONAL SERVICE AT ST. THOMAS AND ST. CECILIA PARISHES:** After months of prayer and conversation, I am pleased to inform you that Deacon Steve Schwartze has been allowed to assist in our Parishes of St. Thomas and St. Cecilia in his capacity as a permanent deacon. Deacon Schwartze and I are still working out the specifics of his diaconal duties in our two parishes; but in the meantime, be sure to warmly welcome him! - Fr. Secrist

**DONATION OF PROPERTY TO ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH:** So you know, three lots bordered by National, St. George & Park Streets in St. Thomas have been donated to the parish by Celeste Suthoff and her family. Many sincere thanks to Celeste for the gift of these properties that will be well used for parking during various parish events.

**TIME AND TALENT** forms are still available at the entrances of Church (green color for St. Thomas; peach color for St. Cecilia). If you wish to add or change your current ministries and activities, please complete and return a form.

**2015 CHRISTMAS/SEMINARY ASSESSMENT:** This year our assessment for Seminarian Formation & Priest Retirement is \$1,128.00 for St. Cecilia, \$3,688.00 for St. Thomas the Apostle Parish. Please use the envelope included in your December packet.

**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.

**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](http://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 (10 have pledged \$840.00 so far)**.

The 2016 CSA goal for **St. Thomas Parish** is **\$7,945.00 (21 have pledged \$2,920.00 so far)**.

There are CSA envelopes in the entrances of Church.

**PENANCE SERVICES AROUND THE AREA DURING ADVENT:**

Wednesday, December 9, 7:00 p.m. St. Joseph Parish, Westphalia

Monday, December 14, 7:00 p.m. Our Lady of Help Parish, Frankenstein

Tuesday, December 15, 7:00 p.m. St. Aloysius Parish, Argyle

Wednesday, December 16, 7:00 p.m. St. Anthony of Padua, Folk

Thursday, December 17, 7:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, St. Thomas

**ST. CECILIA CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:** If you want to remember your loved ones during the Christmas season, you may make a monetary donation with their names (CLEARLY PRINTED) in an envelope marked "ST. CECILIA FLOWER DONATION". Please place the flower donations in the collection basket between now and December 20. The names of those to be remembered will be published in the December 26-27 bulletin.

**ST. THOMAS CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:** Those wishing to make a monetary donation toward the Christmas flowers and decorations at St. Thomas are asked to place their donations, along with the names (CLEARLY PRINTED) of those to be remembered in the envelope provided in the December packet. Please place donations in the collection basket between now and December 20. The names of those to be remembered will be published in the December 26-27 bulletin.

**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 MIDNIGHT MASS CHOIR PRACTICE:** There will be choir practice on Monday, December 14 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday December 20 at 8:00 a.m. New choir members are welcome!

**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 PSR CLASSES** are held on Wednesday evening's 7:00-8:00 p.m. for grade & high school students.

**ST. THOMAS PSR:** We would like to remind everyone involved in the PSR program to please sign up for the Remind text messaging. This is the primary form communication we will use should classes need to be cancelled. Text @stthomasps 81010 to receive messages. Also, please follow our "St. Thomas the Apostle PSR" page on Facebook for messages and notifications of events. Thank you!

**ADULT SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION:** The next meeting will be **Sunday, December 13, 6:00 p.m.** in Vitae House at St. Thomas. This meeting is for those adults who are interested in becoming Catholic and are willing to begin the journey. Questions? Please contact Fr. Secrist at 477-3315.

**CONFIRMATION PREPARATION:** **Wednesday, December 9, 7:30 p.m.** in the Parish Center, St. Cecilia.

**ST. CECILIA SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Sunday School classes for St. Cecilia immediately follow the 8:00 a.m. Mass in the Parish Center. Sunday School classes are open to any children in kindergarten, or those who will be entering kindergarten next year (fall of 2016). Please contact Jennifer Even at 573-680-6945, 573-229-8976 or [evenfamily6@att.net](mailto:evenfamily6@att.net) to sign up or with any questions.

**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](mailto: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.

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

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- December 10 – Advent Program, 7:00 p.m. in Parish Center (**DRESS REHEARSAL 10:00 a.m.**)
- 21 – K-8 Caroling at Mid-America Bank, Bowling in the afternoon.
- 22 – Early Release K-8 1:20 p.m. – Car riders, bus 1:30 p.m. End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter.
- 23 – January 3 – Christmas Vacation K-8
- January 4 – School Resumes

**The St. Thomas the Apostle School Self-Study will be held on April 10-12, 2016.**

**THANK YOU** to **Western Catholic Union** for their recent matching fund program which generated \$500 to St. Thomas Home & School for their pizza fundraiser.

**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 8<sup>th</sup> grade**. Please call the school office to register at 573-477-3322.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL FINANCIAL REPORT for the 1<sup>st</sup> fiscal quarter (July-September 2015)**

<b><u>Total Revenue</u></b>		<i>Utilities Specific</i>	
Tuition	\$ 5,800.00	Telephone	\$ 588.71
Resource Fees (Technology, Book, Bus)	\$ 10,688.88	Electricity	\$ 2,261.97
Preschool Fees	\$ 3,310.00	Trash Disposal	\$ 183.00
Before/After School Program	\$ 2,957.00	Sewer	\$ 164.76
Other Revenue*	\$ 5,042.00	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,198.44</b>
<b>Total School Fees</b>	<b>\$ 27,797.88</b>	<i>Instructional Specific</i>	
<b>Parish Support</b>	<b>\$ 98,560.76</b>	Supplies – Teacher	\$ 231.09
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$126,358.64</b>	Textbooks – Secular	\$ 2,237.57
*Other revenue includes grants and benefactor gifts		Textbooks – Religious	\$ 521.37
<b><u>Total Expense</u></b>		Diocesan School Office Fees	\$ 320.89
Utilities	\$ 3,198.44	Faculty and Student Activities	\$ 680.75
Instructional	\$ 9,129.01	Educational Services	\$ 1,185.60
General Administration	\$ 18,102.59	Pre-School	\$ 228.82
Salaries/Benefit (School & PreSchool)	\$ 95,928.60	Technology	\$ 3,722.92
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$126,358.64</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 9,129.01</b>
		<i>General Administration Specific</i>	
		Student/Property Insurance	\$14,484.37
		Custodial Supplies	\$ 876.82
		Repairs/Improvement	\$ 2,177.38
		Office Supplies	\$ 564.02
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$18,102.59</b>

**META OVER 50 CLUB** will meet on Thursday, December 10 at noon at the Parish Center. Fried chicken will be furnished, please bring a dish and join us for lunch, fun, fellowship, card games & bingo after lunch. Please bring non-perishable food items and it will be delivered to the Good Shepherd Food Pantry.

**THE NEXT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING** is Tuesday, December 8 at 7:30 p.m. A rosary will be prayed at 7:15 p.m. Please read the December newsletter attached to the bulletin.

**RECOGNIZING OUR COLLEGE GRADUATES** in the bulletin. If you are a college or technical school graduate this semester, please let us know by e-mailing or call the school at 573-477-3322, or the Parish Office at 573-477-3315. The names will be published in the December 26-27 bulletin.

**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.)

**UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR:**

**THE DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA, GLENNON CIRCLE 322** will meet on Monday, December 7 at the K of C Hall, Jefferson City. Snacks at 6:00 p.m., meeting at 6:30 p.m. Please bring your gifts for Birthright.

**THE META CITIZENS CIVIC LEAGUE CHRISTMAS PARTY** is December 6, 5:00 p.m., at the hall. We will be serving chili and all the trimmings while being entertained by The Country Jammers. There will be gift bags for all the kids that attend. Everyone is welcome.

**HOLY FAMILY PARISH FALL SUPPER, FREEBURG** is Sunday, December 6, serving fried chicken & sausage dinners from 11:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Adults \$11.00, children 6-12 \$5.00.

**ST. THOMAS PARISH PARK BOARD TRIVIA NIGHT** is Saturday, January 23, 2016 in the St. Thomas Parish Center.

**JEFFERSON CITY CANTORUM CHRISTMAS MEMORIES CONCERT** is Saturday, December 12 at 7:00 p.m. at the Miller Performing Arts Center. Tickets adults \$10.00, Youth (18-under) \$5.00, Seniors (65 & over) \$8.00, Family (3-5 members) \$25.00. Tickets will be \$2.00 more at the door. Please visit [www.JeffersonCityCantorum.com](http://www.JeffersonCityCantorum.com) or call 573-230-2715.