

**The Roman Catholic Parishes of**  
**St. Thomas the Apostle**  
 in St. Thomas

**St. Cecilia**  
 in Meta

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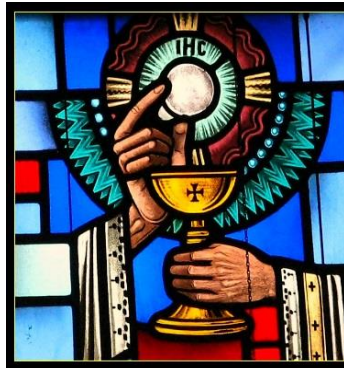
PO Box 146  
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**33<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**November 15, 2015**

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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.

St. Cecilia Parish Office hours: Tuesdays 3:30 - 5:00 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 November 15-22:**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes  
 Sunday 10:00 a.m. - Mark Strope  
 Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Mary Ann Schmidt  
 Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – L&D Wm & Rose Schmidt Family  
 Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Ida Schellman  
 Friday 7:45 a.m. – Ray Luebbering  
 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Wm & Rufina Boessen  
 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – L&D John H. Boessen Family

**Your Sunday Offering:**

Offeritory Budget for 2015-2016:	\$305,000.00
Offeritory Goal through Month End:	\$127,085.00
Actual Collection for 2015-2016:	<b>\$105,430.02</b>
Offeritory Difference Year to Date:	-\$21,654.98
Offeritory Goal per month:	\$25,417.00

**Collection in Church:**

November 1	\$5,409.00
November 15	\$5,109.00
November 22	\$
November 29	\$

**Collection Online:** \$4,259.00

**November total to date:** \$14,777.00

Difference for November: - \$10,876.00

**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):	<b>\$9,942.00</b>
Loan payments to date for fiscal year 2015-2016:	<b>\$36,910.94</b>
(Principal) 28,969.99 (Interest) \$7,940.97	
Parish Building Expansion Debt remaining:	<b>\$555,083.55</b>

**St. Thomas Cantor / Organist**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Amanda Wooten/Lindsay  
 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Brooke Luebbering/Jackie

**St. Thomas Reader/ Petitions**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Lauri Luebbering  
 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Kathy Rackers

**St. Thomas Altar Servers**

Weekdays – Carson Libbert & Ethan Rackers  
 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mason & Klint Luebbering,  
 Ethan & Noah Luebbering  
 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Josh Henson, Isaac Prenger,  
 Ben & Emma Luebbering

**Saint Cecilia**

**Mass Schedule for the Week of November 15-22:**

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – L&D St. Cecilia Graduating Class of 1965  
 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Norman & Delphine Jaegers  
  
 Wednesday 6:30 p.m. –L&D Libbert & Hake Families

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes  
 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Brian Wansing

**Your Sunday Offering:**

Offeritory Budget for 2015-2016:	\$60,471.51
Collection Total for 2015-2016:	<b>\$22,720.26</b>
Offeritory Goal per month:	\$5,039.29

**Collection in Church:**

November 1	\$1,288.00
November 15	\$1,172.00
November 22	\$
November 29	\$

**November total to date:** \$2,460.00

Difference for November: - \$2,579.29

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

**St. Cecilia Collection Counters**

November – Dale & Margie Helton  
 December – Pam Libbert & Marie Lueckenotto

**St. Cecilia Reader / Petitions**

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. –Doris Stumpe  
 Saturday 7:00 p.m. –Cathy Borgmeyer  
 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic Plassmeyer

**St. Cecilia Altar Servers**

**November 21-22**  
 Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Zachary & Alex Even,  
 Ben Schroeder  
 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Nicholas & Shelby Wankum,  
 Alicia Wankum

**St. Thomas Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**  
**November 21-22**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Leeroy Budnik, Mark & Barb Graessle  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Lynne Reinkemeyer, Jan Carter,  
Mattheuw Prenger, Keith Kliethermes, Randy Buschjost  
**Thursday, November 26, Thanksgiving Day 9:00 a.m.**  
Gilbert & Hermina Strope, Glenn Prenger

**November 28-29**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. –Lora Boessen, Mark Luebbering,  
Pat Kaiser  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – K of C Members

**St. Thomas Greeters/Ushers** \* *please arrive at least 15 minutes before Mass begins to greet & assist parishioners*

**November 21-22**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Richard Schellman & Fred Luebbering  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Art Groner & Eric Boessen

**Thursday, November 26 – Thanksgiving Day, 9:00 a.m.**  
Jim Lueckenhoff & Larry Lueckenhoff

**November 28-29**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Joe Buschjost & Carolyn Loethen  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Arthur McManus & Doug Stockman

**December 5-6**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark Boessen & Gregg Boessen  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – TJ Loethen & Mattheuw Prenger

**St. Thomas Presentation of Gifts at Mass**  
**November 21-22**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark & Lauri Luebbering  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Robyn & Rebecca Schroeder  
**Thursday, November 26, Thanksgiving Day, 9:00 a.m.**  
- Larry & Linda Lueckenhoff

**November 28-29**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ralph & Kathy Graessle  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – K of C Members

**St. Thomas Collection Counters:**

November 21-22 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman  
November 28-29 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg  
December 5-6 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes

**Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas**

Tues., 7:25 am – Alex & Joann – Sorrowful (Katie Francis)  
Wed. 7:25 am – Pat Loethen – Glorious (Hayden Hurst)  
Thurs. 7:25 am – Celeste & Martha - Luminous (Lance Jurgensmeyer)  
Fri. 7:25 am –Gilbert & Hermina –Sorrowful (Dawson Lackman)  
Sat. 4:40 p.m. – Marilyn Herigon– Joyful (Tori Lackman)  
Sun. 9:40 a.m. – Gilbert & Hermina – Joyful (Madison Libbert)

*\* 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.*

**SCRIP SALES (November 21-22)** Visit [www.stthomasapostleschool.net/scrip](http://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

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

Thursday, Nov. 19 – Lisa Wieberg & Millie Wieberg **TUESDAY: Nov. 24** – Amanda Wooten & Carol Backes  
Please bring to hall by 1:00 p.m.; snack served at 3:00 p.m. If you have questions, please call Kathy Strope or Emily Luebbering.

**THANKSGIVING DAY** is Thursday, November 26. Mass will be offered at 9:00 a.m. at St. Thomas.

**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  
and 7:00 p.m. at St. Cecilia.

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

**ST. THOMAS:**

December 24: 5:00 p.m. & Midnight  
December 25: 10:30 a.m.

**ST. CECILIA:**

December 24: 7:00 p.m.  
December 25: 8:30 a.m.

**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.

**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.

**St. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**  
**November 21-22**

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Lou Kloeppe, Brenda Wansing,  
Doris Stumpe  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Gerald & Phyllis Rehagen,  
Janice Schanzmeyer

**November 28-29**

Saturday 7:00 p.m.-Jennifer Even, Betty Hagenhoff, Dorothy Rehagen  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer, Karen Fick

**St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers**

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Darin Even, Randy Hagenhoff,  
Tom Gragert, Lou Kloeppe  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Terry Libbert, Tony Derkum, Leon Schanzmeyer, Kenneth Otto

**Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia**

Wednesday 6:10 p.m. – Florentine Hagenhoff – Glorious Mysteries (Austin Loethen)  
Saturday 6:40 p.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer – Joyful Mysteries (Michael Luebbering)  
Sunday 7:40 a.m. – Margaret Brune – Joyful Mysteries (Ben Luebbering)

**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 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** and for **St. Thomas Parish**: **\$7,945.00**.

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

Wednesday, December 2, 7:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception Parish, Loose Creek

Thursday, December 3, 7:00 p.m. Holy Family Parish, Freeburg

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. Aloysious 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. THOMAS CYO** will meet on Monday, November 16 to finalize the plans for the NCYC Conference at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

**PRAYERS FOR YOUTH AS THEY TRAVEL TO INDIANAPOLIS FOR THE NCYC CONFERENCE:** On November 19, nineteen students from St. Thomas & St. Cecilia parishes will travel to Indianapolis to attend the National Catholic Youth Conference. Given our current society, pressures and challenges presented to our teenagers, it is exciting to see so many young people excited about their faith. This is an opportunity that will have a lasting impact to our communities and faith as these teenagers become adults. Please pray for these young adults that they may embrace their faith and be open to God's Word. The future is bright as the Lord's Light shines through these students.

**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.

**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 evenings 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 to 81010 to receive messages. Also, please follow our "St. Thomas the Apostle PSR" page on Facebook for messages and notifications of events. Thank you!

In preparation for our PSR Ornaments for Senior Citizens night, we are looking for some donations of supplies. We would love to take the following off your hands and out of your closets if you would like to contribute:

-tulle (preferably white, but other colors may be fun too)

-ribbon (green and red, but other colors will work)

-pipe cleaners (green, red, and white - or other colors)

-plastic lids (such as from butter/yogurt/icing containers)

If you would like to contribute any of these materials please send with your child to PSR on **November 18** or contact Kristin Buschjost for drop-off or pick-up. Thank you!

**ADULT SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION:** The next meeting will be **Sunday, November 15, 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:** **There will be no Confirmation classes this week due to students attending NCYC.**

**ST. CECILIA (PSR) RELIGION CLASSES:** Religion classes for 1<sup>st</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> grade are at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Cecilia Parish Center.

**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**

November 17-19- Scholastic Book Fair (Open on Tues. till 6:00, till 5:30 on Wed. and will be open after Home & School meeting on Thursday

18 – Picture Retakes, Mid-Quarter

19 – Home & School Meeting 6:30 p.m.

23 – Red Cross Blood Drive presentation @ 2:30 p.m.

24 – 7&8 Visit to Helias

25 – No School K-8

26 – Thanksgiving, No School P-8

27 – No School – P-8

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

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Kenadi Braun, Chesney Luebbering, Isaac Rackers, Molly Suthoff & Leon Wolken who recently won blue ribbons in the Diocesan Speech Meet. We would like to say thank you to Coach Jeanette Schroeder for working with the students, and also to say thank you to the students for doing an excellent job in representing St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School!!

**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 PARISH PASTORIAL COUNCIL MEETING** is Tuesday, November 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the Vitae House.

**CATHOLIC RADIO, 88.1 FM KHJR:** To enrich your spiritual journey, please listen to Catholic Radio, 88.1. Hear engaging live call-in shows, daily Holy Mass, devotions, Catechetical & much more. For a program schedule and a free CD, please call (314) 752-7000 or (877) 305-1234.

**ST. THOMAS 4-H NEWS:** The next meeting will be on Sunday, November 15 at 11:15 a.m. at the **St. Thomas School cafeteria**. Thank you to those who have donated aluminum cans for recycling. We continue to accept donations; they can be dropped off anytime at the shed behind the K of C Hall.

**SNOW REMOVAL FOR ST. THOMAS:** Anyone interested in snow removal for the City of St. Thomas, please call (573) 694-6104.

**SAVE THE DATE: ST. THOMAS PARISH PARK BOARD TRIVIA NIGHT** is Saturday, January 23, 2016 St. Thomas Parish Center.

**FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING:** Bishop Gaydos will be hosting a Diocesan celebration of culture on the Feast of Christ the King on November 22. Mass will be offered at 2:00 p.m. in the Cathedral of St. Joseph, followed by buffet of ethnic dishes. For more information, please visit [www.diojeffcity.org](http://www.diojeffcity.org)

**UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR:**

**BLAIR OAKS R-II SCHOOL DISTRICT** will be hosting its annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 19. The meal will be held at Blair Oaks High School from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Contact the High School Office at 573-635-8514, to make reservations. It would be appreciated if reservations could be made by Monday, November 16. The cost of the meal is \$3.00.

**ST. THOMAS/META KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLOOD DRIVE** is Sunday, November 29, 8:00 a.m. – noon in the St. Thomas KC Hall. To make an appointment visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) Sponsor Code: StThomasParish

2015 CCHD  
November 21-22, 2015

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

During his visit to Brazil, Pope Francis said, “The measure of the greatness of a society is found in the way it treats those most in need” (World Youth Day, Address, July 25, 2013). With these words, Pope Francis continues to bring our attention back to the poor and our responsibility toward them. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) responds directly to this call by addressing the root causes of poverty in the United States.

Founded in 2004, the group Ex-Prisoners and Prisoners Organizing for Community Advancement (EPOCA) works to change the future for men and women returning to society after incarceration. Since its inception, EPOCA has steadily grown in membership, influence, and vision. Today, it forms a diverse team of 226 members working with thousands of allies every day to win legislative victories that improve the lives of families around the country.

In the past year our Diocese funded four CCHD projects. The Kids in Motion project provides community service and life success training and education to low-income, at-risk youth in the Hannibal area that helps young people learn skills and develop their potential for future job and community success. Other CCHD funded groups will be able to provide English language skills to immigrants and refugees in central Missouri, help homeless people get a toe-hold back into a normal life, and another funded project will help immigrant workers defend their dignity in the work place and help them gain the skills and knowledge necessary to effectively advocate for their health and human rights.

This collection is the primary source of funding for CCHD’s anti-poverty grants and education programs, like the grant that supports EPOCA and our locally-funded projects. Funding from the collection offers new hope every year to those living in poverty throughout the United States. Importantly, 25 percent of the collection’s proceeds stay here in our Diocese to fight poverty in our community and defend the dignity of our neighbors. Help us defend human dignity and show Christ’s charity to those in need.

For more information about the collection for CCHD and the groups it funds, please visit [www.povertyusa.org](http://www.povertyusa.org), or Barbara Ross at [bross@cccnm.org](mailto:bross@cccnm.org).

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend John R. Gaydos  
Bishop of Jefferson City