

The Roman Catholic Parishes of

St. Thomas the Apostle

in St. Thomas

St. Cecilia

in Meta

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32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 8, 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 8-15:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Jerome, Dot, Harold & Charles Buschjost
Sunday 10:00 a.m. - Tom Kloepfel
Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – No Mass - *Fr. at convention*
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – No Mass - *Fr. at convention*
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – No Mass - *Fr. at convention*
Friday 7:45 a.m. – No Mass - *Fr. at convention*
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mark Strobe

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2015-2016:	\$305,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End:	\$127,085.00
Actual Collection for 2015-2016:	\$100,321.02
Offertory Difference Year to Date:	-\$26,763.98
Offertory Goal per month:	\$25,417.00

Collection in Church:

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

Collection Online: \$4,259.00

November total to date: **\$9,668.00**

Difference for November: - **\$15,749.00**

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

St. Thomas Cantor / Organist

Saturday 5:00 p.m. –
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mary Kay Brand/Jackie

St. Thomas Reader/ Petitions

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Carolyn Loethen
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jennifer Schroeder

St. Thomas Altar Servers

Weekdays – *No Masses*
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ely & Dawson Wieberg,
Sam Schaefer, Andrew Luebbering
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Caleb Buechter, Colton Libbert,
Emily Schell, Kennedy Braun

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of November 8-15:

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Leroy Bruemmer
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – People of our Parishes

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – No Mass - *Fr. at convention*

Saturday 7:00 p.m. –L&D St. Cecilia Graduating Class of 1965
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Norman & Delphine Jaegers

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2015-2016:	\$60,471.51
Collection Total for 2015-2016:	\$21,548.26
Offertory Goal per month:	\$5,039.29

Collection in Church:

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

November total to date: **\$1,288.00**

Difference for November: - **\$3,751.29**

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. – Dorothy Rehagen
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Don Wansing

St. Cecilia Altar Servers

November 14-15

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Joshua & Alex Even,
Carson Libbert & Gavin Holterman
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Will & Melina Derkum, Sophie Bock,
Skyla Schroeder

St. Thomas Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
November 14-15

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Paul & Jenny Becker, Marshall Boessen
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Ray & Shirley Volmert, Bill & Betty Jo Luebbering, Carolyn Loethen

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

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 14-15

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mike Green & Gilbert Schellman
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jim Lueckenhoff & Larry Lueckenhoff

November 21-22

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

November 28-29

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

St. Thomas Presentation of Gifts at Mass

November 14-15

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Alfred & Margie Kaiser
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Bill & Betty Jo Luebbering

November 21-22

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark & Lauri Luebbering
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Robyn & Rebecca Schroeder

November 28-9

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

St. Thomas Collection Counters:

November 14-15 – Jennifer Schroeder & Stephanie Cortvrient
November 21-22 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman
November 28-29 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday, Wed, Thursday & Friday a.m. – No Masses
Saturday 4:40 p.m. – Marilyn Herigon– Luminous Mysteries (Austin Distler)
Sunday 9:40 a.m. – Gilbert & Hermina – Luminous Mysteries (Ryan Dudenhoeffer)

* 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 14-15) Visit 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, Nov. 12 – Sheri Wieberg & Rosalyn Wieberg Thursday, Nov. 19 – Lisa Wieberg & Millie Wieberg
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.

2015 OCTOBER MONTHLY AVERAGE FOR MASSES AT ST. CECILIA: 7 pm Vigil: 79 souls; 8 am Sunday: 143 souls.

Weekend total: 222 souls. 2014 weekend total: 245 souls.

2015 OCTOBER MONTHLY AVERAGE FOR MASSES AT ST. THOMAS: 5 pm Vigil: 122 souls; Sunday: 176 souls.

Weekend total: 298 souls. 2014 weekend total: 315 souls.

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.

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

St. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
November 14-15

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Betty Hagenhoff, Dorothy Rehagen, Bonnie Kampeter
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer, Pam Libbert

November 21-22

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

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Tom Gragert, Lou Kloeppel, Mitch & Brendan Stumpe
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic Plassmeyer, Larry Lueckenotto, Harold Libbert, Anton Libbert

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Wednesday 6:10 p.m. – No Mass
Saturday 6:40 p.m. – Alice Hake – Luminous Mysteries (Zachary Even)
Sunday 7:40 a.m. – Mary Plassmeyer– Luminous Mysteries (Dalton Fowler)

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

ST. THOMAS VARIA

"Visions of Faith" Stained Glass Restoration Project – by this point, I hope that you have been able to see and appreciate the scope of work that we undertook for the preservation and on-going care of the notable works of visual art that accompany us every time we gather for prayer and worship. On a sunny day, the ever-changing wash of radiant colors in the interior is transcendent and the remarkable colors are all the more vivid when church is lit for prayer at night. Although there remains some smaller aspects that still need attention (like interior plaster and woodwork repair), I am pleased to inform you that this project has been fully funded because of your generosity. Shortly, letters will be sent to all "Visions of Faith" donors so that the correct wording on the commemoration plaque can be created. Many thanks to all who contributed.

The Pfeffer Pipe Organ – this past week, a letter from the Bishop was received giving permission for the Quimby Pipe Organ Company of Warrensburg, Missouri to restore of our historic 1897 Pfeffer pipe organ. During the past couple of years, the Quimby Company, as well as the Bedient Company of Roca, Nebraska and Dobson Company of Lake City, Iowa, were invited to inspect and offer their ideas about the 'dust-laden maiden' sitting in our loft. All of these firms are members of APOBA (Associated Pipe Organ Builders of America). Further information can be found at apoba.com.

As was previously indicated in this forum, an unexpected and generous bequest was recently received by St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in memory of Rose Schmidt specifically for the restoration of the historically significant instrument in the loft. Nevertheless, some might wonder "so what?" about the neglected instrument that is in our parish. Might I offer some historical perspective on this rare instrument that had been an integral part of the liturgical life of our parish for so many decades. Johann Georg Pfeffer immigrated to the United States in 1854 from Sigmaringen (present day southwestern Germany), where he had learned the pipe organ building trade. Having settled in St. Louis in 1859, Mr. Pfeffer quickly established himself as one of the city's most prominent organbuilders. Although a comprehensive list of all of the pipe organs constructed by Mr. Pfeffer is not known to exist, it is estimated that his company in St. Louis constructed almost 600 instruments around the country. At this point in history, fewer than 50 Pfeffer instruments are known to exist anywhere, and very few in an unaltered condition – which is the case with our instrument at St. Thomas. In other words, all of the key action and all of the nearly 500 original hand-crafted wood and metal pipes are present and accounted for. To quote one of the proposals, "...it is arguable in the finest condition of any organ its age that we have ever inspected."

Parish Sesquicentennial – as you hopefully know by now, in 2019 St. Thomas the Apostle Parish will be celebrating 150 years since it was formally established as a canonical parish. With that great anniversary just a few years away, I have two questions to ask you:

What would ideas do you have for commemorating this important milestone?

What is the next project in church that you would like to see attended to?

Sincerely Yours in Christ – Fr. Secrist

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. 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.

PRAYER HOUR WITH MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION will be held on Tuesday, November 10 at 7:00 p.m. in St. Thomas Church.

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.

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: **Wednesday, November 11, 7:30 p.m.** in the school library at **St. Cecilia**.

ST. CECILIA (PSR) RELIGION CLASSES: Religion classes for 1st - 10th 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 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 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 PARISH PASTORIAL COUNCIL MEETING is Tuesday, November 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the Vitae House.

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 12 – Stucco Bake Sale (Proceeds to benefit Adoptive Family at Christmas)
- 13 – Team Building 8th Grade
- 17-19- Scholastic Book Fair
- 18 – Picture Retakes, Mid-Quarter
- 19 – Home & School Meeting 6:30 p.m.

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 the fall of 2015-2016 enrollment for ***Preschool through 8th grade***. Please call the school office to register at 573-477-3322.

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.

THE NEXT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING is Tuesday, November 10 at 7:30 p.m. A rosary will be prayed at 7:15 p.m.

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.

META OVER 50 CLUB will meet on Thursday, November 12 at noon in the Parish Center. Please bring a dish and join us for lunch, fun & fellowship.

SAVE THE DATE: 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 Sponsor Code: StThomasParish

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

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

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.

A MESSAGE FROM THE DIOCESAN DIRECTOR OF CHILD AND YOUTH PROTECTION

You may be aware of a movie soon to be released that chronicles the *Boston Globe's* investigation and subsequent reporting in 2002 of the child sexual abuse scandal in the Archdiocese of Boston. The following are some things to consider in light of the movie's release:

- The sexual abuse scandal has been a difficult, painful moment in the Church's history. It has been painful for victims/survivors, painful for their families and painful for the Church.
- Because of the courage of victims/survivors, this issue was brought to light.
- Since 2002, the Catholic Church has taken numerous steps to address child sexual abuse:
 - a. Created the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*
 - b. Supported better understanding of abuse through research (*Nature and Scope* and *Causes and Context*)
 - c. Continues to take a greater role, both within the Church and in society, in the prevention of child sexual abuse through education and awareness
 - d. Pope Francis has created a Pontifical Commission to address the issue world-wide.
- Child sexual abuse is still prevalent in our society. Studies suggest that 1 out of 4 girls and 1 out of 6 boys are sexually abused before their 18th birthday. Child sexual abuse continues to happen in our society, and this is a reminder that we cannot afford to become complacent.
- Victims/survivors may be reminded of traumatic events in their lives by the movie. Providing support to all abuse victims is an act of charity and love we are called to provide.
- The Church teaches that all human life is precious and is to be protected at all levels.

What we have done in The Diocese of Jefferson City:

- Our diocese has participated in each annual Charter audit and has been found compliant with the Charter following each audit. Following the close of the current audit period (June 30, 2016) we will publish an annual report providing an update on the year's activities.
- Our diocese has participated each year in the survey conducted by CARA, which provides an annual report regarding allegations of abuse, child and youth protection efforts, and victim assistance efforts in our country.
- From March 1, 2003 to June 30, 2015 we have conducted 588 *Protecting God's Children* classes in the diocese. Through these classes, 13,820 adults have been given the education and resources to help keep children in our diocese safe.
- We provided education and training to over six thousand students in our Catholic schools and PSR programs during the past year. This training provides our youth with the knowledge and tools they need to stay safe.
- While numbers are not available for the period 2003-2006, since July 2007 we have conducted over 8400 background checks on employees and volunteers.
- We continue to work with victims/survivors of abuse to assist them in their healing process.
- Individuals and organizations outside of the Church are now looking to our diocese to provide support in educating about child abuse awareness and prevention.

If you or someone you know wishes to report abuse involving a member of the clergy, an employee, or a volunteer, contact local law enforcement authorities or, if a minor is involved, the Child Abuse Hotline (800-392-3738). You are also encouraged to contact Mike Berendzen, Director of the Office of Child and Youth Protection for the diocese, at 573-635-9127 X 224 (office) or 573-694-3199 (mobile). For additional information and resources, please visit our website at www.diojeffcity.org.

Child sexual abuse is a scourge on society. But our awareness has been increased, and the Church will keep up its efforts to prevent child sexual abuse in all areas of society.