

The Roman Catholic Parishes of

St. Thomas the Apostle

in St. Thomas

St. Cecilia

in Meta

www.stthomasapostle.net

St. Cecilia website still under development

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St. Thomas, MO 65076

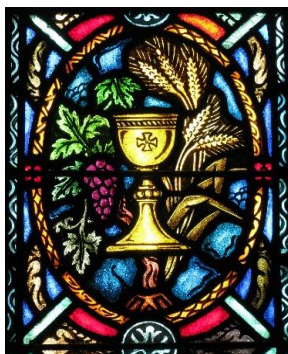
29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 18, 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 October 18-25:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – L&D Anton & Alma Boessen Family
Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Germaine & Alan Strobe
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – Mary Ann Schmidt
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Wm. & Rufina Boessen
Friday 7:45 a.m. – L&D Harry & Norma Lueckenhoff Family
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Roman Wieberg, Jr.
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mass of Thanksgiving,
Alex & Joann Heckman 57th Wedding Anniversary

Your Sunday Offering:

Offerory Budget for 2015-2016:	\$305,000.00
Offerory Goal through Month End:	\$101,668.00
Actual Collection for 2015-2016:	\$83,003.02
Offerory Difference Year to Date:	-\$18,664.98
Offerory Goal per month:	\$25,417.00

Collection in Church:

October 4	\$4,155.25
October 11	\$4,806.00
October 18	\$
October 25	\$

Collection Online:

October total to date:	\$13,220.25
Difference for October:	- \$12,196.75

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):	\$7,552.00
Loan payments to date for fiscal year 2015-2016:	\$27,683.22
(Principal) 21,837.09 (Interest) \$5,846.13	
Parish Building Expansion Debt remaining:	\$562,216.45

St. Thomas Cantor / Organist

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kerry Meyer/Lindsay
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jean Kliethermes/Jeanette

St. Thomas Reader/ Petitions

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

St. Thomas Altar Servers

Weekdays – Ava Morris & Lane Libbert
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ely & Dawson Wieberg,
Abby Hoecker
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Brooke & Grace Boessen,
Emily Schell, Abbey Verslues

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of October 18-25:

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Doug & Rita Kampeter
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Vince & Brad Reinkemeyer

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Marian Bruemmer

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Lawrence & Scott Otto
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – People of our Parishes

Your Sunday Offering:

Offerory Budget for 2015-2016:	\$60,471.51
Collection Total for 2015-2016:	\$17,873.26
Offerory Goal per month:	\$5,039.29

Collection in Church:

October 4	\$1,977.00
October 11	\$999.00
October 18	\$
October 25	\$

October total to date:	\$2,976.00
Difference for October:	- \$2,063.29

Please remember your parish in your last will & testament.

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

October – Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer
November – Dale & Margie Helton

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

October 24-25

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Zachary & Alex Even,
Ben Schroeder
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Will & Melina Derkum & Skyla
Schroeder

St. Thomas Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

October 24-25

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Marshall Boessen, Betty Schellman, Leeroy Budnik

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mattheuw Prenger, Keith Kliethermes, Randy Buschjost, Rob Henson, Emily Luebbering

October 31-November 1

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

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Richard & Jan Heckemeyer, Janet Lueckenhoff, Linda Lueckenhoff, Glenn Prenger

November 7-8

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

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Gilbert & Hermina Strope, Mike & Sheri Wieberg, Millie Wieberg

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

October 24-25

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Carolyn Loethen & Mark Boessen

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mattheuw Prenger & Keith Kliethermes

October 31-November 1

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Gregg Boessen & Mike Groner

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mike Buschjost & Tom Backes

November 7-8

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

Sunday 10:00 a.m.–Ryan Buschjost & Richard Heckemeyer

St. Thomas Presentation of Gifts at Mass

October 24-25

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

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Brian & Katie Luebbering Family

October 31-November 1

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mike & Trish Green

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Ray & Shirley Volmert

November 7-8

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Gilbert & Betty Schellman

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – David & Judy Schroeder

St. Thomas Collection Counters:

October 24-25 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg

October 31-November 1 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes

November 7-8 – Richard & Jan Heckemeyer

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday 7:25 a.m. – Viola Boessen – Sorrowful Mysteries (Lance Jurgensmeyer)

Wednesday 7:25 a.m. – Pat Loethen – Glorious Mysteries (Dawson Lackman)

Thursday 7:25 a.m. – Celeste & Martha – Luminous Mysteries (Tori Lackman)

Friday 7:25 a.m. – Gilbert & Hermina – Sorrowful Mysteries (Madison Libbert)

Saturday 4:40 p.m. – Paul Becker – Luminous Mysteries (Austin Loethen)

Sunday 9:40 a.m. – Tina Stockman – Luminous Mysteries (Michael Luebbering)

* 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 - (October 24-25) 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

LADIES TO BRING SNACK TO ST. THOMAS QUILTERS:

Thursday, October 22 – Shirley Volmert & Jenna Volmert Thursday, October 29 – Eileen Volmert & Glenda Werdehausen

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.

CONGRATULATIONS to ***Britni Hillen & Justin Buechter*** who were united in Holy Matrimony this weekend in St. Peter's Catholic Church, Jefferson City.

OCTOBER WEEKEND MASS COUNT: Throughout the month of October, we ask the assigned ushers at Mass to be responsible for counting **all** the faithful (including musicians & altar servers) at each weekend Mass.

USHERS are gently reminded to arrive in plenty of time before their assigned Masses in order to greet and welcome the faithful who come to our parish Mass.

THE 2015-2016 CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL (CSA): The Catholic Stewardship Appeal (CSA) will officially begin October 24-25 in our parishes. You also will receive information mailed to your home from Bishop Gaydos. The CSA is our opportunity to come together as the Church in the 95 Catholic Parishes and 15 missions of our diocese.

CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP GOALS FOR 2016: St. Cecilia Parish: \$3,363.00; St. Thomas Parish: \$7,945.00.

St. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

October 24-25

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

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Gerald & Phyllis Rehagen, Janice Schanzmeyer

October 31-November 1

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

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

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

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

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Tony Derkum, Leon Schanzmeyer, Kenneth Otto, Dominic Plassmeyer

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Wednesday 6:10 p.m. – Florentine Hagenhoff – Glorious Mysteries (Ben Luebbering)

Saturday 6:40 p.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer – Luminous Mysteries (Jenna Luebbering)

Sunday 7:40 a.m.– Margaret Brune–Luminous Mysteries (Jason 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

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.

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 FALL FESTIVAL COLLECTION: There was an envelope in your September packet. Each family or single wage earner is asked to contribute \$50.00. This collection was instituted years ago to replace the Fall Festival which St. Thomas Parish use to have. It is part of our overall parish budget, helping with ongoing expenses.

"VISIONS OF FAITH" STAINED GLASS WINDOW RESTORATION: The restoration work on the St. Thomas stained glass windows is entering into its final days. Because of delays in receiving all of the ¼" tempered protective glass, the work crew has not been on campus during this week. They are to return this coming week to complete the final aspects of the project. Many thanks to all who have contributed to this project! If you have questions, please contact Fr. Secrist.

ST. CECILIA PARISH is in the process of gathering information for our new Parish website. We would like to include information on the history and current contact information for all Parish organizations and groups (Prayer Line, Religious Study Groups, Committees, etc.) If you currently serve as a leader or main contact for your group, please contact Michelle Derkum (229-8962) or Karyn Veltrop (229-4395). Thank you for your help!

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, October 18, 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, October 21, 7:30 p.m.** in the school library at **St. Thomas**.

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.

"SEEKING CHRIST FOR OUR NATION" MASS will be Wednesday, October 28th at 6:30 p.m. at St. Cecilia Church in Meta.

ST. CECILIA PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING: Thursday, October 29 at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory.

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

- October 19 – Shakespeare's Pizza Delivery
- 21 – Report cards go home
- 22 – K-8 Early Release 1:20 p.m.-(car riders), 1:30 p.m. (bus riders), Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 23 – No School K-8
- 26 – No School K-8 – Diocesan Teacher Retreat
- 30 – Halloween Parties, Trunk or Treat 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., parking lot.

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.

UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

SHOOTING MATCH, OSAGE BEND is this Sunday, October 18, starting at 10:30 a.m. 12x20 gauge shotguns, 2 rounds will be shot for shotguns. No scopes allowed. This event is held on the St. Margaret's Parish Hall grounds.

ST. JOSEPH FALL FESTIVAL, WESTPHALIA is this Sunday, October 18, serving German pot roast & sausage dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Adults \$11.00, children 6-12 \$5.00.

ST. ANTHONY FALL FESTIVAL, ST. ANTHONY is this Sunday, October 18, serving sausage & beef dinners from 11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Adults \$10.00, children 6-12 \$5.00.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN HONEY CREEK TURKEY & SAUSAGE SUPPER is this Sunday, October 18 from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Adults \$10.00, children 6-12 \$5.00. Carry-outs \$10.00.

ARGYLE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS (VFW) POST 8045 CHICKEN DINNER, ARGYLE is Sunday October 25, serving dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Adults \$10.00, children 6-12 \$5.00. Carry outs available. Raffle, Bingo, and Country Store.

2016 BLAIR OAKS PROJECT GRADUATION BBQ is Saturday, October 31, serving BBQ pork steaks or brats, baked beans, coleslaw, bread & dessert for \$10.00 (plate) from 11:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. at the Wardsville Lions club. Dine in or carry-out. For advanced tickets, please call Brenda Schell at 573-301-4907. You can also purchase tickets at the door.

ST. THOMAS CYO DINNER is Saturday, November 7, serving fried chicken, french fries, cole slaw, baked beans, dessert, from 3:30 - 8:30 p.m. Cost is \$10.00 per person for ½ chicken. **All proceeds will go toward the ongoing restoration work of St. Thomas the Apostle Church.**

JEFFERSON CITY MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: Does your marriage feel a little stale? Are you too busy to enjoy your relationship? Are there things you really want to discuss but don't? The next Jefferson City enrichment weekend is November 7-8. For more information, please contact Jeff & Jill Cremer at 573-680-5076, 573-694-3292 or jcremer23@gmail.com Register today before the weekend fills up.

4TH ANNUAL ST. THOMAS TRUNK OR TREAT is Friday, October 30 6:30-8:30 p.m. on the St. Thomas Church Parking lot. Bring your family & your car, truck, SUV, ATV or simply a table to decorate as much or as little as you like with candy to distribute to the little ones (plan for up to 200 children). There will be refreshment, a hayride and a prize for the best decorated station. Please RSVP by calling the school office at 573-477-3322 (by October 26) This is an event for the whole community.

ST. PETER CHURCH SALE-A-RAMA, JEFFERSON CITY: St. Peter Church in Jefferson City is holding its annual holiday craft show, Sale-A-Rama, Sunday, November 1. Contact Michelle Truesdale, 817-600-8030 / 573-636-8159 or sale.arama@yahoo.com, for registration information.

*** ST. THOMAS PARISH FALL FANTASY \$10,000 BANQUET *** – Next Saturday, October 24, 2015 at St. Thomas Parish Center. This year's theme is Country/Western. Tickets are \$110/couple, doors open at 6:00 p.m. & dinner served at 6:30 p.m. Music by Shiloh. **Please contact Lynn Taggart at 573-477-0133 or stop by B&K Quick Shoppe to purchase tickets. Many tickets still need to be purchased!**

ST. ELIZABETH KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FALL DINNER is Sunday, October 25, serving fried chicken & sausage dinners from 11:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. at the St. Elizabeth Community Center. Adults \$10.00, children 6-12 \$5.00.

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Pastoral Council Minutes September 15, 2015

Members present: Father Secrist, Tom Backes, Marshall Boessen, Mike Green, Dan Lindenbusch, Brian Luebbering, Fred Luebbering, Kerry Meyer, Lynn Taggart, Shane Verslues, Theresa Veit, and Amanda Wooten

Absent: Charlene Buschjost, Jan Carter, and Leroy Heckemeyer

Father led the Parish Pastoral Council in prayer.

Principal's Report (Leroy Heckemeyer):

School started on Thursday, August 20th with 77 students enrolled in Preschool – 8th grade.

Open House and Parent Meeting was held on August 18th.

Seven brand new computers were installed in the computer lab over the summer and two new laptops were purchased for two of our classroom teachers.

A keyboarding class and a Life Skills class for this school year have been added.

The first Home & School meeting was held on August 27th.

STUCO officers for this school year are: President-Isabelle Brenneke, Vice-President-Luke Kirkweg, Secretary-Morgan Luebbering and Treasurer-Kenadi Braun. The other STUCO representatives are Austin Heckman, Lane Libbert, Kadence Kliegel, Clint Luebbering and Ava Morris. Congratulations to all the STUCO officers and representatives!

Students were able to have Adoration and Confessions on September 4th.

Grandparents' Day will be celebrated on Friday, September 18th. Mid-Quarter is also on this day.

Three Rivers Electrical company will be here on September 24th for an Electrical Safety assembly.

There will be an Early Release on Thursday, September 24th.

Achievement Testing will take place from September 28 - October 2.

Picture Day with Interstate Studios will be on October 14th in the morning.

End of 1st Quarter will be October 16.

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be on Thursday, October 22.

There will be no school for K-8 on Friday, October 23 and Monday, October 26.

School Advisory Board Report (Amanda Wooten):

The School Self Study will be in April, 2016.

Worship Committee Report:

Advent Penance service will be on Thursday, December 17th at 7:00 p.m.

Thanksgiving Mass will be at 9:00 a.m. at St. Thomas.

Christian Education Report:

The first class of PSR was Wednesday, September 9th. Meeting with parents of Confirmation students will be Wednesday, September 16th – new program is Chosen.

Confirmation class begins on September 23rd. They will meet every Wednesday night, alternating between Meta and St. Thomas.

Social Concerns Report:

Discussed possible CYO Chicken dinner and parish get together.

Administration Report:

A new more efficient boiler at church has been installed.

A whisk is needed for the potato masher in parish kitchen.

Fan motor in the second kitchen stove hood is not working.

Dishwasher is having problems.

Looking at pricing for the issue with the fry room.

Old Business:

Review of Parish Picnic – general discussion

"Vision of Faith" Stained Glass Restoration Project – the project is moving along nicely. The project will cost around \$95,000, we have around \$91,000.

Pipe Organ restoration – Father has received four different proposals. We have received a bequest for the restoration of the pipe organ.

Parish Sesquicentennial – general discussion – need to get parish input – add to Time and Talent Sheet

New Business:

Time and Talent Sheets will be handed out in November.

Teams of volunteers are cleaning church and Vitae House.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Vitae House.

The meeting was adjourned and Father ended with a prayer.