

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

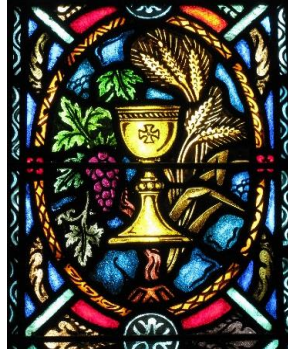
30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 25, 2015

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School Website:
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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 25-November 1:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Roman Wieberg, Jr.
 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mass of Thanksgiving,
 Alex & Joann Heckman 57th Wedding Anniversary
 Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Alfred & Angeline Berhorst
 Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – Rose Schmidt
 Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Thanksgiving- 60th Wedding Anniversary
 Friday 7:45 a.m. – Jerome, Lucy & Glenn Luebbering
 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes
 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Loreen Volmert
Monday 2:00 p.m. (All Souls Day) – People of our Parishes
 Mass at St. Thomas Cemetery (*weather permitting*)

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2015-2016:	\$305,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End:	\$101,668.00
Actual Collection for 2015-2016:	\$87,078.02
Offertory Difference Year to Date:	-\$14,589.98
Offertory Goal per month:	\$25,417.00

Collection in Church:

October 4	\$4,155.25
October 11	\$4,806.00
October 18	\$3,090.00
October 25	\$

Collection Online:	\$5,244.00
October total to date:	\$17,295.25
Difference for October:	- \$8,121.75

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):	\$8,027.00
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. – Bill Luebbering/Jackie
 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Doug Luebbering/Lindsay

St. Thomas Reader/ Petitions

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Amanda Wooten
 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Eugene Luebbering

St. Thomas Altar Servers

Weekdays – Will Otto & Mason Luebbering
 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Cameron & Chesney Luebbering,
 Owen Schellman, Andrew Luebbering
 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Morgan & Jacob Luebbering,
 Sabrina Luebbering, Erika Luebbering

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of October 25-November 1:

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

 Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Hubert Brune

 Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Al Fick
 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Vince & Brad Reinkemeyer

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2015-2016:	\$60,471.51
Collection Total for 2015-2016:	\$19,003.26
Offertory Goal per month:	\$5,039.29

Collection in Church:

October 4	\$1,977.00
October 11	\$ 999.00
October 18	\$1,130.00
October 25	\$

October total to date:	\$4,106.00
Difference for October:	- \$933.29

Please remember your parish in your last will & testament.

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

November – Dale & Margie Helton

St. Cecilia Reader / Petitions

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – K of C Member
 Saturday 7:00 p.m. –Doris Stumpe
 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Janice Schanzmeyer

St. Cecilia Altar Servers

October 31-Nov. 1

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Zachary & Joshua Even,
 Gavin Holterman & Carson Libbert
 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Nicholas & Shelby Wankum, Sophie
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St. Thomas Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
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

November 14-15

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Paul & Jenny Becker, Marshall Boessen

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

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

November 14-15

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

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jim Lueckenhoff & Larry Lueckenhoff

St. Thomas Presentation of Gifts at Mass

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

November 14-15

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

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Bill & Betty Jo Luebbering

St. Thomas Collection Counters:

October 31-November 1 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes

November 7-8 – Richard & Jan Heckemeyer

November 14-15- Jennifer Schroeder & Stephanie Cortvrient

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday 7:25 a.m. – Alex & Joann – Sorrowful Mysteries (Kaitlyn Otto)

Wednesday 7:25 a.m. – Pat Loethen – Glorious Mysteries (Nicole Otto)

Thursday 7:25 a.m. – Celeste & Martha – Luminous Mysteries (Adam Schell)

Friday 7:25 a.m. – Gilbert & Hermina – Sorrowful Mysteries (Rebecca Schroeder)

Saturday 4:40 p.m. – Dale Herigon – Glorious Mysteries (Ashleigh Schroeder)

Sunday 9:40 a.m. – Pat Loethen – Glorious Mysteries (Caleb Schroeder)

* *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 31-Nov. 1) Visit www.stthomasapostleschool.net/scrip for more information about the Scrip program.

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kelley Buschjost

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Sara Otto

THE ST. THOMAS PARISH OFFICE will be closed on Thursday, October 29, but will be open on Friday, October 30 from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

LADIES TO BRING SNACK TO ST. THOMAS QUILTERS:

Thursday, October 29 – Eileen Volmert & Glenda Werdehausen Thursday, Nov. 5 – Kelly Wieberg & Jackie 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.

A NOTE OF THANKS!

St. Thomas CYO would like to thank everyone for supporting their bake sale on Sunday, October 18. We made \$163.00. This will help offset the meal cost of our trip to Indianapolis for the National Catholic Youth Conference in November.

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.

TIME AND TALENT forms are 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
October 31-November 1

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

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

November 7-8

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Brenda Wansing, Doris Stumpe, Jennifer Even

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

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

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

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

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Wednesday 6:10 p.m. – Florentine Hagenhoff – Glorious Mysteries (Renee Stockman)

Saturday 6:40 p.m. – Alice Hake – Glorious Mysteries (Cassie Twehus)

Sunday 7:40 a.m. – Mary Plassmeyer–Glorious Mysteries (Bailey Veltrop)

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) 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. The 2016 CSA goal for St. Cecilia Parish is: \$3,363.00 and for St. Thomas Parish: \$7,945.00.

JOE KAISER'S 94TH BIRTHDAY is Saturday, October 31. Please send cards to Joe Kaiser, c/o Golden Living Center, 3038 W. Truman Blvd., Jefferson City, MO 65109.

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.

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.

PRAYER HOUR WITH MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION will be held on Tuesday, October 27 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 1, 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 28, 7:30 p.m.** in the parish center basement **at St. Cecilia.**

ST. CECILIA VARIA - In case you have been wondering what effect the geothermal system in St. Cecilia church and high efficiency boiler in the parish center have had on our utility bills since they were installed in late 2012, here are the numbers:

Fiscal Year 2011 (July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011)	\$13,028.48
Fiscal Year 2012 (July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012)	\$13,318.47
Fiscal Year 2013 (July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013)	\$ 8,269.82
Fiscal Year 2014 (July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014)	\$ 6,863.07
Fiscal Year 2015 (July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015)	\$ 7,345.18

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!

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.

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

- October 26 – No School K-8 – Diocesan Teacher Retreat
- 30 – Halloween Parties, Trunk or Treat 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., parking lot.
- November 2 – Flu Clinic 9:30 a.m.
- 4 – Bookmobile
- 5 – Early Release K-8, car-riders 1:20, bus 1:30 p.m.
- 6 – First Friday, Confessions

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

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL: The Art classes are looking for some yarn donations. They can be full or partial skeins or just leftover yarn from projects. Any yarn will be greatly appreciated! Please contact the school office or drop it off at school.

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 DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA, GLENNON CIRCLE 322, will be meeting on Monday, November 2, at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Tanner Bridge Road. Dinner will start at 5:30 p.m. with the business meeting to follow at 6:30 p.m. Please plan to attend.

MISSOURI RIVER REGIONAL LIBRARY BOOKMOBILE will be available to the St. Thomas Community on Monday, October 26 for 5:45-6:45 in the K of C Parking lot, and 7:15 to 8:00 p.m. at Bee Line Quick Shop Meta.

SET OF KEYS FOUND ON ST. THOMAS GROUNDS please contact Jenny Becker to claim them.

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/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

META CITIZEN'S CIVIC LEAGUE MONTHLY MEETING will be held on Monday, October 26 at 7:00 p.m.

PRO-LIFE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: Missouri Right to Life seeks a data entry operator who is pro-life and interested contributing their efforts to protect human life. Applicants should have computer and math skills. Other occasional duties included would be backup reception and general office work. Hours are flexible and would be approximately 20 hours per week. Vacation/sick leave benefits. For information on Missouri Right to Life's mission and goals, please go to www.msiourilife.org Please send resume to the attention of Patty Skain, Missouri Right to Life, P.O. Box 651, Jefferson City, MO 65102 or email to righttolive@missourilife.org For more information on the position email the same address or call 573-635-5110.

UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

RETIREMENT CELEBRATION AT B&K QUICK SHOPPE: Please come and join us in celebrating the retirement of Tom & Pat Kliegel on Sunday, October 25 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Refreshments provided!

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.

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.

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.***

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.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS NEXT WEEKEND, November 1. Please set your clocks **BACK** one hour before you go to bed Saturday night.

GUIDELINES FOR RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

For Catholics

As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin and normally should have fasted for one hour. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without prior sacramental confession except for a grave reason where there is no opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible (canon 916). A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all.

For our fellow Christians

We welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the Eucharist as our brothers and sisters. We pray that our common Baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions which separate us. We pray that these will lessen and finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us "that they may all be one" (John 17:21).

Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to Holy Communion. Eucharistic sharing in exceptional circumstances by other Christians requires permission according to the directives of the diocesan bishop and the provisions of Canon Law (canon 844 §4). Members of the Orthodox Churches, the Assyrian Church of the East, and the Polish National Catholic Church are urged to respect the discipline of their own Churches. According to Roman Catholic discipline, the Code of Canon Law does not object to the reception of Communion by Christians of these Churches (canon 844 §3).

For those not receiving Holy Communion

All who are not receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another.

For non-Christians

We also welcome to this celebration those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ. While we cannot admit them to Holy Communion, we ask them to offer their prayers for the peace and the unity of the human family.