

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

PO Box 146
St. Thomas, MO 65076

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 6, 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 September 6-13:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Dorothy Buschjost
Tuesday 7:45 a.m. –Loreen Volmert
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – Wm. & Rufina Boessen
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Bernadine Groner
Friday 7:45 a.m. – *No Mass*
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – L&D Thomas & Mary Loethen
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Philip & Alma Boessen

Your Sunday Offering:

Offerory Budget for 2015-2016:	\$305,000.00
Offerory Goal through Month End:	\$50,834.00
Actual Collection for 2015-2016:	\$47,620.77
Offerory Difference Year to Date:	- \$3,213.23
Offerory Goal per month:	\$25,417.00

Collection in Church:

August 2	\$6,223.00
August 9	\$3,908.00
August 16	\$3,449.52
August 23	\$2,488.00
August 30	\$3,251.00

Collection Online:

August total to date:	\$24,563.48
Difference for August:	- \$853.48

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):	\$4,903.00
Loan payments to date for fiscal year 2015-2016:	\$18,455.48
(Principal) \$14,532.46 (Interest) \$3,923.02	
Parish Building Expansion Debt remaining:	\$569,521.08

St. Thomas Cantor / Organist

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

St. Thomas Reader/ Petitions

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Alfred Kaiser
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Bill Luebbering

St. Thomas Altar Servers

Weekdays – Tiffany Leuthen & Andrew Luebbering
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Cameron & Chesney Luebbering,
Ethan & Noah Luebbering
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Ben & Emma Luebbering,
Isaac Prenger, Dorothy Lackman

Saint Cecilia
Mass Schedule for the Week of September 6-13:

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – L&D Bruemmer Family
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Victor Otto

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Jim & Christine Luebbering

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – L&D Libbert & Hake Families
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:	\$10,438.50
Offerory Goal per month:	\$5,039.29

Collection in Church:

August 2	\$1,511.00
August 9	\$1,466.00
August 16	\$1,013.50
August 23	\$1,046.00
August 30	\$ 821.00

August total to date:	\$5,857.50
Difference for August:	+ \$818.21

Please remember your parish in your last will & testament.

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

September – Marie Lueckenotto & Pam Libbert

St. Cecilia Reader / Petitions

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Doris Stumpe
Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Jennifer Even
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Karen Fick

St. Cecilia Ushers

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

St. Thomas Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
September 12-13

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Carolyn Loethen, Mark & Barb Graessle
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Ray & Shirley Volmert, Bill & Betty Jo Luebbering, Lynne Reinkemeyer

September 19-20

Saturday 5:00 p.m. –Lora Boessen, Mark Luebbering, Pat Kaiser
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jan Carter, Mattheuw Prenger, Keith Kliethermes, Randy Buschjost, Rob Henson

September 26-27

Saturday 5:00 p.m. –Paul & Jenny Becker, Marshall Boessen
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Richard & Jan Heckemeyer, Emily Luebbering, Janet Lueckenhoff, Linda Lueckenhoff

St. Thomas Greeters/Ushers

September 12-13

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Richard Schellman & Fred Luebbering
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Tom Backes & Ryan Buschjost

September 19-20

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Carolyn Loethen & Mark Boessen
Sunday 10:00 a.m. –Richard Heckemeyer & Jim Lueckenhoff

September 26-27

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Gregg Boessen & Mike Groner
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Larry Lueckenhoff & Mike Green

St. Thomas Presentation of Gifts at Mass

September 12-13

Saturday 5:00 p.m. –Alfred & Margie Kaiser
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Richard & Jan Heckemeyer

September 19-20

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark & Lauri Luebbering
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Larry & Linda Lueckenhoff

September 26-27

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Paul & Jenny Becker
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Gilbert & Hermina Strobe

Collection Counters:

September 12-13 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg
September 19-20 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes
September 26-27 – Richard & Jan Heckemeyer

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday 7:25 a.m. – Viola Boessen –Sorrowful Mysteries
Wednesday 7:25 a.m. – Pat Loethen – Glorious Mysteries
Thursday 7:25 a.m. – Martha & Celeste –Luminous Mysteries
Friday 7:25 a.m. – No Mass
Saturday 4:40 p.m. – Marilyn Herigon – Glorious Mysteries
Sunday 9:40 a.m. – Gilbert & Hermina –Glorious Mysteries

Scrip Sales-(Sept. 12-13) Visit www.stthomasapostleschool.net/scrip for more information about the Scrip program.

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Karen Luebbering
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – April Heckman

THE ST. THOMAS PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED on Tuesday, September 15 & Thursday, September 17.

LADIES TO BRING SNACK TO ST. THOMAS QUILTERS:

Thursday, September 10 – Tracy Suthoff & Lucy Suthoff Thursday, September 17 – Lynn Taggart & Daffiny Tallent
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.

A NOTE OF THANKS

The St. Thomas Parish Park Board would like to thank everyone who attended the 2015 Family Night Under the Stars. Thanks also to those who worked, sent firework memorial donations or sent sponsorships for the glow run and other events. It was a great night, and we couldn't have done it without you! - **St. Thomas Parish Park Board**

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 THE APOSTLE WEBSITES: Be sure to check out and add the new websites www.stthomasapostle.net and www.stthomasapostleschool.net to your computer favorites.

“VISIONS OF FAITH” STAINED GLASS WINDOW RESTORATION PROJECT: As you have no doubt noticed, the restoration work on the St. Thomas stained glass windows is well underway. It is estimated that the restoration work will take five weeks. Sacristy windows are still available for “adoption”. Even if you or your family are not able to adopt a full window, any and all contributions to this project are greatly appreciated. A single commemoration plaque will be created to list the names (or memorial) of all who have contributed to the restoration project. If you have questions, please contact Fr. Secrist.

ST. THOMAS SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, September 15 at 6:00 p.m. in the Vitae House.

St. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
September 12-13

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Dorothy Rehagen, Bonnie Kampeter, Lou Kloepfel
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Gerald & Phyllis Rehagen, Karen Fick

September 19-20

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Brenda Wansing, Doris Stumpe, Jennifer Even
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer, Pam Libbert

St. Cecilia Altar Servers

September 12-13

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Joshua & Alex Even, Carson Libbert, Gavin Holterman
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Nicholas & Shelby Wankum, Sophie Bock

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Wednesday 6:10 p.m. – Florentine Hagenhoff– Glorious Mysteries
Saturday 6:40 p.m. – Alice Hake– Glorious Mysteries
Sunday 7:40 a.m. –Mary Plassmeyer–Glorious Mysteries

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 PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday, September 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the Vitae House.

MEETING FOR ALL PARENTS OF THOSE RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION IN 2016: On **Wednesday, September 16 at 7:30 p.m.** in the **St. Thomas Library**, there will be a mandatory meeting for the parents of all those being confirmed next year.

AN OPEN LETTER TO ALL PARENTS OF THOSE TO BE CONFIRMED:

Dear friends,

We are introducing an exciting new program called *Chosen: Your Journey Toward Confirmation*. The goal of the program is to offer your child a powerful, life-changing experience as he or she prepares to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. It is our hope that *Chosen* will not only offer your child a thorough knowledge and understanding of the Catholic Faith, but will also win over their heart at this critical time in their life.

The program has been carefully designed to address and answer your child's fundamental questions about life, and to challenge him or her to embrace a life of faith. Let's face it - our world is full of distractions and detours that can easily set a young person on the wrong path. Nothing can take the place of a strong faith in God: not friends, money, or education. It is our faith that gives us our identity and our direction in life. The Church recognizes that you, as parents, are the primary educators of your children in matters of faith and morals—and the *Chosen* program offers you a unique opportunity to join your child as he or she journeys through the Catholic faith.

To learn more about the program and your role in preparing your child for Confirmation, we invite you to attend a Parent Information Session on **Wednesday, September 16** to be held in the St. Thomas School Library. The meeting will not only inform you about the program, but will also offer you ideas and tools to confidently engage and encourage your child during their Confirmation preparation.

At the Information Session, you will receive a *Chosen Parent's Guide*, which summarizes the program lesson by lesson, allowing you to follow along and play an active role in your child's faith journey. The guide also provides helpful questions and family applications to foster meaningful conversation at home. We will begin the **Chosen Confirmation Preparation Program** on **Wednesday, September 23**. We encourage you to follow along in the Parent's Guide.

Thank you for your time and interest in this important stage of your child's spiritual development. I look forward to seeing you at the Parent Information Session.

Sincerely, Fr. Secrist and the Confirmation Preparation Team

CATHOLIC MISSOURIAN SUBSCRIPTIONS: Just a gentle reminder that when you are making out your check for your household's annual subscription to the diocesan newspaper, please make out your check for **\$14 to the parish**, not to the Catholic Missourian. This will help the checks to be processed and cleared more easily. Thanks to all who have sent along their subscription contribution.

ST. CECILIA (PSR) RELIGION CLASSES: Religion classes for 1st-10th grade will start on Wednesday, September 23, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. All students are asked to please sign up. Accurate counts are needed for ordering books and materials. Please contact Jennifer Even at 573-680-6945, 573-229-8976 or evenfamily6@att.net to sign up or with any questions.

ST. CECILIA SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday School classes for St. Cecilia will begin on Sunday, September 27, immediately following 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.

PSR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT ST. CECILIA: Volunteers are needed to help teach religion classes at St. Cecilia. It is a rewarding experience to share your time and talent with the students. Additional volunteers are essential to be able to continue to provide classes for all students each week. Please contact Jennifer Even at 573-680-6945, 573-229-8976 or evenfamily6@att.net to volunteer or with any questions.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SUNDAY SCHOOL: St. Thomas the Apostle Sunday School will begin classes on September 13 for children preschool age (2 years prior to Kindergarten) will meet on Sunday's 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 PSR REGISTRATION: The religious education of *all* of our children is an important and necessary part of the mission of our Catholic parishes and families. This coming school year, we are looking forward to offering an enhanced and expanded educational program for the children in our parish who do not attend Catholic school. Registration forms for St. Thomas the Apostle PSR (Parish School of Religion) are available at the entrances of St. Thomas church or on our web page. Completed forms need to be returned ASAP, as the 7:00 p.m. Wednesday evening classes will begin September 9.

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.

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

Friday, September 18 – Grandparents Day, Mid Quarter

Thursday, September 24 – Early Release K-8 1:20 – car riders, 1:30 Bus riders

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

PRAYER HOUR WITH MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION will be held on Tuesday, September 8 at 7:00 p.m. in St. Thomas Church.

META OVER 50 CLUB will meet on Thursday, September 10 at noon at the Parish Center. Please bring a dish and join us for lunch, fun & fellowship.

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

MARCH FOR LIFE IN WASHINGTON D.C.: The dates for this pilgrimage are Wednesday, January 20 through January 23. More information coming later.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

ST. THOMAS PARISH FALL FANTASY \$10,000 BANQUET – October 24, 2015. 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. No persons under 21 years of age will be admitted. Tickets are on sale now! The early bird drawing will be Monday, September 28. You may contact Lynn Taggart at 573-477-0133 or stop by B&K Quick Shoppe to purchase a ticket.

REMINDER FOR ST. CECILIA PARISHIONERS: Work-lists are in the back of Church for those who did not pick one up last weekend. Extra raffle tickets & posters are also available for those who wish more. Thanks!

BLOOD DRIVE AT CITIZEN'S CIVIC LEAGUE on Tuesday, September 22 from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. Remember, if you give at either St. Thomas or Meta, you are eligible to give at both places. All presenting donors will receive a complimentary t-shirt and refreshments.

ST. THOMAS GARAGE SALES: Anyone interested in having a rummage sale September 11 & 12 please contact Jan at 573-477-3510 or Dana at 573-477-3565.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE AREA

HOLY FAMILY PARISH PICNIC, FREEBURG: Sunday, September 6, serving chicken & roast beef dinners 11:30 to 7:00 p.m. Adults \$11.00, children 6-12 \$5.00. Quilt Auction at 5:00 p.m. Kiddie Tractor Pull at 3:00 p.m.

FATIMA CLASS OF 1980 REUNION: Friday, September 18 at Geri Fick's house in Loose Creek beginning at 5:00 pm, meal at 7:00 p.m. Bring an appetizer or dessert. RSVP by 9/12 to Geri at 573-694-3334 or email gerifick@sircalcontracting.com.

ST. ALOYSIOUS PARISH FALL FESTIVAL, ARGYLE is Saturday, September 19, serving fried chicken dinners from noon to 7:00 p.m. Soap Box derby races for kids 5-10 racing starts at noon; Hayseeds with high speeds for adults ages 16+ following the kids derby. Mass at 5:00 p.m.; Live auction at 6:00 p.m.

RETRouvaille is a French word meaning "rediscovery". Retrouvaille is a program to help couples heal & renew their marriages. It offers tools needed to rediscover loving marriage relationship. It has helped thousands of couples with marital problems & crises, even couples who are separated & divorced. The next program begins with the weekend of September 18-20. For more information, please call 1-800-470-2230 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com

DIOCESAN FUN 'N FAITH FAMILY DAY is Sunday, September 20 at Helias Catholic High School. Thematic park (sports-themed park with vendors, booths & more all day) opens at 10:30 a.m. Nursery available from 11:30-4:30 p.m. Keynote Speaker Gary Foote at 1:00 p.m.

MISSOURI CATHOLIC CONFERENCE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY: Saturday, October 3 at the State Capitol and St. Peter's church in Jefferson City. Please see attached flyer.

CITIZEN'S CIVIC LEAGUE PARK FALL FESTIVAL, META is Sunday, September 20, serving sausage & fried chicken dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Adults \$11.00, children 6-12 \$6.00. All carry-outs \$11.00.