

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

**St. Cecilia**  
in Meta

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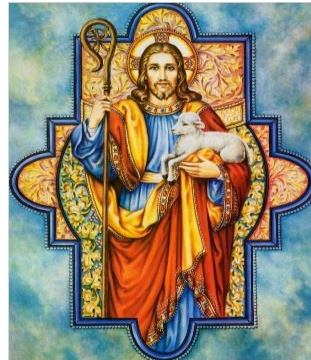
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**April 17, 2016**

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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.  
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 April 17-24:**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Dorothy & Jerome Buschjost  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Leonard & Roger Herigon  
Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Dennis Struempf  
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – Geneva Plassmeyer  
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – *No Mass*  
Friday 7:45 a.m. – Memory of Bernice Pope  
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ralph Hirschman  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – People of our Parishes

**Your Sunday Offering:**  
Offerory Budget for 2015-2016: \$305,000.00  
Offerory Goal through Month End: \$254,170.00  
Actual Collection for 2015-2016: **\$222,454.28**  
Offerory Difference Year to Date: - \$31,715.72  
Offerory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

**Collection in Church:**  
April 3 \$4,060.00  
April 10 \$3,806.00  
April 17 \$  
April 24 \$

**Collection Online:** \$4,284.00  
**April total to date:** **\$12,150.25**  
Difference for April: - **\$13,266.75**

**Operation Rice Bowl: \$248.51**

**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): **\$24,070.00**  
Loan payments to date for FY 2015-2016: **\$92,277.40**  
(Principal) \$72,862.24 (Interest) \$19,415.16  
Parish Building Expansion Debt remaining: **\$511,191.30**

**St. Thomas Cantor / Organist**  
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Amanda Wooten/Elizabeth  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Brooke Luebbering/Jackie

**St. Thomas Reader/ Petitions**  
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Alfred Kaiser  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Kristin Buschjost

**St. Thomas Altar Servers**  
Weekday: Abigail Verslues & Aiden Brenneke  
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ely & Dawson Wieberg,  
Andrew Luebbering, Sam Schaefer  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Kadence Kliegel, Kenadi Braun,  
Clara Lackman, Luke Schroeder

**Saint Cecilia**  
**Mass Schedule for the Week of April 17-24:**

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Roman & Geneva Plassmeyer

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Marian Bruemmer

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Steve & Elizabeth Hake Family  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Lionel & Arharta Libbert Family

**Your Sunday Offering:**  
Offerory Budget for 2015-2016: \$60,471.51  
Collection Total for 2015-2016: **\$47,820.00**  
Offerory Goal per month: \$ 5,039.29

**Collection in Church:**  
April 3 \$ 739.00  
April 10 \$1,446.00  
April 17 \$  
April 24 \$  
**April total to date: \$2,185.00**  
Difference for April: - **\$2,854.29**

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

**St. Cecilia Collection Counters**  
April – Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer  
May – Dale & Margie Helton

**St. Cecilia Reader / Petitions**  
Wednesday – Doris Stumpe  
Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Janice Schanzmeyer

**St. Cecilia Altar Servers**  
Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Zachary & Alex Even,  
Ben & Henry Schroeder  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Nicholas & Shelby Wankum,  
Ava & Saige Werdehausen

**St. Thomas Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

**April 23-24**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Paul & Jenny Becker, Betty Schellman  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Rosalyn Wieberg, Jan & Richard Heckemeyer, Emily Luebbering, Janet Lueckenhoff

**April 30-May 1**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Marshall Boessen, Mike & Trish Green  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Linda Lueckenhoff, Glenn Prenger, Gilbert & Hermina Strope, Millie Wieberg

**St. Thomas Greeters/Ushers**

**April 23-24**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Joe Buschjost & Mark Boessen  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Art Groner & Eric Boessen

**April 30-May 1**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mike Groner & Dave Luebbering  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Arthur McManus & Alan Reinkemeyer

**St. Thomas Presentation of Gifts at Mass**

**April 23-24**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Paul & Jenny Becker  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mike & Kristin Buschjost Family

**April 30-May 1**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Gregg & Susan Boessen Family  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Travis & Kathy Rackers Family

**St. Thomas Collection Counters**

April 23-24 – Richard & Jan Heckemeyer  
April 30-May 1 – Jennifer Schroeder & Stephanie Cortvrient  
May 7-8 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman

**Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas**

Tuesday 7:25 a.m. – Viola Boessen – Sorrowful (Tyler Wankum)

Wednesday 7:25 a.m. – Pat Loethen – Glorious (Megan Werdehausen)

Thursday 7:25 a.m. – No Mass

Friday 7:25 a.m. – Alex & Joann Heckman – Sorrowful (Sarah Wolken)

Saturday 4:40 p.m. – Paul Becker – Glorious (Paul Backes)

Sunday 9:40 a.m. – Gilbert & Hermina Strope – Glorious (Dylan Bischoff)

*\* The names listed after the mysteries of the rosary to be prayed before Mass are those who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament.*

**ST. THOMAS PARISH OFFICE will be closed on Thursday, April 21 but will be open on Friday, April 22 from 8:30 a.m. to Noon.**

**NOTES OF THANKS**

The family of Harriet Lackman would like to thank everyone for the visits, cards, memorials, kind words, thoughts and prayers for our family. A special thank you to Fr. Secrist & Houser Millard Funeral Directors who went above and beyond, and family & friends who brought food and helped with the funeral service in any way. Your kindness & thoughtfulness will always be remembered.  
***The Harriet Lackman Family***

A big thank you to all those who came out to help spruce up St. Cecilia Cemetery, between showers Sunday, April 10. The many hands made the job go fast and with enjoyable community spirit. Thanks again to Mike Schroeder for taking the lead along with Monica, Charles & Doris Schroeder, Randy Hagenhoff, Will Derkum, Bob & Marsha Meyer and a special thanks to Otto Wankum for the great care he also does all year long.

**SNACKS FOR ST. THOMAS QUILTERS:**

Thursday, April 21 – Kathy Graessle & Leslie Green Thursday, April 28 – Trish Green & June Groner  
Please bring snacks 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. Wednesday night quilting at 7:00 p.m.

**SCRIP SALES (April 23-24)**

Saturday – Karen Luebbering Sunday- April Heckman  
Visit [www.stthomasapostleschool.net/scrip](http://www.stthomasapostleschool.net/scrip) for more information about the Scrip program.

**ST. THOMAS PRAYER LINE REQUESTS** should be emailed to Jenny Becker at [jbeckeroffice@gmail.com](mailto:jbeckeroffice@gmail.com) or by calling (573) 690-0642. The Prayer Line exists to communicate prayer intentions for those in need of healing. Out of respect for individuals' privacy, only necessary information is communicated.

**MSGR. DON LAMMERS** is celebrating his 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination this Sunday, April 17 with a 4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph's Cathedral. Please remember Monsignor in your prayers and pray for more vocations to the Priesthood from our parish.

**ST. THOMAS CYO** will meet on Monday, May 2 at 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

**CONFIRMATION PREPARATION:** Wednesday, April 20, 7:30 p.m. in the St. Cecilia Parish Center.

**MEETING FOR THOSE WHO BECAME CATHOLIC AT EASTER** will be Sunday, April 24 at 6:00 p.m. in the Vitae House.

**St. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

**April 23-24**

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Bonnie Kampeter, Brenda Wansing, Lou Kloeppel

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

**April 29-May 1**

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

Sunday 8:0 a.m. – Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer, Pam Libbert

**St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers**

**April 23-24**

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Mitch & Brendan Stumpe, Darin Even, Randy Hagenhoff

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Terry Libbert, Tony Derkum, Leon Schanzmeyer, Kenny Otto

**April 30-May 1**

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

**Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia**

Wednesday 6:10 p.m. – Florentine Hagenhoff – Glorious (Kristin Boessen)

Saturday 6:40 p.m. – Alice Hake – Glorious (Austin Distler)

Sunday 7:40 a.m. – Mary Plassmeyer – Glorious Mysteries (Ryan Dudenhoeffer)

**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 SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION** will be conferred on **Thursday, May 12 at 7:00 p.m.** in St. Cecilia Church.

**ST. THOMAS PSR REGISTRATION FOR 2016-2017:** Registration for next year's religion classes for our younger parishioners is now open. Please visit our parish website [stthomasapostle.net](http://stthomasapostle.net) and click on the "Resources Home" link for the registration form or contact Kristin Buschjost. Please complete forms for your children by April 30, 2016.

**ST. CECILIA PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL** will meet Wednesday, May 4 at 7:15 p.m. in the Parish Center.

**MANY THANKS** to all the parents, faculty, staff & students who made the Visiting Team for our Self Study feel so welcome and at home during their three day visit here at our school! The team was very impressed with our school!

**DIOCESAN SPELLING BEE:** We want to say Congratulations to the following students who performed at the Diocesan Spelling Bee at St. Martins School on Tuesday, April 12. Tiffany Leuthen, Chase Luebbering, Hannah Brenneke, Molly Suthoff, Kadence Kliegel, Chesney Luebbering, Sabrina Luebbering, Ben Schroeder, Natalie Otto & Bruno Puleo. We want to say a special Congratulations to **Tiffany Leuthen** who placed 2<sup>nd</sup> at the 4<sup>th</sup> grade level and to **Chesney Luebbering** who placed 6<sup>th</sup> at the 6<sup>th</sup> grade level. Thanks for representing St. Thomas the Apostle School!

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS**

April	18 – Home & School meeting at 6:30 p.m.
	20 – Panorama/Sports Group Photos
	21 – K-8 Field Trip
	26 – Diocesan Sketch Day
	27 – Bookmobile
	28 – Preschool Field Trip, 7&8 Fox Theater
May	4 – 5-6 Diocesan Vocation Day
	5 – K-8 Early Release, 1:20 Car-riders, 1:30 Bus
	6 – First Friday, Adoration & Confessions
	16 – Field Day
	17 – 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation 7:00 p.m.
	18 – Last Day of School
	19 – Preschool Graduation

The spring Scholastic Book Fair will be at school April 18-20 in the School library. This will be a buy one, get one free book fair.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL** is now accepting registrations for the fall of 2016-2017 enrollment for **Preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> grade**. Please call the school office to register at 573-477-3322.

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO SAVE** *Box Tops, Best Choice Labels & Coke Points*. There are drop off boxes in the entrances of St. Thomas Church or please send them with any St. Thomas students.

**HELIAS FOUNDATION 2016 ANNUAL FUND DRIVE** kicks off the weekend of April 23-24 with a goal of \$350,000. The efforts of the Helias Foundation are crucial to the success and future of Helias Catholic High School. As the school concludes a major capital campaign – a portion of which is designated to bolster the foundation's endowment – it is all the more important to continue supporting the ongoing work of the Annual Fund Drive will. Although separate from the capital campaign, gifts received through the Annual Fund Drive will further strengthen the endowed funds of the foundation, thus ensuring that the recently announced tuition rate reduction at Helias is viable for the long term. In other words, your support of the Annual Fund Drive will help not only today's students, but young people for generations to come! Contributions may be made on line at [www.heliasfoundation.org](http://www.heliasfoundation.org). Thank you for your prayers and support.

**META CITIZEN'S LEAGUE BLOOD DRIVE** is Tuesday, May 3 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 pm. Refreshments and a complimentary t-shirt will be given to all potential donors. Remember, Meta and St Thomas coordinate the dates, so you are able to donate at both locations.

**PLEASE REMOVE ALL FLOWERS** from in front of the stones in the St. Thomas Cemetery during the grass cutting season. Thank you for your cooperation.

**ST. CECILIA PARISHIONERS:** Cemetery assessments of \$5.00 for each adult 21 to 75 years of age are due in May. There is an envelope in your packet for this. If you do not receive envelopes, please put money and name in a regular envelope, marked **CEMETERY DUES**. If you have questions or need to be updated, contact Marsha Meyer. Please do not place flowers or articles on the ground--only on the headstones or vases.

**TOTUS TUUS TEACHERS ARE NEEDED:** Are you a Catholic high school or college-age adult interested in a summer dedicated to evangelization, prayer, FUN, youth, community, and spiritual growth?! Consider teaching Totus Tuus for the Diocese of Jefferson City! Totus Tuus (Latin for "Totally Yours") is a Catholic summer youth program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic Faith through catechesis, evangelization, Christian witness, and Eucharistic worship. For an application or more info, contact Molly Klebba at [mklebba@diojeffcity.org](mailto:mklebba@diojeffcity.org) or 573-635-9127 x 202.

**TOTUS TUUS** will take place July 18-22, 2016 at St. Thomas and Meta.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**CITY OF ST. THOMAS RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS SPRING CLEAN-UP** will be Wednesday, May 11. All clean up items will be picked up on the normal residential collection day. All items must be bagged or bundled so 1 person can easily handle them and be at the curb by 5:00 a.m. All lumber, guttering and other items of length must be tie in bundles and cut in 4 foot lengths so 1 person can easily handle the materials. **NO HAZARDOUS WASTE, NO LIQUID WASTE, NO YARD WASTE, NO CAR PARTS, NO WHITE GOODS** (refrigerators, stoves, hot water heaters, washing machines or dryers), **NO CONCRETE** or large solid items that could damage our equipment. Any items in question will be left by the Republic services driver. If you have any questions concerning these guidelines, please contact our office at 573-635-8805.

**META RUMMAGE SALES:** The annual Meta Fire and Rescue Auxiliary rummage sale is scheduled for May 5-7. If anyone in the Meta area is interested in having sales those days as well, please contact the MFR Auxiliary Chair, Joanne Schroeder, 573-229-8986. The hope is to draw in greater numbers of buyers if there are more sales in the area to attract them. Feel free to contact Joanne if you have any questions.

**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION "GLOW IN THE PARK"** is Friday, April 29 at 8:00 p.m. at the Taos Countryside Park. \$35 Adult Registration. To obtain a registration form, please go to [www.sfxtaos.com](http://www.sfxtaos.com)

**PREGNANCY HELP CENTER 5K WALK/RUN FOR LIFE** is Saturday, April 30 at 8:30 a.m. at Memorial Park, Jefferson City. Pre-registration deadline is April 18 for free t-shirt and cost is \$30.00, on site is \$35.00. To pre-register on line go to [www.friendsofphc.org](http://www.friendsofphc.org) Family discount 2 adults and all children \$70.00.

**TRIVIA NIGHT – EL PUENTE – HISPANIC MINISTRY** will have its annual **Trivia Night** on Friday, May 6, at Kertz Hall (Immaculate Conception Church). Doors open at 6:00 and Trivia begins at 7:00; \$120 per table of 8. Homemade tamales, beans and rice, chips & salsa, and beverages will be available for purchase. The registration form is available at [www.el-puente-mo.org](http://www.el-puente-mo.org) or call 573-635-2540. El Puente-Hispanic Ministry, which began in 1999, is a sponsored ministry of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word. Its mission is to be a ministry of presence and outreach to the Hispanic community making present the healing love of Jesus the Incarnate Word by promoting human dignity.

**HELIAS CATHOLIC VOLLEYBALL BBQ** is Saturday, May 7 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. or sold out on the Schulte's Parking lot. Serving pork steak, chicken or pulled pork dinners, \$8.00 (Day of \$9.00), slab of ribs \$17.00. For more information, please call Brad at 573-690-5981 or any Helias Volleyball Player.

**SAVE THE DATE: TASTE OF OSAGE COUNTY FESTIVAL** is June 25 at the Linn City Park from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Food producers & artisans are invited to set up a booth, interact with customers, provide samples, demonstrate and directly sell their products. Booths could offer fruits & vegetables, meats, cheeses, honey, flowers, herbs, value-added and artisan products to interested festival goers. Booth spaces are approximately 10x10, cost is \$25.00. Please contact Arlene Stewart at 573-690-1200 or [anvstewart@hotmail.com](mailto:anvstewart@hotmail.com) or Arlen Schwinke at 573-294-6203 or [kayarlen@gmail.com](mailto:kayarlen@gmail.com)

### **Catholic Home Missions Appeal April 23-24, 2016**

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Many dioceses, including our own, face challenges due to priest shortages, lack of funds, remote geography, or poor parishes. The Catholic Home Missions Appeal answers these needs with grants for projects to strengthen the faith of the people. The Catholic Home Mission Appeal affects the lives of over 9 million U.S. Catholics.

The Marshall Islands cover an area of 500,000 square miles. Travel is often difficult and communication is unreliable. The Islands do not have any native priests and have only one local permanent deacon and sister; and so, the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart provide for the pastoral and sacramental needs of the people. The Marshall Islands welcomed with great joy a seminarian in 2014! Thanks to a grant from the Catholic Home Missions Appeal, they are able to send him to seminary for his studies. He is already a witness and example to other young men on the Islands.

Not all the islands have a resident priest and the Church relies on prayer leaders to lead the Sunday liturgy of Scripture reading and reflection as well as distribution of Communion. Thanks to a grant from Catholic Home Missions, these catechists attend a yearly training and retreat, and new leaders are guided by experienced prayer leaders.

In our own Diocese, a Catholic Home Missions grant helps provide ministry to our growing Hispanic population. The critical work that we do with families, with faith formation, and with lay leadership development is made possible by the Catholic Home Missions.

With your support, next weekend's Catholic Home Missions Appeal will continue to provide catechesis, lay leadership training, seminarian education, and other essential pastoral care. Please be generous and help strengthen the Church at home. Thank you, and God bless you.

Sincerely yours in Christ, Most Reverend John R. Gaydos, Bishop of Jefferson City

#### **A Note From Your Pastor...**

Dear friends in Christ,

Lately you have probably been hearing about Pope Francis' recent Apostolic Exhortation entitled *Amoris Laetitia* (Latin for "The Joy of Love"). **What content** is actually contained in this most recent document will be discussed at another time in this forum; but this week I'd like to first clarify **what kind of document** *Amoris Laetitia* is.

Because the Pope is the legitimate and living successor of St. Peter to whom Our Blessed Lord entrusted the pastoral leadership of the Church (see Matthew 16:16-19), he has been entrusted with genuine authority for the good, protection and growth of the Church. The "weight" of authority behind a teaching of the Pope depends on the dogmatic history of the teaching and what the intention of the Supreme Pontiff is. In other words, there are several *degrees of authority* that papal documents hold. Some of teachings are "of the faith" (*de fide*), requiring the assent of Catholics because of the Church's obligation to pass along what Almighty God has revealed. Examples of *de fide* teachings include those solemnly defined, such as the divinity of Christ, or the Immaculate Conception of Mary. There are also *de fide* teachings that have been taught always and everywhere, even if not solemnly declared, such as the evil of certain sins such as abortion or adultery.

Public addresses and documents of the Pope may also contain teachings which come from the common teaching of the Church, but which cannot yet be said to be *de fide*. Even so, these documents can bring new insights, applications and explanations of the Faith, for the sake of the unity and consistency of the Faith given by Christ to the Church, to St. Peter and his successors.

Papal addresses and documents fall into certain categories with degrees of authority relative to each other. The following is a list those categories, beginning with those of the highest weight:

**Motu Proprio** – A document issued *Motu Proprio* is from the Pope on his own initiative, and not in response to a request or at the initiative of others. Its determinations carry the full force of papal authority.

**Apostolic Constitution** – These includes solemn Magisterial (or teaching) acts of the Pope. The Pope also uses Apostolic Constitutions to erect dioceses, changing the rules for a papal election, etc.

**Encyclical** – These are general letters expressing the mind of the Pope, generally on matters of faith and morals. Encyclicals are generally sent to the entire Church or they can be to a particular church or people – Pope Pius XI's encyclical to the German people condemning racism, *Mit brennenden sorge*, would be an example.

**Apostolic Letter** – Apostolic Letters are of less solemn authority than an encyclical, they may be written on a particular matter of doctrine. They may also announce the decision of a pope to declaring a person Venerable (heroic virtue) or naming a church building a basilica.

**Apostolic Exhortation** – This category of document is what a pope uses to communicate to the Church the conclusions he has reached after consideration of the recommendations of a Synod of Bishops.

**Common Declaration** – These are joint statements made by the Holy Father and another religious leader concerning a common understanding of some teaching.

**Homily** – The homilies of the Pope at Mass.

**General Audience** – These are opportunities for the people to hear and/or greet the Holy Father in a large public manner, often on Wednesdays in St. Peter's Square. The discourses at these Audiences are typically used to develop a theme over a long period.

**Private Audience** – The Pope also holds private audiences with individuals and groups. During private audiences, the pope speaks on a particular subject to particular individuals.

Please notice that off the cuff comments made by the Pope during an interview on an airplane are not listed above.

Sincerely Yours in Christ & until next week –Fr. Secrist