

The Roman Catholic Parishes of

St. Thomas the Apostle

in St. Thomas

St. Cecilia

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www.stthomasapostle.net

St. Cecilia website still under development

PO Box 146
St. Thomas, MO 65076

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 30, 2015

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School Website:
www.stthomasapostleschool.net

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 August 30-September 6:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – L&D Frank & Clara Schmidt Family
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Philip & Alma Boessen
Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Glenn, Jerome & Lucy Luebbering
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – Anthony Yanskey
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Ida Schellman
Friday 7:45 a.m. – Roman Wieberg, Jr. (Anointing of the Sick)
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Dorothy Buschjost

Your Sunday Offering:

Offerory Budget for 2015-2016:	\$305,000.00
Offerory Goal through Month End:	\$50,834.00
Actual Collection for 2015-2016:	\$44,369.77
Offerory Difference Year to Date:	-\$6,464.23
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	\$

Collection Online: \$5,244.00

August total to date: **\$21,312.52**

Difference for August: **-\$4,104.48**

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. – Bill Luebbering/Lindsay
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Courtney Luebbering & Megan
Werdehausen/Jackie

St. Thomas Reader/ Petitions

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Amanda Wooten
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Rosalyn Wieberg

St. Thomas Altar Servers

Weekdays – Latham Cavin & Austin Heckman
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Olivia & Emma Boessen,
Bruno Puleo, Sam Schaefer
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Natalie & Will Otto,
Clara Lackman, Madi Buschjost

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of August 30-September 6:

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – People of Our Parishes
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Vince & Brad Reinkemeyer

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Hubert Brune

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

Your Sunday Offering:

Offerory Budget for 2015-2016:	\$60,471.51
Collection Total for 2015-2016:	\$9,617.50
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	\$

August total to date: **\$5,036.50**

Difference for August: **-\$2.79**

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. – Dorothy Rehagen
Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Doris Stumpe
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic Plassmeyer

St. Cecilia Ushers

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

St. Thomas Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
September 5-6

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

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mike & Sheri Wieberg, Mike & Trish Green, Millie Wieberg

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

St. Thomas Greeters/Ushers

September 5-6

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

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

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

St. Thomas Presentation of Gifts at Mass

September 5-6

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark & Lora Boessen Family

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Alan & Stephanie Cortvrient

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

Collection Counters:

September 5-6 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman

September 12-13 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg

September 19-20 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday 7:25 a.m.– Alex & Joann–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. – Gilbert & Hermina –Sorrowful Mysteries

Saturday 4:40 p.m. – Barb Graessle –Luminous Mysteries

Sunday 9:40 a.m. – Tina Stockman –Luminous Mysteries

Scrip Sales- NO weekend Sales in church on Labor Day weekend Visit www.stthomasapostleschool.net/scrip for more information about the Scrip program.

LADIES TO BRING SNACK TO ST. THOMAS QUILTERS:

Thursday, September 3 – Karen Struempf & Celeste Suthoff; Thursday, September 10 – Tracy Suthoff & Lucy Suthoff

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.

NOTES OF THANKS

St. Thomas CYO would like to thank everyone that supported our Breakfast on Sunday, it was a huge success netting approximately \$1,200. The money raised will help fund the trip to the National Catholic Youth Conference as well as other youth activities. Thank you again for all who support the youth of our parish. - **The CYO**

Thank you to Leeroy Budnik and Bob Schellman for their efforts to replace and repair the rotted wood around the St. Thomas rectory garage door. - **Fr. Secrist**

We would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, cards, visit's & support during and after Lois's organ transplant. Please continue to pray for comfort to the donor's family. We are blessed to live in a kind & caring community. - **Allen & Lois Wankum**

CONGRATULATIONS to **Kash James Libbert**, son of Paul & Kara Libbert, who was washed in the saving waters of Baptism this weekend in St. Cecilia Parish.

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.

St. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
September 5-6

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

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

September 12-13

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

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

St. Cecilia Altar Servers

September 5-6

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Zachary & Alex Even, Ben Schroeder

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Will & Melina Derkum, Skyla Schroeder

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Wednesday 6:10 p.m. – Florentine Hagenhoff– Glorious Mysteries

Saturday 6:40 p.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer–Luminous Mysteries

Sunday 7:40 a.m.–Janice Schanzmeyer–Luminous 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

“VISIONS OF FAITH” STAINED GLASS WINDOW RESTORATION PROJECT: The workers from Associated Crafts arrived earlier this week to begin their restoration work on the St. Thomas stained glass windows. With good weather, and working 6 days a week, 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. Information will be provided here as the project progresses. 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.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, SEPTEMBER 4 IN ST. THOMAS CHURCH:

Following 7:45 a.m. Mass, Anointing of the Sick will be offered to those who are in need of the Sacrament. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be in Church throughout the day. Confession will be available 4:30-5:50 p.m. concluding with Benediction at 6:00 p.m.

FIRST FRIDAY SOCIAL AT ST. THOMAS: You are invited to join with your fellow parishioners for refreshments and conversation in the Vitae House following Mass on Friday, September 4.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION MEETING: A planning and scheduling meeting for those assisting Father with the Confirmation Preparation Program will be at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, September 2 at the St. Thomas rectory.

A ROSARY FOR OUR COUNTRY will be prayed on Friday, September 4 at 4:30 pm at St. Thomas during Adoration.

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. THOMAS 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

Monday, September 7 – Labor Day, No School P-8

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.

ST. THOMAS QUILTERS: It is time to start on our 2016 picnic quilts. Quilting began on Thursday, August 20 and evening quilting will begin on Wednesday, August 26 at 7:00 p.m. We are in need to quilt tops. If you have a quilt top ready for quilting along with lining, or if you have any questions regarding the afternoon snack, please call Kathy Strobe at 573-477-3349 or Emily Luebbering at 573-477-3459. The minimum size should be 90”x108” but larger sizes are recommended. We have batting available for \$10.00.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

ST. THOMAS PARISH FALL FANTASY – October 24, 2015. This year’s theme is Country/Western.

ST THOMAS FALL FANTASY MEETING will be Monday, August 31 at 7:00 p.m. in the Vitae House.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE AREA

ST. ELIZABETH CO-ED LEAGUE BOWLING MEETING will be held on Wednesday, August 26 at 7:00 p.m. at the church pavilion. We welcome new teams or individuals wanting to bowl at St. Elizabeth Community Center. If interested, please call Darlene Wansing 573-619-2495 or RJ Scheulen at 573-694-1858 prior to meeting date. All teams should have a representative at the meeting.

EVENTS OPPOSING STATE EXECUTION: Catholic teaching strongly opposes the use of the death penalty because it disregards the sanctity and dignity of human life. Roderick Nunley is set to be executed on September 1 at 6:00 p.m. On Tuesday, September 1, a respectful protest in the corridor outside the Governor’s office (Room 216) in the State Capitol Building, Jefferson City will be held 12:00 – 1:00 p.m., 4:30 p.m. prayer service against violence in St. Peter’s Chapel. 5:00-6:00 p.m. vigil on sidewalk across from the MO Supreme Court Building on High Street, Jefferson City. For more information, please contact 573-301-3529.

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.

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.

2015 ST. CECILIA PARISH PICNIC FINAL RESULTS

Total Income:	\$31,286.53
Total Expenses:	\$12,569.61
Income less expenses:	\$18,716.92
Civic League Fees:	\$838.68 (<i>corrected amount</i>)
Picnic Profit:	\$17,878.24

2015 ST. THOMAS PARISH PICNIC FINAL RESULTS

Total Income:	\$67,661.82
Total Expenses:	\$17,164.50
Income less expenses (Profit):	\$50,497.32

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Pastoral Council Minutes July 28, 2015

Members present:

Father Secrist, Tom Backes, Charlene Buschjost, Leroy Heckemeyer, Dan Lindenbusch, Brian Luebbering, Fred Luebbering, Tina Stockman, Shane Verslues, and Theresa Veit

Members absent:

Marshall Boessen, Jan Carter, Mike Green, and Lynn Taggart

Guests: Roseanne Boessen and Kristin Buschjost

Father led the Parish Pastoral Council in prayer.

New Officers:

President: Brian Luebbering
Vice President: Shane Verslues
Secretary: Theresa Veit

Committees:

Worship: Jan Carter, Lynn Taggart, Theresa Veit
Christian Education: Charlene Buschjost, Marshall Boessen
Social Concerns: Fred Luebbering, Tom Backes, Brian Luebbering
Administration: Dan Lindenbusch, Shane Verslues, Mike Green

Principal’s Report (Mr. Leroy Heckemeyer):

- School (K-8th) starts on August 20th.
- Preschool starts on August 10th.
- Theme: *Shine with God’s Mercy*
- Mrs. Chris Hoecker is the new Art Teacher (1 day a week).
- New classes for this year will be Keyboarding and Life Skills.
- The Self-Study is this year, which is a self-assessment done every 6 years.

School Advisory Board Report (Tina Stockman for Amanda Wooten):

- Officers:
President: Brenda Schell
Vice President: Kathy Rackers
Secretary: Tracy Suthoff
Parish Council Rep: Amanda Wooten
Home & School Rep.: Rodney Luebbering
Bussing: Tina Stockman
- There are presently 81 students for preschool through 8th grade.
- The school is selling bumper stickers and yard signs.

Worship Committee Report:

- No Report

Christian Education Report:

- Kristin Buschjost and Roseanne Boessen made a presentation for a new program for the PRS students this year. The proposed program would be “Alive in Christ” by Our Sunday Visitor. It would focus on curriculum, communication, and calendar. Also, PSR would have more extra activities such as Adoration, Station of the Cross, tour of church, making Christmas ornaments for the nursing home and home bound. The new curriculum is proposed for Grades 1, 3, 4, and 5.
- PSR classes will be held from September 9, 2015 to April 20, 2016. Registration will be on the Parish website and attached to the bulletin. Registration needs to be returned by August 23, 2015.

Social Concerns Report:

- July 18th Fish Fry was a success.
- The new parish website is www.stthomasapostle.net.
- The new school website will be www.stthomasapostleschool.net.

Administration Report:

- A discussion was held on fixing the cracks and resealing the parking lot.

Old Business:

- Parish reflection day was July 14th. Longtime parishioners were invited by Fr. to share parish history and stories.
- Totus Tuus was attended by 62 children. The day program was attended by 55 children. The program was very well received by all.
- Visions of Faith Stained Windows – As of now \$71,000 has been received. The total amount needed will be \$86,000. If all windows can be done at the same time, it would save money.

New Business:

- Parish Sesquicentennial will be in 2019.
- The 30 year anniversary of reopening the Catholic School will also be in 2019.
- A general discussion was held about the Pfeffer pipe organ.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 15, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Vitae House.

The meeting was adjourned and Father ended with a prayer.