

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

St. Cecilia
in Meta

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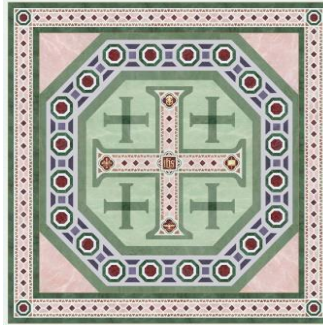
29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 16, 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 October 16-23:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mass of Thanksgiving NV & MV
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Chris & Emily Luebbering 50th Wedding Anniversary
Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Germaine & Alan Strobe
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – Wm & Rufina Boessen
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Jerome & Dorothy Buschjost
Friday 7:45 a.m. – Ray, Sally & Sam Herigon
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mass of Thanksgiving AH & JH

Your Sunday Offering:

Offerory Budget for 2016-2017:	\$305,000.00
Offerory Goal through Month End:	\$101,668.00
Actual Collection for 2015-2017:	\$ 83,698.10
Offerory Difference Year to Date:	- \$ 17,969.90
Offerory Goal per month:	\$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

October 2	\$ 3,494.20
October 9	\$ 5,712.00
October 16	\$
October 23	\$
October 30	\$

Collection Online: \$ 4,944.00
October total to date: **\$14,150.20**
Difference for October: - \$11,266.80

St. Thomas the Apostle Expansion & Building Fund

Total Expansion Project expenses paid:	\$2,273,475.34
Income from parishioners for FY 2015-2016 (via the yellow "Building Fund" envelope):	\$ 8,086.00
Loan payments to date for FY 2015-2016: (Principal) \$30,201.76 (Interest) \$6,709.20	\$36,910.96
Parish Building Expansion Debt remaining:	<u>\$465,894.21</u>

St. Thomas Cantor / Organist

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kerry Meyer / Annette Kehner
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Lisa Wieberg / Jackie Prenger

St. Thomas Reader/ Petitions

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

St. Thomas Altar Servers

Weekday: Savanna Wieberg & Gavin Holterman
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Cameron & Chesney Luebbering, Cale Luebbert
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Ethan & Isaac Rackers, Molly Suthoff, Clara Lackman

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of October 16-23:

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Leo & Sara Meyer

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Al Fick

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Marian Bruemmer
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Bill & Hilda Wieberg

Your Sunday Offering:

Offerory Budget for 2016-2017:	\$60,500.00
Collection Total for 2016-2017:	\$18,687.39
Offerory Goal per month:	\$ 5,041.00

Collection in Church:

October 2	\$ 1,330.00
October 9	\$ 1,215.00
October 16	\$
October 30	\$
October total to date:	\$ 2,545.00
Difference for October:	- \$ 2,496.00

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 – Doris Stumpe
Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Doris Stumpe
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Karen Fick

St. Cecilia Altar Servers

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Alex & Joshua Even,
Henry & Ben Schroeder
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Will & Melina Derkum, Sophie Bock

**IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO FULFILL YOUR
LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENT,
IN YOUR KINDNESS & CHARITY,
PLEASE FIND A REPLACEMENT.**

St. Thomas Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

October 22-23

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Betty Schellman, Carolyn Loethen, Deacon Schwartze
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mattheuw Prenger, Keith Kliethermes, Deacon Schwartze

October 29-30

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark & Barb Graessle, Lora Boessen
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Glenn Prenger, Paul Becker, Gilbert Strope

St. Thomas Greeters/Ushers

October 22-23

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Dave Luebbering & Steve Schellman
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Alan Cortvrient & Ryan Buschjost

October 29-30

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mike Green & Gilbert Schellman
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Ryan Buschjost & Arthur McManus

St. Thomas Presentation of Gifts at Mass

October 22-23

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark & Barb Graessle
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Tom & Carol Backes Family

October 29-30

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark & Lora Boessen Family
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Doug & Zac Stockman

St. Thomas Collection Counters

October 22-23 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman
October 29-30 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg
November 5-6 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday 7:25 a.m. – Alex & Joann Heckman – Sorrowful
Wednesday 7:25 a.m. – Pat Loethen - Glorious
Thursday 7:25 a.m. – Viola Boessen - Luminous
Friday 7:25 a.m. – Gilbert & Hermina Strope - Sorrowful
Saturday 4:40 p.m. – Dale Herigon - Joyful
Sunday 9:40 a.m. – Gilbert & Hermina Strope- Joyful

SCRIP: October 22-23 Visit www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip for more information about the Scrip program.

Saturday – Kristi Luebbering Sunday – Sara Otto

You may contact Lindsay Luebbering at 573-680-4920 or Karen Luebbering at 573-301-5834 for additional sales.

LADIES TO BRING SNACK TO ST. THOMAS QUILTERS:

Thursday, October 20 – Sharlet Kroll & Cassey Kuester Thursday, October 27 – Tiffany Lackman & Linda Lackman
Please bring to hall by 1:00 p.m.; snack served at 3:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please call Kathy Strope or Emily Luebbering.

A NOTE FROM YOUR PASTOR

What will we do if _____ is elected?!?

No matter who is elected president, as your priest, I will continue to promote the goodness and dignity of all human life, by supporting crisis pregnancy centers, by marching for life, by teaching your children in our parish school about the evils of abortion and the beauty of life, by promoting adoption, supporting women in crisis pregnancies and families who have chosen to adopt children.

I will continue to uphold Christian marriage between one man and one woman for life by encouraging separated and divorced people to continue to practice their Catholic faith, by preparing young couples for the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony to the best of my ability, by welcoming with understanding Catholics who experience same-sex attraction, by encouraging all single people live their lives in a holy and virtuous way. I will try to help young people to catch a vision of the beauty and goodness of true chastity and virtue. I will bless and celebrate with older couples laboring through the final stage of life together. I will try my best to preach the gospel of life and to live the gospel of life, affirming family and children, helping the poor and the less-fortunate and celebrating the Liturgy with reverence and love.

I will pray each day for you, my parishioners, for the good of the world, for the integrity of Our Lord's Church and for the defeat of evil. I will attempt to promote devotion to the saints and the frequent reception of Our Lord's saving Sacraments for the salvation of souls, the conversion of sinners and for the genuine good of all.

So please keep me in your daily prayers, so that with all my power I may be a good and faithful Catholic priest, no matter who is elected.

Sincerely Yours in Christ –Fr. Secrist

A NOTE OF THANKS

The **Joe Kaiser family** thanks you for your heartfelt condolences and support. It is so comforting to have wonderful friends and family during this sad time of saying good-bye. Your thoughtfulness and kindness has touched our family deeply and we are sincerely grateful.

A FURTHER NOTE OF THANKS

On behalf of the Parish of St. Thomas the Apostle, we extend a sincere thanks to **JoAnn and Alex Heckman** for the many, many years that they have faithfully locked and unlocked church.

MASSSES CELEBRATED AWAY by Fr. Secrist were for Joe Kaiser, Jim & Christine Luebbering and Al Fick.

DVDS OF PFEFFER REDEDICATION will be available for purchase shortly. More details will be in next week's bulletin.

OCTOBER WEEKEND MASS COUNT: This Fall our Diocese will again involve itself in a common practice across the United States known as the 'October Count.' Each individual who attends the weekend Mass across our Diocese during the month will be counted in order to allow for better pastoral planning. Throughout the month of October, we ask the Ushers assigned for Mass to count all the faithful (including musicians & altar servers) at each weekend Mass.

St. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

October 22-23

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Doris Stumpe, Jennifer Even, Deacon Schwartze
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Gerald & Phyllis Rehagen, Deacon Schwartze

October 29-30

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Betty Hagenhoff, Dorothy Rehagen, Bonnie Kampeter
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer, Pam Libbert

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

October 22-23

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

October 29-30

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Lou Kloeppel, Mitch & Brendan Stumpe, Darin Even
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic Plassmeyer, Larry Lueckenotto, Harold Libbert, Anton Libbert,

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

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

VOTIVE CANDLES: The requested donation for lighting a votive candle in church is **\$2.50**.

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.

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. Also, ushers are encouraged to wait until the Altar servers and Father have processed down the aisle at the end of Mass before propping open the doors at the entrance of Church.

ST. THOMAS PRAYER LINE REQUESTS should be emailed to Jenny Becker at 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.

2016-2017 CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL (CSA): The Catholic Stewardship Appeal (CSA) is an opportunity to join with our brothers and sisters in support of the local Church—the Diocese of Jefferson City—which is comprised of 95 parishes and 15 missions. The first video for this year's Catholic Stewardship appeal is available at: www.diojeffcity.org. Please click on the YouTube logo button in the top right hand corner of the web page. The CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP GOALS for 2016: **St. Cecilia Parish: \$2,000.00; St. Thomas Parish: \$8,000.00.** Please be generous.

EXTREMELY LOW GLUTEN HOSTS (less than 0.01% gluten) are available to those parishioners who are highly sensitive to wheat. Please talk or email Fr. Secrist to determine particulars of distribution and reception of the low-gluten hosts.

ST. THOMAS FALL FESTIVAL: There was a "Fall Festival" envelope in the St. Thomas 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.

ST. CECILIA SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday School classes for St. Cecilia is 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 2017). Please contact Jennifer Even at 680-6945, 229-8976 or evenfamily6@att.net to sign up or with any questions.

ST. THOMAS SUNDAY SCHOOL: St. Thomas the Apostle Sunday School is for children preschool age (2 years prior to Kindergarten) meet on Sunday's from 9:00-9:45 a.m. in the St. Thomas School Kindergarten room. Please contact Daffiny Tallent at 573-694-4408 or email ddtallent@embarqmail.com if interested or for more information.

ST. CECILIA PARISH PASTORAL MEETING is Wednesday, October 19 at 7:15 p.m. in the Parish Center.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SESQUICENTENNIAL MEETING: Tuesday, October 18 at 6:45 p.m. in the Vitae House.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SESQUICENTENNIAL TEAM: Anyone interested in helping interview, research, write or take photographs for the St. Thomas Heritage Book, please call Bill Boessen at (573) 477-3384.

ST. THOMAS SCHOOL/PSR DROP OFF & PICK UP REMINDER: For the safety of everyone, please remember to ENTER from Park Street and EXIT from the Church parking lot ONLY. This will keep our children safe and the traffic flowing smoothly.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PRESCHOOL: There's an exciting addition to the Preschool program for the 2016-2017 school year! A new reading readiness curriculum made by the same company that gives us "Super Kids" is being added! If you have a preschool aged child, please email Mrs. Kirkweg for information on how to get your child enrolled. mkirkweg@embarqmail.com

PLEASE CONTINUE TO SAVE: Box Tops for Education, Coke Points & Best Choice Labels.

COPY PAPER: St. Thomas School is in need of copy paper, clean on one side and staple free. Please drop off paper at school or call the school office.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS:

October 18 – Cole County Flu Immunizations 9:00 a.m.
19 – Report Cards go home. 8th Grade Team Training. Bookmobile
20 – Early Release K-8, Parent / Teacher Conferencs - 1:20 p.m. car riders, 1:30 p.m. bus riders
21 – No School, K-8
27 – K-4 Field Trip to Pumpkin Patch (Dixon)
30 – Trunk or Treat 4:00-6:00 p.m. Church parking lot
31 - Halloween Parties

PRAY AT COLUMBIA PLANNED PARENTHOOD: You are invited to pray on the sidewalk at Columbia Planned Parenthood as 40 Days For Life continues their prayer vigils. Monday from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00p.m., Tuesday from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to noon, and Friday from 10:00 a.m. to noon.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

ST. THOMAS 4-H MEETING: Sunday, October 16 at 11:15 a.m. in the St. Thomas School cafeteria.

SEEKING CHRIST FOR OUR NATION MASS is Thursday, October 18 at 6:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Snows, Mary's Home.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH FALL FESTIVAL, WESTPHALIA is this Sunday, October 16, serving pot roast & pork sausage dinners 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Adults: \$11.00, Children 6-12: \$5.00.

OSAGE BEND SHOOTING MATCH is this Sunday, October 16, starting at 10:30 a.m. at St. Margaret's Parish Hall. 12x20 gauge shotguns, 2 rounds will be shot for shotguns. No scopes are allowed.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA FALL FESTIVAL, ST. ANTHONY is this Sunday, October 16, serving sausage & roast beef dinners from 11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Adults \$10, children 6-12 \$5.00.

IMMANUAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL TURKEY & SAUSAGE SUPPER is this Sunday, October 16, serving turkey & sausage dinners from 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Adults \$11.00, children 6-12 \$6.00. All carry outs \$11.00.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH JEFFERSON CITY QUILT SHOW & SOUP, SALAD & PIE LUNCHEON Friday, October 21, 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5.00 (under 5 – free), carry-outs available in the Kertz Hall. Sponsored by the Immaculata Club.

ST. ELIZABETH KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FALL SUPPER is Sunday, October 23, serving fried chicken and sausage dinners from 11:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Community Center. Adults-\$10, Children 6-12-\$5.00. Splatter cards & raffle including quilts, cash and other prizes.

SACRED HEART PARISH FALL FESTIVAL, RICH FOUNTAIN is Sunday, October 23, serving sausage & roast beef dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Adults \$11.00, children 6-12 \$5.00. Shot gun/22 rifle shooting match at 11:00 a.m.

META FIRE & RESCUE ANNUAL HAUNTED HOUSE & KIDS' FEST is October 29, 6:00 p.m. -9:30 p.m. at the Meta Firehouse. Fun for all ages. Straw maze, craft activities and games. Snacks and drinks available as well."

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH FALL FANTASY TICKETS AVAILABLE: The Fall Fantasy is November 5. The theme for this year is "70s". Live music provided by "Shiloh". Tickets are \$110.00 per couple, meal consists of prime rib or chicken cordon bleu. Doors open at 6:00 pm. & dinner served at 6:30 p.m. **The early bird winners are Harold & Jeanie Libbert.** Tickets are also available at B&K Quick Shoppe, or you may contact a committee member, Joanie Prenger, (573) 477-0187; Lynn Taggart (573) 477-0133; or Donna Boessen (573) 291-2454 Tickets will be sold after Masses at St. Cecilia Church, October 15 & 16.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH HARVEST FESTIVAL, TAOS is Sunday, November 6, serving turkey & sausage dinners from 11:00 to 6:00 p.m. Adults \$11.00, children 6-10 \$6.00. ***There will be no 10:00 a.m. Mass***

ST. PETER SALE-A-RAMA! Holiday Craft & Gift Show is Sunday, November 6, 8:00am – 2:30 p.m. Selinger Center. Snack bar, quilt raffle, vendor raffle, country store, 50 cent admission

HOSPICE & PALLIATIVE CARE COMPASSUS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Would you like to make a difference in someone's life? We are seeking caring, compassionated, non-medical volunteers in your community. Many of our patients are very alert and truly enjoy visitors!! For more information, please contact Debbie Coots at 1-866-384-2444, or 573-556-3547.

A LETTER FROM THE BISHOP for World Mission Sunday

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"Mercy Changes the World!" On next weekend's World Mission Sunday, Pope Francis invites each of us to be part of that change, calling us to announce the mercy of God, "the beating heart of the Gospel."

On this 90th World Mission Sunday, we join our brothers and sisters around the world who gather at the Lord's Table to celebrate our common vocation as missionaries. Our prayers and financial help, through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, support the work of the Mission Church, its witness to Christ, and service to the poor.

In his message for World Mission Sunday, our Holy Father wrote, "Let us not close our hearts within our own particular concerns, but let us open them to all of humanity."

I echo these words, asking you to open your hearts to every corner of the globe... to Asia, where six million children receive an education from Religious Sisters in some 16,000 Church-run elementary schools; to the Pacific Islands, where 1,000 young men are preparing for the priesthood, to bring the Lord's healing hope and peace to those in need; to Africa, where those who are sick are provided with loving care at 6,400 Catholic hospitals and small clinics.

Grateful for your generosity of spirit and confident of your missionary commitment to share the joy of the Gospel with the poor, I pray for blessings for you and your families!

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

PRAYER FOR UPCOMING ELECTION

Lord God, as the election approaches,

we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our state and country, and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community.

We ask for eyes that are free from blindness

so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters, one and equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty.

We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned, Men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender.

We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your Kingdom.

We pray for discernment so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word, live your love, and keep in the ways of your truth

as they follow in the steps of Jesus and His Apostles and guide us to your Kingdom of justice and peace.

We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.