

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

**St. Cecilia**  
in Meta

[www.stthomasapostle.net](http://www.stthomasapostle.net)

St. Cecilia website still under development

PO Box 146  
St. Thomas, MO 65076

**27<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**October 4, 2015**

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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 4-11:**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Tom & Clara Schmidt  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – People of our Parishes  
Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – *No Mass*  
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – *No Mass*  
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – *No Mass*  
Friday 7:45 a.m. – *No Mass*  
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – L&D Schellman Family  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – L&D Clete Matheisen Family

**Your Sunday Offering:**

Offertory Budget for 2015-2016: \$305,000.00  
Offertory Goal through Month End: \$76,251.00  
Actual Collection for 2015-2016: **\$69,761.77**  
Offertory Difference Year to Date: -\$6,489.23  
Offertory Goal per month: \$25,417.00

**Collection in Church:**

September 6 \$5,234.00  
September 13 \$3,299.00  
September 20 \$4,941.00  
September 27 \$3,423.00

**Collection Online:**

**September total to date: \$22,141.00**  
Difference for September: **-\$3,276.00**

**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): **\$6,378.00**  
Loan payments to date for fiscal year 2015-2016: **\$27,683.22**  
(Principal) 21,837.09 (Interest) \$5,846.13  
Parish Building Expansion Debt remaining: **\$562,216.45**

**St. Thomas Cantor / Organist**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Amanda Wooten/Elizabeth  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Robyn Schroeder/Jackie

**St. Thomas Reader/ Petitions**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Alfred Kaiser  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jean Kliethermes

**St. Thomas Altar Servers**

Weekdays – *No Weekday Masses this week.*  
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Cameron & Chesney Luebbering,  
Ethan & Noah Luebberint  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Nolan & Molly Suthoff,  
Jacob & Morgan Luebbering

**Saint Cecilia**  
**Mass Schedule for the Week of October 4-11:**

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

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – *No Mass*

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Wilford & Nicki Libbert & Don Hamman  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – People of our Parishes

**Your Sunday Offering:**

Offertory Budget for 2015-2016: \$60,471.51  
Collection Total for 2015-2016: **\$14,897.26**  
Offertory Goal per month: \$5,039.29

**Collection in Church:**

September 6 \$1,592.00  
September 13 \$981.00  
September 20 \$1,334.00  
September 27 \$864.26  
**September total to date: \$4,458.76**  
Difference for September: **-\$580.53**

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

**St. Cecilia Collection Counters**

October – Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer

**St. Cecilia Reader / Petitions**

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – *No Mass*  
Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Jennifer Even  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Karen Fick

**St. Cecilia Altar Servers**

**October 11-12**

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Zachary & Alex Even,  
Ben Schroeder  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Nicholas & Shelby Wankum,  
Sophie Bock

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

**October 10-11**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. –Carolyn Loethen, Lora Boessen, Mark Luebbering  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mike & Trish Green, Millie Wieberg, Ray & Shirley Volmert

**October 17-18**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Pat Kaiser, Paul & Jenny Becker  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Bill & Betty Jo Luebbering, Bill Lueckenhoff, Lynne Reinkemeyer, Jan Carter

**October 24-25**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Marshall Boessen, Betty Schellman, Leeroy Budnik  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mattheuw Prenger, Keith Kliethermes, Randy Buschjost, Rob Henson, Emily Luebbering

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

**October 10-11**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. –Gilbert Schellman & Richard Schellman  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Arthur McManus & Alan Reinkemeyer

**October 17-18**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Fred Luebbering & Joe Buschjost  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Doug Stockman & TJ Loethen

**October 24-25**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Carolyn Loethen & Mark Boessen  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mattheuw Prenger & Keith Kliethermes

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

**October 10-11**

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

**October 17-18**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Gregg & Susan Boessen Family  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mike & Trish Green

**October 24-25**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Steve Schellman Family  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Brian & Katie Luebbering Family

**Collection Counters:**

October 10-11- Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman  
October 17-18 – Bill Lueckenhoff & Paul Becker  
October 24-25 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg

**Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas**

Tuesday thru Friday – No Weekday Masses  
Saturday 4:40 p.m. – Paul Becker – Sorrowful Mysteries  
Sunday 9:40 a.m. – Tina Stockman – Sorrowful Mysteries

**Scrip Sales-(October 11-12)** Visit [www.stthomasapostleschool.net/scrip](http://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

**LADIES TO BRING SNACK TO ST. THOMAS QUILTERS:**

Thursday, October 8 – Melissa Verslues & Sarah Volmert Thursday, October 15 – Peggy Volmert & Imogene Volmert  
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.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to ***Katelyn Stockman & Donnie Otto*** who were united in Holy Matrimony this weekend in St. Thomas Parish.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to ***Tucker Wyatt Wieberg***, son of Carl & Jodi Wieberg, who was washed in the saving waters of Baptism this weekend in St. Thomas Parish.

**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.

**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.

**THE 2015-2016 CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL (CSA):** The Catholic Stewardship Appeal (CSA) will officially begin in our parish this month. You also will receive information mailed to your home from Bishop Gaydos. The CSA is our opportunity to come together as one to shine the light of Christ throughout our 95 Catholic Parishes and 15 missions in our northeast & central Missouri. Take a few moments this week and prayerfully ask God's Holy Spirit for guidance as you make your decision about your participation.

**CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP GOALS FOR 2016:** St. Cecilia Parish: \$3,363.00; St. Thomas Parish: \$7,945.00. Please be generous!

**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.

**PRAYING A ROSARY FOR OUR COUNTRY** will be prayed on Sunday, October 4 at 5:00 p.m. in St. Thomas Church.

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

**October 10-11**

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Jennifer Even, Betty Hagenhoff, Dorothy Rehagen  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Gerald & Phyllis Rehagen, Karen Fick

**October 17-18**

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Bonnie Kampeter, Lou Kloepfel, Brenda Wansing  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer, Pam Libbert

**St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers**

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Darin Even, Randy Hagenhoff, Tom Gragert, Lou Kloepfel  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Leon Schanzmeyer, Kenneth Otto, Dominic Plassmeyer, Harold Brockes

**Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia**

Wednesday 6:10 p.m. – No Mass  
Saturday 6:40 p.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer– Sorrowful Mysteries  
Sunday 7:40 a.m.–Margaret Brune –Sorrowful 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

**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 FALL FESTIVAL COLLECTION:** There was an envelope in your 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.

**“VISIONS OF FAITH” STAINED GLASS WINDOW RESTORATION:** The restoration work on the St. Thomas stained glass windows is into its fifth full week. As you have hopefully noticed, the new ¼” tempered protective glass has been installed on the south side of church and on a portion of the north side. We are still waiting for the remaining pieces of protective glass to be fired, cut and delivered. The total cost of the window restoration and repair project will be approximately \$95,000, as there has been the need to replace a number of sills and all of the rotted exterior trim which had been covered by aluminum flashing. Close to \$90,000 has been donated for this important project. Any and all further 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.

**PFEFFER PIPE ORGAN RESTORATION:** This past Thursday was the Feast of St. Thérèse of Lisieux (also known as the “Little Flower”). On her deathbed she declared that she would spend her time in heaven “doing good on earth” and that she would “let fall from heaven a shower of roses.” Many, many times since her death, her intercession has been marked by roses. St. Thérèse recently interceded for our Parish of St. Thomas the Apostle, as a generous bequest in memory of Rose Schmidt was received specifically for the restoration of the Pfeffer organ, which just happened to have been constructed in 1897...the year of the Little Flower’s passage into eternity. – Fr. Secrist

**ST. THOMAS PSR CLASSES** are held on Wednesday evenings 7:00-8:00 p.m. for grade & high school students.

**CONFIRMATION PREPARATION: Wednesday, October 7, 7:30 p.m.** in the school library, St. Thomas. The preparation program is well underway for 31 parishioners in our Parishes of St. Thomas the Apostle & St. Cecilia. Please keep the following individuals in your prayers:

Paul Backes	Tori Lackman	Ashleigh Schroeder
Dylan Bischoff	Madison Libbert	Caleb Schroeder
Kristin Boessen	Austin Loethen	Renee Stockman
Austin Distler	Michael Luebbering	Cassie Twehus
Ryan Dudenhoeffer	Ben Luebbering	Bailey Veltrop
Zachary Even	Jenna Luebbering	Tyler Wankum
Dalton Fowler	Jason Otto	Megan Werdehausen
Katie Francis	Kaitlyn Otto	Josh Wieberg
Hayden Hurst	Nicole Otto	Sarah Wolken
Lance Jurgensmeyer	Adam Schell	
Dawson Lackman	Rebecca Schroeder	

**ADULT SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION: Sunday, October 4, 6:00 p.m.** in Vitae House. 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.

**ALTAR SERVER TRAINING AT ST. THOMAS: Sunday, October 11** at 11:30 a.m. in church. This training is for all parishioners in third grade or older who are interesting in serving at Holy Mass, or any current servers who would like to review their participation in this important ministry.

**FIRST RECONCILIATION MEETING AT ST. THOMAS:** All 2<sup>nd</sup> grade parents are invited to a meeting about their children’s First Reconciliation on October 6 at 6:00 p.m. in school library.

**ST. CECILIA (PSR) RELIGION CLASSES:** Religion classes for 1st-10<sup>th</sup> grade are at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Cecilia Parish Center. Volunteers are still needed to help teach religion classes at St. Cecilia. Please contact Jennifer Even at 573-680-6945, 573-229-8976 or [evenfamily6@att.net](mailto:evenfamily6@att.net) to volunteer or with any questions.

**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](mailto:evenfamily6@att.net) to sign up or with any questions.

**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](mailto:ddtallent@embarqmail.com) if interested and/or for more information.

**ST. THOMAS CYO** will be selling baked goods after all Masses on the weekend of October 17-18. Profits will go toward the cost of their trip to Indianapolis to attend the National Catholic Youth Conference. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING:** Tuesday, October 13, 7:00 p.m. in Vitae House.

**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**

October	7	– Bookmobile
	8	– Stuco Trail Mix Sale to benefit our family that we adopt at Christmas
	13	– Sr. Julie Brandt will visit our school
	14	– Picture Day
	19	– Pizza Delivery
	21	– Report cards go home
	22	– K-8 Early Release 1:20 – (car riders), 1:30 (bus riders), Parent/Teacher Conferences
	23	– No School K-8

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

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL** is still accepting registrations for the fall of 2015-2016 enrollment for **Preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> grade**. Please call the school office to register at 573-477-3322.

**VIRTUS TRAINING:** The Diocese of Jefferson City will hold a VIRTUS® *Protecting God's Children* session on **October 15<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 pm at St. Margaret of Antioch parish in Osage Bend. Please arrive early so that the class may begin and end on time. Due to the nature of the subject, children are discouraged from attending.

This program is one component of the overall effort to protect God's children and vulnerable adults. All employees and volunteers with ongoing and unsupervised contact with children and youth are required to attend a *Protecting God's Children* session. All parents, grandparents and other adults in the parish community are encouraged to attend. To register for the session or to view valuable resources regarding the protection of children and vulnerable adults, please go to [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org).

**CRAFT STAND:** Anyone interested in embroidering t-towels or quilting baby quilts for next St. Thomas Parish Picnic quilt auction to please call Diane Lueckenhoff at 573-645-5794.

**META OVER 50 CLUB** will meet on Thursday, October 8 at noon in the Parish Center. Please bring a dish and join us for lunch, fun & fellowship.

**JEFFERSON CITY MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:** Does your marriage feel a little stale? Are you too busy to enjoy your relationship? Are there things you really want to discuss but don't? The next Jefferson City enrichment weekend is November 7-8. For more information, please contact Jeff & Jill Cremer at 573-680-5076, 573-694-3292 or [jcremer23@gmail.com](mailto:jcremer23@gmail.com) Register today before the weekend fills up.

#### **UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR:**

**PREGNANCY HELP CENTER 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BANQUET** will be held at Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City on Thursday, October 15, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., and features the singer and speaker Tony Melendez. There is no cost for the banquet. Attendees will be asked to support the PHC with a monetary donation. To register for the banquet by October 8, 2015 or for more information go to [www.friendsofphc.org](http://www.friendsofphc.org) or call 573-644-6635.

**A PUBLIC ROSARY IN THE SQUARE** will be prayed from noon to 12:30 p.m. outside the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Jefferson City on Saturday, October 12. For more information, please contact Garrett Forck at (573) 636-8159 or email: [gforck@stpeterjc.org](mailto:gforck@stpeterjc.org).

**EVENTS OPPOSING STATE EXECUTION:** Catholic teaching strongly opposes the use of the death penalty because it disregards the sanctity and dignity of human life. Kimber Edwards is set to be executed on October 6 at 6:00 p.m. The following events will be held in the Jefferson City area on Tuesday, October 6  
12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m. a respectful protest in the corridor outside the Governor's office (room 216) in the State Capitol Building.  
4:30 p.m. prayer service against violence in the St. Peter's Chapel, Jefferson City.  
5:00 p.m. -6:00 p.m. vigil on sidewalk across from the MO Supreme Court Building on High Street, Jefferson City.  
The public is invited to all of these events. For more information, please call 573-301-3529.

**ST. ANDREW FALL FESTIVAL, HOLTS SUMMIT** is Sunday, October 4, serving turkey & sausage dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Adults \$10, children 6-12 \$5.00. Shooting match.

**ST. BONIFACE PARISH FALL SUPPER, KOELTZTOWN** is Sunday, October 4, serving sausage & fried chicken dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Argyle VFW hall. Live auction at 4:00 p.m.

**SACRED HEART PARISH FISH FRY, RICH FOUNTAIN** is Friday, October 9, serving fish, hush puppies, cole slaw, fried & parsley potatoes, pork 'n beans, homemade bread & pie or cake from 4:30-7:00 p.m. Adults \$9.00, children 6-12 \$4.00.

**ST. STANISLAUS PARISH FALL FESTIVAL, WARDSVILLE** is Sunday, October 11, serving fried chicken & sausage dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Adults \$11.00, children 6-12 \$6.00

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE:** On Saturday, October 10, 2015, pro-lifers will hold simultaneous protests at Planned Parenthood centers across the United States. In Mid-Missouri, our protest will take place at the Planned Parenthood facility at 711 N Providence Rd, Columbia. For further information: Kathy Forck, 573 340 8444 or [columbia40daysforlife2@gmail.com](mailto:columbia40daysforlife2@gmail.com).

**LUNCH & LEARN – FOCUS ON AGING** is Monday, October 12 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 pm. (Lunch is included) at the Osage County Community Center in Linn, MO. RSVP by October 5 to Anna Hold at 573-635-3381 or 573-761-6700.

**ST. THOMAS PARISH FALL FANTASY \$10,000 BANQUET – October 24, 2015 at St Thomas Parish Center.** 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! **Please contact Lynn Taggart at 573-477-0133 or stop by B&K Quick Shoppe to purchase tickets.**

**FALL FANTASY EARLY BIRD TICKET WINNER** was Rene & Megan Struempf. Congratulations!

**4<sup>TH</sup> 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. To make this event a success, we are asking that all individuals/families that will be bringing children for this event also bring their vehicles or a table to give out treats as well, and that you sign up by calling the school office at 573-477-3322 (by October 26) so we can prepare for what we hope to be the largest trunk or treat event yet! Community members without children are also encourage to attend and give out treats, or simply enjoy the festivities.