

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

**St. Cecilia**  
in Meta

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PO Box 146  
St. Thomas, MO 65076

**CHRISTMAS – THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD**

**DECEMBER 25, 2016**

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[jbeckeroffice@gmail.com](mailto:jbeckeroffice@gmail.com)

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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 December 25-January 1:**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Pat Kliegel  
Midnight – Philip & Alma Boessen  
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. – Herman Luebbering  
Friday 7:45 a.m. – Sabina Plassmeyer  
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Henrietta Kroll  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – L&D Harold Bexten Family

**Your Sunday Offering:**

Offertory Budget for 2016-2017: \$305,000.00  
Offertory Goal through Month End: \$152,502.00  
Actual Collection for 2015-2017: **\$137,759.70**  
Offertory Difference Year to Date: - \$ 14,742.30  
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

**Collection in Church:**

December 4 \$ 4,534.00  
December 11 \$ 6,762.75  
December 18 \$ 3,338.75  
December 25 \$

**Collection Online:**

**December total to date: \$ 19,879.50**  
Difference for December - \$ 5,537.50

**St. Thomas the Apostle Expansion & Building Fund**

Total Expansion Project expenses paid: \$2,273,475.34  
Income from parishioners for FY 2016-2017  
(via the yellow "Building Fund" envelope): **\$15,184.00**  
Loan payments to date for FY 2016-2017: **\$55,366.44**  
(Principal) \$45,006.56 (Interest) \$10,359.88  
Parish Building Expansion Debt remaining: **\$451,089.31**

**St. Thomas Cantor / Organist**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kaitlyn Kliethermes / Annette Kehner  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Doug Luebbering/ Jackie Prenger

**St. Thomas Reader/ Petitions**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Amanda Wooten  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Gilbert Strobe

**St. Thomas Altar Servers**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Grace & Chase Luebbering,  
Ely & Dawson Wieberg  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Kenadi & Jackson Braun,  
Jeremy Stockman, Isaac Prenger

**Saint Cecilia**

**Mass Schedule for the Week of December 25-January 1:**

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Larry Stumpe  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Lawrence "Dick" Rehagen

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Leo & Alberto Wieberg

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Rosaline Bisges  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – People of our Parishes

**Your Sunday Offering:**

Offertory Budget for 2016-2017: \$60,500.00  
Collection Total for 2016-2017: **\$29,229.99**  
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,041.00

**Collection in Church:**

December 4 \$ 1,189.00  
December 11 \$ 981.00  
December 18 \$ 607.00  
December 25 \$  
**December total to date: \$ 2,777.00**  
Difference for December: - \$ 2,264.00

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

**St. Cecilia Collection Counters**

January – Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer

**St. Cecilia Reader / Petitions**

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Doris Stumpe  
Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Doris Stumpe  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer

**St. Cecilia Altar Servers**

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Joshua & Alex Even,  
Henry & Ben Schroeder  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Nicholas & Shelby Wankum,  
Ava & Saige Werdehausen

***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**  
**December 31-January 1**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Betty Schellman, Leeroy Budnik,  
Lora Boessen  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Shirley Volmert, Keith Kliethermes,  
Randy Buschjost  
**January 7-8**  
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark Luebbering, Pat Kaiser,  
Marshall Boessen  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Rob Henson, Rosalyn Wieberg,  
Emily Luebbering

**St. Thomas Greeters/Ushers**  
**December 31-January 1**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark Boessen & Gregg Boessen  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mike Buschjost & Tom Backes  
**January 7-8**  
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mike Groner & Dave Luebbering  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Alan Cortvrient & Ryan Buschjost

**St. Thomas Presentation of Gifts at Mass**  
**December 31-January 1**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Gilbert & Betty Schellman  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Larry & Linda Lueckenhoff  
**January 7-8**  
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Robyn & Rebecca Schroeder  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Gilbert & Hermina Strope

**St. Thomas Collection Counters**

December 31-Jan. 1 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman  
January 7-8 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg  
January 14-15 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes

**Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas**

Thursday 7:25 a.m. – Viola Boessen – Luminous  
Friday 7:25 a.m. – Gilbert & Hermina Strope – Sorrowful  
Saturday 4:40 p.m. – Barb Graessle – Joyful  
Sunday 9:40 a.m. – Pat Loethen – Joyful

**SCRIP:** December 31-January 1. Visit [www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip](http://www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip) for more information about the Scrip program.  
Saturday – Joanie Prenger Sunday – Sara Otto

We have a large variety of cards in various denominations in stock and available for purchase. Scrip is available for purchase after every weekend Mass in St. Thomas and available during the week by contacting the school office at 573-477-3322. You can also contact Lindsay Luebbering at 573-680-4920 or Karen Luebbering at 573-301-5835 to purchase anytime.

**A NOTE OF THANKS:** Many thanks to all of those who have given of their time and abilities during this past week to decorate our parish churches and prepare the music for the beautiful celebration of Christmas. Also, many personal thanks to all who have extended their Christmas greetings with cookies, hot sauce, cards and other communications. Blessings to you for all your kindness. –Sincerely Yours in Christ, Fr. Secrist

**2016 CHRISTMAS/SEMINARY ASSESSMENT:** Our assessment for Seminarian Formation & Priest Retirement is - **\$1,114.00** for St. Cecilia & **\$3,661.00** for St. Thomas the Apostle Parish. Please support the formation and education of our diocese's future priests.

**MARY, MOTHER OF GOD MASS SCHEDULE**

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE:**

Mass will be celebrated on December 31, 5:00 p.m.  
January 1, 10:00 a.m.

**ST. CECILIA:**

December 31, 7:00 p.m.  
January 1, 8:00 a.m.

**PARISH CALENDARS FOR 2017** are available at the entrances to Church. These free calendars indicate our parish's Sunday Mass times, the dates for Holy Days of Obligation and other feasts throughout the coming year. Please take one home!

**2016-2017 CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL (CSA):** The Catholic Stewardship Appeal (CSA) videos for this year's Catholic Stewardship appeal is available at: [www.diojeffcity.org](http://www.diojeffcity.org). The CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP GOALS for 2016 are:

**St. Cecilia Parish:** \$2,000.00. So far **\$1,401.00** (70%) has been contributed.

**St. Thomas the Apostle Parish:** \$8,000.00. So far **\$6,017** (75%) has been contributed. Thank you for your generosity!

**ST. THOMAS CEMETERY ASSOCIATION** has voted to raise the cemetery dues. The new dues will be \$10.00 per family (\$5.00 for single persons). Family members becoming the head of a separate household are not covered under their parent's membership. Also, anyone after their 21<sup>st</sup> birthday must pay their own dues of \$5. Please note: Anyone falling in arrears over 5 years must pay \$100.00 to rejoin plus current dues. Please put your payment in the collection basket marked "Cemetery Dues" or mail to: St. Thomas Cemetery Association, c/o Lisa Lackman, 2222 Upper Bottom Road, St. Thomas, MO 65076. You may contact Lisa, if you have questions about your current or past dues, at 573-338-2703.

**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.

**DVD'S OF THE PFEFFER PIPE ORGAN REDEDICATION** held on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, are now available for \$15. These DVD's were recorded and edited by the videographer and sportscaster Rod Smith. Please contact Fr. Secrist or Diane Lueckenhoff to obtain a copy. Proceeds will go for the continued care and maintenance of the historic instrument.

**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. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**  
**December 31-January 1**

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Brenda Wansing, Doris Stumpe,  
Jennifer Even  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Gerald & Phyllis Rehagen, Janice  
Schanzmeyer  
**January 7-8**  
Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Betty Hagenhoff, Dorothy Rehagen,  
Bonnie Kampeter  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer, Karen Fick

**St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers**  
**December 31-January 1**

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Lou Kloeppe, Mitch & Brendan  
Stumpe, Darin Even  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Harold Libbert, Anton Libbert, Terry  
Libbert, Tony Derkum

**January 7-8**

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Randy Hagenhoff, Lou Kloeppe, Mitch  
& Brendan Stumpe  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Leon Schanzmeyer, Kenny Otto,  
Dominic Plassmeyer, Larry Lueckenhoff

**Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia**

Wednesday 6:10 p.m. – Florentine Hagenhoff – Glorious  
Saturday 6:40 p.m. – Alice Hake – Joyful  
Sunday 7:40 a.m. – Margaret Brune – Joyful

**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.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PRESCHOOL:** If you have a preschool aged child, please email Mrs. Kirkweg for information on how to get your child enrolled. [mkirkweg@embarqmail.com](mailto: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.

**NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

I want to wish each and every one of you a very Blessed & Merry Christmas!!! This is the time where we celebrate Christ's birthday, and realize how fortunate we are to be in a loving community and school. We, at St. Thomas the Apostle School want to wish you and all your family a very Joyous, Safe and Merry Christmas!! **Mr. Heckemeyer**

**PREPARING FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK**

St. Thomas the Apostle School is asking for any donations which can be used for Bingo prizes on our VIP day during Catholic Schools Week. They can be new or used items. Please call or drop off any donations at the school office.

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

January 3 – School Resumes K-8  
6 – First Friday/Adoration & Confessions, report cards go home

**ST. THOMAS HERITAGE BOOK:** In the near future, the Sesquicentennial Team will be asking each family household to write a short narrative for inclusion in the heritage book. There will be four topics that you choose to write about in less than 260 words: tell us about your family, tell us about your family's occupation, tell us about family traditions, and tell us about anything special that defines your family. We will also ask for two photos, one family photo and one of your choice. Have fun preparing your narrative and photos.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR COLLEGE GRADUATE:**

Nicole Lueckenhoff, Northwest Missouri State University

**TRIVIA NIGHT & SILENT AUCTION** is Friday, January 20, 7:00 – 10:00 p.m. at the Helias High School Commons. Ten rounds of spirited trivia, silent auction, games of chance throughout the evening. Cost: Teams of 10 people - \$100.00, Individuals welcome \$10.00. For additional information and registration, <http://helias.com/pdfs/trivianight.pdf> or Mike & Mary Ellen Shimmens at 573-821-4855 or [meshimmens@gmail.com](mailto:meshimmens@gmail.com) Hosted by Helias Catholic & InterParish Bands.

**CITY OF ST. THOMAS CITY COUNCIL POSITIONS:** Looking for applicants interested in running for City Council position. The Council is made up of four board members and the Mayor. The Council meets once a month to discuss, review, all matters in regards to the City of St. Thomas. The 2017 election will have two positions open for election. All interested must sign up by January 15, 2015 to be on the April 2017 election ballot. If you wish to run for a two year term Council position please contact Susan Boessen, City Clerk, at (573) 619-4424 and leaving a message. You must reside within the City Limits of St. Thomas to hold a Council position.

**2016 Christmas Flowers for St. Thomas the Apostle & St. Cecilia Parishes**

*Thank you for the contributions made in memory of the following individuals, living & deceased.*

Conrad & Margaret Albers	Harold Buschjost	Gary & Hellen Holtmeyer
Theo & Nell Angenendt	Jerome & Dorothy Buschjost	Ignatius & Dolores Holtmeyer
Ben & Margie Backes	Alma Chambers	James & Nancy Holtmeyer
Jeanine Backes	Mary Clark	Joseph Holtmeyer Sr.
Margaret Bauer	Jim Coffman	Otto & Emma Holtmeyer
Herman & Anita Baumhoer	Kenny Coleman	Ralph Holtmeyer
Alfred & Frances Bax	Paul Cortvriert	Tammy Holtmeyer
Jonathan Bax	Nettie Dubbert	Terry Holtmeyer
Fred & Bertha Beck	Al Fick	Vic & Margaret Holtmeyer
Don Becker	Donald C. Forbis	Viola Holtmeyer
Alexander Benne	Justin Gaddos & Kelsey Toebben	Frank Holzer
Clarice Benne	Henry & Ann Gerling	Joe & Katie Holzer Family
Louis & Anna Benne	John & Anna Gerling	Sylvester Holzer
Louis (Gene) Benne	Mathilda Gerling	Tom Huber
Alfred & Angeline Berhorst	Ben Goeller	Hope Luebbering Hulsey
Glenn Berhorst	Frank Goeller	Joe & Mary Jaegers
Tom Berhorst	David Graessle	Norman & Delphine Jaegers
Roberta Bexten	Phil Graessle	Ben, Agnes & Donna Jurd
Sr. Joan Bexten	Glennon & Jimmy Green	Angela & Paul Kaiser
Steve & Hilda Bexten	Benedict Groner	Gustave & Minnie Kaiser
Kyle Bilyeu	Harold & Laura Groner	Ryan & Braden Kaiser
Rose Bisges	Simon & Christine Groner	John & Rose Kaiser
Henry Blomberg	Bob & Alice Guignon	Joseph H. Kaiser
Anton & Alma Boessen	Steve & Elizabeth Hake Family	Anna Kampeter
John H. Boessen	Don Hammann	Ildo Kampeter
Joseph & Rosa Boessen	Fred Heckemeyer	Norbert Kemna
Philip & Alma Boessen	Herman & Josephine Heckman	Tom & Mildred Kennedy
William & Rufina Boessen	Lawrence & Caroline Herigon	Anton & Flora Kirkweg
Roman Brandt	Leonard & Roger Herigon	William & Elizabeth Kirkweg
Pauline Braun	Ray & Sally Herigon	Vic & Rose Klenke
Roy & Ludwina Brockman	Sam Herigon	Albert & Velma Kliegel
Anton & Marie Borgmeyer	William & Anna Herx	Bobby Kliegel
George Brooks	Richard Hickman	Larry Kliegel
Jerry Bruemmer	Bob & Jackie Hicks	Pat Kliegel
Joe & Sabrina Bruemmer	Emma Hirschberg	Alvin Kliethermes
Greg Brune	Ralph Hirschman	Nolan Koenigsfeld
Albert Budnik	Herman & Gertie Hoecker	Kenneth R. Koetting
Alice Budnik	Sylvanus Hoecker	Alphonse & Irene Kroll
Charlie Buschjost	Alvis & Marilyn Holtmeyer	Diane Kroll
Ernie Buschjost	Conrad & Hedwig Holtmeyer	Henrietta Kroll

Clara Lackman  
David & Ann Lackman  
Frances Lackman  
Harriet Lackman  
Steve Lackman  
Stanley & Sophie Lada  
Dale Lane  
Valda Forbis Lane  
Carole Lehmen  
Cletus & Clara Lehmen  
Anton Libbert Family  
Bonnie Libbert  
Corey Libbert  
Dennis Libbert  
Jackie Ann Libbert  
Lionel & Arharta Libbert  
Nicki Libbert  
Peter & Theresa Libbert  
Sandy Libbert  
Wilfred Libbert  
Wilfrid Libbert  
Abe & Ann Lindenbusch  
Steve & Matilda Lindenbusch  
August, Leona & Donald Loethen  
Clara Loethen  
Delmer Loethen  
Hubert & Cecilia Loethen  
James Loethen  
Thomas H. Loethen  
Mary A. Loethen  
Msgr. Bernard Boessen  
Tom "Butch" Loethen  
Vincent & Katie Loethen  
Ben & Emma Luebbering  
Bradey Jay Luebbering  
Donald Luebbering  
Dorothy Luebbering  
Glenn Luebbering  
Jerome & Lucy Luebbering  
John & Catherine Luebbering  
Herman & Agatha Luebbering  
Keith Luebbering  
Lawrence & Haddie Luebbering  
Leo & Rose Luebbering  
Millie Marie Luebbering  
Olivia Luebbering  
Ralph Luebbering  
Ray Luebbering  
Anton & Elizabeth Luebbert  
Francis "Fritz" Luebbert  
George Luecke  
Frank & Frances Lueckenhoff  
Fritzie Luebbert  
Gerald Lueckenhoff  
Harry Lueckenhoff  
John Paul Lueckenhoff  
Roger & Lorene Lueckenhoff  
Henry & Agnes Lueckenotto

Fr. Art Lueckenotto  
Susan Mertens  
Dorothy Meyer  
Eleanor Moeller  
Dave & Bill Morff  
Lawrence & Ursuline Oligschlaeger  
Francie Don Otto  
Michael & Martha Otto  
Norbert Otto  
Victor Otto  
Louis & Regina Plassmeyer Family  
Roman & Geneva Plassmeyer  
Joe Platt  
Donna Porter  
Jim Poettgen  
Oscar & Frieda Prenger  
Rosemary Prenger  
Carol Rackers  
Clarence Rackers  
Harry J. Rackers  
Vernon & Alice Rackers  
Ray Radmacher  
Larry Rehagen  
Lawrence "Dick" Rehagen  
Brad Reinkemeyer  
Vince Reinkemeyer  
Ed & Frances Reinkemeyer  
Leo & Teresa Reinkemeyer  
Bill & Anna Reinkemeyer  
Jim Reinkemeyer  
Billy Rush  
Oliver & Lucille Rush  
Tammy Rusk  
David & Jean Russell  
Henry & Martha Sallin  
Mary Ann Sandbothe  
Tom Schaefer  
Charlie & Helen Schaeffer  
August & Clara Schanzmeyer  
Karen Schanzmeyer  
Anna Marie Schell  
John "Buddy" Schell  
Anthony & Ida Schellman  
Rick Schmidt  
Rose Schmidt  
Tom & Clara Schmidt Family  
William & Rose Schmidt Family  
Vince & Viola Schrimpf  
Frank & Stella Schroeder  
Jeri Schroeder  
Herman Schulte  
Rita Schuttenberg  
Louis Schulte  
Jerry Schwartz  
Joe & Antonia Schwartz  
Tommy Seaton  
Dolores Secrist  
Arthur & Teresa Slicker

Bernard Stegeman  
Louis & Sophia Stegeman  
Louis Stegeman Jr.  
Alan Strope  
Andrew & Anna Strope  
Becky Strope  
Germaine Strope  
Henry & Agnes Strope  
Mark Strope  
Stanley Strope  
Alphonse Struempff  
David Struempff  
Dennis Struempff  
Frank & Rose Struempff  
Martin Struempff  
George & Anna Stumpe  
Larry Stumpe  
Martin & Tillie Stumpe  
Andy Suthoff  
Joe Taube  
Bobby Toebben  
Doug Toebben  
Edwin & Veronica Toebben  
Generose Toebben  
Peggy Toebben  
Bob & Agnes Toeniskoetter  
Mary Ann Turner  
John Ullman  
Marcella Utterback  
Clem Veit  
Gregory & Lucille Veit  
Harold "Butch" Veit  
Joe Veit  
Kelly Lynn Veit  
Rudolph & Josephine Veit  
Chris Verslues  
Frank & Catherine Verslues  
Andrew & Loreen Volmert  
Ben & Minnie Volmert  
Herb Volmert  
Lee Volmert  
Brian Wansing  
Clarence Wansing  
Evelyn Wansing  
Aloysious Wieberg  
Kenny 'Muzz' Wieberg  
Lee & Mary Lou Wieberg  
Mary W. Wieberg  
Roman Wieberg Jr.  
Roman Wieberg Sr.  
Paul & Matilda Wilbers  
Frank Wilde  
Henry & Elizabeth Wilde  
Cody Wilson  
Gabriel & Theresa Wolken  
Philip Wolken

