

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

**St. Cecilia**  
in Meta

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**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**December 3, 2023**

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St. Thomas Parish Office hours: Tuesdays 8:30-11:30 a.m.; Wednesdays 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

School Office hours during school year: Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

St. Cecilia Rectory Office hours: Wednesdays 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. or by appointment

**Confessions:** Saturdays 4:00 - 4:45 p.m. at St. Thomas; Wednesdays 5:00 – 6:15 p.m. and  
Sundays 7:00 - 7:45 a.m. at St. Cecilia; or anytime by appointment, just call Father.

**Saint Thomas the Apostle**

**Mass Schedule for the Week of Dec. 3-10:**

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – L&D Alex Heckman Family  
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. –Gregory Veit  
Thursday 7:45 a.m.–L&D Lawrence & Caroline Herigon Fam.  
**Friday, Dec, 8, 7:45 a.m.-** Mary Jane & Kevin Lueckenotto  
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Stanley Brand  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. –People of our Parishes  
Paul Oligschlaeger

**Your Sunday Offering:**

Offertory Budget for 2023-2024:	\$312,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End:	\$130,000.00
Actual Collection for 2023-2024:	<b>\$140,412.43</b>
Offertory Difference Year to Date:	\$ 10,412.43
Offertory Goal per month:	\$ 26,000.00

**Collection in Church:**

November 5	\$ 6,345.30
November 12	\$ 3,929.17
November 19	\$ 4,468.17
November 26	\$ 6,146.17

**Collection Online:** \$ 7,232.00

**November total to date:** **\$28,120.81**

Difference for November: +\$ 2,120.81

**Church Renovation Capital Campaign**

Total Pledges/Donations	\$489,639.70
Total Collected	\$512,121.63
Total Expenses Paid	\$699,195.95

A total of 131 parishioners have returned pledge cards/or  
Contributed to the renovation project.

Church Renovation Loan Balance \$65,790.11

Loan payments to date \$145,585.00

(principal) \$134,209.89 (interest) \$11,375.11

**St. Thomas the Apostle Cantors / Organists**

Dec. 9 Saturday 5:00 p.m.– Kerry Meyer / Jeanette

Dec. 10 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jean Kliethermes / Alanna

Dec..16 Saturday 5:00 p.m. –Mary Kay / Jeanette

Dec. 17 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Josh Luebbering / Jackie

**St. Thomas the Apostle Readers**

Dec. 9 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Amanda Wooten

Dec. 10 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Rosalyn Wieberg

Dec. 16 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Bill Luebbering

Dec. 17 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Richard Heckemeyer

**Saint Cecilia**

**Mass Schedule for the Week of Dec. 3-10:**

**Wednesday, December 6 – No Mass**

**Thursday, December 7, 7:00 p.m. –Phil & David Graessle**

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Henry & Alma Blomberg & Mary Clark

**Your Sunday Offering:**

Offertory Budget for 2023-2024:	\$67,000.00
Collection Total for 2023-2024:	<b>\$26,604.00</b>
Offertory Goal per month:	\$ 5,583.34

**Collection in Church:**

November 5	\$ 1,156.00
November 12	\$ 2,698.00
November 19	\$ 766.00
November 26	\$ 1,019.00

**November total to date:** **\$ 5,639.00**

Difference for November: +\$ 55.66

**St. Cecilia Collection Counters**

December: Pam Libbert & Marie Lueckenotto

**PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR PARISH IN YOUR  
LAST WILL & TESTAMENT**

**St. Cecilia Readers**

**Thursday, Dec. 7, 7:00 p.m. –Samantha Helton**

Sunday, Dec. 10 8:00 a.m. – Dominic Plassmeyer

Sunday, Dec 17 8:00 a.m. – Don Wansing

**St. Cecilia Organist**

Sunday, Dec. 10 8:00 a.m. – Emilie

Sunday, Dec 17, 8:00 a.m. - Lydia

**YOUR LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENT,  
PLEASE FIND A REPLACEMENT. YOUR  
FELLOW PARISHIONERS THANK YOU!**

**St. Thomas the Apostle Greeters/Ushers**

**Dec. 8 Friday 7:45 a.m. – Gilbert & Richard Schellman**  
Dec. 9 Saturday 5:00 pm– Gilbert & Richard Schellman  
Dec. 10 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Josh Schroeder & Tom Backes  
Dec. 16 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Phil Akin & Eric Strobe  
Dec. 17 Sun.10:00 a.m. – Shane & Zeke Verslues  
**Parish Count for weekend Masses is on the offertory table.**  
**Collection baskets choir loft by organ, please return after use.**

**St. Thomas the Apostle Eucharistic Ministers**

Dec. 9 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Paul Becker  
Dec. 10 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jan Heckemeyer  
Dec. 16 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Jenny Becker  
Dec 17 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jan Heckemeyer

**St. Thomas the Apostle Servers**

Weekday – Hannah Tallent & Sadie Boessen  
Dec. 9 Saturday 5:00 p.m. –Carmen Luebbering, JD Volmert,  
Emerald Fennwald, Miranda Meyer  
Dec. 10 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Fayeth Prenger, Erika Luebbering,  
Stella Volmert, Cadyn Libbert  
Dec. 16 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Gregory Kirby,  
Ava Buschjost & Evelyn Wooten  
Dec. 17 Sunday 10:00 a.m. –Francie, Hannah & Levi Tallent,  
Ben Otto

**St. Thomas the Apostle Offertory Gifts**

Dec. 9 5:00 p.m.- Family of Stanley Brand  
Dec. 10 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Family of Paul Oligschlaeger

**St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters**

December 10 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg  
December 17 – Dunja Wieberg & Jennifer Schroeder  
December 24 – Ron & Theresa Veit  
December 31 – Ron & Theresa Veit  
January 7 - Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman  
January 14 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes

**Live Steam Mass (10:00 a.m.) Sunday**

December 10	Lauri Luebbering
December 17	Brooke Schell
December 24	Jenny Becker
December 31	Karlie Reinkemeyer
January 7	Dunja Wieberg

**Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas**

Tuesday 7:25 a.m. – Bob Schellman – Sorrowful Mysteries  
Wednesday 7:25 a.m. –Bob Schellman – Glorious Mysteries  
Thursday 7:25 a.m. – Dale Herigon – Luminous Mysteries  
Friday 7:25 a.m. – Shirley Volmert – Sorrowful Mysteries  
Saturday 4:35 p.m. – Dale Herigon – Joyful Mysteries  
Sunday 9:35 a.m. – Tina Stockman– Joyful Mysteries

**St. Thomas the Apostle Church Cleaners**

December 3: Alan Libbert, Nancy Libbert, Darrel Buechter, Jan Heckemeyer  
December 10: Janet Lueckenhoff, Jim Lueckenhoff, Charlene Buschjost, Randy Buschjost  
December 17: Lynne Reinkemeyer, Linda Boessen, Lauri Luebbering, Lisa Lackman  
December 24: Sonya Henson, Susan Buechter, Brenda Schell, Amy Buechter  
December 31: Brooke Schell, Tina Stockman, Gina Luebbering, Karen Luebbering

**SNACKS FOR QUILTERS:** Quilter’s luncheon may be dropped off Wednesday night 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. (Evening quilting) or St. Thomas the Apostle School. Please bring snacks to the hall by 1:00 p.m.; snacks served at 3:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Emily Luebbering at 573-477-3459 or Kathy Strobe at 573-477-3349.

**Thursday, December 7** – Tiffany Lackman & Linda Lackman **Thursday, December 14** – Jessi Lackman & Lillian Lackman

**SCRIP:** Visit [www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip](http://www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip) for more information about the Scrip program. Please contact, Amanda Wooten 573-694-1735 or [amandab\\_27@hotmail.com](mailto:amandab_27@hotmail.com)

**BULLETIN NOTICES:** Deadline for bulletin is Wednesday at noon.

**SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION:** Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, December 7 – 7:00 p.m. St. Cecilia Friday, December 8 – 7:45 a.m. St. Thomas the Apostle

**BISHOP MCKNIGHT DECEMBER PRAYER INTENTION:** For the family; that all fathers, mothers and children of our community may follow the example of the Holy Family in practicing the virtues of family life and be bound more strongly together in the bonds of charity, we pray to the Lord.

**CHRISTMAS ASSESSMENT FOR THE SEMINARIAN FORMATION AND INFIRM PRIEST FUND:** St. Cecilia Parish: \$994, St. Thomas the Apostle Parish: \$3,623.

**CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL PACKETS:** Forms may be turned in to your parish by using the self-addressed envelope, collection basket, Church Office or place it in the box on table in the back of Church. **Please have forms in by**

**St. Cecilia Eucharistic Ministers**

**Thursday, Dec. 7 – 7:00 p.m. – Pam Libbert**  
Dec. 10 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Jennifer Even  
Dec. 17 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Doris Stumpe

**St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers**

**Thursday, Dec. 7, 7:00 p.m. –** Darin Even & Randy Hagenhoff  
Dec. 10 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Tony & William Derkum,  
Terry Libbert, Harold Libbert  
Dec. 17 Sunday 8:00 a.m. –Leon Schanzmeyer, Darin Even,  
Mitch & Brendan Stumpe

**St. Cecilia Servers**

**Thursday, Dec. 7 – 7:00 p.m. –** Natalee Derkum  
Dec. 10 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Skyla, Jesse & Tucker  
Schroeder  
Dec. 17 Sunday 8:00 a.m. - Ava & Gavin Werdehausen

**St. Cecilia Offertory Gifts**

**Thursday, Dec. 7 – 7:00 p.m. –** Family of Phil & David  
Graessle  
Dec. 10 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Family of Henry & Alma  
Blomberg & Mary Clark

**Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia**

**Thursday, Dec. 7 6:35 p.m.-**Dorothy Rehagen -Glorious  
Mysteries  
Dec. 10 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Dorothy Rehagen  
Joyful Mysteries  
Dec. 17 Sunday 7:35 a.m.–Cathy Borgmeyer  
Joyful Mysteries

**VOTIVE CANDLES:** The requested donation for lighting a votive candle in church is **\$3.00.**

**MASS STIPENDS: \$10.00**

**BAPTISM PREPARATION:** Please call the rectory to schedule a meeting and date for Baptism.

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION:** Please call the rectory *at least* six months prior to the desired date.

**November 17<sup>th</sup>.** Implementation of the Catholic Stewardship Renewal Time and Talent and Tithing forms will start January 1, 2024. St. Thomas parishioners may also fill out the Stewardship forms on our website to submit online.

**ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE** is Tuesday, December 5, 7:00 p.m. St. Cecilia Church. **THIS IS FOR BOTH PARISHES!**

**PASTORS MEDITATION: 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT: KEEP WATCH FOR THE LORD.** (Is. 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-71; 1Cor. 1:3-9; Mk. 13:33-37) You do not know when the master of the house is coming. So, in today's readings Jesus warns us to be alert, watchful and prepared because Christ's Second Coming, coinciding with the end of the world, can occur at any time. People, in general, have a paranoid fear about the end of the world. It was expected in AD 204, 999 and 2000. But in today's Gospel, Jesus gives us the assurance that we need not be afraid of the end of the world, Christ's Second Coming, and the Last Judgment, if we remain alert and prepared. The Church invites us on this first Sunday of Advent to prepare for Christ's Second Coming: by properly celebrating during this Christmas season the fond memory of Christ's first coming over 2000 years ago, by experiencing Christ's daily advent or coming in every Eucharistic celebration, in the Holy Bible, and in the worshipping community, and by preparing daily for Jesus' Second Coming which, for us, will happen at the unknown moment of our death or the equally unknown moment when the World will end. In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah prays for God's active presence so that the Jewish community, returned from Babylonian exile, may remain faithful to their God. In the second reading, St. Paul prays for the reconversion of Christians in Corinth who have misused their gifts and charisms and remain ill-prepared for Christ's Second Coming. In today's Gospel, using the short parable of the servants and gatekeeper of an absentee master who could return at any time, Jesus instructs his followers to be alert and watchful while doing their Christian duties with sincerity. The gatekeeper and the household servants are expected to be ever vigilant because their master is sure to return. Although the time of his return is uncertain, the reward or punishment is sure and certain. Therefore friends, let us live in the living presence of Jesus every day. The message of today's Scripture is that we should live in the living presence of Jesus every day waiting for his Second Coming. We can experience Christ's living presence in the Holy Eucharist, in the Holy Bible, in the worshipping community of our parish, in our family, in our own souls, and in everyone around us. The early Christians experienced the living presence and coming of Jesus with absolute certainty. May God bless you, and keep you ever prepared for Christ's second coming. ***Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukibi***

**HOLIDAY COLLECTION FOR THOSE IN NEED:** St. Thomas the Apostle Social Concerns Committee is asking for donations during this holiday season to give back to our local community. Many families continue to struggle financially in the current economy. Please consider any monetary donation to help those in need in our school or parish. We will be collecting cash/checks from Dec. 3 - Jan. 1. Donations can be turned in to the Parish office or in the collection basket in an envelope labeled "Holiday Collection." If you know of a local family in need, please reach out to Fr. Leonard or the Parish Office. Thank you for your generosity! For it is in giving that we receive — St. Francis of Assisi

**ST. CECILIA PARISH** is in need of some volunteers to serve on the Stewardship Committee. It can be any age of parishioners that are willing to participate. If you are interested in serving on the Stewardship Committee, please contact Fr. Leonard or Dusty Stegeman 573-291-3064.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE!!!** St. Thomas the Apostle Parish has selected Universal Church Directories to help us with our new church directory. Universal is widely known for top quality directories and photography. Their photographer will take pictures and you will view your proofs electronically immediately following your photography. Our dates for photography are **January 3-6!** Schedule early for the time that best suits your family! Simply go to the St. Thomas Website or Universal website, [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com), click on the box to the right that says "photography appointment scheduling login", enter **mo253** in the Church Code field and enter **photos** in the Church Password field. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. Please make sure to include your email so you will get a reminder closer to the picture date. Each family in the directory will receive a free 8X10 photo and a complimentary copy of the directory. Please contact Melissa Verslues 338-3433 or Theresa Veit 418-7301, if you have any questions or need assistance signing up.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISHIONER NOTIFICATION TEXT:** Several St. Thomas the Apostle Parishioners have notified us that they would like to receive a text when upcoming parish announcements need to be sent out and so we are going to use the Remind App which allows us to send a mass text to our parishioners. You do NOT have to have the app to receive text messages. You will receive an individual text. If you reply to the text, it will come only to the parish (other parishioners will not get it). Several groups in the parish are already using this and we are going to try to do it with the Parish. If you would like to receive a text message on upcoming parish announcements, please go to the following link and fill out your name and cell phone number. If you have any questions or need help, please contact Theresa Veit at (573) 418-7301.  
<https://www.remind.com/join/c2chf2>

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:**

Mass will be celebrated on Christmas Eve - Sunday, December 24, 5:00 & 10:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle

Christmas Eve - Sunday, December 24, 7:00 p.m. St. Cecilia

Christmas Day – December 25, 8:00 a.m. St. Cecilia Christmas Day – December 25, 10:00 a.m. St. Thomas the Apostle

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD MASS SCHEDULE:** Sunday, December 31 – 5:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle

This year the Solemnity of Christmas falls on a Monday and is a holyday of obligation. All the faithful are obligated to participate in two Masses, from the anticipated Mass of the 4th Sunday of Advent on Saturday evening Dec. 23 through the evening of Dec. 25. In the "Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the Calendar," no. 34 states, "The Vigil Mass of the Nativity is used on the evening of December 24, either before or after First Vespers (Evening Prayer I). On the day of the Nativity of the Lord, following ancient Roman tradition, Mass may be celebrated three times, that is, in the night, at dawn, and during the day." The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, falls on a Monday (Jan. 1) and so is NOT a holyday of obligation. As a Solemnity, however, it still outranks the Feast of the Holy Family, which will be celebrated that Sunday Dec. 31. Any Masses celebrated on the evening of Dec. 31 should be for Mary, Mother of God.

**SIGN-UP SHEETS FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES** are available in front entrances of St. Cecilia and St. Thomas the Apostle Churches.

**A ROSARY FOR OUR COUNTRY** will be prayed on Monday, December 4, 5:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

**SEND SOME CHRISTMAS JOY:** In your charity, remember our parishioner who is residing in a nursing home with a Christmas card or note. Patricia Loethen, Jefferson Manor, 1720 Vieth Dr., Jefferson City, MO 65109

**ST. CECILIA CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:** If you want to remember your loved ones during the Christmas season, you may make a monetary donation with their names (**CLEARLY PRINTED**) in an envelope marked **"ST. CECILIA FLOWER DONATION"**.

Please place flower donations in the collection basket or mail to the Parish Office **between now and December 24**. The names will be published in the December 31 bulletin.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:** Those wishing to make a monetary donation toward the Christmas flowers and decorations at St. Thomas the Apostle are asked to place their donation, along with names **(CLEARLY PRINTED)** of those to be remembered in the envelope provided in the December packet. Please place the donations in the collection basket **between now and December 24**. The names will be published in the December 31 bulletin.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL** is looking for a part time music teacher, either one full day or two half days.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL NEWS:** Thursday, December 7 – Nativity at the Capitol Grades 5&6  
Advent Program PreK-8 – Monday, December 18, 6:30 p.m. Parish Center, Dress rehearsal is at 10:00 a.m. inviting anyone who would prefer to come in the day instead of the evening.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL, PSR & CONFIRMATION STUDENTS, ST. CECILIA PSR & CONFIRMATION STUDENTS, ST. CECILIA SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE, KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AND LADIE’S AUXILIARY ARE SPONSORING A FOOD FOR FAMILIES DRIVE** are sponsoring a food drive (non-perishable items, such as canned foods, peanut butter, whole grain cereals, bagged rice or pasta, or other similar items would be greatly appreciated) beginning now through December 10. The food collected will be delivered to the Helping Hands of Central Missouri Food Pantry located near St. Elizabeth. Food collection boxes are located in the entrances of St. Thomas the Apostle & St. Cecilia Churches. Food donations can also be dropped off during Wednesday night PSR classes at the St. Cecilia Parish Center or St. Thomas the Apostle School. As we approach the winter season, please take this opportunity to help those in need. Thank you!!

**NATIVITY AT THE CAPITOL** – Celebrating the real “reason for the season” is December 7, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Nativity scenes in the Capitol Rotunda and on the South Lawn. For more information, please contact 573-690-1218. In case of inclement weather, alternate date is December 14.

**RECOGNIZING OUR COLLEGE GRADUATES IN THE BULLETIN:** If you are a college or technical school graduate this semester, please let us know by emailing or calling the school at 573-477-3322 or the Parish Office on Tuesday morning or Wednesday from 8:30-4:30 p.m. by December 24. The names will be published in the December 31 bulletin.

**CHRISTMAS ON 3RD ST** in Meta, MO will be held on December 3, 2023. The starting time will be posted later.

**BREAKFAST TO BENEFIT SPECIAL OLYMPICS** – Bishop Michael F. McAuliffe Council #12992 (In Loving memory of Frank & Kevin Kempker) is Sunday, December 3, 8:00 a.m. to noon at the Cana Hall. Regular & Chocolate Chip pancakes, sausage, regular & Western style scrambled eggs, fruit cocktail. \$10 for Adults, Children \$5, 6-11. \$30 maximum per immediate family. 50/50 drawing.

**ST. THOMAS CITY:** 2nd Annual Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting is Friday, December 8. The parade starts at 6:00 p.m. then will commence with the tree lighting. The parade route and signup can be found on the City of St. Thomas facebook page. Those who are participating in the parade are asked to meet in the school parking lot by 5:45 p.m. Prison Brews will be in town selling chili, chili fries, chili dogs, and burgers. St. Thomas 4-H will be hosting a free hot chocolate bar and there will be cookies from Sweet Sisters vendor also available. Hope to see everyone!

If you interested in running for a two-year term City of St. Thomas position, please email [saintthomascity@gmail.com](mailto:saintthomascity@gmail.com). You must reside within the City Limits of St. Thomas to hold a Council position. Must apply by December 26, 2023.

**ST. THOMAS HOMETOWN HOLIDAY MARKET** is Sunday, December 10, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Center. Free admission, over 30 vendors, raffle for prizes, Pizza Kwik 11:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Proceeds to benefit St. Thomas the Apostle School. For more information, please contact Kim Kliegel, 573-619-9188.

**ST. THOMAS KNIGHTS/LADIES AUXILIARY KIDS CHRISTMAS EVENT** is Sunday, December 10. Come anytime between 2-5. Santa will be there for pictures! Cookies for a snack. Ornament making, pinecone bird feeders and gingerbread house decorating. We also want to invite our senior citizens for fellowship and card playing. Rides to & from are available. Please contact Jeff Cassmeyer, 573-690-7546 ahead of time for a ride. Accepting coats for kids, new or gently used, also food for families.

**SAVE THE DATES:** St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Pictorial Directory – January 3-6, 2024

St. Thomas the Apostle Church - Financial Summary July 1, 2023 – September 30, 2023		
Income		
General (Sunday collections, fundraisers, gifts from benefactors)	\$236,935.64	
(Includes net income of \$66,108.11 from Parish Picnic)		
Special (Building & Improvement Fund contributions including \$9,532.94 for church renovation project)	\$ 22,942.32	
Diocesan collections	\$ 1,369.80	
Universal Church collections	\$ 0.00	
Parish School (includes grants and gifts from benefactors)	\$ 47,197.76	
Pre-School	\$ 5,939.00	
Total Income	\$314,384.52	
Expenses		
Church & Rectory General	\$ 49,700.21	
Church & Rectory Special (Improvement projects, church renovation	\$ 45,271.23	loan payments)
Diocesan collections	\$ 0.00	
Universal Church collections	\$ 950.00	
Parish School	\$157,697.86	
Pre-School	\$ 6,470.64	
Religious Education	\$ 1,738.90	
Vitae House	\$ 1,612.63	
Parish Center	\$ 20,278.55	
Total Expenses	\$283,720.02	
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 30,664.50	



