

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

**St. Cecilia**  
in Meta

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**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

**JANUARY 1, 2017**

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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 January 1-8:**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Henrietta Kroll  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – L&D Harold Bexten Family  
Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – L&D Harold Bexten Family  
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – Eleanor Higley  
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Fr. Art Lueckenotto  
Friday 7:45 a.m. – Sylvanus Hoecker  
*Anointing of the Sick following Mass*  
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – David Suthoff

**Your Sunday Offering:**

Offertory Budget for 2016-2017: \$305,000.00  
Offertory Goal through Month End: \$152,502.00  
Actual Collection for 2015-2017: **\$142,326.15**  
Offertory Difference Year to Date: - \$ 10,175.85  
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 \$ 4,566.45

**Collection Online:**

December total to date: **\$ 24,445.95**  
Difference for December - \$ 971.05

**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): **\$15,519.00**  
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. – Judy Schroeder/ Jackie Prenger

**St. Thomas Reader/ Petitions**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Alfred Kaiser  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Daffiny Tallent

**St. Thomas Altar Servers**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ely & Dawson Wieberg,  
Lilly Schulte  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Kadence & Dylan Kliegel,  
Jeremy Stockman, Erika Luebbering

**Saint Cecilia**

**Mass Schedule for the Week of January 1-8:**

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Rosaline Bisges  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – People of our Parishes  
  
Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Special Intention

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Lawrence & Scott Otto  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Norman & Delphine Jaegers

**Your Sunday Offering:**

Offertory Budget for 2016-2017: \$60,500.00  
Collection Total for 2016-2017: **\$32,796.99**  
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 \$ 3,232.00  
**December total to date: \$ 6,009.00**  
Difference for December: \$ 968.00

***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. – Dorothy Rehagen  
Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Jennifer Even  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Karen Fick

**St. Cecilia Altar Servers**

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Zachary & Alex Even,  
Ben & Henry Schroeder  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Adam & Madalyn Veltrop  
Skyla Schroeder

***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**

**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

**January 14-15**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Leeroy Budnik, Betty Schellman, Mark Luebbering  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Janet Lueckenhoff, Linda Lueckenhoff, Glenn Prenger

**St. Thomas Greeters/Ushers**

**January 7-8**

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

**January 14-15**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Steve Schellman & Mike Green  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jim Lueckenhoff & Larry Lueckenhoff

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

**January 7-8**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Robyn & Rebecca Schroeder  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Gilbert & Hermina Strope

**January 14-15**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark & Barb Graessle  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mike & Sheri Wieberg Family

**St. Thomas Collection Counters**

January 7-8 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg  
January 14-15 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes  
January 21-22 – Richard & Jan Heckemeyer

**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:** January 7-8 Visit [www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip](http://www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip) for more information about the Scrip program.

Saturday – Karen Luebbering Sunday – April Heckman

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. Wednesday night quilting will resume January 4 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Thursday, January 5 – Terra Luebbering & Marlene Luebbering; Thursday, January 12 – Tami Luebbering & MaryPat Luebbering  
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.

**NOTE OF THANKS** to Jim Lueckenhoff and all the other generous volunteers who stripped and waxed the St. Thomas Parish Center gym and cafeteria floors during the Christmas break. Your hard work is greatly appreciated! Sincerely - 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 continue to support the formation and education of our diocese's future priests.

**ADDITIONAL CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS** received this week: Judy Bax, Louis & Cecilia Brand, Alfred Leven.

**CHURCH DECORATIONS TAKEN DOWN:** The Christmas season concludes with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on Monday, January 9. This year, decorations will be taken down following the Sunday Masses on Sunday, January 8.

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

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT WILL BE HELD FRIDAY, JANUARY 6 IN ST. THOMAS CHURCH:** Anointing of the Sick will be offered after the 7:45 a.m. Mass to those in need of the Sacrament, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Church throughout the day. Confessions offered 4:30-5:45 p.m. Benediction at 6:00 p.m.

**FIRST FRIDAY HOSPITALITY AT ST. THOMAS:** Please join us for coffee, donuts and other hospitality in the Vitae House after Mass on Friday, January 6.

**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 **\$6,462.00** (81%) has been contributed. Thank you for your generosity!

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

**January 7-8**

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

**January 14-15**

Saturday 7-8  
Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Lou Kloeppe, Brenda Wansing, Doris Stumpe  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Gerald & Phyllis Rehagen, Pam Libbert

**St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers**

**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 Lueckenotto

**January 14-15**

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

**Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia**

Wednesday 6:10 p.m. – Florentine Hagenhoff – Glorious  
Saturday 6:40 p.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer – Joyful  
Sunday 7:40 a.m. – Janice Schanzmeyer – 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 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. 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) or call the St. Thomas School office at 573-477-3322.

**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.

#### **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  
                  16 – MLK – No School K-8  
                  17 – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Retreat  
                  21 – Diocesan Regional Speech Meet

**ROSES FOR LIFE:** The Knights of Columbus roses for Life Weekend will be the weekend of January 7&8 at St. Thomas & St. Cecilia Parishes. The signed roses will be sent to our elected government officials to remind them of the great number of pro-life supporters and to encourage them to end abortion.

**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.

**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.

