

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

St. Cecilia
in Meta

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32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 10, 2019

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St. Thomas Parish Office hours: Tuesdays 8:30 a.m. – 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 November 10-17:

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Becky Strobe
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – Rose Schmidt
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Norbert Boessen
Friday 7:45 a.m. – Gerry Luebbering
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – L&D Knights of Columbus

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2019-2020: \$305,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End: \$127,085.00
Actual Collection for 2019-2020: **\$101,666.75**
Offertory Difference Year to Date: – \$ 25,418.25
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

November 3 \$ 3,897.30
November 10 \$
November 17 \$
November 24 \$

Collection Online: \$ 4,742.00

November total to date: \$ **8,539.30**
Difference for November –\$ 16,877.70

St. Thomas the Apostle Expansion & Building Fund

Total Expansion Project expenses paid: \$2,273,475.34
Income from parishioners for FY 2019-2020
(via the yellow "Building Fund" envelope): **\$10,345.25**
Loan payments to date for FY 2019-2020: **\$27,683.22**
(Principal \$25,167.49 Interest \$2,515.73)
Parish Building Expansion Debt remaining: **\$175,571.36**

St. Thomas the Apostle Cantor / Organist

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Anne Strobe / Annette Kehner
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Kelsey Kliethermes / Jackie Prenger

St. Thomas the Apostle Reader

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Alfred Kaiser
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Doug Luebbering

St. Thomas the Apostle Altar Servers

Weekday –Landon Kliegel, Elijah Gass, Lilly Schulte
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Cameron & Chesney Luebbering,
Courtney Luebbering
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Madi & Audrey Buschjost,
Dorothy Lackman, Francie Tallent

St. Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of November 10-17:

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Betty Trippensee

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Norman & Delphine Jaegers
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Brian Wansing

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2019-2020: \$62,000.00
Collection Total for 2019-2020: **\$19,386.00**
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,166.67

Collection in Church:

November 3 \$ 679.00
November 10 \$
November 17 \$
November 24 \$

November total to date: \$ **679.00**
Difference for November: –\$ 4,487.67

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

November – Dale & Margie Helton
December – Marie Lueckenotto & Pam Libbert

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

St. Cecilia Reader

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

St. Cecilia Altar Servers

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Ben, Henry & Annaline Schroeder
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Saige & Ava Werdehausen

**IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO FULFILL YOUR
LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENT, PLEASE FIND A
REPLACEMENT. YOUR FELLOW
PARISHIONERS THANK YOU!**

St. Thomas Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

November 16-17

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mike & Trish Green, Betty Schellman
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Janet Lueckenhoff, Linda Lueckenhoff,
Glenn Prenger

November 23-24

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark & Barb Graessle, Lora Boessen
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mike & Sheri Wieberg, Lynne Reinkemeyer

St. Thomas Greeters/Ushers

November 16-17

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Gilbert Schellman & Richard Schellman
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Art Groner & Cash McManus

November 23-24

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

St. Thomas Presentation of Gifts at Mass

November 16-17

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ralph & Kathy Graessle
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Bryan & Renee Braun Family

November 23-24

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Paul & Jenny Becker
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – David & Linda Boessen Family

St. Thomas Collection Counters

November 17 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman
November 24 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg
December 1 - Keith & Jean Kliethermes

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas:

Tuesday 7:20 a.m. – Joann Heckman - Sorrowful
Wednesday 7:20 a.m. – Pat Loethen - Glorious
Thursday 7:20 a.m. – Viola Boessen – Luminous
Friday 7:20 a.m. – Bob Schellman – Sorrowful
Saturday 4:35 p.m. – Marilyn Herigon - Luminous
Sunday 9:35 a.m. – Pat Loethen –Luminous

PASTOR'S MEDITATION:

32nd Sunday in ordinary time: The readings invite us to consider the true meaning of the Resurrection in our lives.

Thanks be to God for the good and challenging events we had over the past week, we continue to commend ourselves into His care and protection. November is a month especially **to remember and pray for our dear ones that past on**. Special congratulations to St. Thomas parish for celebration of their **“Fall-Fantasy”**, it was a joyous function filled with excitement and thanks for all the preparations.

The first reading describes a Jewish family, consisting of a mother and her seven sons, who refused their conqueror's command to eat pork, forbidden as “unclean” by Jewish Law. Because of their Faith in, and obedience to God, they endured suffering and accepted martyrdom. During their torture, three of the brothers speak and each of them finds strength in the belief that he will eventually be raised and rewarded by God. The second reading encourages the Thessalonians who were waiting for the *Parousia* or the *second coming* of Christ to trust in the fidelity of God Who would strengthen their hearts in every good work and word. The same theme of the resurrection of the dead is the basis of the confrontation described in today's Gospel passage. In this confrontation, Jesus ingeniously escapes from a doctrinal trap set for him and explains the doctrine of the resurrection of the dead, supported by the Pharisees and denied by the Sadducees. Jesus speaks of God as the God of the living and declares that heavenly life with God in glory is totally different from earthly life, explaining that there is no marriage in heaven in the earthly sense.

Therefore friends, we need to live as people of the Resurrection, this means that we are not to lie buried in the tomb of our sins and evil habits. Instead, we are to live joyful and peaceful lives, constantly experiencing the real Presence of the Risen Lord. In addition, the hope of our resurrection and eternal life with God provides us with lasting peace and celestial joy to counter the boredom and tension of our day-to-day lives. Cultivating our awareness of the all-pervading Presence of the Spirit of the living God will help us to control our thoughts, desires, words and behavior. The salutary thought of our own resurrection and eternal glory, or eternal punishment, should also inspire us to honor our bodies, keeping them holy, pure and free from evil habits, and to respect those with whom we come in contact, rendering them loving and humble service.

We need to offer living worship to a living God. If our God is the *God of the living*, our worship of this living God also has to be alive. That means our participation in prayers and songs during the Holy Mass should be active and our behavior in Church reverent, as we offer our lives and all our activities to our living God on the altar with repentant and grateful hearts.

Have a blessed week, **Fr. Leonard Mukiibi**

ST. CECILIA SATURDAY NIGHT MASSES NOVEMBER 16 & 23: Fr. Leonard will offer Saturday night Masses November 16 & 23 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Cecilia to accommodate the deer season hunters.

St. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

November 16-17

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Bonnie Kampeter, Doris Stumpe,
Jennifer Even

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer, Pam
Libbert

November 23-24

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Betty Hagenhoff, Bonnie Kampeter,
Dorothy Rehagen

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer, Pam
Libbert

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

November 16-17

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Mitch Stumpe, Brendan Stumpe,
Darin Even, Randy Hagenhoff

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Larry Lueckenotto, Leonard Schulte,
Harold Libbert, Anton Libbert

November 23-24

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Mitch & Brendan Stumpe,
Darin Even & Randy Hagenhoff

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Terry Libbert, Leon Schanzmeyer,
Kenny Otto, Larry Lueckenotto

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Wednesday 6:05 p.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer– Glorious

Saturday 6:35 p.m. – Dorothy Rehagen – Luminous
Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Margaret Brune – Luminous

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

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.

THANKSGIVING DAY MASSES: Masses will be offered on Wednesday, November 27, 6:30 p.m. St. Cecilia and Thursday, November 28, 9:00 a.m. St. Thomas the Apostle.

BULLETIN NOTICES: Deadline for bulletin notices is noon on Wednesdays.

BISHOP MCKNIGHT'S NOVEMBER PRAYER INTENTION: For all our deceased family and friends, and for all the souls in purgatory, that the Lord may have mercy on them, and may they see the face of God and live.

CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL: We thank all who have given generously to the annual Catholic Stewardship Appeal. In his first epistle, St. Peter wrote, "As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another." Our Catholic Stewardship Appeal is based on that command. Each of us can use our gift to serve others through the CSA. We can pray for the success of the CSA. Our prayers are meaningful and critical to our success as a Church family. We can donate to the CSA. Volunteer your time and talents to any of the ministries of our parish and diocese. How will you share your gift? The CSA goal for St. Thomas the Apostle Parish is \$10,000. \$1,675.00 received so far. The CSA goal for St. Cecilia Parish is \$2,500. \$590.00 received so far.

ST. CECILIA PARISHIONERS – Fr. Leonard will be at the St. Cecilia Parish office (rectory) and be available to parishioners on Wednesdays from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m., or by appointment by calling 573-999-9927. Confession hours at St. Cecilia are Wednesdays from 5:00 - 6:15 p.m. and Sundays from 7:00 – 7:45 a.m., or by appointment.

SNACKS FOR QUILTERS:

Thursday, November 14 – Vallie Otto & Lori Owen Thursday, November 21 – Sara Peters & Jackie Prenger
Please bring snack to hall by 1:00 p.m.; snack served at 3:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Emily Luebbering at 573-477-3459 or Kathy Strope at 573-477-3349.

SCRIP: November 16-17 Saturday – Amy Luebbering Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Daffiny Tallent
Visit www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip for more information about the Scrip program. You can contact Daffiny Tallent at 573-694-4408 to purchase anytime. **Please remember to purchase Scrip Cards for your holiday shopping gift giving needs!** A large variety of cards in various denominations are in stock and available for purchase.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION is Wednesday, November 13 at 7:30 p.m. St. Cecilia.

ST. THOMAS PARISH SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING is Tuesday, November 19, 6:00 p.m. Vitae House.

ST. THOMAS PARISH PASTORIAL COUNCIL MEETING is Tuesday, November 19, 7:00 p.m. Vitae House.

PRAYER HOUR WITH MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION will be held on Tuesday, November 12 at 7:00 p.m. in St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tuesday, November 12, 7&8 Visit Helias
Wednesday, November 13 – Picture Retakes
Tuesday, November 19 – Parish School Advisory Board Meeting 6:00 p.m. Vitae House
Monday, November 25 – Bookmobile 10:00 a.m., American Cross Blood Drive Assembly 2:30 p.m.
Wednesday, November 27 – No School K-8
Thursday, November 28 – Thanksgiving No School P-8
Friday, November 29 – No School K-8

ST. THOMAS CHURCH CLEANING TEAM ROTATION FOR UPCOMING WEEKS:

Week of November 10: Sonya Henson, Susan Buechter, Jackie Prenger, Amy Buechter
Week of November 17: Jim & Janet Lueckenhoff, Randy & Charlene Buschjost
Week of November 24: Alan & Nancy Libbert, Darrel Buechter
Week of December 1: Lynne Reinkemeyer, Linda Boessen, Lauri Luebbering, Lisa Lackman
Thanks to all who volunteer to help keep our Church looking beautiful! Anyone else interested in helping out, please contact Lynne Reinkemeyer at 573-690-7113 and we can add another group!

SNOW REMOVAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: It is hard to believe, but winter is just around the corner. The St. Thomas Parish and School will be in need of snow removal services for the church/school entrances, parking lots and sidewalks. If you are willing to assist, please contact Alan Reinkemeyer at 573-694-6984 or Mark Luebbering at 573-694-6393.

VETERANS DAY MASS AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH: On Monday, November 11, 2019, the Holy Name Society of St. Peter Church, Jefferson City will celebrate a Veterans Day Service at 8:30 am. Msgr. Robert Kurwicki, VG, will be the celebrant of the Memorial Mass. Veterans organizations and auxiliaries will be part of the service. Come join us in showing appreciation for all past and present members that have served our country.

FATIMA'S ANNUAL VETERANS DAY ASSEMBLY will be on Monday, November 11, at 1 pm in the High School gym. Send pictures of local veterans to Tracy Murphy by Thursday, November 7. Include the name of the veteran, years served, and a way to return the picture. All pictures will be returned after the assembly. Send to: Tracy Murphy, P.O. Box 37, Westphalia, MO 65085 or murphyt@fatimacomets.com.

BLAIR OAKS THANKSGIVING DINNER: The Blair Oaks R-II School District will be hosting its annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 21. The meal will be held at Blair Oaks High School from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM. If you plan to attend, please contact the High School Office at 635-8514 to make reservations. It would be appreciated if reservations could be made by Monday, November 18 to assist in meal preparation. The cost of the meal is \$3.00. The meal will include all the traditional Thanksgiving fixings. We hope to see you there!

THE OVER 50 CLUB is gathering on Thursday, November 14 for their Thanksgiving luncheon. Turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy will be provided. Please bring a covered dish to share with the group.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING is Tuesday, November 12 at 7:30 p.m. A rosary will be prayed at 7:15 p.m. Please read the November newsletter attached to the bulletin.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA'S PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE will be displayed at the home of Wayne and Donna Bernskoetter on Thursday, November 14 from 2-4:00 p.m. and at Auburn Ridge Assisted Living on Friday, November 15 from 10 a.m. to 12:00 noon. There will be an audio-visual presentation on the 1917 miraculous Fatima apparitions, followed by a group Rosary. All are welcome. Call Donna at 680-1470 for information.

SAVE THE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR:
TOTUS TUUS – June 14-19, 2020

HELIAS PARENT'S CLUB POINSETTIA SALES are under way. To place an order, contact any Helias student or family by Nov. 1, or email Melissa Dudenhoeffer at Melissaandnorb@aol.com or 573-230-2154. Red, white or pink poinsettias are available. 6 inch pots are \$12, 8 inch pots are \$16. All the funds raised go to helping with operating costs of Helias Catholic High School. Poinsettias will arrive the week of Dec. 3.

AK CRUSADERS: Save the date ladies and dust off your favorite pair of dancing boots! AK Crusaders is hosting a Does Night Out - Hoedown for Hope on Friday November 15 at the Knights of Columbus in Westphalia from 6:30 - 11pm. Snacks and light refreshments will be available. The Hello Belle Traveling Boutique will be there from 6:30 - 8. Tickets are \$25 in advance; \$30 at the door. RSVP by November 1 to Meghan (573) 694-6778 or akcrusaders@gmail.com. Must be 18 or older to attend.

ST. NICHOLAS ACADEMY is a supportive living experience for boys from families that are under-resourced who want to give their sons every opportunity to succeed in school and life. St. Nick's partners with families and St. Peter Interparish School to provide this opportunity. St. Nick's is seeking Christian, married couples or single individuals who are willing to be part of a pool of relief parents. The role of relief parents is to care for the boys and home when the full-time house parents are off duty or away. Typically, the full-time house parents are off duty every fourth weekend from 9:00 AM Friday through 7:00 PM Sunday. Relief parents, on a rotational schedule, fill in during this time. They may also be asked to be on a call list to help fill in when the house parents are on vacation and/or sick. Relief parents receive an hourly wage, all legally mandated benefits and a compensation package that includes a private suite and all meals for the days on duty. Please contact Sister Susan Renner, SSND at 573-635-7719 or director@stnick.org

WESTERN CATHOLIC UNION: To all Western Catholic Union members and their families. Please join us for our Christmas dinner and bingo on Sunday, December 1, 12:30 p.m. at the St. Thomas Parish Center. Please RSVP to Lillian Lackman (573) 645-2243, Barb Poetker (573)-291-1415 or Janice Boessen (573) 433-5653 by November 25.

ST. THOMAS 4-H CLUB: Thank you to everyone that brings over their cans and put them in our little shed behind the Knights of Columbus Hall. We really appreciate the donations, our last run we ran into a lot of aluminum foil and pans mixed in with our cans. Please separate them they have to be weighed separately. Also, they will not take the canning seals or rings. Our last run was awesome we made \$248.50. We will be setting up a trash can or barrel to put small amounts of cans in the shed. We really appreciate our community helping the 4-H Club. Thank you again.

FALL QUIK-PIK is Sunday, November 24, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Center. Lots of vendors and refreshments will be available as well. Sponsored by Faith, Hope & Family Relay Team. \$1.00 entry/raffle ticket.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH, FALL SUPPER, FREEBURG is Sunday, December 8, serving fried chicken and sausage dinners from 11:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Adults \$12.00, children 6-12 \$6.00. Carry outs available.

2019 ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE FALL FANTASY RESULTS:

On behalf of the Parish of St. Thomas the Apostle, the 2019 Fall Fantasy Committee extends sincere thanks to everyone for their hard work in making the 25th Annual Fall Fantasy a success. Without your help, we could not have done it!! Thank you to everyone for using your time & talents to benefit our parish. We acknowledge and thank the following businesses for their generous contributions: Art's Pest Control, Fancher-Rekus Funeral Home, 4 Wheel Parts Plus, Mid America Bank, Millard Family Chapels, N.H. Scheppers, Spyder Technology, Speedy B's, Mike Luebbering Construction, Rudy Veit, Carson & Coil Law Firm, Bert Doerhoff, CPA, Black Rifle, CMMG, Cole County Industries, Darrell Wilbers Excavating, Diamond Pet Foods, Double Check Glass - Shane Hoecker, Groner's Garage, Hair Expressions - Lori Fowler, Hoelscher Enterprises - Jeff Hoelscher, Jim & Debbie Hurst Auctioneer & Cattle Farms, Kohl Wholesale - Bill Williams, Meta MFA Exchange, Samuel's Tuxedos St. Thomas/Babtown Insurance, St. Thomas Knights of Columbus, The Hair Company- Jessi Lackman.

EARLY BIRD WINNERS: Aaron & Beth Kliethermes
HUNTERS RAFFLE: Shelby Veltrop & Charlie Frank
LOTTERY TREE: James Moore
50/50 WINNERS: Bridget Frank & Ryan Buschjost
LUCKY CARD WINNERS: Kim Akin, Kelly Volmert, Jackie Shelton

CASH PRIZE WINNERS:
\$500 – Leeroy & Mary Jane Budnik
\$100 – Janette & Cindy Brenneke
\$100 – Marty Libbert & Bridget Eads
\$100 – Jessica Kliegel
\$1,000 – Francis Stockman
\$150 – Jesse & Kelly Reinkemeyer
\$150 – Betty Hirschman & Marian Becker
\$150 – John Christian
\$1,000 – Pamela Goose
\$200 – Marlan & Lori Schaefer
\$200 – Wayne Brenneke & Rhonda Riney
\$200 – Cheryl Boessen
\$150 – Harold & Norma Jean Libbert
\$300 – Jay & Dee Luebbering
\$500 – Justin & Samantha Schulte
\$1,000 – Kevin Volmert
\$10,000 – Elizabeth Sandbothe & Blake Newbold

