

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 11, 2018

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St. Thomas Parish Office hours: Tuesdays 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.; Wednesdays 8:30 a.m. - 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 November 11-18:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Philip & Alma Boessen Family
Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – *No Mass, Fr. at conference*
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Thursday 7:45 a.m. – *No Mass, Fr. at conference*
Friday 7:45 a.m. – *No Mass, Fr. at conference*
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ralph Hirschman
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – L&D Knights of Columbus

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2018-2019: \$305,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End: \$127,085.00
Actual Collection for 2018-2019: **\$102,494.02**
Offertory Difference Year to Date: – \$ 24,590.98
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

November 4 \$ 3,861.25
November 11 \$
November 18 \$
November 25 \$

Collection Online: \$ 4,542.00

November total to date: \$ **8,403.25**

Difference for November: - \$17,013.75

St. Thomas the Apostle Expansion & Building Fund

Total Expansion Project expenses paid: \$2,273,475.34
Income from parishioners for FY 2018-2019
(via the yellow "Building Fund" envelope): **\$10,841.00**
Loan payments to date for FY 2018-2019: **\$36,910.96**
(Principal) \$32,720.69 (Interest) \$4,190.27
Parish Building Expansion Debt remaining: **\$276,444.54**

St. Thomas the Apostle Cantor / Organist

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Judy Schroeder / Annette Kehner
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Amanda Wooten / Jackie Prenger

St. Thomas the Apostle Reader

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Alfred Kaiser
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jan Heckemeyer

St. Thomas the Apostle Altar Servers

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ely & Dawson Wieberg,
Lilly Schulte
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Grace & Belle Boessen,
Avery & Kenzie Libbert

St. Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of November 11-18:

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Josephine Werdehausen
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Norman & Delphine Jaegers
No Confessions & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament before Mass this week
Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – *No Mass, Fr. at conference*

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

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2018-2019: \$62,000.00
Collection Total for 2018-2019: **\$23,782.70**
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,166.67

Collection in Church:

November 4 \$ 1,414.00
November 11 \$
November 18 \$
November 25 \$

November total to date: \$ **1,414.00**

Difference for November: - \$ 3,752.67

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

November – Dale & Margie Helton

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

St. Cecilia Reader

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – *No Mass*
Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Betty Hagenhoff
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Janice Schanzmeyer

St. Cecilia Altar Servers

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – *servers needed*
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Shelby Wankum,
Ava & Saige 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 17-18

Saturday 5:00 p.m.– Carolyn Loethen, Mark & Barb Graessle
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Glenn Prenger, Gilbert & Hermina Strope

November 24-25

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

St. Thomas Greeters/Ushers

November 17-18

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Dave Luebbering & Steve Schellman
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mike Buschjost & Tom Backes

November 24-25

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mike Green & Gilbert Schellman
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Alan Cortvrient & Ryan Buschjost

St. Thomas Presentation of Gifts at Mass

November 17-18

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mike & Trish Green
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Eugene & MaryPat Luebbering

November 24-25

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Gilbert & Betty Schellman
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Ryan & Kelley Buschjost Family

St. Thomas Collection Counters

November 17-18 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg
November 24-25 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes
December 1-2 – Jennifer Schroeder & Stephanie Cortvrient

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas

Saturday 4:40 p.m. – Dale Herigon– Glorious
Sunday 9:40 a.m. – Tina Stockman – Glorious

St. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

November 17-18

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Betty Hagenhoff, Dorothy Rehagen, Doris Stumpe
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer, Pam Libbert

November 22, 9:00 a.m. – Pam Libbert, Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer

November 24-25

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Jennifer Even, Betty Hagenhoff, Dorothy Rehagen
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer, Janice Schanzmeyer

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

November 17-18

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

November 22 – Harold Libbert, Terry Libbert, Lou Kloepfel, Dominic Plassmeyer

November 24-25

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Brendan Stumpe, Darin Even, Randy Hagenhoff, Lou Kloepfel
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Leon Schanzmeyer, Kenny Otto, Dominic Plassmeyer, Larry Lueckenotto

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Wednesday 6:10 p.m. – *No Mass*
Saturday 6:40 p.m. – Dorothy Rehagen– Glorious
Sunday 7:40 a.m. – Mary Plassmeyer– Glorious

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.

SNACKS FOR QUILTERS:

Thursday, November 15 – Jeanette Goeller & Erica Goeller **Tuesday, November 20** – Kathy Graessle & Barb Graessle
Please bring snack to hall by 1:00 p.m.; snack served at 3:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please call Kathy Strope 573-477-3349 or Emily Luebbering 573-477-3459.

BISHOP MCKNIGHT’S NOVEMBER PRAYER INTENTION: “For the healing and renewal of the Church; that tears of sorrow may merit forgiveness from God’s mercy and strengthen our resolve to observe a preferential option for those who have been abused.”



CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL: The Catholic Stewardship Appeal continues in St. Cecilia & St. Thomas Parishes. The German theologian and mystic, Meister Eckhart said, “If the only prayer you say in your life is thank-you, it will be enough.” Still, how do we make our thank-you to God different from the thank you we say when someone holds the door or passes the salt? One way is by contributing to our parish’s Catholic Stewardship Appeal. Through the CSA, we make available to others the blessings of the Church in our lives: the nourishment of the Eucharist, the celebration of our most joyous events, and support during the most difficult. This thank-you makes a difference!

The CSA goal for St. Thomas the Apostle Parish is \$8,000. **\$4,470.00** received so far from 24 donors.
The CSA goal for St. Cecilia Parish is: \$2,500. **\$610.00** received so far from 7 donors

THANKSGIVING DAY (November 22): Mass for the Solemnity of St. Cecilia (our parish patroness) will be offered at **9:00 a.m.** at St. Cecilia.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION:

St. Thomas the Apostle
Friday, December 7, 6:00 p.m.

St. Cecilia
Saturday, December 8, 9:00 a.m.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PRAYER LINE REQUESTS should be emailed to Jenny Becker at jbeckeroffice@gmail.com or by calling (573) 690-0642. The Prayer Line exists to communicate prayer intentions for those in need of healing.

MINISTRY TO THE ILL & INFIRM: If you are preparing for surgery, recovering from surgery, homebound or ill, please let Fr. Secrist (573-477-3315) and/or MaryPat Luebbering (573-477-3476) know so that you have the opportunity to receive the Sacraments and pastoral care.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD: The next SAB meeting will be at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 27 in the Vitae House.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: The next St. Thomas the Apostle PPC meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 27 in the Vitae House.

ST. CECILIA PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: The next St. Cecilia PPC meeting will be at 7:15 p.m. on Wednesday, November 28 in the Parish Center basement.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SESQUICENTENNIAL MEETING: The next Sesquicentennial meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 29 in the Vitae House.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL & PSR DROP OFF & PICK UP REMINDERS: For the safety of all of our children, please remember to **ENTER FROM PARK STREET** and **EXIT FROM THE CHURCH** parking lot onto Highway B. This will keep our children safe and the traffic flowing smoothly.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER is available online. Please click on the ABOUT tab on the school website (stthomasapostleschool.net), then scroll to Parents Resources and then the newsletter can be found at the bottom of the page.

SCRIP: **November 10-11** - Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Samantha Gass Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Melissa Verslues
Visit www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip for more information about the Scrip program. Scrip is available after every other weekend Mass in St. Thomas. You can contact Lindsay Luebbering at 573-680-4920 or Karen Luebbering at 573-301-5835 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.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PRE-SCHOOL: If you have a preschool age child and have been thinking about preschool, please contact the school office at (573-477-3322) or Ms. Jaycine Bax at jbaxstacs@gmail.com.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION: Jesus saves us all, but please continue to save Coke Points, Best Choice Labels and Box Tops for Education.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesday, November 14 – Picture Retakes, Blood Drive Presentation 2:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 15 – Home & School Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Friday, November 16- Mid-Quarter

Tuesday, November 20 – 7&8 Visit Helias

Wednesday, November 21- No School

Thursday, November 22 – Thanksgiving, No School

Friday, November 23 – No School

PRAYER HOUR WITH MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION will be held on Tuesday, November 13 at 7:00 p.m. in St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING is Tuesday, November 13 at 7:30 p.m. A rosary will be prayed at 7:15 p.m. Please read the November newsletter attached to the bulletin.

FALL QUICK PIK hosted by the Faith, Hope and Family Buschjost Relay for Life Team, 11:00 am – 2:00 pm on Sunday, November 18th at St. Thomas Parish Hall. \$5 cover with a complimentary bag; lots of vendors. Please contact: Kim Kliegel at 573-619-9188

BLAIR OAKS R-II SCHOOL DISTRICT will be hosting its annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 15. The meal will be held at Blair Oaks High School from 11:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. If you plan to attend, please contact the High School Office at 573-635-8514 to make reservations. It would be appreciated if reservations could be made by Monday, November 12 to assist in meal preparation. The cost of the meal is \$3.00

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH BLOOD DRIVE is Sunday, November 25, 8:00 a.m. to noon at the St. Thomas K of C Hall. Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org and enter: St.ThomasParish to schedule an appointment. Come to donate and receive a FREE American Red Cross Blanket (while supplies last).

“IN PREPARATION & EXPECTATION” - JOSHUA COBLE IN CONCERT: An Advent recital for solo pipe organ will be performed by Dr. Joshua Coble at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 2 at St. Thomas the Apostle Church.



ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES IN THE AREA

7:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 4 – St. Aloysius, Argyle

7:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 5 – St. George, Linn

7:00 p.m. Thursday, December 6 – St. Joseph, Westphalia

6:00 p.m. Sunday, December 9 – St. Cecilia, Meta

7:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 11 – Holy Family, Freeburg

7:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 11 – St. Louis of France, Bonnotts Mill

7:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 12 – Our Lady Help of Christians, Frankenstein

7:00 p.m. Thursday, December 13 – Immaculate Conception, Loose Creek

7:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 18 – St. Thomas the Apostle, St. Thomas

RORATE MASS: There is an ancient custom during the season of Advent to celebrate Mass in the early morning before sunrise in anticipation the coming of the light of the World at Christmas. Mass will be offered by candlelight at St. Thomas the Apostle Church at **6:00 a.m.** on **Friday, December 21**. Hospitality will be offered in the Vitae House following the Rorate Mass.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:

St. Thomas the Apostle
December 24, 5:00 p.m. & Midnight
December 25, 10:00 a.m.

St. Cecilia
December 24, 7:00 p.m.

MARCH FOR LIFE IN WASHINGTON D.C. – January 16-19: Seats are on a first come/first served; no refunds; and no exchange seats basis. In order to reserve your seat, they must receive all required forms and payment. The minimum price is \$150.00. The registration forms may be found on oym@diojefcity.org under Youth Programs. Deadline for submission will be Friday, November 30th.

ST. THOMAS SCHOOL ZONE FLASHERS: In cooperation with the City of St. Thomas and MODOT, new school zone equipment will be installed in front of St. Thomas the Apostle School. All permits have been approved and granted by the state, however there have been some delays in the delivery of equipment to the contractor hired to install them.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SESQUICENTENNIAL MEETING MINUTES

October 11th, 2018, 6:30 p.m.

Attendees: Fr. Jeremy Secrist, Bill Boessen, Jan Heckemeyer, Lauri Luebbering, Brian Luebbering, Sheri Wieberg, Bill Lueckenhoff, Tom Backes, Roseanne Boessen

Fr. Secrist began the meeting with a prayer.

Bill passed out an outline to update the group on the history book. We received a Congratulations document from Senator Kehoe (now Lieutenant Governor). Tom is awaiting a Congratulations document from his contact in Germany.

Bill distributed copies of some sections of the book that were recently turned in. Sheri worked on photos from the farming and agriculture section. The group discussed the ads turned in. Jan will send Sheri the ads so she can work on the layout of the ad section.

Brian provided an update on food vendors, working to confirm their attendance. They have to provide their own power. Capitol City Square dancers are considering coming. They need to present it to their board for approval. There will be a black powder demonstration. We are working to get a blacksmith. Brian is lining up wood carvers and weavers. The group decided to focus on vendors that are willing to do demonstrations, less so for those that only want to sell products. He has information to contact a balloon artist, K of C clowns and a magician.

Sheri provided the group with several samples for the welcome sign that will be built as you are coming into town. Sheri took notes on suggestions for the font, colors, sizes and layout from the group.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 29th at 6:30 pm. Father ended the meeting with a prayer.

CCHD LETTER FROM BISHOP MCKNIGHT:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As a diocese, we will be taking up the national collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). Your support to this collection brings change to communities across the country and empowers those living in poverty to transform the places they live into reflections of the Kingdom of God. Your support goes a long way in creating communities that are more just and welcoming to those who live trapped in the cycle of poverty. Support offered through this collection reaches those living on the margins and gives them a hand up, not a hand out. In addition to making an impact nationally, those living in poverty in our own diocese are empowered by the 25 percent of the collection that stays here. The 25 percent in our diocese is carefully used for self-help projects, which benefit our neighbors in need. Last year, we were able to provide grants to five nonprofit organizations in Fulton, Milan, Hannibal, Moberly, and Jefferson City. The organizations chosen have programs that protect and provide compassionate care for children that might otherwise not receive it. This collection makes a difference for people living in poverty across the United States and our local Diocese. Please prayerfully consider how you are able to help CCHD this year. If you would like more information about the collection and the people it supports, visit www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

Thank you for joining us to work on the margins.

Sincerely yours in Christ, Most Reverend W. Shawn McKnight Bishop of Jefferson City

2018 ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE FALL FANTASY RESULTS:

On behalf of the Parish of St. Thomas the Apostle, the 2018 Fall Fantasy Committee extends sincere thanks everyone for their hard work in making the 24th 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: St. Thomas/Babtown Insurance, Groner's Garage, Diamond Pet Foods, Samuel Tuxedos, Cole County Industries, Jim & Debbie Auctioneer & Cattle Farms, Meta MFA Exchange, Bert Doerhoff CPA, St. Thomas Knights of Columbus Council #2149, Jessi Lackman – Hair Company, Jeff Hoelscher – Hoelscher Enterprises, Double Check Glass, Morris Packaging, Millard Family Chapels, Art's Pest Control, Fancher-Rekus Funeral Home, Carson & Coil (Rudy Veit), Mike Luebbering Construction, 4 Wheel Parts Plus, Mid-America Bank, NH Scheppers, Spyder Technology, B&K Quick Shoppe, Black Rifle, CMMG.

EARLY BIRD WINNERS: Bridget & Charlie Frank

HUNTERS RAFFLE: Rhonda Riney & Katie Riegel

LOTTERY TREE: Lauri Luebbering

50/50 WINNERS Lisa Lehman, Gary Luebbering

LUCKY CARD WINNERS: Katie Riegel, Elizabeth Backes, Leroy & Sheila Heckemeyer

CASH PRIZE WINNERS:

\$500 – Joe Green

\$100 – Austin & Shelby Gordon

\$100 – Andy & Pat Luebbering

\$100 – Lynn Taggart

\$1,000 – Ryan Williams

\$150 – Wayne Brenneke

\$150 – Matt & Joanie Prenger

\$150 – Jeremy Tappel

\$1,000 – Brianna Perkins & Erica Brown

\$200 – Richard & Jan Heckemeyer

\$200 – Nick Luebbering

\$200 – Marshall Boessen

\$150 – Carol Schellman

\$300 – Todd Luebbering

\$500 – Jim Hudson & Sharon Biggs

\$5,500- Jim & Sharon Breese

\$5,500 – Joann Heckman