

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 12, 2017

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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 12-19:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark Strobe

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Fred Stockman

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Alex Heckman

Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – Wm. & Rufina Boessen

Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Thomas Kloepfel

Friday 7:45 a.m. – Ralph Hirschman

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – L&D John H. Boessen Family

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2017-2018: \$305,000.00

Offertory Goal through Month End: \$127,085.00

Actual Collection for 2017-2018: **\$108,145.57**

Offertory Difference Year to Date: - \$ 18,939.43

Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

November 5 \$ 4,126.00

November 12 \$

November 19 \$

November 26 \$

Collection Online: \$ 5,042.00

November total to date: \$ 9,168.00

Difference for November - \$16,249.00

St. Thomas the Apostle Expansion & Building Fund

Total Expansion Project expenses paid: \$2,273,475.34

Income from parishioners for FY 2017-2018

(via the yellow "Building Fund" envelope): **\$ 10,258.45**

Loan payments to date for FY 2017-2018: **\$27,683.22**

(Principal) \$23,604.95 (Interest) \$4,078.27

Parish Building Expansion Debt remaining: **\$373,117.31**

St. Thomas the Apostle Cantor / Organist

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kerry Meyer / Annette Kehner

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Doug Luebberig / Jackie Prenger

St. Thomas the Apostle Reader / Petitions

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Carolyn Loethen

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jan Carter

St. Thomas the Apostle Altar Servers

Weekday a.m. – Samantha Christian & Ethan Luebbering

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Chase & Grace Luebbering,

Owen Schellman

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Emma Luebbering, Erika Luebbering,
 Luke Schroeder, Henry Buschjost

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of November 12-19:

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Josephine Werdehausen

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – People of our Parishes

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Norman & Delphine Jaegers

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Lawrence & Scott Otto

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Brian Wansing

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2017-2018: \$62,000.00

Collection Total for 2017-2018: **\$23,819.35**

Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,166.67

Collection in Church:

November 5 \$ 1,312.00

November 12 \$

November 19 \$

November 26 \$

November total to date: \$ 1,312.00

Difference for November: -\$ 3,854.67

Please remember your parish in your last will & testament.

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

November – Dale & Margie Helton

St. Cecilia Reader / Petitions

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Dorothy Rehagen

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Jennifer Even

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic Plassmeyer

St. Cecilia Altar Servers

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Alex & Joshua Even

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
November 18-19

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Pat Kaiser, Paul & Jenny Becker
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Richard & Jan Heckemeyer, Janet Lueckenhoff

Thanksgiving Day 9:00 a.m. – Gilbert & Hermina Strope, Millie Wieberg

November 25-26

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Marshall Boessen, Mike & Trish Green
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Linda Lueckenhoff, Glenn Prenger
Shirley Volmert

St. Thomas Greeters/Ushers

**please ring tower bells 10 minutes before weekend Masses*

November 18-19

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Richard Schellman & Fred Luebbering
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Richard Heckemeyer & Jim Lueckenhoff

Thanksgiving Day 9:00 a.m. – Eric & Keith Boessen

November 25-26

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Carolyn Loethen & Mark Boessen
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Larry Lueckenhoff & Art Groner

St. Thomas Presentation of Gifts at Mass

November 18-19

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ralph & Kathy Graessle
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Doug & Tina Stockman Family
Thanksgiving Day 9:00 a.m. – Robyn & Rebecca Schroeder

November 25-26

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Gregg & Susan Boessen Family
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – T.J., Alex & Andrew Loethen

St. Thomas Collection Counters

November 18-19 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg
November 25-26 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes
December 2-3 – Jennifer Schroeder & Stephanie Cortvrient

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday 7:25 a.m. – 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. – Barb Graessle – Glorious
Sunday 9:40 a.m. – Tina Stockman - Glorious

SCRIP: November 18-19 Saturday – Kerry Meyer Sunday – Amanda Boessen

Visit www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip for more information about the Scrip program. 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 all your holiday shopping gift giving needs! A large variety of cards in various denominations are in stock and available for purchase.**

SNACKS FOR ST. THOMAS QUILTERS:

Thursday, November 16 – Samantha Schulte & Elaine Sloan

Tuesday, November 21 – Nikki Stewart & Tina Stockman

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 or Emily Luebbering.

WORD OF THANKS to the St. Cecilia Parishioners who gave of their time and lift power to thoroughly clean and organize the church basement last Saturday. Your efforts and collaboration are greatly appreciated! -Fr. Secrist

PATRONAL FEAST OF ST. CECILIA: Mass will be offered on the Feast of St. Cecilia at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 22 at St. Cecilia Parish.

MASS FOR THANKSGIVING DAY: 9:00 a.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

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

Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, December 7 at 6:00 p.m. (Vigil) at St. Thomas the Apostle
Friday, December 8 at 7:45 a.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle
Friday, December 8 at 6:00 p.m. at St. Cecilia, Meta

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, December 24 at 5:00 p.m. & Midnight at St. Thomas the Apostle
Sunday, December 24, 7:00 p.m. at St. Cecilia
Monday, December 25 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle

*Kindly note that the weekend Mass schedule for December 23-24 (4th Sunday of Advent) will remain as usual.

ST. CECILIA PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: The next St. Cecilia PPC meeting will be at 7:15 p.m. on Wednesday, November 22 in the Parish Center basement.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD: The next SAB meeting will be at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 28 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 28 in the Vitae House.

St. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
November 18-19

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Bonnie Kampeter, Lou Kloepfel, Brenda Wansing
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Gerald & Phyllis Rehagen, Pam Libbert

November 25-26

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Doris Stumpe, Jennifer Even, Betty Hagenhoff
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Gerald & Phyllis Rehagen, Janice Schanzmeyer

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

November 18-19

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Randy Hagenhoff, Lou Kloepfel, Mitch & Brendan Stumpe
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Anton Libbert, Terry Libbert, Tony Derkum, Leon Schanzmeyer

November 25-26

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Darin Even, Randy Hagenhoff, Lou Kloepfel, Mitch Stumpe
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Kenny Otto, Larry Lueckenotto, Harold Libbert, Anton Libbert

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Wednesday 6:10 p.m. – Florentine Hagenhoff -Glorious
Saturday 6:40 p.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer – 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.

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

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION will not be held this week due to high school students from our parishes attending NCYC.

NCYC: On Thursday, November 16 the following students will be traveling with the Diocese of Jefferson City to attend the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis: Adam Veltrop, Madalyn Veltrop, Natalie Otto, Emma Luebbering, Brianna Wieberg & Jarrett Wieberg. Please pray for safe travels and may their hearts and minds be open to receive the Holy Spirit.

PROLIFE MARCH FUNDRAISER: St. Thomas the Apostle 7th & 8th grade students will be having a bake sale next weekend, Nov. 18-19 after Saturday & Sunday Masses at St. Thomas. All proceeds will go to help with costs for our trip to Washington D.C. for the March for Life this January. We appreciate your support!

DIOCESAN CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL: We're nearing the end of this year's Catholic Stewardship Appeal. For all those who have chosen to join their diocesan brothers and sisters by making a commitment to this year's campaign, we thank you very much. Opportunities will continue to be available to those who have not yet made a pledge. If you no longer have a pledge card, look for a CSA envelope in church at the end of the pew, or in the back of church—or go online to www.diojeffcity.org. Any gift you can make will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your generosity!

The CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP GOALS for 2017 are:

St. Cecilia Parish: **\$2,500.** So far \$1,145 (46%) has been contributed.

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish: **\$8,000.** So far \$4,888 (62%) has been contributed.

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.

ST. THOMAS QUILT GROUPS: We are working on the quilts for the 2018 Parish Picnic. If you have a quilt top along with lining ready, please let us know. The quilt top needs to be marked for quilting. If you have any questions, please call Emily Luebbering at 573-477-3459 or Kathy Strope at 573-477-3349. Batting is available for \$10.00.

ST. THOMAS CRAFT STAND: If anyone is interested in quilting baby quilts for the 2018 Parish Picnic, please call Diane Lueckenhoff at 573-645-5794 or Charlene Buschjost at 573-477-3380.

ST. THOMAS FALL FESTIVAL COLLECTION: There was an envelope in your September packet. Each family or single wage earner is asked to contribute \$50.00. This collection was instituted years ago to replace the Fall Festival which St. Thomas Parish use to have. It is part of our overall parish budget, helping with ongoing expenses.

ST. THOMAS SCHOOL & PSR DROP OFF & PICK UP: For the safety 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 SCHOOL & PRESCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGES are available for your information and browsing via a link at the school website's homepage: www.stthomasapostleschool.net

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who all received ribbon's at the most recent Diocesan Regional Speech meet held at St. Stanislaus in Wardsville. Grace Luebbering, Henry Schroeder, Lilly Schulte, Savanna Wieberg & Sadie Wolken.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS

November 15 – Picture Retakes, Bookmobile, STUCCO bake sale
November 16 – Mid-Quarter, Home & School Meeting 6:30 p.m. Pizza delivery at 4:00 p.m.
November 20 – Red Cross Presentation 2:30 p.m.
November 22, 23 & 24 – No School, Thanksgiving break
November 26 – K of C Blood Drive, 8-noon at the St. Thomas K of C Hall.
November 28 – Parish School Advisory Board Meeting 6:00 p.m. Vitae House
November 29 – 7&8 visit Helias
December 1 – First Friday, Adoration & confessions for grades 3-8
December 13 – First Reconciliation 7:30 p.m.
December 14 – Advent Program 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center
December 20- K-8 caroling at Mid-America Bank, Bowling Party
December 21 – Early Release

THE NEXT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING is Tuesday, November 14 at 7:30 p.m. A rosary will be prayed at 7:15 p.m. Please read the November newsletter attached to the bulletin.

PREGNANCY HELP CENTER OF CENTRAL MISSOURI 7TH ANNUAL BANQUET: An exciting evening of fine food, music, and comedic relief by renowned comedian Robert G. Lee. Tuesday, November 14, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City. Admission is free, but reservations are required. Reservations may be made at www.friendsofphc.org or by calling the Pregnancy Help Center at 573-644-6635.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH BLOOD DRIVE is Sunday, November 26, 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: StThomasParish to schedule an appointment. Come to donate and receive a FREE American Red Cross T-shirt (while supplies last).

PARISH VITALITY PRAYER

Eternal God, Father most holy, whose Son established the Church,
promising that the power of evil would never prevail against her,
stir up our faith and bolster our perseverance,
that our faith may vitalize our parishes and our perseverance maintain our outreach.
You have taught us that dying to self and obedience to the Church are essential to holiness, peace and unity.
Preserve our unity as one Diocesan Church, and may the spouse of the Holy Spirit,
the Immaculate Heart of Mary, protect us with her mantle and intercede for us with her prayer.
Through Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

2018 ST. THOMAS FALL FANTASY

The 2018 Fall Fantasy Committee thanks everyone for their hard work in making the 23rd 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 would like to acknowledge and thank the following businesses for their generous contributions: Art's Pest Control, Mike Bernskoetter, 4 Wheel Parts Plus, Fancher-Rekus Funeral Home, Mid-America Bank, Millard Family Chapels, N.H. Scheppers, Spyder Technology, B&K Quick Shoppe, Mike Luebbering Construction, Rudy Veit, Carson & Coil Law Firm, Black Rifle, CMMG, Bert Doerhoff, CPA; Cole County Industries, Diamond Dog Food, Fechtel Beverage, Groner's Garage, Hoelscher Enterprises-Jeff Hoelscher, Jim & Debbie Hurst Auctioneer & Cattle Farms; Kurt Dudenhoeffer-Kohl Wholesale; Lori Fowler-Hair Expressions; MFA Exchange-Meta; Morris Packaging, Samuel's Tuxedos; St. Thomas/Babbtown Insurance; St. Thomas Knights of Columbus; The Hair Company-Jessi Lackman

Mark your calendars –...2018 St. Thomas Fall Fantasy will be Saturday, November 3, 2018.

EARLY BIRD WINNERS

Bill & Holly Heckman

HUNTER'S RAFFLE WINNERS

John Christian
Phil Luebbering

50/50 WINNERS

Kendra Hilkemeyer
Randy Steinlage

LOTTERY TREE

Craig & Karen Strope

LUCKY CARD WINNERS

\$400 - Lavern Eveler
\$200 - Dorothy Wieberg
\$100 - Gina Angerer

CASH PRIZE WINNERS

\$500 – Theresa Rehagen
\$100 – John & Heather Kampeter
\$100 – Patrick & Kristi Luebbering
\$100 – Lloyd & Jeanne Herigon
\$1,000 – Tom Kliegel
\$150 – Tom & Julie Kampeter
\$150 – Tom Kliegel
\$150 – Patrick Hake
\$1,000 – Chris & Nicole Tuttle
\$200 – Jenny Schellman
\$200 – Jamie Libbert & Antone Boessen
\$200 – Greg & Kristi Kemna
\$150 – Paul & Jenny Becker
\$300 – Dorothy Rehagen
\$500 – Curt & Kelly Volmert
\$5,500 – Bill & Millie Wieberg
\$5,500 – Jason & Megan Wilde

CCHD LETTER FROM BISHOP:

November 6, 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In the United States, more than 46 million people are living in poverty. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) is our Church's anti-poverty program to help them find hope and a way to a more secure life. Support offered to this collection reaches those living on the margins and gives them a hand up, not a hand out.

In areas all over the country, children live in poverty, creating undue stress and uncertainty in their lives. With your support of the CCHD Collection, CCHD national grants have enabled local organizations to provide community engagement to help reduce youth arrests and violence. This is but one example of how the CCHD carries out its mission around the United States.

Twenty-five percent of all donations to this annual collection remain in the Diocese. With funding your donations provided last year, nonprofit organizations in Fulton, Milan, Hannibal, Moberly and Jefferson City received grants for programs that will aid children and adults in their efforts to achieve self-sufficiency.

Your support of 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 the CCHD this year. If you would like more information about the collection and those it supports, visit www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

Thank you for joining us to work on the margins.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend John R. Gaydos
Bishop of Jefferson City