

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

**St. Cecilia**  
in Meta

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**33<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**November 17, 2019**

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**Mrs. Doris Stumpe**  
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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 17-24:**

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Kim Boessen  
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – John H. Boessen Family  
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Bob Luebbering  
Friday 7:45 a.m. – Pat Kliegel  
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Sylvanus Hoecker  
People of our Parishes  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Ida Schellman

**Your Sunday Offering:**

Offertory Budget for 2019-2020: \$305,000.00  
Offertory Goal through Month End: \$127,085.00  
Actual Collection for 2019-2020: **\$105,626.75**  
Offertory Difference Year to Date: –\$ 21,458.25  
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

**Collection in Church:**

November 3 \$ 3,897.30  
November 10 \$ 3,960.00  
November 17 \$  
November 24 \$

**Collection Online:** \$ 4,742.00

**November total to date:** **\$12,499.30**

Difference for November -\$12,917.70

**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): **\$11,525.25**

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. – Jean Kliethermes / Annette Kehner

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Judy Schroeder / Annette Kehner

**St. Thomas the Apostle Reader**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kathy Graessle

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Bill Luebbering

**St. Thomas the Apostle Altar Servers**

Weekday –Kora Luebbering, Landon Kliegel, Lilly Schulte

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ethan & Noah Luebbering,

Cale Luebbert, Rowan Buechter

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Brie Heckman, Colton Libbert,

Abigail & Valerie Verslues

**St. Cecilia**

**Mass Schedule for the Week of November 17-24:**

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – John Wansing

**Saturday 7:00 p.m.** – Danny Wankum

Sunday 8:00 a.m. –Lawrence & Scott Otto

**Your Sunday Offering:**

Offertory Budget for 2019-2020: \$62,000.00

Collection Total for 2019-2020: **\$20,348.00**

Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,166.67

**Collection in Church:**

November 3 \$ 679.00

November 10 \$ 962.00

November 17 \$

November 24 \$

**November total to date:** **\$ 1,641.00**

Difference for November: -\$ 3,525.67

**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. – Dorothy Rehagen

**Saturday 7:00 p.m.** – Betty Hagenhoff

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Don Wansing

**St. Cecilia Altar Servers**

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

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Ben, Henry & Annaline Schroeder

**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 23-24**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark & Barb Graessle, Lora Boessen  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mike & Sheri Wieberg, Lynne Reinkemeyer  
**Thursday, November 28 9:00 a.m.** – Janet Lueckenhoff,  
Glenn Prenger, Bill Lueckenhoff  
**November 30-December 1**  
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark Luebbering, Pat Kaiser, Brenda Wansing  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Bill & Betty Jo Luebbering, Jan Carter

**St. Thomas Greeters/Ushers**  
**November 23-24**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Fred Luebbering & Mark Boessen  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Doug Stockman & TJ Loethen  
**Thursday, November 28 9:00 a.m.** – Eric & Keith Boessen  
**November 30-December 1**  
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mike Groner & Eric Strobe  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mattheuw Prenger & Keith Kliethermes

**St. Thomas Presentation of Gifts at Mass**  
**November 23-24**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Paul & Jenny Becker  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – David & Linda Boessen Family  
**Thursday, November 28 9:00 a.m.**  
Doug & Tina Stockman Fam.

**November 30-December 1**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Steve & Katrina Schellman Family  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Riley & Daffiny Tallent Family

**St. Thomas Collection Counters**

November 24 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg  
December 1 - Keith & Jean Kliethermes  
December 8 – Jennifer Schroeder & Dunja Wieberg

**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. – Gilbert & Hermina Strobe – Sorrowful  
Saturday 4:35 p.m. – Dale Herigon - Glorious  
Sunday 9:35 a.m. – Tina Stockman –Glorious

**PASTOR'S MEDITATION:** 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in ordinary time: **BY YOUR PERSEVERANCE YOU WILL SECURE YOUR LIVES (LK. 21:19)** Let me hope you had a wonderful past week though cold, we continue to thank God for his goodness in our lives. Let us be reminded that November is a month especially **to remember and pray for our dear ones that past on.**

From the readings today, Malachi thought that the day of the Lord was coming and it didn't come, Jesus says that this generation will pass away until all the predictions about the return of the son of man will be fulfilled and Paul expected to be alive at the return of Jesus, yet all the expectations were not fulfilled. We Catholics live between the times, not in the anticipation of the end of time.

In today's gospel Jesus shifts the focus to the need for faithful witnesses and assures the disciples of God's protection in times of persecution, the spirit will guide the church during the time of Jesus' absence. Jesus remembered and Jesus present rather than Jesus expected should shape our communities.

Jesus promises the communities words and wisdom to sustain them and says that their perseverance will save them. As Jesus gave words and wisdom to his community, the church is always therefore summoned to find words of hope for the future and wisdom that will guide our lives.

Today's responsorial psalm yearns for a God who will govern the world with justice, peace and equity. As a community that embraces all people and all cultures, the church possesses a unique ability to hear the voices of the suffering in all languages and to see the image of God in people of every creed and colour.

Human suffering and human sin can also offer a "Kairos" a privileged time for renewal, reflection and new directions that may give birth to the hope that "there will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays" (Mal. 3:20)

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

**ST. CECILIA SATURDAY NIGHT MASS NOVEMBER 23:** Fr. Leonard will offer Saturday night Mass on November 23 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Cecilia to accommodate the deer season hunters.

**ST. CECILIA HOLY HOUR** will be held on Friday, November 22 (Feast of St. Cecilia) Holy Hour at 7:00 p.m. with anointing of the sick.

**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.

**SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:** Monday, December 9 – 7:45 a.m. St. Thomas the Apostle  
Monday, December 9 - 6:30 p.m. St. Cecilia

**St. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**  
**November 23-24**

**Saturday 7:00 p.m.** – Betty Hagenhoff, Bonnie Kampeter, Dorothy Rehagen  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer, Pam Libbert  
**Wednesday, November 27, 6:30 p.m.** – Doris Stumpe, Dorothy Rehagen, Brenda Wansing  
**December 1**  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Doris Stumpe, Jennifer Even, Betty Hagenhoff

**St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers**  
**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  
**Wednesday, November 27 6:30 p.m.** – Mitch Stumpe, Darin Even, Randy Hagenhoff, Harold Libbert  
**December 1**  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Mitch Stumpe, Darin Even, Leonard Schulte, Harold Libbert

**Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia**

Wednesday 6:05 p.m. – Margaret Brune– Glorious  
**Saturday 6:35 p.m.** – Cathy Borgmeyer – Glorious  
Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Mary Plassmeyer – Glorious

**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.

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:**

**St. Thomas the Apostle**

December 24 5:00 p.m.

December 24 10:00 p.m.

December 25 10:00 a.m.

**St. Cecilia**

December 24 7:00 p.m.

December 25 8:00 a.m.

**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 are near the end of this year's Catholic Stewardship Appeal. For each one of you who chose to give back gratefully to God through a contribution to the CSA, we are deeply appreciative. Each gift, when combined with the gifts of thousands of other parishioners throughout the diocese, makes a very real difference. For those who have not yet joined your fellow Catholics in support of the CSA, we urge you to pray about it. You can also make a pledge by going online to [diojeffcity.org](http://diojeffcity.org) and clicking the "Donate Now" button. 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. \$3,760.00 received so far.

The CSA goal for St. Cecilia Parish is \$2,500. \$690.00 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 21 – Sara Peters & Jackie Prenger Tuesday, November 26 – Joanie Prenger & Meghan Rackers  
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 Strobe at 573-477-3349.

**SCRIP: November 23-24** Saturday – Lindsay Luebbering

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Melissa Verslues

Visit [www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip](http://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 20 at 7:30 p.m. St. Thomas.

**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.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS:**

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

**ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES IN THE AREA:**

Wednesday, December 4, 7:00 p.m. – Sacred Heart Parish, Rich Fountain

Thursday, December 5, 7:00 p.m. – St. Louis of France Parish, Bonnotts Mill

Tuesday, December 10, 7:00 p.m. – St. Joseph Parish, Westphalia

Wednesday, December 11, 7:00 p.m. – Immaculate Conception Parish, Loose Creek

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

Tuesday, December 17, 7:00 p.m. – St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, St. Thomas

Wednesday, December 18, 7:00 p.m. – St. George Parish, Linn

Thursday, December 19, 7:00 p.m. – St. Cecilia Parish, Meta

**ST. THOMAS CHURCH CLEANING TEAM ROTATION FOR UPCOMING WEEKS:**

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!*

**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!

**AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** is Sunday, December 1, 8:00 a.m. to noon at the St. Thomas Knights of Columbus Hall. Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter StThomasParish to schedule an appointment.

**SAVE THE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR:**

**TOTUS TUUS** – June 14-19, 2020

**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.

**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.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHICKEN DINNER, ARGYLE** is Sunday, November 24, serving from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Argyle K of C Hall. Adults \$10.00, children 6-12 \$5.00.

**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.

**PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN WORKSHOPS:** The Catholic Church in the United States is committed to providing safe environments in all of our ministries and activities, especially those involving children and youth. One aspect of our commitment is that anyone who works with minors in our parishes, schools and other Catholic organizations in the Diocese of Jefferson City receive training. For a full list of trainings currently available, please visit our [Virtus site](#) and select "Jefferson City, MO (Diocese)," or go to our Events page and filter by "Protecting God's Children."

**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](mailto:director@stnick.org)

**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.

**Next week our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. More than 46 million people in the United States live in poverty today. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address obstacles as they work to make permanent and positive changes for their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at [www.usccb.org/cchd/collection](http://www.usccb.org/cchd/collection).**

8 November 2019

Dear Faithful of the Diocese of Jefferson City,

Our diocese will soon take up the national collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). Your support for this collection brings change to people across the country and empowers those living in poverty to transform their communities into reflections of the Kingdom of God. In addition to making a national impact, we empower those living in poverty in our own diocese, because 25% of the funds we collect stay here.

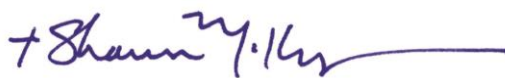
For many people, a speeding ticket usually means a bit of embarrassment, a fine, or the inconvenience of appearing in court. But for those living in poverty, a speeding ticket can become a life-altering event. In New Orleans, Donald lost his license years ago because he was caught speeding, could not pay the fine, and could not take off work to go to court. Contempt of court citations and unlicensed driving tickets quickly compounded the initial fine. Donald was losing hope that he could clear the backlog, get a better-paying job, and support his growing family while living right above the poverty level.

Thanks to your generosity to CCHD, the New Orleans Workers Center for Racial Justice (NOWCRJ) was able to provide Donald with the support he needed to change his situation. NOWCRJ hosted a clinic where Donald set up payment plans for his fines and got his license reinstated. Now Donald has a new job and has been able to save money to move into his own apartment. NOWCRJ is also working with the judicial system to reduce backlogs, expunge records, and change how penalties are issued. With your contributions, our brothers and sisters across the country are breaking out of the cycle of poverty.

Your support for this collection makes a difference for people living in poverty across the United States. Please prayerfully consider how you can help CCHD this year. For more information about the collection and the people it supports, visit [www.usccb.org/cchd/collection](http://www.usccb.org/cchd/collection).

With my prayers that God bless you richly with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Most Reverend W. Shawn McKnight, S.T.D.  
Bishop of Jefferson City

