

**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 18, 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 18-25:**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ralph Hirschman  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – L&D Knights of Columbus  
Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Sylvanus Hoecker  
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – Ella Otto  
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – **No Mass**  
Friday 7:45 a.m. – **No Mass**  
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Pat Kliegel

**Your Sunday Offering:**

Offertory Budget for 2018-2019: \$305,000.00  
Offertory Goal through Month End: \$127,085.00  
Actual Collection for 2018-2019: **\$104,454.02**  
Offertory Difference Year to Date: – \$ 22,630.98  
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

**Collection in Church:**

November 4 \$ 3,861.25  
November 11 \$ 1,960.00  
November 18 \$  
November 25 \$

**Collection Online:** \$ 4,542.00

**November total to date:** **\$10,363.25**

Difference for November: - \$15,053.75

**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): **\$11,086.00**  
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. – Kelsey Kliethermes / Annette Kehner  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Doug Luebbering / Annette Kehner

**St. Thomas the Apostle Reader**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Carolyn Loethen  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Richard Heckemeyer

**St. Thomas the Apostle Altar Servers**

Weekday – Ava Rackers & Ava Morris  
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Cameron & Chesney Luebbering,  
Courtney Luebbering  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Dorothy Lackman, Molly Suthoff,  
Will Otto, Luke Schroeder

**St. Cecilia**

**Mass Schedule for the Week of November 18-25:**

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

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – **No Mass**

Thursday 9:00 a.m. – Francis J. "Fritzie" Luebbert

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Hubert Brune

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Roman & Geneva Plassmeyer

**Your Sunday Offering:**

Offertory Budget for 2018-2019: \$62,000.00  
Collection Total for 2018-2019: **\$25,151.70**  
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,166.67

**Collection in Church:**

November 4 \$ 1,414.00  
November 11 \$ 1,369.00  
November 18 \$  
November 25 \$

**November total to date:** **\$ 2,783.00**

Difference for November: - \$ 2,383.67

**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**

**Thursday 9:00 a.m.** – Cathy Borgmeyer

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Dorothy Rehagen

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Don Wansing

**St. Cecilia Altar Servers**

**Thanksgiving 9:00 a.m.** – servers needed

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – *servers needed*

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Madalyn Veltrop,  
Skyla & Jesse 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 24-25**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Lora Boessen, Mark Luebbering, Pat Kaiser

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mike & Sheri Wieberg, Lynne

Reinkemeyer

**December 1-2**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Marshall Boessen, Mike & Trish Green

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mattheuw Prenger, Keith Kliethermes, Rob Henson

**St. Thomas Greeters/Ushers**

**November 24-25**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mike Green & Gilbert Schellman

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Alan Cortvrient & Ryan Buschjost

**December 1-2**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Richard Schellman & Fred Luebbering

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Richard Heckemeyer & Jim

Lueckenhoff

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

**November 24-25**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Gilbert & Betty Schellman

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Ryan & Kelley Buschjost Family

**December 1-2**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark & Barb Graessle

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – David & Linda Boessen Family

**St. Thomas Collection Counters**

November 24-25 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes

December 1-2 – Jennifer Schroeder & Stephanie Cortvrient

December 8-9 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman

**Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas**

Tuesday 7:25 a.m. – Joann Heckman – Sorrowful

Wednesday 7:25 a.m. – Bob Schellman – Glorious

Saturday 4:40 p.m. – Marilyn Herigon – Glorious

Sunday 9:40 a.m. – Gilbert & Hermina Strobe – Glorious

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

**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

**December 1-2**

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Bonnie Kampeter, Lou Kloeppe,

Brenda Wansing

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

Pam Libbert

**St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers**

**November 22** – Harold Libbert, Terry Libbert, Lou Kloeppe,

Dominic Plassmeyer

**November 24-25**

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

Randy Hagenhoff, Lou Kloeppe

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Leon Schanzmeyer, Kenny Otto,

Dominic Plassmeyer, Larry Lueckenotto

**December 1-2**

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

Randy Hagenhoff

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Harold Libbert, Anton Libbert,

Terry Libbert, Tony Derkum

**Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia**

Wednesday 6:10 p.m. – *No Mass*

**Thursday 8:40 a.m.** – Cathy Borgmeyer - Luminous

Saturday 6:40 p.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer – Glorious

Sunday 7:40 a.m. – Janice Schanzmeyer – 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:**

**Tuesday, November 20** – Kathy Graessle & Barb Graessle Thursday, November 29 – Leslie Green & Trish Green  
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 Strobe 573-477-3349 or Emily Luebbering 573-477-3459.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE** for bulletin notices next week is Wednesday, November 21 by 8:00 a.m.



**CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL:** The Catholic Stewardship Appeal continues in St. Cecilia & St. Thomas Parishes. 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. Catholics are a community of faith, and you recognize that members of any community, particularly the Body of Christ, have responsibility to each other. For those who have not joined your fellow Catholics in support of the CSA, we urge you to pray about it. It is not too late and no gift is too small. If you misplaced your letter from Bishop McKnight, please look for a CSA envelope at the end of your pew. You can also make a pledge by going online to [diojeffcity.org](http://diojeffcity.org) and clicking the "Giving" button.

The CSA goal for St. Thomas the Apostle Parish is \$8,000. **\$6,230.00** received so far from 34 donors.

The CSA goal for St. Cecilia Parish is: \$2,500. **\$1,151.00** received so far from 10 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](mailto: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.

**POST FALL FANTASY MEETING** is Monday, November 19, 7:00 p.m. 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.

**SCRIP:** **November 24-25-** Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Karen Luebbering Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Amy Luebbering  
Visit [www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip](http://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](mailto: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:**

Tuesday, November 20 – 7&8 Visit Helias  
Wednesday, November 21- No School  
Thursday, November 22 – Thanksgiving, No School  
Friday, November 23 – No School  
Tuesday, November 27 – Parish School Advisory Board Meeting 6:00 p.m. Vitae House  
Wednesday, November 28 – Bookmobile

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

**50<sup>th</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY** of Kenny and Joyce Boessen will be celebrated on Sunday, November 25, 2018 in St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Center. Open house 12:00-2:00 p.m.

**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](http://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@diojeffcity.org](mailto:oym@diojeffcity.org) under Youth Programs. Deadline for submission will be Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup>.

**HOLY FAMILY PARISH FALL SUPPER, FREEBURG** is Sunday, December 2, serving fried chicken & sausage dinners from 11:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Adults \$12.00, children \$6.00 (6-12). Carry-outs available.

**FALL FANTASY 2018 FINANCIAL RESULTS:**

First 50/50	\$ 353.00	\$20 Raffle Ticket	\$ 1,400.00
Second 50/50	\$ 476.00	Hunter's Raffle	\$ 2,160.00
\$1 Raffle Ticket	\$ 157.00	Lottery Tree	\$ 395.00
\$5 Raffle Ticket	\$ 115.00	Lucky Card	\$ 1,550.00
\$10 Raffle Ticket	\$ 530.00	Kitchen Sales	\$ 143.00
Total Stands:	\$ 7,279.00		
Ticket Sales & Donations:	\$33,865.00		
Total Income:	\$41,144.00		
Expenses	\$24,750.11 *		
*does not include one outstanding bill			
<b>Profit:</b>	<b>\$16,393.89</b>		

## **ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES - September 25, 2018**

*PPC Goal: Develop a more inclusive sense of community in our Parish by encouraging the growth of our relationships with each other and with God.*

### **Members present:**

Fr. Secrist, Jason Buschjost, Leroy Heckemeyer, Mark Luebbering, Jan Carter, Simon Strope, Ryan Wieberg, Brian Luebbering, Mike Groner, Eileen Volmert, Steve Schellman & Theresa Veit

**Absent:** Alan Reinkemeyer and Paul Becker

Father led the Parish Pastoral Council in prayer.

### **Principal's Report/School Advisory Report:**

- The playground structure is now complete, and the kids are really enjoying it. We also have the 4 way bouncy seat installed as well. A big THANK YOU again to Diamond Pet Food for making this all possible!!
- We were able to purchase 4 walkie talkies for school use as part of our safety theme for the year. They are very helpful at recess and at the end of the day with buses and car riders. We will also be able to use them for field trips, etc. We had one person buy 2 of the radios for us. They want to remain anonymous!
- We currently have 88 students attending our school.
- The Shakespeare's Pizza Sale fundraiser is coming up soon.
- Grandparents' Day was on September 14<sup>th</sup> and we had a huge crowd. The students were very excited to spend the morning with their grandparents and other family members. Mid Quarter was also on this day.
- Federal Protection, INC. is working on installing cameras for added security. We have one camera in the front entrance of school which is aimed at the front door, the steps and the office. The other cameras are located at all the exit doors and on the parking lot. One is located in the church.
- The flu shot clinic for kids who signed up occurred on Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m.
- The Three Rivers Electric Safety Assembly is on Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.
- Achievement testing will be from October 1-5 for grades 2-8.
- There will be an early release on Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup>.
- October 10<sup>th</sup> is Picture Day
- October 12<sup>th</sup> is the end of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter
- October 18<sup>th</sup> is Parent/Teacher Conferences
- There will be no school on Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup>.
- There will be a field trip for K-4 on Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup> to Peach Tree Farms in Boonville.
- The Truck or Treat event will be on Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Faculty for this school year:

Preschool – Miss Jay Bax

Kindergarten – Mrs. Daffiny Tallent

1<sup>st</sup> – Mrs. Michelle Siebeneck

2<sup>nd</sup> - Mrs. Sarah Schwartz

3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> – Mrs. Michelle Komoroski

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> – Mrs. Madison VanderFeltz

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> – Ms. Morris

Music – Mrs. Jeanette Schroeder

Art – Ms. Lizzie Otto

P.E. – Mr. Leroy Heckemeyer

Preschool aide – Ms. Renee Stockman

### **Worship Committee Report:**

- Working on publishing the reading and song choices for funerals and weddings on parish website.
- Beginning to look at new hymnals for church.
- Parish Mission – January 12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **Christian Education Report:**

- PSR begins September 26, 2018. - 54 enrolled in PSR.

### **Social Concerns Report:**

- Parish Directory should be completed in the next few weeks.
- CPR Certification Survey will be put in the bulletin and sent to the prayer line group.
- September 18 – Virtus Training – 42 attended.

### **Administration Report:**

- Playground has been completed.
- Parking lot repair may be done in the spring.
- Prayer garden at the side of church is in progress.
- Air conditioning in the church bathroom has been completed.
- Father has spoken with Knights of Columbus about putting up Stations of the Cross on church property.
- Pumped out cistern in the Vitae House.

### **Old Business:**

- Sesquicentennial Update – Sponsor forms are due by the end of September.
- Parish Renovations Update – Looking at proposals for plaster and painting in the sanctuary of church. Also, looking at replacing some of the spotlights in sanctuary with LED lights.

### **New Business:**

- Parish Picnic Recap – a little down from last year.
- Fall Fantasy Update – Steve's is catering Fried Chicken and Cassidy Luebbering is preparing Smoked Pork Loin. The meal is all you can eat.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 27, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Vitae House

The meeting was adjourned and Father ended with a prayer.