

The Roman Catholic Parishes of

St. Thomas the Apostle

in St. Thomas

St. Cecilia

in Meta

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

NOVEMBER 26, 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 26-December 3:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ida Schellman

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Pat Kliegel

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Roman Plassmeyer

Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – L&D Vincent & Katie Loethen Family

Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Alex Heckman

Friday 7:45 a.m. – L&D Ray & Lorraine Luebbering Families

Anointing of the Sick following Mass, Adoration until 5:45 p.m.

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

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Fred Stockman

Your Sunday Offering:

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

Offertory Goal through Month End: \$127,085.00

Actual Collection for 2017-2018: **\$116,101.58**

Offertory Difference Year to Date: - \$ 10,983.42

Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

November 5 \$ 4,126.00

November 12 \$ 3,719.26

November 19 \$ 3,316.75

November 26 \$

Collection Online: \$ 6,002.00

November total to date: **\$17,164.01**

Difference for November - \$ 8,252.99

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): **\$ 11,282.45**

Loan payments to date for FY 2017-2018: **\$36,910.97**

(Principal) \$31,225.21 (Interest) \$5,685.75

Parish Building Expansion Debt remaining: **\$365,497.05**

St. Thomas the Apostle Cantor / Organist

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

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Choir / Annette Kehner

St. Thomas the Apostle Reader / Petitions

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Alfred Kaiser

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Eugene Luebbering

St. Thomas the Apostle Altar Servers

Weekday a.m. – Avery Libbert & Isaac Rackers

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ely & Dawson Wieberg, Lilly Schulte

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Henry Buschjost, Morgan &

Jacob Luebbering, Brie Heckman

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of November 26-December 3:

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes

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

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Lawrence "Dick" Rehagen

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Vince Reinkemeyer

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Phil & David Graessle

Your Sunday Offering:

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

Collection Total for 2017-2018: **\$26,592.35**

Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,166.67

Collection in Church:

November 5 \$ 1,312.00

November 12 \$ 1,210.00

November 19 \$ 1,563.00

November 26 \$

November total to date: **\$ 4,085.00**

Difference for November: -\$ 1,081.67

Please remember your parish in your last will & testament.

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

November – Dale & Margie Helton

December – Marie Lueckenotto & Pam Libbert

St. Cecilia Reader / Petitions

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Dorothy Rehagen

Saturday 7:00 p.m. Dorothy Rehagen

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Don Wansing

St. Cecilia Altar Servers

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Henry & Ben Schroeder,

Alex & Joshua Even

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Will & Melina Derkum,

Sophie Bock

**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

December 2-3

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Betty Schellman, Carolyn Loethen, Lora Boessen

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

Reinkemeyer

December 9-10

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

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jan Carter, Mattheuw Prenger,

Keith Kliethermes

St. Thomas Greeters/Ushers

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

December 2-3

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Gregg Boessen & Mike Groner

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Arthur McManus & Doug Stockman

December 9-10

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Dave Luebbering & Steve Schellman

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – TJ Loethen & Mattheuw Prenger

St. Thomas Presentation of Gifts at Mass

December 2-3

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Steve & Katrina Schellman Family

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Corey & Susan Wood Family

December 9-10

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

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Alan & Stephanie Cortvrient

St. Thomas Collection Counters

December 2-3 – Jennifer Schroeder & Stephanie Cortvrient

December 9-10 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman

December 16-17 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg

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 Strobe - Sorrowful

Saturday 4:40 p.m. – Paul Becker – Joyful

Sunday 9:40 a.m. – Pat Loethen - Joyful

SCRIP: December 2-3 Saturday – Karen Luebbering Sunday – April Heckman

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 30 – Hermina Strobe & Kathy Strobe.

Thursday, December 7 – Martha Strobe & Marsha Strobe. 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 or Emily Luebbering.

CONGRATULATIONS to **Henry and Angelina Veltrop**, children of Gary and Amanda Veltrop who were washed with the saving waters of Baptism this weekend.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE DIRT WORK: The re-graded dirt around our new sidewalks and steps has been seeded and straw has been applied. Until such time as the grass is well-established (*next spring*) please make use of the concrete sidewalk and steps in order to enter church. The paved parking along the roadway is wider than it was before, so it is not necessary to drop a tire off the edge of the pavement in order to be out of the driving lane. Thank you!

ST. CECILIA MASONRY WORK: During the previous week, the remaining portion of the rock wall was repaired and waterproofed. Additionally, missing brickwork and mortar was replaced on the north end of church.

ADVENT REFLECTION BOOKLETS: *Magnificat Advent Companion* booklets with daily reflections are available for you at the entrances to Church to assist your daily prayer throughout the season of Advent.

FOOD DRIVE: The St. Thomas / Meta Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a food drive beginning this week through December 17. The food collected will be delivered to the Helping Hands of Central Missouri Food Pantry located near St. Elizabeth in Miller County. Food collection boxes are located in the entrances of St. Thomas the Apostle & St. Cecilia Churches. As we approach the winter season, please take this opportunity to help those in need. Thank you!

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION will be held on Wednesday, November 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the **St. Thomas School Library**.

FROM THE ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE MUSIC OFFICE:

During the season of Advent, we will be singing “Come, O Lord, and Set Us Free” during Holy Communion. This antiphonal verse and psalm will be sung at in the same manner as the Responsorial Psalm, with the cantors singing the verses. Although there is no printed music in the pews for this, once you hear it a few times, it will be very easy to sing the refrain: “Come, O Lord, Come, O Lord, Come, O Lord, and set us free.” Call it “hands-free music”.....you don’t have to have a book in your hands to sing along on your way to receive Holy Communion! A blessed Advent to all as we anticipate the birth of Jesustogether!

FIRST FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1 AT ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH:

7:45 a.m. Mass with Anointing of the Sick offered after Mass to those who are in need of the Sacrament, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Church throughout the day.

Confession offered at 4:30-5:45 p.m. Benediction at 6:00 p.m. Please come and spend some quiet time with Our Lord.

St. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

December 2-3

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Dorothy Rehagen, Bonnie Kampeter, Lou Kloepfel

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

Pam Libbert

December 9-10

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Brenda Wansing, Doris Stumpe,

Jennifer Even

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Gerald & Phyllis Rehagen,

Janice Schanzmeyer

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

December 2-3

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

Randy Hagenhoff, Lou Kloepfel

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Terry Libbert, Tony Derkum, Leon

Schanzmeyer, Kenny Otto

December 9-10

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

Randy Hagenhoff

Sunday 8:00 a.m.- Dominic Plassmeyer, 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 – Joyful

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

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.

FIRST FRIDAY, HOSPITALITY AT ST. THOMAS: Please join us for coffee, donuts and other hospitality in the Vitae House after Mass on Friday, December 1.

PRAYING A ROSARY FOR OUR COUNTRY will be prayed on Monday, December 4 at 5:00 p.m. at St. Thomas Church.

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

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

RORATE MASS – FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22: There is an ancient custom during the season of Advent to celebrate Mass in the early morning before sunrise in anticipation of the coming of the Light of the World at Christmas. Mass will be offered by candlelight at St. Thomas the Apostle **at 6:00 a.m.** on **Friday, December 22.** Hospitality will be offered in the Vitae House following the Rorate Mass.

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** at 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.

PENANCES SERVICES AROUND THE AREA DURING ADVENT:

December 5 St. Anthony, Folk	December 15 St. Louis, Bonnots Mill
December 6 Immaculate Conception, Loose Creek	December 18 St. Thomas the Apostle, St. Thomas
December 11 St. Cecilia, Meta	December 19 St. Joseph, Westphalia
December 12 Holy Family, Freeburg	December 20 Mary, Help of Christians, Frankenstein
December 13 St. Aloysius, Argyle	December 21 St. George, Linn
December 13 Immaculate Heart, Chamois	

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.diojefcity.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 \$5,603 (71%) has been contributed.

ST. CECILIA CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: If you want to remember your loved ones during the Christmas season, you may make a monetary donation with their names (**clearly printed**) in an envelope marked "ST. CECILIA FLOWER DONATION". Please place the flower donations in the collection basket between now and December 17. The names will be remembered will be published in the December 23-24 bulletin.

ST. THOMAS CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: Those wishing to make a monetary donation toward the Christmas flowers and decorations at St. Thomas are asked to place their donation, along with names (**clearly printed**) of those to be remembered in the envelope provided in the December packet. Please the donations in the collection basket between now and December 17. The names will be remembered will be published in the December 23-24 bulletin.

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.

BIRTHDAY OPEN HOUSE: You are invited to an Open House 90th birthday gathering for **Florentine Hagenhoff** at the Meta Fire House (old store building in middle of town) Meta, MO on Sunday, November 26, 1:00-3:00 p.m.; Snacks will be served. Please no gifts. Come visit with her to celebrate her 90th Birthday.

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

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS

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

THANK YOU to **Western Catholic Union** for their recent matching fund program which provided \$500 to the St. Thomas Home & School for their recent pizza fundraiser.

BOX TOPS: Please continue to Box Tops for Education, Coke Points & Best Choice Labels. Drop them by the St. Thomas School office.

COPY PAPER: St. Thomas School is in need of paper, clean on one side and staple free. Please drop off paper at school or call the school office.

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 Strobe at 573-477-3349. Batting is available for \$10.00.

ST. THOMAS CRAFTS: 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 573-477-3480.

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).

ST. THOMAS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST is Sunday, December 3, serving 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the St. Thomas K of C hall.

MISSOURI RIVER REGIONAL LIBRARY BOOKMOBILE will be available to the St. Thomas Community on Monday, November 27 from 5:45-6:45 pm. in the St. Thomas the Apostle Church parking lot off Park Street at 7:15 to 8:00 p.m. at Bee Line, Meta.

RECOGNIZING OUR COLLEGE GRADUATES in the bulletin. If you are a college or technical school graduate this semester, please let us know by emailing or calling the school at 573-477-3322 or the Parish Office on Tuesday morning or on Wednesday from 8:30-5:30 p.m. at 573-477-3315. The names will be published in the December 23-24 bulletin.

THE META CIVIC LEAGUE will hold their next meeting on November 27 at 7:00 pm.

ST. RAYMOND SOCIETY – PREGNANCY HELP CENTER: The founders of St. Raymond's Society will speak at Sacred Heart Parish, Rich Fountain at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria on Wednesday, December 6, 2017. St. Raymond Society operates pregnancy help centers in the Mid Missouri area.

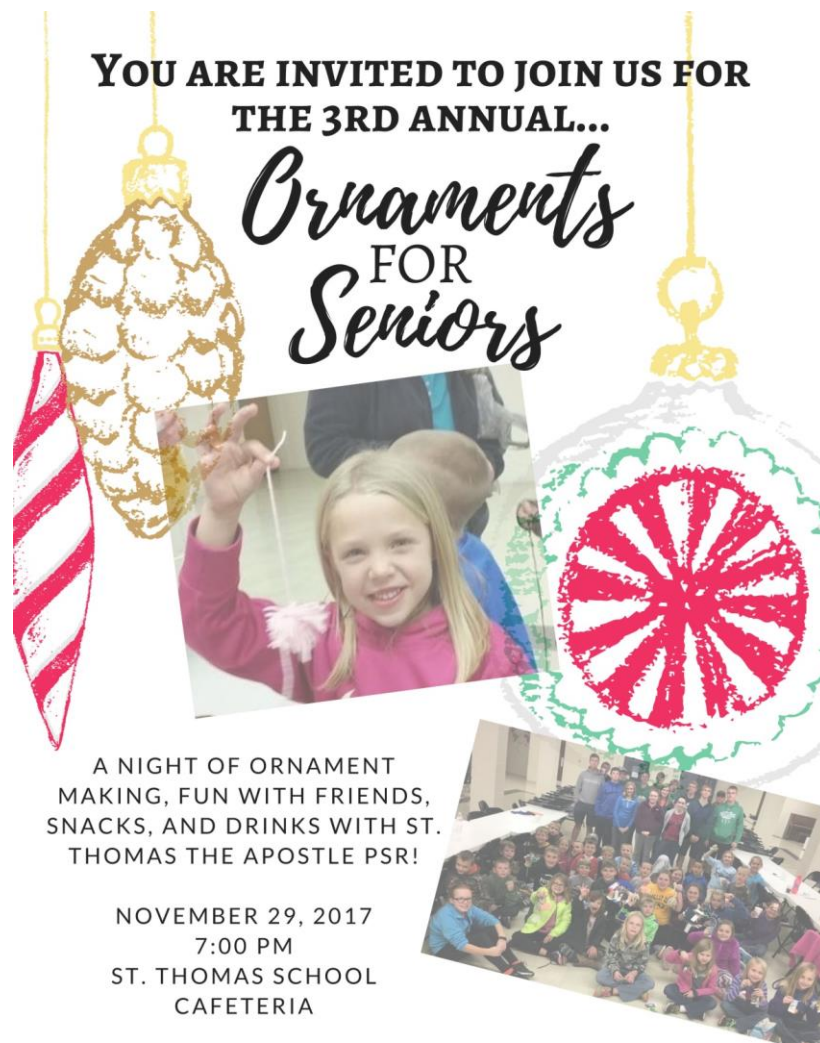
SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO MID-AMERICA BANK: Santa's sleigh will be landing at the Wardsville branch on Thursday, December 21, 12:30 – 3:30 p.m. All parents and grandparents are invited to bring their children or grandchildren after school to visit Santa in the Wardsville Branch lobby. Whether they're naughty or nice, all children will have the opportunity to take their picture with Santa and receive a free gift! For more information, please call 573-635-0019.

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.

**YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR
THE 3RD ANNUAL...**

*Ornaments
FOR
Seniors*



A NIGHT OF ORNAMENT
MAKING, FUN WITH FRIENDS,
SNACKS, AND DRINKS WITH ST.
THOMAS THE APOSTLE PSR!

NOVEMBER 29, 2017
7:00 PM
ST. THOMAS SCHOOL
CAFETERIA