

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

**St. Cecilia**  
in Meta

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**ALL SAINTS**

**November 1, 2020**

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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 1-8:**

**Monday 9:00 a.m.** – All Souls  
(Mass at cemetery weather permitting or in Church)  
Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Marilyn Herigon  
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – Agnes Boessen Benne  
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Alex Heckman  
Friday 7:45 a.m. – Mark Strobe  
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – L&D Members of the  
Knights of Columbus

**Your Sunday Offering:**

Offertory Budget for 2020-2021:	\$305,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End:	\$101,668.00
Actual Collection for 2020-2021:	<b>\$ 86,617.00</b>
Offertory Difference Year to Date:	– \$ 15,051.00
Offertory Goal per month:	\$ 25,417.00

**Collection in Church:**

October 4	\$ 3,689.00
October 11	\$ 4,140.00
October 18	\$ 3,310.00
October 25	\$ 2,077.00

**Collection Online:** \$ 6,052.00

**October total to date:** **\$19,268.00**

Difference for October: -\$ 6,149.00

**St. Thomas the Apostle Expansion & Building Fund**

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

Income from parishioners for FY 2020-2021

(via the yellow "Building Fund" envelope): **\$8,366.00**

Loan payments to date for FY 2020-2021: **\$96,949.13**

Principal \$95,840.65 Interest \$1,108.48

Parish Building Expansion Debt remaining: **\$0**

**Thanks to the generous support of St. Thomas the  
Apostle parishioners and our benefactors, the Parish has  
paid off the building expansion loan.**

**Cantor/Organist**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Judy Schroeder / Jackie Prenger

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Kelsey Kliethermes / Annette Kehner

**St. Thomas the Apostle Reader**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – David Schroeder

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Greg Russell

**St. Thomas the Apostle Ushers**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Joe & Jonathan Buschjost

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Doug Stockman & TJ Loethen

**Saint Cecilia**

**Mass Schedule for the Week of November 1-8:**

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Victor Bruemmer

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Danny Wankum

**Your Sunday Offering:**

Offertory Budget for 2020-2021:	\$62,000.00
Collection Total for 2020-2021:	<b>\$16,917.00</b>
Offertory Goal per month:	\$ 5,166.67

**Collection in Church:**

October 4	\$ 1,382.00
October 11	\$ 365.00
October 18	\$ 1,100.00
October 25	\$ 735.00

**October total to date:** **\$ 3,582.00**

Difference for October: -\$ 1,584.67

**COLLECTION COUNTERS:**

November: Dale & Margie Helton

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

**St. Cecilia Reader:**

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dorothy Rehagen

**Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia**

Wednesday 6:05 p.m. –Margaret Brune–Glorious Mysteries

Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Mary Plassmeyer– Joyful Mysteries

**St. Cecilia Ushers**

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Leonard Schulte & Harold Libbert

### **Mass live streamers**

November 8 – Jeanette Schroeder  
November 15 – Tom Backes  
November 22 – Karlie Reinkemeyer  
November 29 – Jennifer Schroeder

**If anyone is interested in helping livestream the 10:00 a.m. Mass, please contact Barbara Graessle at 573-680-2954.**

### **Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle**

Tuesday, 7:20 a.m. – Joann Heckman – Sorrowful Mysteries  
Wednesday 7:20 a.m. – Pat Loethen – Glorious Mysteries  
Thursday 7:20 a.m. – Viola Boessen – Luminous Mysteries  
Friday 7:20 a.m. – Bob Schellman– Sorrowful Mysteries  
Saturday 4:35 p.m. – Barb Graessle – Joyful Mysteries  
Sunday 9:35 a.m. – Gilbert & Hermina Strobe – Joyful Mysteries

**THE DIOCESE OF JEFFERSON CITY** warns the public of what appears to be an ongoing phishing scam involving emails and texts purportedly from priests or parish/Chancery staff. This scam has hit many parishes across the United States. The email or text purports to be from a person the target knows, such as one's pastor, a parish staff member, the bishop or someone else from the Church. If the target responds to the fake email or text, the sender will follow up with a request for some sort of monetary assistance, often for gift cards or iTunes cards. It is truly unfortunate cyber criminals will attempt to exploit the generous nature of our community. Sending emails or texts asking for cash or gifts cards is not how priests, parishes or the Diocese of Jefferson City seeks financial assistance for our work. If you receive an email or text from a trusted church personnel asking for assistance, confirm by calling that person and do NOT respond to the email or text. For more information on phishing scams and email security, or The FBI website address to file an online Internet crime complaint is <https://www.ic3.gov>.

**SCRIP:** Visit [www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip](http://www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip) for more information about the Scrip program. Please contact Daffiny Tallent at 573-694-4408 to purchase anytime. A large variety of cards in various denominations are in stock and available for purchase. **We have new scrip that is now available to purchase: Culver's, Madison's Café, Oscar's Diner, Sonic.**

### **SNACKS FOR QUILTERS:**

Anyone entering the St. Thomas Parish School building must wear a mask at all times, except when quilting. Must be fever free or no temperature of 100 or higher. Please take your temperature at home.

**Thursday, Nov. 5** –Joyce (Kenny) Boessen & Donna Boessen **Thursday, Nov. 12**–Lora Boessen & Joyce Boessen (Marshall)  
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.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to **Aidan Humphrey & Kenny Dickneite** who were united in the bonds of Holy Matrimony on Saturday, October 25 at St. Cecilia Church.

### **A NOTE OF THANKS!**

Thank you everyone for your concern and prayers during our bout with COVID 19. **Chris & Emily Luebbering**

**ST. CECILIA SATURDAY NIGHT MASSES IN NOVEMBER:** The first Saturday of the month Mass at St. Cecilia (Nov. 7) is cancelled, there will be Saturday night 7:00 p.m. Masses at St. Cecilia on November 14 and Nov. 21 for the deer hunters.

**COMMEMORATION OF ALL SOULS:** Mass will be offered at St. Thomas Cemetery on Monday, November 2 at 9:00 a.m. weather permitting, if inclement weather Mass will be held in St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

**A ROSARY FOR OUR NATION** will be held on Monday, November 2, 7:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church. If you cannot join in Church, the rosary will be live streamed as well.

**BISHOP MCKNIGHT'S NOVEMBER PRAYER INTENTION:** For a greater sense of gratitude to God for all blessings received, and a greater sense of our responsibility for the mission of the Church in our parishes.

### **UPDATED DECREE FROM BISHOP MCKNIGHT:**

**Decree on pastoral activities during the COVID-19 pandemic and after 11 September 2020.**

#### **August 20, 2020 | Health, Public Health Concerns**

Whereas the Department of Health and Senior Services of the State of Missouri and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention of the United States federal government continue to recommend the observance of social distancing and the use of face masks when in gatherings; that persons 65 years of age and older, as well as those with certain medical conditions, avoid public gatherings as much as possible; and the practice of frequent handwashing or use of hand sanitizers; and

Whereas the common good demands that the public health requirements and recommendations of the state are to be observed whenever possible; and Whereas having received the recommendation of the Presbyteral Council to extend the current norms with regard to the pandemic; I therefore declare, as the diocesan bishop, the following:

1. All the faithful of the Diocese of Jefferson City, and those who are present in the territory of the diocese, are dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation until 27 November 2020, provided that for days of precept they do one of the following:
  1. Prayerfully participate in the Sunday or holy day of obligation Mass livestreamed from their parish church or chapel, the Cathedral, the Vatican, or of any Mass of the day celebrated in communion with the Roman Catholic Church.
  2. Prayerfully read and meditate on the readings of the Mass for the Sunday or holy days of obligation, and recite the Rosary or Divine Mercy Chaplet.
2. Parishes are highly encouraged to livestream Masses for Sundays and holy days of obligation indefinitely.
3. Those who are symptomatic for COVID-19 are not permitted to enter church properties, in accordance with national, state and local health directives. All are asked to check their temperature at home before going to church.
4. Those who are 65 years of age or older, and those with medical conditions, are highly encouraged not to go to Mass, especially when it is likely that there will be a large number of the faithful in attendance or if social distancing and the wearing of face masks are not observed.
5. Those who do not attend Mass on Sundays are encouraged to attend Mass on a weekday if it would be easier to observe the proper social distancing and other health recommendations.
6. The celebration of weddings outside of Mass may take place outdoors on the grounds of and in proximity to the parish church or chapels, according to the judgement of the pastor, parochial administrator, or parish life collaborator.

7. Pastors, parochial administrators, parish life collaborators, and the presidents and principals of Catholic schools are strictly obliged to follow the public health requirements, directives or orders of local government officials for gatherings of the faithful, including for the celebrations of Mass, weddings and funerals, other liturgies, devotions, school and catechetical activities, social events, sports activities, and meetings.
8. All other public health recommendations of state authorities should be followed whenever possible, especially with regard to singing in church, according to the judgment of the pastor, parochial administrator, parish life collaborator, president or principal. Consultation with the bishop, vicar general, moderator of the curia, local dean, liturgy commission chairman, or superintendent is recommended.
9. **The use of face masks upon entering the church, during the celebration of Mass except when in place in the pew, during the Communion procession, and upon leaving the church is required. If social distancing cannot be maintained in the pew, then the wearing of face masks is obligatory even in the pew.**
10. The offertory procession, the sign of peace, and Holy Communion from the chalice shall continue to be suspended. One or more stationary collection baskets are to be used rather than baskets passed or taken up by ushers. Where it has been the practice, the holding of hands during the Our Father must not be done.
11. Communion ministers are to sanitize their hands before and after distributing Holy Communion, and they must use face masks during the distribution of Holy Communion.
12. Those who persist in their desire to receive Holy Communion on the tongue may do so but only after those who receive Holy Communion in the hand, or in a Communion line designated solely for Holy Communion on the tongue. Communion ministers must purify and then sanitize their fingers after distributing Holy Communion on the tongue to each household.
13. High use areas within the church must be sanitized before each service, including the pews used by the assembly, restroom facilities, door handles, push plates, and knobs. It is advisable to have entrance and exit doors propped open during high traffic volumes before and after Mass.
14. Hymnals and other books are to remain stored for the duration of the pandemic. No materials may be left in the pews or adoration chapels. The faithful are encouraged to bring their own missals, hymnals and devotional books.
15. Holy water fonts shall remain empty.
16. Hand sanitizer should be made available throughout church and school facilities.
17. Other directives from the chancery for Catholic schools and religious education programs are to be followed. This decree is effective from 12 September 2020 and until 27 November 2020, anything to the contrary notwithstanding. Given at the Chancery of the Diocese of Jefferson City on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of August 2020.  
**Most Rev. W. Shawn McKnight, Bishop of Jefferson City**

**DIOCESAN CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL:** The Catholic Stewardship Appeal is well underway. A blessed thank you to everyone that has made a financial and prayerful commitment to our appeal. Our work is reliant on you as our faithful to help fund programs in our parishes, provide Catholic education and formation for our children, foster vocations, provide disaster relief through Catholic Charities, and many more vital programs in the diocese. Remember that no gift is too small and each and every person's gift is important.

The CSA goal for St. Cecilia Parish is \$2,500, \$825.00 received so far

The CSA goal for St. Thomas the Apostle Parish is \$10,000, \$1,800 received so far

**PASTOR'S MEDITATION:** 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 2020 Year A: **ALL SAINTS DAY, YES WE CAN MAKE SAINTS.** (Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12)

Today we rejoice in **all the saints of the Church**, all the saints in our lives and what is saintly in each of us. We thank God for all the holy women, men and children who have gone before us and those still among us today, who have enriched the Church and the world with their quiet witness to the Gospel, people whose lives are unheralded and whose names are unknown. Today's feast includes *all the saints who were never canonized*: mothers and fathers who stayed faithful to one another and their families; single men and women who did good unseen; those who found God through the pain they endured; all those who never thought of themselves as holy but whose goodness was clear to those they came across. We belong to a community that has a history of goodness and fidelity to the Gospel. We are related to those who went before us, those who linked their belief to those who went before them. We are part of a chain of holiness. We belong to the sanctified brethren. This feast gives us an occasion to thank God for having invited so many of our ancestors to join the company of the saints. May our reflection on the heroic lives of the saints and the imitation of their lifestyle enable us to hear from our Lord the words of grand welcome to eternal bliss: *"Well done, good and faithful servant! Enter into the joys of your master"* (Mt 25:21). Today is also a day for us to pray to the saints, both the canonized and the uncanonized, asking them to pray on our behalf that we may live our lives in faithfulness like theirs, and so receive the same reward. All Saints Day is a day on which we thank God for giving ordinary men, women and children a share in His holiness and Heavenly glory as a reward for their Faith. In fact, we celebrate the feast of each canonized saint on a particular day of the year. But there are countless other saints and martyrs, men, women and children united with God in Heavenly glory, whose feasts we do not celebrate. Among these would be our own parents and grandparents, brothers and sisters who were heroic women and men of Faith. *All Saints Day* is intended to honor their memory. Hence, today's feast can be called the feast of the Unknown Saint, in line with the tradition of the "Unknown Soldier." According to Pope Urban IV (ca. 1195-1264), *All Saints' Day* is also intended to supply any deficiencies in our celebration of the feast of saints during the year. In addition, the feast is observed to teach us to honor the saints, both by imitating their lives and by seeking their intercession for us before Christ, *the only mediator between God and man*. Today, the Church reminds us that God's call for holiness is universal and that all of us are called to live in His love and to make His love real in the lives of those around us. *Holiness* is related to the word *wholesomeness*. We show *holiness* when we live lives of integrity and truth, that is, wholesome and integrated lives in which we are close to others while being close to God. Reasons why we honor the saints: 1- **The saints put their trust in Christ and lived heroic lives of Faith.** St. Paul asks us to serve and honor such noble souls. He advises Christians to welcome, serve and honor those who have put their trust in Jesus. Hence, they deserve our veneration. 2- **The saints are our role models.** They teach us by their lives that Christ's holy life of unconditional love, mercy, and forgiveness can, with God's grace be lived by ordinary people, of all walks of life and at all times. 3- **The saints are our heavenly mediators** who intercede for us before Jesus.

Finally, this feast reminds us that, the life of Christ is still with us, we can all be saints, and the only question is the extent to which we try to live a godly life as God's children. Think of those who have been through it before you, and just tell yourself: 'They did it, so I can do it again.' **Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukibi**

**CONFIRMATION CLASS** will meet 7:30-9:00 p.m. most Wednesdays. In November, classes will be held in St. Cecilia Parish Center basement. Class will **NOT** be held Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>. In December, classes will be held at St. Thomas Knights of Columbus hall. Class will **NOT** be held Wednesday, December 23 and Wednesday, December 30<sup>th</sup>.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH FALL FANTASY EVENT UPDATE:** The Parish Pastoral Council has decided that our second largest fundraiser will be **CANCELLED** this year due to COVID concerns. However, it was decided to explore hosting a "Virtual Event" in January 2021. The PPC is looking for anyone who would like to serve on the event planning committee. Please contact the parish office or one of the PPC members if you are interested. Tech savvy and marketing parishioners particularly needed. We hope to bring the traditional Fall Fantasy back in November 2021.

**GRASS CUTTING ROTATION: THE ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH GROUNDS "GRASS CUTTING TEAM ROTATION" FOR THE UPCOMING WEEKS:**

Week of November 2: Mark Graessle, Jeff Cassmeyer and Fred Luebbering

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

Week of November 1<sup>st</sup>: Lynne Reinkemeyer, Linda Boessen, Lauri Luebbering, Lisa Lackman

Week of November 8<sup>th</sup>: Sonya Henson, Susan Buechter, Jackie Prenger, Amy Buechter

Week of November 15<sup>th</sup>: Janet Lueckenhoff, Jim Lueckenhoff, Charlene Buschjost, Randy Buschjost

Week of November 22<sup>th</sup>: Alan Libbert, Nancy Libbert, Darrel Buechter

Week of November 29<sup>th</sup>: Lynne Reinkemeyer, Linda Boessen, Lauri Luebbering, Lisa Lackman

Week of December 6<sup>th</sup>: Sonya Henson, Susan Buechter, Jackie Prenger, Amy Buechter

*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.*

**A ROSARY FOR OUR COUNTRY** will be prayed on Wednesday, November 4, 5:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

**REMINDERS FOR PARISHIONERS** that every First Friday of the month, we have a Holy Hour/Adoration followed by Benediction at St. Thomas the Apostle and at St. Cecilia the last Friday of the month from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE HOLY HOUR** is Friday, November 6, 7:00 p.m. in St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL NEWS:** All Students at St. Thomas the Apostle School will receive FREE breakfasts & lunches through the DESE Seamless Summer Option and the USDA. According to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), this program is scheduled to run through June 30, 2021, or until funding runs out – whichever occurs sooner. This program is also available to all children in the community from the ages of 1-18. If you wish to order meals for children 1-18 in the community, you will need to contact Mrs. Diane Lueckenhoff at 573-477-3322 by 9:00 a.m. Then you may pick up your meals at 11:30 a.m. by the cafeteria door, which is next to the Parish entry double doors. If you have any questions, please call the school office at 573-477-3322 for more information.

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

Monday, November 2 – No School K-8, Diocesan Professional Day

Thursday, November 5 – Early Release K-8, 12:50 car riders, 1:00 p.m. bus riders

Wednesday, November 18- Mid-Quarter

Thursday, November 19 – Home & School Meeting 6:30 p.m. Mrs. Field's Delivery TBA

Wednesday, November 25 – No School K-8

Thursday, November 26 – Thanksgiving Day, No School P-8

Friday, November 27 – No School K-8

**THE META CITIZENS CIVIC LEAGUE** has a used commercial refrigerator for sale. It is a "Superior" Model T-49 brand manufactured by the Superior Products Mfg. Co. The compressor was replaced June 2018. The thermostat is out. We will accept sealed bids and open them at the November Board meeting. If interested in placing a bid or need more information please contact Darin Even (573) 680-6946.

**OUR LADY OF SNOWS PARISH & SCHOOL FALL BBQ PORK STEAK DINNER** (Drive-thru dinner & 50/50 raffle) is Saturday, November 7 serving 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Pork Steak meal \$12.00 includes pork steak, baked potato, baked beans, cole slaw, dinner roll & dessert. Hot Dog Meal \$5.00 includes hotdog, chip bag, applesauce & dessert. All proceeds go to Our Lady of the Snows Parish. For tickets, please contact Our Lady of the Snows School 1-573-498-3574 or Mary's Home Bank 573-4980.

**BLAIR OAKS CLASS OF 2021 PROJECT GRADUATION DRIVE-THRU BBQ** is Sunday, November 8 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Pork steak plate or bratwurst plate, advanced tickets can be purchased for \$10.00 by contacting a senior from the Class of 2021 and tickets will also be available on site.

**St. Cecilia Church  
Budget Summary  
July 1, 2020 – September 30, 2020**

**Income:**

General (Sunday Collections)	14,955.00
(Includes Memorial Donations of \$855.00)	
Special Income (Parish Center Rental, Misc)	0.00
Diocesan Collection Income	500.00
Universal Church Collection	226.00
Special Church Receipts	670.51
Checking Interest	<u>9.54</u>

**Total Income:** \$16,361.05

**Expenses:**

Church & Rectory General	14,978.28
Church & Rectory Special	5,572.76
Diocesan Collections	<u>0.00</u>

**Total Expenses:** \$20,371.04

**Net Income (Loss)** (4,009.99)

