

# The Roman Catholic Parishes of

**St. Thomas the Apostle**  
in St. Thomas

**St. Cecilia**  
in Meta

[www.stthomasapostle.net](http://www.stthomasapostle.net)

PO Box 146  
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## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

November 22, 2015

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St. Thomas Parish Office hours: Tuesdays 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Thursdays 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

St. Cecilia Parish Office hours: Tuesdays 3:30 - 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 22-29:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Wm & Rufina Boessen  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – L&D John H. Boessen Family  
Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Ida Schellman  
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – No Mass  
**Thursday 9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Day** – Roman Plassmeyer  
Friday 7:45 a.m. – No Mass  
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – L&D Knights of Columbus

#### Your Sunday Offering:

Offeritory Budget for 2015-2016:	\$305,000.00
Offeritory Goal through Month End:	\$127,085.00
Actual Collection for 2015-2016:	<b>\$109,060.02</b>
Offeritory Difference Year to Date:	-\$18,024.98
Offeritory Goal per month:	\$25,417.00

#### Collection in Church:

November 1	\$5,409.00
November 15	\$5,109.00
November 22	\$2,645.00
November 29	\$

**Collection Online:** \$5,244.00

**November total to date:** **\$18,407.00**

Difference for November: - **\$7,010.00**

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

Total Expansion Project expenses paid: \$2,273,475.34  
Income from parishioners for fiscal year 2015-2016  
(via the yellow "Building Fund" envelope): **\$11,256.00**  
Loan payments to date for fiscal year 2015-2016: **\$46,138.70**  
(Principal) \$36,194.00 (Interest) \$9,944.60  
Parish Building Expansion Debt remaining: **\$547,859.44**

#### St. Thomas Cantor / Organist

Saturday 5:00 p.m. –  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Robyn Schroeder/Elizabeth

#### St. Thomas Reader/ Petitions

Thanksgiving 9:00 a.m. – Gilbert Strobe  
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kathy Graessle  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – K of C Member

#### St. Thomas Altar Servers

Tuesday – Kenize Libbert & Klint Luebbering  
**Thursday, Thanksgiving Day 9:00 a.m.** – Jeremy Stockman, Isaac Prenger  
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Cameron & Chesney Luebbering, Chase Luebbering, Abby Hoecker  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Nolan & Molly Suthoff, Ethan & Isaac Rackers

### Saint Cecilia

#### Mass Schedule for the Week of November 22-29:

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Brian Wansing  
  
Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – John Wansing  
  
Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Lawrence & Scott Otto  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Roman & Geneva Plassmeyer

#### Your Sunday Offering:

Offeritory Budget for 2015-2016:	\$60,471.51
Collection Total for 2015-2016:	<b>\$22,720.26</b>
Offeritory Goal per month:	\$5,039.29

#### Collection in Church:

November 1	\$1,288.00
November 15	\$1,172.00
November 22	\$ 883.25
November 29	\$

**November total to date:** **\$3,343.25**

Difference for November: - **\$1,696.04**

*Please remember your parish in your last will & testament.*

#### St. Cecilia Collection Counters

December – Pam Libbert & Marie Lueckenotto

#### St. Cecilia Reader / Petitions

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Dorothy Rehagen  
Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Doris Stumpe  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Karen Fick

#### St. Cecilia Altar Servers

**November 28-29**  
Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Zachary & Joshua Even, Carson Libbert & Gavin Holterman  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Adam & Madalyn Veltrop, Ava & Saige Werdehausen

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

**Thursday, November 26, Thanksgiving Day 9:00 a.m.**

Gilbert & Hermina Strope, Glenn Prenger

**November 28-29**

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

Pat Kaiser

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – K of C Members

**December 5-6**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Paul & Jenny Becker

Marshall Boessen

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Rob Henson, Richard & Jan

Heckemeyer, Emily Luebbering, Janet Lueckenhoff

**St. Thomas Greeters/Ushers** \* *please arrive at least 15*

*minutes before Mass begins to greet & assist parishioners*

**Thursday, November 26 – Thanksgiving Day, 9:00 a.m.**

Jim Lueckenhoff & Larry Lueckenhoff

**November 28-29**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Joe Buschjost & Carolyn Loethen

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

**December 5-6**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark Boessen & Gregg Boessen

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

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

**Thursday, November 26, Thanksgiving Day, 9:00 a.m.**

– Larry & Linda Lueckenhoff

**November 28-29**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ralph & Kathy Graessle

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – K of C Members

**December 5-6**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Paul & Jenny Becker

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Gilbert & Hermina Strope

**St. Thomas Collection Counters:**

November 28-29 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg

December 5-6 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes

December 12-13- Richard & Jan Heckemeyer

**Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas**

Tues., 7:25 a.m. – Viola – Sorrowful (Jenna Luebbering)

Wed. 7:25 a.m. – No Mass

**Thursday 8:40 a.m.** – Celeste & Martha –Luminous

(Jason Otto)

Fri. 7:25 a.m. – No Mass

Sat. 4:40 p.m. – Dale Herigon– Joyful (Kaitlyn Otto)

Sun. 9:40 a.m. – Pat Loethen– Joyful (Nicole Otto)

*\* The names listed after the mysteries of the rosary to be prayed before Mass are those from St. Cecilia and St. Thomas the Apostle Parishes who are preparing for the Sacrament Confirmation. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for this important Sacrament.*

**ST. THOMAS PRAYER EMAIL REQUESTS: EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:** all email prayer requests should be sent to [jbeckeroffice@gmail.com](mailto:jbeckeroffice@gmail.com) instead of [lackmanlt@aol.com](mailto:lackmanlt@aol.com). Please remember that the sole purpose of the parish prayer line and email communication to ask for prayers for those particularly in need. Out of respect for individuals' privacy, only necessary information is communicated.

**SCRIP SALES (November 28-29)** Visit [www.stthomasapostleschool.net/scrip](http://www.stthomasapostleschool.net/scrip) for more information about the Scrip program.

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kelley Buschjost

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Sara Otto

**LADIES TO BRING SNACK TO ST. THOMAS QUILTERS:**

**Tuesday: November 24** – Amanda Wooten & Carol Backes **Thursday: December 3** – Jenny Becker & Agnes Boessen

Please bring to hall by 1:00 p.m.; snack served at 3:00 p.m. If you have questions, please call Kathy Strope or Emily Luebbering.

**A NOTE OF THANKS!**

The family of Josephine Werdehausen would like to thank everyone for their condolences and words of kindness offered during the loss of our wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. A special thanks to Monsignor Don Lammers, Fr. I.C. Medina, Deacon Fred Schmitz, Fancher-Rekus Funeral Home, the choir, organist, musicians, and servers for the wonderful funeral service. Also thanks to anyone who brought food to the house, the luncheon and for everyone that assisted with the luncheon after the mass. Your kindness and thoughtfulness will always be remembered. **Jim Werdehausen & Family**

**THANKSGIVING DAY** is Thursday, November 26. Mass will be offered at 9:00 a.m. at St. Thomas.

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

Mass will be celebrated on Monday, December 7 (Vigil) at 7:00 p.m. at St. Thomas,

Tuesday, December 8 at 7:45 a.m. at St. Thomas

and 7:00 p.m. at St. Cecilia.

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

**ST. THOMAS:**

Mass will be celebrated on December 24: 5:00 p.m. & Midnight

December 25: 10:30 a.m.

**ST. CECILIA:**

December 24: 7:00 p.m.

December 25: 8:30 a.m.

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

**November 28-29**

Saturday 7:00 p.m.-Jennifer Even, Betty Hagenhoff, Dorothy Rehagen

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

**December 5-6**

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

Brenda Wansing

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

Pam Libbert

**St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers**

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

Mysteries (Adam Schell)

Saturday 6:40 p.m. – Alice Hake – Joyful Mysteries

(Rebecca Schroeder)

Sunday 7:40 a.m. – Mary Plassmeyer – Joyful Mysteries

(Ashleigh Schroeder)

**VOTIVE CANDLES:** The requested donation for lighting a votive candle in church is **\$2.50**.

**IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO FULFILL  
YOUR LITURGICAL MINISTRY,  
IN YOUR KINDNESS & CHARITY,  
PLEASE FIND A REPLACEMENT.**

**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.

**TIME AND TALENT** forms are still available at the entrances of Church (green color for St. Thomas; peach color for St. Cecilia). If you wish to add or change your current ministries and activities, please complete and return a form.

**MINISTRY TO THE ILL & INFIRM:** If you are preparing for surgery, recovering from surgery, homebound or ill, please let Fr. Secrist (477-3315) and/or MaryPat Luebbering (477-3476) know so that you have the opportunity to receive the Sacraments and pastoral care.

**THE 2015-2016 CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL (CSA):** The Catholic Stewardship Appeal (CSA) is our opportunity to come together as the Church in the 95 Catholic Parishes and 15 missions of our diocese. This year, CSA videos are available on the diocesan website [www.diojeffcity.org](http://www.diojeffcity.org). Please take the time to view the informational videos by clicking on the "Youtube video" link located on the upper right hand corner.

The 2016 CSA goal for **St. Cecilia Parish** is **\$3,363.00 (8 have pledged \$800.00 so far)**

The 2016 CSA goal for **St. Thomas Parish** is **\$7,945.00 (16 have pledged \$2,455.00 so far)**.

There are CSA envelopes in the entrances of Church.

**PENANCE SERVICES AROUND THE AREA DURING ADVENT:**

Wednesday, December 2, 7:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception Parish, Loose Creek

Thursday, December 3, 7:00 p.m. Holy Family Parish, Freeburg

Wednesday, December 9, 7:00 p.m. St. Joseph Parish, Westphalia

Monday, December 14, 7:00 p.m. Our Lady of Help Parish, Frankenstein

Tuesday, December 15, 7:00 p.m. St. Aloysius Parish, Argyle

Wednesday, December 16, 7:00 p.m. St. Anthony of Padua, Folk

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

**2015 NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE:** The St. Thomas CYO asked for and received your support as we made plans to attend the 2015 National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis. We would like to thank the CYO Members and their parents that are not attending this event for their support and help over the past year. We could not have reached our goal without you. We would like to say a special thank you to our parents for your support and the foundation of our Faith. The members of St. Thomas & St. Cecilia Parishes are truly wonderful role models for our youth and we couldn't have done this without your generous support. What a Faith filled Community we live in! Thank you to Fr. Secrist for your continued support, guidance, and belief in the youth of our Parishes. To the business, grandparents, parishioners that made a monetary donation to our trip, your generosity will never be forgotten. May God Bless You for Your Generosity!

**MASS INTENTIONS...**

The specific Mass intentions for each scheduled Mass are regularly published in this bulletin and are specifically requested by individual request. Every reasonable effort is made to accommodate particular times and dates, when so requested. However, when on occasion the date or time request cannot be met, the intention will be rescheduled for the next earliest date available.

**PRAYER HOUR WITH MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION** will not be held on Tuesday, November 24.

**WEDNESDAY EVENING TRAFFIC PATTERN AT ST. THOMAS:** Because of the number of people attending PSR, Confirmation Preparation and Quilting on Wednesday evenings at St. Thomas, **all** drivers are asked to please **enter via the lower driveway from Park Street** and **exit from the upper parking lot onto Highway B only**.

**ST. THOMAS PSR CLASSES** will not be held this coming week due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

**ST. THOMAS PSR:** We would like to remind everyone involved in the PSR program to please sign up for the Remind text messaging. This is the primary form communication we will use should classes need to be cancelled. Text @stthomaspsr to 81010 to receive messages. Also, please follow our "St. Thomas the Apostle PSR" page on Facebook for messages and notifications of events. Thank you!

Parents and parishioners are invited to join us in our first ever ornament crafting night. The older kids will be helping the Elementary PSR students make ornaments for nursing home residents. Parents are encouraged to come join in the fun! December 2 at 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Please see flyer on last page of bulletin.

**ADULT SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION:** The next meeting will be **Sunday, November 29, 6:00 p.m.** in Vitae House at St. Thomas. This meeting is for those adults who are interested in becoming Catholic and are willing to begin the journey. Questions? Please contact Fr. Secrist at 477-3315.

**CONFIRMATION PREPARATION:** **There will be no Confirmation classes this week due to the Thanksgiving holiday.**

**ST. CECILIA SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Sunday School classes for St. Cecilia immediately follow the 8:00 a.m. Mass in the Parish Center. Sunday School classes are open to any children in kindergarten, or those who will be entering kindergarten next year (fall of 2016). Please contact Jennifer Even at 573-680-6945, 573-229-8976 or [evenfamily6@att.net](mailto:evenfamily6@att.net) to sign up or with any questions.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Sunday School is for children preschool age (2 years prior to Kindergarten) and will meet on Sundays from 9:00 to 9:45 a.m. in the St. Thomas School Kindergarten room. Please contact Daffiny Tallent at 573-694-4408 or email [ddtallent@embarqmail.com](mailto:ddtallent@embarqmail.com) if interested and/or for more information.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE YARD SIGNS & WINDOW STICKERS:** Show your support for our local Catholic school by purchasing a sign for your front yard and a window sticker for your vehicle, boat or tractor. Yard signs and window stickers are \$5.00 each. Please contact the School Office at 573-477-3322.

**TOTUS TUUS SUMMER CAMP** at St. Thomas and Meta has been scheduled for **July 18-22, 2016**. Please save the dates!

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

November 23 – Red Cross Blood Drive presentation @ 2:30 p.m.

24 – 7&8 Visit to Helias

25 – No School K-8

26 – Thanksgiving, No School P-8

27 – No School – P-8

December 4 – First Friday, Adoration, Confessions

10 – Advent Program, 7:00 p.m. in Parish Center

**The St. Thomas the Apostle School Self-Study will be held on April 10-12, 2016.**

**BOX TOPS:** Please continue to save Box Tops for Education, Coke Points & Best Choice labels.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL** is still accepting registrations for **Preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> grade**. Please call the school office to register at 573-477-3322.

**MISSOURI RIVER REGIONAL LIBRARY BOOKMOBILE** will be available to the St. Thomas Community on Monday, November 23 from 5:45-6:45 p.m. in the St. Thomas K of C Parking lot; and 7:15-8:00 p.m. Beeline Mini Mart, Meta.

**META CIVIC LEAGUE:** The November monthly meeting of the Meta Civic League will be held on Monday, November 23, 7:00 p.m.

**SAVE THE DATE: ST. THOMAS PARISH PARK BOARD TRIVIA NIGHT** is Saturday, January 23, 2016 in the St. Thomas Parish Center.

**ST. STANISLAUS, WARDSVILLE PERPETUAL ADORATION:** The following Perpetual Adoration chapel hours are open at St. Stanislaus Church Monday 1:00-2:00 p.m. Tuesday 11:00-12:00 noon Saturdays 1:00-2:00 p.m. Saturday 10:00-11:00 p.m. (2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Saturdays). If you would like to sign up for an hour by contacting Donna at 635-2095 or 680-1470. Thank you!

**UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR:**

**ST. THOMAS/META KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLOOD DRIVE** is Sunday, November 29, 8:00 a.m. – noon in the St. Thomas KC Hall. To make an appointment visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) Sponsor Code: StThomasParish

**ARGYLE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHICKEN DINNER** is Sunday, November 22, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Adults \$10.00, children 6-12 \$5.00 in the Argyle Knights of Columbus Hall.

**HOLY FAMILY PARISH FALL SUPPER, FREEBURG** is Sunday, December 6, serving fried chicken & sausage dinners from 11:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Adults \$11.00, children 6-12 \$5.00.

**JEFFERSON CITY CANTORUM CHRISTMAS MEMORIES CONCERT** is Saturday, December 12 at 7:00 p.m. at the Miller Performing Arts Center. Tickets adults \$10.00, Youth (18-under) \$5.00, Seniors (65 & over) \$8.00, Family (3-5 members) \$25.00. Tickets will be \$2.00 more at the door. Please visit [www.JeffersonCityCantorum.com](http://www.JeffersonCityCantorum.com) or call 573-230-2715.

## ORNAMENT MAKING NIGHT



**'TIS THE  
SEASON OF GIVING**

**PSR Ornaments for Senior Citizens  
St. Thomas Parish Center**

**December 2, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.**  
(snacks and drinks provided)

High school students will help the elementary students.  
Parents are encouraged to come and join in the fun.

