

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 24, 2019

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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 24-December 1:

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – L&D Alex Heckman Family
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – Roman Plassmeyer
Thursday 9:00 a.m. – People of our Parishes
Friday 7:45 a.m. – Fr. David Maher
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Dorothy Husley

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2019-2020: \$305,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End: \$127,085.00
Actual Collection for 2019-2020: **\$109,188.75**
Offertory Difference Year to Date: – \$ 17,896.25
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

November 3 \$ 3,897.30
November 10 \$ 3,960.00
November 17 \$ 2,602.00
November 24 \$

Collection Online: \$ 5,602.00
November total to date: **\$16,061.30**
Difference for November –\$ 9,355.70

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: **\$36,910.96**
(Principal \$33,679.72 Interest \$3,231.24)
Parish Building Expansion Debt remaining: **\$167,059.13**

St. Thomas the Apostle Cantor / Organist

Thanksgiving 9:00 a.m. – Judy Schroeder / Jackie Prenger
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Lisa Wieberg / Annette Kehner
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Choir / Annette Kehner

St. Thomas the Apostle Reader

Thanksgiving 9:00 a.m. – Jim Lueckenhoff
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Alfred Kaiser
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jan Carter

St. Thomas the Apostle Altar Servers

Weekday–Miranda Meyer, Kora Luebbering, Abigail Verslues
Thanksgiving Day 9:00 a.m. – Abigail & Valerie Verslues,
Jackson Braun
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Dawson Wieberg, Lilly Schulte,
Courtney Luebbering
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jackson Braun, Will & Wyatt Otto,
Dylan Kliegel

St. Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of November 24-December 1:

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – L&D Conrad & Hedwig Holtmeyer

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Fred Hagenhoff

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2019-2020: \$62,000.00
Collection Total for 2019-2020: **\$21,023.00**
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,166.67

Collection in Church:

November 3 \$ 679.00
November 10 \$ 962.00
November 17 \$1,575.00
November 24 \$

November total to date: **\$3,216.00**
Difference for November: -\$1,950.67

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

December – Marie Lueckenotto & Pam Libbert

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

St. Cecilia Reader

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic Plassmeyer

St. Cecilia Altar Servers

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. – Skyla, Jesse & Tucker
Schroeder
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Joshua & Alex Even

**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

Thursday, November 28 9:00 a.m. – Janet Lueckenhoff,
Glenn Prenger, Bill Luebbering

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

December 7-8

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

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

St. Thomas Greeters/Ushers

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

December 7-8

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

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mike Buschjost & Tom Backes

St. Thomas Presentation of Gifts at Mass

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

December 7-8

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

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – TJ & Erica Loethen Family

St. Thomas Collection Counters

December 1 - Keith & Jean Kliethermes

December 8 – Jennifer Schroeder & Dunja Wieberg

December 15 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas:

Tuesday 7:20 a.m. – Joann Heckman - Sorrowful

Wednesday 7:20 a.m. – Pat Loethen - Glorious

Thursday 8:35 a.m. – Pat Loethen – Luminous

Friday 7:20 a.m. – Bob Schellman – Sorrowful

Saturday 4:35 p.m. – Paul Becker - Joyful

Sunday 9:35 a.m. – Gilbert & Hermina Strobe – Joyful

PASTOR'S MEDITATION: 34th Sunday in ordinary time: Christ the King Sunday

It looks like everyone looks forward to Thanksgiving Day and killing a deer before sun set; I wish good luck for the deer hunters and wish you all of a blessed thanksgiving holiday. Let us **remember to pray for our dear ones that past on.**

This Sunday, at the end of Church's liturgical year, the readings describe the enthronement of the victorious Christ as King in Heaven in all his glory. This means that we live in the peace of Christ when we surrender our lives to him every day, accept him as our God, Savior and King and allow him to rule our lives.

We need to accept Christ the King as our Lord, King and Savior and surrender our lives to him. We surrender our lives to Jesus every day when we give priority to his teaching in our daily choices, especially in moral decisions. We should not exclude Christ our King from any area of our personal or family lives. In other words, Christ must be in full charge of our lives, and we must give him sovereign power over our bodies, our thoughts, our heart and our will.

We need to be serving disciples of a serving King. Jesus declared that he came not to be served but to serve and showed us the spirit of service by washing of the feet of his disciples. We become Jesus' followers when we recognize his presence in everyone, especially the poor, the sick, the outcast and the marginalized in the society and render humble and loving service to Jesus in each of them.

We need to accept Jesus Christ as the King of love. Jesus came to proclaim to all of us the Good News of God's love and salvation, gave us his new commandment of love: *"Love one another as I have loved you,"* and demonstrated that love by dying for us sinners. We accept Jesus as our King of love when we love others as Jesus loved, unconditionally, sacrificially and with *agape* love. Have a blessed week, **Fr. Leonard Mukilbi**

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

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 this week is 8:00 a.m. Wednesday, November 27.

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.

SCRIP: November 23-24 Saturday – Kerry Meyer Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Sara Otto
Visit 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.

St. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

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

December 8

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

Monday, December 9, 6:30 p.m. – Pam Libbert, Doris Stumpe, Bonnie Kampeter

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

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

December 8 – Anton Libbert, Terry Libbert, Tony Derkum,
Leon Schanzmeyer

Monday, December 9 6:30 p.m. – Mitch & Brendan Stumpe,
Darin Even, Randy Hagenhoff

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Wednesday 6:05 p.m. – Dorothy Rehagen– Glorious

Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer– Joyful

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.

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 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. \$740.00 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:

Tuesday, November 26 – Joanie Prenger & Meghan Rackers Tuesday, December 5 – Kathy Rackers & Jill Rademan
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.

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 coming season of Advent.

DECORATING ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS: St. Thomas the Apostle Church will be decorated on Sunday, December 22 after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Chili will be served after decorating. All are welcome to help decorate.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION CLASS will not meet this week.

PRAYER HOUR WITH MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION is Tuesday, November 26, 7:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

THE JUNIOR CYO in Cathy Borgmeyer's class will have a bake sale after Mass on December 1 at St. Cecilia Church. We are raising money for supplies and activities. Your support is appreciated. Thanks so much!!

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 in the flower donations in collection basket between now and December 22. The names will be remembered & published in the December 29 bulletin.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: Those wishing to make a monetary donation toward the Christmas flowers and decoration 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 place the donations in the collection basket between now and December 22. The names will be remembered & published in the December 29 bulletin.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS:

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 P-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, Bonnots 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 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!

MISSOURI RIVER REGIONAL LIBRARY BOOKMOBILE will be available to the St. Thomas Community on Monday, November 25 from 6:15-7:15 p.m. in the St. Thomas the Apostle Church parking lot off Park Street.

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 and enter StThomasParish to schedule an appointment.

PIANO: If anyone is interested in the piano that was previously at St. Cecilia in the parish center and was later stored in the old rectory, please contact Doris Stumpe. Would like to see if anyone is interested in the piano before proceeding on with donating it elsewhere.

THE META CITIZENS CIVIC LEAGUE monthly meeting will be held on November 25 at 7:00 p.m. This will be the last meeting until March 2020.

FOOD DRIVE: The St. Thomas / Meta Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a food drive beginning this week through December 22. 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!

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 Wednesday from 8:30-5:00 p.m. at 573-477-3315. The names will be published in the December 29 bulletin.

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.

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.

PICTURES WITH SANTA is Friday, December 13, 11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at Mid-America Bank, Wardsville.

St. Cecilia Parish Pastoral Council Meeting---October 16, 2019

The meeting was opened at 7:15PM with a prayer by Fr. Leonard.

Present was Fr. Leonard Mukiibi, Betty Hagenhoff, Mary Plassmeyer, Mitch Stumpe, Dorothy Rehagen, Don Wansing, and Emilie Borgmeyer.

The minutes from the July 24 meeting were read and approved.

Liturgical Committee: Mary reported that a joint liturgical committee meeting with St. Thomas will be held on October 22 at the Vitae House. Members from St. Cecilia are Cathy Borgmeyer, Pam Libbert, Jeannette Schroeder, Mary Plassmeyer. Father requested that sacristans be added which are Terry Libbert, and Dominic Plassmeyer.

Finance Committee: Betty said the budget has been approved by the Finance committee and submitted to the Diocese. Betty has not yet met with Doris to put together a summary budget to post in the bulletin. Mary reported that contributions are down and this is probably due mostly because we are down to only one Mass now on the weekends and parishioners are attending Saturday evening Mass elsewhere.

Old business:

Parish Center tuck pointing and foundation repairs: Mitch said we are on the list for work to be done by T&J Restoration and Waterproofing whenever they can get to it.

Stump grinding: Feeler Tree Service will contact us when they are working in the area.

Mapping of HVAC lines: Boessen Underground was contacted and we now have a map of the lines.

Changing tables for parish center bathrooms: Two tables are here and Mitch will try to find someone to install them and will check on ADA requirements.

Flower stands for Church: Mary said she had purchased 11 new flower stands from Hobby Lobby. We all agreed the new stands look nice in Church.

Sound system in Church: Emilie reported that Will West had made a visit and made adjustments to the sound system which is an improvement. He told us that it will sound better if readers talk directly into the microphone, and also Father does not use the ambo mike and body mike at the same time.

Chimney leak: Mitch reported that there was no additional leaking with all the recent rains. We will check again to see if there are any missing shingles from the Church roof.

New business:

Mitch reported that the side porch and railing of the rectory is in need of repair.

It was decided that whoever uses the parish center facilities should dispose of their own trash.

Dorothy asked about the use of Latin in Church liturgies and that most people did not understand it therefore not getting much out of services. Father reminded us that Latin is the official language of the Church.

Father Leonard's Report:

Father said that not many people come to visit with him on Wednesdays, and that Adoration and Holy Hour is poorly attended.

He would be willing to train more servers and will check with Jennifer Even regarding server practice and training through the religious education program.

It is working out very well with the Communion ministers.

Holy Hour will be canceled Friday, October 25 due to a wedding rehearsal. He said that couples planning a wedding which will be performed by a different priest and any other liturgical activities involving sacraments should be discussed with Father and meet with him beforehand and should be scheduled with the parish office.

Requests for parish needs should be submitted through the parish office and approved to make sure funds are available.

Readers should go up for the prayers of the faithful as soon as the Creed is finished. This is posted in the bulletin and Mary will notify the readers.

He said people need to be aware that the Diocesan Stewardship Appeal is good and it is important to contribute generously to it.

Father stated he thought that the Fall Festival was a parish function. We explained that they were separate entities and that the Fall Festival was a function benefiting the Meta Civic League, even though most of the work detail involves the same parish people as the parish picnic.

Father stated that he will be gone the month of January for a visit to his home, therefore the next meeting will be postponed until February 19 at 7:15 in the rectory.

The meeting ended at 9:00 PM with a prayer led by Father Leonard. Respectfully submitted by Emilie Borgmeyer, secretary.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH FALL FANTASY 2019 RESULTS

Stands:

First 50/50	\$ 347.00
Second 50/50	\$ 988.00
\$1 Raffle Ticket	\$ 237.00
\$5 Raffle Ticket	\$ 400.00
\$10 Raffle Ticket	\$ 850.00
\$20 Raffle Ticket	\$ 1,900.00
Hunter's Raffle	\$ 2,140.00
Lottery Tree	\$ 870.00
Lucky Card	\$ 2,020.00
Kitchen Sales	\$ 1,108.00
Total Stands	\$10,860.00

Ticket Sales and Donations	\$34,505.00
Total Income (before expenses)	\$45,365.00
Expenses	\$26,306.21 *
Total Profit	\$19,058.79

* Does not include a few small outstanding bills.

