

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 25, 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 25-December 2:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Pat Kliegel
Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Roman Plassmeyer
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – Ida Schellman
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Joe & Teresa Kaiser
Friday 7:45 a.m. – Henrietta Kroll
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – L&D Stanley Brand
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Robert Wieberg

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2018-2019: \$305,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End: \$127,085.00
Actual Collection for 2018-2019: **\$110,092.02**
Offertory Difference Year to Date: – \$ 16,992.98
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

November 4 \$ 3,861.25
November 11 \$ 1,960.00
November 18 \$ 4,678.00
November 25 \$

Collection Online: \$ 5,502.00

November total to date: \$16,001.25

Difference for November: - \$ 9,415.75

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): **\$11,380.00**
Loan payments to date for FY 2018-2019: **\$46,138.70**
(Principal) \$40,693.07 (Interest) \$5,445.63
Parish Building Expansion Debt remaining: **\$268,472.16**

St. Thomas the Apostle Cantor / Organist

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kerry Meyer / Jackie Prenger
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Choir / Annette Kehner

St. Thomas the Apostle Reader

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kathy Graessle
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jim Lueckenhoff

St. Thomas the Apostle Altar Servers

Weekday – Audrey Buschjost & Ava Morris
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ethan & Noah Luebbering,
Cale Luebbert
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Erika Luebbering, Brie Heckman,
Madi & Audrey Buschjost

St. Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of November 25-December 2:

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Hubert Brune
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Roman & Geneva Plassmeyer

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

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Vince & Brad Reinkemeyer
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – People of our Parishes

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 \$ 2,241.00
November 25 \$

November total to date: \$ 5,024.00

Difference for November: - \$ 142.67

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. – Doris Stumpe
Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Doris Stumpe
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic Plassmeyer

St. Cecilia Altar Servers

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Henry & Ben Schroeder
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Melina Derkum, Sophie Bock

**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

December 1-2

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Marshall Boessen, Mike & Trish Green
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mattheuw Prenger, Keith Kliethermes, Rob Henson

December 7, 6:00 p.m. – Mark & Barb Graessle, Betty Schellman

December 8-9

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

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Rosalyn Wieberg, Richard & Jan Heckemeyer

St. Thomas Greeters/Ushers

December 1-2

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Richard Schellman & Fred Luebbering
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Richard Heckemeyer & Jim Lueckenhoff

December 7, 6:00 p.m. – Carolyn Loethen & Mark Boessen

December 8-9

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Dave Luebbering & Steve Schellman
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Larry Lueckenhoff & Art Groner

St. Thomas Presentation of Gifts at Mass

December 1-2

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark & Barb Graessle
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – David & Linda Boessen Family

December 7, 6:00 p.m. – Mark & Lora Boessen Family

December 8-9

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Alfred & Margie Kaiser
Sunday 10:00 a.m. Doug & Tina Stockman Family

St. Thomas Collection Counters

December 1-2 – Jennifer Schroeder & Stephanie Cortvrient

December 8-9 –Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman

December 15-16 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas

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

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

Thursday 7:25 a.m. – Viola Boessen– Luminous

Friday 7:25 a.m. – Gilbert & Hermina Strobe - Sorrowful

Saturday 4:40 p.m. – Dale Herigon– Joyful

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

SNACKS FOR QUILTERS:

Thursday, November 29 – Leslie Green & Trish Green Thursday, December 6 – June Groner & Debbie Groner

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.



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 and clicking the “Giving” button.

The CSA goal for St. Thomas the Apostle Parish is \$8,000. **\$6,330.00 (79% of goal)** has been received from 36 donors.

The CSA goal for St. Cecilia Parish is: \$2,500. **\$1,201.00 (48% of goal)** has been received from 11 donors

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.

CONGRATULATIONS to ***Bennett Leo Schulte***, son of Justin & Samantha Schulte who was washed in the saving waters of Baptism this weekend in St. Thomas the Apostle Parish.

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.

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.

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 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

December 1-2

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Bonnie Kampeter, Lou Kloeppeel, Brenda Wansing

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

December 8, 9:00 a.m. – Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer, Janice Schanzmeyer

December 8-9

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Doris Stumpe, Jennifer Even, Betty Hagenhoff

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

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

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

December 8, 9:00 a.m. – Leon Schanzmeyer, Kenny Otto, Harold Libbert, Anton Libbert

December 8-9

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

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

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Wednesday 6:10 p.m. – Florentine Hagenhoff - Glorious

Saturday 6:40 p.m. – Dorothy Rehagen - Joyful

Sunday 7:40 a.m. – Margaret Brune – 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.

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.

PRAYER HOUR WITH MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION is Tuesday, November 27, 7:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

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 & December 16. The names will be remembered & published in the December 23 bulletin.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE 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 place the donations in the collection basket between now and December 16. The names will be remembered & published in the December 23 bulletin.

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: **December 1-2** - Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Dee Luebbering Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Sara Otto
Visit 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.

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 27 – Parish School Advisory Board Meeting 6:00 p.m. Vitae House

Wednesday, November 28 – Bookmobile

Friday, December 7 – First Friday, Adoration & Confessions 3-8

Wednesday, December 12 – 2nd Grade First Reconciliation 7:30 p.m.

Monday, December 17 – Christmas Caroling at Mid America Bank & Bowling Party 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 20 – Advent Program, Dress Rehearsal 10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. program

Friday, December 21 – Early Release 1:00 p.m., No EDP

50th 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 and enter: St.ThomasParish to schedule an appointment. Come to donate and receive a FREE American Red Cross Blanket (while supplies last).

MISSOURI RIVER REGIONAL LIBRARY BOOKMOBILE will be available to the St. Thomas Community on Monday, November 26 from 6:15 -7:15 p.m. in the St. Thomas the Apostle Church parking lot off Park Street.

META CITIZENS CIVIC LEAGUE will have their November monthly meeting on November 26 at 7:00 p.m.

"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

6:30 p.m. Sunday, December 16 – St. Stanislaus, Wardsville

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.

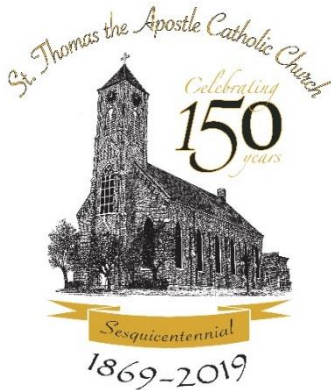
St. Cecilia
December 24, 7:00 p.m.

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.

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 8:30-5:00 p.m. at 573-477-3315. The names will be published in the December 23 bulletin.

FOOD DRIVE: The St. Thomas / Meta Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a food drive beginning this week through December 16. 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!

OSAGE COUNTY SUICIDE AWARENESS GROUP will meet on November 27, December 4, 11 & 18, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. in the Osage County Community Center, Linn. Join us for this 4 week series for those who have suffered loss & sadness often magnified by the holidays. We will provide light refreshments and a safe place to find confidential support. For more information, please call the Osage County Health Department, 573-897-3103.



St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Sesquicentennial

∞ HISTORY BOOK ORDER FORM ∞

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in St. Thomas, Missouri is pleased to announce the publication of a new history book celebrating the long history of Catholic faith, hard work and rural living of this community. A hardbound book of more than 500 pages will be published by Walsworth Publishing Company in time for the Parish Sesquicentennial Celebration on June 29, 2019. This keepsake book is now able to be pre-ordered for the special price of **\$45** before December 31, 2018. After that date, the price will be **\$50** per book. We hope you will want to own your own copy of this carefully researched and lovingly written commemorative book which is filled with hundreds of photos, parish history, military service, and family stories of past and present parishioners.

Books will be available for pick up at the Parish Office beginning in July 2019. (Kindly call 573-477-3315 to check Parish Office hours.) History books will be also be available at the Parish Picnic on August 18, 2019, at the Sesquicentennial Homecoming Event on October 6, 2019, or they can be shipped to you for \$10 per book.

_____ Copies at \$45.00 each: \$_____ (if ordered by December 31, 2018)

_____ Copies at \$50.00 each: \$_____ (if ordered after December 31, 2018)

_____ Shipping and handling: \$_____ (add \$10.00 per book if wanting a book mailed to you)

Total amount enclosed: \$_____

Contact/shipping information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

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