

**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, 2023**

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St. Thomas Parish Office hours: Tuesdays 8:30-11:30 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 Nov. 26-Dec. 3:**

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Roman Plassmeyer  
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – **NO MASS**  
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – **NO MASS**  
Friday 7:45 a.m.- Dave Volmert  
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes  
L&D Millie Marie Luebbering Family  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Joe, Antonia & Richard Schwartz

**Your Sunday Offering:**

Offertory Budget for 2023-2024:	\$312,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End:	\$130,000.00
Actual Collection for 2023-2024:	<b>\$134,266.26</b>
Offertory Difference Year to Date:	\$ 4,266.26
Offertory Goal per month:	\$ 26,000.00

**Collection in Church:**

November 5	\$ 6,345.30
November 12	\$ 3,929.17
November 19	\$ 4,468.17
November 26	\$

<b><u>Collection Online:</u></b>	\$ 7,232.00
<b>November total to date:</b>	<b>\$21,974.64</b>
Difference for November:	-\$ 4,025.36

**Church Renovation Capital Campaign**

Total Pledges/Donations	\$489,639.70
Total Collected	\$512,121.63
Total Expenses Paid	\$699,195.95

A total of 131 parishioners have returned pledge cards/or  
Contributed to the renovation project.

Church Renovation Loan Balance	\$65,790.11
Loan payments to date	\$145,585.00
(principal) \$134,209.89	(interest) \$11,375.11

**St. Thomas the Apostle Cantors / Organists**

Dec..2 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Amanda Wooten / Jeanette  
Dec. 3 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Lisa Wieberg / Jackie  
Dec. 9 Saturday 5:00 p.m.– Kerry Meyer / Jeanette  
Dec. 10 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jean Kliethermes / Alanna

**St. Thomas the Apostle Readers**

Dec. 2 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Jan Carter  
Dec. 3 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jennifer Schroeder  
Dec. 9 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Amanda Wooten  
Dec. 10 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Rosalyn Wieberg

**Saint Cecilia**

**Mass Schedule for the Week of Nov. 26-Dec. 3:**

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – **No Mass**

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Vince & Brad Reinkemeyer

**Your Sunday Offering:**

Offertory Budget for 2023-2024:	\$67,000.00
Collection Total for 2023-2024:	<b>\$25,585.00</b>
Offertory Goal per month:	\$ 5,583.34

**Collection in Church:**

November 5	\$ 1,156.00
November 12	\$ 2,698.00
November 19	\$ 766.00
November 26	\$

<b>November total to date:</b>	<b>\$ 4,620.00</b>
Difference for November:	-\$ 963.34

**St. Cecilia Collection Counters**

December: Pam Libbert & Marie Lueckenotto

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

**St. Cecilia Readers**

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. – **No Mass**  
Sunday, Dec 3 8:00 a.m. – Karyn Veltrop  
Sunday, Dec. 10 8:00 a.m. – Dominic Plassmeyer

**St. Cecilia Organist**

Sunday, Dec 3, 8:00 a.m. - Lydia  
Sunday, Dec. 10 8:00 a.m. – Emilie

***YOUR LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENT,  
PLEASE FIND A REPLACEMENT. YOUR  
FELLOW PARISHIONERS THANK YOU!***

**St. Thomas the Apostle Greeters/Ushers**

Dec. 2 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Eric Strobe & Dave Luebbering  
Dec. 3 Sun.10:00 a.m. –Craig Buechter & Ryan Buschjost  
Dec. 9 Saturday 5:00 pm– Gilbert & Richard Schellman  
Dec. 10 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Josh Schroeder & Tom Backes  
**Parish Count for weekend Masses is on the offertory table.**  
**Collection baskets choir loft by organ, please return after use.**

**St. Thomas the Apostle Eucharistic Ministers**

Dec. 2 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark Graessle  
Dec 3 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Janet Lueckenhoff  
Dec. 9 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Paul Becker  
Dec. 10 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jan Heckemeyer

**St. Thomas the Apostle Servers**

Weekday – Kambrie Stegeman & Evelyn Wooten  
Dec. 2 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ellie & Sadie Boessen,  
Ava Buschjost & Evelyn Wooten  
Dec. 3 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Valerie, Zeke & Max Verslues,  
Aliyah Buechter  
Dec. 9 Saturday 5:00 p.m. –Carmen Luebbering, JD Volmert,  
Emerald Fennewald, Miranda Meyer  
Dec. 10 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Fayeth Prenger, Erika Luebbering,  
Stella Volmert, Cadyn Libbert

**St. Thomas the Apostle Offertory Gifts**

Dec. 2 5:00 p.m.- Family of Millie Marie Luebbering  
Dec. 3 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Family of Joe, Antonia & Richard  
Schwartz

**St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters**

December 3 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes  
December 10 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg  
December 17 – Dunja Wieberg & Jennifer Schroeder  
December 24 – Ron & Theresa Veit  
December 31 – Ron & Theresa Veit  
January 7 - Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman

**Live Steam Mass (10:00 a.m.) Sunday**

December 3 Karlie Reinkemeyer  
December 10 Lauri Luebbering  
December 17 Brooke Schell  
December 24 Jenny Becker

**Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas**

Tuesday 7:25 a.m. – Bob Schellman – Sorrowful Mysteries  
**Wednesday 7:25 a.m. – NO MASS**  
**Thursday 7:25 a.m. – NO Mass**  
Friday 7:25 a.m. – Shirley Volmert – Sorrowful Mysteries  
Saturday 4:35 p.m. – Dale Herigon – Joyful Mysteries  
Sunday 9:35 a.m. – Gilbert & Hermina Strobe – Joyful Mysteries

**St. Thomas the Apostle Church Cleaners**

November 26: Brooke Schell, Tina Stockman, Gina Luebbering, Karen Luebbering  
December 3: Alan Libbert, Nancy Libbert, Darrel Buechter, Jan Heckemeyer  
December 10: Janet Lueckenhoff, Jim Lueckenhoff, Charlene Buschjost, Randy Buschjost  
December 17: Lynne Reinkemeyer, Linda Boessen, Lauri Luebbering, Lisa Lackman  
December 24: Sonya Henson, Susan Buechter, Brenda Schell, Amy Buechter

**SNACKS FOR QUILTERS:** Quilter’s luncheon may be dropped off Wednesday night 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. (Evening quilting) or St. Thomas the Apostle School. Please bring snacks to the hall by 1:00 p.m.; snacks 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.

**Thursday, November 30** – Sandy Kliegel & Jean Kliethermes **Thursday, December 7** – Tiffany Lackman & Linda Lackman

**SCRIP:** Visit [www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip](http://www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip) for more information about the Scrip program. Please contact, Amanda Wooten 573-694-1735 or [amandab\\_27@hotmail.com](mailto:amandab_27@hotmail.com)

**BULLETIN NOTICES:** Deadline for bulletin is Wednesday at noon.

**2024 ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH CALENDARS** are in the entrance of St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

**BISHOP MCKNIGHT NOVEMBER PRAYER INTENTION:** For our family, friends and benefactors of our community who have passed from this world to the next; may they attain a share in eternal happiness through our Lord Jesus Christ risen from the dead, we pray to the Lord.

**ADVENT REFELECTION BOOKLETS:** Magnificat Advent Companion booklets with daily reflections are available for you at the entrances of our Churches to assist your daily prayer throughout the coming season of Advent. There are some in the bulletin box on the Vitae House porch.

**CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL PACKETS:** Forms may be turned in to your parish by using the self-addressed envelope, collection basket, Church Office or place it in the box on table in the back of Church. **Please have forms in by November 17<sup>th</sup>.** Implementation of the Catholic Stewardship Renewal Time and Talent and Tithing forms will start January 1, 2024. **St. Thomas parishioners may also fill out the Stewardship forms on our website to submit online.**

**ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE** is Tuesday, December 5, 7:00 p.m. St. Cecilia Church. **THIS IS FOR BOTH PARISHES!**

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

Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, December 7 – 7:00 p.m. St. Cecilia  
Friday, December 8 – 7:45 a.m. St. Thomas the Apostle

**St. Cecilia Eucharistic Ministers**

Dec. 3 Sunday 8:00 a.m. - Janice Schanzmeyer  
Dec. 10 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Jennifer Even

**St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers**

Dec. 3 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Randy Hagenhoff, Kenny Otto,  
Otto Wankum, Leonard Schulte  
Dec. 10 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Tony & William Derkum,  
Terry Libbert, Harold Libbert

**St. Cecilia Servers**

Dec. 3 Sunday 8:00 a.m. - Henry & Annaline Schroeder  
Dec. 10 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Skyla, Jesse & Tucker  
Schroeder

**St. Cecilia Offertory Gifts**

Dec. 3 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Family of Vince & Brad  
Reinkemeyer

**Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia**

Wednesday 6:05 p.m. – No Mass  
Dec. 3 Sunday 7:35 a.m.–Mary Plassmeyer–Joyful Mysteries  
Dec. 10 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Dorothy Rehagen  
Joyful Mysteries

**VOTIVE CANDLES:** The requested donation for lighting a votive candle in church is **\$3.00.**

**MASS STIPENDS: \$10.00**

**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.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE!!!** St. Thomas the Apostle Parish has selected Universal Church Directories to help us with our new church directory. Universal is widely known for top quality directories and photography. Their photographer will take pictures and you will view your proofs electronically immediately following your photography. Our dates for photography are **January 3-6!** Schedule early for the time that best suits your family! Simply go to the St. Thomas Website or Universal website, [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com), click on the box to the right that says "photography appointment scheduling login", enter mo253 in the Church Code field and enter photos in the Church Password field. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. Please make sure to include your email so you will get a reminder closer to the picture date. Each family in the directory will receive a free 8X10 photo and a complimentary copy of the directory. Please contact Melissa Verslues 338-3433 or Theresa Veit 418-7301, if you have any questions or need assistance signing up.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISHIONER NOTIFICATION TEXT:** Several St. Thomas the Apostle Parishioners have notified us that they would like to receive a text when upcoming parish announcements need to be sent out and so we are going to use the Remind App which allows us to send a mass text to our parishioners. You do NOT have to have the app to receive text messages. You will receive an individual text. If you reply to the text, it will come only to the parish (other parishioners will not get it). Several groups in the parish are already using this and we are going to try to do it with the Parish. If you would like to receive a text message on upcoming parish announcements, please go to the following link and fill out your name and cell phone number. If you have any questions or need help, please contact Theresa Veit at (573) 418-7301.  
<https://www.remind.com/join/c2chf2>

**PASTORS MEDITATION:** Notice! There will be no Masses on November 29th and 30th, I will be having a procedure done on me.

**34<sup>th</sup> Sunday in ordinary time: SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING. (Ezek. 34:11-12, 15-17; 1Cor. 15:20-26, 28; Mt. 25:31-46)** Today's Scripture Readings revolve around the Last Judgment scene of Jesus Christ coming in glory and power. We will be judged on how well we served Christ the king in the least of those among us. He will say, you did that to me. We honor Christ as the King of the Universe by enthroning Jesus in our hearts, surrendering our lives to God. This feast challenges us to see Christ the King in everyone, especially those whom our society considers the least important, to treat each person with the same love, mercy, and compassion Jesus showed. The first reading, taken from Prophet Ezekiel, introduces God as the Good Shepherd, reminding us of Christ's claim to be the Good-Shepherd-King, leading, feeding and protecting his sheep. In today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 23), we rejoice in Jesus, who is our Good Shepherd. In the second reading, St. Paul presents Christ as the all-powerful King Who raises the dead and to Whom every form of power and authority must eventually give way. Today's Gospel describes Christ the King coming in Heavenly glory to judge us, based on how we have shared our love and blessings with others through genuine acts of charity in our lives. Jesus is present to us now, not only as our Good Shepherd leading, feeding, and healing his sheep, but also as dwelling in those for whom we care. In the parable of the separation of the sheep from the goats at the Last Judgment, every person to whom we give ourselves, "whether hungry, thirsty or a stranger, naked, sick or in prison," is revealed to us as having been the risen Jesus. Our reward or punishment depends on how we have recognized and treated this risen Jesus in the needy. So dear friends, in Christ we need to recognize and appreciate Christ's presence within us and surrender our lives to Christ's leadership: Since Christ, our King, lives in our hearts with the Holy Spirit and His Heavenly Father fills our souls with His grace, we need to learn to surrender our lives to Him, to live in His Holy Presence, and to do God's will by sharing His forgiving love with others around us. Aware of His presence in the Bible, in the Sacraments, and in the worshipping community, we need to listen and talk to Him. We need to learn to be servers: Since Christ was a Servant-King we are invited to be His loyal citizens by rendering humble service to others and by sharing Christ's mercy and forgiveness with others. We need to use our authority to support the Kingship of Jesus. This feast is an invitation to all those who have power or authority in the public or the private realms to use it for Jesus by bearing witness to Him in the way we live. Parents are expected to use their God-given authority to train their children in Christian ideals and in the ways of committed Christian living. We need to accept Jesus Christ as the King of love. Jesus, who 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," (Jn. 13:34), and demonstrated that love by dying for us sinners. We accept Jesus as our King of love when we love others as Jesus already loves us unconditionally, sacrificially, and with agape love. ***Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukiibi***

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:**

Mass will be celebrated on Christmas Eve - Sunday, December 24, 5:00 & 10:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle  
Christmas Eve - Sunday, December 24, 7:00 p.m. St. Cecilia  
Christmas Day – December 25, 8:00 a.m. St. Cecilia  
Christmas Day – December 25, 10:00 a.m. St. Thomas the Apostle

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD MASS SCHEDULE:** Sunday, December 31 – 5:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle

This year the Solemnity of Christmas falls on a Monday and is a holyday of obligation. All the faithful are obligated to participate in two Masses, from the anticipated Mass of the 4th Sunday of Advent on Saturday evening Dec. 23 through the evening of Dec. 25. In the "Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the Calendar," no. 34 states, "The Vigil Mass of the Nativity is used on the evening of December 24, either before or after First Vespers (Evening Prayer I). On the day of the Nativity of the Lord, following ancient Roman tradition, Mass may be celebrated three times, that is, in the night, at dawn, and during the day." The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, falls on a Monday (Jan. 1) and so is NOT a holyday of obligation. As a Solemnity, however, it still outranks the Feast of the Holy Family, which will be celebrated that Sunday Dec. 31. Any Masses celebrated on the evening of Dec. 31 should be for Mary, Mother of God.

**SIGN-UP SHEETS FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES** are available in front entrances of St. Cecilia and St. Thomas the Apostle Churches.

**MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION** is Tuesday, November 28, 7:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING** is Tuesday, November 28, 7:00 p.m. school library.

**ST. THOMAS PARISH SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING** is Tuesday, November 28, 6:00 p.m. in school library.

**HOLY HOUR & ANOINTING OF THE SICK** is Friday, December 1, 7:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

**A ROSARY FOR OUR COUNTRY** will be prayed on Monday, December 4, 5:00 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 flower donations in the collection basket or mail to the Parish Office **between now and December 24**. The names will be published in the December 31 bulletin.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:** Those wishing to make a monetary donation toward the Christmas flowers and decorations at St. Thomas the Apostle 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 24**. The names will be published in the December 31 bulletin.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL** is looking for a part time music teacher, either one full day or two half days.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL NEWS:** Thursday, November 30 – Picture retakes  
Saturday, December 2 – Second Grade First Reconciliation 10:00 a.m.  
Thursday, December 7 – Nativity at the Capitol Grades 5&6

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL, PSR & CONFIRMATION STUDENTS, ST. CECILIA PSR & CONFIRMATION STUDENTS, ST. CECILIA SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE, KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AND LADIE'S AUXILIARY ARE SPONSORING A FOOD FOR FAMILIES DRIVE** are sponsoring a food drive (non-perishable items, such as canned foods, peanut butter, whole grain cereals, bagged rice or pasta, or other similar items would be greatly appreciated) beginning now through December 10. The food collected will be delivered to the Helping Hands of Central Missouri Food Pantry located near St. Elizabeth. Food collection boxes are located in the entrances of St. Thomas the Apostle & St. Cecilia Churches. Food donations can also be dropped off during Wednesday night PSR classes at the St. Cecilia Parish Center or St. Thomas the Apostle School. As we approach the winter season, please take this opportunity to help those in need. Thank you!!

**DO YOU BELIEVE IN MIRACLES? SEEING IS BELIEVING.** St. Francis Xavier Parish, Taos is hosting an Event for everyone in the area. Sunday, December 3, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. with intermission and Monday, December 4, 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. with intermission. Exclusive film footage of a stigmatist who bleeds from her hands, feet and head. A consecrated Communion host becomes living flesh and blood. A scientist (former atheist) an attorney and famous TV journalist witness statue of Jesus weeping real tears and shedding real blood. For detailed information go to [www.ScienceTestsFaith.com/Francis](http://www.ScienceTestsFaith.com/Francis) Same Presentation each day, please choose one.

**NATIVITY AT THE CAPITOL** – Celebrating the real “reason for the season” is December 7, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Nativity scenes in the Capitol Rotunda and on the South Lawn. For more information, please contact 573-690-1218. In case of inclement weather, alternate date is December 14.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLOOD DRIVE** is Thursday, November 30, 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at the St. Thomas Knights of Columbus Hall. Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter StThomasParish to schedule an appointment.

**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 8:30-4:30 p.m. by December 24. The names will be published in the December 31 bulletin.

**WESTERN CATHOLIC UNION DISTRICT CHRISTMAS PARTY** will be held on Saturday, December 2 at St. Joseph's School in Westphalia with a meal at noon. Reservations must be made to Lillian Lackman 573-477-3472 to Janice Boessen 573-433-5653 **by November 28**.

**CHRISTMAS ON 3RD ST** in Meta, MO will be held on December 3, 2023. The starting time will be posted later.

**BREAKFAST TO BENEFIT SPECIAL OLYMPICS** – Bishop Michael F. McAuliffe Council #12992 (In Loving memory of Frank & Kevin Kempker) is Sunday, December 3, 8:00 a.m. to noon at the Cana Hall. Regular & Chocolate Chip pancakes, sausage, regular & Western style scrambled eggs, fruit cocktail. \$10 for Adults, Children \$5, 6-11. \$30 maximum per immediate family. 50/50 drawing.

**ST. THOMAS CITY:** Mark your calendars for Friday, December 8, the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Christmas Tree Lighting and Parade. Details can be found on Facebook on the City of St. Thomas page. If wanting to enter a float please email [saintthomascity@gmail.com](mailto:saintthomascity@gmail.com).

**ST. THOMAS HOMETOWN HOLIDAY MARKET** is Sunday, December 10, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Center. Free admission, over 30 vendors, raffle for prizes, Pizza Kwik 11:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Proceeds to benefit St. Thomas the Apostle School. For more information, please contact Kim Kliegel, 573-619-9188.

**ST. THOMAS KNIGHTS/LADIES AUXILIARY KIDS CHRISTMAS EVENT** is Sunday, December 10. Come anytime between 2-5. Santa will be there for pictures! Cookies for a snack. Ornament making, pinecone bird feeders and gingerbread house decorating. We also want to invite our senior citizens for fellowship and card playing. Rides to & from are available. Please contact Jeff Cassmeyer, 573-690-7546 ahead of time for a ride. Accepting coats for kids, new or gently used, also food for families.

**SAVE THE DATES:** St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Pictorial Directory – January 3-6, 2024

*When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."*

Matthew 25:31-34

Our inheritance is not about worldly "stuff," but rather our inheritance is the salvation of our souls in heaven with our Lord Jesus Christ. By living a life that closely aligns with God's priorities of charity and mercy, our inheritance will be greater than anything we could possibly have on earth! Give thanks to God for he is our salvation.



