

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

St. Cecilia
in Meta

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31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 3, 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 3-10:

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Alex Heckman
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – L&D Vincent & Katie Loethen Family
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Charlotte Braun
Friday 7:45 a.m. – Clete Matheisen
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Tom Kloepfel
People of our Parishes
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mark Strope

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2019-2020:	\$305,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End:	\$101,668.00
Actual Collection for 2019-2020:	\$ 93,127.45
Offertory Difference Year to Date:	–\$ 8,540.55
Offertory Goal per month:	\$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

October 6	\$ 8,371.00
October 13	\$ 3,810.00
October 20	\$ 3,328.00
October 27	\$ 5,100.00

Collection Online:

October total to date:	\$26,211.00
Difference for October:	+\$ 794.00

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): **\$ 9,415.25**
Loan payments to date for FY 2019-2020: **\$27,683.22**
(Principal \$25,167.49 Interest \$2,515.73)
Parish Building Expansion Debt remaining: **\$175,571.36**

St. Thomas the Apostle Cantor / Organist

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mary Kay Brand / Annette Kehner
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Doug Luebbering / Jackie Prenger

St. Thomas the Apostle Reader

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Amanda Wooten
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Rosalyn Wieberg

St. Thomas the Apostle Altar Servers

Weekday –Elijah Gass, Brody Buschjost & Henry Schroeder
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Henry & Sophie Fine,
Rowan Buechter
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Isaac & Ava Rackers,
Kenzie & Avery Libbert

St. Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of November 3-10:

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

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Martina Goeller

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2019-2020:	\$62,000.00
Collection Total for 2019-2020:	\$18,707.00
Offertory Goal per month:	\$ 5,166.67

Collection in Church:

October 6	\$ 1,029.00
October 13	\$ 978.00
October 20	\$ 1,711.00
October 27	\$ 1,225.00

October total to date:

October total to date:	\$ 4,943.00
Difference for October:	–\$ 223.67

St. Cecilia 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. – Dominic Plassmeyer

St. Cecilia Altar Servers

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Skyla, Jesse & Tucker Schroeder

**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

November 9-10

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Paul & Jenny Becker,
Marshall Boessen
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Richard & Jan Heckemeyer,
Emily Luebbering

November 16-17

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mike & Trish Green, Betty Schellman
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Janet Lueckenhoff, Linda Lueckenhoff,
Glenn Prenger

St. Thomas Greeters/Ushers

November 9-10

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Steve Schellman & Mike Green
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Richard Heckemeyer & Larry Lueckenhoff

November 16-17

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Gilbert Schellman & Richard Schellman
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Art Groner & Cash McManus

St. Thomas Presentation of Gifts at Mass

November 9-10

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Alfred & Margie Kaiser
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Eugene & MaryPat Luebbering

November 16-17

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ralph & Kathy Graessle
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Bryan & Renee Braun Family

St. Thomas Collection Counters

November 10 – Jennifer Schroeder & Dunja Wieberg
November 17 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman
November 24 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas:

Tuesday 7:20 a.m. – Joann Heckman - Sorrowful
Wednesday 7:20 a.m. – Pat Loethen - Glorious
Thursday 7:20 a.m. – Viola Boessen – Luminous
Friday 7:20 a.m. – Gilbert & Hermina Strobe – Sorrowful
Saturday 4:35 p.m. – Paul Becker - Sorrowful
Sunday 9:35 a.m. – Gilbert & Hermina Strobe – Sorrowful

PASTOR'S MEDITATION:

31th Sunday of the year in ordinary time: Our God is benevolent, compassionate, forgiving and merciful towards sinners.

Well the cold is around the door, keep yourselves warm and serve the Lord. November is a month dedicated to remembering and praying for our loved ones that have passed on, that God can bring them to his heavenly bosom. I also remind you of our Christian obligation to love and support the church in the various ways and this time, am calling on you to generously support the Catholic Stewardship Appeal (CSA) intended to support pastoral activities of our Diocese. May God bless your generous contribution.

The first reading today reminds us that God's Almighty Power includes His strength to be merciful. That is why God, who created the universe mercifully, waits for sinners to repent. God continues to love us, even when we do not love Him in return. The reading focuses on the love God has for all He has created, the love that overlooks sin so that we all have time for repentance. God shows us His redemptive love through His mercy. In the Responsorial Psalm (Ps 145), it tells us that the Lord is good to all and at all times and His compassion is over all that He has made. *The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness (Ps. 148:8).*

In the second reading, St. Paul encourages the Thessalonians to persevere in their Christian Faith, giving glory to God, without idly waiting for the "second coming" of Christ in their lifetime. He advises them to continue to live a good Christian life every day, allowing God to work in their lives so that they may be worthy of their vocation as Christians and today's Gospel presents the story of the **instantaneous conversion of the tax-collector, Zacchaeus**. God's grace led him to a moment of conversion. The account describes how Jesus recognized Zacchaeus for exactly what he was, a lost sinner in need of a Savior, and how God's grace worked in Zacchaeus to lead him from idle curiosity to repentance, conversion and restitution. The episode emphasizes the fact that such a conversion can only result from a person's fully receiving the love, acceptance and grace offered to everyone one by a merciful Lord.

Dear friends we need to accept the Divine invitation for repentance. We are all sinners to a greater or lesser degree. Jesus invites each one of us to total conversion today. Let us remember that Jesus loves us in spite of our ugly thoughts, broken promises, sullied ideals, lack of prayer and Faith, resentments and lusts. So, let us admit our sinfulness and accept God's call to repentance, conversion and renewal of life.

Let us love others as Jesus loved Zacchaeus, despite his sins. Parents and teachers need to accept children lovingly, without first setting up standards of behavior as conditions for being loved. Husband and wife may have qualities that irritate each other, but you should not withhold love from each other, nor should you withhold your love from a rebellious teenager making stupid and even dangerous choices because of immaturity and peer-pressure.

We are called to generosity: Jesus wants us to move from our small and feeble Faith to a greater and more powerful Faith, just as Zacchaeus did. He also wants us to be financially and spiritually generous.

Have a blessed week, **Fr. Leonard Mukiibi**

ST. CECILIA SATURDAY NIGHT MASSES NOVEMBER 16 & 23: Fr. Leonard will offer Saturday night Masses November 16 & 23 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Cecilia to accommodate the deer season hunters.

BULLETIN NOTICES: Deadline for bulletin notices is noon on Wednesdays.

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.

St. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

November 10

Sunday 8:00 a.m. –Dorothy Rehagen, Pam Libbert,
Doris Stumpe

November 16-17

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Bonnie Kampeter, Doris Stumpe,
Jennifer Even
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer, Pam
Libbert

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

November 10

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

November 16-17

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Mitch Stumpe, Brendan Stumpe,
Darin Even, Randy Hagenhoff
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Larry Lueckenotto, Leonard Schulte,
Harold Libbert, Anton Libbert

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Wednesday 6:05 p.m. – Dorothy Rehagen – Glorious
Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer – Sorrowful

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 thank all who have given generously to the annual Catholic Stewardship Appeal. As we look at our lives and the many blessings God has given us, let us give a portion to the CSA as a way of saying thank you to the Lord. Through the CSA, we make known the Kingdom of God by helping each other live our faith and share our Gospel belief. Our gifts to the CSA and ministries these gifts support are our grateful offerings to God. Please show your appreciation and support by contributing to the CSA.

The CSA goal for St. Thomas the Apostle Parish is \$10,000. \$1,550.00 received so far. 15.5%
The CSA goal for St. Cecilia Parish is \$2,500. \$590.00 received so far. 23.6%

2019 OCTOBER COUNT AT MASSES:

St. Cecilia: Oct. 6: 111, Oct. 13: 132, Oct. 20: 129, Oct. 27: 123

St. Thomas the Apostle: Oct. 5: 118 Oct. 6: 321; Oct. 12: 92, Oct. 13: 142; Oct. 19: 104, Oct. 20: 156; Oct. 26: 97, Oct. 27: 149

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:

Thursday, November 7 – Cheri Otto & Ashlie Otto

Thursday, November 14 – Vallie Otto & Lori Owen

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 Strope at 573-477-3349.

SCRIP: November 9-10 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. A large variety of cards in various denominations are in stock and available for purchase.

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

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION is Wednesday, November 6 at 7:30 p.m. St. Thomas.

ST. THOMAS PARISH SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING is Tuesday, November 19, 6:00 p.m. Vitae House.

ST. THOMAS PARISH PASTORIAL COUNCIL MEETING is Tuesday, November 19, 7:00 p.m. Vitae House.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, November 4 – No School K-8, Diocesan Professional Day

Wednesday, November 6 – No School K-8 (Diocesan Employee Benefit Information Session)

Thursday, November 7 – Early Release 12:50 p.m. car riders, 1:00 p.m. bus riders

Wednesday, November 13 – Picture Retakes

Tuesday, November 19 – Parish School Advisory Board Meeting 6:00 p.m. Vitae House

SNOW REMOVAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: It is hard to believe, but winter is just around the corner. The St. Thomas Parish and School will be in need of snow removal services for the church/school entrances, parking lots and sidewalks. If you are willing to assist, please contact Alan Reinkemeyer at 573-694-6984 or Mark Luebbering at 573-694-6393.

VETERANS DAY MASS AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH: On Monday, November 11, 2019, the Holy Name Society of St. Peter Church, Jefferson City will celebrate a Veterans Day Service at 8:30 am. Msgr. Robert Kurwicki, VG, will be the celebrant of the Memorial Mass. Veterans organizations and auxiliaries will be part of the service. Come join us in showing appreciation for all past and present members that have served our country.

FATIMA'S ANNUAL VETERANS DAY ASSEMBLY will be on Monday, November 11, at 1 pm in the High School gym. Send pictures of local veterans to Tracy Murphy by Thursday, November 7. Include the name of the veteran, years served, and a way to return the picture. All pictures will be returned after the assembly. Send to: Tracy Murphy, P.O. Box 37, Westphalia, MO 65085 or murphyt@fatimacomets.com.

BLAIR OAKS VETERANS DAY: On Friday, November 8, the students, faculty, and staff of Blair Oaks will gather to pay tribute to those who have served and continue to serve to protect the freedoms we all enjoy. Students are being asked to invite relatives who have served or currently serve in any of the branches of the United States Armed Forces. If you are a Veteran but do not have a relative currently attending Blair Oaks, we would also like to have you at this year's ceremony. All guests are welcome to help us salute our Veterans. This year's guest speaker is Vietnam War Veteran, Army Combat Nurse Donna Rowe. The program is scheduled to begin at 9:00 AM in the Blair Oaks High School Gymnasium. This year we will serve breakfast for all Veterans and active military in the Blair Oaks High School Cafeteria at 8:00 AM. There is no cost to our Veterans or active military. If you plan to attend, please contact the High School Office by phone at 635-8514 or by email at rcarlton@blairoaks.org to make reservations. We hope to see you there!

BLAIR OAKS THANKSGIVING DINNER: The Blair Oaks R-II School District will be hosting its annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 21. The meal will be held at Blair Oaks High School from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM. If you plan to attend, please contact the High School Office at 635-8514 to make reservations. It would be appreciated if reservations could be made by Monday, November 18 to assist in meal preparation. The cost of the meal is \$3.00. The meal will include all the traditional Thanksgiving fixings. We hope to see you there!

OUR LADY OF FATIMA'S PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE will be displayed at the home of Wayne and Donna Bernskoetter on Thursday, November 14 from 2-4:00 p.m. and at Auburn Ridge Assisted Living on Friday, November 15 from 10 a.m. to 12:00 noon. There will be an audio-visual presentation on the 1917 miraculous Fatima apparitions, followed by a group Rosary. All are welcome. Call Donna at 680-1470 for information.

SAVE THE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR:

TOTUS TUUS – June 14-19, 2020

STEAK NIGHT AND AUCTION: Fatima Music Booster Fundraiser, November 9, 2019, at the Vienna Eagles, 10686 Hwy V, Vienna. Meals served from 5:30-9:00 PM. Auction will begin at 6:30. The Comet Pride Band is playing at the Alamo Bowl in San Antonio, TX. All tips and auction proceeds go to the students to pay for this trip. Come out and support the band at Vienna Eagles. Pictures of the auction items are posted to the "Fatima Band Booster" Facebook page.

CURT STOCKMAN BENEFIT: A benefit dinner & silent auction will be held on November 9 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Wardsville Lions Club.

HELIAS PARENT'S CLUB POINSETTIA SALES are under way. To place an order, contact any Helias student or family by Nov. 1, or email Melissa Dudenhoeffer at Melissaandnorb@aol.com or 573-230-2154. Red, white or pink poinsettias are available. 6 inch pots are \$12, 8 inch pots are \$16. All the funds raised go to helping with operating costs of Helias Catholic High School. Poinsettias will arrive the week of Dec. 3.

AK CRUSADERS: Save the date ladies and dust off your favorite pair of dancing boots! AK Crusaders is hosting a Does Night Out - Hoedown for Hope on Friday November 15 at the Knights of Columbus in Westphalia from 6:30 - 11pm. Snacks and light refreshments will be available. The Hello Belle Traveling Boutique will be there from 6:30 - 8. Tickets are \$25 in advance; \$30 at the door. RSVP by November 1 to Meghan (573) 694-6778 or akcrusaders@gmail.com. Must be 18 or older to attend.

ST. NICHOLAS ACADEMY is a supportive living experience for boys from families that are under-resourced who want to give their sons every opportunity to succeed in school and life. St. Nick's partners with families and St. Peter Interparish School to provide this opportunity. St. Nick's is seeking Christian, married couples or single individuals who are willing to be part of a pool of relief parents. The role of relief parents is to care for the boys and home when the full-time house parents are off duty or away. Typically, the full-time house parents are off duty every fourth weekend from 9:00 AM Friday through 7:00 PM Sunday. Relief parents, on a rotational schedule, fill in during this time. They may also be asked to be on a call list to help fill in when the house parents are on vacation and/or sick. Relief parents receive an hourly wage, all legally mandated benefits and a compensation package that includes a private suite and all meals for the days on duty. Please contact Sister Susan Renner, SSND at 573-635-7719 or director@stnick.org

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.

ST. THOMAS 4-H CLUB: Thank you to everyone that brings over their cans and put them in our little shed behind the Knights of Columbus Hall. We really appreciate the donations, our last run we ran into a lot of aluminum foil and pans mixed in with our cans. Please separate them they have to be weighed separately. Also, they will not take the canning seals or rings. Our last run was awesome we made \$248.50. We will be setting up a trash can or barrel to put small amounts of cans in the shed. We really appreciate our community helping the 4-H Club. Thank you again.

