

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

**St. Cecilia**  
in Meta

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PO Box 146  
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**31<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**November 5, 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. 5-12:**

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Herman & Agatha Luebbering

Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – Alex Heckman

Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Tom Kloepfel

Friday 7:45 a.m. - Jane Lindenbusch

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Joe & Teresa Kaiser

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – People of our Parishes

**Your Sunday Offering:**

Offertory Budget for 2023-2024: \$312,000.00

Offertory Goal through Month End: \$104,000.00

Actual Collection for 2023-2024: **\$112,291.62**

Offertory Difference Year to Date: +\$ 8,291.62

Offertory Goal per month: \$ 26,000.00

**Collection in Church:**

October 1 \$10,703.15

October 8 \$ 4,744.22

October 15 \$ 3,194.17

October 22 \$ 4,238.17

October 29 \$ 3,489.67

**Collection Online:** \$ 7,232.00

**October total to date:** **\$33,601.38**

Difference for October: +\$ 7,601.38

**Church Renovation Capital Campaign**

Total Pledges/Donations \$488,339.70

Total Collected \$508,984.40

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 \$69,220.46

Loan payments to date \$141,870.00

(principal) \$130,779.54 (interest) \$11,090.46

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

Nov. 11 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mary Kay Brand / Jeanette

Nov. 12 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Josh Luebbering / Jackie

Nov. 18 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Amanda Wooten / Jeanette

Nov. 19 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Lisa Wieberg / Jackie

**St. Thomas the Apostle Readers**

Nov. 11 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Amanda Wooten

Nov. 12 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Judy Schroeder

Nov. 18 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mary Kay Brand

Nov. 19 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Bill Luebbering

**Saint Cecilia**

**Mass Schedule for the Week of Nov. 5-12:**

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Roger Borgmeyer

**Saturday 7:00 p.m.** – Wilbert & Roselyn Wankum

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Harold "Bud" & Mary Ann Loethen

**Your Sunday Offering:**

Offertory Budget for 2023-2024: \$67,000.00

Collection Total for 2023-2024: **\$20,965.00**

Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,583.34

**Collection in Church:**

October 1 \$ 1,114.00

October 8 \$ 1,134.00

October 15 \$ 737.00

October 22 \$ 1,544.00

October 29 \$ 650.00

**October total to date:** **\$ 5,179.00**

Difference for October: -\$ 404.34

**St. Cecilia Collection Counters**

November: Dale & Margie Helton

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

**St. Cecilia Readers**

**Saturday, Nov. 11 7:00 p.m.** – Doris Stumpe

Sunday, Nov. 12 8:00 a.m. – Jennifer Even

**Saturday, Nov. 18 7:00 p.m.** – Betty Hagenhoff

Sunday, Nov. 19 8:00 p.m. – Dorothy Rehagen

**St. Cecilia Organist**

**Saturday, Nov. 11 7:00 p.m.** - Jeanette

Sunday, Nov. 12 8:00 a.m. – Emilie

**Saturday, Nov. 18, 7:00 p.m.** – Alanna

Sunday, Nov. 19, 8:00 a.m. – Lydia

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

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

Nov. 11 Saturday 5:00 pm–Gilbert Schellman & Richard Schellman  
Nov. 12 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Mike Wooten & Keith Kliethermes  
Nov. 18 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Phil Akin & Dave Luebbering  
Nov. 19 Sun.10:00 a.m. –Richard Heckemeyer & Josh Schroeder  
**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**

Nov. 11 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Lora Boessen  
Nov. 12 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Marshall Boessen  
Nov. 18 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Jenny Becker  
Nov. 19 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Glenn Prenger

**St. Thomas the Apostle Servers**

Weekday – Isabella Luebbering & Allie Siebeneck  
Nov. 11 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Carmen Luebbering,  
JD Volmert, Emerald Fennwald, Miranda Meyer  
Nov. 12 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Valerie, Zeke & Max Verslues,  
Kora Luebbering  
Nov. 18 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ellie & Sadie Boessen,  
Ava Buschjost & Evelyn Wooten  
Nov. 19 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Fayeth Prenger, Wyatt Otto,  
Eriki Luebbering, Cadyn Libbert

**St. Thomas the Apostle Offertory Gifts**

Nov. 11 .5:00 p.m.- Family of Joe & Teresa Kaiser  
Nov. 12 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Ushers

**St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters**

November 12 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg  
November 19 – Dunja Wieberg & Jennifer Schroeder  
November 26 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman  
December 3 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes

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

November 12 Lauri Luebbering  
November 19 Brooke Schell  
November 26 Jenny Becker  
December 3 Karlie Reinkemeyer

**Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas**

Tuesday 7:25 a.m. – Bob Schellman – Sorrowful Mysteries  
Wednesday 7:25 a.m. - Bob Schellman – Glorious Mysteries  
Thursday 7:25 a.m. –Dale Herigon– Luminous Mysteries  
Friday 7:25 a.m. – Shirley Volmert – Sorrowful Mysteries  
Saturday 4:35 p.m. – Dale Herigon – Sorrowful Mysteries  
Sunday 9:35 a.m. – Tina Stockman – Sorrowful Mysteries

**St. Thomas the Apostle Church Cleaners**

November 12: Lynne Reinkemeyer, Linda Boessen, Lauri Luebbering, Lisa Lackman  
November 19: Sonya Henson, Susan Buechter, Brenda Schell, Amy Buechter  
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

**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 9** – Amy Hoffman & Delores Holtmeyer **Thursday, November 16** – Rachel Hopkins & Margie Kaiser

**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)

**SCAM ALERT:** You may have received an email or text from Fr. Leonard Mukiibi requesting gift cards. **THIS IS A SCAM!!!** If you look at the email address, **it is NOT Fr’s. Please DO NOT RESPOND to such an email or text. FR. WOULD NEVER ASK FOR GIFT CARDS OR HELP via email or Facebook.**

**CONGRATULATIONS** to **Henry Robert Belew**, son of Robert & Elizabeth Belew who became a child of God through baptism this weekend in St. Thomas the Apostle Parish.

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

**A NOTE OF THANKS!**

Thank you to Fr. Greg Olischlaeger, Fr. Leonard, Deacon Max Schellman, parishioners, friends, relatives and especially our children and grandchildren for helping make our Golden Wedding Anniversary celebration very meaningful, and special in so many ways. Love & prayers to and for you all. **Gilbert & Betty Schellman**

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

**St. Cecilia Eucharistic Ministers**

**Nov. 11 Saturday 7:00 p.m.** – Brenda Wansing  
Nov. 12 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Pam Libbert  
**Nov. 18 Saturday 7:00 p.m.** – Jennifer Even  
Nov. 19 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic Plassmeyer

**St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers**

**Nov. 11 Saturday 7:00 p.m.** – Mitch & Brendan Stumpe,  
Randy Hagenhoff, Otto Wankum  
Nov. 12 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Terry Libbert, Harold Libbert,  
Leon Schanzmeyer, Darin Even  
**Nov. 18 Saturday 7:00 p.m.** – Randy Hagenhoff, Kenny Otto,  
Leonard Schulte, Darin Even  
Nov. 19 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Tony & William Derkum,  
Terry Libbert, Harold Libbert

**St. Cecilia Servers**

**Nov. 11 Saturday 7:00 p.m.** – Henry & Annaline Schroeder  
Nov. 12 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Sarah & Elizabeth Backes  
Tucker Schroeder  
**Nov. 18 Saturday 7:00 p.m. –Bradyn & Kambrie Stegeman**  
Nov. 19 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Sophie, Reagan & Eli Bock

**St. Cecilia Offertory Gifts**

**Nov. 11 Saturday 7:00 p.m.** – Family of Wilbert & Roselyn  
Wankum  
Nov. 12 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Family of Harold “Bud” &  
Mary Ann Loethen

**Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia**

**Nov. 11 Saturday 6:35 p.m.** – Cathy Borgmeyer – Sorrowful  
Mysteries  
Nov. 12 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Mary Plassmeyer  
Sorrowful Mysteries  
**Nov. 18 Saturday 6:35 p.m.** – Cathy Borgmeyer - Joyful  
Nov. 19 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Dorothy Rehagen- Joyful

**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.

**SATURDAY NIGHT (DEER SEASON) MASSES:** Masses will be offered at 7:00 p.m. on November 11 & 18 at St. Cecilia Church for deer hunters.

**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.

**NOVEMBER PRAYERS FOR DEPARTED LOVED ONES:** Note cards are provided (or bring your own 3x5 note cards) to place in the basket in the side entrance of Church (St. Thomas the Apostle) and entrance of Church (St. Cecilia) with names of your deceased loved ones. Fr. Leonard will collect the cards and will be placed on the altar.

**CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL Packets** were handed out last weekend. Please pick up your copy from the back of the Church if you did not receive one. 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.**

**PASTORS MEDITATION:** 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in ordinary time: WE ARE ALL BROTHERS AND SISTERS. (Mal. 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10; Ps. 131; 1Thes. 2:7b-9, 13; Mt. 23:1-12) Jesus challenged the self-righteous and forgave the sinners, so the central theme of today's readings is a strong invitation and challenge to render humble, selfless, diligent, committed, loving service to others in the community without expecting honor or rewards in return. In the first reading, prophet Malachi condemns the irresponsible, proud, lazy priests of his day. In the second reading, St. Paul presents himself as an ideal example of servant leadership in a serving Christian community. In today's Gospel, Jesus offers a word of judgment against contemporary religious leaders who are more concerned about self-promotion than service to others. Christ-like leadership calls for integrity and honesty from all those in authority, whether priests, parents, teachers or politicians. Today's Gospel is a warning against hypocrisy and status-seeking, given to the early Church and to our own Church communities. There should be no double standards in leaders. Rather, there should grow a deep sense of equality, and mutual respect between leaders and those they lead. Each should seek to serve the other. Service, not status, is the mark of this new community, and true humility is the only position its members should seek. Therefore dear friends we need to become servant leaders in a serving community: The Church is a servant community in which the hungry are to be filled; the sick to be cared for; the distressed, consoled; the ignorant are to be taught; the homeless to receive shelter; and the oppressed, set free so that they may more fully realize their human potential and more readily enjoy life with God. Hence, the leaders should have a spirit of humble service in thought, word and deed. "The measure of a true Christian is not how many servants he has, but how many people he serves." We need to live the Faith we profess. We, religious people are all too often like the Pharisees and scribes, laying heavy loads on other people's shoulders without lifting a finger to help them. Instead of judging the poor, we should be serving them through our efforts for economic justice. Instead of criticizing those of other races, we should be serving them through our efforts for racial justice. Instead of ignoring the homeless, we should be serving them through efforts to supply them with adequate housing. We need to live the Faith we profess. Our Faith tells us that we are all brothers and sisters, children of the same Heavenly Father. The only way for us to practice our Faith is to build a human community of love and justice. We need to learn the art of self-examination, and accept the responsibilities which go with our titles. Instead of criticizing others for their failures, let us ask whether we are different from them in discharging our duties in the family and in the parish community. Let us remember that our titles should remind us of our specific responsibilities in society and our obligation to discharge them faithfully. ***Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukiibi***

**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: Extended Day Care Program Worker Duties:**

-3:30 pm - 5:30 pm Monday-Friday (could be split between several people, etc.)

-Average of 14-17 students

-Provide snack at 3:30 pm (snacks provided at school)

-After snack, outside play, in the gym or in the library depending on weather/gym availability

-After snack you will join with the preschool and there will be 2 adults supervising students

**\*Preschool After School Worker Duties:**

-3:30 pm - 5:30 pm (needing at least 2 days, possibly more - call to inquire)

-Supervise/play with preschool in the classroom, outside, library, in the gym depending on weather/gym availability

-Will join with Grades K-8 by 4:00 pm

**\*\*\*\*For both jobs, individuals need to be able to work with children of all ages and be able to walk up and down stairs. This is not a sit-down job. You will need to be able to move around and supervise children playing.**

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PRESCHOOL:** If you have a child, ages 3 or 4 and have been thinking about preschool, please call Lizzie Linhardt, [linhardt@stacs.school](mailto:linhardt@stacs.school) 573-645-5605 or the school office 573-477-3322. If you have any questions or would like to set up a one on one meeting and school tour please contact the school office. Please check out and like St. Thomas the Apostle Preschool Facebook page.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL NEWS:** Monday, Nov. 6 –No School P-8 –Diocesan Professional Development Day  
Friday, November 10 – Early Release 12:50 p.m. car riders, 1:00 p.m. bus riders  
Thursday, November 16 – Home & School Meeting 6:30 p.m. Friday, November 17- Mid Quarter

**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!!

**CURRENT MORAL ISSUES & THE CHURCH'S STANCE:** "Hot Topics" If you have questions without answers pertaining to LGBT, Church Teachings about abortion and other moral issues. November 9, 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. in Cana Hall. Guest speakers: Jamie Morris & Fr. Nelen.

### **HELIAS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL NEWS: Veterans Mass & Special Blessing**

Helias Catholic High School invites all U.S. military veterans in our Crusader family to join us for a Veterans Mass and special blessing at 10:00 a.m. Friday, Nov. 10, in the school's St. Pius X Chapel.

Veterans who are parents or grandparents of current students are welcome to attend the Mass with their student, and light refreshments will be provided following the Mass.

To RSVP, please call the school office at 573-635-6139.

Thank you for your service!

### **Crusader Family Mass**

Helias Catholic High School especially invites members of our extended Crusader family including parents and grandparents of current students as well as alumni to join us for daily Mass at 7:15 a.m. on the third Wednesday of each month when school is in session.

Our next Crusader Family Mass is Wednesday, Nov. 15.

Please note: There will not be a Crusader Family Mass in December.

Please enter at the main office (at the end of the building facing Swifts Highway) and feel free to use the marked visitor parking spaces. After Mass, stay a few minutes for conversation and light breakfast refreshments!

### **Helias Catholic Alumni**

Attention, all graduates of Helias Catholic High School! Keep up on what's happening in the Crusader community by registering to receive alumni updates. Sign up at [heliascatholic.com/alumni](http://heliascatholic.com/alumni) or email Mr. Ron Vossen, Helias Catholic president and director of alumni relations, at [rvossen@heliascatholic.com](mailto:rvossen@heliascatholic.com).

**SCRIPTURE SCHOLAR:** Dr. Mary Healy is a well respected Scripture scholar, who teaches at Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit (her commentaries on Mark and Hebrews are excellent). She is also blessed with the gift of healing (her book "Healing" is equally excellent). She is coming to Newman in Columbia Sunday Dec. 3! There will be two talks from 1-3pm and a healing prayer service from 3-4:30pm. All are invited. We want the church to be packed! Here is a link you can learn more about it. <https://mcusercontent.com/10b4a4008c58d9a1eb9975f06/images/d1e27f9a-d875-d4b5-c832-901766446e2b.jpg>

### **ST. CECILIA PARISH IS SEEKING BIDS FOR THE FOLLOWING REMODELING PROJECTS IN THE RECTORY:**

**Bid #1 -Blue Guest Bathroom & Tan Guest Bathroom:** Complete remodel of the two bathrooms. Remove tub/shower area and tile along with remaining tile on the walls. Replace tub/showers with a walk-in shower with doors in the blue bathroom. The tan bathroom replace with a tub/shower kit. Repair walls where other tiles are removed as needed (sheet rock, etc) and paint all areas that need to be painted. Replace vanity and toilet in blue bathroom and toilet only in tan bathroom. Toilets to be replaced by chair-height toilets. **Bid #2 – Blue Guest Bathroom (complete remodel) and Tan Guest Bathroom (partial remodel):** Complete remodel of blue bathroom. Remove Tub/shower area and tile along with remaining tile on the walls. Replace with walk-in shower only with doors. Replace vanity and toilet with chair-height toilet. Tan Guest Bathroom – Remove shower/tub and all tile inside tub area. Replace with tub/shower kit and shower door. Paint ceiling of shower area. Replace toilet with chair-height toilet. If interested in placing a bid, please contact Janice Schanzmeyer, Parish Council Buildings & Grounds Representative or Doris Stumpe, Bookkeeper.

**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).

**THE OVER 50 GROUP** is meeting November 9 at the St Cecilia Parish Center for our November get together. The following dishes will be provided: Turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy. Everyone else is asked to bring a side dish, eating at noon.

**THE BLAIR OAKS R-II SCHOOL DISTRICT** will be having its annual Veterans Day celebration on Friday, November 10 at 8:30 a.m. in the High School gymnasium. The district takes great pride in this event and looks forward to honoring all those who have served or are serving our country. The Celebration is open to the public. Breakfast will be served to our community veterans and their families in the High School cafeteria at 7:30 am. If you are a veteran and/or a family member of a veteran and would like to join us for breakfast, please RSVP by November 5 by calling the High School office at (573) 635-8514 or email Heather Rademan at [hrademan@blairoaks.org](mailto:hrademan@blairoaks.org).

**CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOSEPH, THE BAZAAR IS BACK,** Sunday, November 12, 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Cana Hall. Meal tickets, \$15 in person & to go. Meal, pulled pork, baked beans, mac & cheese & slaw (11:15-5:30) All of the profits will to Catholic Charities Food Pantry.

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

**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.

**OSAGE COUNTY CHOIR:** "You are invited to join the Osage County Choir! Westphalia is once again hosting Christmas on Main this year. The date is November 26 in the evening. We will begin singing right after the lighting of the tree in town. I have a couple of new songs this year to share with you, and we'll do a couple of last year's songs as well. The practices will be held in the Norton Room at 6:30 on the following dates: October 17, November 2 (Thursday instead of Tuesday), November 7 November 16 (Thursday instead of Tuesday), November 21, Performance on November 26. We hope to see you there!!! Shelly Angerer and Donna Rehagen"

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

*And for this reason we too give thanks to God unceasingly, that, in receiving the word of God from hearing us, you received not a human word but, as it truly is, the word of God, which is now at work in you who believe.*

1 Thessalonians 2:13

The late Msgr. Thomas McGread said, "The Bible is the textbook and the celebration of Mass is the classroom." This "textbook" is the Word of God that guides us to walk with Jesus on the path to holiness. When we study the Word of God, we grow in relationship with Him.



