

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

St. Cecilia
in Meta

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28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 10, 2021

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St. Thomas Parish Office hours: Wednesdays 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.; Thursdays 8:30 to 11:30 a.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.; 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 Oct. 10-17:

WEEKDAY MORNING MASSES IN PARISH CENTER

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Pat Kliegel

Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – Harry & Norma Lueckenhoff

Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Richard Schwartz

Friday 7:45 a.m. – Bob & Donnie Luebbering

WEEKEND MASSES IN ST. CECILIA CHURCH

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Curt Stockman

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2021-2022: \$305,000.00

Offertory Goal through Month end: \$101,668.00

Actual Collection for 2021-2022: **\$ 82,038.50**

Offertory Difference Year to Date: – \$ 19,629.50

Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

October 3 \$ 5,676.00

October 10 \$

October 17 \$

October 24 \$

October 31 \$

Collection Online: \$ 5,374.50

October total to date: **\$11,050.50**

Difference for October: -\$14,366.50

Church Renovation Capital Campaign

Total Pledges/Donations \$237,664.01

Total Collected \$142,046.01

St. Thomas the Apostle Cantors / Organists

WEEKEND MASSES IN ST. CECILIA CHURCH

Oct. 16 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Lisa Wieberg / Alanna

Oct. 17 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Anne Strobe / Jackie

Oct. 23 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kelsey Kliethermes / Jackie

Oct. 24 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Josh Luebbering / Jackie

St. Thomas the Apostle & St. Cecilia Readers

WEEKEND MASSES IN ST. CECILIA CHURCH

Oct. 16 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kathy Graessle

Oct. 17 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Daffiny Tallent

Oct. 23 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Judy Schroeder

Oct. 24 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Ben Luebbering

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of Oct. 10-17:

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Harold Porting

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Ben & Jason Hake

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2021-2022: \$62,000.00

Collection Total for 2021-2022: **\$16,544.07**

Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,166.67

Collection in Church:

October 3 \$ 1,575.00

October 10 \$

October 17 \$

October 24 \$

October 31 \$

October total to date: **\$ 1,575.00**

Difference for October -\$ 3,591.67

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

October – Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer

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

St. Cecilia Reader

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Betty Hagenhoff

**IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO FULFILL YOUR
LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENT, PLEASE FIND A
REPLACEMENT. YOUR FELLOW
PARISHIONERS THANK YOU!**

St. Thomas the Apostle & St. Cecilia Ushers

WEEKEND MASSES IN ST. CECILIA CHURCH

Oct. 16 Sat. 5:00 p.m. – Mark Boessen & Eric Strope
Oct. 17 Sun. 10:00 a.m. – Mike Buschjost & Ryan Buschjost
Oct. 23 Sat. 5:00 p.m. – Dave Luebbering & Gilbert Schellman
Oct. 24 Sun. 10:00 a.m. – Eric & Keith Boessen

St. Thomas the Apostle & St. Cecilia Eucharistic Ministers
MASSES IN ST. CECILIA CHURCH

Oct. 16 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark Luebbering
Oct. 17 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Glenn Prenger
Oct. 23 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Brenda Wansing
Oct. 24 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Janet Lueckenhoff

St. Thomas the Apostle Servers

WEEKEND MASSES IN ST. CECILIA CHURCH

Oct. 16 Saturday 5:00 p.m. -
Oct. 17 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Valerie & Zeke Verslues,
Victoria Wieberg
Oct. 23 Saturday 5:00 p.m. -
Oct. 24 Sun. 10:00 a.m. – Avery Libbert & Erika Luebbering
Isabella Luebbering

St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters

Oct. 17 - Jennifer Schroeder & Dunja Wieberg
Oct. 24 – Paul Becker & Shara Buechter
Oct. 31 - Keith & Jean Kliethermes
Nov. 7 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg
Nov. 14 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas:

WEEKDAY MASSES IN ST. THOMAS PARISH CENTER

Tuesday, 7:20 a.m. – Joann Heckman – Sorrowful Mysteries
Wednesday 7:20 a.m. – Bob Schellman – Glorious Mysteries
Thursday 7:20 a.m. – Gilbert & Hermina – Luminous Mysteries

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 hours.

Thursday, Oct. 14 – Sheila Libbert & Lizzie Linhardt

Thursday, Oct. 21 – Sara Libbert & Debbie Libbert

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: Visit www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip for more information about the Scrip program. Please contact Amanda Wooten 573-694-1735 or amandab_27@hotmail.com

THE ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH OFFICE will be closing at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 14. Also, St. Thomas Parish office hours will be changing on October 19 to Tuesdays instead of Thursdays. Hours will remain the same from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

BULLETIN NOTICES: Deadline for bulletin notices is noon on Wednesday's.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH WEEKLY BULLETINS may be found in St. Cecilia Church, Web page, St. Thomas Vitae House on front porch or school when in session.

OCTOBER COUNT, ATTENTION USHERS: Please count all people (including children and infants) who enter into the Church at each Mass for the month with the count ending at or about the First Reading. In smaller Churches it may be simpler for the ushers to make the count during the homily. Also, please remember to count all ministers who serve at the Altar as well. The form to fill out is in the back of St. Cecilia Church on table to the right.

BISHOP MCKNIGHT'S OCTOBER PRAYER INTENTION: For our local church of the Diocese of Jefferson City; that we may become a sign and instruments in the world of the presence of Christ through our communion in charity, faith, and the Eucharist.

CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL: The Diocesan Catholic Stewardship Appeal will officially begin in our parishes next weekend. In the next couple of weeks, you will receive a letter from Bishop McKnight inviting you to participate in this year's appeal. If each of our families would give a small portion of their income, we would easily reach our parish goals. As you reflect on the information about the CSA and the life of our Church, please remember that we are called to give out of gratitude. The CSA goal for St. Cecilia Parish is **\$2,550** The CSA goal for St. Thomas the Apostle Parish is **\$10,200**

FROM FR. LEONARD:

- 1. CATECHUMENS:** Those parishioners out there above age seven that are not baptized can register themselves at the offices of the parishes or with the pastor as Catechumens to be prepared and get baptized at Easter Vigil.
- 2. LAY MARRIAGE FACILITATORS:** Those of you that volunteered and registered to be marriage facilitators (I hope you attended the training) can you meet with Fr. Leonard after any Sunday Mass that you have attended, I want you to get started, we have couples to work with.
- 3.** We are looking out for **volunteers to teach confirmation/religion classes**, we just have one teacher from St. Thomas and we have the biggest number of candidates. Please contact Diane Lueckenhoff or Jenifer Even.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING is Tues., Oct. 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the school library.

PASTORS MEDITATION: 28th Sunday in ordinary time, year B: **FOLLOWING JESUS WHOLEHEARTEDLY: (Wis. 7:7-11; Heb. 4:12-13; Mk. 10:17-30)** Today's readings remind us that we do not possess anything in our life that we refuse to surrender to the Lord. These things often possess us and we become prisoners of our possessions when we give our "things/possessions" top priority in our

St. Cecilia & St. Thomas the Apostle Eucharistic Minister

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Jennifer Even

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Harold Libbert & Anton Libbert

St. Cecilia Servers

Sunday 8:00 a.m. –

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Wednesday – 6:05 p.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer – Glorious Mysteries
Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Margaret Brune – Luminous Mysteries

VOTIVE CANDLES: The requested donation for lighting a votive candle in church is **\$2.50**.

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 & St. Cecilia Offertory

WEEKEND MASSES IN ST. CECILIA CHURCH

Oct. 16 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Paul & Jenny Becker
Oct. 17 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Tom & Carol Backes
Oct. 23 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark & Lauri Luebbering
Oct. 24 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Gene & MaryPat Luebbering

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

Saturday 4:35 p.m. – Dale Herigon – Luminous Mysteries

Sunday 9:35 a.m. – Tina Stockman – Luminous Mysteries

lives. We thus, violate the First Great Commandment, "You shall not have other gods beside me" which demands that we give absolute and unconditional priority to God. We must give priority to God in our lives, not to our possessions.

The first reading advises us to use the God-given virtue of prudence and to seek true wisdom in preference to vanishing realities like riches, political and social influence. Solomon chose Wisdom before everything else. But when he accepted Wisdom, he received everything else along with it. Since Jesus is Wisdom Incarnate, when we put following Jesus ahead of everything else, we receive everything else along with Jesus. In the Responsorial Psalm (Ps 90), we beg God to teach us how to make proper judgments and choices in our lives that we may live with Him forever. The second reading warns us that we are accountable before God as to how we use our blessings and that the "living and effective word of God" must be our guide in evaluating the use of our blessings. In today's Gospel selection (Mk 10:17-30), we find three sections: a narrative about Jesus' encounter with a rich man, Jesus' sayings about wealth as a possible obstacle to discipleship and Jesus' promise of reward for those who share their material possessions with the needy. Reminding the rich man of the commandments that deal with relationships with other people, Jesus challenged him to sell what he had, and to give the money to the poor. The disciples were shocked by this challenge, but Jesus declared that true religion consisted in one's sharing one's blessings with others rather than hoarding or getting inordinately attached to them.

Therefore friends we need to accept the invitation to generous sharing. Initially, Jesus in generous, sacrificial love, gave us His very self; in response, we find rising in our hearts the desire to give Jesus our own total selves, and so to enter the Faith relationship Jesus offers. God does not ask us to give up our riches, but He does ask us to use them wisely in His service not allowing them to gain control over our hearts. God gives us time, talents, health and wealth and riches that we may use them as good stewards in the service of others.

Let us make a checklist of our prioritized attachments and give God priority: Are anger, lust, gluttony, evil habits, addictions, jealousy, holding grudges, infidelity, cheating our priorities? Let us invite God into our lives daily by praying for the strengthening grace and anointing of His Holy Spirit so that we may give God priority, keeping the Bible as our guide.

Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukiibi

ROSARY COAST TO COAST SUNDAY OCTOBER 10: Join fellow parishioners from the mid-Missouri area in praying the Glorious mysteries of the Rosary at the State Capitol at 3:00 pm on Sunday, Oct 10. Meet in front of St. Peter Church in Jefferson City to begin the walk around the Capitol. If you are not able to travel to the Capitol, please join us in Church at St. Cecilia or at the Parish Center in St. Thomas to pray the rosary together or in your home at 3:00 p.m. Call Janet Lueckenhoff with questions 573-690-5682.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE VIRTUAL WINTER FANTASY: Tickets are on sale now for the 2022 Virtual Winter Fantasy. Tickets can be purchased for \$75 at Speedy B's or by contacting Kim Kliegel at 573-619-9188 or Jan Carter at 573-477-3640. There is no limit to the number of tickets that can be purchased, and they would make great holiday gifts! The Winter Fantasy includes a raffle of \$11,000 in cash prizes, door prizes, and a silent auction. The Facebook Live Drawing will be held Saturday, February 5, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. Please support the Parish and purchase your tickets today! You can find more information under the Events tab at www.stthomasapostle.net

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL NEWS! UPCOMING EVENTS!

Thursday, October 14 – Flu Clinic 1:00-2:00 p.m.; Stucco Trail Mix sale Friday, October 15 – End of 1st Quarter

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE AND ST. CECILIA PARISHIONERS – VIRTUS/SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING: The Safe Environment Policy of the Diocese of Jefferson City requires Employees, Clergy, Religious, Seminarians, Deacons and Volunteers in the Church to be compliant with Safe Environment Regulations. The volunteers include those who work with minors and/or who participate in any ministry in the church (Greeters/Ushers, Lectors, Eucharist Ministers, Choir/Canters), working at parish fundraisers and all parents of students attending St. Thomas the Apostle Parish. Information may be found on the St. Thomas Parish website on the home page and under Resources, Resources Home, and Safe Environment on St. Cecilia's website. Please follow the steps. **This is MANDATORY, effective August 1, 2021**

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the parish or school office. **Remember**, it is important that we comply with the Diocesan Policy for Safe Environment and the Diocese will be coming in September to conduct a **Safe Environment Audit**.

Safe Environment Instructions - For First Time Registrants - Volunteering with Minors

Go to www.virtusonline.org website. Click on the "First Time Registrant" button and enter your profile information.

It is vital this information remains current, ESPECIALLY your email address. Your email address is how the system will communicate with you in the future.

Next, sign up for a Protecting God's Children workshop. This workshop may be done online or in person (if offered) and only needs to be completed one time. However, if you choose the online version, you MUST commit to the entire two hours required. If you leave the workshop prior to completion, you may have difficulty resuming.

Next, you will be prompted to read the "Code of Conduct" form (which you will sign electronically).

Within days of completing the training, the Office of Child and Youth Protection will approve your account. At this time you will receive an email from Virtus stating to log into your account to complete the background check screening process.

If you have used the site in the past and simply don't remember your information, we can help you find your information and give you a chance to update the system.

THE ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH GROUNDS "GRASS CUTTING TEAM ROTATION" FOR THE UPCOMING WEEKS:

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| Week of October 10 | Mark Luebbering, Antone Luebbering and Nick Luebbering |
| Week of October 17 | Paul & Jenny Becker, Eric & Shara Buechter |

PREGNANCY HELP CENTER BANQUET will be held at the Capitol Plaza Hotel 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday October 28. Pre-registration required by October 21. If interested, please contact Bill Lueckenhoff @ 573-619-8969

THE NEXT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING is Tuesday, October 12, 7:30 p.m. A rosary will be prayed at 7:15 p.m. Please read the October newsletter attached to the bulletin.

OVER 50 LUNCHEON is scheduled for Thursday, October 14 at the St Cecilia Parish Center. We are planning to bring oven barbecued chicken. If you don't like barbecue, bring a meat item. Everyone else is asked to bring a side dish. See you there.

ST. STANISLAUS FALL SUPPER, WARDSVILLE is Sunday, October 10, serving fried chicken & sausage dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Dine in or carry out.

GUARDIAN ANGELS PARISH FALL DINNER, BRINKTOWN is Sunday, October 10, serving sausage & fried chicken dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Drive-thru & carry out only, limited air conditioned seating \$13.00 per plate. Live quilt auction 2:30 p.m.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH FALL FESTIVAL, WESTPHALIA is Sunday, October 17, serving German Pot Roast, sausage dinners from 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. \$14.00 meal. DRIVE THRU ONLY.

10th ANNUAL ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE TRUNK OR TREAT is Sunday, October 24, 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. in the Church parking lot. In order to make this a huge success, we need trunks to hand our candy! Plan for 200 trick-or-treaters. Decorate your trunk/area in Halloween decorations or a theme or bring a table. **RSVP by October 20**. Please call the school office at 573-477-3322, send an email to kmorris@stacs.school or dlueckenhoff@embarqmail.com It is our hope to provide a safe and fun time for our kids and community members! Please come out and support this fun event! There will be no hayride or refreshments this year.

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Council Meeting Sept. 28, 2021

1. Call to Order and Opening Prayer Father led
2. Principal's Report / School Advisory Board
 - a. Mr. Heckemeyer went through the highlights
3. Finance Committee Report
 - a. Meeting on October 12th
 - b. Went over the budget at the last meeting
 - c. Fundraising for the renovation
 - i. Only 44 people have pledged
 - ii. some people have donated, but that is not counted in the pledge drive
 - iii. Members are working together to mail a letter to parishioners who have not contributed
 - iv. Members also made letter for people who are non-parishioners, this letter will be sent out asking non-parishioners if they would like to participate
 - v. We are sitting at 50% of the goal. They extended the end date to November 15th
4. Pastoral Council Commission Reports
 - a. Worship
 - i. Rosary Leaders
 1. Needing more leaders for the rosary before weekday Masses
 2. We need to the time and talent again so that we can find people to fill these spots
 3. The council discussed playing it over the speaker in Church or in the gym. We would just need someone to start it and end the CD or video.
 - ii. Church Blessings - Feb 19th
 1. Argyle catering is doing the meal
 2. \$5 a person over the age of 10, the parish is covering the rest
 3. Attendees will need to rsvp so that the committee knows how much food to order
 4. Inviting St. Cecilia parishioners as a thank you for using the St. Cecilia Church during renovation
 5. Non-parishioners who donated are able to attend. They will receive an invite to the meal.
 6. Jan Heckemeyer has agreed to collect money and rsvp for this event.
 7. There will be a meal and short video to share on the Church.
 8. The bishop will be there and will give his blessing on the Church.
 - iii. Planning Masses
 1. Father will be gone from Dec. 25th until Feb. 5th
 2. Masses will be in Meta until church is blessed on Fe. 19th
 3. Assigning every family to offertory - starting once renovation is completed
 - b. Social Concerns
 - i. Adopt a family - Christmas
 1. Sarah was going to look into this with Theresa
 2. Ask for donation, then parish council will go buy gifts
 - ii. Virtual winter fantasy
 1. Tickets on sale - October 1 at Speedy B's or social committee will also have tickets
 2. Silent auction - Jan 30 - Feb 5th, look on the parish website for more information on this
 3. Virtual event - Feb 5th
 4. Theme: Island Escape
 5. There will be an early bird drawing
 6. \$75 dollars a ticket
 7. Basket or items - please send baskets completed, not odd and end items please, families join together to make a solid basket, asking that the baskets be worth \$50
 - c. Administration
 - i. Church renovation
 1. Conrad Schmitt almost done with the plastering of the Church.
 2. They are about 1 week ahead of schedule.
 3. Projected date to be finished - Dec 10th
 4. Dec 15-20th side altars will be getting completed
 5. Stations - after the first of the year
 6. Carpet - after the first of the year, it is at St. Elizabeth TV and Appliance
 7. Statues - coming from Italy - made from wood and painted
 8. Server sacristy - completed plaster
 9. Lighting - take out can lights and new lights on first arch, talking to finance committee to see if it will in the budget
 10. Sound board is completed around the sides of Church
 11. Side altars - Wayne is building this in October
 - ii. New projects
 1. New ovens came in this week
 2. Re do old steam tables between the kitchen and the cafeteria since it doesn't work. It is outdated and parts to fix the table are no longer made.
 3. Snow removal - We are looking for people to do this.
 4. Dream team - working to make a team of handymen to do odd and end jobs around the parish grounds
 - d. Pastors Report
 - i. Blessing of the Church is coming up on Feb 19th
 - ii. Anyone needs to be baptized, let father know
 - iii. He has several couples preparing for their weddings
 - iv. Talked about stewardship with the Church
 - e. Other Business
 - i. Better Together Follow Up
 1. November 15th - need to submit this
 - ii. Virtus/Safe Environment
 1. All of the school families have to do this
 2. Several of the members on the parish council are not in favor of this new rule
 3. Parish & School had an audit on 9/29 to go over the families who have already filled out the form
 - iii. Time and Talent Survey
 1. Send out form again once Church is finished
 2. Maybe make it digital
 3. Last done in Feb of 2020
 - iv. Discussion, Clarification, questions
 1. How did server training go?
 2. Father trained all 3 & 4th grade and 5th and 6th grade
 3. Looking for more servers, Make rotation list for Masses just like offertory
 - f. Closing Prayer Father led
 - g. Adjournment Next Meeting November 30, 2021

