

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 13, 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 October 13-20:

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – George Buechter
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – Alex Heckman
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Harry & Norma Lueckenhoff Anniversary
Friday 7:45 a.m. – L&D Anton Herigon Family
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Anthony & Ida Schellman

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2019-2020: \$305,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End: \$101,668.00
Actual Collection for 2019-2020: **\$ 79,929.45**
Offertory Difference Year to Date: – \$ 21,738.55
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

October 6 \$ 8,371.00
October 13 \$
October 20 \$
October 27 \$

Collection Online: \$ 4,642.00
October total to date: **\$13,013.00**
Difference for October: -\$12,404.00

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): **\$ 7,646.25**
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. – Kelsey Kliethermes / Annette Kehner
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Lisa Wieberg / Jackie Prenger

St. Thomas the Apostle Reader

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Judy Schroeder
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Richard Heckemeyer

St. Thomas the Apostle Altar Servers

Weekday – Wyatt Otto & Carson Libbert
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Dawson Wieberg, Lilly Schulte,
Owen Schellman
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Madi & Audrey Buschjost,
Gregory Kirby, Francie Tallent

St. Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of October 13-20:

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Susan Mertens

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Rita & Doug Kampeter

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2019-2020: \$62,000.00
Collection Total for 2019-2020: **\$14,793.00**
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,166.67

Collection in Church:

October 6 \$ 1,029.00
October 13 \$
October 20 \$
October 27 \$

October total to date: **\$ 1,029.00**
Difference for October: \$ 4,137.67

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

October – Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer
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. – Betty Hagenhoff

St. Cecilia Altar Servers

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Sophie & Reagan 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

October 19-20

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mike & Trish Green, Betty Schellman

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mike & Sheri Wieberg, Jan Carter

October 26-27

Saturday 5:00 p.m. –Carolyn Loethen, Mark & Barb Graessle

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Bill & Betty Jo Luebbering,

Mattheuw Prenger,

St. Thomas Greeters/Ushers

October 19-20

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Fred Luebbering & Carolyn Loethen

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – TJ Loethen & Mattheuw Prenger

October 26-27

Saturday 5:00 p.m. –Mark Boessen & Mike Groner

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Keith Kliethermes & Mike Buschjost

St. Thomas Presentation of Gifts at Mass

October 19-20

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Gilbert & Betty Schellman

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Keith & Jean Kliethermes

October 26-27

Saturday 5:00 p.m. –Mark & Barb Graessle

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Travis & Kathy Rackers Family

St. Thomas Collection Counters

October 20 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman

October 27 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg

November 3 –Keith & Jean Kliethermes

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. – Bob Schellman - Sorrowful

Saturday 4:35 p.m. – Dale Herigon - Sorrowful

Sunday 9:35 a.m. – Gilbert & Hermina Strobe – Sorrowful

PASTOR'S MEDITATION:

28th Sunday of the year in ordinary time: The central theme of today is **GRATITUDE**, in particular, the expression of gratitude God expects from us.

First, let me convey my sincere gratitude to God for allowing St. Thomas to celebrate their **Sesquicentennial anniversary** with such a success and with God's blessing of a gentle drizzling, we praise and give him thanks. Dear St. Thomas parishioners, thanks for all your time, contributions, sacrifices and volunteers during preparations and on the very anniversary day, God has the best reward for you, because you portrayed your faith in action on that day. Thanks to the parish pastoral council of St. Thomas for overseeing everything and last but not least thanks to the sesquicentennial committee (organizing committee) for a wonderful job you did, thanks for spearheading everything we hope God rewards you for seriously putting your faith in action.

Today's Gospel story of *'the forgetful lepers'* presents a God Who desires gratitude from us for the many blessings we receive from Him, and Who feels pain at our ingratitude. Naaman, the Syrian military commander in the first reading, was an outcast not only because of his leprosy but was also a non-Israelite. He returned to thank the Prophet Elisha for the cure of his leprosy and as a sign of his gratitude, transferred his allegiance to the God of Israel. St. Paul, in the second reading, advises Timothy to be grateful to God even in his physical sufferings and amid the dangers associated with spreading the Word of God because God will always be faithful to His people. Today's Gospel story tells us of a single non-Jewish leper, a "Samaritan heretic", who returned to thank Jesus for healing him, while the nine Jewish lepers went their way. Perhaps under the false impression that healing was their right as God's chosen people, the rest hurried off to obtain health certificates from the priests. *"Where are the other nine?"* Jesus asked the crowd.

We need to learn to be thankful to God and to others. We can express our gratitude to our loving and providing God by offering grace before meals and by allotting a few minutes of the day for family prayer. Let us show our gratitude to our forgiving God by forgiving others, and to a loving God by radiating His love, mercy and compassion to others, including our families and friends. It is by taking good care of our old and sick parents that we express our gratitude to them for the loving sacrifices they made in raising us.

We need to celebrate the Holy Eucharist as the supreme act of thanksgiving: The Greek word *"Eucharist"* means profoundly religious and thoroughly spiritual *"thanksgiving."* When we celebrate Holy Mass together, we are thanking God for giving us the great gift of His Son in the Holy Eucharist so that we can share His Divine life and for giving us His teaching, guiding and strengthening Holy Spirit. We express our thanks to God as a parish community by sharing our time, talents and material blessings in the various ministries and services of the parish and by our active participation in its outreach programs in the community.

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

A NOTE OF THANKS!

Sesquicentennial Thank You

The Sesquicentennial Committee on behalf of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish would like to extend its sincere gratitude and appreciation to all individuals who volunteered and participated in any way in the preparation and execution of our 150 Year Heritage Celebration October 6. We especially give thanks to God for the many blessings he has bestowed upon St. Thomas the Apostle Parish and this wonderful event! We would also like to offer our very special thanks to Father Leonard for the beautiful Eucharistic Celebration of the Mass that kicked off the event. All parishioners who volunteered to help with the activities during the day, as well as those who assisted with the event preparation and clean-up are to be commended for their exemplary example of stewardship. The committee would also like to thank all individuals and families within and outside the parish who chose to participate in the history museum and antique quilt display. The overall response was amazing!

The 2019 Heritage Celebration was an overwhelming success and the positive comments and compliments received from our many guests and parishioners were greater than we had ever hoped. The event was another great example of our parishioners working together toward a common cause. Thank you again and may God bless you for all that you have done to help make this day a memorable occasion that will live on in the archives of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish history.

St. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

October 20

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Jennifer Even, Betty Hagenhoff,

Dorothy Rehagen

October 27

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

Pam Libbert

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

October 20

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

Terry Libbert, Tony Derkum

October 27

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Leon Schanzmeyer, Kenny Otto,

Larry Lueckenotto, Mitch Stumpe

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.

BISHOP MCKNIGHT'S OCTOBER PRAYER INTENTION: For the cessation of violence; that our communities foster a culture of life and peace by recognizing the dignity of every human being, made in the image and likeness of God.

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

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, October 17- Mary Engelmeyer & Amanda McManus Thursday, October 24 – Kerry Meyer & Sara Otto
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: October 19-20 Saturday – Lindsay Luebbering Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Melissa Verslues
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.

OCTOBER WEEKEND MASS COUNT: This fall our Diocese will again participate in a common practice across the U.S. known as the 'October Count.' Each individual who attends the weekend Mass across our Diocese during the month will be counted in order to allow for better pastoral planning. Throughout the month of October, we ask ushers assigned for Mass to count all the faithful (including musicians and altar servers) at each weekend Mass.

LECTORS: Please come to the podium to read the petitions as soon as the Apostles Creed is over.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Please return the chalices to the altar when finished so Fr. Leonard can purify them.

ST. CECILIA PRAYER LINE REQUESTS can be made by calling Florentine Hagenhoff at 573-298-2372. Please leave a message if no answer. Additional Prayer Line Ministers are needed. For more information, please call Florentine.

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.

A ROSARY will be prayed in honor of Our Lady of Fatima on Sunday, October 13 at noon in the St. Thomas the Apostle Prayer Garden (weather permitting). Please bring a chair. Everyone is welcome!

ST. CECILIA CEMETERY BOARD held a special meeting to accept the resignation of Marsha Meyer and accept Karyn Veltrop as the new treasurer of the organization on September 25, 2019. The new officers and phone numbers are listed as follows. President, Charles Schroeder @ 229-4694, Vice President, Randy Hagenhoff @ 645-6564, Treasurer, Karyn Veltrop @ 644-3724 and Secretary, Norma Jean Libbert @ 644-4499. The board wishes to thank Fancher Funeral Home and Wieberg Red-Mix for their donations to the cemetery.

ST. CECILIA PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING is Wednesday, October 16, 7:15 p.m. in the Parish Center.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesday, October 16 – Picture Day, Report Cards go home
Thursday, October 17 – Early release K-8, 12:50 p.m. car riders, 1:00 bus riders. Parent/Teacher Conferences
Friday, October 18 – No School K-8

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION is Wednesday, October 16 at 7:30 p.m. St. Cecilia.

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

Week of Oct. 14 – Richard Schellman, Pat Schellman and Paul Struempf Team

Week of Oct. 21 – Mark Luebbering, Antone Luebbering and Nick Luebbering Team

Week of Oct. 28 - Paul & Jenny Becker and Eric & Shara Buechter Team

Grass cutting teams are reminded to try to cut grass "as needed" each week with the goal of having things looking good for weekend mass, weddings, etc. Many thanks to all of our parish volunteers and should anyone else be interested in putting together a "Grass Cutting Team" please contact Alan Reinkemeyer at 573-694-6984.

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.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH 25TH ANNUAL FALL FANTASY is Saturday, November 2 beginning at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$110 and are on sale now at Speedy B's in St. Thomas, or contact Joanie Prenger at 573-477-0187. One ticket includes: prime rib and pork loin dinner for two people; dance with music by Shiloh; complimentary beer, wine, gin rickeys and soda; and a chance to win \$10,000 with over \$15,000 in cash prizes given away! ***Early bird winner was Aaron & Beth Kliethermes.*** The work list is attached to the bulletin or it may be found on our web page under bulletins.

2019 ST. THOMAS FALL FANTASY: If anyone or any business would like to make a monetary donation to help offset the cost of tickets for the Raffles (2nd chance to be entered for Grand Prize), Food or Hunter's Raffle, please contact Lynne Reinkemeyer at 573-690-7113 by October 24, 2019. Thank you!

ST. THOMAS HANDICAP AND ELDERLY PARKING: Please be advised that the designated parking areas close and near to church (blue painted areas or marked with handicap signs) are open for those who are elderly, mobility impaired, rehabilitating, handicapped, etc. You ARE NOT required to have a handicap tag or designated license plate. Please utilize these parking spaces with this in mind.

CPR & AED TRAINED: The St. Thomas Parish Pastoral Council is attempting to put together a listing of CPR and/or AED trained parishioners. We realize that many in the Parish receive this training in their workplace or may work in the healthcare field. Knowing who these qualified parishioners are in advance of an emergency could be helpful. If you are CPR and/or AED trained, please advise Alan Reinkemeyer at 573-694-6984 or by email at reink4@embarqmail.com or any other Parish Pastoral Council member.

4-H ALUMNI REUNION AND SPONSORSHIP RECOGNITION EVENT: Calling all Cole County 4-H alumni and donors of the 4-H Foundation. We are excited to invite you to be our honored guest at the 4-H Foundation at McClung Park Indoor Pavilion on Sunday, October 13, 2019 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Free meal if registered by October 4 or \$10 per person at the door if not registered. To register, please call the Extension Office at 573-634-2824.

8TH ANNUAL ST. THOMAS TRUNK OR TREAT is **Sunday, October 27, 4-6 p.m.** on the St. Thomas Church parking lot. Bring your family AND your car, truck, SUV, ATV or simply a table to decorate as much or as little as you like with candy to distribute to the little ones (plan for up to 200 children). There will be refreshments, a hayride and a prize for the best decorated station. We ask that all participating vehicles be in place no later than 3:45 p.m. Please call the school office at 573-477-3322 to RSVP. Flyer may be found on the school website under upcoming events.

THE DIOCESE OF JEFFERSON CITY WOMEN'S MINISTRY OFFICE invites you to gather your gal pals and join our newly formed diocesan-wide book club. Our first book is entitled, "Girl, Arise" and is written by Claire Swinarski. This book promises to be "smart, witty, and fearless" with an invitation to "live boldly, love your faith and change the world." Discussion questions will be available Oct. 1 at <https://diojeffcity.org/womens-ministry/> or on our Facebook page, Jefferson City Diocesan Women's Ministry. The book may be purchased through many outlets including Amazon, Barnes & Noble or Ava Marie Press. For more information, contact LeAnn Korsmeyer, Coordinator of Women's Ministry at 573-635-9127 or lkorsmeyer@diojeffcity.org.

Local discussions for the Diocesan Women's Ministry Book Club are Tuesdays, October 15 and 29 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the Westphalia K of C Hall. For questions about the local gathering, contact Nancy Massman at 573-418-8295.

ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL, JEFFERSON CITY has volunteer position openings in the following areas: Patient Ambassador, Hospitality Cart, Gift Shop, Infection Prevention and Control. Contact Lisa Steppelman (573) 821-0900 or Stacey Meyer (573) 681-3588 for more information.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN WORKSHOPS: The Catholic Church in the United States is committed to providing safe environments in all of our ministries and activities, especially those involving children and youth. One aspect of our commitment is that anyone who works with minors in our parishes, schools and other Catholic organizations in the Diocese of Jefferson City receive training. For a full list of trainings currently available, please visit our Virtus site and select "Jefferson City, MO (Diocese)," or go to our Events page and filter by "Protecting God's Children."

PERPETAL ADORATION HOURS OPEN ST. STANISLAUS CHURCH WARDSVILLE: Sunday morning 12:00 midnight – 1:00 a.m.; Sunday morning 1:00-2:00 a.m.; Sunday 2:00-3:00 p.m. (1,4,5); Sunday 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. (1st & 3rd); Wednesday 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.; Friday 1:00-2:00 p.m. Please call Donna if you would like to sign up for an hour. 573-680-1470 or 573-635-2095.

SAVE THE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR:

Saturday, November 2, 2019 – St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Fall Fantasy

THE PREGNANCY HELP CENTER BANQUET is Thursday, October 17, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at the Capitol Plaza Hotel. Please call 573-644-6635 to register.

ST. STANISLAUS PARISH FALL FESTIVAL WARDSVILLE is October 13 serving fried chicken and whole hog sausage dinners from 11:00am to 6:00p.m. Adults \$12; Children 6-12 \$6; Children 5 & under Free.

GUARDIAN ANGELS PARISH FALL DINNER, BRINKTOWN is Sunday, October 13, serving sausage & fried chicken dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Adults \$11.00, children 6-12 \$5.00. Quilt auction at 2:30 p.m.

TIM FRANCIS PRESENTATION: Tim Francis, founder of You Shall Believe Ministries is coming to Vienna & Argyle. Wednesday, October 16 6:30-9:00 p.m. Visitation Catholic Church, Vienna & Thursday, October 17 6:30-9:00 p.m. St. Aloysius Catholic Church, Argyle. Same presentation both nights. Join us on either or both nights. No registration necessary.

SHOOTING MATCH, OSAGE BEND is Sunday, October 20, starting at 10:30 a.m. at the St. Margaret's Parish Hall. 12x20 gauge shotguns, 2 pounds will be shot for shotguns. No scopes are allowed.

QUILT SHOW, SOUP, SALAD & PIE LUNCHEON is Friday, October 25 at Kertz Hall, Immaculate Conception Church, Jefferson City. The event is 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tickets \$6.00, under 5 free. Country Store, silent auction & raffle. Sponsored by the Immaculata Club.

ST. ELIZABETH KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FALL SUPPER is Sunday, October 27 at St. Elizabeth Community Center. Serving fried chicken and sausage dinners from 11:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Adults-\$12, Children 6-12-\$5. Raffle & Splatter Cards.

SACRED HEART PARISH FALL FESTIVAL, RICH FOUNTAIN is Sunday, October 27, serving sausage & German pot roast dinners from 11:00 – 6:00 p.m. Adults \$12.00, children 6-12 \$5.00. Auction 3:00 p.m. Shot gun & 22 rifle shooting match 11:00 a.m.

RUNNING WITH THE ANGELS- Immaculate Conception School in Jefferson City is sponsoring a 5K run/walk on Saturday, November 2, 2019. Medals will be given to the top 3 male and female finishers in each of the eight age groups. There will be door prizes too! All proceeds to benefit the I.C. School Breakfast/Lunch Program as well as the Health and Wellness Program. Registration forms can be found on the school website: www.icangels.com. **T-shirts guaranteed to all participants who register by October 21, 2019.** Come join the fun!

