

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 15, 2017

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St. Thomas Parish Office hours: Tuesdays 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.; Wednesdays 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 School Office hours during school year: Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Confessions: Saturdays 4:00 - 4:45 p.m. at St. Thomas; Sundays 7:30 - 7:50 a.m. at St. Cecilia;
 or anytime by appointment, just call Father.

Saint Thomas the Apostle

Mass Schedule for the Week of October 15-22:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Tom & Clara Schmidt
 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Harriett Lackman
 Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Ralph Hirschman
Tuesday 6:15 p.m. – Ella Otto
 Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – Germaine & Alan Strope
Wednesday 6:15 p.m. – Butch Loethen
 Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Alex Heckman
Thursday 6:15 p.m. – David Borgmeyer
 Friday 7:45 a.m. – Anthony & Ida Schellman
 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes
 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – L&D Alex Heckman Family

Your Sunday Offering:

Offerory Budget for 2017-2018:	\$305,000.00
Offerory Goal through Month End:	\$101,668.00
Actual Collection for 2017-2018:	\$ 87,945.82
Offerory Difference Year to Date:	- \$ 13,722.18
Offerory Goal per month:	\$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

October 1	\$ 5,815.00
October 8	\$ 3,589.00
October 15	\$
October 22	\$
October 29	\$

Collection Online: \$ 5,092.00
October total to date: **\$14,496.00**
 Difference for October - \$10,921.00

St. Thomas the Apostle Expansion & Building Fund

Total Expansion Project expenses paid:	\$2,273,475.34
Income from parishioners for FY 2017-2018 (via the yellow "Building Fund" envelope):	\$ 7,428.45
Loan payments to date for FY 2017-2018:	\$18,455.48
(Principal) \$15,531.23 (Interest) \$2,924.25	
Parish Building Expansion Debt remaining:	<u>\$381,191.03</u>

St. Thomas the Apostle Cantor / Organist

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

St. Thomas the Apostle Reader / Petitions

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Alfred Kaiser
 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Doug Luebbering

St. Thomas the Apostle Altar Servers

Weekday a.m. – Annie Stewart & Madi Buschjost
 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ely & Dawson Wieberg,
 Lilly Schulte
 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Morgan & Jacob Luebbering,
 Erika Luebbering, Dorothy Lackman

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of October 15-22:

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Al Fick
 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – People of our Parishes

 Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – *No Mass*

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Hugo & Rosaline Bisges
 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – L&D Tom & Clara Schmidt Family

Your Sunday Offering:

Offerory Budget for 2017-2018:	\$62,000.00
Collection Total for 2017-2018:	\$19,118.35
Offerory Goal per month:	\$ 5,166.67

Collection in Church:

October 1	\$ 1,492.00
October 8	\$ 1,574.00
October 15	\$
October 22	\$
October 29	\$
October total to date:	\$ 3,056.00
Difference for October:	- \$ 2,110.67

Please remember your parish in your last will & testament.

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

October – Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer

St. Cecilia Reader / Petitions

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – No Mass
 Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Jennifer Even
 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Don Wansing

St. Cecilia Altar Servers

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Alex & Joshua Even
 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Will & Melina Derkum,
 Sophie Bock

***IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO FULFILL
 YOUR LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENT,
 IN YOUR KINDNESS & CHARITY,
 PLEASE FIND A REPLACEMENT***

St. Thomas Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**October 21-22**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Carolyn Loethen, Mark Graessle, Lora Boessen

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jan Carter, Mattheuw Prenger, Keith Kliethermes

October 28-29

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark Luebbering, Pat Kaiser, Barb Graessle

Sunday 10:00 a.m. - Randy Buschjost, Bill Luebbering, Glenn Prenger

St. Thomas Greeters/Ushers

**please ring tower bells 10 minutes before weekend Masses*

October 21-22

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Carolyn Loethen & Mark Boessen

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mattheuw Prenger & Keith Kliethermes

October 28-29

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

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Joe Buschjost & TJ Loethen

St. Thomas Presentation of Gifts at Mass**October 21-22**

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

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Scott & Tracy Suthoff Family

October 28-29

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

Sunday 10:00 a.m. - Craig Buechter, Nathan Luebbering & Mattheuw Prenger

St. Thomas Collection Counters

October 21-22 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman

October 28-29 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes

November 4-5 – Jennifer Schroeder & Stephanie Cortvrient

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday 7:25 a.m. – Joann Heckman – Sorrowful

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Wednesday 7:25 a.m. – Pat Loethen – Glorious

Wednesday 5:50 p.m. – Shirley Volmert - Glorious

Thursday 7:25 a.m. – Viola Boessen – Luminous

Thursday 5:50 p.m. – Bob Schellman Luminous

Friday 7:25 a.m. – Gilbert & Hermina Strobe – Sorrowful

Saturday 4:40 p.m. – Marilyn Herigon – Joyful

Sunday 9:40 a.m. – Tina Stockman – Joyful

SCRIP: October 21-22 Saturday – Kerry Meyer Sunday – Amanda Boessen

Visit www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip for more information about the Scrip program. A large variety of cards in various denominations are in stock and available for purchase. You can contact Lindsay Luebbering at 573-680-4920 or Karen Luebbering at 573-301-5835 to purchase anytime.

SNACKS FOR ST. THOMAS QUILTERS:

Thursday, October 19 – Jenny Schellman & Carol Schellman

Thursday, October 26 – Donna Schellman & Katrina Schellman

Please bring snack to hall by 1:00 p.m.; snack served at 3:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please call Kathy Strobe or Emily Luebbering.

OCTOBER WEEKEND MASS COUNT: This fall our Diocese will again involve itself in a common practice across the United States known as the 'October Count.' Throughout the month of October, we ask the ushers assigned for Mass to count all the faithful (including musicians & altar servers) at each weekend Mass.

PARISH MISSION AT ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH: October 16-20, 2017 led by Fr. Charles Byrd from Our Lady of the Mountains Roman Catholic Parish in Jasper, GA. 5:30 p.m. Confessions; 6:15 p.m. Mass; 7:00 p.m. Mission Talk. All are welcome to attend!

CONCERT FOR OBOE & ORGAN: 7:00 p.m. Friday, October 20, 2017 at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish.

DIOCESAN CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL: Bishop Gaydos reminds us in his annual CSA appeal video that we share the same human nature, and as baptized members of the Body of Christ, we literally are invited to share as **one family in faith**. This is the middle week of this year's CSA campaign. If you've already responded to Bishop's appeal letter, we thank you. If not, please take time this week to make a gift to support the many services noted in the CSA brochure which the diocese provides in support of our parishes and schools. May God bless you for your pledge.

The CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP GOALS this year: St. Cecilia Parish: \$2,500. St. Thomas the Apostle Parish: \$8,000.

Thank you for your generosity.

PARISH TIME & TALENT: Please also consider what ministries you are participating in at Mass and how you share your time and talents with your parish and fellow parishioners.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION will not be held this week, but candidates are encouraged to attend the Parish Mission at St. Thomas.

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.

ST. THOMAS FALL FESTIVAL COLLECTION: There was an envelope in your September packet. Each family or single wage earner is asked to contribute \$50.00. This collection was instituted years ago to replace the Fall Festival which St. Thomas Parish use to have. It is part of our overall parish budget, helping with ongoing expenses.

St. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**October 21-22**

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Brenda Wansing, Doris Stumpe, Jennifer Even

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Gerald & Phyllis Rehagen, Pam Libbert

October 28-29

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Betty Hagenhoff, Dorothy Rehagen, Bonnie Kampeter

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

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers**October 21-22**

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Darin Even, Randy Hagenhoff, Lou Kloepfel, Mitch Stumpe

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

October 28-29

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Brendan Stumpe, Darin Even, Randy Hagenhoff, Lou Kloepfel

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Kenny Otto, Dominic Plassmeyer, Larry Lueckenotto, Harold Libbert

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Wednesday: 6:10 p.m. – **No Mass**

Saturday 6:40 p.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer – Joyful

Sunday 7:40 a.m. – Margaret Brune - Joyful

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

BAPTISM PREPARATION: Please call Fr. Secrist to schedule a meeting and date for Baptism.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION: Please call Fr. Secrist at least six months prior to the desired date.

SEEKING CHRIST FOR OUR NATION MASS is Thursday, October 17 at 6:00 p.m. Our Lady of Snows, Mary's Home.

ST. CECILIA PARISH PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES: This fall, the Lifetouch Company will be coming to St. Cecilia Parish in order to take individual and family photos for a new parish pictorial directory. The last time a photo and contact directory was created was 2004. Photographers will be at St. Cecilia Parish **October 26-29**. Photography session sign-in volunteers are needed to assist with the check-in table during the directory photo sessions at St. Cecilia Parish **on October 26 and 27, 12 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.; October 28, 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and October 29, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.** Any type of assistance is greatly appreciated. Please contact Joanne Schroeder for more information: 573- 229-8986.

ST. THOMAS SCHOOL GLASS BLOCKS: 1940's-era glass blocks from the St. Thomas School building are available for \$5.00 per block. Please email Father at jasecrist@yahoo.com or call the School Office (573-477-3322) if interested.

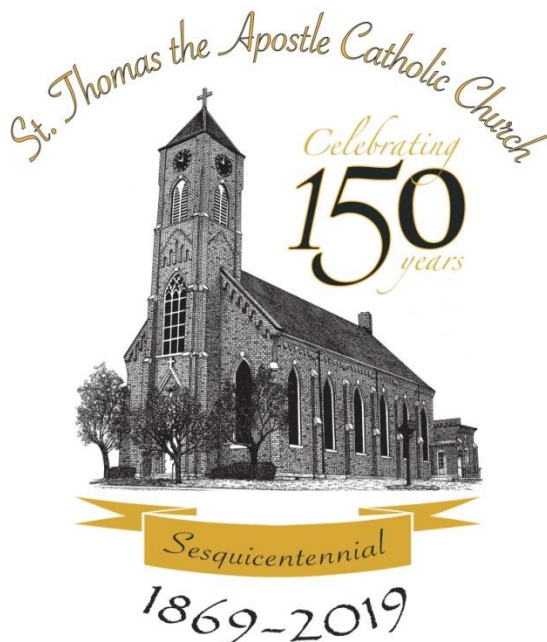
ST. THOMAS 4-H: It is the start of a new 4-H year and enrollment is open to youth 5-18 years old as of January 1, 2018. The next meeting is Sunday October 15 at 11:15 a.m. at the St. Thomas KofC Hall. Please contact Sara Otto at 573-694-4345 with any questions.

ST. THOMAS SCHOOL & PSR DROP OFF & PICK UP: For the safety of our children, please remember to **ENTER** from **PARK STREET** and **EXIT** from the **Church parking lot onto Highway B**. This will keep our children safe and the traffic flowing smoothly.

COPY PAPER: St. Thomas the Apostle School is in need of copy paper, clean on one side and staple free. Please drop off paper at school or call the school office, 573-477-3322.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS

October 18 – Report cards go home, Bookmobile, Trail Mix Sale (proceeds to benefit family adopted at Christmas)
October 19 – Early release 1:20 car riders, 1:30 bus riders, parent/teacher conferences
October 20 – No School
October 25 – K-4 Field trip, Runge Nature Center/Fischer Farms
October 28 – Trunk or Treat 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Church parking lot
October 31 – Halloween Parties



MARK YOUR CALENDARS TO SAVE THESE DATES IN 2019

Sunday, May 5, 2019
30th anniversary of the reestablishment of St. Thomas School as a Catholic school.

Saturday, June 29, 2019
Parish Celebration
4:00 p.m. Mass with the Bishop, dinner & music for parishioners.

Sunday, October 6, 2019
St. Thomas Homecoming for everyone to enjoy. Parade, food vendors, entertainment & other activities.

ST. MARGARET'S SHOOTING MATCH, OSAGE BEND is this Sunday, October 15, starting at 10:30 a.m. at St. Margaret's Parish Hall. 12x20 gauge shotguns, no scopes are allowed.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH FALL FESTIVAL, WESTPHALIA is this Sunday, October 15, serving German pot roast & sausage dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Adults \$11.00, children 6-12 \$5.00.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA PARISH FALL FESTIVAL, ST. ANTHONY is this Sunday, October 15, serving sausage & roast beef dinners from 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Adults \$10.00, children 6-12 \$5.00.

CHICKEN & HAM DINNER & DANCE, WESTPHALIA LION'S CLUB is Saturday, October 21. Ticket price is \$20.00 per person, doors open at 5:30, dinner at 6:30 and dance at 8:30 p.m. Music by Shiloh. BYOB. If you have questions or need tickets, please visit www.WestphaliaLions.com or Scott Schulte 573-455-2712 or 573-690-5890.

SACRED HEART PARISH FALL FESTIVAL, RICH FOUNTAIN is next Sunday, October 22, serving sausage & German pot roast dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Adults \$11.00, children 6-12 \$5.00. Shot gun & 22 rifle shooting match 11:00 a.m.

FALL QUIK PIK is Sunday, October 22, 11:00 am-2 pm. in the St. Thomas Parish Center. \$5 admission; receive a gift bag Sponsored by Faith, Hope and Family –Relay Benefit. Many local vendors: Pampered Chef, Plunder, Juice Plus, Thirty-One Bags, Avon, Crafts and More! St. Thomas the Apostle School will be selling scrip and refreshments.

MARSHA'S DRIVE FOR LIFE: Marsha (Deeken) Krone was diagnosed in May 2016 with a rare bone marrow cancer called Myelofibrosis. Her only cure, like many others, is a bone marrow transplant, and our hope is to find #MarshasMatch. Growing up in Argyle, MO and graduating from Fatima, Marsha has close roots to mid-Missouri area. Marsha's Drive for Life, a bone marrow registry drive, will be held on Saturday, October 28 at the Westphalia Knights of Columbus from 2:00 – 7:00 p.m. A meal by Argyle Catering will be served from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. for a suggested donation of \$10, with all proceeds benefiting Be the Match. Carry-outs will be available. Find us on Facebook by searching for Marsha's Match. Donors must be ages 18-44 and a cheek swab is all that is needed. Everyone is welcome to attend.

6TH ANNUAL ST. THOMAS TRUNK OR TREAT is Sunday, October 29, 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 by no later than 3:45 p.m. Please call the school office at 573-477-3322 if you would like to join us.

PREGNANCY HELP CENTER OF CENTRAL MISSOURI 7TH ANNUAL BANQUET: An exciting evening of fine food, music, and comedic relief by renowned comedian Robert G. Lee. Tuesday, November 14, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City. Admission is free, but reservations are required. Reservations may be made at www.friendsofphc.org or by calling the Pregnancy Help Center at 573-644-6635.

FALL FANTASY TICKETS are now available for the **November 4** event. Tickets are \$110 a couple, dinner includes choice of prime rib or chicken cordon bleu, dance, beer, wine & set-ups. Music by Shiloh. NO person under 21 of age will be admitted. Tickets are available at B&K Quick Shoppe or by contacting Joanie Prenger, Donna Boessen or Lynn Taggart.

CATHOLICISM 101: Hearing the Word of God

“When the Sacred Scriptures are read in the Church, God himself speaks to His people, and Christ, present in His word, proclaims the Gospel” (GIRM, no. 29).

These words from the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM) set before us a profound truth that we need to ponder and make our own. The words of Sacred Scripture are unlike any other texts we will ever hear, for they not only give us information, they are the vehicle God uses to reveal himself to us, the means by which we come to know the depth of God's love for us, and the responsibilities entailed by being Christ's followers, members of his Body. What is more, this Word of God proclaimed in the liturgy possesses a special sacramental power to bring about in us what it proclaims. The Word of God proclaimed at Mass is ‘efficacious’ that is, it not only tells us of God and God's will for us, it also helps us to put that will of God into practice in our own lives. How, then, do we respond to this wonderful gift of God's Word? We respond in word and song, in posture and gesture, in silent meditation and, most important of all, by listening attentively to that Word as it is proclaimed. Following each reading we express our gratitude for this gift with the words "Thanks be to God" or, in the case of the Gospel, "Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ," and it is appropriate that a brief period of silence be observed to allow for personal reflection. Following the first reading we sing the Responsorial Psalm, a meditation on God's word through the inspired words of one of the psalms from the psalter, the Bible's prayer book.

The Gospel is the highpoint of the Liturgy of the Word. The readings from the Old Testament tell us of God's promises and his preparation of his people for the coming of his Son; the epistles and other pre-Gospel New Testament readings offer the reflections of St. Paul and other contemporaries of the Lord on the life and message of Christ; in the Acts of the Apostles we have a history of the early Church. We believe that all Scripture, the Old and New Testaments, is inspired by the Holy Spirit, but the Church has always given special honor to the Gospel because in the Gospel we have not simply the preparation for and prefiguring of Christ, nor reflections on his message, but the words and deeds of Christ himself. The proclamation of the Gospel is surrounded with marks of respect and honor: the Gospel is read by an ordained minister, the deacon, or, when no deacon is present, by a priest; just before the Gospel is read there is a procession to the ambo to the accompaniment of an acclamation sung by the people; it may be incensed before the reading and is kissed at its conclusion; finally, all stand as the Gospel is proclaimed. Through this posture and through the honor paid to the book containing the Gospel, the Church pays homage to Christ who is present in his Word and who proclaims his Gospel.

What, then, must we do to properly receive the Word of God proclaimed at Mass? The General Instruction tells us that "the readings from the Word of God are to be listened to reverently by everyone" (no. 29), and it provides that those who read the Scriptures at Mass must be "truly suited to carrying out this function and carefully prepared, so that by their hearing the readings from the sacred texts the faithful may conceive in their hearts a sweet and living affection for Sacred Scripture" (no. 101). The key word in all of this is *listening*. We are called to listen attentively as the reader, deacon or priest proclaims God's Word.

Unless one is unable to hear, one should not be reading along with a text from a missalette. Rather, taking our cue from the General Instruction itself, we should listen as we would if Christ himself were standing at the ambo, for in fact it is God who speaks when the Scriptures are proclaimed. Carefully following along with the printed word can cause us to miss the gentle voice of the Holy Spirit, the message that the Spirit may have for us in one of the passages because we are anxious to "keep up," to move along with the reader.

Perhaps the best way to understand the readings at Mass and our response to them is offered by St. John Paul II in his Instruction *Dies Domini*. . . . He encourages "those who take part in the Eucharist—priest, ministers and faithful... to prepare the Sunday liturgy, reflecting beforehand upon the word of God which will be proclaimed" and adds that if we do not, "it is difficult for the liturgical proclamation of the word of God alone to produce the fruit we might expect" (no. 40). In this way we will till the soil, preparing our souls to receive the seeds to be planted by the Word of God so that seed may bear fruit.

The Word of God, then calls for our listening and our response in silent reflection, as well as in word and song. Most important of all, the Word of God, which is living and active, calls each of us individually and all of us together for a response that moves beyond the liturgy itself and affects our daily lives, leading us to engage fully in the task of making Christ known to the world by all that we do and say.

World Mission Sunday

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Each October, the celebration of World Mission Sunday leads us to the heart of our Christian faith – leads us to mission, as Pope Francis explains in his message for this year's celebration on October 22.

The collection is truly a global effort for the entire Church. It is a central moment each year to provide for the building up of over one thousand local churches in Asia and Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe -- more than half the territory of the globe. Through the work of these churches, and their witness to Christ, the poor receive practical help and experience God's love and mercy, His hope and peace.

World Mission Sunday and the Society for the Propagation of the Faith encourage an ongoing formative relationship for mission, inspired by the words of our chief missionary, Pope Francis.

I invite all of us to see World Mission Sunday as a special moment of encounter with the Pope's missions throughout the world. Considering the priests, religious and lay leaders who, day in and day out, witness to the Gospel and serve the poor, will, as Pope Francis says, "*enable the missionary heart of Christian communities to join in prayer, testimony of life and communion of goods, in responding to the vast and pressing needs of evangelization.*"

As I remain grateful for your generosity, I ask your full support as you are able, through prayer and sacrifice, on World Mission Sunday and throughout the year.

Sincerely yours in Christ, Most Reverend John R. Gaydos, Bishop of Jefferson City

