

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

**St. Cecilia**  
in Meta

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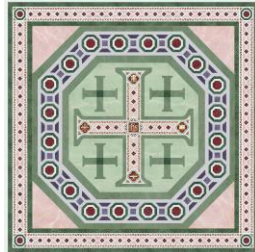
**28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**October 15, 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 Oct. 15-22:**

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Billy Chestnut  
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – Mass of Thanksgiving,  
Margie & Alfred Kaiser's Wedding Anniversary  
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Monsignor Michael Wilbers  
Friday 7:45 a.m. - In Thanksgiving, Gilbert & Betty  
Schellman's 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes  
L&D Anthony & Ida Schellman Family  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – L&D Alex Heckman Family

**Your Sunday Offering:**

Offertory Budget for 2023-2024:	\$312,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End:	\$104,000.00
Actual Collection for 2023-2024:	<b>\$100,367.11</b>
Offertory Difference Year to Date:	-\$ 3,632.89
Offertory Goal per month:	\$ 26,000.00

**Collection in Church:**

October 1	\$10,703.15
October 8	\$ 4,744.22
October 15	\$
October 22	\$
October 29	\$

**Collection Online:** \$ 6,229.50

**October total to date:** **\$21,676.87**

Difference for October: -\$ 4,323.13

**Church Renovation Capital Campaign**

Total Pledges/Donations	\$488,189.70
Total Collected	\$506,589.40
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 \$72,645.97  
Loan payments to date \$138,155.00  
(principal) \$127,354.03 (interest) \$10,800.97

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

Oct. 21 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mary Kay Brand / Jeanette  
Oct. 22 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Josh Luebbering / Alanna  
Oct. 28 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Amanda Wooten  
Oct. 29 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Lisa Wieberg / Jeanette

**St. Thomas the Apostle Readers**

Oct. 21 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Amanda Wooten  
Oct. 22 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Alan Reinkemeyer  
Oct. 28 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Jan Carter  
Oct. 29 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jeff Cassmeyer

**Saint Cecilia**

**Mass Schedule for the Week of Oct. 15-22:**

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Jerome Libbert

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Danny Libbert

**Your Sunday Offering:**

Offertory Budget for 2023-2024:	\$67,000.00
Collection Total for 2023-2024:	<b>\$18,034.00</b>
Offertory Goal per month:	\$ 5,583.34

**Collection in Church:**

October 1	\$ 1,114.00
October 8	\$ 1,134.00
October 15	\$
October 22	\$
October 29	\$

**October total to date:** **\$ 2,248.00**

Difference for October: -\$ 3,335.34

**St. Cecilia Collection Counters**

October: Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer

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

**St. Cecilia Readers**

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer  
Sunday, Oct. 22 8:00 a.m. – Karyn Veltrop  
Sunday, Oct. 29 8:00 a.m. – Dominic Plassmeyer

**St. Cecilia Organist**

Sunday, Oct. 22 8:00 a.m. – Jackie  
Sunday, Oct. 29 8:00 a.m. – Emilie

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

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

Oct. 21 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Gilbert & Richard Schellman  
Oct. 22 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – TJ Loethen & Mattheuw Prenger  
Oct. 28 Saturday 5:00 p.m. –Eric & Roseanne Boessen  
Oct. 29 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Zac & Doug Stockman

**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**

Oct. 21 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Brenda Wansing  
Oct. 22 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Glenn Prenger  
Oct. 28 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Jenny Becker  
Oct. 29 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Keith Kliethermes

**St. Thomas the Apostle Servers**

Weekday – Zeke Verslues & Ellie Boessen  
Oct. 21 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ellie & Sadie Boessen,  
Ava Buschjost & Evelyn Wooten  
Oct. 22 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Stella Volmert, Isabella Luebbering,  
Cadyn Libbert, Aliyah Buechter  
Oct. 28 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Carmen Luebbering,  
JD Volmert, Emerald Fennewald  
Oct. 29 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Will & Victoria Wieberg,  
Stella Volmert, Isabella Luebbering

**St. Thomas the Apostle Offertory Gifts**

Oct. 21 Sat .5:00 p.m.- Family of Anthony & Ida Schellman  
Oct. 22 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Family of Alex Heckman

**St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters**

October 22 – Dunja Wieberg & Jennifer Schroeder  
October 29 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman  
November 5 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes  
November 12 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg

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

October 22 Brooke Schell  
October 29 Jenny Becker  
November 5 Karlie Reinkemeyer  
November 12 Lauri Luebbering

**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 – Luminous Mysteries  
Sunday 9:35 a.m. – Gilbert & Hermina - Luminous Mysteries

**St. Thomas the Apostle Church Cleaners**

October 15: Sonya Henson, Susan Buechter, Brenda Schell, Amy Buechter  
October 22: Brooke Schell, Tina Stockman, Gina Luebbering, Karen Luebbering  
October 29: Alan Libbert, Nancy Libbert, Darrel Buechter, Jan Heckemeyer  
November 5: Janet Lueckenhoff, Jim Lueckenhoff, Charlene Buschjost, Randy Buschjost  
November 12: Lynne Reinkemeyer, Linda Boessen, Lauri Luebbering, Lisa Lackman

**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, October 19** – Joann Heckman & Tricia Heislen

**Thursday, October 26** – Sonya Henson & Jeanne Herigon

**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)

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

**CONGRATULATIONS** to ***Cassie Twehus & Andrew Angerer***, who were united in Holy Matrimony this weekend in St. Thomas the Apostle Parish.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to ***Carly Rose Wieberg***, daughter of Rodney & Dunja Wieberg, who became a child of God through baptism this weekend in St. Thomas the Apostle Parish.

**A NOTE OF THANKS!** The St. Thomas Knights of Columbus and Ladies Auxiliary would like to offer a huge thank you to the parishioners of St. Thomas and St. Cecilia for your generous donations to the Bake Sale and Tootsie Roll Drive. Donations were collected in the amount of \$672 for the bake sale and \$436 for the Tootsie Roll Drive. In addition we sincerely thank Western Catholic Union for a donation of \$300. The total money collected for children with developmental disabilities at the KofC Developmental Center at Cardinal Glennon and the Special Learning Center is \$1,408. Thank you!!  
***Thank you from the Knights of Columbus***

**GILBERT & BETTY SCHELLMAN'S 50<sup>TH</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:** Please join us in celebrating Gilbert & Betty Schellman's 50th wedding anniversary with a Mass on Sunday, October 29t at 12:30 p.m. performed by their nephew, Fr. Greg Oligschlaeger & Fr. Leonard. Following the Mass, their children will be hosting an open house at the St. Thomas Parish Center from 2:00-4:00 p.m. All are welcome!

**BISHOP MCKNIGHT OCTOBER PRAYER INTENTION:** For those who have experienced trauma in their lives; may the Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts, heal their wounds and may the Church, like a loving mother, show the way to justice and wholeness, we pray to the Lord.

**St. Cecilia Eucharistic Ministers**

Oct. 22 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Jennifer Even  
Oct. 29 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Doris Stumpe

**St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers**

Oct. 22 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Otto Wankum, Leonard Schulte,  
Tony Derkum & William Derkum  
Oct. 29 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Terry Libbert, Harold Libbert,  
Leon Schanzmeyer, Darin Even

**St. Cecilia Servers**

Oct. 22 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Natalee Derkum  
Oct. 29 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Henry & Annaline Schroeder

**St. Cecilia Offertory Gifts**

October 22 Sunday 8:00 a.m.- Family of Danny Libbert

**Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia**

Wednesday 6:05 p.m. –Dorothy Rehagen–Glorious Mysteries  
Oct. 22 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Dorothy Rehagen  
Luminous Mysteries  
Oct. 29 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Mary Plassmeyer  
Joyful Mysteries

**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.

**CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL 2023:** This year, all parishes in our Diocese are participating in the annual Catholic Stewardship Renewal on the weekend of October 21-22. This process is a deeply spiritual one which allows us to re-affirm our support of the mission and ministries of our parish by committing to pray (that is, attend weekend and holy day Mass), participate (that is share our talent to build up the parish community), and sacrificially give (that is, pledge a gift of treasure to financially support the work of the parish). All parishioners are asked to participate in this process, the goal of which is to strengthen the ministry of the parish by calling everyone into a deeper level of discipleship and relationship with the Lord Jesus. More details will be shared next week.

**PASTORS MEDITATION: 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in ordinary time: THE WEDDING GARMENT OF HOLINESS AND RIGHTEOUSNESS. (Is. 25:6-10a; Phil. 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt. 22:1-14)** Today's readings offer us a standing invitation to the everlasting joy of the Heavenly Banquet and a loving warning to stay ready always for this Heavenly banquet by constantly wearing the wedding garment, i.e., remaining in a state of grace by avoiding sins and by doing good. In the first reading, Isaiah describes the Messianic banquet on the Lord's Mountain in the Holy City of Jerusalem, which Yahweh is preparing for His people. The "Good News" is that it is a great feast of "rich food and choice wines." But, for the children of Israel, the "bad news" is that Yahweh invites all people, including Gentiles, to the banquet. The Responsorial Psalm (Ps 23), presents God as the Good Shepherd Who nourishes, leads, and protects His flock. In the second reading, St. Paul advises the Philippians to put their trust in the power and goodness of a providing God, Who, in Jesus, has given His Church everything His followers will need to participate in the Heavenly Banquet. In today's Gospel, by telling an allegorical parable of judgment in the Temple of Jerusalem two days before his arrest, Jesus accuses the Jewish religious and civil leaders of rejecting God's invitation to the Heavenly Banquet given to them through God's Own Son, Himself. They have rejected the invitation by not listening to the Good News preached by Jesus and by not reforming their lives. This invitation was repeatedly extended to Israel through the prophets, including John the Baptist. But the leadership contemporary with Jesus rejected the reality that Jesus was the fulfillment of all prophecy, refused to accept God's invitation to righteous living given through John the Baptist and through Jesus, and now planned to kill God's own Son, Jesus. Hence, God is inviting the sinners and Gentiles to His banquet, and that is why Jesus is keeping the company of sinners. So dear friends, we need to keep wearing the wedding garment of holiness and righteousness, the state of grace, all the time, do good for everyone, and appreciate and receive God's graces in the Church: We received the "wedding garment" of sanctifying grace in Baptism; the other Sacraments provide the additional graces we need to retain it. Our participation in the Eucharistic celebration and in personal and family prayers helps us to recharge our spiritual batteries and enables us to lead Spirit-filled, prayerful lives, doing good for all. Jesus nourishes us in the Church through the proclamation of the word of God and through His Body and Blood offered to us as spiritual Food and Drink in Holy Communion. We need to participate in the Eucharistic banquet with proper preparation by repenting of our sins and by actively participating in the prayers and singing during the Holy Mass. Participating in Holy Mass is the best preparation and greatest Source of power for our future participation in the Heavenly banquet. ***Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukilbi***

**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 PRESCHOOL:** If you have a child, ages 3 or 4 and have been thinking about preschool, please call Lizzie Linhardt, [llinhardt@stacs.school](mailto:llinhardt@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:** Tues., Oct. 17 – Stucco Trail Mix Sale      Thurs, Oct. 19 – Safety Kids K-4  
Assembly      Sunday, October 22 – Trunk or Treat      Monday, October 23- Fischer Farms Field Trip – PreK-4

**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.

**HELIAS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE:** Come see how Helias Catholic High School is building a community of saints and scholars for Christ! **Helias Catholic's annual Open House is from 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 4.** All are welcome to tour the campus; explore academics and extracurricular opportunities; and meet teachers, staff and students. Open House attendees can enter a drawing for prizes, including the chance to have their enrollment fee waived! Please contact Helias Catholic's admissions office at [admissions@heliascatholic.com](mailto:admissions@heliascatholic.com) or 573-635-6139 with any questions.

**MEN OF THE ST. THOMAS AND META AREA:** You are invited to the October gathering of the Men of ***Signum Crucis***, which begins at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 18, at Helias Catholic High School. Due to the consistently growing membership over the past year, we are pleased to begin to offer men the choice to attend either a **Study** session or a **Devotion** session at each gathering. The theme of our October gathering is "The Four Last Things" (Death, Judgment, Heaven, Hell), in anticipation of the Church's observation of All Soul's Day on Nov. 2 (and as the Church enters the end of the Liturgical Year when scripture used often refers to end times and end of life). Our Chaplain, Father Paul Clark, will lead a **Devotional** exercise in the St. Pius X Chapel with the theme of "The Four Last Things," while Father Stephen Jones will lead a **Study** on the same topic in the Commons. Afterwards, we will all assemble in the Commons for brief concluding remarks, food and fellowship, and the Litany of St. Joseph to end the evening at 7:55 p.m. As always, enter the school on the east end of the front Swifts Highway parking lot to register. Our Hospitality men will greet you right inside the door and direct you to the appropriate location. Feel free to come early to pray the Rosary at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel. The presence of each man makes an impact on someone in our fraternity. If you have not attended yet, be confident that your presence will make a difference to someone there–this is all part of God's plan. The mission of the Men of ***Signum Crucis*** is to provide Fraternity through Study, Devotion, and Service to help us become more Christ-like husbands, fathers, brothers, uncles, and friends. For more information, contact Jeff Cassmeyer at 573-690-7546, or visit us at [www.menofsignumcrucis.com](http://www.menofsignumcrucis.com).

**A WALK THROUGH MASS: THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER** with Fr. Clark, October 25, Cathedral of St. Joseph 5:30 p.m. Dinner to follow.

**ST. ANTHONY PARISH FALL FESTIVAL, ST. ANTHONY** is Sunday, October 15, serving sausage & roast beef dinners from 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Adults \$15.00, children 6-12 \$7.00, carry-outs \$15.00.

**ST. JOSEPH FALL FESTIVAL, WESTPHALIA** is Sunday, October 15, serving sausage & roast beef dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. \$15.00 per meal. Carry-outs only, outdoor and climate controlled indoor dining available (no table service).

**ST. MARGARET'S SHOOTING MATCH, OSAGE BEND** is Sunday, October 15, starting at 10:30 a.m. No scopes allowed.

**K of C FALL STEAK NIGHT FRIDAY OCTOBER 20 - 2023 SERVING 5:00 TO 7:30:** The Fall Steak Night will be a dine-in or carry-out meal at the Bonnots Mill Parish Hall. Pork Steak (\$14) and Chicken (\$12). Included sides are: Annies Pasta, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, and Dessert. Children under 8 are welcome to a free hot dog and Annie's Pasta. Our annual Raffle will conclude by drawing our winners at this event and we will have a 50/50 Raffle available as well. Proceeds of this event benefit our Seminarians and Pro Life Initiatives. NO RSVP necessary.

**JUSTIN VEIT BENEFIT** is October 22, at St. Anthony Parish, Folk. Irish road bowling...morning and afternoon flights. To register, please contact 573-619-8665. There will also be a silent auction in the Church Hall. Bring a cooler on wheels or wagon, dress comfortably for walking, food provided. Justin has been diagnosed with an aggressive form of cancer. Despite the magnitude of the battle ahead of him, Justin's attitude has been unbelievably positive. His faith in God is strong, and Justin believes that the combination of his faith and the support of family and friends will enable him to beat this illness.

**13<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PREGNANCY HELP CENTER BANQUET** is Thursday, October 26, 6:30 -8:30 p.m., Capitol Plaza Hotel. Keynote speaker Dan Kulp, comedian. Emcee, Mike Bernskoetter, Senator. To register online by October 12 at [www.friendsofphc.org](http://www.friendsofphc.org) or call 573-644-6635.

**ST. ANTHONY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, ST. ANTHONY HALLOWEEN DANCE** is Saturday, October 28. Music provided by Ryan Voss Band, 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. \$10 per person in the St. Anthony Parish Hall. Refreshments available for purchase.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH FALL FANTASY** is Saturday, November 4. Tickets are \$125 which provides: dinner for two, (Prime Rib or Chicken Cordon Bleu), baked potato, slaw & dessert. All you can drink – beer, wine, soda, water and Gin rickey. A chance to win \$10,000 – a total of over \$15,000 will be given out that night (based on 300 tickets sold). Dance following. Tickets are on sale now. Please contact Joanie Prenger (573-659-0304 or Kim Kliegel (573-619-9188 or at the St. Thomas the Apostle Vitae House – Tuesday's 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and Wednesday from 8:00 to 4:30.  
***Early Bird drawing winner Matt & Keri Hale.***

#### **SAVE THE DATES:**

**St. Thomas the Apostle Trunk or Treat** – Sunday, October 22, 3:00-4:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church Parking lot.  
St. Stanislaus Trunk or Treat is Sunday, October 22, 2:00-3:30 p.m.

**St. Thomas the Apostle Parish 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Fantasy** – November 4, 2023

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

#### **St. Cecilia Parish Council Meeting - September 19, 2023**

The meeting opened at 6:40 p.m. with a group prayer. Those present were Dustin Stegeman, Katy Werdehausen, Janice Schanzmeyer, Shirley Bock, Cordell Schroeder and Lydia Hurst. Fr. Leonard and Bookkeeper Doris Stumpe were absent.

Minutes from the last meeting had been previously approved by email.

Committee Reports

#### **Building and Grounds**

Janice reported that she had not received any bids thus far for the bathroom remodel projects posted in the bulletin for the last few weeks. A few names of local individuals were mentioned who may have interest in bidding. Janice will reach out to see if there is any interest. The group discussed the need for a handrail going up to the sanctuary, by the lectern. There was discussion on the floor base, as there is heavy styrofoam under the layer of concrete. Janice will be reaching out to try to get more information on what options we would have to install. The council will also be running by Fr. Leonard for approval when there is additional information. Cordell brought a map of the Church property and discussions continued on the options for handling the Church sewage from the bathroom in Church.

#### **Cemetery**

Cemetery committee has not met, so Shirley did not have any updates. Janice commented on how great our cemetery looks and how well kept it is.

#### **Finance**

Dusty was unable to attend the last Finance meeting but reported the budget had been submitted. Will discuss details at the next meeting with Fr. Leonard and Doris.

#### **Stewardship**

Dusty attended the Deanery meeting in August. He reported that the focus of the discussions were to encourage participation and create a welcoming environment in our parish. Some suggestions were youth Masses, welcome events for new parish members and just overall working together within our parish and with other parishes.

#### **Liturgical and Worship**

Lydia reported that Fr. Leonard will be having Saturday evening Masses in St. Cecilia during the two Saturdays of deer season again. These will both be at 7:00 p.m. The All Saints' Day Holy Mass will be Wednesday, November 1, at 6:30 p.m. in St. Cecilia Church and Thursday, November 2 at 9:00 am in St. Thomas. There will be an All Souls' Day Mass at 6:30 p.m. at St. Cecilia Church.

#### **Social Concerns**

Katy has the Time and Talent Sheets submitted this summer. Only a few were received. There were notations on a couple sheets suggesting the council review who is currently in the rotation and see if those individuals want to be taken off the list. That way it would avoid having someone down that doesn't show up. Katy will reach out to Diane L to get a list of all individuals currently in rotation and the council will reach out to those that are questionable.

The council discussed the interest in a new parish directory. 2024 would be an anniversary year for St. Cecilia, so we thought this would be good timing for a directory. Janice offered to reach out to St. Thomas to get a contact for the photographer and see the scheduling possibilities. Katy will reach out to past directory committee members to see what information is available. As we know more details, contact will be made to gather a committee for the new directory.

#### **Website**

Katy will need to reach out on how to add new pages to the Church website so she can add all the committee teams and names.

#### **New Business**

James Wansing had a donation to the Church in the amount of \$1100 to \$1200. It was mentioned that it would be nice if the donation could go toward the choir area as James had spent a lot of time there. Lydia will check with the choir members to get some ideas and all agreed the choir could definitely make good use of the funds in his name.

The fire department asked to use the parking lot for hose testing on the next few Thursday's evenings. This has been done in the past and all agreed this would be fine for them to use again. Katy will let Kenny Helton know.

It was mentioned that items in the school basement refrigerator were fairly full of items left from baking for the picnic. This makes it difficult to have room for those renting the facility to use the refrigerator. The council will check with Fr. Leonard to see if there would be any issue storing those items in the rectory refrigerator instead.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 28 at 6:30. The meeting closed at 8:00 p.m. with a prayer.

**The Four Pillars of Stewardship**  
**Hospitality - Prayer - Formation - Service**



For the past 4 months, Fr. Stephen Jones, Director of Stewardship, has been discussing the Four Pillars of Stewardship. This series is designed to help us deepen our understanding of the spirituality of stewardship as we each prayerfully discern our gifts and how we will actively participate in the life of our parish communities and make our outward commitment the weekend of October 21-22 during the Catholic Stewardship Renewal.

To Listen:  
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or  
visit [www.diojeffcity.org/podcast](http://www.diojeffcity.org/podcast)



**Join us for the 12th Annual**  
**St. Thomas Trunk or Treat**



**October 22nd, 2023~ 3:00-4:00 PM**  
**St. Thomas Church Parking Lot**

In order to make this a huge success, we need trunks to hand out candy! Plan for 200 trick-or-treaters. Decorate your trunk/area in Halloween decorations or a theme or bring a table!

**RSVP by Wednesday, October 18th**

Please call the school office at 573-477-3322, send an email to [kmorris@stacs.school](mailto:kmorris@stacs.school) or [dlueckenhoff@embargo.com](mailto:dlueckenhoff@embargo.com), or return the form below to sign-up for a spot!!

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!!

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\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, we will hand out candy at the Trunk-or-Treat!!

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Name

