

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

St. Cecilia
in Meta

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29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 17, 2021

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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.; 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. 17-24:

WEEKDAY MORNING MASSES IN PARISH CENTER

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – L&D Anton & Alma Boessen Family

Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – Becky Strobe

Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Marilyn Herigon

Friday 7:45 a.m. – No Mass

WEEKEND MASSES IN ST. CECILIA CHURCH

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

Al & Leona Fick

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – L&D Alex Heckman Family

Your Sunday Offering:

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

Offertory Goal through Month End: \$101,668.00

Actual Collection for 2021-2022: **\$ 85,244.50**

Offertory Difference Year to Date: – \$ 16,423.50

Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

October 3 \$ 5,676.00

October 10 \$ 3,206.00

October 17 \$

October 24 \$

October 31 \$

Collection Online: \$ 5,374.50

October total to date: **\$14,256.50**

Difference for October: -\$11,160.50

Church Renovation Capital Campaign

Total Pledges/Donations \$268,764.01

Total Collected \$170,026.01

Total Expenses Paid \$141,927.34

A total of 89 parishioners have returned pledge cards/or
Contributed to the renovation project.

St. Thomas the Apostle Cantors / Organists

WEEKEND MASSES IN ST. CECILIA CHURCH

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

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

Oct. 30 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kerry Meyer / Jeanette

Oct. 31 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Doug Luebbering / Jackie

St. Thomas the Apostle & St. Cecilia Readers

WEEKEND MASSES IN ST. CECILIA CHURCH

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

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

Oct. 30 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kathy Graessle

Oct. 31 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Katie Luebbering

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of Oct. 17-24:

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – James (Jim) Huhmann

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Henry & Bonita Kleffner

Your Sunday Offering:

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

Collection Total for 2021-2022: **\$16,854.07**

Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,166.67

Collection in Church:

October 3 \$ 1,575.00

October 10 \$ 310.00

October 17 \$

October 24 \$

October 31 \$

October total to date: **\$ 1,885.00**

Difference for October -\$ 3,281.67

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. – Dorothy Rehagen

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Janice Schanzmeyer

**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. 23 Sat. 5:00 p.m.– Dave Luebbering & Gilbert Schellman
Oct. 24 Sun. 10:00 a.m.- Eric & Keith Boessen
Oct. 30 Sat. 5:00 p.m. – Fred Luebbering & Mark Boessen
Oct. 31 Sun. 10:00 a.m.-Richard Heckemeyer & Keith Kliethermes

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

Oct. 23 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Brenda Wansing
Oct. 24 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Janet Lueckenhoff
Oct. 30 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Pat Kaiser
Oct. 31 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Bill Luebbering

St. Thomas the Apostle Servers

WEEKEND MASSES IN ST. CECILIA CHURCH

Oct. 23 Saturday 5:00 p.m. -
Oct. 24 Sun. 10:00 a.m. – Avery Libbert & Erika Luebbering
Isabella Luebbering
Oct. 30 Saturday 5:00 p.m. -
Oct. 31 Sun. 10:00 a.m. – Kora & Klint Luebbering
Evelyn Wooten

St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters

Oct. 24 – Paul Becker & Shara Buechter
Oct. 31 - Keith & Jean Kliethermes
Nov. 7 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg
Nov. 14 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman
Nov. 21 - Jennifer Schroeder & Dunja Wieberg

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas:

WEEKDAY MASSES IN ST. THOMAS PARISH CENTER

Tuesday, 7:20 a.m.– Bob Schellman – Sorrowful Mysteries
Wednesday 7:20 a.m.– Bob Schellman– Glorious Mysteries
Thursday 7:20 a.m.–Gilbert & Hermina–Luminous Mysteries
Friday 7:20 a.m. – No Mass
Saturday 4:35 p.m. – Dale Herigon – Joyful Mysteries
Sunday 9:35 a.m. – Gilbert & Hermina – Joyful 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. 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 Strobe at 573-477-3349.

Thursday, Oct. 28 – Lori Libbert & Erica Loethen

SCRIP: Visit www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip for more information about the Scrip program. Please contact Amanda Wooten 573-694-1735 or amandab_27@hotmail.com We will be selling scrip outside of St. Cecilia Church on the following days. October 24 (Sunday only) November 6 & 7, December 4 & 5. **Please remember to purchase Scrip Cards for your holiday shopping gift giving needs!**

THE ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE 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.

ST. CECILIA PRAYER LINE REQUESTS can be made by calling Marie Lueckenotto at 573-229-4336.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PRAYER LINE REQUESTS should be emailed to Theresa Veit at tveitoffice@gmail.com or by calling 573-418-7301.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISHIONERS: The Parish Pastoral Council wants to update the current list of parishioners in St Thomas. If you are 21 years of age or working full time please visit the St. Thomas webpage to fill out the Parish Registration Form. You can email it back to Theresa Veit (tveitoffice@gmail.com) or put the completed form in collection basket at Church. Thank you!

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH RENOVATION UPDATE: Pictures and videos of our renovation will be continuously published on the St. Thomas the Apostle Facebook page and our parish website www.stthomasapostle.net. Check it out!

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE WEBSITE: The St. Thomas the Apostle Website (www.stthomasapostle.net) has been updated and is now mobile friendly. Please visit the website for updates for upcoming events, renovation, and many more items.

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.

St. Cecilia & St. Thomas the Apostle Eucharistic Minister

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Betty Hagenhoff

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Terry Libbert & Tony Derkum

St. Cecilia Servers

Sunday 8:00 a.m. –

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Wednesday–6:05 p.m.-Dorothy Rehagen–Glorious Mysteries
Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer– Joyful 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. 23 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark & Lauri Luebbering
Oct. 24 Sunday 10:00 a.m.–Gene & MaryPat Luebbering
Oct. 30 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Gilbert & Betty Schellman
Oct. 31 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Bryan & Renee Bruan Family

CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL: This weekend we begin our Catholic Stewardship Appeal in our parishes. This annual appeal is the primary source of funding for sustaining ministry and assistance for the 106 parishes and missions in the 38 counties that make up the Diocese of Jefferson City. The CSA theme, *“Consider this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver”* (2 Corinthians 9:6-7), encourages each of us to give back to God that which we have received. Please pray and give consideration on how you can help with this year’s CSA.
The CSA goal for St. Cecilia Parish is **\$2,550** The CSA goal for St. Thomas the Apostle Parish is **\$10,200**

ALL SAINTS DAY (*Since the Solemnity of all Saints falls on Monday, Nov. 1, it is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation this year. While it retains the liturgical rank of “Solemnity” the obligation to attend Mass is not attached to this day. Even though the obligation is abrogated, the faithful are still encouraged to attend.*) Masses for the Holy Day will be offered on Monday, November 1, 7:45 a.m. in St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Center and 6:30 p.m. St. Cecilia Church.

ALL SOULS DAY, NOVEMBER 2: Masses will be offered at 7:45 a.m. St. Thomas the Apostle (Parish Center) and 10:00 a.m. (weather permitting) at St. Cecilia Cemetery or in St. Cecilia Church.

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.

PASTORS MEDITATION: 29th Sunday in ordinary time, year B: **TO BE A DISCIPLE OF JESUS IS TO SERVE OTHERS.** (Is. 53:10-11; Heb. 4:14-16; Mk. 10:35-45) Today is the kick-off weekend for our **CSA**, stewardship is a way of discipleship... Today’s Scripture readings describe leadership as the sacrificial service done for others, the readings offer Jesus as the best example. They also explain the servant leadership of Jesus, pinpointing service and sacrifice as the criteria of greatness in Christ’s Kingdom. We must imitate Jesus who came not to be served by others but to serve them. The first reading is a Messianic prophecy taken from the Fourth Servant Song in the second part of the Book of the Prophet Isaiah. It tells how the promised Messiah will save mankind by dying in atonement for our sins. Jesus has done this out of love for us, becoming the Suffering Servant crucified as an offering for sin, interceding for us and taking our punishment on Himself. The second reading, taken from the letter to the Hebrews, tells us that, as human and divine (God-man) and Mediator-High Priest, Jesus has offered a fitting sacrifice to God to ransom us, liberating us from enslavement to sin. In the time of Jesus, ransom was the price paid to free someone from slavery. Sometimes the ransomer offered himself as a substitute for the slave, as Jesus did. The reading also speaks of a High Priest who is able to sympathize with us in our weakness because Jesus has been tested in every way, though sinless. Therefore we can “confidently” hope for God’s mercy. Today’s Gospel explains how Jesus has accomplished the Messianic mission of saving mankind from the slavery of sin by becoming the “Suffering Servant.” In the context of the selfish request made by James and John for key positions in the Messianic political kingdom Jesus would establish after overthrowing the Roman rule, Jesus challenged his followers to become great by serving others with sacrificial agape love: “Whoever wishes to be great must be a servant.” Jesus commands us to give ourselves to others in loving and humble service, and so to liberate them, just as we were freed by Jesus’ death. So, friends we are challenged to give our lives in loving service to others. As Christians, we are all invited to serve others and to serve them with a smile! We are challenged to drink the cup of Jesus by laying down our lives in humble, sacrificial service for others, just as Jesus did. The best place to begin the process of service by “self-giving” is in our own homes and workplaces. When parents sacrifice their time, talents, health and blessings for the welfare of others in the family, they are serving God. Service always involves suffering, because we can’t help another without some sacrifice on our part. We are rendering great service to others also when we present them and their needs before God daily in our prayers. We are invited to servant leadership. In order to become an effective Christian community, we need lay leaders with the courage of their Christian convictions to work for social justice. We need spiritual leaders who can break open the Word for us, lead us in our prayer, offer us on the altar, and draw us together as sacrament. **Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukiibi**

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!

Wednesday, October 20 – Report Cards go Home, K-4 Field Trip- Fischer Farms
Thursday, October 21 – Early Release 12:50 car riders, 1:00 p.m. bus riders, PAT conferences 1:15-7:00 p.m.
Friday, October 22 – No School P-8
Sunday, October 24 – Trunk or Treat 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. Church parking lot

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:

Week of October 17	Paul & Jenny Becker, Eric & Shara Buechter
Week of October 24	Mark Graessle, Jeff Cassmeyer and Fred Luebbering
Week of October 31	Richard Schellman, Pat Schellman and Paul Struempf
Week of November 7	Alan Reinkemeyer, Richard Heckemeyer and Dave Schroeder

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Becoming a Knight of Columbus can transform your life. As a Knight, you have the opportunity to support our parishes and communities, and to grow in your faith. You can also gain access to top-rated insurance programs to protect your family. Plus, you are joining a band of brothers, a network of men in communities around the world dedicated to doing good in the service of God and our neighbors. As Pope St. John Paul II said: "The Knights of Columbus is the strong right arm of the Catholic Church." If you would like more information or to join, please contact Jeff Cassmeyer at (573) 690-7546.

SAVE THE DATE:

Sunday, October 24 – Trunk or Treat 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. St. Thomas Church/School parking lot.

Saturday, February 5 – St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Virtual Winter Fantasy

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.

ST. STANISLAUS ADORATION CHAPEL IS 35 YEARS OLD: We are celebrating 35 years of adoring our Lord Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday, October 26. On that day we will have adoration in the Church beginning at 7:00 a.m. and continuing all day long. All are invited to stop by anytime during the day to say a prayer of Thanksgiving for all Graces our Parish has received as a result of 35 years of continuous prayer. There will be a rosary at 5:10 p.m. followed by Benediction and Mass at 5:30 p.m. After Mass we will celebrate with a reception in front of the Church. We will move the reception to the school if the weather is bad. Please join us in celebrating this very special Anniversary.

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. FRANCIS XAVIER FALL FESTIVAL, TAOS is Sunday, November 7, serving turkey & sausage dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. \$14.00 per meal, drive thru or carry out. Purchase tickets in Church parking lot and then drive over to school parking lot. Bulk sausage & raffle tickets sold in drive thru line.

