

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

St. Cecilia
in Meta

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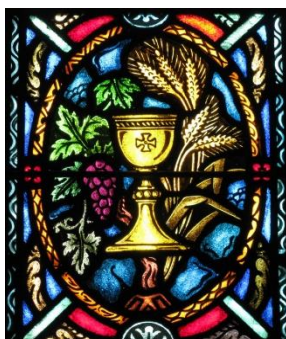
29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 20, 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 20-27:

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Bob Luebbering
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – Ray & Bernadine Groner
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Anton & Alma Boessen Family
Friday 7:45 a.m. – Joe & Teresa Kaiser
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes
Wilfred & Virginia Libbert
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – L&D Alex Heckman Family

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2019-2020: \$305,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End: \$101,668.00
Actual Collection for 2019-2020: **\$ 83,739.45**
Offertory Difference Year to Date: –\$ 17,928.55
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

October 6 \$ 8,371.00
October 13 \$ 3,810.00
October 20 \$
October 27 \$

Collection Online:

October total to date: **\$16,823.00**
Difference for October: –\$ 8,594.00

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): **\$ 8,594.00**
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. – Jean Kliethermes / Jackie Prenger
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Judy Schroeder / Jackie Prenger

St. Thomas the Apostle Reader

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Carolyn Loethen
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jim Lueckenhoff

St. Thomas the Apostle Altar Servers

Weekday – Grace Luebbering & Annaline Schroeder
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ethan & Noah Luebbering,
Cale Luebbert
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Wyatt & Will Otto,
Henry Buschjost, Fayeth Prenger

St. Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of October 20-27:

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Hubert Brandt

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Marian Bruemmer

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2019-2020: \$62,000.00
Collection Total for 2019-2020: **\$15,771.00**
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,166.67

Collection in Church:

October 6 \$ 1,029.00
October 13 \$ 978.00
October 20 \$
October 27 \$
October total to date: \$ 2,007.00
Difference for October: \$ 3,159.67

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. – Doris Stumpe
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dorothy Rehagen

St. Cecilia Altar Servers

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Shelby Wankum & Madison
Wankum

***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 26-27

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

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

Mattheuw Prenger

November 2-3

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Lora Boessen, Mark Luebbering,
Pat Kaiser

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Keith Kliethermes, Rob Henson,
Rosalyn Wieberg

St. Thomas Greeters/Ushers

October 26-27

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

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

November 2-3

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Eric Strobe & Dave Luebbering

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Tom Backes & Ryan Buschjost

St. Thomas Presentation of Gifts at Mass

October 26-27

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

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

November 2-3

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark & Lora Boessen Family

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Tom & Carol Backes Family

St. Thomas Collection Counters

October 27 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg

November 3 –Keith & Jean Kliethermes

November 10 – Jennifer Schroeder & Dunja Wieberg

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. – Gilbert & Hermina Strobe - Sorrowful

Saturday 4:35 p.m. – Marilyn Herigon - Luminous

Sunday 9:35 a.m. – Pat Loethen – Luminous

PASTOR'S MEDITATION:

29th Sunday of the year in ordinary time: MISSION SUNDAY: I hope most of us have had a wonderful week except for the tragic passing of one of St. Thomas parishioners, **Robert Luebbering**, may the Almighty God grant his soul eternal peace and may He console and strengthen his wife, children and relatives.

Catholics all over the world observe today as *World Mission Sunday*, this annual observance was instituted 93 years ago in 1926 by a Papal decree issued by Pope Pius XI. Since then, every year the universal Church has dedicated the month of October to reflection on and prayer for the missions. On World Mission Sunday, Catholics gather to celebrate the Eucharist and to contribute to a collection for the work of evangelization around the world. This annual celebration gives us a chance to reflect on the importance of mission work for the life of the Church. It reminds us that we are one with the Church around the world and that we are all committed to carrying on the mission of Christ in our different situations we may be.

Pope Benedict XVI, in his World Mission Sunday messages stressed the importance of Christian charity in action as the keynote of evangelization, he encouraged everyone “to take renewed awareness of the urgent need to proclaim the Gospel.” He reminded us that the goal of the Church’s mission is to illumine all peoples with the light of the Gospel and exhorted all Christians to redouble their commitment to participate in the missionary activity, that is an essential component of the life of the Church.

Pope Francis, in his first World Mission Sunday message, 2013, challenged us to proclaim courageously and in every situation the Gospel of Christ, a message of hope, reconciliation and communion. In his 2014 Mission Sunday message, the Pope challenged the Church to become a welcoming home, a mother for all peoples and the source of rebirth for our world through the intercession of Mary, the model of humble and joyful evangelization. The Church is on a mission in the world, Pope Francis writes in his 2019 World Mission Day message, **Baptized and Sent**. This missionary mandate touches us personally: “I am a mission, always you are a mission, always every baptized person is a mission.” Hence the Holy Father calls on all Catholics and the Church to revive missionary awareness and commitment.

The Church, according to Vatican Council II, is “missionary” in her very nature because her founder, Jesus Christ, was the first missionary. God the Father sent God the Son into the world with a message of God’s love and salvation. Thus, the evangelizing mission of the Church is essentially the announcement of God’s love, mercy, forgiveness, and salvation as these are revealed to mankind through the life, death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord.

We should evangelize by exemplary and transparent Christian life, by prayer and by financial support. The most powerful means of preaching Christ is by living a truly Christian life, a life filled with love, mercy, kindness, compassion and a spirit of forgiveness and service. Prayer is the second means of missionary work. Jesus said: “*Without me you can do nothing.*” Therefore, prayer is necessary for anyone who wishes to accept Jesus as Lord and Savior. All missionary efforts also require financial support because the love of God can often be explained to the poor only by providing them with food, medicine and means of livelihood. Hence, on this Mission Sunday, let us learn to appreciate our missionary obligation and support the Church’s missionary activities by leading transparent Christian lives, by fervent prayers, and by generous donations.

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

St. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

October 27

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

Pam Libbert

November 3

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

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

October 27

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

Larry Lueckenotto, Mitch Stumpe

November 3

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Darin Even, Leonard Schulte,

Harold Libbert, Anton Libbert

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Wednesday, **6:05 p.m.** – Dorothy Rehagen - Glorious

Sunday **7:35 a.m.** – Margaret Brune –Luminous

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.

ST. CECILIA SATURDAY NIGHT MASSES NOVEMBER 16 & 23: Fr. Leonard will offer Saturday, night Masses on November 16 & 23 at 7:00 p.m. to accommodate the deer season hunters.

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.

CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL: The Catholic Stewardship Appeal continues in St. Cecilia & St. Thomas Parishes. By now, everyone should have received a letter from Bishop McKnight asking us to show our gratitude for the many ways God has blessed our lives. Our Church is one of those blessings. When we come to Mass, there is a priest waiting to lead us in our sacrament of thanksgiving. When a family member dies, there is someone to console us. When disaster strikes, our Catholic agencies are there to help us recover. We have so many reasons to be grateful for our Church. Please show your appreciation and support by contributing to the CSA.

The CSA goal for St. Thomas the Apostle Parish is \$10,000

The CSA goal for St. Cecilia Parish is \$2,500

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 24 – Kerry Meyer & Sara Otto

Thursday, October 31 – Katelyn Otto & Karen 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 26-27 Saturday – Dee Luebbering Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Sara Otto

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.

PRAYER HOUR WITH MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION is Tuesday, October 22 at 7:00 p.m. in St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

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 THE APOSTLE SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS:

Thursday, October 24 – Safety Kids Assembly 1:00 p.m.

Friday, October 25 – K-4 Pumpkin Patch Field Trip

Sunday, October 27 – Trunk or Treat

Monday, October 28 – Three Rivers Electric Assembly 10:15 a.m.

Tuesday, October 29 – Pizza Pick up 4:00-5:00 p.m. Church parking lot

Thursday, October 31 – Halloween Parties

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION is Wednesday, October 23 at 7:30 p.m. St. Thomas.

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

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! The work list may be found on our web page under bulletins or in the entrances of St. Thomas Church.

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.

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 Tuesday October 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

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 rounds will be shot for shotguns. No scopes are allowed.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL TURKEY & SAUSAGE DINNERS, HONEY CREEK is Sunday, October 20, serving dinners from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Adults \$11.00, children 6-12 \$5.00.

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.

ARYGLE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS (VFW) POST 8045 ANNUAL CHICKEN DINNER is Sunday, October 27, serving dinners from 11:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. at the Post Home in Argyle, adults-\$10, children 6-12-\$5.00. Splatter cards, raffle & bingo. Carry outs available.

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!

