

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 22, 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. 22-29:

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Bob & Donnie Luebbering
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – L&D Jerome Luebbering Family
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Dave Volmert
Friday 7:45 a.m. – Sylvanus Hoecker
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Norbert & Betty Kemna
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – People of our Parishes
L&D Anton & Alma Boessen 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:	\$104,563.78
Offertory Difference Year to Date:	+\$ 563.78
Offertory Goal per month:	\$ 26,000.00

Collection in Church:

October 1	\$10,703.15
October 8	\$ 4,744.22
October 15	\$ 3,194.17
October 22	\$
October 29	\$

Collection Online:	\$ 7,232.00
October total to date:	\$25,813.54
Difference for October:	-\$ 126.46

Church Renovation Capital Campaign

Total Pledges/Donations	\$488,289.70
Total Collected	\$506,939.40
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	\$69,220.46
Loan payments to date	\$141,870.00
(principal) \$130,779.54	(interest) \$11,090.46

St. Thomas the Apostle Cantors / Organists

Oct. 28 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Amanda Wooten
Oct. 29 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Lisa Wieberg / Jeanette
Nov. 1 All Saint's Day 5:00 p.m. - Jackie
Nov. 4 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kerry Meyer / Jeanette
Nov. 5 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Doug Luebbering / Jackie

St. Thomas the Apostle Readers

Oct. 28 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Jan Carter
Oct. 29 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jeff Cassmeyer
Nov. 1 All Saint's Day 5:00 p.m. – PSR
Nov. 4 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kathy Graessle
Nov. 5 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Doug Luebbering

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of Oct. 22-29:

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Frank and Eleanor Wilde

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Hubert and Trudi Brune

Your Sunday Offering:

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

Collection in Church:

October 1	\$ 1,114.00
October 8	\$ 1,134.00
October 15	\$ 737.00
October 22	\$
October 29	\$

October total to date:	\$ 2,985.00
Difference for October:	-\$ 2,598.34

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. – Samantha Helton
Sunday, Oct. 29 8:00 a.m. – Dominic Plassmeyer
All Saint's Day 7:00 p.m. – Don Wansing
Sunday, Nov. 5 8:00 a.m. – Janice Schanzmeyer

St. Cecilia Organist

Sunday, Oct. 29 8:00 a.m. – Emilie
All Saint's Day 7:00 p.m. – Emilie
Sunday, Nov. 5 8:00 a.m. – Lydia

**YOUR LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENT,
PLEASE FIND A REPLACEMENT. YOUR
FELLOW PARISHIONERS THANK YOU!**

St. Thomas the Apostle Greeters/Ushers

Oct. 28 Saturday 5:00 p.m. –Eric & Roseanne Boessen

Oct. 29 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Zac & Doug Stockman

Nov. 1 All Saint's Day 5:00 p.m. – PSR

Nov. 4 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Eric Strobe & Dave Luebbering

Nov. 5 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Ryan Buschjost & Craig Buechter

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. 28 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Jenny Becker

Oct. 29 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Keith Kliethermes

Nov. 1 All Saint's Day 5:00 p.m. – PSR

Nov. 4 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Paul Becker

Nov. 5 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Lynne Reinkemeyer

St. Thomas the Apostle Servers

Weekday – Ava Buschjost & Aliyah Buechter

Oct. 28 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Carmen Luebbering,
JD Volmert, Emerald Fennwald

Oct. 29 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Will & Victoria Wieberg,
Stella Volmert, Isabella Luebbering

Nov. 1 All Saint's Day 5:00 p.m. - PSR

Nov. 4 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ellie & Sadie Boessen,

Ava Buschjost & Evelyn Wooten

Nov. 5 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Francie, Hannah & Levi Tallent,
Ben Otto

St. Thomas the Apostle Offertory Gifts

Oct. 28 Sat .5:00 p.m.- Family of Norbert & Betty Kemna

Oct. 29 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Family of Anton & Alma Boessen

St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters

October 29 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman

November 5 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes

November 12 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg

November 19 – Dunja Wieberg & Jennifer Schroeder

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

October 29 Jenny Becker

November 5 Karlie Reinkemeyer

November 12 Lauri Luebbering

November 19 Brooke Schell

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 – Joyful Mysteries

Sunday 9:35 a.m. – Tina Stockman – Joyful Mysteries

St. Thomas the Apostle Church Cleaners

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

November 19: Sonya Henson, Susan Buechter, Brenda Schell, Amy Buechter

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 26 – Sonya Henson & Jeanne Herigon Thursday, November 2 – Jill Hickman & Joni Hoecker

SCRIP: Visit www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip for more information about the Scrip program. Please contact, Amanda Wooten 573-694-1735 or amandab_27@hotmail.com

BULLETIN NOTICES: Deadline for bulletin is Wednesday at noon.

CONGRATULATIONS to **Waylan McKenna Otto**, daughter of Jason & Mason Otto, who became a child of God through baptism this weekend in St. Thomas the Apostle Parish.

GILBERT & BETTY SCHELLMAN'S 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: Please join us in celebrating Gilbert & Betty Schellman's 50th wedding anniversary with a Mass on Sunday, October 29th 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. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH FALL FANTASY TICKETS will be sold after Masses at St. Thomas the Apostle this weekend.

St. Cecilia Eucharistic Ministers

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

All Saint's Day 7:00 p.m. – Betty Hagenhoff

Nov. 5 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dorothy Rehagen

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

Oct. 29 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Terry Libbert, Harold Libbert,
Leon Schanzmeyer, Darin Even

All Saint's Day 7:00 p.m. – Mitch & Brendan Stumpe,
Randy Hagenhoff, Kenny Otto

Nov. 5 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Leonard Schulte, Tony & William
Derkum, Terry Libbert

St. Cecilia Servers

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

All Saint's Day 7:00 p.m. – Skyla, Jesse & Tucker Schroeder

Nov. 5 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Ava & Gavin Werdehausen

St. Cecilia Offertory Gifts

October 29 Sunday 8:00 a.m.- Family of Hubert & Trudi
Brune.

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Wednesday 6:05 p.m. –Dorothy Rehagen–Glorious Mysteries

Oct. 29 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Mary Plassmeyer
Joyful Mysteries

All Saint's Day & 6:35 p.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer – Glorious
Mysteries

Nov. 5 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Dorothy Rehagen
Glorious 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.

ALL SAINT'S DAY MASS, NOVEMBER 1 (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION) is Wednesday, 7:45 a.m. & 5:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle & 7:00 p.m. St. Cecilia.

COMMERORATION OF ALL SOULS: Mass will be offered, Thursday, November 2 at 7:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. St. Cecilia Cemetery weather permitting, if inclement weather Mass will be held in St. Cecilia Church

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION is Tuesday, October 24, 7:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

ST. CECILIA HOLY HOUR & ANOINTING OF THE SICK is Friday, October 27, 7:00 p.m. St. Cecilia Church.

CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL Packets were handed out this weekend. Please pick up your copy from the back of the church if you did not receive one. Forms may be turned in to your parish by using the self-addressed envelope, collection basket, Church Office or place it in the box on table in the back of church. **Please have forms in by November 17th.** Implementation of the Catholic Stewardship Renewal Time and Talent and Tithing forms will start January 1, 2024. St. Thomas parishioners may also fill out the Stewardship forms on our website to submit online.

PASTORS MEDITATION: 29th Sunday in ordinary time: FAITHFUL STEWARD, GIVE TO CEASAR AND GIVE TO GOD. WORLD MISSION SUNDAY. (Is. 45:1, 4-6; 1Thes. 1:1-5b; Mt. 22:15-21) World Mission Sunday is observed today, 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, however different our situations may be. The common theme of today's readings is the nature of our obligations to God and to our country. The readings show us how, with God's help, we can be ideal citizens of both earth and Heaven. In the first reading, prophet Isaiah foretells how, without the great Persian Emperor Cyrus' intention, his policies would be made part of God's saving plan for His chosen people. Today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 96) reminds us that when people put God's Kingdom first, everyone benefits. In the second reading, Paul praises his converts in Thessalonica for their fidelity to God and to Christ His Son, "our Lord Jesus Christ," and for their practice of the Theological virtues of Faith, Hope and Charity with the help of the Holy Spirit. In the Gospel, Jesus escapes from the trap in the question, "Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" by instructing those who questioned him, "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." With this answer, Jesus reminds his questioners that, if they are so concerned and careful about paying taxes to the state, they should be much more concerned and careful about their service to God and their obligations to Him as their Creator and Lord. We fulfill our duties to our country by loyally obeying the just laws of the State and working for the welfare of all citizens. We become good Heavenly citizens by obeying God's laws. So dear friends we need to "give to Caesar what is Caesar's". It is the duty of Christians, as citizens of the country, to pay for the services and the privileges that the government provides, like paved roads, police and fire departments, banks, schools, and other necessities. Another way of "giving to Caesar what is Caesar's" is to participate actively in the running of the government, electing the most suitable candidates and influencing them through frequent contacts. Third, we must submit to the civil authorities and respect the just laws of our country in order to live in peace. As loyal citizens, we must also see to it that our elected representatives are faithful in maintaining law and order in the country and in promoting the welfare of all its citizens without violating God's laws. We need to "give to God what is God's." Since everything is God's, we must give ourselves to Him 100%, not just 10% on Sundays. We should be generous in fulfilling our Sunday obligations, and we should find time every day for prayer and worship in the family, for the reading of the Bible and the proper training of our children in Faith and morals. We are invited each year to make a stewardship pledge of our financial offering to the local Church for the church activities. Our contribution to the parish Church should be an expression of our gratitude to God, giving back to God all that He has given us. Active participation in the various ministries of the parish is an offering to God of our time and talents, yet another way of giving to God His due, our whole self.

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 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: Sunday, October 22 – Trunk or Treat

Monday, October 23- Fischer Farms Field Trip – PreK-4

Wednesday, October 25 – 7&8 Visit Helias

Thursday, October 26 – Flu clinic – 10:00 a.m. Early Release 12:50 p.m. car riders, 1:00 p.m. bus riders. Parent/Teacher Conferences

Friday, October 27 – No School, P-8

Tuesday, October 31- Halloween Parties

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 or 573-635-6139 with any questions.

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

CHRISTMAS SHIRTS: I'll Be Home for Christmas, St. Thomas the Apostle Church Orders will be open now until October 30. Shirts will be available before the St Thomas Christmas Parade. (12/10) Pickup will be at the school or the St. Thomas Holiday Mart . Details will follow once orders are closed. All orders must be placed on the web...To order: go to <https://christmasinstthomas.itemorder.com/> or to the St. Thomas Parish Website. These would also make great Christmas gifts. Any questions: contact Kim Kliegel or Maddie VanderFeltz

THE BLAIR OAKS R-11 SCHOOL DISTRICT will be having its annual Veterans Day celebration on Friday, November 10 at 8:30 a.m. in the High School gymnasium. The district takes great pride in this event and looks forward to honoring all those who have served or are serving our country. The Celebration is open to the public. Breakfast will be served to our community veterans and their families in the High School cafeteria at 7:30 am. If you are a veteran and/or a family member of a veteran and would like to join us for breakfast, please RSVP by November 5 by calling the High School office at (573) 635-8514 or email Heather Rademan at hrademan@blairoaks.org.

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.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL DINNER is Sunday, October 22, serving turkey & sausage dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Adults \$14.00, children 6-12 \$7.00.

13TH 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 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.

ARGYLE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS (VFW) POST 8045 CHICKEN DINNER - "DRIVE THRU ONLY" is Sunday, October 29 serving from 11:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. or until we run out, at the Post Home in Argyle, meal \$13.00

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.

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 27th Annual Fall Fantasy – November 4, 2023
St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Pictorial Directory – January 3-6, 2024

*For our gospel did
not come to you in
word alone, but also
in power and in the
Holy Spirit and with
much conviction.*
1 Thessalonians 1:5b



Live boldly for Christ
with a courageous heart,
joyfully giving thanks to
God and cooperating with
His grace to be the light
our world needs.



