

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

St. Cecilia
in Meta

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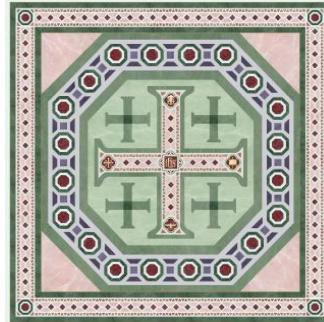
30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 27, 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 27-November 3:

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Sylvanus Hoecker
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – Jim & Christine Luebbering
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Dennis Struempf
Friday (All Saints) 7:45 a.m. – Jeremy Luebbering
Anointing of the Sick, following Mass
Friday (All Saints) 6:30 p.m. – People of our Parishes
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – George Buechter

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2019-2020: \$305,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End: \$101,668.00
Actual Collection for 2019-2020: **\$ 88,027.45**
Offertory Difference Year to Date: – \$ 13,640.55
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

October 6 \$ 8,371.00
October 13 \$ 3,810.00
October 20 \$ 3,328.00
October 27 \$

Collection Online: \$ 5,602.00

October total to date: **\$21,111.00**

Difference for October: –\$ 4,306.00

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): **\$ 8,880.00**

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

Friday Nov. 1 6:30 p.m. – Amanda Wooten / Annette Kehner

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kerry Meyer / Jackie Prenger

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Choir / Annette Kehner

St. Thomas the Apostle Reader

Friday Nov. 1 6:30 p.m. – Jean Kliethermes

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kathy Graessle

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Daffiny Tallent

St. Thomas the Apostle Altar Servers

Weekday – Brody Buschjost, Bradyn Stegeman & Cale Luebbert

Friday Nov. 1 6:30 p.m. – Gregory Kirby, Henry Buschjost, Owen Schellman

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Dawson Wieberg, Lilly Schulte, Courtney Luebbering

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Grace & Belle Boessen, Abigail & Valerie Verslues

St. Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of October 27-November 3:

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – No Mass

Thursday, October 31, 6:30 p.m. – Leona Fick

Saturday 9:00 a.m. (All Souls) – Larry Stumpe

St. Cecilia Cemetery, weather permitting

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Fr. Art Lueckenotto

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2019-2020: \$62,000.00
Collection Total for 2019-2020: **\$17,482.00**
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,166.67

Collection in Church:

October 6 \$ 1,029.00
October 13 \$ 978.00
October 20 \$ 1,711.00
October 27 \$

October total to date: **\$ 3,718.00**

Difference for October: \$ 1,448.67

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

November – Dale & Margie Helton

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

St. Cecilia Reader

Thursday, October 31 6:30 p.m. – Dorothy Rehagen

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Don Wansing

St. Cecilia Altar Servers

Thursday, October 31 6:30 p.m. – Skyla, Jesse & Tucker Schroeder

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Melina Derkum & Natalie Derkum

**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

Friday Nov. 1 6:30 p.m. – Mark & Barb Graessle, Lynne Reinkemeyer

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

November 9-10

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Paul & Jenny Becker,

Marshall Boessen

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Richard & Jan Heckemeyer,

Emily Luebbering

St. Thomas Greeters/Ushers

Friday Nov. 1 6:30 p.m. – Eric & Keith Boessen

November 2-3

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

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

November 9-10

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Steve Schellman & Mike Green

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Richard Heckemeyer & Larry Lueckenhoff

St. Thomas Presentation of Gifts at Mass

Friday Nov. 1 6:30 p.m. – Keith & Jean Kliethermes

November 2-3

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

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

November 9-10

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Alfred & Margie Kaiser

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Eugene & MaryPat Luebbering

St. Thomas Collection Counters

November 3 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes

November 10 – Jennifer Schroeder & Dunja Wieberg

November 17 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman

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. – Bob Schellman – Sorrowful

Friday 5:35 p.m. – Barb Graessle – Sorrowful

Saturday 4:35 p.m. – Dale Herigon - Glorious

Sunday 9:35 a.m. – Tina Stockman –Glorious

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS – A Holy Day of Obligation:

Masses will be offered for All Saints Day: 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 31 at St. Cecilia Parish,

and 7:45 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. on Friday, November 1 at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, with Holy Hour following the 6:30 p.m. Mass.

COMMEMORATION OF ALL SOULS: Mass will be offered at St. Cecilia Cemetery at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 2, weather permitting.

PASTOR'S MEDITATION:

30th Sunday of the year in ordinary time: TRUE HUMILITY AND REPENTANCE FOR OUR SINS MUST BE THE HALLMARK OF OUR PRAYERS.

I hope we have all had a blessed past week and we continue to entrust our lives and actions to God's will, I suppose we have all prayed and supported the mission of the church in the Mission Sunday envelopes we received, if you missed one ask for one. This week we will commemorate our triumphant brothers and sisters (All Saints day) and pray for those still suffering in purgatory (Souls day), remember to honor those days.

The need for true humility and the role of God's grace in our salvation. **Let us evict the Pharisee and revive the publican in each of us.** We become the proud Pharisee when we brag about our achievements giving no credit to God, when we seek praise and recognition from others for our accomplishments, and when we degrade others with insensitive comments, hurting their feelings. Jesus challenges us to imitate the humble publican (tax collector), by acknowledging our total dependence on God and His grace for all our achievements and blessings; by confessing to God daily our sinfulness and asking for His pardon and forgiveness; by praying for God's continued daily support through His grace; by asking for His strengthening through the daily anointing and of His Holy Spirit living within us; and by becoming more sensitive to the needs and feelings of others, serving Jesus in them as best as we can.

Let us include all the necessary ingredients in our prayers. Our personal prayers must include our request for pardon and forgiveness for our sins, thanksgiving for the numerous blessings we receive daily from God, praise and worship, the unconditional surrender of our life and all our activities completely and unconditionally to God, the acknowledgement of our weakness and total dependence on Him, and finally, the presentation of our needs and petitions, accompanied by the fervent request for God's strengthening in our weakness and temptations by the daily anointing of His Holy Spirit. Let us pray every day: *"Be merciful to me, a sinner."*

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

CONGRATULATIONS to **Abby Sturtz & Dylan Berhorst** who were united in the bonds of Holy Matrimony on Saturday, October 26 at St. Cecilia Catholic Church.

FALL BACK: Daylight savings ends next Saturday, November 2, so remember to set your clocks back one hour so you're not early for Mass.

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

BULLETIN NOTICES: Deadline for bulletin notices is noon on Wednesdays.

St. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Thursday, October 31 6:30 p.m. – Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer, Betty Hagenhoff

November 3

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

November 10

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

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

Thursday, October 31, 6:30 p.m. - Dominic Plassmeyer, Mitch Stumpe, Larry Lueckenotto, Terry Libbert

November 3

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

November 10

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

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Thursday 6:05 p.m. – Margaret Brune - Luminous

Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Mary Plassmeyer – Glorious

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.

NOTES OF THANKS!

The Bob Luebbering family expresses their sincere appreciation for the many prayers, visits, food, and gifts over the last week. A special thanks to Father Leonard and Father Secrist for the beautiful Eucharistic Celebration of the Mass. The homily by Father Secrist brought much comfort to the family. Thanks to all our friends who prepared the meal. It was a beautiful setting, and we really appreciate your hard work and extra effort. Your kindness brought comfort to us during this difficult time. Bob loved this community and the generosity shown to our family this past week is a great example of one of the many reasons why. Thank you again for your thoughtfulness.

Thank You - I would like to offer a sincere thank you to Fr. Leonard and all the people of St. Thomas the Apostle & St. Cecilia Parishes for all of your prayers, cards, and your many acts of kindness during my surgery and recovery. I am very grateful and I truly appreciate your great kindness and thoughtfulness. Sincerely, **Diane Lueckenhoff**

BISHOP MCKNIGHT'S NOVEMBER PRAYER INTENTION: For all our deceased family and friends, and for all the souls in purgatory, that the Lord may have mercy on them, and may they see the face of God and live.

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. \$675.00 received so far. 6.75%

The CSA goal for St. Cecilia Parish is \$2,500. \$140.00 received so far. 5.60%

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 31 – Katelyn Otto & Karen Otto

Thursday, November 7 – Cheri Otto & Ashlie 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 Strobe at 573-477-3349.

SCRIP: **November 2-3** Saturday – Lindsay Luebbering Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Melissa Verslues

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.

NOVEMBER 1 FIRST FRIDAY AT ST. THOMAS - Anointing of the sick following 7:45 a.m. Mass; all school Benediction at 11:15 a.m., and Holy Hour at 7:00 p.m.

FIRST FRIDAY SOCIAL AT ST. THOMAS is Friday, November 1 following morning Mass. All are welcome to come for coffee and conversation at the Vitae House.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, October 27 – Trunk or Treat 4:00-6:00 p.m. St. Thomas Church parking lot

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

Friday, November 1 – First Friday, Adoration & Confessions for grades 3-8

Monday, November 4 – No School K-8, Diocesan Professional Day

Wednesday, November 6 – No School K-8 (Diocesan Employee Benefit Information Session)

Thursday, November 7 – Early Release 12:50 p.m. car riders, 1:00 p.m. bus riders

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

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

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.

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.

ST. STANISLAUS PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL: On October 26, we will be celebrating 33 years of Perpetual Adoration here at St. Stanislaus. We are so thankful to have the 24 hours a day/365 days a week program in our parish. Our parish and surrounding parishes have received many blessings due to the dedication of our Perpetual Adoration members and substitutes. If you would like to view the chapel, please feel free to stop by and make a visit; the person who is covering any particular hour will be glad to answer questions you may have—or you can call Donna (680-1470). Thank you! Perpetual Adoration Chapel Open hours: 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 and 3rd). Please call Donna if you would like to sign up for an hour. 573-680-1470 or 573-635-2095. Thank you!

FATIMA'S ANNUAL VETERANS DAY ASSEMBLY will be on Monday, November 11, at 1 pm in the High School gym. Send pictures of local veterans to Tracy Murphy by Thursday, November 7. Include the name of the veteran, years served, and a way to return the picture. All pictures will be returned after the assembly. Send to: Tracy Murphy, P.O. Box 37, Westphalia, MO 65085 or murphyt@fatimacomets.com.

BLAIR OAKS VETERANS DAY: On Friday, November 8, the students, faculty, and staff of Blair Oaks will gather to pay tribute to those who have served and continue to serve to protect the freedoms we all enjoy. Students are being asked to invite relatives who have served or currently serve in any of the branches of the United States Armed Forces. If you are a Veteran but do not have a relative currently attending Blair Oaks, we would also like to have you at this year's ceremony. All guests are welcome to help us salute our Veterans. This year's guest speaker is Vietnam War Veteran, Army Combat Nurse Donna Rowe. The program is scheduled to begin at 9:00 AM in the Blair Oaks High School Gymnasium. This year we will serve breakfast for all Veterans and active military in the Blair Oaks High School Cafeteria at 8:00 AM. There is no cost to our Veterans or active military. If you plan to attend, please contact the High School Office by phone at 635-8514 or by email at rcarlton@blairoaks.org to make reservations. We hope to see you there!

SAVE THE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR:

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Fall Fantasy - Saturday, November 2, 2019
Totus Tuus - June 14-19, 2020

ARYGLE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS (VFW) POST 8045 ANNUAL CHICKEN DINNER is this 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 this 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 this 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.

HAUNTED FIREHOUSE: November 1, 7-10 PM: Meta Fire & Rescue and Auxiliary are hosting their annual Haunted Firehouse and Kid's Fest. Fun for all ages. \$2 donation. Join Us For A Night Of Frights.

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.

CURT STOCKMAN BENEFIT: A benefit dinner & silent auction will be held on November 9 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Wardsville Lions Club.

STEAK NIGHT AND AUCTION: Fatima Music Booster Fundraiser, November 9, 2019, at the Vienna Eagles, 10686 Hwy V, Vienna. Meals served from 5:30-9:00 PM. Auction will begin at 6:30. The Comet Pride Band is playing at the Alamo Bowl in San Antonio, TX. All tips and auction proceeds go to the students to pay for this trip. Come out and support the band at Vienna Eagles. Pictures of the auction items are poster to the "Fatima Band Booster" Facebook page.

HELIAS PARENT'S CLUB POINSETTIA SALES are under way. To place an order, contact any Helias student or family by Nov. 1, or email Melissa Dudenhoeffer at Melissaandnorb@aol.com or 573-230-2154. Red, white or pink poinsettias are available. 6 inch pots are \$12, 8 inch pots are \$16. All the funds raised go to helping with operating costs of Helias Catholic High School. Poinsettias will arrive the week of Dec. 3.

AK CRUSADERS: Save the date ladies and dust off your favorite pair of dancing boots! AK Crusaders is hosting a Does Night Out - Hoedown for Hope on Friday November 15 at the Knights of Columbus in Westphalia from 6:30 - 11pm. Snacks and light refreshments will be available. The Hello Belle Traveling Boutique will be there from 6:30 - 8. Tickets are \$25 in advance; \$30 at the door. RSVP by November 1 to Meghan (573) 694-6778 or akcrusaders@gmail.com. Must be 18 or older to attend.

**St. Thomas the Apostle Church
 Budget Summary
 July 1, 2019 – September 30, 2019**

Income	
General (Sunday collections, fundraisers, gifts from benefactors) (Includes Picnic profit of \$60,327.81)	\$140,292.34
Special (donations for special projects such as Church/School parking lot, Building & Improvement Fund)	\$171,713.48
Diocesan collections	\$ 975.00
Universal Church collections	\$ 1,400.00
Parish School (includes gifts from benefactors and Schwartze Foundation grant)	\$ 52,220.88
Pre-School	<u>\$ 18,124.00</u>
Total Income	<u>\$384,725.70</u>
Expenses	
Church & Rectory General (Includes Church/School parking lot project of \$138,174.36)	\$185,195.59
Church & Rectory Special (loan payment, improvements projects)	\$ 43,017.74
Diocesan collections	\$ 650.00
Universal Church collections	\$ 305.00
Parish School	\$151,676.27
Pre-School	\$ 15,717.50
Religious Education (PSR)	\$ 0.00
Vitae House	\$ 1,084.35
Parish Center	<u>\$ 15,403.07</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$413,049.52</u>
Net Income (Loss)	<u>\$ (28,323.82)</u>

