

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

**St. Cecilia**  
in Meta

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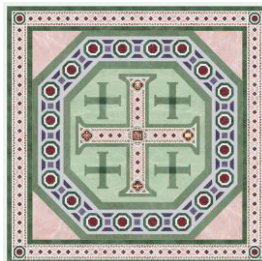
**31<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME**

**October 30, 2022**

**Pastor: Fr. Leonard Mukiibi**  
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**St. Thomas the Apostle Bookkeeper:**  
**Mrs. Jan Heckemeyer**  
[jheckemeyerooffice@gmail.com](mailto:jheckemeyerooffice@gmail.com)

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**Mrs. Theresa Veit**  
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**School Principal: Mr. Leroy Heckemeyer**  
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**St. Thomas the Apostle Secretary:**  
**Mrs. Diane Lueckenhoff**  
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**Mrs. Doris Stumpe**  
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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 October 30-November 6**

**All Saints Tues. 7:45 a.m.** – L&D Louis & Anne Benne Fam.

**All Saints Tuesday 5:00 p.m.** – Joe Kaiser

Wednesday 10:00 a.m. – All Souls (Cemetery - weather  
Permitting or Church)

Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Joe & Amy Veit

Friday 7:45 a.m.- Danny Libbert

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – L&D Veit & Jaegers Families

Sunday 10:00 a.m. -People of our Parishes  
Herb Kroll

**Your Sunday Offering:**

Offertory Budget for 2022-2023: \$305,000.00

Offertory Goal through Month End: \$101,668.00

Actual Collection for 2022-2023: **\$ 97,910.53**

Offertory Difference Year to Date: - \$ 3,757.47

Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

**Collection in Church:**

October 2 \$ 5,718.76

October 9 \$ 3,020.76

October 16 \$ 5,403.76

October 23 \$ 3,393.76

October 30 \$

**Collection Online:** \$ 6,972.00

**October total to date:** **\$24,509.04**

Difference for October -\$ 907.96

**Church Renovation Capital Campaign**

Total Pledges/Donations \$484,477.70

Total Collected \$447,196.37

Total Expenses Paid \$699,195.95

A total of 130 parishioners have returned pledge cards/or  
Contributed to the renovation project.

Church Renovation Loan Balance \$161,873.52

Loan payments to date \$43,375.00

(principal) \$38,126.48 (interest) \$5,448.52

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

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

Nov. 6 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Josh Luebbering / Alanna

Nov. 12 Saturday 5:00 p.m. –Kelsey Kliethermes / Jeanette

Nov. 13 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Amanda Wooten / Jackie

**St. Thomas the Apostle Readers**

**All Saints, Nov. 1 5:00 p.m.** – Richard Heckemeyer

Nov. 5 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Judy Schroeder

Nov. 6 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mary Kay Brand

Nov. 12 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Rosalyn Wieberg

Nov. 13 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Daffiny Tallent

**Saint Cecilia**

**Mass Schedule for the Week of October 30-November 6:**

**All Saints Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.** - Leo Risse

Wednesday 6:30 p.m.- Tom Kleffner

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – David and Phil Graessle

**Your Sunday Offering:**

Offertory Budget for 2022-2023: \$65,000.00

Collection Total for 2022-2023: **\$19,330.71**

Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,416.67

**Collection in Church:**

October 2 \$1,430.00

October 9 \$ 846.00

October 16 \$ 918.00

October 23 \$1,116.00

October 30 \$

**October total to date:** **\$4,310.00**

Difference for October: -\$1,106.67

**St. Cecilia Collection Counters**

November– Dale & Margie Helton

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

**St. Cecilia Readers**

**All Saints, Nov. 1, 6:30 p.m.** – Betty Hagenhoff

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. –Daniel Wieberg &

Gavin Werdehausen

Sunday, Nov. 6 8:00 a.m. – Doris Stumpe

**Saturday, Nov. 12 7:00 p.m.** – Dorothy Rehagen

Sunday, Nov. 13 8:00 a.m. – Karyn Veltrop

**St. Cecilia Organist**

**All Saints, Nov. 1 6:30 p.m.** - Emilie

Nov. 6 8:00 a.m. – Lydia

**Nov. 12 7:00 p.m. Lydia**

Nov. 13 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**

**All Saints, Nov. 1 – 5:00 p.m.**- Dave Luebbering & Craig Buechter  
Nov. 5 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Gilbert Schellman & Richard Schellman  
Nov. 6 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Ryan Buschjost & Simon Strobe  
Nov. 12 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Eric & Roseanne Boessen  
Nov. 13 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Tom Backes & TJ Loethen  
**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**

**All Saints, Nov. 1 5:00 p.m.** – Barb Graessle  
Nov. 5 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark Graessle  
Nov. 6 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Keith Kliethermes  
Nov. 12 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Lora Boessen  
Nov. 13 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Janet Lueckenhoff

### **St. Thomas the Apostle Servers**

Weekday – Kora Luebbering & Isabella Luebbering  
**All Saints, Nov. 1, 5:00 p.m.**– Gregory Kirby & Fayeth Prenger  
Wyatt Otto  
Nov. 5 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Gregory Kiby, Miranda Meyer,  
Ava Buschjost, Evelyn Wooten  
Nov. 6 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Valerie & Zeke Verslues,  
Victoria Wieberg  
Nov. 12 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Gregory Kirby, Carmen  
Luebbering, Kora Luebbering  
Nov. 13 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Francie & Hannah Tallent,  
Ben Otto, Wyatt Otto

### **St. Thomas the Apostle Offertory Gifts**

**All Saints, Nov. 1, 5:00 p.m.** – Richard & Jan Heckemeyer  
Nov. 5 Saturday, 5:00 p.m. – Gilbert & Betty Schellman  
Nov. 6 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Brian & Katie Luebbering Family  
Nov. 12 Saturday:00 p.m. – Alfred & Margie Kaiser  
Nov. 13 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Ray & Shirley Volmert

### **St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters**

Nov. 6– Dunja Wieberg & Jennifer Schroeder  
Nov. 13 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman  
Nov. 20 – Paul Becker & Shara Buechter  
Nov. 27 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes  
Dec. 4 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg

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

Nov. 6 Karlie Reinkemeyer  
Nov. 13 Lauri Luebbering  
Nov. 20 Brooke Schell  
Nov. 27 Dunja Wieberg  
Dec. 4 Jenny Becker

### **Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas**

Tuesday, 7:25 a.m. – Bob Schellman – Sorrowful Mysteries  
**All Saints Day - Tuesday 4:35 p.m.** – Barb Graessle – Sorrowful Mysteries  
**All Souls Wednesday 9:35 a.m.-** Bob Schellman – Glorious Mysteries (*If in Church*)  
Thursday 7:25 a.m. – Gilbert & Hermina – 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 Strobe– Glorious Mysteries

### **St. Thomas the Apostle Church Cleaners**

Oct. 30: Sonya Henson, Susan Buechter, Jackie Prenger, Amy Buechter  
Nov. 6: Janet Lueckenhoff, Jim Lueckenhoff, Charlene Buschjost, Randy Buschjost  
Nov. 13: Alan Libbert, Nancy Libbert, Darrel Buechter, Jan Heckemeyer  
Nov. 20: Brooke Schell, Tina Stockman, Gina Luebbering, Karen Luebbering  
Nov. 27: 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 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, Nov. 3** – Tracy Suthoff & Lucy Suthoff

**Thursday, Nov. 10** -Lynn Taggart & Daffiny Tallent

**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)

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS** ends next Saturday, November 5, please remember to turn **back** an hour.

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

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH BULLETINS:** If you are needing a bulletin and Church is locked there are some on the Vitae House front porch.

### **St. Cecilia Eucharistic Ministers**

**All Saints, Nov. 1, 6:30 p.m.** – Betty Hagenhoff  
Nov. 6 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Doris Stumpe  
**Nov. 12 Saturday 7:00 p.m.** – Dorothy Rehagen  
Nov. 13 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic Plassmeyer

### **St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers**

**All Saints, Nov. 1 – 6:30 p.m.** – Leonard Schulte,  
Rick Kampeter, Tony Derkum, William Derkum  
Nov. 6 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Mitch Stumpe, Brendan Stumpe,  
Randy Hagenhoff, Kenny Otto  
**Nov. 12 Saturday, 7:00 p.m.** -Mitch Stumpe, Randy Hagenhoff,  
Darin Even, Brendan Stumpe  
Nov. 13 Sunday 8:00 a.m.- Kenny Otto, Otto Wankum,  
Leonard Schulte, Tony Derkum

### **St. Cecilia Servers**

**All Saints, Nov. 1, 6:30 p.m.** – Sophie, Reagan, & Eli Bock  
Nov. 6 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Natalee Derkum  
**Nov. 12 Saturday 7:00 p.m.** – Henry & Annaline Schroeder  
Nov. 13 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Skyla, Jesse &  
Tucker Schroeder

***Please arrive 10 minutes before Mass.***

***Servers who have questions or would like to practice, may do so after 8:00 a.m. Mass. Please contact Joanne Schroeder 573-229-8986.***

### **St. Cecilia Offertory Gifts**

Nov.6 Sunday 8:00 a.m.- Family of David & Phil Graessle

### **Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia**

**All Saints Nov. 1 – 6:05 p.m.** -Mary Plassmeyer  
Sorrowful Mysteries  
Wednesday 6:05 p.m. – Dorothy Rehagen –Glorious Mysteries  
Nov. 6 Sunday 7:35 a.m.– Cathy Borgmeyer  
Glorious Mysteries  
**Nov. 12 Saturday 6:35 a.m.-** Dorothy Rehagen  
Sorrowful Mysteries  
Nov. 13 Sunday 7:35 a.m.- Janice Schanzmeyer  
Sorrowful 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 CONFIRMATION STUDENTS IN MARCH OF 2022:** If you have not received your bible and certificate it is in the back of St. Thomas the Apostle Church. Please pick-up ASAP. Thank you

**ALL SAINTS MASS, NOVEMBER 1 (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)** is Tuesday, 7:45 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle & 6:30 p.m. St. Cecilia.

**COMMEMORATION OF ALL SOULS:** Mass will be offered, Wednesday, November 2 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Thomas Cemetery weather permitting, if inclement weather Mass will be held in St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

**SATURDAY NIGHT (DEER SEASON) MASSES:** Masses will be offered at 7:00 p.m. on November 12 & 19 at St. Cecilia for deer hunters.

**A ROSARY FOR OUR COUNTRY** will be prayed on Friday, November 4, 5:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE HOLY HOUR** is Friday, November 4, 7:00 p.m. and anointing of the sick.

**CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL:** The Catholic Stewardship Appeal is well underway. A blessed thank you to everyone that has made a financial and prayerful commitment to our appeal. Our work is reliant on you as our faithful to help fund programs in our parishes, provide Catholic education and formation for our children, foster vocations, provide disaster relief through Catholic Charities, and many more vital programs in the diocese. Remember that no gift is too small and each and every person's gift is important.

***The CSA goal for St. Cecilia Parish is \$2,550***

***The CSA goal for St. Thomas the Apostle Parish is \$10,404***

**BISHOP MCKNIGHT NOVEMBER PRAYER INTENTION:** Recognizing the many blessings God has bestowed upon us, may we embrace the spirituality of stewardship and avoid any sense of entitlement in our relationship with God, we pray to the Lord.

**PASTORS MEDITATION: 31<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: JESUS MEETS ZACCHAEUS (Wis. 11:22-12:2; 2Thes. 1:11-2:2. Lk. 19:1-10)**

The readings today focus on the benevolent, compassionate, forgiving mercy of God for sinners and the response of repentance and conversion expected from us. Jesus often knocks at the door of our lives, but it is up to us to open the door to him.

The first reading reminds us that God's Almighty Power includes His strength to be merciful. That is why God, Who created the universe mercifully, waits for sinners to repent. God continues to love us, even when we do not love Him in return. The reading focuses on the love God has for all He has created, the love that overlooks sin so that we all have time for repentance. God shows us His redemptive love through His mercy. In the Responsorial Psalm (Ps 145), the Psalmist also tells us that the Lord is good to all and His compassion covers all that He has made. The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness (Ps 145:8). In the second reading, St. Paul encourages the Thessalonians to persevere in their Christian Faith, giving glory to God without idly waiting for the "second coming" of Christ in their lifetime. He advises them to continue to live good Christian lives every day, allowing God to work in them so that they may be worthy of their vocation as Christians. Today's Gospel presents the story of the instantaneous conversion of the tax-collector, Zacchaeus, whom God's grace led to a moment of conversion. The account describes how Jesus recognized Zacchaeus for exactly what he was, a lost sinner in need of a Savior, and shows us how God's grace worked in Zacchaeus to lead him from idle curiosity to repentance, conversion, and restitution. The episode emphasizes the fact that such a conversion can only result from a person fully receiving the love, acceptance and grace offered to everyone one by a merciful Lord.

We are all sinners to a greater or lesser degree. Jesus is inviting each one of us to total conversion today. We need to accept the Divine invitation for repentance. Let us remember that Jesus loves us in spite of our ugly thoughts, broken promises, sullied (spoilt) ideals, lack of prayer and Faith, resentments and lusts. Hence, let us admit our sinfulness and accept God's call to repentance, conversion and renewal of life.

Let us love others as Jesus loved Zacchaeus, despite his sins. Parents and teachers need to accept children lovingly, without first setting up standards of behavior as conditions for being loved. Husband and wife may have qualities that irritate each other. But they should not, because of that, withhold love from each other. Nor should they withhold their love from a rebellious teenager making stupid and even dangerous choices because of immaturity and peer-pressure.

We are called to generosity, Jesus wants us to move from our small and feeble Faith to a greater and more powerful Faith, just as Zacchaeus did. He also wants us to be financially and spiritually generous.

***Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukibi***

**CONFIRMATION STUDENTS:** Any and all students that have been confirmed are invited to join in an hour of Faith, Fun, and Fellowship. Wednesday, November 2, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., St. Cecilia parish center basement. All are welcome so invite a friend anywhere (not just St. Thomas and St. Cecilia). Confirmation was NOT the end of your faith journey, but the BEGINNING of your full faith commitment! What better way to stay involved with your faith than to get together with friends for some trivia (Kahoot!) and snacks. Hope to see everyone there! Call or text Jennifer with questions 573-680-6945.

**26<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH FALL FANTASY IS BACK! NOVEMBER 5.** \$125 ticket. A ticket provides: Dinner for (2)- Prime Rib OR Chicken Cordon Bleu Baked potato, slaw and dessert, all you can drink: •Beer•Wine•Gin Rickeys•Water•Soda. 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 drawing: 80's style. **Tickets are on sale NOW!** How to get tickets: Contact: Joanie Prenger 573.659.0304, Kim Kliegel 573.619.9188, Erica Loethen 573.690.8351. Purchase at the Vitae House in St. Thomas during these hours: Tuesdays, 8:30-11:30 a.m., Wednesdays 8:00 a.m. -4:30 p.m. 573.477.3315. Tickets Complimentary of: Elite Turf LLC.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL NEWS:**

Thursday, November 3 – Early Release 12:50 car riders, 1:00 p.m. bus riders

Monday, November 7 – No School, P-8 Diocesan Professional Day

**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 GRASS CUTTING ROTATION:**

Week of Oct. 30 Dick Schellman, Patrick Schellman, Paul Struempfl, Rob Henson

Week of Nov. 6 Alan Reinkemeyer, Richard Heckemeyer and Dave Schroeder

Week of Nov. 13 Fred Luebbering, Mark Graessle and Jeff Cassmeyer



**AN ADVENT TO REMEMBER, LET EVERY HEART PREPARE HIM ROOM** is Tuesday, November 29, 6:30 p.m. at Msgr. Hoog Hall, St. Peter Catholic Church, Jefferson City. Surround yourself with women of faith as we celebrate and reflect on the Season of Advent. Our evening will include prayer, laughter and messages of Hope, Joy, Love and Peace. Prayers and reflections: Mary Winter, Millie Aulbur, LeAnn Korsmeyer. Soloist: Claire Huntley. To reserve your spot, RSVP by November 19. Sharon Naught (573) 619-9636, [Sharon.naught@gmail.com](mailto:Sharon.naught@gmail.com) or Diana Unruh (573) 645-2040 [Dianaunruh54@gmail.com](mailto:Dianaunruh54@gmail.com)  
This is a Women's Event – All are welcome

**ST. STANISLAUS PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL OPEN HOURS:** Sunday 10:00-11:00 a.m., Sunday 11:00-12:00 noon  
Please call Donna at 573- 680-1470 if you would like to take one or both of these hours or to be put on a list to be called when other hours become available.

**DIVINE MERCY SIGNS:** St. Thomas Knights of Columbus will be stocking the following sizes: Small 8 x 12 one-sided \$15, Medium 20 x 27 two-sided \$35, Large 24 x 48 two-sided \$90. The signs will be available at the Knights or Ladies Auxiliary meetings or by calling Janet Lueckenhoff 573-690-5682.

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

**SAVE THE DATES:** Trunk or Treat – Sunday, October 30, 3:00-4:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church Parking lot.  
November 5, 2022 – St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Fall Fantasy

**ST. THOMAS  
FALL FANTASY**

**80'S  
STYLE**

**\$10,000 GIVEAWAY**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH, 2022**

Doors open at 6:00pm - Dinner served at 6:30pm  
Your choice of Prime Rib or Chicken Cordon Bleu

More info: Kim Kliegel 573-619-9188  
or Joanie Prenger 573-659-0304

