

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

St. Cecilia
in Meta

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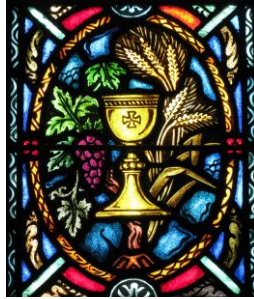
24TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

September 11, 2022

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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 September 11-18:

Monday 7:45 a.m. – No Mass
Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Lisa Heislen & Herb & Chris Verslues
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – Shirley Luebbering
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Mass of Thanksgiving
Friday 7:45 a.m.- Roman Plassmeyer
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes
Philip & Alma Boessen
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – L&D Gregory & Lucille Veit Family

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2022-2023:	\$305,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End:	\$ 76,251.00
Actual Collection for 2022-2023:	\$ 60,782.46
Offertory Difference Year to Date:	\$ 15,468.54
Offertory Goal per month:	\$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

September 4	\$ 7,429.01
September 11	\$
September 18	\$
September 25	\$

Collection Online: \$ 5,899.50

September total to date: **\$13,328.51**

Difference for September -\$12,088.49

Church Renovation Capital Campaign

Total Pledges/Donations	\$484,477.70
Total Collected	\$441,146.91
Total Expenses Paid	\$699,195.95

A total of 128 parishioners have returned pledge cards/or
Contributed to the renovation project.

Church Renovation Loan Balance \$165,022.08

Loan payments to date \$39,860.00

(principal) \$34,977.92 (interest) \$4,882.08

St. Thomas the Apostle Cantors / Organists

Sept. 17 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mary Kay / Jeanette
Sept. 18 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Jean Kliethermes / Jackie
Sept. 24 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Lisa Wieberg / Alanna
Sept. 25 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Anne Strobe / Jackie

St. Thomas the Apostle Readers

Sept. 17 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Judy Schroeder
Sept. 18 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Rosalyn Wieberg
Sept. 24 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – David Schroeder
Sept. 25 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Doug Luebbering

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of September 11-18:

Wednesday 6:30 p.m.- Cindy Wansing Carmack

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Vince & Brad Reinkemeyer

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2022-2023:	\$65,000.00
Collection Total for 2022-2023:	\$11,910.00
Offertory Goal per month:	\$ 5,416.67

Collection in Church:

September 4	\$ 971.00
September 11	\$
September 18	\$
September 25	\$

September total to date: **\$ 971.00**

Difference for September: -\$4,445.67

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

September – Marie Lueckenotto & Pam Libbert

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

St. Cecilia Readers

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer
Sept. 18 8:00 a.m. – Karyn Veltrop
Sept. 25 8:00 a.m. – Doris Stumpe

St. Cecilia Organist

Sept. 18 8:00 a.m. – Emilie
Sept. 25 8:00 a.m. – Lydia

**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

Sept. 17 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Eric & Roseanne Boessen
Sept. 18 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Jim & Larry Lueckenhoff
Sept. 24 Saturday 5:00p.m.- Mark Boessen & Tom Backes
Sept. 25 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Craig Buechter & Ryan Buschjost
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

Sept. 17 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Lora Boessen
Sept. 18 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Rob Henson
Sept. 24 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Marshall Boessen
Sept. 25 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jan Heckemeyer

St. Thomas the Apostle Servers

Weekday – Rowan Buechter & Allie Siebeneck
Sept 17 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Gregory Kirby, Kora Luebbering,
Ellie Boessen
Sept. 18 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Francie & Hannah Tallent,
Wyatt Otto & Ben Otto
Sept. 24 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Gregory Kirby, Victoria Wieberg,
Emerald Fennewald
Sept. 25 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Erika Luebbering, Aliyah Buechter,
Cady Libbert

St. Thomas the Apostle Offertory Gifts

Sept 17 Saturday:00 p.m. – Gilbert & Betty Schellman
Sept. 18 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Mike & Sheri Wieberg
Sept. 24 Saturday, 5:00 p.m. – Alfred & Margie Kaiser
Sept. 25 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Brian & Katie Luebbering Fam.

St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters

Sept. 18 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes
Sept. 25 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg
Oct. 2 – Dunja Wieberg & Jennifer Schroeder
Oct. 9 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman
Oct. 16 – Paul Becker & Shara Buechter

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

Sept. 18 Dunja Wieberg
Sept. 25 Jenny Becker
Oct. 2 Karlie Reinkemeyer
Oct. 9 Lauri Luebbering
Oct. 16 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. –Gilbert & Hermina – Luminous Mysteries
Friday 7:25 a.m. – Shirley Volmert – Sorrowful Mysteries
Saturday 4:35 p.m. – Dale Herigon – Glorious Mysteries
Sunday 9:35 a.m. – Tina Stockman – Glorious Mysteries

St. Thomas the Apostle Church Cleaners

Sept. 11: Brooke Schell, Tina Stockman, Gina Luebbering, Karen Luebbering
Sept 18: Lynne Reinkemeyer, Linda Boessen, Lauri Luebbering, Lisa Lackman
Sept. 25: Sonya Henson, Susan Buechter, Jackie Prenger, Amy Buechter
Oct. 2: Janet Lueckenhoff, Jim Lueckenhoff, Charlene Buschjost, Randy Buschjost
Oct. 9: Alan Libbert, Nancy Libbert, Darrel Buechter, Jan Heckemeyer

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, Sept. 15 - Donna Schellman & Judy Schroeder **Thursday, Sept. 22** – Jennifer Schroeder & Rachel Schulte

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

CONGRATULATIONS to ***Karlie Reinkemeyer & Matthew Maasen***, who were united in the bonds of Holy Matrimony this weekend in St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

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 & ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH LEADERS STEWARDSHIP MEETING with Fr. Jones on September 13, 6:30 p.m. in St. Thomas Apostle Church.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Anointing of the Sick will be held every month after benediction during the Holy Hour. St. Thomas will have the Anointing on the First Friday of each month and St. Cecilia will have the Anointing on the last Friday of the month.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE FALL FESTIVAL COLLECTION: There is an envelope in your September packet. Each family or single wage earner is asked to contribute \$50.00. This collection was instituted years ago to replace the Fall Festival which St. Thomas Parish used to have. It is part of our overall parish budget, helping with ongoing expenses.

St. Cecilia Eucharistic Ministers

Sept. 18 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Janice Schanzmeyer
Sept. 25 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dorothy Rehagen

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

Sept 18 Sunday 8:00 a.m.- Leon Schanzmeyer, Darin Even,
Mitch Stumpe, Brendan Stumpe
Sept. 25 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Randy Hagenhoff, Kenny Otto,
Otto Wankum, Leonard Schulte

St. Cecilia Servers

Sept. 18 Sunday 8:00 a.m.- Sophie, Reagan & Eli Bock
Sept. 25 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Natalee Derkum
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

Sept. 18 Sunday 8:00 a.m.- Family of Vince & Brad
Reinkemeyer

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Wednesday 6:05 p.m. –Cathy Borgmeyer–Glorius Mysteries
Sept. 18 Sunday 7:35 a.m.- Dorothy Rehagen
Glorious Mysteries
Sept. 25 Sunday 7:35 a.m.– Cathy Borgmeyer
Luminous 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.

A NOTE OF THANKS!

The Nolan Schroeder family would like to thank everyone for all they did to make our 12th annual volleyball tournament a success. Thanks for making this a true community effort, whether it was by playing in the tournament, watching the games, visiting with dermatologist Amanda Peters, MSN, FNP-C for a skin check, or stopping in for a bite to eat. Because of your generosity, we can continue supporting worthwhile local causes!

BISHOP MCKNIGHT SEPTEMBER PRAYER INTENTION: For all who serve in our community as first responders: that God may protect them from all harm, and that we be grateful for the sacrifices they make for the common good.

PASTORS MEDITATION: 24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: GOD FINDS AND REJOICES OVER THE LOST. (Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; I Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32) Today's readings invite us to believe in a loving, patient, merciful, forgiving God. The Good News Jesus preached was that God is not a cruel, judging, punishing God, but rather a loving and forgiving Heavenly Father Who wants to save everyone through His Son Jesus. He is always in search of His lost and straying children, as Jesus explains in the three parables of today's Gospel. Today's first and second readings and Responsorial Psalm point to God's patience with his wayward children and the Gospel selection (Lk 15:6,9-24) demonstrates His festive joy at their return. In the first reading, taken from Exodus, Moses is imploring a forgiving God to have mercy on the sinful people who have abandoned Him and turned to idol-worship. He reminds God of His promises to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and to show mercy to His unfaithful people. The Responsorial Psalm (Ps 51) is the song of the sinful man returning to God to seek His mercy. The second reading, Paul tells Timothy that, although he, Paul, had been the greatest of sinners (as the former persecutor of the Church), God has shown great mercy towards him. Chapter 15 of Luke's Gospel has been called "the Gospel within the Gospel," because it is the distilled essence of the Good News about the mercy of our forgiving Heavenly Father. The whole chapter is essentially a single parable, the "Parable of the Lost and Found," with three parable illustrations: the story of the lost sheep, the story of the lost coin and the major story of the lost son. These stories remind us that we have a God who welcomes sinners and forgives their sins whenever they return to Him with genuine contrition and resolution. That is, a person who has already experienced God's "goodness and compassion" (Ps. 51). Therefore friends, we need to live our everyday life as forgiven children of our merciful God. Let us begin every day by offering all our actions for God's glory and praying for the strengthening anointing of the Holy Spirit so that we may obey God's holy will by doing good and avoiding evil and try to live in God's presence everywhere. Before we go to bed at night, let us examine our conscience and confess to God our sins and failures of the day, asking His pardon and forgiveness. Let us resolve to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation if we have fallen into serious sins. Let us continue to ask for God's forgiveness before we receive Jesus in Holy Communion during the Holy Mass. Thus, let us live a peaceful life as forgiven prodigal children, getting daily reconciled with God our merciful and forgiving Father. Let us ask God for the courage and good will to extend His forgiveness to others. Let us realize the truth that our brothers and sisters deserve and expect from us the same compassion, kindness, and forgiveness which we receive from our merciful God. As forgiven prodigals, we must become forgiving people, for Jesus taught us to pray, "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." As we continue with the celebration of the Holy Mass, let us pray also for God's Divine mercy on all of us who have fallen away from God's grace. Let us open our eyes to see and ears to hear that Jesus is welcoming us back home!

Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukibi

ST. CECILIA RELIGION CLASSES: 1st through 7th grades: Religion classes for 1st through 7th grade are planned to start on Wednesday, September 21, at 7:00pm in the parish center. All new/first time students are asked to please sign up. Accurate counts are needed for ordering books and materials. Please contact Jennifer Even at 573-680-6945 (text or call) to sign up or with any questions.

8th grade and up (those who have been confirmed): We are also hoping to plan some faith-based fun/activity evenings (possibly once a month, more if it works out) for all students who have been confirmed. Confirmation should not be the end of learning about your religion, but a beginning to the rest of your life-long faith journey! The hope is to invite/include any youth that want to participate (not just our parish) and keep our youth/young adults excited about their faith and involved with the church. Input/suggestions and volunteers to help with this are welcome and greatly appreciated (you can even volunteer for just one evening). Please reach out to Jennifer Even at 573-680-6945 with input and suggestions.

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP will ***not*** be held on Tuesday, September 13, due to Fr. Jones Stewardship Meeting in St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL NEWS:

Monday, Sept. 12 – Diocesan Professional Day – No School P-8 Friday, Sept. 16 – Mid Quarter & Grandparents 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 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 Sept. 11	Paul & Jenny Becker, Eric Buechter, Josh Schroeder
Week of Sept. 18	Mark Luebbering, Nick Luebbering and Anthony Luebbering, Jason Otto
Week of Sept. 25	Dick Schellman, Patrick Schellman, Paul Struemph, Rob Henson
Week of Oct. 2	Alan Reinkemeyer, Richard Heckemeyer and Dave Schroeder
Week of Oct. 9	Fred Luebbering, Mark Graessle and Jeff Cassmeyer

KC KNIGHTS & LADIES AUXILIARY MEMBERS please join us Monday September 12 at 6:00 p.m. at the St. Thomas KC Hall to listen to a guest speaker from the Foster and Adoption agency

THE NEXT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING is **MONDAY**, September 12, 7:30 p.m. A rosary will be prayed at 7:15 p.m. Please read the September newsletter attached to the bulletin. At 6:00 p.m. a representative from the Central Missouri Foster Care and Adoption Association will give a presentation on how people can get involved with their agency.

CITIZENS CIVIC LEAGUE BLOOD DRIVE, META is Tuesday, September 20, 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Citizens Civic League Hall. Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: CivicLeagueMeta to schedule an appt. Come to donate and receive a free t-shirt (while supplies last).

OUR LADY OF SORROWS SHRINE AT STARKENBURG, FALL PILGRIMAGE: The historic shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows Shrine at Starkenburg will host its annual Fall Pilgrimage on Sunday, Sept. 11, with Bishop W. Shawn McKnight celebrating Mass at 2:00 p.m. The day begins with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 10 am. A traditional German meal of fried chicken, roast beef, mashed potatoes, green beans, corn, slaw and dessert will be served by members of the Church of the

Risen Savior at Valentine Hall. The sacrament of Reconciliation and Benediction will be offered before the outdoor Mass. The Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows is in Montgomery County, two miles north of the Katy Trail, on Highway P, and is handicapped accessible. For more information, visit www.historicshrine.com or call Brenda Van Booven at 573-236-4390.

26TH ANNUAL ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH FALL FANTASY IS BACK! \$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. To be entered in the Early Bird Drawing and a chance to win \$125, tickets must be purchased by **October 1, 2022**. Tickets Complimentary of: Elite Turf LLC

ST. ANTHONY FALL FESTIVAL, FOLK is Sunday, September 11, serving roast beef and sausage dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Adults \$15. Carry-outs & drive through. Indoor seating, outdoor picnic tables available. Shooting Match. Quilt auction 5:00 p.m. followed by pie & dessert auction. Classic cars Cruise-in 11:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

WARDSVILLE/OSAGE BEND KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BBQ is Saturday, September 24, serving pork steaks or chicken, or bratwurst, baked beans, cole slaw dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. \$12 per plate at St. Stanislaus School. Slab of ribs and homemade cinnamon rolls sold separately. For more information, please call Chuck 573-694-4926, Bob 573-645-1302 or Danny 573-821-5033.

SAVE THE DATES: September 18 - Meta Civic League Fall Festival
November 5, 2022 – St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Fall Fantasy

FALL FESTIVAL
Citizen's Civic League Park
Meta, MO
(20 miles south of Jefferson City on Rt. B)
September 18
Pork Sausage & Fried Chicken
-CARRY OUT OR SPACED DINE IN-
11:00 am - 6:00 pm
ALL MEALS SERVED IN CARRY-OUT CONTAINERS - \$15.00
MENU: Pork sausage, fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy,
green beans, sweet potatoes, slaw and home-baked desserts
• Beer Garden - Gin Rickie
• Sandwich Stand
• Bingo
• Toyland
Big Raffle and Country Store

ANNOUNCING A NEW MONTHLY CATHOLIC FORMATION OPPORTUNITY FOR MEN – Signum Crucis

A group of Catholic men in our area is excited to introduce a new interparish, multi-generational men's formation group in Jefferson City. It is called the "Men of **Signum Crucis**."

Why **Signum Crucis**? **Signum Crucis** is Latin for "Sign of the Cross." This new group will focus on growth in the areas of Study, Devotion, and Service. As we trace the Sign of the Cross on our bodies and pray this most basic prayer, we recognize that we need Study for our Minds, seek Devotion in our Hearts, and to wear our faith gained from Study and Devotion on our sleeves in the form of Service.

This group will strongly encourage men to bring their sons to our monthly gatherings. We know how important it is in our current culture to model our faith to our young people before they leave the fold. Therefore, men are especially requested to bring their sons, nephews, and grandsons who are in high school and grade school. By doing this, adult men will be able to model how to be a true Catholic man be seeking more. This is needed now more than ever.

Monthly gatherings will always be on the third Wednesday of each month, at Helias Catholic High School from 6:30 p.m. till 8:00 p.m. This timeframe was intentionally set to allow men to get back home in time to help with the family bedtime routine. Our plan is to allow men to choose between attending either a Devotional session or a Study session when we gather, whichever is most needed by each man attending. We will possibly offer a Service opportunity on Wednesday evenings as well. Our Study, Devotion, or Service sessions will last approximately 45-60 minutes, with a wrap-up of our sessions in the Helias Commons, followed by brief fellowship.

Our first gathering will be on September 21. Father Paul Clark, Chaplain of Helias Catholic High School, will offer Mass for us in the Chapel of St. Pius X at Helias at 6:30 p.m. More details about **Signum Crucis** will be shared after the Mass.

The second gathering will be on October 19. Fr. Anthony Viviano will lead us in Study and will challenge us to be strong Catholic men for our parish, our family, our friends, and our community. Details about the November **Signum Crucis** gathering will be shared after the session with Fr. Viviano.

Entrance into Helias for the **Signum Crucis** gatherings will be through the entrance on the east end of the school on Swifts Highway. You will see signage to direct you into the entrance.

We hope you also have the desire to be the Catholic man that God is calling you to be for your family and parish community. The area men who have put this concept together are eager to join you in developing our faith life as a fraternity of committed Catholic men. We are confident that our fraternity will help men grow in their faith and faithfulness to all who are important to them.

For more information, please contact Jeff Cassmeyer at 573-690-7546 or Mark Rehagen at 573-680-2520.
St. Joseph, Foster Father of the Son of God, pray for us

