

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

St. Cecilia
in Meta

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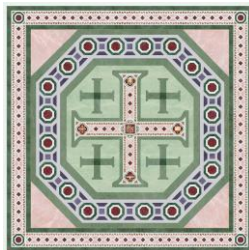
25TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

September 18, 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 18-25:

Monday 7:45 a.m. – No Mass
Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Teresa Kaiser
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – Mass of Thanksgiving
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – L&D Alex Heckman Family
Friday 7:45 a.m.- Shirley Luebbering
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes
Marilyn Herigon
Sunday 10:00 a.m. –Ben Engelmeyer

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2022-2023: \$305,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End: \$ 76,251.00
Actual Collection for 2022-2023: **\$ 66,317.22**
Offertory Difference Year to Date: \$ 9,933.78
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

September 4 \$ 7,429.01
September 11 \$ 5,584.76
September 18 \$
September 25 \$

Collection Online: \$ 5,849.50

September total to date: **\$18,863.27**

Difference for September -\$ 6,553.73

Church Renovation Capital Campaign

Total Pledges/Donations \$484,477.70

Total Collected \$442,004.14

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. 24 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Lisa Wieberg / Alanna

Sept. 25 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Anne Strobe / Jackie

Oct. 1 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kelsey Kliethermes / Jeanette

Oct. 2 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Judy Schroeder / Jackie

St. Thomas the Apostle Readers

Sept. 24 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – David Schroeder

Sept. 25 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Doug Luebbering

Oct. 1 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kathy Graessle

Oct. 2 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Ben Luebbering

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of September 18-25:

Wednesday 6:30 p.m.- Larry Bock

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Lawrence, Bernadine & Scott Otto

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2022-2023: \$65,000.00
Collection Total for 2022-2023: **\$12,722.00**
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,416.67

Collection in Church:

September 4 \$ 971.00
September 11 \$ 812.00
September 18 \$
September 25 \$

September total to date: **\$ 1,783.00**

Difference for September: -\$3,633.67

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. – Doris Stumpe

Sept. 25 8:00 a.m. – Doris Stumpe

Oct. 2 8:00 a.m. – Dominic Plassmeyer

St. Cecilia Organist

Sept. 25 8:00 a.m. – Lydia

Oct. 2 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

Sept. 24 Saturday 5:00p.m.- Mark Boessen & Tom Backes
Sept. 25 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Craig Buechter & Ryan Buschjost
Oct. 1 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Eric Strobe & Dave Luebbering
Oct. 2 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Josh Schroeder & Richard Heckemeyer
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. 24 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Marshall Boessen
Sept. 25 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jan Heckemeyer
Oct. 1 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Brenda Wansing
Oct. 2 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Janet Lueckenhoff

St. Thomas the Apostle Servers

Weekday – Annaline Schroeder & Stella Volmert
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
Oct. 1 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Gregory Kirby, Carmen Luebbering,
Miranda Meyer
Oct. 2 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Valerie & Zeke Verslues,
Isabella Luebbering

St. Thomas the Apostle Offertory Gifts

Sept. 24 Saturday, 5:00 p.m. – Alfred & Margie Kaiser
Sept. 25 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Brian & Katie Luebbering Fam.
Oct. 1 Saturday:00 p.m. – Ralph & Kathy Graessle
Oct. 2 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Rosalyn Wieberg, Cole, Cooper &
Sydney Peters

St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters

Sept. 25 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg
Oct. 2 – Dunja Wieberg & Jennifer Schroeder
Oct. 9 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman
Oct. 16 – Paul Becker & Shara Buechter
Oct. 23 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes

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

Sept. 25 Jenny Becker
Oct. 2 Karlie Reinkemeyer

Oct. 9 Lauri Luebbering
Oct. 16 Brooke Schell
Oct. 23 Dunja Wieberg

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 – Luminous Mysteries
Sunday 9:35 a.m. – Gilbert & Hermina Strobe – Luminous Mysteries

St. Thomas the Apostle Church Cleaners

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
Oct. 16: Brooke Schell, Tina Stockman, Gina Luebbering, Karen Luebbering

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. 22 – Jennifer Schroeder & Rachel Schulte **Thursday, Sept. 29-** Samantha Schulte & Elaine Sloan

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

THE ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH OFFICE will be closed Wednesday, September 21.

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.

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.

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.

St. Cecilia Eucharistic Ministers

Sept. 25 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dorothy Rehagen
Oct. 2 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Jennifer Even

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

Sept. 25 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Randy Hagenhoff, Kenny Otto,
Otto Wankum, Leonard Schulte
Oct. 2 Sunday 8:00 a.m.- Rick Kampeter, Tony Derkum,
William Derkum, Terry Libbert

St. Cecilia Servers

Sept. 25 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Natalee Derkum
Oct. 2 Sunday 8:00 a.m.- Henry & Annaline 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

Sept. 25 Sunday 8:00 a.m.- Family of Lawrence, Bernadine & Scott Otto

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Wednesday 6:05 p.m. –Dorothy Rehagen–Glorius Mysteries
Sept. 25 Sunday 7:35 a.m.– Cathy Borgmeyer
Luminous Mysteries
Oct. 2 Sunday 7:35 a.m.- Mary Plassmeyer
Glorious 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.

PASTORS MEDITATION: 25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: THE INTELLIGENCE OF THE DISCIPLE. (Am 8:4-7; I Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13) People work harder for earthly rewards that last for a few years than they do for heavenly ones that last forever. Today's readings remind us that we are God's stewards and God expects faithful and prudent stewardship from us. The readings challenge us to use our God-given talents and blessings like wealth, wisely to attain Heavenly bliss. In the first reading, Amos, the prophet of social justice, condemns the crooked business practices of the 8th century BC Jewish merchants of Judea and reminds the Israelites and us to be faithful to our Covenant with Yahweh the God of Justice. We need to practice justice and mercy to all as God's faithful stewards. Amos warns us also against setting making money by any means as the goal of our life. Today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 113) reminds us that the All-seeing God protects and cares for the poor. In the second reading, St. Paul instructs the first century Judeo-Christians to become true stewards of the Gospel of Jesus, the only mediator, by preaching the "Good News" to the pagans and by including them in intercessory prayers, too. Today's Gospel story tells us about the crooked, but resourceful manager and challenges us to use our blessings: time, talents, health and wealth wisely and justly so that they will serve us for our good in eternity. We use our earthly wealth wisely when we spend it for our own needs in moderation and when we love and help the needy around us, because these are the purposes for which God has entrusted more of His blessings to us.

Therefore friends, we need to be faithful in the little things of life: Let us remember Saint John Chrysostom's warning, "Faithfulness in little things is a big thing," and the reminder of St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa), "Do little things with great love." Hence, let us not ignore doing little things, like acknowledging a favor with a sincere "thank you," congratulating others for their success, sharing in their sorrows or offering them help and support in their needs. We need to use our spiritual resources wisely. The manager in Jesus' story used all his resources to secure his future. We must be no less resourceful. We have at our disposal the Holy Mass and the Seven Sacraments as sources of Divine grace, the Holy Bible as the word of God for daily meditation and practice, and the teaching authority of the Spirit-guided Church to direct us in our Christian life. We need to use these resources in such a way that it will be said of us, "And the master commended them because they acted so prudently." We need to be prepared to give an account of our stewardship. We insure our houses against fire, storms, flood and thieves, just as we insure our lives, buying life insurance, health insurance and car insurance. In the same way, let us "insure" ourselves (with God, not Prudential!) for the one thing that most certainly will happen, namely, our meeting God to give Him an account of our lives. What really matters, at that time of our Private Judgment by God, at the moment of our death is how wisely we have used our blessings during our life, lovingly and generously sharing them with others in need.

Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukiibi

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PPC MEETING is Tuesday, September 27, 7:00 p.m. in the school library.

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.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL NEWS:

October 3-7 – Achievement Testing Week (Grades 2-8)

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PRESCHOOL: If you have a child, ages 3 or 4 and have been thinking about preschool, please call Lizzie Linhardt, lilnhardt@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. 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
Week of Oct. 16	Paul & Jenny Becker, Eric Buechter, Josh Schroeder

LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING was held Monday, September 12 so there will be no meeting this week.

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).

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

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.

VISITATION PARISH FALL FESTIVAL, VIENNA is Sunday, September 25 serving sausage & chicken dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. \$15.00 per plate. Drive thru, carry out dinner with carry-out indoor and outdoor seating available.

OUR LADY, OF HELP OF CHRISTIANS PARISH FALL FESTIVAL, FRANKENSTEIN is Sunday, September 25 serving sausage, turkey dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Drive Thru and to go meals, \$15.00. Dessert & specialty items auction 3:30 pm.

ST. ALOYSIUS PARISH & ST. BONIFACE CHAPEL FALL FESTIVAL is Sunday, October 2, serving fried chicken dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the K of C Hall, Argyle. Limited dine in, drive thru or carry out, \$14.00 per plate. Entertainment 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

ST. GEORGE FALL FESTIVAL, LINN is Sunday, October 2, serving sausage & turkey with dressing dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. \$15.00 per meal ticket, (children 6-12 \$8.00 when dining in). Dine in and carry out. Dessert auction 4:00 p.m.

ST. ANDREW FALL FESTIVAL, HOLTS SUMMIT is Sunday, October 2, serving sausage & turkey with dressing dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Adults \$15.00, children 6-12 \$6.00. Quilt auction 4:30 p.m.

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

**St. Cecilia Church
Budget Summary
July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022**

Income:

General (Sunday Collections) (Includes Memorial Donations of \$6748.00)	\$	86,050.96
Special Income (Parish Center Rental, Misc)		0.00
Diocesan Collection Income		1,355.00
Universal Church Collection		966.23
Special Church Receipts		6,641.05
Regular Checking Interest		<u>42.92</u>

Total Income: \$ 95,056.16

Expenses:

Church & Rectory General		52,628.74
Church & Rectory Special		24,741.62
Religious Education (Tuition Paid)		10,669.08
Diocesan Collections		<u>1,615.00</u>

Total Expenses: \$ 89,654.44

Net Income \$5,401.72



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**

