

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

St. Cecilia
in Meta

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PO Box 146
St. Thomas, MO 65076

26TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

September 25, 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

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of September 25-October 2:

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Monday 7:45 a.m. – No Mass
Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Roman & Geneva Plassmeyer
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – Bernard & Betty Stegeman
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Ray, Marcella & Sam Herigon
Friday 7:45 a.m. - Gerald Luebbering
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes
L&D Gregory & Lucille Veit
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Ben, Jim & Butch Engelmeyer

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. - Marsha Meyer

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

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2022-2023: \$305,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End: \$ 76,251.00
Actual Collection for 2022-2023: **\$ 69,102.22**
Offertory Difference Year to Date: \$ 7,148.78
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2022-2023: \$65,000.00
Collection Total for 2022-2023: **\$13,469.00**
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,416.67

Collection in Church:

September 4 \$ 7,429.01
September 11 \$ 5,584.76
September 18 \$ 2,785.00
September 25 \$

Collection in Church:

September 4 \$ 971.00
September 11 \$ 812.00
September 18 \$ 747.00
September 25 \$

Collection Online: \$ 5,849.50

September total to date: **\$21,648.27**

Difference for September -\$ 3,768.73

September total to date: **\$ 2,530.00**

Difference for September: -\$2,886.67

Church Renovation Capital Campaign

Total Pledges/Donations \$484,477.70
Total Collected \$442,769.14
Total Expenses Paid \$699,195.95

A total of 129 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. Cecilia Collection Counters

September – Marie Lueckenotto & Pam Libbert

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

St. Thomas the Apostle Cantors / Organists

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

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

Oct. 8 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Amanda Wooten / Jackie

Oct. 9 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Josh Luebbering / Alanna

St. Cecilia Readers

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer

Oct. 2 8:00 a.m. – Dominic Plassmeyer

Oct. 9 8:00 a.m. – Betty Hagenhoff

St. Thomas the Apostle Readers

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

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

Oct. 8 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Bill Luebbering

Oct. 9 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Katie Luebbering

St. Cecilia Organist

Oct. 2 8:00 a.m. – Emilie

Oct. 9 8:00 a.m. – Jeanette

***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

Oct. 1 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Eric Strobe & Dave Luebbering
Oct. 2 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Josh Schroeder & Richard Heckemeyer
Oct. 8 Saturday 5:00p.m.-Gilbert Schellman & Richard Schellman
Oct. 9 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Alan Reinkemeyer & Doug Stockman
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. 1 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Brenda Wansing
Oct. 2 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Janet Lueckenhoff
Oct. 8 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Lora Boessen
Oct. 9 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Glenn Prenger

St. Thomas the Apostle Servers

Weekday – Bradyn Stegeman & Evelyn Wooten
Oct. 1 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ellie Boessen, Carmen Luebbering,
Miranda Meyer
Oct. 2 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Valerie & Zeke Verslues,
Gregory Kirby, Isabella Luebbering
Oct. 8 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Gregory Kirby, Ava Buschjost,
Evelyn Wooten
Oct. 9 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Fayeth Prenger, Kora Luebbering,
Victoria Wieberg

St. Thomas the Apostle Offertory Gifts

Oct. 1 Saturday:00 p.m. – Ralph & Kathy Graessle
Oct. 2 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Rosalyn Wieberg, Cole, Cooper &
Sydney Peters
Oct. 8 Saturday, 5:00 p.m. – Mark & Lora Boessen
Oct. 9 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Ray & Shirley Volmert

St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters

Oct. 2 – Dunja Wieberg & Jennifer Schroeder
Oct. 9 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman
Oct. 16 – Paul Becker & Shara Buechter
Oct. 23 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes
Oct. 30 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg

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

Oct. 2 Karlie Maasen
Oct. 9 Lauri Luebbering
Oct. 16 Brooke Schell
Oct. 23 Dunja Wieberg
Oct. 30 Jenny Becker

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. 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
Oct. 23: 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, Sept. 29- Samantha Schulte & Elaine Sloan **Thursday, Oct. 6** – Nikki Stewart & Tina Stockman

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

A NOTE OF THANKS!

It is with heartfelt gratitude that we say "THANK YOU" to the dedicated firefighters of the Cole County & Osage Fire Protection Districts & EMS personnel who responded to the August 30 barn/hay fire on our farm. THANK YOU also to those who provided food and drinks for the responders and our family. To a farmer this is a huge loss but we have been blessed a hundredfold from family, neighbors, friends, the St Thomas School children, their families and those in surrounding communities. There have been offers of hay, prayers and support in every way possible!!! We are very fortunate to live in a faith based rural area and have seen firsthand that people DO CARE about others!! Again, "THANK YOU"!!!! May God bless each of you!

Harold & Donna Luebbering, Anthony Luebbering, Pat & Lynn Taggart

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

Oct. 2 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Jennifer Even
Oct. 9 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Betty Hagenhoff

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

Oct. 2 Sunday 8:00 a.m.- Rick Kampeter, Tony Derkum,
William Derkum, Terry Libbert
Oct. 9 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Harold Libbert, Leon Schanzmeyer,
Darin Even, Mitch Stumpe

St. Cecilia Servers

Oct. 2 Sunday 8:00 a.m.- Henry & Annaline Schroeder
Oct. 9 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Shelby & Madison Wankum
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

Oct. 2 Sunday 8:00 a.m.- Family of Phil & David Graessle

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Wednesday 6:05 p.m. –Cathy Borgmeyer–Glorius Mysteries
Glorious Mysteries
Oct. 2 Sunday 7:35 a.m.- Mary Plassmeyer –
Luminous Mysteries
Oct. 9 Sunday 7:35 a.m.– Dorothy Rehagen
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.

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.

HOLY HOUR is Friday, September 30, 7:00 p.m. St. Cecilia Church.

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.

STEWARDSHIP: The Stewardship Bootcamp Presentation that Fr. Jones talked about on Tuesday, September 13 can be found on the Parish Website on the home page. <http://www.stthomasapostle.net/>

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: 26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: WE ARE OUR BROTHERS' AND SISTERS' KEEPER. (Am 6:1a, 4-7; 1Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31) The main theme of this Sunday's readings is the warning that the selfish and extravagant use of God's blessings, like wealth, without sharing them with the poor and the needy is a serious sin deserving eternal punishment. The readings stress the Covenant responsibility of the rich for the poor, reminding us of the truth that wealth without active mercy for the poor is great wickedness. It warns us against making money the goal of our existence. Amos, in the first reading, issues a powerful warning to those who seek wealth at the expense of the poor and who spend their time and their money on themselves alone. He prophesies that those rich and self-indulgent people will be punished by God with exile because they don't care for their poor and suffering brothers. The Responsorial Psalm (Ps 146) praises Yahweh, who cares for the poor. In the second reading, Paul admonishes us to "pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience and gentleness", these should be our noble goals in an age of disillusionment rather than riches. In today's Gospel, Jesus gives us a warning, pointing to the destiny of the rich man who neglected his duty to show mercy to poor Lazarus. The rich man was punished, not for having riches, but for neglecting the Scriptures and what they taught on sharing his blessings with the poor. Friends, we are all rich enough to share our blessings with others. God has blessed each one of us with wealth or health or special talents or social power or political influence or a combination of many blessings. The parable invites us to share what we have been given with others in various ways instead of using everything exclusively for selfish gains. We need to remember that sharing is the criterion of Last Judgment: Matthew (25:31ff) tells us that all six questions to be asked of each one of us by Jesus when He comes in glory as our judge are based on how we have shared our blessings from him (food, drink, home, mercy and compassion), with our brothers and sisters, anyone in need, for Jesus identifies himself with each of them.

We need to treat the unborn as our brother/sister Lazarus. Lazarus in the 21st century is also our pre-born brother and sister. Many of these babies are brutally executed in their mother's wombs. Their cries for a chance to live are rejected 4400 times a day in our country. The rich man was condemned for not treating Lazarus as his brother. We also will be condemned for our selfishness if we do not treat the preborn as our brothers and sisters.

Our choices here determine the kind of eternity we will have. It has been put this way: "Where we go hereafter depends on what we 'go after,' here!" Where we will arrive depends on what road we travel. We will get what we choose, what we live for. We are shaping our moral character to fit forever in one of two places. ***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 PARISH: Starting October 5, 2022 on the first Wednesday of each month, St. Cecilia Parish will have the PSR Students participate in Mass. Their participation will include the readings, serving, offertory, etc. Mass time is scheduled at 6:30 p.m. The first Wednesday, October 5, 2022 will be the 6th and 7th grade students participating in the Mass. After the October Mass, one of the other PSR classes will be participating. Cathy Borgmeyer will be coordinating the schedule with the PSR Teachers. This will be a great opportunity to have the students participate in Mass and especially since the Mass size is small on Wednesday evenings. It is also encouraged for the parents to come to this Mass too.

A ROSARY FOR OUR COUNTRY is Tuesday, October 4, 5:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

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, lilinhart@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!

CALLING ALL CURSILLISTAS! Please mark your calendars for Thursday, October 6 for our Mid-Missouri Ultreya hosted by Our Lady of Lourdes Men's Saturday morning Small Group Reunion. We will begin with a potluck dinner at 6:30pm. Drinks and table service will be provided. The Ultreya will start at 7:00 p.m., both in Flanagan Hall at Our Lady of Lourdes, Columbia. Contact Marcia Doll with any questions at 573-999-5066.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE GRASS CUTTING ROTATION:

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
Week of Oct. 23	Mark Luebbering, Nick Luebbering and Anthony Luebbering, Jason Otto

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

META CITIZENS CIVIC LEAGUE: The September monthly meeting will be held on September 26 at 7:00 pm.

HELIAS LADY KNIGHTS BASKETBALL TRYOUTS GRADES 5-8, October 16-18, Helias Catholic High School Auxiliary Gym & Field house Sunday, October 16 skills Development 4-6 p.m. 5th & 6th graders, 6-8 p.m. 7th & 8th graders. Monday, October 17 Tryouts, 4-6 p.m. 5th & 6th graders, 6-8 p.m. 7th & 8th graders, Tuesday, October 18, Tryouts, 5-6:15 p.m. 5th & 6th Graders, 6:30-8:00 p.m. 7th & 8th graders. To register, please email ladyknightshoopshchs@gmail.com For questions, please contact Garrett Wiggins, gwiggins@heliascatholic.com

OSAGE SENIOR CENTER: Osage Senior Center – The Osage Senior Center, located in Wardsville, MO, is looking for interested seniors to fill possible vacancies and/or be placed on the wait list. If you are interested or know people who may be interested, call (573) 632-2712 and leave a message and our manager will call you back. Thank you.

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.

GUARDIAN ANGELS PARISH FALL DINNER, BRINKTOWN is Sunday, October 9, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. serving sausage, fried Chicken dinners at \$15 per plate. This will be a Drive-Thru and Carry Out Dinner with indoor and outdoor seating available, Quilt & Dessert Auction at 2:30 p.m.

ST. GEORGE PARISH FALL DINNER, HERMANN is Sunday, October 9 serving sausage & turkey dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Adults \$15, children 6-10 \$5. Carry-outs available, please call 573-486-2564. Polka Mass at 10:30 a.m.

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

