

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

St. Cecilia
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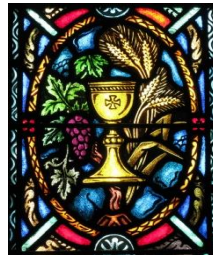
26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

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St. Thomas Parish Office hours: Wednesdays 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.; Thursdays 8:30 to 11:30 a.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.; 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 Sept. 26-Oct. 3:

WEEKDAY MORNING MASSES IN PARISH CENTER

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Roman & Geneva Plassmeyer

Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – Bernard & Betty Stegeman

Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Herb & Imogene Volmert

Friday 7:45 a.m. – Curt Stockman

WEEKEND MASSES IN ST. CECILIA CHURCH

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Tom & Clara Schmidt

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – People of our Parishes

Alice Stroyick

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2021-2022: \$305,000.00

Offertory Goal through Month End: \$ 76,251.00

Actual Collection for 2021-2022: **\$ 67,220.00**

Offertory Difference Year to Date: –\$ 9,031.00

Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

September 5 \$ 4,951.00

September 12 \$ 4,332.00

September 19 \$ 6,451.00

September 26 \$

Collection Online: \$ 6,427.00

September total to date: **\$22,161.00**

Difference for September: –\$ 3,256.00

Church Renovation Capital Campaign

Total Pledges/Donations \$233,864.01

Total Collected \$140,073.01

St. Thomas the Apostle Cantors / Organists

WEEKEND MASSES IN ST. CECILIA CHURCH

Oct. 2 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mary Kay Brand / Jackie

Oct. 3 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Doug Luebbering / Jackie

Oct. 9 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kerry Meyer / Jeannette

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

St. Thomas the Apostle & St. Cecilia Readers

WEEKEND MASSES IN ST. CECILIA CHURCH

Oct. 2 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Dorothy Rehagen

Oct. 3 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jan Heckemeyer

Oct. 9 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Amanda Wooten

Oct. 10 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Richard Heckemeyer

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of Sept. 26-Oct. 3:

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Edmond Lueckenotto

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Tom Kleffner

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2021-2022: \$62,000.00

Collection Total for 2021-2022: **\$13,449.07**

Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,166.67

Collection in Church:

September 5 \$ 1,445.00

September 12 \$ 716.82

September 19 \$ 1,090.25

September 26 \$

September total to date: **\$ 3,252.07**

Difference for September –\$ 1,914.60

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

October – Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer

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

St. Cecilia Reader

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Doris Stumpe

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic Plassmeyer

**IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO FULFILL YOUR
LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENT, PLEASE FIND A
REPLACEMENT. YOUR FELLOW
PARISHIONERS THANK YOU!**

St. Thomas the Apostle & St. Cecilia Ushers

WEEKEND MASSES IN ST. CECILIA CHURCH

Oct. 2 Sat. 5:00 p.m. – Eric Strobe & Dave Luebbering
Oct. 3 Sun. 10:00 a.m. – Doug Stockman & TJ Loethen
Oct. 9 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Joe Buschjost & Fred Luebbering
Oct. 10 Sun. 10:00 a.m. – Mattheuw Prenger & Keith Kliethermes

St. Thomas the Apostle & St. Cecilia Eucharistic Ministers

MASSES IN ST. CECILIA CHURCH

Oct. 2 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Barb Graessle
Oct. 3 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jan Heckemeyer
Oct. 9 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Lora Boessen
Oct. 10 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Richard Heckemeyer

St. Thomas the Apostle Servers

WEEKEND MASSES IN ST. CECILIA CHURCH

Oct. 2 Saturday 5:00 p.m. -
Oct. 3 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Klint & Kora Luebbering
Oct. 9 Saturday 5:00 p.m. -
Oct. 10 Sun. 10:00 a.m. – Miranda Meyer & Francie Tallent

St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters

Oct. 3 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg
Oct. 10 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman

Oct. 17 - Jennifer Schroeder & Dunja Wieberg
Oct. 24 – Paul Becker & Shara Buechter
Oct. 31 - Keith & Jean Kliethermes

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas :

WEEKDAY MASSES IN ST. THOMAS PARISH CENTER

Tuesday, 7:20 a.m. – Joann Heckman – Sorrowful Mysteries
Wednesday 7:20 a.m. – Bob Schellman – Glorious Mysteries
Thursday 7:20 a.m. – Gilbert & Hermina – Luminous Mysteries
Friday 7:20 a.m. – Bob Schellman Sorrowful Mysteries

WEEKEND MASSES IN ST. CECILIA CHURCH

Saturday 4:35 p.m. – Dale Herigon – Glorious Mysteries
Sunday 9:35 a.m. – Tina Stockman – Glorious Mysteries

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 hours.

Thursday, Sept. 30 – Linda Lackman & Jessi Lackman **Thursday, Oct. 7** – Lisa Lackman & Nancy Libbert
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: 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 ***Emberlin Paisley Hoffman***, daughter of Dewight & Amy Hoffman who became a child of God through baptism this weekend in St. Cecilia Church.

CONGRATULATIONS to ***Weston Jay Otto***, son of Shannon & Austin Otto who became a child of God through baptism this weekend in St. Cecilia Church.

BULLETIN NOTICES: Deadline for bulletin notices is noon on Wednesday's.

ST. CECILIA PRAYER LINE REQUESTS can be made by calling Marie Lueckenotto at 573-229-4336.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH WEEKLY BULLETINS may be found in St. Cecilia Church, Web page, St. Thomas Vitae House on front porch or school when in session.

OCTOBER COUNT, ATTENTION USHERS: The Diocese has involved itself in a common pastoral practice across the United States known as the 'October Count.' The month of October provides a time when attendance is a good indicator of average attendance. This year it is the First Four Weekends and will begin October 2-3. This is a practical tool for pastoral planning. **USHERS,** please count all people (including children and infants) who enter into the Church at each Mass for the month with the count ending at or about the First Reading. In smaller Churches it may be simpler for the ushers to make the count during the homily. Also, please remember to count all ministers who serve at the Altar as well. The form to fill out is in the back of St. Cecilia Church on table to the right.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: Thank you to the 44 parishioners who have pledged money towards our renovation and those who have made donations! We are 50% of the way to meet our goal. While much has changed since the Church was officially dedicated in 1884, the one thing that members of the community have been able to consistently rely on for nearly 137 years has been the parish home of St. Thomas the Apostle Church. This is a very exciting time to be a member of the St. Thomas the Apostle Parish since we are making history in preserving our Church. We ask everyone to pray for a successful renovation and to please consider making a pledge or donation towards this effort. The deadline for our capital campaign has been extended to November 15, 2021. Gentle reminders will be sent out to our parish families soon since we understand the hectic times we live in. If anyone has a family member or friend who may be interested in making a donation, please let us know by calling or texting Lauri Luebbering at 573-619-6090 or by calling the Parish Office and we will gladly send out a letter informing them of our project. Payments can be made by going to the "Renovation" link on the Parish website for PayPal donations and ACH debit sign up, or by using the yellow "Building Expansion & Renovation" church envelopes. You can also mail checks directly to St. Thomas the Apostle Church, PO Box 146, St. Thomas MO., 65076. While we give thanks for our forefathers, we also thank you for also enduring difficult and challenging times to continuously support the St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

St. Cecilia & St. Thomas the Apostle Eucharistic Minister

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Betty Hagenhoff

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Larry Lueckenotto & Mitch Stumpe

St. Cecilia Servers

Sunday 8:00 a.m. –

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Wednesday–6:05 p.m. – Margaret Brune – Glorious Mysteries
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.

St. Thomas the Apostle & St. Cecilia Offertory

WEEKEND MASSES IN ST. CECILIA CHURCH

Oct. 2 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Gilbert & Betty Schellman
Oct. 3 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Allan & Lynne Reinkemeyer
Oct. 9 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Alfred & Margie Kaiser
Oct. 10 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Keith & Jean Kliethermes

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH RENOVATION UPDATE: Pictures and videos of our renovation will be continuously published on the St. Thomas the Apostle Facebook page and our parish website www.stthomasapostle.net. Check it out!

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 AND ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SERVERS TRAINING (FROM FR. LEONARD) after the Sunday Masses on September 26 (beginners), their parents shall wait on them and the practice should last 30 minutes after greeting the people.

BISHOP MCKNIGHT'S SEPTEMBER PRAYER INTENTION: For a greater appreciation for the gift of friendship; that bonds of friendship may strengthen our resolve to be a people of communion in divisive times.

PASTORS MEDITATION: 26th Sunday in ordinary time, year B: WHO IS FOR JESUS: (Nm 11:25-29; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48) Today's Scripture readings give us a strong warning against jealousy, intolerance and scandal.

In the first reading, we find jealousy, in its destructive form of envy, raising its ugly head in Moses' assistant and successor, Joshua. Moses and seventy future helpers were called by the Lord God to the Tent of Meeting for the Spirit-giving Ordination ceremony. But two of the invitees were absent, and Joshua could not tolerate these absent men prophesying in the camp without receiving God's Spirit in the Tent of Meeting. Moses had to instruct Joshua to be tolerant. This passage is intended to provide a Biblical background for Jesus' response to the same kind of jealousy apparent in the apostles.

Today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 19), "The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart," reminds us that obedience to the spirit of the Law will draw us closer to God and so give us lasting joy. In the second reading, James warns the rich against giving scandal by their denial of social justice to their workers in refusing to give them a living wage, by ignoring the needs of others, and by condemning and murdering the innocent and the righteous. Withholding a day-laborer's wage was a terrible act of injustice, tantamount to murder in the agricultural economy of the ancient Middle East. Baptism commits every Christian to work for social justice through peaceable, rather than violent means. In the Gospel, we find intolerance among the apostles of Christ. John complains to Jesus that a man outside their group of selected disciples has been exorcising demons in Jesus' Name, despite their attempt to prevent him from doing so. Jesus responds by giving the Apostles lessons in Jesus' own kind of tolerance and in the reward to be given to outsiders for good deeds they have done for the apostles because they are the disciples of Jesus. We also hear the strong warning of Jesus against giving scandal especially to innocent children, to vulnerable members of the community and to beginners in the Faith. Jesus instructs the Apostles and us, that, just as a doctor might remove by surgery a limb or some part of the body to preserve the life of the whole body, so we must be ready to part with anything that causes us or others to sin and which leads to spiritual death.

Therefore friends let us avoid conduct that can lead to scandal. We give scandal and become stumbling blocks to others: a) when we are unkind or unjust in our treatment of them, b) when we humiliate them by hurting their pride and damaging their self-image, c) when we discourage, ignore, or refuse to accept them and d) when we become judgmental of those who are still struggling to reach a level of commitment that we feel is too low to be useful.

Let us learn the Christian virtue of tolerance, Christian tolerance asks that we bear with the weaknesses of others (without condoning the evil they do) by, a) remaining true to our conscience and beliefs, b) respecting the differences we encounter, c) working together on projects of common interest, d) affirming what is good in the other person's position, even when we disagree on certain things, and e) allowing the light of Christ to shine through our loving words and deeds.

Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukibi

CONFIRMATION – ST. CECILIA & ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE: Confirmation will be for 7th, 8th, and 9th grade students this year. Students attending St. Thomas the Apostle School will have confirmation preparation during their school religion classes. All other students from both parishes will have confirmation class on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. A sign-up sheet will be in the back of Church for all students attending the Wednesday evening classes or you can text the information to Jennifer Even at 573-680-6945 (student name and grade, parent name, e-mail). The first class will be Wednesday, October 6 at St. Cecilia parish center. Classes will alternate each month between St. Cecilia parish center and St. Thomas KC Hall. More information will be sent to students and parents based on who signs up for class.

RELIGION CLASSES – ST. CECILIA: Religion classes for 1st through 6th grade are planned to start on Wednesday, September 29, at 7:00 p.m. 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.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING is Tuesday, Sept. 28, 7:00 p.m. in the school library.

ST. THOMAS SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING is Tuesday, September 28, 6:00 p.m. in the school library.

THE MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION is Tuesday, September 28, 7:00 p.m. Vitae House, St. Thomas.

PRAYER HOUR is Friday, October 1, 7:00 p.m. St. Cecilia Church.

ROSARY COAST TO COAST SUNDAY OCTOBER 10: Join fellow parishioners from the mid-Missouri area in praying the Glorious mysteries of the Rosary at the State Capitol at 3:00 pm on Sunday, Oct 10. This rosary is part of the Rosary Coast to Coast campaign. The intention is for support of life from conception to natural death and the sanctity of marriage and family. Meet in front of St. Peter Church in Jefferson City to begin the walk around the Capitol. If you are not able to travel to the Capitol, please join us in Church at St. Cecilia or at the Parish Center in St. Thomas to pray the rosary together or in your home at 3:00 p.m. Call Janet Lueckenhoff with questions 573-690-5682.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL NEWS! UPCOMING EVENTS! October 4-8 – Achievement Testing week
Thursday, October 7 – Early release 12:50 car riders, 1:00 p.m. bus riders

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PRESCHOOL: If you have a child ages 3 or 4 and have been thinking about preschool, please call Lizzie Linhardt 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.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE AND ST. CECILIA PARISHIONERS – VIRTUS/SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING: The Safe Environment Policy of the Diocese of Jefferson City requires Employees, Clergy, Religious, Seminarians, Deacons and Volunteers in the Church to be compliant with Safe Environment Regulations. The volunteers include those who work with

minors and/or who participate in any ministry in the church (Greeters/Ushers, Lectors, Eucharist Ministers, Choir/Canters), working at parish fundraisers and all parents of students attending St. Thomas the Apostle Parish. Information may be found on our parish websites under Resources, Resources Home, and Safe Environment. Please follow the steps

This is MANDATORY, effective August 1, 2021

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the parish or school office. **Remember**, it is important that we comply with the Diocesan Policy for Safe Environment and the Diocese will be coming in September to conduct a **Safe Environment Audit**.

Safe Environment Instructions - For First Time Registrants - Volunteering with Minors

Go to www.virtusonline.org website. Click on the "First Time Registrant" button and enter your profile information.

It is vital this information remains current, ESPECIALLY your email address. Your email address is how the system will communicate with you in the future.

Next, sign up for a Protecting God's Children workshop. This workshop may be done online or in person (if offered) and only needs to be completed one time. However, if you choose the online version, you MUST commit to the entire two hours required. If you leave the workshop prior to completion, you may have difficulty resuming.

Next, you will be prompted to read the "Code of Conduct" form (which you will sign electronically).

Within one day of completing the training, the Office of Child and Youth Protection will approve your account. At this time you will receive an email from Virtus stating to log into your account to complete the background check screening process.

If you have used the site in the past and simply don't remember your information, we can help you find your information and give you a chance to update the system.

THE ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH GROUNDS "GRASS CUTTING TEAM ROTATION" FOR THE UPCOMING WEEKS:

It is once again time for care and maintenance of the parish property. Many thanks to all those who volunteer their time and effort to keep our parish property looking nice. The following dates are assigned for grass cutting.

Week of September 26	Richard Schellman, Pat Schellman and Paul Struempfler
Week of October 3	Alan Reinkemeyer, Richard Heckemeyer and Dave Schroeder
Week of October 10	Mark Luebbering, Antone Luebbering and Nick Luebbering

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Becoming a Knight of Columbus can transform your life. As a Knight, you have the opportunity to support our parishes and communities, and to grow in your faith. You can also gain access to top-rated insurance programs to protect your family. Plus, you are joining a band of brothers, a network of men in communities around the world dedicated to doing good in the service of God and our neighbors. As Pope St. John Paul II said: "The Knights of Columbus is the strong right arm of the Catholic Church." If you would like more information or to join, please contact Jeff Cassmeyer at (573) 690-7546.

THE SEPTEMBER MONTHLY MEETING of the Citizens Civic League will be held on September 27 at 7:00 p.m.

CURSILLO WEEKENDS COMING SOON! Please note the fall men and women's Cursillo Weekends are quickly approaching. Men's Weekend will be Sept 30-Oct 3 and the Women's will be Nov 4-7. Both to be held in Moberly. Please get those applications in asap. For more information please see your parish contact or call Marcia Doll at 573-999-5066.

MARIAN CONFERENCE ST. JOSEPH CHURCH, WESTPHALIA: Please join us for a FREE two-day Marian Conference at St. Joseph Church in Westphalia on November 12&13. For more information on registration & for an event flyer, please visit our website at www.stjosephwestphalia.org

OUR LADY OF HELP OF CHRISTIANS PARISH, FRANKENSTEIN is Sunday, September 26 serving sausage dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Drive thru and to go meals \$12.00, covered pavilion seating. Dessert & Specialty items auction 3:30 p.m.

VISITATION PARISH FALL FESTIVAL, VIENNA is Sunday, September 26, serving sausage & fried chicken dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall. This will be a drive-thru & carry out dinner with carry out indoor & outdoor seating available. \$14.00 per plate.

ASSUMPTION PARISH FALL DINNER, MORRISON is Sunday, October 3, ½ chicken dinners from 11:00 -4:00 p.m. Adults \$12, children 6-12 \$5.00. Drive through or limited outdoor dining. Order ahead 573-294-7275.

St. Thomas the Apostle Church- Budget Summary- July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021

Income	
General (Sunday collections, fundraisers, gifts from benefactors)	\$ 438,248.66
(Includes net income from Picnic \$64,293.20, Winter Fantasy \$24,320.86 and BBQ Dinner \$4,888.01)	
Special (Includes Building & Improvement Fund contributions)	\$ 191,573.76
Diocesan collections	\$ 9,039.00
Universal Church collections	\$ 5,157.38
Parish School (includes grants and gifts from benefactors)	\$ 391,689.73
Pre-School	<u>\$ 62,938.95</u>
Total Income	<u>\$1,098,647.48</u>
Expenses	
Church & Rectory General	\$ 129,732.77
(Includes \$5,804.26 for Rectory deck replacement, and \$12,800 for Church bell tower stairs)	
Church & Rectory Special (loan payment, improvement projects including \$6,577.00 for church renovation)	\$ 128,722.10
Diocesan collections	\$ 10,041.00
Universal Church collections	\$ 5,227.38
Parish School	\$ 651,895.24
(Includes \$69,402.50 for school tuckpointing/waterproofing, and \$43,495.52 for technology improvements funded by grants)	
Pre-School	\$ 72,750.15
Religious Education (PSR)	\$ 4,187.79
Vitae House	\$ 2,954.31
Parish Center (Includes \$5,160.00 for new A/C unit, and \$6,860.00 for ovens)	<u>\$ 58,792.92</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$1,064,303.66</u>
Net Income (Loss)	<u>\$ 34,343.82</u>

