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**The Roman Catholic Parishes of**

 **St. Thomas the Apostle St. Cecilia**

 in St. Thomas in Meta

*www.stthomasapostleschool.net*

**PO Box 146**

**St. Thomas, MO 65076**

**23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**September 8, 2019**



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St. Thomas Parish Office hours: Tuesdays 8:30 a.m. – 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 8-15:

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Francis Wescott

Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – Joe & Teresa Kaiser

Thursday 7:45 a.m. – L & D Herman Heckman Family

Friday 7:45 a.m.– Jeremy Luebbering

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Donald Schaefer

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

**Your Sunday Offering:**

Offertory Budget for 2019-2020: $305,000.00

Offertory Goal through Month End: $ 76,251.00

Actual Collection for 2019-2020: **$ 52,625.45**

Offertory Difference Year to Date: – $ 23,625.55

Offertory Goal per month: $ 25,417.00

**Collection in Church:**

September 1 $ 4,266.00

September 8 $

September 15 $

September 22 $

September 29 $

**Collection Online:** $ 4,842.00

**September total to date: $ 9,108.00**

Difference for September: -$ 16,309.00

**St. Thomas the Apostle Expansion & Building Fund**

Total Expansion Project expenses paid: $2,273,475.34

Income from parishioners for FY 2019-2020

 (via the yellow “Building Fund” envelope): **$ 4,732.25**

Loan payments to date for FY 2019-2020: **$9,227.74**

(Principal $7,942.19 Interest $1,285.55)

Parish Building Expansion Debt remaining: **$192,796.66**

**St. Cecilia Reader**

Wednesday 6:30 p.m**.** – Dorothy Rehagen

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Don Wansing

**St. Cecilia Altar Servers**

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Melina Derkum & Natalie Derkum

***If you are not able to fulfill your liturgical assignment, please find a replacement. Your fellow parishioners thank you!***

**St. Thomas the Apostle Cantor / Organist**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Jean Kliethermes / Jackie Prenger

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Judy Schroeder / Annette Kehner

St. Thomas the Apostle Reader

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kathy Graessle

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Alan Reinkemeyer

**St. Thomas the Apostle Altar Servers**

Weekday – Ava Morris & Annaline Schroeder

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Dawson Wieberg,

Lilly Schulte, Owen Schellman

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Isaac & Ava Rackers,

Abigail & Valerie Verslues

 St. Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of September 8-15:

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Lawrence “Dick” Rehagen

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – William “Bill” & Hilda Wieberg

**Your Sunday Offering:**

Offertory Budget for 2019-2020: $62,000.00

Collection Total for 2019-2020: **$ 9,822.00**

Offertory Goal per month: $ 5,166.67

**Collection in Church:**

September 1 $ 955.00

September 8 $

September 15 $

September 22 $

September 29 $

**September total to date: $ 955.00**

Difference for September: -$ 4,211.67

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

September – Marie Lueckenotto & Pam Libbert

***Please remember your parish in your***

***last will & testament***

**St. Thomas Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

**September 14-15**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. –Paul & Jenny Becker, Marshall Boessen

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Rob Henson, Rosalyn Wieberg, Emily Luebbering

**September 21-22**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mike & Trish Green, Betty Schellman

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Richard & Jan Heckemeyer, Janet Lueckenhoff

**St. Thomas Greeters/Ushers**

**September 14-15**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Fred Luebbering & Carolyn Loethen

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Keith Kliethermes & Mike Buschjost

**September 21-22**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark Boessen & Mike Groner

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Tom Backes & Ryan Buschjost

**St. Thomas Presentation of Gifts at Mass**

September 14-15

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark & Lauri Luebbering

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Bill & Betty Jo Luebbering

September 21-22

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ralph & Kathy Graessle

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Cash McManus & Mary Engelmeyer

St. Thomas Collection Counters

September 15 – Jennifer Schroeder & Dunja Wieberg

September 22 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman

September 29 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg

**St. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

**September 15**

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Doris Stumpe. Jennifer Even,

Betty Hagenhoff

**September 22**

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dorothy Rehagen, Pam Libbert, Doris Stumpe

**St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers**

**September 15**

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Harold Libbert, Anton Libbert,

Terry Libbert, Tony Derkum

September 22

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Leon Schanzmeyer, Kenny Otto,

Larry Lueckenotto, Mitch Stumpe

**Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia**

Wednesday, 6:05 p.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer – Glorious

Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Mary Plassmeyer - Sorrowful

**VOTIVE CANDLES:** The requested donation for lighting a votive candle in church is **$2.50.**

**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.

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

Tuesday 7:20 a.m. – Joann Heckman - Sorrowful

Wednesday 7:20 a.m. – Pat Loethen - Glorious

Thursday 7:20 a.m. – Viola Boessen – Luminous

Friday 7:20 a.m. – Gilbert & Hermina Strope - Sorrowful

Saturday 4:35 p.m. – Barb Graessle – Sorrowful

Sunday 9:35 a.m. – Pat Loethen– Sorrowful

**SNACKS FOR QUILTERS:**

Thursday, Sept. 12 – Renee Luebbering & Kristi Luebbering Thursday, Sept. 19 – Michelle Luebbering & Betty Ann Luebbering

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 Strope at 573-477-3349.

**SCRIP: September 14 & 15** Saturday – Amy LuebberingSunday 10:00 a.m. –Sara Otto

Visit *www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip* for more information about the Scrip program. Scrip is available after every other weekend Mass in St. Thomas during the Summer. You can contact Daffiny Tallent at 573-694-4408 to purchase anytime. A large variety of cards in various denominations are in stock and available for purchase.

**BISHOP MCKNIGHT’S SEPTEMBER PRAYER INTENTION**: For first responders; that God’s Holy Angels may watch over and protect those who place themselves in harm’s way to serve their neighbors.

**PASTOR’S MEDITATION:** MEANING DISCIPLESHIP – The word of God this week challenges us to the true Christian discipleship of total commitment to the will of God, putting God first in our lives. We need to accept the challenge of Christian discipleship with heroic commitment and practice it, by daily recharging our spiritual batteries through prayer, (i.e., by talking to God, and by listening to Him through the meditative reading and study of the Bible; by sharing in God’s life through frequent and active participation in the Eucharistic celebration; by practicing the spirit of detachment and the renunciation of evil habits; by giving our time, talents and resources generously, for the Lord’s work in the Church universal, and especially in our parish community, relying on the guidance of the Holy Spirit; by loving all God’s children, especially the less fortunate ones, through humble and selfless acts of kindness, mercy, forgiveness and service; by showing true commitment to the obligations and duties entrusted to us by our vocation in life and our profession, like fidelity in marriage and firm adherence to justice in our living and profession).

We take this prayerful moment to pray for our deceased brothers and sisters that were devastated in the September 11th tragedy especially those who portrayed true discipleship and died while trying to save others, like the firefighters, police officers, and emergency medical technicians. May God reward them for true discipleship. ***Fr. Leonard Mukiibi***

**BULLETIN NOTICES:** Deadline for bulletin notices is noon on Wednesdays.

**LECTORS:** Please come to the podium to read the petitions as soon as the Apostles Creed is over.

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Please return the chalices to the altar when finished so Fr. Leonard can purify them.

**ST. CECILIA PARISHIONERS** – Fr. Leonard will be at the St. Cecilia Parish office (rectory) and be available to parishioners on Wednesdays from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m., or by appointment by calling 573-999-9927. Confession hours at St. Cecilia are Wednesdays from 5:00 - 6:15 p.m. and Sundays from 7:00 – 7:45 a.m., or by appointment.

**ST. CECILIA PRAYER LINE REQUESTS** can be made by calling Florentine Hagenhoff at 573-298-2372. Please leave a message if no answer. Additional Prayer Line Ministers are needed. For more information, please call Florentine**.**

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PRAYER LINE REQUESTS** should be emailed to Jenny Becker at *jbeckeroffice@gmail.com* or by calling (573) 690-0642. The Prayer Line exists to communicate prayer intentions for those in need of healing.

**150th HERITAGE CELEBRATION – LOOKING FOR VINTAGE QUILTS**  for the Heritage Celebration quilt show. If you have any vintage quilts to display, please bring to the Parish Hall quilting room before noon on September 22, or call Lucy Suthoff at 573-477-3430 or Pat Kaiser at 573-690-8469. Please attach a brief history of the quilt, along with your name.

**150th HERITAGE CELEBRATION (OCT. 6, 2019) – HISTORICAL MUSEUM ITEMS NEEDED** – One of the first table displays in our museum will feature items original to St. Thomas Church. We are looking for items that were once part of the St. Thomas Church décor. A number of years ago, many old church items native to our church were made available to parishioners. If you were one of the families to receive any of these church items, we are asking you to allow us to display them for one day in our historical museum. For your privacy and security, we will not indicate who the items currently belong to. These items could include candlestick holders, missal stands, sanctuary lamps, candelabras, altar and side altar crosses, altar linens, missals and other church prayer books, holy water sprinklers, statues, etc. Please contact Bill Boessen (477-3384) with any items that you wish to provide for display in the museum. Thank you.

**SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE MEETING** is Wednesday, September 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the School library.

**MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION** is Tuesday, September 10, 7:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

**GRANDPARENTS’ DAY** will be celebrated on Friday, September 13. Grandparents & great grandparents are invited to meet us in the main hallway of St. Thomas the Apostle School at 7:30 a.m. and then walk together to Mass at 7:45 a.m. We will enjoy refreshments in the gym after Mass and then briefly visit classrooms. We should wrap things up around 9:15 a.m. Families are welcome to send an aunt, uncle or “family representative” if grandparents are not able to attend.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS:**

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

Friday, September 13 – Mid–Quarter, Grandparents’ Day

Monday, September 16 – NO SCHOOL – K -8, Diocesan Profession Day

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PRESCHOOL:** If you have a preschool age child and have been thinking about preschool, please contact the school office at 573-477-3322 or Miss Jaycine Bax at *jbaxstacs@gmail.com*

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL MUM SALE** is ongoing. Mums can be purchased from any St. Thomas the Apostle School student through September 15. We will also be selling mums along with scrip at the back of church during this time. This year when you buy a mum, you will be given a ticket that you can redeem at Trinkleins for any color 9” mum in stock.

**ST. THOMAS SCHOOL FAMILIES:**

After much prayer and reflection, it is with a heavy heart that I leave St. Thomas School. I want to thank all of you for allowing me to be a part of your children’s lives. I have enjoyed nourishing their bodies while we help them grow and learn about our faith and learn good morals and virtues like kindness, charity, decency, honesty, fairness, respect and love of God and one another, and so many other wonderful virtues. I know they will continue to grow and learn and spread those great values to others. I have watched many, many of your little children grow and turn into fine young ladies and gentlemen. It has been a great pleasure and I will miss you all. ***Thank you, Mrs. Loaiza***

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PSR** classes begin September 25. All students must be registered for classes. If you have not done so, please visit the “St. Thomas the Apostle PSR” Facebook page or the church website to access the Google Form to register. We are looking forward to getting the year started!!

**ST. THOMAS FALL FESTIVAL COLLECTION:** There is an envelope in your September packet. Each family or single wage Parish used to have. It is part of our overall parish budget, helping with ongoing expenses.

**THE ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH GROUNDS “GRASS CUTTING TEAM ROTATION” FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK:**

Week of Sept 9 - Mark Graessle, Jeff Cassmeyer and Fred Luebbering Team

Week of Sept 16 - Richard Schellman, Pat Schellman and Paul Struemph Team

Week of Sept 23 - Mark Luebbering, Antone Luebbering and Nick Luebbering Team

Week of Sept 30 - Paul and Jenny Becker and Eric and Shara Buechter Team

***Grass cutting teams are reminded to try to cut grass “as needed” each week with the goal of having things looking good for weekend mass, weddings, etc.  Many thanks to all of our parish volunteers and should anyone else be interested in putting together a “Grass Cutting Team” please contact Alan Reinkemeyer at 573-694-6984.***

**ST. CECILIA & ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CONFIRMATION SIGN-UP** sheets are located in the back entrance of church in both parishes.  Please note that due to the Diocesan plan of transition in which the sacrament of Confirmation will eventually be celebrated in seventh & eighth grade, this year students in **grades 10, 11, & 12 will be included**in preparation and celebration of the sacrament of Confirmation. There will be an informational meeting for parents at **7:00 p.m. on September 11,**in the basement of the St. Ceciliaparish center.

**META OVER 50 CLUB** will not be meeting this month as several of us will be busy preparing for the Fall Festival. If you want to help, we will be at the hall. Lunch will be provided and you do not have to bring a covered dish.

**ST. CECILIA PARISHIONERS:** Extra worklists, raffle books and posters for the Citizens Civic League Fall Festival are in the back of St. Cecilia Church. If you have not received the information, please stop by and pick it up as the Fall Festival is September 15.

**THE NEXT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBS MEETING** is Tuesday, September 10 at 7:30 p.m. A rosary will be prayed at 7:15 p.m.

Please read the September newsletter attached to the bulletin.

**ST. THOMAS 4-H:** The first meeting of the new year will be Sunday September 22at 11:15 a.m. at the St. Thomas KC Hall.  Enrollment is open to youth ages 5-18 as of January 1, 2020.  The Clover Kid program is for ages 5-7 while 4-H is for ages 8-18.  New and current members, along with parents and any adult interested in being a project leader are welcome to attend.

**META QUILTING** – Quilting for the 2020 St. Cecilia Parish/Citizens Civic League Quilt Auction began quilting on August 11 at the Quilters’ Cottage. Please join us on Tuesdays during the day and evening and Thursdays in the evening. If you are interested in quilting, come join us even if it’s only for an hour or two. Every stitch counts! For further information, contact Karyn Veltrop at 229-4395.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE QUILTING:**  Quilting for the 2020 St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Picnic is starting. The picnic quilt auction is a major fundraiser for our parish each year and quilting is a wonderful way to give your time and talent to the parish. Extra copies of the quilt group list for 2020 are available in the entrances of St. Thomas Church and on our parish website [*www.stthomasapostle.net*](http://www.stthomasapostle.net) (under Parish Groups, then Quilters). If you would like to help quilt, come and join our circle next fall. We will need some quilt tops with lining to be quilted August 29. Quilt batting is available for $10.00. It would be appreciated if we could have all tops by January 1, 2020, so we can be assured of quilting all of them on time. If you have any questions, please call Emily Luebbering at 573-477-3459 or Kathy Strope at 573-477-3349.

**ST. THOMAS BABY QUILTS:** If anyone is interested in quilting baby quilts for our 2020 parish picnic, please call Diane Lueckenhoff at 573-645-5794 or Charlene Buschjost at 573-477-3480.

**COLE COUNTY PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT NO. 5** is looking for candidates to fill empty seats on the Board. Please contact Sheri Wieberg at 573-477-3497 if interested or for more information. (Candidates must be at least 25 years of age to hold a seat on the Board and reside within the district.)

**ST. THOMAS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL GARDEN TRACTOR PULL** is Saturday, September 14

**CITIZENS CIVIC LEAGUE FALL FESTIVAL IN META** is Sunday, September 15, serving pork sausage & fried chicken dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Adults $12, children (6-12) $6, children 5 and under free.

**BIRTHRIGHT-JEFFERSON CITY “BABY SHOWER”** - St. Thomas Parish will be conducting a “Baby Shower” for mothers and babies in need for Birthright of Jefferson City.  Collections of goods and monetary donations will be collected through the weekend of September 28th and 29th. There are donation boxes and monetary donation canisters at the side entrance of church as well in the back of church on the right side behind the pews.  Some of the items the organization needs are as follows:

Diapers:  newborn, 3, 4, and 5 Baby wipes

Socks for babies newborn to age 2 Baby care items (soap, baby wash, lotion)

Pacifiers and bottles (regular, without inserts) Pack and play sheets

Infant head supports for car seats Laundry detergent

Personal care items for moms (body wash, soap, shampoo, deodorant)

Thanks in advance for your donation towards this organization in need.

**BLAIR OAKS SOFTBALL REUNION (1974 – PRESENT)** is Saturday, September 14 at the Falcon Athletic Complex. Join us for the Blair Oaks vs. Troy game (varsity only) at 12:00 p.m. followed by alumni introductions and an alumni slow pitch game. Free admission and free meal for alumni and family. RSVP to Sharon Buschjost (573-690-4545) as soon as possible.

**ST. ANTHONY PARISH FALL FESTIVAL, FOLK** is Sunday, September 8, serving roast beef & whole hog sausage dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Adults $12, children (6-10) $5, children 5 and under free. Quilt auction starts at 5:00 p.m.

**ST. LOUIS OF FRANCE PARISH FALL FESTIVAL IN BONNOTS MILL** is Sunday, September 15, serving German pot roast & bone-in ham dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Adults $12, children (6-12) $8, children 5 and under free. Pie & dessert auction starts at 4:00 p.m.

**SAVE THE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR:**

Sunday, October 6, 2019 – St. Thomas the Apostle Parish 150th Heritage Celebration for the public

Saturday, November 2, 2019 – St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Fall Fantasy

**THE CITIZENS CIVIC LEAGUE** will be sponsoring a blood drive on Tuesday, September 24 from 2:30 to 7:00 (new hours). Call 1-800-733-2767 or visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter CivicLeagueMeta to schedule an appointment. Refreshments will be served and a t-shirt will be available.

**MISSOURI CATHOLIC CONFERENCE:** The Catholic Bishops of Missouri invite you to attend the Annual Assembly of the Missouri Catholic Conference on Saturday, October 5, in Jefferson City. Come learn about public policy from the experts who are involved in advocacy on a daily basis. The theme of this year’s gathering is “Raising the Next Generation of Catholic Advocates.” The event is free and includes lunch and childcare for children above four years of age. A youth track is available for students in middle school and up and includes a mock legislature where students can debate bills on the floor of the Missouri Senate. To register for the event, go to MOCatholic.org or call 1-800-456-1679. See you on October 5th!

**ST. STANISLAUS PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL OPEN HOURS:** Sunday morning-midnight to 1:00am; Sunday 1:00-2:00pm (3rd & 5th); Sunday 3:00-4:00pm (1st and 3rd). Please call Donna at 573-680-1470 or 573-635-2095 if you would like to sign up for an hour. Thank you!

**HONOR OUR HEROES GAME:** Mid America Bank, the Blair Oaks Falcons, and the Helias Crusaders invite you to join them in honoring all veterans and active military members on September 17during the Honor Our Heroes Softball Game. All Veterans and Active Military members will receive FREE admission and meal voucher during the game as the Blair Oaks Falcons take on the Helias Crusaders at 5 PM at Blair Oaks Sports Complex. For more information, please call 573-635-0019.

**THE DIOCESE OF JEFFERSON CITY WOMEN’S MINISTRY OFFICE** invites you to gather your gal pals and join our newly formed diocesan-wide book club. Our first book is entitled, “girl, arise” and is written by Claire Swinarski. This book promises to be “smart, witty, and fearless” with an invitation to “live boldly, love your faith and change the world.” Discussion questions will be available Oct. 1 at [*https://diojeffcity.org/womens-ministry/*](https://diojeffcity.org/womens-ministry/) or on our Facebook page, Jefferson City Diocesan Women’s Ministry. The book may be purchased through many outlets including Amazon, Barnes & Noble or Ava Marie Press. For more information, contact LeAnn Korsmeyer, Coordinator of Women’s Ministry at 573-635-9127 or *lkorsmeyer@diojeffcity.org**.*

**ST. MARY’S HOSPITAL, JEFFERSON CITY** has volunteer position openings in the following areas: Patient Ambassador, Hospitality Cart, Gift Shop, Infection Prevention and Control. Contact Lisa Steppelman (573) 821-0900 or Stacey Meyer (573) 681-3588 for more information.

**PROTECTING GOD’S CHILDREN WORKSHOPS:** The Catholic Church in the United States is committed to providing safe environments in all of our ministries and activities, especially those involving children and youth. One aspect of our commitment is that anyone who works with minors in our parishes, schools and other Catholic organizations in the Diocese of Jefferson City receive training. For a full list of trainings currently available, please visit our Virtus site and select “Jefferson City, MO (Diocese),” or go to our Events page and filter by “Protecting God’s Children.”