

The Roman Catholic Parishes of

St. Thomas the Apostle

in St. Thomas

St. Cecilia

in Meta

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PO Box 146
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23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

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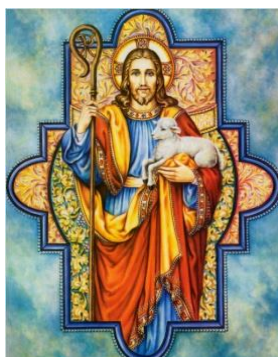
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St. Thomas Parish Office hours: Tuesdays 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.; Wednesdays 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

School Office hours during school year: Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Confessions: Saturdays 4:00 - 4:45 p.m. at St. Thomas; Sundays 7:30 - 7:50 a.m. at St. Cecilia;
or anytime by appointment, just call Father.

Saint Thomas the Apostle

Mass Schedule for the Week of September 10-17:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Fred Stockman

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

Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – L&D Lou & Linda Kloeppe Family

Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Norbert Boessen

Friday 7:45 a.m. – Sylvanus Hoecker

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Philip & Alma Boessen

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Viola Volmert

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2017-2018: \$305,000.00

Offertory Goal through Month End: \$ 76,251.00

Actual Collection for 2017-2018: **\$ 62,936.82**

Offertory Difference Year to Date: - \$ 13,314.18

Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

September 3 \$ 5,542.00

September 10 \$

September 17 \$

September 24 \$

Collection Online: \$ 5,042.00

September total to date: \$10,584.00

Difference for September -\$14,833.00

St. Thomas the Apostle Expansion & Building Fund

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

Income from parishioners for FY 2017-2018

(via the yellow "Building Fund" envelope): **\$5,095.45**

Loan payments to date for FY 2017-2018: **\$9,227.74**

(Principal) \$7,888.13 (Interest) \$1,339.61

Parish Building Expansion Debt remaining: **\$388,834.13**

St. Thomas the Apostle Cantor / Organist

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kelsey Kliethermes/Jackie

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

St. Thomas the Apostle Reader / Petitions

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Alfred Kaiser

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jim Lueckenhoff

St. Thomas the Apostle Altar Servers

Weekdays – Chesney Luebbering & Avery Libbert

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Cameron & Chesney Luebbering,

Grace & Chase Luebbering

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Molly Suthoff, Gregory Kirby,

Ethan & Isaac Rackers

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of September 10-17:

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Lawrence "Dick" Rehagen

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Josephine Werdehausen

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – August & Elizabeth Brune

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Lawrence & Scott Otto

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – People of our Parishes

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2017-2018: \$62,000.00

Collection Total for 2017-2018: **\$12,505.35**

Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,166.67

Collection in Church:

September 3 \$ 1,725.35

September 10 \$

September 17 \$

September 24 \$

September total to date: \$ 1,315.00

Difference for September: - \$ 3,851.67

Please remember your parish in your last will & testament.

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

September – Marie Lueckenotto & Pam Libbert

St. Cecilia Reader / Petitions

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Doris Stumpe

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic Plassmeyer

St. Cecilia Altar Servers

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Alex & Joshua Even

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Nicholas & Shelby Wankum,

Ava & Saige Werdehausen

**IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO FULFILL
YOUR LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENT,
IN YOUR KINDNESS & CHARITY,
PLEASE FIND A REPLACEMENT**

St. Thomas Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
September 16-17

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark Luebbering, Pat Kaiser, Marshall Boessen
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Richard & Jan Heckemeyer, Emily Luebbering

September 23-24

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mike & Trish Green, Betty Schellman
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Janet Lueckenhoff, Linda Lueckenhoff, Glenn Prenger

St. Thomas Greeters/Ushers

**please ring tower bells 10 minutes before weekend Masses*

September 16-17

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Fred Luebbering & Mark Boessen
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Ryan Buschjost & Richard Heckemeyer

September 23-24

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Gregg Boessen & Mike Groner
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jim Lueckenhoff & Larry Lueckenhoff

St. Thomas Presentation of Gifts at Mass

September 16-17

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark & Lauri Luebbering
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Keith & Jean Kliethermes

September 23-24

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ralph & Kathy Graessle
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mike & Kristin Buschjost Family

St. Thomas Collection Counters

September 16-17 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman
September 23-24 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg
October 7-8 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday 7:25 a.m. – Joann Heckman – Sorrowful
Wednesday 7:25 a.m. – Pat Loethen – Glorious
Thursday 7:25 a.m. – Viola Boessen – Luminous
Friday 7:25 a.m. – Gilbert & Hermina Strobe – Sorrowful
Saturday 4:40 p.m. – Dale Herigon – Luminous
Sunday 9:40 a.m. – Gilbert & Hermina Strobe – Luminous

SCRIP: September 16-17 Saturday – Kristi Luebbering Sunday – Melissa Verslues

Visit www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrif for more information about the Scrip program. A large variety of cards in various denominations are in stock and available for purchase. You can contact Lindsay Luebbering at 573-680-4920 or Karen Luebbering at 573-301-5835 to purchase anytime.

SNACKS FOR ST. THOMAS QUILTERS:

Thursday, September 14 – Joanie Prenger & Corinn Puleo Thursday, September 21 – Megan Rackers & Lynne Reinkemeyer
Please bring snack to hall by 1:00 p.m.; snack served at 3:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please call Kathy Strobe or Emily Luebbering.

CONGRATULATIONS to ***Trisha Rowe & Conner Backes***, who were married in Christ this weekend at St. Cecilia Parish.

A NOTE OF THANKS

The Nolan Schroeder family would like to thank the players, spectators, family, friends and community members who helped to make our 7th annual volleyball tournament such a huge success. We truly appreciate the tremendous support for a cause that is so close to our hearts. We are also very excited and grateful to be able to use the proceeds of the tournament to help other local families dealing with cancer in their lives through the St. Mary's Health Center Foundation. Again, thanks to the generosity of everyone who supported our event!

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION All parishioners who are at least 16 years of age (junior year in high school) and have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation should participate in preparation for this Sacrament. A meeting for all parents of those being confirmed will be held in the St. Thomas School library on **Wednesday, September 20 at 7:30 p.m.**

Dear parents of those to be confirmed:

This year we will be using an exciting program called ***Chosen: Your Journey Toward Confirmation***. The goal of the program is to offer your child a powerful, life-changing experience as he or she prepares to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

It is our hope that *Chosen* will not only offer your child a thorough knowledge and understanding of the Catholic Faith, but will also win over their heart at this critical time in their life. The program has been carefully designed to address and answer your child's fundamental questions about life, and to challenge him or her to embrace a life of faith.

Our world is full of distractions and detours that can easily set a young person on the wrong path. Nothing can take the place of a strong faith in God: not friends, money, or even education. It is our faith in Christ that gives us our identity and our direction in life. The Church recognizes that you, as parents, are the primary educators of your children in matters of faith and morals—and the *Chosen* program offers you a unique opportunity to join your child as he or she journeys through the Catholic faith.

To learn more about the program and your role in preparing your child for Confirmation, we invite you to attend a Parent Information Session on **Wednesday, September 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the St. Thomas School Library**. The meeting will not only inform you about the program, but will also offer ideas and tools to confidently engage and encourage your child during their preparation.

At the Information Session, you will receive a *Chosen* Parent's Guide, which summarizes the program lesson by lesson, allowing you to follow along and play an active role in your child's faith journey. The guide also provides helpful questions and family applications to foster meaningful conversation at home. We will begin teaching *Chosen* on Wednesday, September 27. We encourage you to follow along in the Parent's Guide.

Thank you for your time and interest in this important stage of your child's spiritual development. We look forward to seeing you at the Parent Information Session! Sincerely Yours in Christ, Fr. Secrist

St. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
September 16-17

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Bonnie Kampeter, Lou Kloepfel, Brenda Wansing
Sunday 8:00 a.m.—Dominic Plassmeyer, Pam Libbert, Janice Schanzmeyer

September 23-24

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Doris Stumpe, Jennifer Even, Betty Hagenhoff
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Gerald & Phyllis Rehagen, Pam Libbert

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

September 16-17

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Darin Even, Randy Hagenhoff, Lou Kloepfel, Mitch Stumpe
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Kenny Otto, Dominic Plassmeyer, Larry Lueckenotto, Harold Libbert

September 23-24

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Brendan Stumpe, Darin Even, Randy Hagenhoff, Lou Kloepfel
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Anton Libbert, Terry Libbert, Tony Derkum, Leon Schanzmeyer

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Wednesday: 6:10 p.m. – Florentine Hagenhoff – Glorious
Saturday 6:40 p.m. –Cathy Borgmeyer – Luminous
Sunday 7:40 a.m. – Margaret Brune – Luminous

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

BAPTISM PREPARATION: Please call Fr. Secrist to schedule a meeting and date for Baptism.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION: Please call Fr. Secrist at least six months prior to the desired date.

EXTREMELY LOW GLUTEN HOSTS (less 0.01% gluten) are available to those parishioners who are highly sensitive to wheat. Please contact Fr. Secrist if you are in need of low-gluten hosts at Mass.

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.

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION is Tuesday, September 12, 7:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PSR will begin on **Wednesday, September 13 at 7:00 p.m.** in St. Thomas School.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH OFFICE will be closed this Wednesday, September 13.

ST. CECILIA PARISH PICTORAL DIRECTORIES: This fall, the Lifetouch Company will be coming to St. Cecilia Parish in order to take individual and family photos for a new parish pictorial directory. The last time a photo and contact directory was created was 2004. Photographers will be at St. Cecilia Parish **October 26-29**. Please see the attached flyer on this week's bulletin.

TEACHERS NEEDED FOR ST. CECILIA RELIGION CLASSES: Teachers are needed for several grades/classes at St. Cecilia this year. Sharing your time with the students can be very rewarding. If you aren't sure about trying it on your own, talk to a friend/another parent and teach a class together, or have several of you share a class by each taking different weeks. Any and all volunteers are welcome and greatly appreciated! Without more volunteers for this year, classes will have to be consolidated for some students. Please contact Jennifer Even at 573-680-6945, 573-229-8976 or evenfamily6@att.net to sign up or with any questions.

ST. CECILIA PSR: Classes for 1st-10th grades start on **Wednesday, October 4, at 7:00 pm** in the parish center. All St. Cecilia students are asked to please sign up. Accurate counts are needed for ordering books and materials. Please contact Jennifer Even at 573-680-6945, 573-229-8976 or evenfamily6@att.net to sign up or with any questions.

CATHOLIC MISSOURIAN SUBSCRIPTIONS: Just a gentle reminder that when making out the check for your household's annual subscription to the diocesan newspaper, please make it out for **\$14 to the parish, not to the Catholic Missourian**. This will help the check to be processed and cleared more easily. Thanks!

ST. THOMAS SCHOOL GLASS BLOCKS: 1940's-era glass blocks from the St. Thomas School building are available for \$5.00 per block. Please email Father at jasecrist@yahoo.com or call the School Office (573-477-3322) if interested.

META QUILTING: Some quilt tops have been purchased with Parish, Civic League or individual funds for the 2018 Quilt Auction. These tops will be displayed from the Church balcony September 23 & 24. If anyone or a group would be interested in covering the cost of any of the tops, you will be recognized for donating the quilt. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Katie Lueckenotto 573-229-4318 or Mary Plassmeyer 573-229-4553.

ST. THOMAS BABY QUILTS: If anyone is interested in quilting baby quilts for our 2018 Parish Picnic, please call Diane Lueckenhoff, 573-645-5794 or Charlene Buschjost, 573-477-3480.

ST. THOMAS SCHOOL & PSR DROP OFF & PICK UP: For the safety of our children, please remember to **ENTER** from **PARK STREET** and **EXIT** from the **Church parking lot onto Highway B**. This will keep our children safe and the traffic flowing smoothly.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS:

September 15 – Mid Quarter, Grandparents Day

September 16 – Mum pick up, lower Church parking lot, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

September 21 – Early release, 1:20 p.m. car riders, 1:30 p.m. bus riders

BOX TOPS: Please continue to save Box Tops for Education, Coke Points & Best Choice labels.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SESQUICENTENNIAL HISTORY BOOK – SPORTS PHOTOGRAPHS NEEDED: We need photographs (and the names of the players) of the current St. Thomas Ball Teams (all age levels) to put in the sports section of our upcoming history book. You can include photographs of teams that won championships, tournaments, etc. in the past. Be sure to include the name of the team, age group, and any other pertinent information. The team must be a St. Thomas team to be included in the book. Send to Bill Boessen at billcoun@embarqmail.com.

ST. THOMAS 4-H: It is the start of a new 4-H year and enrollment is open to youth 5-18 years old as of Jan. 1, 2018. The first meeting is Sunday, September 17 at 11:15 a.m. at the St. Thomas KC Hall. Please contact Sara Otto @ 573-694-4345 with any questions.

META OVER 50 CLUB will meet Thursday, September 14 at noon in the Parish Center. Please bring a dish and join us for lunch, fun & fellowship.

THE NEXT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING is Tuesday, September 12 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 / META K of C TRACTOR PULL is scheduled for Saturday, September 9, 2017.

ST. THOMAS GARDEN TRACTOR PULL & RIB COOK OFF is Saturday, September 30, 2017.

ST. THOMAS K of C TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE is October 7 & 8 after Masses.

MISSOURI CATHOLIC CONFERENCE 50TH ANNIVERSARY: Celebrate 50 years of the Missouri Catholic Conference (MCC) at the MCC's 50th Anniversary on Saturday, October 7, 2017 at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Jefferson City. This free event is sponsored by the Missouri Bishops and everyone is invited. The event includes an address by Papal Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, Archbishop Christophe Pierre. Workshops with a focus on Catholic education, pro-life, and social justice will be offered. A hot, free lunch is provided, and the day will end with a Mass concelebrated by the bishops. Please pre-register for the event by going to MOCatholic.org or calling 1-800-456-1679. See you on October 7!

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: A weekend for your marriage, get away, come together is September 22-23. To register, please go to www.jeffcityme.com or registration@jeffcityme.com

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA, FOLK FALL FESTIVAL is this Sunday, September 10, serving roast beef and sausage dinners from 11:00 to 6:30 p.m. Adults \$12.00, children 6-10 \$5.00. Quilt auction 5:00 p.m.

SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS, ANNUAL FALL PILGRIMAGE is Sunday, September 10. Pilgrimage starts at 10:00 a.m., followed by Traditional German Dinner (fried chicken, roast beef, green beans, mashed potatoes, corn, slaw & dessert for \$10.00), serving 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Benediction at 1:00 p.m. and outdoor Mass at 2:00 p.m.

ST. GEORGE PARISH FALL FESTIVAL, LINN is Saturday, September 16, serving roast turkey & sausage dinners from noon to 8:00 p.m. Adults \$11.00, children 6-12 \$6.00. Dessert auction at 4:00 pm.

META CITIZEN'S CIVIC LEAGUE FALL FESTIVAL is September 17, serving sausage & fried chicken dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Adults \$11.00, children 6-12 \$6.00. All carry-out dinners are \$11.00. Helen Russell & Company will provide entertainment from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

PARISH MISSION AT ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH: October 16-20, 2017 led by Fr. Charles Byrd from Our Lady of the Mountains Roman Catholic Parish in Jasper, GA.

CONCERT FOR OBOE & ORGAN: 7:00 p.m. Friday, October 20, 2017 at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish.

COLE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT is having a fried chicken benefit dinner & silent auction for Cassidy-Rae Luebbering, the daughter of Nathan & Renee Luebbering on Wednesday, **September 20** at the Eagles' Lodge, Jefferson City. The dinner is from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$11.00 per person, children under 5 free. Carry-outs available. The benefit is to help for ongoing expenses. If anyone would like to buy tickets in advance they are available from: Any Cole County Fire Protection District fireman, The Special Learning Center, the Cole County Fire Protection Headquarters or Nathan & Renee Luebbering.

FALL FANTASY TICKETS are now available for the **November 4th** event. Tickets are available at B&K Quick Shoppe or by contacting Joanie Prenger, Donna Boessen or Lynn Taggart. Tickets will be sold after Mass on September 23, 24 and 30 and October 1 at St. Thomas Church. **The early bird drawing will be Monday, October 2.**

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE 2017 PARISH PICNIC SUMMARY

Income

Picnic Income	\$84,981.90
Meat Donations	\$ 883.00
Total Income before expenses:	\$85,864.90

Expenses

Food & supplies for meal, concession stand & country store:	\$13,970.92
Beer stand:	\$ 2,210.58
Bingo, games and activities:	\$ 1,125.55
Craft Stand:	\$ 257.76
Advertising:	\$ 264.72
Miscellaneous:	\$ 187.74
Total Expenses:	\$18,017.27

Total 2017 Picnic Profit: \$67,847.63

CHOIR FOR ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

Have you ever sung in a choir? Have you ever wanted to sing in a choir?

St. Thomas the Apostle Choir Interest Form

Please complete and drop in the collection basket or contact Annette Kehner at 573-680-2824.

WHAT:

- I'm definitely interested in singing in the choir!
 I need more information about singing in the choir.

WHO:

Name: _____

Phone number: _____

Email: _____

I'm a: Soprano Alto Tenor Bass Not sure

You already know the "WHO & WHAT".....

WHEN: Rehearsals every Tuesday evening, 7:00 pm.
Singing for Mass the first Sunday of every month.

WHERE: The St. Thomas School music room.

and most importantly.....

WHY: To praise God; to express His Word through music!

HOW: Hymns in parts, octavos, introits, descants.....a variety of music.

Looking forward to making beautiful music together for the Lord!