

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

St. Cecilia
in Meta

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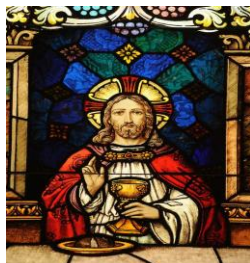
23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 10, 2023

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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 Sept. 10 - 17:

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Carol (Schell) Pleus Riley
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – Stanley Brand
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Roy & Lidwina Brockman
Friday 7:45 a.m. – Dianne Herigon
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Roman Plassmeyer
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – People of our Parishes
L&D Herman Heckman Family

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2023-2024: \$312,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End: \$ 78,000.00
Actual Collection for 2023-2024: **\$ 64,195.33**
Offertory Difference Year to Date: -\$ 13,804.67
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 26,000.00

Collection in Church:

September 3 \$ 6,372.67
September 10 \$
September 17 \$
September 24 \$

Collection Online: \$ 6,229.50

September total to date: **\$12,602.17**

Difference for September: -\$13,397.83

Church Renovation Capital Campaign

Total Pledges/Donations \$487,739.70

Total Collected \$502,508.44

Total Expenses Paid \$699,195.95

A total of 131 parishioners have returned pledge cards/or
Contributed to the renovation project.

Church Renovation Loan Balance \$76,100.38

Loan payments to date \$134,440.00

(principal) \$123,899.62 (interest) \$10,540.38

St. Thomas the Apostle Cantors / Organists

Sept. 16 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mary Kay Brand / Jeanette

Sept. 17 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Josh Luebbering / Jackie

Sept. 23 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kelsey Kliethermes / Jeanette

Sept. 24 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Lisa Wieberg / Alanna

St. Thomas the Apostle Readers

Sept. 16 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Jan Carter

Sept. 17 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Ben Luebbering

Sept. 23 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mary Kay Brand

Sept. 24 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jennifer Schroeder

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of Sept. 10 - 17:

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – No Mass

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Marilyn Bax

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2023-2024: \$67,000.00
Collection Total for 2023-2024: **\$12,533.00**
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,583.34

Collection in Church:

September 3 \$ 542.00
September 10 \$
September 17 \$
September 24 \$

September total to date: **\$ 542.00**

Difference for September: -\$ 5,041.34

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

September: Pam Libbert & Marie Lueckenotto

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

St. Cecilia Readers

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – No Mass

Sunday, Sept. 17 8:00 a.m. – Jennifer Even

Sunday, Sept. 24 8:00 a.m. – Doris Stumpe

St. Cecilia Organist

Sunday, Sept. 17 8:00 a.m. – Emilie

Sunday, Sept. 24 8:00 a.m. – Jackie

**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. 16 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Eric & Roseanne Boessen
Sept. 17 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Shane & Zeke Verslues
Sept. 23 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Dave Luebbering & Eric Strope
Sept. 24 Sunday 10:00 a.m.-Josh Schroeder & Craig Buechter
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. 16 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Jan Carter
Sept. 17 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Lynne Reinkemeyer
Sept. 23 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Marshall Boessen
Sept. 24 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Rosalyn Wieberg

St. Thomas the Apostle Servers

Weekday – Valerie Verslues & Angelina Veltrop
Sept. 16 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Gregory Kirby, JD Volmert,
Carmen Luebbering, Emerald Fennewald
Sept. 17 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Wyatt Otto, Aliyah Buechter,
Cady Libbert, Stella Volmert
Sept. 23 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Evelyn Wooten, Ava Buschjost,
Gregory Kirby, JD Volmert
Sept. 24 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Francie, Hannah & Levi Tallent,
Ben Otto

St. Thomas the Apostle Offertory Gifts

Sept. 16 Saturday 5:00 p.m.–Family of Roman Plassmeyer
Sept. 17 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Family of Herman Heckman

St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters

Sept. 17 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg
Sept. 24 – Dunja Wieberg & Jennifer Schroeder
October 1 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman
October 8 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes

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

Sept. 17 Lauri Luebbering
Sept. 24 Brooke Schell
October 1 Jenny Becker
October 8 Karlie Reinkemeyer

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. –Dale Herigon– Luminous Mysteries
Friday 7:25 a.m. – Shirley Volmert – Sorrowful Mysteries
Saturday 4:35 p.m. – Dale Herigon – Sorrowful Mysteries
Sunday 9:35 a.m. – Tina Stockman– Sorrowful Mysteries

St. Thomas the Apostle Church Cleaners

Sept. 10: Sonya Henson, Susan Buechter, Brenda Schell, Amy Buechter
Sept. 17: Brooke Schell, Tina Stockman, Gina Luebbering, Karen Luebbering
Sept.24: Alan Libbert, Nancy Libbert, Darrel Buechter, Jan Heckemeyer
October 1: Janet Lueckenhoff, Jim Lueckenhoff, Charlene Buschjost, Randy Buschjost
October 8: 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. ***Evening quilting begins Wed. Sept. 6.*** Please bring snacks to the hall by 1:00 p.m.; snacks 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.

Thursday, Sept. 14 -Jeanette Goeller & Erica Goeller

Thursday, Sept. 21 – Barb Graessle & Kathy Graessle

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

BULLETIN NOTICES: Deadline for bulletin is Wednesday at noon.

CONGRATULATIONS to ***Nicole Otto & Kyle Braun*** who were united in the bonds of Holy Matrimony this weekend at St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

BISHOP MCKNIGHT SEPTEMBER PRAYER INTENTION: For the police fire, and EMS workers serving their communities in uniform; may all first responders be preserved from harm as they serve to keep us safe, we pray to the Lord.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISHIONERS: Training for new/current Eucharistic Ministers will be September 17 after 10:00 Mass at St. Thomas. If you are unable to attend this training, please contact Richard Heckemeyer at 573 680-7393.

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

ALL WOMEN OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE AND ST. CECILIA PARISHES: All women of St. Thomas and St. Cecilia parishes are invited to attend "Planting the Seed" women's ministry events located in parishes in the area. Join us for a brief presentation and listening session. Learn how joining with other women in our diocese can help support growth in your faith life and your parish women's ministry. Share with us how we can better help you on this journey. Choose the location and time that works best for you. For full details go to diojeffcity.org/womens-ministry-upcoming-events.

September 11, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., St. Andrew's Gathering Place, Holts Summit

September 12, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., St. Francis Xavier Cafeteria, Taos

September 20, 6:30 - 7:00 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral Mary's Room, Jefferson City

St. Cecilia Eucharistic Ministers

Sept. 17 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dorothy Rehagen
Sept. 24 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Pam Libbert

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

Sept. 17 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Terry Libbert, Harold Libbert,
Leon Schanzmeyer, Darin Even
Sept. 24 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Mitch & Brendan Stumpe,
Randy Hagenhoff, Kenny Otto

St. Cecilia Servers

Sept. 17 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Skyla, Jesse & Tucker
Schroeder
Sept. 24 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Ava & Gavin Werdehausen

St. Cecilia Offertory Gifts

Sept. 17 Sunday 8:00 a.m.- Family of Marilyn Bax

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Wednesday 6:05 p.m. – No Mass
Sept. 17 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Mary Plassmeyer
Sorrowful Mysteries
Sept. 24 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer
Luminous Mysteries

VOTIVE CANDLES: The requested donation for lighting a votive candle in church is **\$3.00.**

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: 23rd Sunday in ordinary time: CONFLICT IN THE COMMUNITY. (Ezek. 33:7-9; Rom. 13:8-10; Mt. 18:15-20) As Christians we have a responsibility to help one another to do what is right. The common theme of today's readings is God's command concerning our spiritual responsibility and individual accountability for others in our families, parishes, and community. This accountability arises from our identity as God's children. As brothers and sisters in Christ, we become each other's "keepers," and take on a painful, triple responsibility. We must lovingly and prudently correct each other when we err, forgive those who offend us, and ask forgiveness from those we have offended. In the first reading, God tells Ezekiel that he is to be a "watchman for the house of Israel," obliged to warn Israel of moral dangers. If Ezekiel should refrain from speaking God's word given to convert the wicked, God will hold Ezekiel responsible for the death of the wicked. In the second reading, St. Paul points out that the love we should have for one another should be our only reason for admonishing and correcting the sinner. Love seeks the good of the one who is loved. Therefore, we should admonish one another so that we all may repent and grow in holiness. In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches that true Christian charity obliges a Christian, not only to assist his neighbors in their temporal and spiritual needs with material help and prayer, but also to aid with correction, those brothers and sisters who have damaged the community by public sin. If the erring person refuses a one-on-one, loving correction by the offended party, then the Christian is to try to involve more people: first, "one or two others," and eventually "the Church." Finally, Jesus mentions the efficacy of community prayer in solving such problems, for Christ is present in the praying Christian community. So dear friends we are our brother's/sister's keeper. Modern believers tend to think that they have no right to intervene in the private lives of their fellow believers. Others evade the issue saying, "As a sinner, I don't have the moral courage or the right to correct anyone." But Jesus emphatically affirms that we are our brothers' keepers, and we have the serious obligation to correct others. We need to offer advice and encouragement to our friends, neighbors, and coworkers when it is needed, and loving correction, in private, for a personal offense where that is possible. Secondly, we need to gather in Jesus' name and work miracles: Today's Gospel reminds us of the good we can do together, and of how we can do it. Jesus says, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." If any group of us gather, work, and act with the Holy Spirit guiding us, we will become much more than simply the sum of our numbers. Today, Jesus makes it clear how important we are, to one another. When we are one in Christ, our community can draw on God's power to make His healing, life-giving love, more effective among His people.
Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukibi

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

Friday, September 15, Mid Quarter

Friday, September 22, Grandparent's Day

Monday, September 25, No School, Diocesan Professional Development Day

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL is looking for a part time music teacher, either one full day or two half days.

ST. CECILIA PARISH IS SEEKING BIDS FOR THE FOLLOWING REMODELING PROJECTS IN THE RECTORY:

Bid #1 -Blue Guest Bathroom & Tan Guest Bathroom: Complete remodel of the two bathrooms. Remove tub/shower area and tile along with remaining tile on the walls. Replace tub/showers with a walk-in shower with doors in the blue bathroom. The tan bathroom replace with a tub/shower kit. Repair walls where other tiles are removed as needed (sheet rock, etc) and paint all areas that need to be painted. Replace vanity and toilet in blue bathroom and toilet only in tan bathroom. Toilets to be replaced by chair-height toilets. **Bid #2 – Blue Guest Bathroom (complete remodel) and Tan Guest Bathroom (partial remodel):** Complete remodel of blue bathroom. Remove Tub/shower area and tile along with remaining tile on the walls. Replace with walk-in shower only with doors. Replace vanity and toilet with chair-height toilet. Tan Guest Bathroom – Remove shower/tub and all tile inside tub area. Replace with tub/shower kit and shower door. Paint ceiling of shower area. Replace toilet with chair-height toilet. If interested in placing a bid, please contact Janice Schanzmeyer, Parish Council Buildings & Grounds Representative or Doris Stumpe, Bookkeeper.

META QUILTING: Quilt tops have been purchased with the Parish and Civic League funds for the 2024 Quilt Auction. These tops will be displayed on the church balcony September 17. If anyone or a group would be interested in covering the cost of any of the tops can reimburse the Parish or League and will be recognized for donating the quilt. If you are interested or have questions, contact Mary Plassmeyer 573-694-0127.

META QUILTING: Quilting for the 2024 St. Cecilia Parish/Citizens Civic League Quilt Auction is in session at the Quilters' Cottage Tuesdays and Thursdays during the day and on Thursday evenings. If you are interested in quilting, come join us and we will try our best to answer your questions. For further information, contact Katie Lueckenotto 573-619-6454 or Mary Plassmeyer 573-694-0127.

META QUILTING: We have some baby quilts that we need quilted for the 2024 auction. If you would be interested in quilting one for us to help us out it would be greatly appreciated. If you are interested, please contact Karyn Veltrop 573-644-3724.

CITIZENS CIVIC BLOOD DRIVE is Tuesday, September 19, 2:00-6:00 p.m. at the Civic League Hall, Meta. Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter CivicLeagueMeta to schedule an appointment.

ATTENTION OVER 50 GROUP: There will **not** be an over 50 gathering this month as several of us will be working on fall festival preparations. See you in October, hopefully with cooler weather.

THE NEXT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING is Tuesday, September 12, 7:30 p.m. A Rosary will be prayed at 7:15 p.m. Please read the September newsletter attached to the bulletin.

MEN OF THE ST. THOMAS & META AREA: You are invited to the September gathering of the Men of **Signum Crucis**, which begins at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, September 20, in the St. Pius X Chapel at Helias Catholic High School. To commemorate the first anniversary of the Men of **Signum Crucis** in the Jefferson City area, our Chaplain, Father Paul Clark, will celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 6:30 p.m. We also will have an enrollment in the Brown Scapular for those men who are prepared to live out the requirements of this devotion (these requirements will be explained again at our gathering). Feel free to come early to Pray the Rosary at 6:00 p.m. Following the Mass and Brown Scapular Enrollment, we will move to the Helias Commons for fraternity and refreshments. As always, our evening will conclude with the Litany of St. Joseph at 7:55 p.m. If you have been thinking about attending our gatherings but have not been able to "execute" just yet, this would be a great gathering to attend, as we begin our second year together in the same way we began it all last September—the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in fraternity with the best men in our area. Won't you join us? The mission of the Men of **Signum Crucis** is to provide

Fraternity through Study, Devotion, and Service to sharpen ourselves to meet the challenges of our day. For more information, contact Jeff Cassmeyer at 573-690-7546, or visit us at www.menofsignumcrucis.com.

WARDSVILLE WALK FOR LIFE is Sunday, September 10 following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. 1.7 mile walk starting in front of St. Stanislaus Church. Bus transportation available to & from event. Refreshments served at Lions Hall after completion of Walk. Join us for refreshments and fun activities. All proceeds go to Missouri Right to Life, Birthright, Vitae Foundation, 40 Days for Life, Life Runners, Pregnancy Help Center, and ProLife Across America. Event duration approximately 2 hours (12:00-2:00 p.m.) Sponsored by Wardsville/Osage Bend KofC, Wardsville Lions Club and the Pro-Life Committee of St. Stanislaus & St. Margaret's.

CURSILLO: Deep down do you feel dissatisfied, like something may be missing in your life?? A Cursillo, which is a 3 day weekend for adult Catholics, often helps people identify areas to work on, solutions you've not considered, that then open up more joy and offer a deeper meaning to life. For more information and to find a sponsor contact: (insert your name as Parish Contact, email/phone number); and/or Becky Sander, sander.becky@gmail.com; 573-808-3758 Upcoming Cursillo weekends will be in beautiful Edina, MO on these dates: Men's September 28 - October 1, 2023 Women's October 19 - 22, 2023

ST. ANTHONY PARISH FALL FESTIVAL, FOLK is Sunday, September 10, serving roast beef and sausage dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Drive-thru & carry-outs and indoor air-conditioned seating will be available. Meals \$15.00. Shooting match 12:00 p.m. Classic car cruise 11:00 a.m. -6:30 p.m. Parade by Parish 2:30 p.m. Quilt & dessert auction 5:00 p.m.

WARDSVILLE/OSAGE BEND HOME ASSOCIATION BBQ FUNDRAISER is Saturday, September 16, serving choice of meat: pork steak, bratwurst or chicken at St. Stanislaus School from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. \$12.00 per plate. Slab of ribs sold separately. Homemade cinnamon rolls \$12 (while they last). For more information, please contact Chuck 573-694-4926 or Donnie 573-690-2866.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF JEFFERSON CITY FUNDRAISER is Saturday, September 16, 8-11 p.m., Live country music dance by The Gary B and the Kools. In house bar, not coolers. Location: Fraternal Order of the Eagles, 1411 MO Blvd, JC MO. \$10 per person & 21 & older to attend. For more information, please contact Barb Groner, 573-606-8123.

CITIZEN'S CIVIC LEAGUE FALL FESTIVAL, META is Sunday, September 17, serving sausage & fried chicken dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Adults \$15.00, children 6-12 - \$8.00. Carry-out or dine in. All carry-outs \$15.00.

OUR LADY OF HELP OF CHRISTIAN PARISH FALL FESTIVAL, FRANKENSTEIN is Sunday, September 24, serving turkey & sausage dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. \$15.00 meals. Dessert & Specialty items auction 3:30 p.m. Free bingo 12:00-3:00 p.m.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH FALL FANTASY is Saturday, November 4. Tickets are \$125 which provides: dinner for two, (Prime Rib or Chicken Cordon Bleu), baked potato, slaw & dessert. All you can drink – beer, wine, soda, water and Gin rickey. 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. Tickets are on sale now. Please contact Joanie Prenger (573-659-0304 or Kim Kliegel (573-619-9188 or at the St. Thomas the Apostle Vitae House – Tuesday's 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and Wednesday from 8:00 to 4:30 **To be entered in the Early Bird Drawing and a chance to win \$125, tickets must be purchased by October 1.**

ST. THOMAS HOMETOWN HOLIDAY MARKET is Sunday, December 10, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Center. Free admission, over 30 vendors, raffle for prizes, Pizza Kwik 11:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Proceeds to benefit St. Thomas the Apostle School. For more information, please contact Kim Kliegel, 573-619-9188.

SAVE THE DATES:

St. Thomas K of C Garden Tractor Pull – September 16.

St. Thomas K of C Playground Dedication and Social – Sunday, October 1, 11:30 a.m. at the St. Thomas K of C Hall.

St. Thomas the Apostle Trunk or Treat – Sunday, October 22, 3:00-4:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church Parking lot. St. Stanislaus Trunk or Treat is Sunday, October 22, 2:00-3:30 p.m.

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish 27th Annual Fall Fantasy – November 4, 2023

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Pictorial Directory – January 3-6, 2024

Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

Matthew 18:19-20

When we gather together as a parish family to celebrate Mass, we come together to grow in relationship with God and each other. God has created us to love one another so that we can journey together towards heaven.




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