

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

**St. Cecilia**  
in Meta

[www.stthomasapostle.net](http://www.stthomasapostle.net)

PO Box 146  
St. Thomas, MO 65076

**24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**SEPTEMBER 11, 2016**

**Pastor: Father Jeremy A. Secrist**  
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Rectory Phone: 573-477-3315

**St. Thomas Bookkeeper:**  
**Mrs. Jenny Becker**  
[jbeckeroffice@gmail.com](mailto:jbeckeroffice@gmail.com)

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**Mrs. Doris Stumpe**  
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**School Principal: Mr. Leroy Heckemeyer**  
[lheckemeyer@embarqmail.com](mailto:lheckemeyer@embarqmail.com)  
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**St. Thomas Secretary:**  
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[stthomasoffice@embarqmail.com](mailto:stthomasoffice@embarqmail.com)

**School Website:**  
[www.stthomasapostleschool.net](http://www.stthomasapostleschool.net)

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Office hours: Tuesdays 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Thursdays 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 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 half hour before 8 am Mass at St. Cecilia;  
Wednesdays half hour before 6:30 pm Mass at St. Cecilia; or anytime by appointment, just call Father.

**Saint Thomas the Apostle**

**Mass Schedule for the Week of September 11-18:**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – David & Agnes Boessen 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding  
Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Sylvanus Hoecker  
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – L&D F. Volmert Family  
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Marvin Buschjost  
Friday 7:45 a.m. – Agnes Schellman  
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Philip & Alma Boessen  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Roman Plassmeyer

**Your Sunday Offering:**

Offerory Budget for 2016-2017:	<b>\$305,000.00</b>
Offerory Goal through Month End:	\$ 76,251.00
Actual Collection for 2016-2017:	<b>\$ 56,090.90</b>
Offerory Difference Year to Date:	- \$ 20,160.10
Offerory Goal per month:	\$ 25,417.00

**Collection in Church:**

September 4	\$ 4,131.01
September 11	\$
September 18	\$
September 25	\$

**Collection Online:** \$ 4,944.00  
**September total to date:** \$ **9,075.01**  
Difference for September: - \$16,341.99

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

Total Expansion Project expenses paid:	\$2,273,475.34
Income from parishioners for FY 2016-2017 (via the yellow "Building Fund" envelope):	<b>\$5,648.00</b>
Loan payments to date for FY 2015-2016:	<b>\$18,455.48</b>
(Principal) \$14,906.47 (Interest) \$3,549.01	
Parish Building Expansion Debt remaining:	<b>\$481,189.50</b>

**St. Thomas Cantor / Organist**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Amanda Wooten  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jean Kliethermes

**St. Thomas Reader/ Petitions**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Carolyn Loethen  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jan Carter

**St. Thomas Altar Servers**

Weekday – Grace Luebbering & Mason Luebbering  
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ely & Dawson Wieberg, Lilly Schulte  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Dylan & Kadence Kliegel,  
Madi Buschjost, Dorothy Lackman

**Saint Cecilia**

**Mass Schedule for the Week of September 11-18:**

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Lawrence & Scott Otto  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Hubert Brune

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Rita & Doug Kampeter

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Roman & Geneva Plassmeyer

**Your Sunday Offering:**

Offerory Budget for 2016-2017:	\$60,500.00
Collection Total for 2016-2017:	<b>\$12,258.39</b>
Offerory Goal per month:	\$ 5,041.00

**Collection in Church:**

September 4	\$ 843.00
September 11	\$
September 18	\$
September 25	\$

**September total to date:** \$ **843.00**  
Difference for September: -\$ 4,198.00

**Please remember your parish in your last will & testament.**

**St. Cecilia Collection Counters**

September – Pam Libbert & Marie Lueckenotto  
October – Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer

**St. Cecilia Reader / Petitions**

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Dorothy Rehagen  
Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Dorothy Rehagen  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Don Wansing

**St. Cecilia Altar Servers**

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Alex & Zachary Even,  
Carson Libbert & Gavin Holterman  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Nicholas & Shelby Wankum,  
Ava & Saige Werdehausen

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

**St. Thomas Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**  
**September 17-18**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Pat Kaiser, Paul & Jenny Becker  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Richard & Jan Heckemeyer, Linda Lueckenhoff

**September 24-25**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Marshall Boessen, Mike & Trish Green  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Glenn Prenger, Gilbert & Hermina Strope

*\* Because fewer faithful are receiving the Precious Blood on Sunday mornings, two fewer Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are being assigned.*

**St. Thomas Greeters/Ushers**

**September 17-18**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Joe Buschjost & Carolyn Loethen  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Arthur McManus & Alan Reinkemeyer

**September 24-25**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark Boessen & Gregg Boessen  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Doug Stockman & TJ Loethen

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

**September 17-18**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ralph & Kathy Graessle  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Keith & Jean Kliethermes

**September 24-25**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Gregg & Susan Boessen Family  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Randy & Charlene Buschjost

**St. Thomas Collection Counters**

September 17-18 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman  
September 24-25 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg  
October 1-2 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes

**Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas**

Tuesday 7:25 a.m. – Alex & 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 Strope - Sorrowful  
Saturday 4:40 p.m. – Dale Herigon – Sorrowful  
Sunday 9:40 a.m. – Tina Stockman– Sorrowful

**SCRIP: September 17-18**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kristi Luebbering Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Amy Luebbering  
Please watch the bulletin as to when SCRIP will be sold. You may contact Lindsay Luebbering at 573-680-4920 or Karen Luebbering at 573-301-5834 for additional sales. In September we will begin selling SCRIP after every Mass.

**LADIES TO BRING SNACK TO ST. THOMAS QUILTERS:**

Thursday, September 15 – Joni Hoecker & Delores Holtmeyer Thursday, September 22 – Margie Kaiser & Pat Kaiser  
Please bring to hall by 1:00 p.m.; snack served at 3:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please call Kathy Strope or Emily Luebbering.

**A NOTE OF THANKS**

The Nolan Schroeder family would like to thank the many people who helped to make our 6<sup>th</sup> annual volleyball tournament such a huge success. We were overwhelmed by the turnout and by the tremendous support shown for a cause that is so important to our family. It was truly a blessing to feel such community spirit and to be able to visit with so many of our wonderful friends and neighbors. We are also very excited and grateful to be able to use the proceeds of the tournament to assist local cancer patients through the St. Mary's Health Center Foundation, again thanks to the generosity of all of you who supported our event!

**A NOTE FROM YOUR PASTOR**

The tuck-pointing work on St. Thomas the Apostle church was completed during this past week. You also probably noticed that the windows of church were covered over for a number of days. This was done to prevent the waterproofing product being applied to the brick from being sprayed on the protective glass.

Reflection booklets to aid your prayer and preparation for Sunday Mass are still available at the entrance to church. *Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families* is provided for you and your family to read and reflect on an excerpt of the Gospel for the coming Sunday, with a brief reflection and some conversation starters.

Yours in Christ, Fr. Secrist

**OPEN HOUSE:** You are invited to join us Sunday, September 11 in celebrating David and Agnes Boessen's 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. Open House will be at the St. Thomas Parish Hall from 2 pm to 4 pm. No gifts please. See you there! - **Dave and Agnes Boessen Family**

**EXTREMELY LOW GLUTEN HOSTS** (less 0.01% gluten) are available to those parishioners who are highly sensitive to wheat. Please talk to or email Fr. Secrist to determine particulars of distribution and reception of the low-gluten hosts.

**ST. THOMAS PRAYER LINE REQUESTS** should be emailed to Jenny Becker at [jbeckeroffice@gmail.com](mailto:jbeckeroffice@gmail.com) or by calling (573) 690-0642. The Prayer Line exists to communicate prayer intentions for those in need of healing. Out of respect for individuals' privacy, only necessary information is communicated.

**ST. THOMAS SUNDAY SCHOOL:** St. Thomas the Apostle Sunday School will begin classes on **September 11** for children preschool age (2 years prior to Kindergarten) will meet on Sunday's from 9:00 to 9:45 a.m. in the St. Thomas School Kindergarten room. Please contact Daffiny Tallent at 573-694-4408 or email [ddtallent@embarqmail.com](mailto:ddtallent@embarqmail.com) if interested or for more information.

**ST. THOMAS SCHOOL / PSR DROP OFF & PICK UP REMINDER:** For the safety of everyone, please remember to **ENTER** from **Park Street** and **EXIT** from the **church parking lot ONLY**. This will keep our children safe and the traffic flowing smoothly.

**St. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**  
**September 17-18**

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Bonnie Kampeter, Lou Kloeppel, Brenda Wansing  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer, Janice Schanzmeyer

**September 24-25**

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

**St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers**

**September 17-18**

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Tom Gragert, Lou Kloeppel, Mitch & Brendan Stumpe  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic Plassmeyer, Larry Lueckenotto, Harold Libbert, Anton Libbert

**September 24-25**

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Darin Even, Randy Hagenhoff, Tom Gragert, Lou Kloeppel  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Terry Libbert, Tony Derkum, Leon Schanzmeyer, Kenny Otto

**Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia**

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

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

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IN YOUR KINDNESS & CHARITY,  
PLEASE FIND A REPLACEMENT.***

**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.

**PRAYER HOUR WITH MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION** will be held on Tuesday, September 13, 7:00 p.m. in St. Thomas Church.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL** is accepting registrations for the fall of 2016-2017 enrollment for **Preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> grade**. Please call the school office to register at 573-477-3322.

**THE NEXT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING** is Tuesday, September 13 at 7:30 p.m. A rosary will be prayed at 7:15 p.m. Please read the September newsletter attached to the bulletin and garden tractor pull worklist on back of newsletter.

**ST. THOMAS PRESCHOOL:** There's an exciting addition to the Preschool program for the 2016-2017 school year! A new reading readiness curriculum made by the same company that gives us "Super Kids" is being added! If you have a preschool aged child, please email Mrs. Kirkweg for information on how to get your child enrolled. [mkirkweg@embarqmail.com](mailto:mkirkweg@embarqmail.com)

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO SAVE:** Box Tops for Education, Coke Points & Best Choice Labels.

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

September 16- Mid Quarter, Grandparents Day  
22- Early Release K-8, 1:20 car riders, 1:30 bus riders  
25-30 – Achievement Testing week  
27 – Parish School Advisory Board Meeting 6:00 p.m. in the Vitae House  
30 – Pizza Kickoff

**DIOCESAN HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH RALLY** is **Sunday, September 25** at noon (registration) at the Cathedral of St. Joseph, Jefferson City. This year's High School Youth Rally theme is "Thunderous Mercy." Joe Melendrez is our inspirational speaker and a Catholic hip hop artist from Southern California. There will be Mass, Reconciliation, a keynote and concert by Joe, and interactive Corporal Works of Mercy. Cost is \$10. For more information, please call Jose Lope at 573-635-9127 ext 221 or [jlopez@diojeffcity.org](mailto:jlopez@diojeffcity.org)

**PRAY AT COLUMBIA PLANNED PARENTHOOD:** You are invited to pray on the sidewalk at Columbia Planned Parenthood as 40 Days For Life continues their prayer vigils. Monday from 5pm to 7pm, Tuesday from 1:30 to 3:00pm and 5pm to 7pm, Wednesday from 10am to 11am, Thursday from 8am to noon, and Friday from 10am to noon.

**ST. THOMAS PARISH PARKBOARD:** Gina Luebbering is ending her term as Parish Park Board President. New members are needed. If interested, please contact Gina at [gluebbering@gmail.com](mailto:gluebbering@gmail.com).

**PERPETUAL ADORATION:** The following Perpetual Adoration chapel hours at St. Stanislaus are open: Friday 2:00 noon-3:00 p.m. Sunday 4:00-5:00 p.m. (Saturday 11:00-12:00 noon (1,2,4 and 5<sup>th</sup>) Saturday 1:00-2:00 p.m. Please call if you would like to sign up for an hour or help sub occasionally. Contact Donna at 680-1470 or 635-2095.

**ST. THOMAS SESQUICENTENNIAL TEAM:** anyone interested in helping interview, research, write or take photographs for the St. Thomas Heritage Book, please contact Bill Boessen at (573) 477-3384.

**UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR:**

**St. Thomas/Meta K of C Garden Tractor Pull** – Saturday, September 17, 2016

**Meta Civic League Fall Festival** – Sunday, September 18, 2016

**St. Thomas Parkboard Carnival** – Saturday, September 24, 2016

**Rededication of Historic Pfeffer Pipe Organ** will be at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 2, 2016, performed by Dr. Kevin Vaughn.

**St. Thomas Fall Fantasy** – Saturday, November 5, 2016

**ST. THOMAS TRUNK OR TREAT** will be held Sunday, October 30, 4:00-6:00 p.m. on the church parking lot. Watch the bulletin for more details.

**ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA FALL FESTIVAL, FOLK** is Sunday, September 11. There will also have their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Classic Car Cruise-in from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**RECYCLING COLLECTION DRIVE-** is Saturday, September 17, 9:00 a.m.-Noon, St. Stanislaus School, Wardsville, accepting hardbound and paperback books, phone books, computer-related equipment, printers, cell phones, VCRs, clothing and shoes. Televisions will be accepted with a \$20 fee. All other items will be recycled free of charge.

**ST. STANISLAUS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BBQ** is Saturday, September 17 at the St. Stanislaus school cafeteria, serving pork steak, chicken and bratwurst dinners for \$10 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m..

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH, OWENSVILLE FALL FESTIVAL** is Saturday, September 17, serving fried chicken and sausage dinners 3:30 to 7:00 p.m. Adults \$10, children 6-12 \$4.50. GTA Car show 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**META CITIZEN'S CIVIC LEAGUE FALL FESTIVAL** is Sunday, September 18, serving fried chicken & sausage dinners from 11:00 to 6:00 p.m. Adults \$11.00, children 6-12 \$5.00.

**ST. THOMAS 4-H:** The first meeting will be Sunday September 18 at 11:15 at the K of C Hall. Enrollment open for kids 5-18 years old (as of January 1, 2017). New members welcome. Contact Sara Otto: 573-477-0111 [otto747932@aol.com](mailto:otto747932@aol.com) or Linda Lackman: 573-477-3331 [lackmanlt@aol.com](mailto:lackmanlt@aol.com) if you have questions.

**4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL "FAMILY NIGHT UNDER THE STARS" BY THE ST. THOMAS PARISH PARK BOARD** is Saturday, September 24. Concessions will include pulled pork sandwiches and hot dogs starting at 6:00 p.m. Games from 6:30-8:30 p.m. and a fireworks show at dusk. Donations are now being accepted to offset the cost of the firework at the conclusion of "Family Night Under the Stars" carnival on September 24, 2016. No amount is too small or too big, just appreciated! Please send donation/reason by September 17, to Lora Boessen, 15214 Rt. B, St. Thomas, MO 65076. Please make checks payable to St. Thomas payable to St. Thomas Parish Park Board. Thank You!

**VISITATION PARISH FALL FESTIVAL, VIENNA** is Sunday, September 25, serving sausage & fried chicken dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Adults \$11.00, children 5-12 \$5.00.

**OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS, FRANKENSTEIN FALL FESTIVAL** is Sunday, September 25, serving turkey & sausage from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Adults \$11.00, children 5-12 years \$4.00.

**META CITIZENS CIVIC LEAGUE BLOOD DRIVE** is Tuesday, September 27, 3:00 -7:00 p.m. in the Meta Citizens Civic League Hall. To make an appointment visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and sponsor keyword: CivicLeagueMeta

**FRANKENSTEIN 5th ANNUAL 5K RUN/WALK**: St. Mary Home & School. will be hosting a 5K run/walk on Sunday October 9, 2016 in Frankenstein, MO. Kids fun run will be held after the race. Early registration is \$20. Register by September 26 to guarantee a shirt. Race Day registration is \$25. Registration begins at 9 a.m., Run/Walk begins at 10:00 a.m. Visit [www.ourladyofhelp.wordpress.com](http://www.ourladyofhelp.wordpress.com) for a registration form.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH FALL FANTASY TICKETS AVAILABLE**: The Fall Fantasy is scheduled for **November 5, 2016**. The theme for this year is "70s". Live music provided by "Shiloh". Tickets will be sold after Masses on September 17 & 18 and 24 & 25. The early bird drawing will be Monday, September 26, 2016. Tickets are also available at B&K Quick Shoppe, or you may contact a committee member: Joanie Prenger: (573) 477-0187; Lynn Taggart: (573) 477-0133; or Donna Boessen: (573) 291-2454.

**FOR VETERANS**: Mid-America Bank will honor mid-Missouri veterans during a luncheon at the Wardsville Lions Club. We are hosting this free lunch to honor the men and women of our Nation's Armed Forces, past and present. All veterans and their spouses are welcome to attend Thursday, November 3 from 11:00 to 1:00 p.m. We are honored to serve delicious food to those who have SERVED and hope to see you! There will also be a patriotic slide show presentation for your enjoyment. Please RSVP by October 15 to Mid-America Bank 573-635-0019. It is our duty as free citizens to honor those individuals who have given so much to guarantee our lives, liberties, and happiness.



# **HISTORIC 1897 PFEFFER PIPE ORGAN REDEDICATION CONCERT**

performed by Dr. Kevin J. Vaughn  
*Instructor of Organ, Goshen College, Goshen, IN*  
*Adjunct Assistant Professor of Organ & Piano,*  
*University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN*

Music of Frescobaldi, Bach, Brahms, Vierne & others

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish  
Sunday, October 2, 2016 4:00 p.m.