

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

St. Cecilia
in Meta

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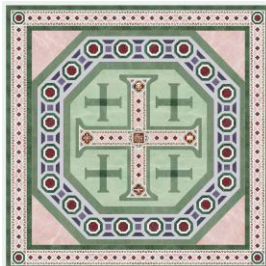
24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 17, 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. 17 - 24:

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Bob & Donnie Luebbering
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – Teresa Kaiser
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Donald Schaefer
Friday 7:45 a.m. – L&D Alex Heckman Family
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes
Marilyn Herigon
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – L&D Norbert Boessen 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: **\$ 68,767.50**
Offertory Difference Year to Date: -\$ 9,232.50
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 26,000.00

Collection in Church:

September 3 \$ 6,372.67
September 10 \$ 4,572.17
September 17 \$
September 24 \$

Collection Online: \$ 6,229.50

September total to date: **\$17,174.34**

Difference for September: -\$ 8,825.66

Church Renovation Capital Campaign

Total Pledges/Donations \$487,889.70

Total Collected \$503,767.17

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

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

Sept. 30 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Amanda Wooten / Jeanette

Oct. 1 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Doug Luebbering / Jackie

St. Thomas the Apostle Readers

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

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

Sept. 30 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kathy Graessle

Oct. 1 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Katie Luebbering

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of Sept. 17 - 24:

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Keith Juergensmeyer

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Tom Kleffner

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2023-2024: \$67,000.00
Collection Total for 2023-2024: **\$13,628.00**
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,583.34

Collection in Church:

September 3 \$ 542.00
September 10 \$ 1,095.00
September 17 \$
September 24 \$

September total to date: **\$ 1,637.00**

Difference for September: -\$ 3,946.34

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. – Dorothy Rehagen

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

Sunday, Oct. 1 8:00 a.m. – Betty Hagenhoff

St. Cecilia Organist

Sunday, Sept. 24 8:00 a.m. – Jackie

Sunday, Oct. 1 8:00 a.m. – Lydia

**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. 23 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Dave Luebbering & Eric Strobe
Sept. 24 Sunday 10:00 a.m.-Josh Schroeder & Craig Buechter
Sept. 30 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark Boessen & Phil Akin
Oct. 1 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Alan Reinkemeyer & Ryan Buschjost
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. 23 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Marshall Boessen
Sept. 24 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Rosalyn Wieberg
Sept. 30 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Lora Boessen
Oct. 1 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Keith Kliethermes

St. Thomas the Apostle Servers

Weekday – Brody Buschjost & Max Verslues
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
Sept. 30 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Gregory Kirby, JD Volmert,
Carmen Luebbering, Emerald Fennwald
Oct. 1 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Fayeth Prenger, Erika Luebbering,

St. Thomas the Apostle Offertory Gifts

Sept. 23 Saturday 5:00 p.m.–Family of Marilyn Herigon
Sept. 24 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Family of Norbert Boessen

St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters

Sept. 24 – Dunja Wieberg & Jennifer Schroeder
October 1 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman
October 8 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes
October 15 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg

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

Sept. 24 Brooke Schell
October 1 Jenny Becker
October 8 Karlie Reinkemeyer
October 15 Lauri Luebbering

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 – Luminous Mysteries
Sunday 9:35 a.m. – Gilbert & Hermina– Luminous Mysteries

St. Thomas the Apostle Church Cleaners

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
October 15: Sonya Henson, Susan Buechter, Brenda Schell, Amy Buechter

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 Strobe at 573-477-3349.

Thursday, Sept. 21 – Barb Graessle & Kathy Graessle

Thursday, Sept. 28 – Leslie Green & Trish Green

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.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: Please join us in celebrating Alfred and Margie Kaiser's 50TH wedding anniversary. We will be having an open house at the Saint Thomas Knights of Columbus Hall on October 8, noon to 2:00 p.m.

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.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING is Tuesday, September 26, 7:00 p.m. in the school library.

PASTORS MEDITATION: 24th Sunday in ordinary time: **FORGIVING FROM THE HEART. (Sir. 27:30–28:7; Rom. 14:7-9; Mt. 18:21-35)** When we find it hard to forgive others, we should turn to Jesus for the help we need to do it. Our readings today concern forgiving those who wound us and being reconciled with them. All three readings today remind us of the path to forgiveness, mercy, reconciliation and challenge us to make this, the Way of Life. Sirach, in the first reading, reminds his listeners that if they don't forgive and heal and show mercy, they can't expect to receive mercy from God in return. It is unwise to nurse grudges and wise to forgive because our life span is very short and our eternal

St. Cecilia Eucharistic Ministers

Sept. 24 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Pam Libbert
Oct. 1 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic Plassmeyer

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

Sept. 24 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Mitch & Brendan Stumpe,
Randy Hagenhoff, Kenny Otto
Oct. 1 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Otto Wankum, Leonard Schulte,
Tony & William Derkum

St. Cecilia Servers

Sept. 24 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Ava & Gavin Werdehausen
Oct. 1 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Sarah & Elizabeth Backes
Tucker Schroeder

St. Cecilia Offertory Gifts

Sept. 24 Sunday 8:00 a.m.- Family of Tom Kleffner

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Wednesday 6:05 p.m. – Dorothy Rehagen
Glorious Mysteries
Sept. 24 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer
Luminous Mysteries
Oct. 1 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Dorothy Rehagen
Joyful 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.

destiny is decided by how we forgive, how we work for reconciliation with those who wounded us, and how we render humble and loving service to them. In Psalm 103, the Psalmist sings, "The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness." In the second reading, Paul reminds us that we have to forgive others because we belong to Christ who, by his own example in forgiving those who killed Him, taught us how we must forgive in our turn. Since we are related to each other as brothers and sisters of Jesus, we are in the family of God, so hatred and bitterness toward anyone should have no place in our hearts. **Through** the parable of the two debtors, Jesus teaches us that there should be no limit to our forgiveness and no conditions attached to our reconciliation. We represent the greater debtor in the parable because we commit sins every day; hence, we need God's forgiveness every day. But we must forgive in order to be forgiven. Jesus explains, after teaching us the prayer of "Our Father", for if you forgive men their trespasses, your Heavenly Father also will forgive you. "Therefore, friends we need to forgive, forget, and be reconciled: In the light of eternity and considering the shortness of our life span, harboring old grudges is pointless. The forgiveness that we offer others is the indispensable condition which opens our hearts to love and makes it possible for us to receive God's forgiveness and to pray meaningfully: "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." What God expects from us, He offers us grace to accomplish in us: His Own limitless forgiving and a willingness to overlook faults and to keep on loving even in the face of insults. We may never forget the hurt we have experienced, but we can, with His ongoing grace, choose to forgive and pray for our offenders. As life goes on and we remember an incident that was hurtful and roused great anger in us, we need to remind ourselves that, with God's grace, we have already forgiven the one that hurt us. Time heals memories. Forgiveness finally changes us from being prisoners of our past to being liberated and at peace with our memories. Forgiveness allows us to move beyond the pain, the resentment, and the anger. When we forgive, we make the choice that heals. We can forgive the offender by wishing him God's blessings and by offering that individual to God by simply saying, "Help so-and-so and me to mend our relationship." When we withhold forgiveness, we remain the victim. When we offer forgiveness, we are doing it also for our own well-being.

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, linhardt@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:

Wednesday, September 20 – Three Rivers Presentation

Friday, September 22 - Grandparent's Day

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

Wednesday, September 27 – Picture 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.

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.

XLT ADORATION: XLT (Exalt) Adoration is a night prayer for the entire community, with worship, testimonies and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Everyone is invited to adore our Lord. Thursday, September 21, 7:00-8:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of Jefferson City.

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

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

NEW ST. THOMAS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL PLAYGROUND: St Thomas Knights of Columbus/ Ladies Auxiliary invites you to a playground blessing at the NEW KC hall playground. Sunday October 1 at 11:30 a.m. Enjoy the day with hotdogs, cookies/ birthday cake, play on the playground, Pickleball, beanbag toss, & outdoor games. We will celebrate Fr. Leonard's birthday. Hope to see you there!

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.

VISITATION PARISH FALL FESTIVAL, VIENNA is Sunday, September 24, serving sausage & fried chicken dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. \$15, drive-thru & carry-out outdoor & indoor seating available, no table service.

ST. STANISLAUS FALL SUPPER, WARDSVILLE is Sunday, October 8, serving fried chicken and sausage dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Adults \$15, children 6-12 \$7.00, serving cafeteria style & carry-outs.

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 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



