

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

St. Cecilia
in Meta

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PO Box 146
St. Thomas, MO 65076

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 23, 2018

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jheckemeyeroffice@gmail.com

St. Thomas the Apostle Admin. Secretary:
Mrs. Jenny Becker
jbeckeroffice@gmail.com



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lheckemeyer@embarqmail.com
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St. Thomas the Apostle Secretary:
Mrs. Diane Lueckenhoff
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St. Cecilia Bookkeeper:
Mrs. Doris Stumpe
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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 23-30:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Philip & Alma Boessen Family
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – William & Rufina Boessen
Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Sylvanus Hoecker
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – Roman & Geneva Plassmeyer
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – August, Leona & Donald Loethen
Friday 7:45 a.m. – L&D Andrew Strobe Family
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Herman & Agatha Luebbering

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2018-2019: \$305,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End: \$ 76,251.00
Actual Collection for 2018-2019: **\$ 66,759.37**
Offertory Difference Year to Date: – \$ 9,491.63
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

September 2 \$ 3,492.00
September 9 \$ 7,421.01
September 16 \$ 3,002.00
September 23 \$
September 30 \$

Collection Online: \$ 5,702.00

September total to date: **\$19,617.01**

Difference for September: – \$ 5,799.99

St. Thomas the Apostle Expansion & Building Fund

Total Expansion Project expenses paid: \$2,273,475.34
Income from parishioners for FY 2018-2019
(via the yellow "Building Fund" envelope): **\$ 6,078.00**
Loan payments to date for FY 2018-2019: **\$27,683.22**
(Principal) \$24,289.04 (Interest) \$3,394.18
Parish Building Expansion Debt remaining: **\$284,876.19**

St. Thomas the Apostle Cantor / Organist

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Amanda Wooten / Annette Kehner
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Doug Luebbering / Jackie Prenger

St. Thomas the Apostle Reader

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Alfred Kaiser
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Bill Luebbering

St. Thomas the Apostle Altar Servers

Weekday – Klint Luebbering & Ava Rackers
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ethan & Noah Luebbering,
Courtney Luebbering, Cale Luebbert
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Abigail Verslues, Emma Luebbering,
Will Otto, Dorothy Lackman

St. Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of September 23-30:

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Larry Bock
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – People of our Parishes
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions before 6:30 p.m. Mass
Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Larry Bock

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Lawrence & Scott Otto
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Alex Hoffman Jr./David Forck

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2018-2019: \$62,000.00
Collection Total for 2018-2019: **\$15,051.70**
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,166.67

Collection in Church:

September 2 \$ 1,238.00
September 9 \$ 1,332.70
September 16 \$ 1,415.00
September 23 \$
September 30 \$

September total to date: **\$ 3,985.70**

Difference for September: – \$1,180.97

**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

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Doris Stumpe
Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Betty Hagenhoff
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Don Wansing

St. Cecilia Altar Servers

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – *servers needed*
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Melina Derkum & Sophie Bock

**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 29-30

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Lora Boessen, Mark Luebbering, Pat Kaiser
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Gilbert Strobe, Randy Buschjost, Glenn Prenger

October 6-7

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Marshall Boessen, Mike & Trish Green
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Richard & Jan Heckemeyer, Lynne Reinkemeyer

St. Thomas Greeters/Ushers

September 29-30

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Steve Schellman & Mike Green
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Ryan Buschjost & Keith Kliethermes

October 6-7

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Gilbert Schellman & Richard Schellman
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Alan Cortvrient & Richard Heckemeyer

St. Thomas Presentation of Gifts at Mass

September 29-30

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Steve & Katrina Schellman Family
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – TJ Loethen & Craig Buechter

October 6-7

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mike & Trish Green
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Bill & Betty Jo Luebbering

St. Thomas Collection Counters

September 29-30 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes
October 6-7 – Jennifer Schroeder & Stephanie Cortvrient
October 13-14 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday 7:25 a.m. – Shirley Volmert – 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. – Marilyn Herigon – Glorious
Sunday 9:40 a.m. – Tina Stockman – Glorious

SNACKS FOR QUILTERS:

Thursday, September 27 – Shara Buechter & Lauren Buechter Thursday, October 4 – Cindy Buschjost & Debby Buschjost
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 573-477-3349 or Emily Luebbering 573-477-3459.

A NOTE OF THANKS

The Team Easton Bakers are very grateful for the overwhelming support and donations at their Bake Sale. Your generosity will help James and Renea with their personal and travel expenses. Easton's 2nd birthday was Friday, September 14. Please continue to pray for Easton and his parents. Cards can be mailed to Ronald McDonald House, Renea or Easton Rustemeyer, 4381 West Pine Boulevard, St. Louis, MO 63108. Thank you again from the bottom of our hearts.

ST. CECILIA PARISH PARKING: During this past week, the upper portion of the church parking lot was milled, soft spots were dug out and approximately 20 tons of base rock were added before being repaved. Kindly note that the new parking space marking arrangement was developed in order to provide greater safety and a maximization of space available. Funding for this project was provided by the A. J. Schwartz Foundation and the hard work of our parishioners at the annual parish picnic.

OCTOBER WEEKEND MASS COUNT: This fall our Diocese will again involve itself in a common practice across the United States known as the 'October Count.' Each individual who attends the weekend Mass across our Diocese during the month will be counted in order to allow for better pastoral planning. Throughout the month of October, we ask ushers assigned for Mass to count all the faithful (including musicians & altar servers) at each weekend Mass. **We will begin the parish count October 6-7.**

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.

MINISTRY TO THE ILL & INFIRM: If you are preparing for surgery, recovering from surgery, homebound or ill, please let Fr. Secrist (573-477-3315) and/or MaryPat Luebbering (573-477-3476) know so that you have the opportunity to receive the Sacraments and pastoral care.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PSR CLASSES will begin on **Wednesday, September 26 at 7:00 p.m.** There will be a parent meeting that evening as well, at least **one parent must attend.**

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL ADVISORY MEETING is Tuesday, September 25 at 6:00 p.m. in the Vitae House.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING is Tuesday, September 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the Vitae House.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CAMPUS WORK this week the installation of air conditioning in the side entrance and restroom of church began. Work will soon begin on the creation of a prayer area and garden around the statue of the Blessed Mother on the south side of church.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL & PSR DROP OFF & PICK UP REMINDERS: 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. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
September 29-30

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Doris Stumpe, Jennifer Even, Betty Hagenhoff
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer, Janice Schanzmeyer

October 6-7

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Dorothy Rehagen, Bonnie Kampeter, Lou Kloeppel
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer, Pam Libbert

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

September 29-30

Saturday 7:00 p.m. - Lou Kloeppel, Mitch & Brendan Stumpe, Darin Even
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Tony Derkum, Leon Schanzmeyer, Kenny Otto, Dominic Plassmeyer

October 6-7

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Randy Hagenhoff, Lou Kloeppel, Mitch & Brendan Stumpe
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Larry Lueckenotto, Harold Libbert, Anton Libbert, Terry Libbert

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Wednesday 6:10 p.m. – Florentine Hagenhoff – Glorious
Saturday 6:40 p.m. – Dorothy Rehagen – Glorious
Sunday 7:40 a.m. – Margaret Brune – Glorious

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.

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.

SECURITY AT ST. THOMAS SCHOOL: Surveillance cameras have been installed around the school building and parking lot at St. Thomas the Apostle. A camera will also be installed at the front entrance of church as well. Funding for this project is supported in part by a safety grant from the Diocese.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH SCHOOL EMAIL CHANGES - Please update your email contacts:

Mr. Leroy Heckmeyer: lheckmeyerstacs@gmail.com

Mrs. Diane Lueckenhoff: dlueckenhoffoffice@gmail.com
& dlueckenhoff@embarqmail.com

Ms. Kristin Morris: kmorrisstacs@gmail.com

Mrs. Madison Vanderfeltz: mvanderfeltzstacs@gmail.com

Mrs. Michelle Kormoroski: mkomoroskistacs@gmail.com

Mrs. Sarah Schwartz: sschwartzstacs@gmail.com

Mrs. Michelle Siebeneck: msiebeneckstacs@gmail.com

Mrs. Daffiny Tallent dtallentstacs@gmail.com

Miss Jaycine Bax: jbaxstacs@gmail.com

Mrs. Juliana Loaiza: jloaizastacs@gmail.com

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, September 24 – Flu Clinic, 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, September 25 – Parish School Advisory Board Meeting 6:00 p.m. Vitae House

Wednesday, September 26 – Three Rivers Safety Presentation 1:00 p.m.

October 1-5 – Testing Week

Wednesday, October 3 - Bookmobile

Thursday, October 4 – Early Release 12:50 car riders, 1:00 p.m. bus riders

Friday, October 5 – First Friday, Adoration, confessions grades 3-8

Wednesday, October 10 – Picture Day

Friday, October 12 – End of 1st Quarter

SCRIP: **September 29-30** - Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Karen Luebbering Sunday 10:00 a.m. – April Heckman

Visit www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip for more information about the Scrip program. Scrip is available after every other weekend Mass in St. Thomas. You can contact Lindsay Luebbering at 573-680-4920 or Karen Luebbering at 573-301-5835 to purchase anytime.

ASIST: The National Suicide Lifeline call center for the State of Missouri and Osage County will host a 2-day class called ASIST. ASIST is a two-day interactive workshop in suicide first-aid. ASIST teaches participants to recognize when someone may be at risk of suicide and work with them to create a plan that will support their immediate safety. The next course is scheduled for October 9th and 10th from 8am – 3:30pm both days, with an hour for lunch. Anyone can attend. The cost of the course is \$50.

If you'd like more information about the course, please visit: www.livingworks.net/programs/asist/

Andrea (Andi) Rice, CFM, 911/Emergency Management Director (573) 897-3561

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 directly to the Catholic Missourian**. This will help the check to be processed and cleared more easily. Thanks!

PRAYER HOUR WITH MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION is Tuesday, September 25, 7:00 p.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE QUILTING: As you know we are getting ready to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the founding of our St. Thomas the Apostle Parish and the start of quilting season. We welcome anyone interested in spending a few hours either Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. or on Thursday afternoon or if any time in between works, the quilting room is always open. New quilters are welcome and really needed. The picnic quilt auction is a major fund raiser for our parish each year. Quilting is a wonderful way to give your time and talent to the parish. Looking forward to seeing you at quilting! We will need tops to be quilted soon. It would be appreciated if we could have all tops by January 1, 2019, so we can be assured of quilting all of them on time.

ST. THOMAS BABY QUILTS: If anyone is interested in quilting baby quilts for our 2019 Parish Picnic, please call Diane Lueckenhoff, 573-645-5794 or Charlene Buschjost, 573-477-3480.

ST. CECILIA PSR CLASSES –TEACHERS NEEDED

Teachers are needed for religion 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! Please contact Jennifer Even at 680-6945, 229-8976 or evenfamily6@att.net to volunteer or with any questions.

Religion classes for 1st through 11th grade are planned to start on **Wednesday, October 3, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Parish Center. All students are asked to please sign up. Accurate counts are needed for ordering books and materials. Please contact Jennifer Even at 680-6945, 229-8976 or evenfamily6@att.net to sign up or with any questions.

ST. CECILIA PSR SCHOOL

Sunday School classes for St. Cecilia will begin on **Sunday, October 7**, immediately following the 8:00 a.m. Mass (approximately 9:00 a.m.) in the Parish Center. Sunday School classes are open to any children currently in kindergarten, or those who will be entering kindergarten next year (fall of 2019). Please contact Jennifer Even at 680-6945, 229-8976 or evenfamily6@att.net to sign up or with any questions.

META CITIZEN'S CIVIC LEAGUE monthly meeting will be held on September 24 at 7:00 p.m.

THE CITIZEN'S CIVIC LEAGUE BLOOD DRIVE will be held Tuesday, September 25 between the hours of 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. Come for refreshments and an American Red Cross t-shirt. Red Cross is in need of blood.

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE MISSOURI CATHOLIC CONFERENCE is Saturday, October 6, at Helias Catholic High School in Jefferson City. This event is sponsored by the Missouri bishops and is free to all who attend. The keynote speaker will be Bishop Perry of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Workshops will be offered on a number of issues, including pro-life, immigration law, the death penalty, the opioid epidemic, and a Catholic response to the LGBTQ community. Lunch is provided and the day will end with a Mass concelebrated by the bishops. Please pre-register for the event at MOCatholic.org or calling 1-800-456-1679.

MISSOURI RIVER REGIONAL LIBRARY BOOKMOBILE will be available to the St. Thomas Community on Monday, September 24 from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. in the St. Thomas the Apostle Church parking lot off Park Street.

OUR LADY OF HELP PARISH FALL FESTIVAL, FRANKENSTEIN is Sunday, September 23, serving baked turkey & sausage dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Adults \$12.00, children 5-12 \$4.00. Dessert auction 3:30 p.m.

VISITATION PARISH FALL FESTIVAL, VIENNA is Sunday, September 30, serving sausage & fried chicken dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Adults \$11.00, children \$5.00. Kiddie Tractor Pull 3:00 p.m.

HELIAS COLOR CRUSADE. A 5K will be a family friendly, fun, and colorful walk/run. It will begin at the Crusader Athletic Complex at 9:00 am on October 20, 2018 and all are invited to join! Please register online or at Helias' business office by October 5th to guarantee your T-shirt size. Costs are: 13 and up \$15, ages 6-12 \$10, and 5 and under FREE (with paid adult fee).

BOY SCOUT TROOP 76 will be having their pork burger sale at Legend's Bank in Westphalia on Saturday, October 6. Pork burgers (chips & soda available as well) will be served from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Proceeds benefit the Troop by paying for new equipment.

SESQUICENTENNIAL BOOK SPONSORSHIP: please distribute to relatives, friends and employers. **Kindly note that sponsorship deadline is at the end of September.**

FALL QUICK PIK hosted by the Faith, Hope and Family Buschjost Relay for Life Team Sunday, 11:00 am – 2:00 pm on Sunday, November 18th at St. Thomas Parish Hall. \$5 cover with a complimentary bag; lots of vendors. Please contact: Kim Kliegel, 573-619-9188.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH 24TH ANNUAL FALL FANTASY is Saturday, November 3 beginning at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are on sale now. One ticket includes: **Smoked Pork and Fried Chicken** dinner and dance for two with music by Shiloh, complimentary beer, wine, gin rickeys and soda, as well as a chance to win \$10,000. Over \$15,000 in cash prizes given away! For additional information please contact, Joanie Prenger at 573-477-0187 or Lynn Taggart at 573-477-1033.

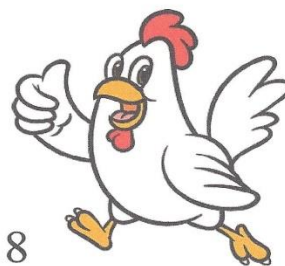
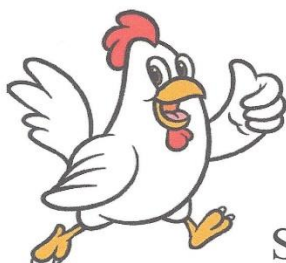
Winner, Winner, Chicken Dinner

24th Annual

St. Thomas the Apostle Fall Fantasy

\$10,000 Banquet
Dress in your best 70's attire

Saturday, November 3, 2018



Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church
St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Center doors open at 6:00 p.m. - Dinner served at 6:30 p.m.

Ticket price: \$110 a couple

Ticket includes dinner for two

with choice of fried chicken, smoked pork loin, and all the fixings. Includes dance, beer, wine, and gin rickeys.

Music by Shiloh. No person under 21 years of age will be admitted.

All tickets numbers will be drawn. You do not have to be present to win. Prizes include:

1 in 300 chance to win \$10,000!!!!

1 in 75 chance to win \$1,000 or more!

1 in 50 chance to win \$500 or more!

1 in 40 chance to win \$300 or more!

1 in 30 chance to win \$200 or more!

1 in 22 chance to win \$150 or more!

1 in 13 chance to win \$100 or more!



For tickets or more information contact:
Lynn Taggart: (573) 477-0133

Joanie Prenger: (573) 477-0187
Donna Boessen: (573) 291-2454

Tickets are also available to purchase at
B & K Quick Shop, St. Thomas

***Prizes are based on 300 tickets sold. If fewer than 300 tickets are sold, prizes will be based on percentages sold to 300.

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish reserves the right to cancel all awards and return donations.***