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

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

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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 30-October 7:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. - People of our Parishes Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Herman & Agatha Luebbering **Monday 7:45 a.m.** – Steve Suthoff

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. - No Mass, Fr. at Priests' Institute Wednesday 7:45 a.m.- No Mass, Fr. at Priest's Institute Thursday 7:45 a.m. - No Mass, Fr. at Priests' Institute Friday 7:45 a.m. - Tom & Clara Schmidt

Anointing of the Sick following Mass & Adoration until 5:45 p.m.

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Reuben Luebbering Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Henrietta Kroll

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2018-2019: \$305,000.00 Offertory Goal through Month End: \$ 76,251.00 Actual Collection for 2018-2019: \$ 69,630.37 Offertory Difference Year to Date: -\$ 6,620.63 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 \$ 2,871.00 September 30 \$ **Collection Online:** \$ 5,702.00

September total to date: \$22,488.01 Difference for September: -\$ 2,928.99

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): \$ 6,597.00 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. – Kerry Meyer / Jackie Prenger Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Choir / Annette Kehner

St. Thomas the Apostle Reader

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

St. Thomas the Apostle Altar Servers

Friday – Audrey Buschjost & Isaac Rackers, Klint Luebbering Saturday 5:00 p.m. - Cameron & Chesney Luebbering, Sophie & Henry Fine Sunday 10:00 a.m. - Madi & Audrey Buschjost, Henry Buschjost, Luke Schroeder

St. Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of September 30-October 7:

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

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. - No Mass, Fr. at Priests' Institute

Saturday 7:00 p.m. - Lawrence "Dick" Rehagen Sunday 8:00 a.m. -People of our Parishes

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2018-2019: \$62,000.00 Collection Total for 2018-2019: \$16,447.70 Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,166.67

Collection in Church:

September 2 \$ 1,238.00 \$1,332.70 September 9 September 16 \$ 1,415.00 September 23 \$ 1,396.00 September 30 September total to date: \$ 5,381.70 Difference for September: +\$ 215.03

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR PARISH IN YOUR LAST WILL & TESTAMENT.

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

October - Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer

St. Cecilia Reader

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. - No Mass, Fr. at Priests' Institute Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Doris Stumpe Sunday 8:00 a.m. - Dominic Plassmeyer

St. Cecilia Altar Servers

Saturday 7:00 p.m. - servers needed Sunday 8:00 a.m. - 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 October 6-7

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

Lynne Reinkemeyer

October 13-14

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

October 6-7

Saturday 5:00 p.m. –Gilbert Schellman & Richard Schellman Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Alan Cortvrient & Richard Heckemeyer October 13-14

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Fred Luebbering & Joe Buschjost Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jim Lueckenhoff & Larry Lueckenhoff

St. Thomas Presentation of Gifts at Mass

October 6-7

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

October 13-14

Saturday 5:00 p.m. - Gilbert & Betty Schellman

Sunday 10:00 a.m. - Arthur McManus & Mary Engelmeyer

St. Thomas Collection Counters

October 6-7 – Jennifer Schroeder & Stephanie Cortvrient October 13-14 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman October 20-21 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas

Monday 7:25 a.m. - Joann Heckman – Joyful Friday 7:25 a.m. – Gilbert & Hermina Strope – Sorrowful Saturday 4:40 p.m. – Dale Herigon – Sorrowful Sunday 9:40 a.m. – Pat Loethen – Sorrowful

St. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion October 6-7

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Dorothy Rehagen, Bonnie Kampeter, Lou Kloeppel

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer, Pam Libbert

October 13-14

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

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

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

October 13-14

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

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Wednesday 6:10 p.m. – *No Mass* Saturday 6:40 p.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer– Sorrowful Sunday 7:40 a.m. – Mary Plassmeyer– Sorrowful

<u>VOTIVE CANDLES</u>: 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.

SNACKS FOR QUILTERS:

Thursday, October 4 – Cindy Buschjost & Debby Buschjost Thursday, October 11 – Marian Buschjost & Julie 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 Strope 573-477-3349 or Emily Luebbering 573-477-3459.

<u>CONGRATULATIONS</u> to **Alanna Wansing & Zac Stockman** who were married in Christ this weekend at St. Cecilia Parish. Many blessings to you as you begin your married life together!

BISHOP MCKNIGHT'S OCTOBER PRAYER INTENTION: For our Local Church is "For the protection of the life and dignity of those most vulnerable in society, especially the unborn."

FR. SECRIST IS AT ANNUAL PRIESTS' INSTITUTE THIS WEEK and will celebrate Mass there for the following intentions: Theresa Mertens, Carol Plues Riley & Clete Matheisen

<u>WELCOME TO THE ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH</u> Glenn & Andrea (Andy) Reynolds, along with their two children Samuel & Jacob!

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.

PRAYING A ROSARY FOR OUR COUNTRY will be prayed on Thursday, October 4 at 5:00 p.m. in St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

FIRST FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5 AT ST. THOMAS:

7:45 a.m. Mass, with Anointing of the Sick offered after Mass for those in need of the Sacrament. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Church throughout the day. Confessions at 4:30-5:50 p.m. Benediction at 6:00 p.m.

FIRST FRIDAY SOCIAL AT ST. THOMAS: Please join us in the Vitae House on Friday, October 5 for coffee, donuts and conversation.

<u>THE ST. THOMAS APOSTLE PARISH OFFICE</u> will be closed on Wednesday, October 3 but will be open on **Friday**, **October 5**, 8:30-5:00 p.m.

<u>ST. THOMAS FALL FESTIVAL COLLECTION</u>: There was an envelope in your September packet. Each family or single wage earner is asked to contribute \$50.00. This collection was instituted years ago to replace the Fall Festival which St. Thomas Parish use to have. It is part of our overall parish budget, helping with ongoing expenses.

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.

A ROSARY will be prayed in honor of Our Lady of Fatima on Saturday, October 13 at 10:00 a.m. in the new prayer garden at St. Thomas the Apostle Church (weather permitting). Please bring a lawn chair.

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. THOMAS THE APOSTLE 2018-2019 PSR TEACHERS & EMAIL ADDRESSES:

Michelle Luebbering –Kindergarten &1st Grade – *kstthomaspsr*@*gmail.com* Lauri Luebbering & Jackie Prenger – 2nd Grade – *2stthomaspsr*@*gmail.com*

Katrina Schellman – 3rd Grade – 3stthomaspsr@gmail.com

Roseanne Boessen – 4th Grade – 4stthomaspsr@gmail.com

Kelsey Kliethermes –5th &6th Grade – *5stthomaspsr* @*gmail.com* & *6stthomaspsr*@*gmail.com*Mary Kay Brand – 7th &8th Grade – *7stthomaspsr* @*gmail.com*Barb Graessle, Lauren Graessle & Karley Reinkemeyer – 9th -12th Grades- *hsstthomaspsr* @*gmail.com*

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.

WELCOME to Ms. Renee Stockman to our St. Thomas the Apostle School staff. She is currently working part time in the preschool classroom.

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

Mr. Leroy Heckmeyer: Iheckemeyerstacs@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:

October 1-5 – Testing Week

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

Friday, October 5 – First Friday, Adoration, Confession for grades 3-8

Wednesday, October 10 - Picture Day

Friday, October 12 - End of 1st Quarter

Wednesday, October 17 - Report cards go home

Thursday, October 18 - Early Release 12:50 p.m.car riders, 1:00 p.m. bus riders, Parent Teachers Conferences

Friday, October 19 - No School

SCRIP: October 6-7 - Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Dee Luebbering Sunday 10:00 a.m. - Sara Otto

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

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 ADULT FAITH FORMATION SERIES: THE CHURCH IN THE MODERN WORLD: You're invited to grow in knowledge of the Catholic faith with this fall series. Each week we will examine a relevant issue in the Church & World. The Classes will be held Monday's from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in Kertz Hall of Immaculate Conception Church. Presenter is Fr. Geoffrey A. Brooke, STL, Parochial Vicar of Immaculate Conception Church. October 15 ... Faith & Reason, October 22... Faith & Science, October 29 ... Revelation as Communication, November 12 ... Origins of Sacred Scripture, November 19 ... Scripture & Tradition, November 26... Understanding Jesus Today, December 7... Understanding Mary Today

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!

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 guilting 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. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL is interested in knowing if you are CPR certified or if you have an interest in attending a CPR certification? Please take a few minutes to complete this two question survey on the following link. Each person in your household 18 or older may cast a vote. Deadline is October 15. www.surveymonkey.com/r/G6TWQVW

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.

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 guestions.

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.

<u>VISITATION PARISH FALL FESTIVAL, VIENNA</u> 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.

<u>HELIAS COLOR CRUSADE</u>. 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).

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 SESQUICENTENNIAL MEETING: Thursday, October 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the Vitae House.

BENEFIT FOR EASTON RUSTEMEYER will be held on Saturday, October 6 at St. Thomas Parish Center. Roasted pork dinners including baked beans, coleslaw, chips, dessert and drink will be served for \$10.00 a plate. Hotdog plates including hotdog and all the sides and drink will be available for \$6.00 per plate. Hotdog & chips available for \$2.00 per plate. Meal served from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. Silent auction ends at 8:00 p.m. Live auction and raffle drawing at 8:15 p.m. For more information, please contact Erica Goeller at 573-694-6366 or Lisa Herx at 573-280-8766.

<u>ST. THOMAS TRACTOR PULL</u> is Sunday, October 7 at 1:00 p.m. Weigh-ins start at 12:30 p.m. This is a rescheduled event, please come and support this event and please come to work. Everyone's help and cooperation are needed to make this event successful. Worklist is attached to this bulletin.

BLAIR OAKS ALUMNI GATHERING: You are invited to come get reacquainted with all of the Blair Oaks finest alumni from 1969-1999. We will have a social time from 6:00-8:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 13 at Lions Hall in Wardsville. Then at 8:00 p.m. the band Notorious will play music of the 70's, 80's & 90's. Cost is \$10 per person at the door. We will have a 50/50 drawing. BYOB. The proceeds will go the new Blair Oaks High School. So come on out & meet up with some old classmates. Let's have a great turnout!

<u>GUARDIAN ANGELS PARISH FALL DINNER, BRINKTOWN</u> is Sunday, October 14, serving sausage & fried chicken dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Adults \$11.00, children 6-12 \$5.00. Quilt auction at 2:30 p.m.

<u>ST. STANISLAUS FALL FESTIVAL, WARDSVILLE</u> is Sunday, October 14, serving fried chicken & sausage dinners from 11:00 – 6:00 p.m. Adults \$12.00, children 6-12 \$6.00

<u>PARISH MISSION ST. MARGARET CHURCH, OSAGE BEND</u> is October 17 & 18, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Deacon Ralph Poyo is the keynote speaker.

<u>ITALIAN NIGHT</u> is Saturday October 20, 2018 from 4-7 pm at Kertz Hall, Immaculate Conception Church, Jefferson City. Your donation earns entry into cash prize drawings (\$500, 2-\$250, \$200, 2-\$100). For tickets, contact IC at 573-635-6143. Proceeds will be used for parish playground and greenspace projects.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH FALL FESTIVAL, WESTPHALIA is Sunday, October 21, serving German pot roast & sausage from 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Adults \$12.00, children 6-12 \$5.00.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH 24 TH 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, Lynn Taggart at 573-477-1033, Darlene Russell at 573-821-6340 or Donna Boeseen at 573-291-2454.

A PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

O Jesus, I pray for Your faithful and fervent priests; for Your unfaithful and tepid priests;

for Your priests laboring at home or abroad in distant mission fields;

for Your tempted priests; for Your lonely and desolate priests;

for Your young priests; for Your dying priests; for the souls of Your priests in purgatory.

But above all I recommend to You the priests dearest to me; the priest who baptized me;

the priests who absolved me from my sins;

the priests at whose Masses I assisted and who gave me Your Body and Blood in Holy communion;

the priests who taught and instructed me; all the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way.

O Jesus, keep them all close to Your heart, and bless them abundantly in time and in eternity. Amen.