

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

St. Cecilia
in Meta

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22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 3, 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. 3 - 10:

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Herb, Imogene & Dave Volmert
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – Billy Chestnut
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Joe, Antonia & Richard Schwartz
Friday 7:45 a.m. – Greg Russell
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes
Mass of Thanksgiving, 50th Wedding Anniversary
Bill & Betty Jo Luebbering
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Hallie Phillips

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2023-2024:	\$312,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End:	\$ 52,000.00
Actual Collection for 2023-2024:	\$ 51,593.16
Offertory Difference Year to Date:	-\$ 406.84
Offertory Goal per month:	\$ 26,000.00

Collection in Church:

August 6	\$ 4,998.73
August 13	\$ 3,807.46
August 20	\$ 2,893.33
August 27	\$ 3,909.01

Collection Online: \$ 7,472.00

August total to date: **\$23,080.53**

Difference for August: -\$ 2,919.47

Church Renovation Capital Campaign

Total Pledges/Donations	\$487,539.70
Total Collected	\$501,403.94
Total Expenses Paid	\$699,195.95

A total of 130 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. 9 Saturday 5:00 p.m. - Kerry Meyer / Jeanette

Sept. 10 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jean Kliethermes / Jackie

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

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

St. Thomas the Apostle Readers

Sept. 9 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Amanda Wooten

Sept. 10 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Katie Luebbering

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

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

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of Sept. 3 - 10:

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Hubert & Trudi Brune

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Cindy Wansing Carmack

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2023-2024:	\$67,000.00
Collection Total for 2023-2024:	\$11,991.00
Offertory Goal per month:	\$ 5,583.34

Collection in Church:

August 6	\$ 1,051.00
August 13	\$ 1,247.00
August 20	\$ 874.00
August 27	\$ 1,533.00

August total to date: **\$ 4,705.00**

Difference for August: -\$ 878.34

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. – Doris Stumpe

Sunday, Sept. 10 8:00 a.m. – Janice Schanzmeyer

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

St. Cecilia Organist

Sunday, Sept. 10 8:00 a.m. – Lydia

Sunday, Sept. 17 8:00 a.m. – Emilie

**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. 9 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Gilbert Schellman & Richard Schellman
Sept. 10 Sunday 10:00 a.m.-Alan Reinkemeyer & Larry Lueckenhoff
Sept. 16 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Eric & Roseanne Boessen
Sept. 17 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Shane & Zeke Verslues
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. 9 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Brenda Wansing
Sept. 10 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Keith Kliethermes
Sept. 16 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Jan Carter
Sept. 17 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Lynne Reinkemeyer

St. Thomas the Apostle Servers

Weekday – Francie Tallent & Levi Tallent
Sept. 9 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ellie & Sadie Boessen,
Miranda Meyer
Sept. 10 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Fayeth Prenger, Erika Luebbering,
Victoria & Will Wieberg
Sept. 16 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Gregory Kirby, JD Volmert,
Carmen Luebbering, Emerald Fennwald
Sept. 17 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Wyatt Otto, Aliyah Buechter,
Cadyn Libbert, Stella Volmert

St. Thomas the Apostle Offertory Gifts

Sept. 16 Saturday 5:00 p.m.–Family of Bill & Betty Jo
Luebbering
Sept. 17 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Family of Hallie Phillips

St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters

Sept. 10 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes
Sept. 17 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg
Sept. 24 – Dunja Wieberg & Jennifer Schroeder
October 1 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman

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

Sept. 10 Karlie Reinkemeyer
Sept. 17 Lauri Luebbering
Sept. 24 Brooke Schell
October 1 Jenny Becker

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

St. Thomas the Apostle Church Cleaners

Sept. 3: Lynne Reinkemeyer, Linda Boessen, Lauri Luebbering, Lisa Lackman
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

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. 7 – Marilee Fischer & Susanne Fleetwood

Thursday, Sept. 14 -Jeanette Goeller & Erica Goeller

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.

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.

A ROSARY FOR OUR COUNTRY will be prayed on Monday, September 4, 5:00 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.

Sept. 5, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., St. Thomas Parish Center
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. 10 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Betty Hagenhoff
Sept. 17 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dorothy Rehagen

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

Sept. 10 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Otto Wankum, Leonard Schulte,
Tony Derkum, William Derkum
Sept. 17 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Terry Libbert, Harold Libbert,
Leon Schanzmeyer, Darin Even

St. Cecilia Servers

Sept. 10 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Henry & Annaline Schroeder
Sept. 17 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Skyla, Jesse & Tucker
Schroeder

St. Cecilia Offertory Gifts

Sept. 10 Sunday 8:00 a.m.- Family of Cindy Wansing
Carmack

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Wednesday 6:05 p.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer
Glorious Mysteries
Sept. 10 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Dorothy Rehagen
Glorious Mysteries
Sept. 17 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Mary Plassmeyer
Sorrowful 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: Notice! There will be a special blessing for those celebrating their marriage/wedding anniversary during the month of September at all Masses this coming Sunday.

22nd Sunday in ordinary time: ACCEPTING A SUFFERING MESSIAH (Jer. 20:7-9; Rom. 12:1-2; Mt. 16:21-27)
Today's Gospel passage reminds us that Christian discipleship demands self-control ("Deny yourself"), the willingness to suffer ("take up your cross"), the readiness to follow Jesus by obeying his commandment of love, and generosity in surrendering our lives to God ("to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice to God" (Rom 12:1).

Today's readings explain how we should practice true, dynamic Christian discipleship. Jeremiah, in the first reading, is certainly a prototype of the suffering Christ. In the Responsorial Psalm (Ps 63), the Psalmist manifests his profound trust in God, just as Jeremiah himself does. In the second reading, Paul advises the Romans and us (Rom 12:1-2): to "offer our bodies as a living sacrifice" to God by explicitly rejecting the ungodly behavior of the world around us and by discerning and doing the will of God. In today's Gospel, Jesus takes his disciples by surprise when, after Peter's great confession of Faith, Jesus announces that he "must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised." After correcting Peter's protest, Jesus announces the three conditions of Christian discipleship: "Deny yourself, take up your cross and follow me." So dear friends we need to be "extremophiles"(able to live in extreme environment) for Christ: True disciples of Christ are: a) **truly compassionate:** they are willing to visit and help the infected and the sick in hospitals, the incontinent elderly, the handicapped, and those who suffer dementia in nursing homes, and AIDS patients in hospices; b) **truly humble:** they are able to see that every good gift comes from God alone, and that His gifts to us of time, personal talents, and resources should inspire gratitude, not pride; c) **truly patient:** they are committed to working with challenging children, adolescents with problems, young adults who are struggling with their Faith, with the intellectually challenged and with those suffering dementia; d) **truly forgiving:** they are willing to forgive not just once, or twice, but again and again, because they know that God has forgiven them again and again; e) **truly loving:** they willingly visit people in prisons, in retirement homes, and in homeless shelters; and f) **truly faithful:** they are living out a committed, trusting relationship with God, with spouse, with family and friends. We need to ask these questions as we examine our conscience. A true disciple examines his or her conscience every day, asking three questions about discipleship: a) Did I sacrifice a part of my time, talents, and income for my parish and the missionary activities of the Church? b) Did I practice self-control over my thoughts, words, deeds, and use of mass media, and put loving restrictions on the cell phone and Internet activities of my children? c) Did I train my children in my Faith in a loving, providing, redeeming God by encouraging them, as we spend some time together as a family, praying and reading the Bible, and by teaching them through example and word to pardon each other, to ask for God's pardon for our own sins and failures, to thank God for His blessings, and to participate in the Sunday school classes and youth programs? ***Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukiibi***

A WALK THROUGH THE MASS: The Cathedral will host "A Walk Through The Mass" with Fr. Paul Clark on Wednesday, September 6, at 5:30 p.m. in the Cathedral, with dinner in Cana Hall. Please consider attending this presentation to get a clearer view of what happens at the highest form of prayer with our Lord: The Eucharist. All are welcome.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL NEWS:

Monday, September 4, Labor Day – No School
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. 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. 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: 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.

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.

OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS PARISH PICNIC, MARY'S HOME is Sunday, September 3, serving fried chicken & Roast beef (Gluten Free) dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Cash & Check only.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH PICNIC, FREEBURG is Sunday, September 3, serving chicken & roast beef dinners from 11:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. carry-outs only. Outdoor and air-conditioned indoor dining available (no table service). Quilt auction 5:00 p.m.

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.

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.

SAVE THE DATES: 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

St. Thomas the Apostle Church Financial Summary July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

Income

General (Sunday collections, fundraisers, gifts from benefactors) (Includes net income of \$79612.24 from Parish Picnic, \$20,740.29 from Fall Fantasy, and \$8,528.88 from Ham/Sausage Breakfast)	\$577,326.19
Special (Building & Improvement Fund contributions including \$64,841.76 for church renovation project)	\$133,407.99
Diocesan collections	\$ 8,177.00
Universal Church collections	\$ 4,267.43
Parish School (includes grants and gifts from benefactors)	\$389,422.82
Pre-School	\$ 47,840.31

Total Income \$1,160,441.74

Expenses

Church & Rectory General	\$277,323.97	
Church & Rectory Special (Improvement projects, church renovation payments)	\$123,768.42	loan
Diocesan collections	\$ 7,243.00	
Universal Church collections	\$ 4,081.68	
Parish School	\$618,118.61	
Pre-School	\$ 45,580.14	
Religious Education (PSR)	\$ 5,299.27	
Vitae House	\$ 2,804.30	
Parish Center	\$ 45,632.23	

Total Expenses \$1,129,851.62

Net Income (Loss) \$ 30,590.12

I urge you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship. Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.

Romans 12:1-2

When we feel trapped by temptations that are not pleasing to God, we can ask for His grace to help us to grow deeper in our relationship with Him through a consistent prayer life and through deeper formation of our Catholic faith.



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