

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

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 4, 2016

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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 4-11:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Henrietta Kroll
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Harold & Laura Mae Groner
Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Wm. & Rufina Boessen
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – Carol (Schell) Pleus Riley
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Andrew & Anna Stroppe
Friday 7:45 a.m. – Joe Schwartz
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – David & Agnes Boessen 50th Wedding

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2016-2017:	\$305,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End:	\$ 50,834.00
Actual Collection for 2016-2017:	\$ 47,015.89
Offertory Difference Year to Date:	- \$ 3,818.11
Offertory Goal per month:	\$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

August 7	\$ 4,708.00
August 14	\$ 3,978.22
August 21	\$ 2,915.00
August 28	\$ 3,201.00

Collection Online: \$ 5,344.00

August total to date: **\$20,146.22**

Difference for August: - \$ 5,270.78

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):	\$4,828.00
Loan payments to date for FY 2015-2016:	\$18,455.48
(Principal) \$14,906.47 (Interest) \$3,549.01	
Parish Building Expansion Debt remaining:	\$481,189.50

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. – Alfred Kaiser
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Roseanne Boessen

St. Thomas Altar Servers

Weekday – Carson Libbert & Lane Libbert
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ethan & Noah Luebbering,
Chase & Grace Luebbering
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Isaac Prenger, Ben & Emma Luebbering,
Clara Lackman

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of September 4-11:

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – L&D Bruemmer Family
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – People of our Parishes

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Lawrence "Dick" Rehagen

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

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2016-2017:	\$60,500.00
Collection Total for 2016-2017:	\$11,415.39
Offertory Goal per month:	\$ 5,041.00

Collection in Church:

August 7	\$ 1,566.00
August 14	\$ 1,289.00
August 21	\$ 1,010.00
August 28	\$ 1,337.39

August total to date: **\$ 5,202.39**

Difference for August: +\$ 161.39

Please remember your parish in your last will & testament.

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

September – Pam Libbert & Marie Lueckenotto

St. Cecilia Reader / Petitions

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

St. Cecilia Altar Servers

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Alex & Joshua Even,
Ben & Henry Schroeder
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Will & 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 10-11

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Leeroy Budnik, Lora Boessen, Mark Luebbering
Sunday 10:00 a.m. - Shirley Volmert, Lillian Lackman, Rosalyn Wieberg *

September 17-18

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

* *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 10-11

Saturday 5:00 p.m. –Richard Schellman & Fred Luebbering
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Eric & Keith Boessen

September 17-18

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

St. Thomas Presentation of Gifts at Mass

September 10-11

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark & Lauri Luebbering
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – David & Agnes Boessen Family

September 17-18

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

St. Thomas Collection Counters

September 10-11 – Jennifer Schroeder & Stephanie Cortvrient

September 17-18 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman

September 24-25 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg

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 Strobe - Sorrowful

Saturday 4:40 p.m. – Marilyn Herigon – Glorious

Sunday 9:40 a.m. – Pat Loethen– Glorious

SCRIP: September 10-11

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kerry Meyer Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Melissa Verslues

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 8 – Dianne Herigon & Jill Hickman Thursday, September 15 – Joni Hoecker & Delores Holtmeyer

Please bring to hall by 1:00 p.m.; snack served at 3:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please call Kathy Strobe or Emily Luebbering.

A NOTE FROM YOUR PASTOR

Dear friends in Christ,

As was mentioned in my homily this past Sunday, reflection booklets to aid your prayer and preparation for Sunday Mass are 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. I encourage all of you to make use of these booklets as a practical way to enrich your family's life of faith, as we celebrate the mysteries of Christ's love for us at Mass.

Yours in Christ, Fr. Secrist

WELCOME to **Michael & Dawn Herigon and Kalib Christian & Jessica Schulte** who recently joined St. Thomas the Apostle Parish. Kalib & Jessica will be married at St. Thomas on October 1, 2016.

CONGRATULATIONS to **Amelia Catherine Rackers**, daughter of Marc & Meghan Rackers, who was baptized this Sunday at St. Thomas the Apostle.

A NOTE OF THANKS

The St. Thomas CYO would like to thank everyone that supported our breakfast on Sunday, it was a great success netting \$1,160.00. A huge thank you to Western Catholic Union for their matching funds of \$500.00.

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

DIOCESAN COLLECTION FOR FLOOD VICTIMS IN LOUISIANA: A special collection will be taken up in our parishes on Saturday, September 10 & Sunday, September 11. The funds collected will support the humanitarian efforts of Catholic Charities USA and will help provide support to Catholic dioceses also impacted. Please indicate on checks: "Louisiana Flood Assistance." The following link to the USCCB website contains more information: www.usccb.org/news/2016/16-106.cfm.

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. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
September 10-11

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Jennifer Even, Betty Hagenhoff, Dorothy Rehagen
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Gerald & Phyllis Rehagen, Pam Libbert

September 17-18

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

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

September 10-11

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Mitch & Brendan Stumpe, Darin Even, Randy Hagenhoff
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Terry Libbert, Tony Derkum, Leon Schanzmeyer, Kenny Otto

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,

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Wednesday 6:10 p.m. – Florentine Hagenhoff – Glorious

Saturday 6:40 p.m. – Alice Hake– Glorious

Sunday 7:40 a.m. – Mary Plassmeyer– Glorious

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

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YOUR LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENT,
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.

ST. THOMAS 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. Out of respect for individuals' privacy, only necessary information is communicated.

A ROSARY FOR OUR COUNTRY will be prayed on Sunday, September 4 at 5:00 p.m. in St. Thomas Church.

SEEKING CHRIST FOR OUR NATION MASS is Tuesday, September 6 at 6:30 p.m. at St. George Parish, Linn.

ST. THOMAS PSR CLASSES: will begin Wednesday, September 7. Classes will be held in the St. Thomas School building this year.

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 if interested or for more information.

WEDNESDAY EVENING TRAFFIC PATTERN AT ST. THOMAS: Because of the number of people attending PSR and quilting on Wednesday evenings at St. Thomas, **ALL** drivers are asked to please ***enter via the lower driveway from Park Street and exit from the upper parking lot onto Highway B only!***

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

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

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

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS:

September 5 – Labor Day - No School P-8

September 10 – Mum pickup from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Lower church parking lot.

September 16- Mid Quarter, Grandparents Day

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.

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

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.

THE META AREA QUILTERS have begun their quilting season for the 2017 Quilt Auction that benefits St. Cecilia Parish & Meta Civic League. Please join us on Tuesday during the day & evening; and Thursdays in the evening. Even if it's only for an hour or two, every stitch counts. If you have any question, you may contact Katie Lueckenotto (573-229-4318) or Mary Plasmeyer (573-229-4553).

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.

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 Tractor Pull – Saturday, September 10, 2016

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

HOLY FAMILY PARISH PICNIC FREEBURG is this Sunday, September 4, serving fried chicken & roast beef dinners from 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Quilt Auction at 5 p.m., Country Store, Refreshments, and lots more.

OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS PARISH PICNIC, MARY'S HOME is this Sunday, September 4.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA FALL FESTIVAL, FOLK is Sunday, September 11. There will also have their 2nd 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.

Clothing and shoes are in partnership with *usagain.com* (please bag 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, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Serving pork steak, chicken and bratwurst dinners \$10.

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. LOUIS OF FRANCE PARISH FALL FESTIVAL, BONNOTS MILL is Sunday, September 18, serving German pot roast & bone in ham dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Adults \$11, children 6-12 \$5.00.

ST. THOMAS 4-H: It is the start of a new 4-H year and 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 or Linda Lackman: 573-477-3331 lackmanlt@aol.com if you have questions.

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 and sponsor keyword: CivicLeagueMeta

4TH ANNUAL "FAMILY NIGHT UNDER THE STARS" SPONSORED BY 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!