

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

St. Cecilia
in Meta

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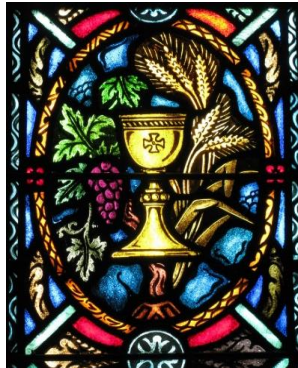
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26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 25, 2016

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St. Thomas 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 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 25-October 2:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – L&D Anton & Alma Boessen Family
Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Roman & Geneva Plassmeyer
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – August, Leona & Donald Loethen
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Joe Kaiser
Friday 7:45 a.m. – Sylvanus Hoecker
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ralph Hirschman
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Clete Matheisen

Your Sunday Offering:

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| Offertory Budget for 2015-2016: | \$305,000.00 |
| Offertory Goal through Month End: | \$ 76,251.00 |
| Actual Collection for 2015-2016: | \$ 64,407.65 |
| Offertory Difference Year to Date: | - \$ 11,843.35 |
| Offertory Goal per month: | \$ 25,417.00 |

Collection in Church:

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| September 4 | \$ 4,131.01 |
| September 11 | \$ 4,704.75 |
| September 18 | \$ 2,652.00 |
| September 25 | \$ |

Collection Online: \$ 5,904.00
September total to date: \$ **17,391.76**
Difference for September: - \$ 8,025.25

St. Thomas the Apostle Expansion & Building Fund

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| Total Expansion Project expenses paid: | \$2,273,475.34 |
| Income from parishioners for FY 2015-2016 (via the yellow "Building Fund" envelope): | \$ 6,377.00 |
| Loan payments to date for FY 2015-2016: | \$27,683.22 |
| (Principal) \$22,513.81 (Interest) \$5,169.41 | |
| Parish Building Expansion Debt remaining: | <u>\$473,582.16</u> |

St. Thomas Cantor / Organist

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Amanda Wooten/ Dr. Vaughn
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Doug Luebbering/ Dr. Vaughn

St. Thomas Reader/ Petitions

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Carolyn Loethen
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Kathy Rackers

St. Thomas Altar Servers

Weekday: Henry Schroeder & Ethan Rackers
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Chase & Grace Luebbering,
Cale Luebbert
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Abigail Verslues, Morgan & Jacob
Luebbering, Henry Buschjost

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of September 25-October 2:

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Josephine Werdehausen
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Pauline Braun

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Susan Mertens

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Vince & Brad Reinkemeyer

Your Sunday Offering:

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| Offertory Budget for 2015-2016: | \$60,500.00 |
| Collection Total for 2015-2016: | \$15,164.39 |
| Offertory Goal per month: | \$ 5,041.00 |

Collection in Church:

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| September 4 | \$ 843.00 |
| September 11 | \$1,818.00 |
| September 18 | \$1,088.00 |
| September 25 | \$ |

September total to date: **\$3,749.00**
Difference for September: - **\$1,292.00**

Please remember your parish in your last will & testament.

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

October – Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer

St. Cecilia Reader / Petitions

Wednesday – Dorothy Rehagen
Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Jennifer Even
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Don Wansing

St. Cecilia Altar Servers

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Alex & Joshua Even,
Gavin Holterman, Carson Libbert
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Will & Melina Derkum,
Sophie Bock

***IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO FULFILL YOUR
LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENT,
IN YOUR KINDNESS & CHARITY,
PLEASE FIND A REPLACEMENT.***

St. Thomas Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

October 1-2

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Betty Schellman, Leeroy Budnik, Carolyn Loethen
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mike & Sheri Wieberg, Shirley Volmert

October 8-9

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark & Barb Graessle, Lora Boessen
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Bill & Betty Jo Luebbering, Lynne Reinkemeyer

St. Thomas Greeters/Ushers

October 1-2

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mike Groner & Dave Luebbering
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mattheuw Prenger & Keith Kliethermes

October 8-9

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Steve & Gilbert Schellman
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mike Buschjost & Tom Backes

St. Thomas Presentation of Gifts at Mass

October 1-2

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Steve & Katrina Schellman Family
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mike & Kristin Buschjost Family

October 8-9

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Gilbert & Betty Schellman
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Travis & Kathy Rackers Family

St. Thomas Collection Counters

October 1-2 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes
October 8-9 – Richard & Jan Heckemeyer
October 15-16 – Jennifer Schroeder & Stephanie Cortvrient

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 Strope – Sorrowful
Saturday 4:40 p.m. – Barb Graessle– Glorious
Sunday 9:40 a.m. – Gilbert & Hermina Strope – Glorious

SCRIP: October 1-2 Visit www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip for more information about the scrip program.

Saturday – Karen Luebbering Sunday – April Heckman

You may contact Lindsay Luebbering at 573-680-4920 or Karen Luebbering at 573-301-5834 for additional sales.

LADIES TO BRING SNACK TO ST. THOMAS QUILTERS:

Thursday, September 29 – Melanie Kirkweg & Sharon Kirkweg Thursday, October 6 – Sandy Kliegel & Pat Kliegel
Please bring to hall by 1:00 p.m.; snack served at 3:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please call Kathy Strope or Emily Luebbering.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all of our family for making our Anniversary celebration such a beautiful and enjoyable day. Thanks also to Fr. Secrist for his uplifting blessing, our relatives, neighbors and friends and all who came to help us celebrate. It was such a fun day!
David & Agnes Boessen

CONGRATULATIONS to ***Darrell Michael Herigon***, son of Michael & Dawn Herigon, who was washed in the saving waters of Baptism this weekend in St. Thomas Parish.

A NOTE FROM YOUR PASTOR:

Dear friends,

next Sunday, October 2, is the rededication of the historic Pfeffer pipe organ. The 4:00 p.m. rededication will consist of a formal prayer of blessing of the restored instrument and then a concert performed by Dr. Kevin Vaughn (kindly note, it is *not* Sunday Mass). In case you were wondering, the total cost of the Pfeffer pipe organ restoration was \$54,140.00. The project was fully funded by the following bequests and donors: The Estate of Ms. Rose Schmidt; Mr. Bernskoetter, in memory of the Herb & Henrietta Kroll Family; Fr. Jeremy Secrist; the CYO of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish; Mrs. Kathy Graessle; Mrs. Anne (Loethen) Adam; Ms. Laurie Pleus & gifts in memory of Mrs. Carol Riley; and Mr. & Mrs. Norbert Veit. Thank you to all who have contributed in this project.

Another upcoming project next month at St. Thomas the Apostle will be the installation of powered door openers at the side entrance of church. Full funding for the purchase and installation of these openers has been provided through a loving bequest made in memory of Sylvanus Hoecker by his family.
Yours in Christ, Fr. Secrist

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 the Ushers assigned for Mass to count all the faithful (including musician & altar servers) at each weekend Mass.

USHERS are gently reminded to arrive in plenty of time before their assigned Masses in order to greet and welcome the faithful who come to our parish Mass. Also, ushers are encouraged to wait until the Altar servers and Father have processed down the aisle at the end of Mass before propping open the doors at the entrance of Church.

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.

EXTREMELY LOW GLUTEN HOSTS (less 0.01% gluten) are available to those parishioners who are highly sensitive to wheat. Please talk or email Fr. Secrist to determine particulars of distribution and reception of the low-gluten hosts.

St. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

October 1-2

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

October 8-9

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

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

October 1-2

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Mitch & Brendan Stumpe, Darin Even, Randy Hagenhoff
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic Plassmeyer, Larry Lueckenotto, Harold Libbert, Anton Libbert

October 8-9

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Tom Gragert, Lou Kloeppel, Mitch & Brendan Stumpe
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Terry Libbert, Tony Derkum, Leon Schanzmeyer, Kenny Otto

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Wednesday 6:10 p.m. – Florentine Hagenhoff – Glorious
Saturday 6:40 p.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer – Glorious Mysteries
Sunday 7:40 a.m. – Margaret Brune – Glorious Mysteries

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.

THE 2016-2017 CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL (CSA): The Catholic Stewardship Appeal (CSA) will officially begin October 7-8, 2016. You will receive information mailed to your home from Bishop Gaydos. The CSA is our opportunity to come together as one to shine the light of Christ throughout our 95 Catholic Parishes and 15 missions in our northeast & central Missouri. Take a few moments this week and prayerfully ask God's Holy Spirit for guidance as you make your decision about your participation.
The CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP GOALS for 2016: St. Cecilia Parish: \$2,000.00; St. Thomas Parish: \$8,000.00. Please be generous.

ST. CECILIA RELIGION CLASSES: Religion classes for 1st through 11th grade will start on Wednesday, October 5, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center (dependent upon having teachers for all classes). All students are asked to please sign up. Accurate counts are needed for ordering books and materials. Teachers are needed for several grades/classes for 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! **Without more volunteers for this year, classes will have to be cut back and/or cancelled for some/all students.** Please contact Jennifer Even at 680-6945, 229-8976 or evenfamily6@att.net to sign up or with any questions.

ST. CECILIA SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday School classes for St. Cecilia will begin on Sunday, October 2, immediately following the 8:00 a.m. Mass in the Parish Center. Sunday School classes are open to any children in kindergarten, or those who will be entering kindergarten next year (fall of 2017). Please contact Jennifer Even at 680-6945, 229-8976 or evenfamily6@att.net to sign up or with any questions.

ST. THOMAS SUNDAY SCHOOL: St. Thomas the Apostle Sunday School is for children preschool age (2 years prior to Kindergarten) meet on Sunday's from 9:00-9:45 a.m. in the St. Thomas School Kindergarten room. Please contact Daffny Tallent at 573-694-4408 or email ddtallent@embarqmail.com if interested or for more information.

ST. THOMAS PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday, September 27, 7:00 p.m. in the Vitae House.

ST. THOMAS SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, September 27, 6:00 p.m. in the Vitae House.

ST. THOMAS CYO MEETING is Monday, October 3, 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

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

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 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.

COPY PAPER: St. Thomas School is in need of copy paper, clean on one side and staple free. Please drop off paper at school or call the school office.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS:

September 25-30 – Achievement Testing Week
27 – Parish School Advisory Board Meeting 6:00 p.m. in the Vitae House
30 – Pizza Kickoff
October 7 – First Friday, Adoration & Confessions grades 3-8
12 – Picture Day
14 – End of 1st Quarter, Pizza order forms due
18 – Cole County Flu Immunizations 9:00 a.m.
20 – Early Release K-8, 1:20 car riders, 1:30 p.m. bus riders
21 – No School, K-8

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 5:00 p.m. to 7:00p.m., Tuesday from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to noon, and Friday from 10:00 a.m. to noon.

ST. THOMAS SESQUICENTENNIAL TEAM: Anyone interested in helping interview, research, write or take photographs for the St. Thomas Heritage Book, please call Bill Boessen at (573) 477-3384.

META CIVIC LEAGUE will hold their monthly meeting on Monday, September 26 at 7:00 p.m. Attendance is welcomed by anyone interested in attending these meetings.

MISSOURI RIVER REGIONAL LIBRARY BOOKMOBILE will be available to the St. Thomas Community on Monday, September 26 from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. in the K of C Parking lot, and 7:15 to 8:00 p.m. at Bee Line, Meta.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

Rededication of Historic Pfeiffer Pipe Organ will be 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 2, 2016, performed by Dr. Kevin Vaughn.

St. Thomas Fall Fantasy – Saturday, November 5, 2016

DIOCESAN HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH RALLY is this 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 inspiration 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

VISIATION PARISH FALL FESTIVAL, VIENNA is Sunday, September 25, serving sausage & fried chicken dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Adults \$11.00, children 5-12 \$5.00.

OUR LADY OF HELP CHRISTIANS FALL FESTIVAL, FRANKENSTEIN is Sunday, September 25, serving turkey & sausage dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Adults \$11.00, children 5-12 \$4.00.

META CITIZEN'S 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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PUMPKIN FESTIVAL, WESTPHALIA is Saturday, October 1 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Pumpkins, hayrides, games, crafts.

HELIAS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL CELEBRATING 60 YEARS....HOMECOMING ACTIVITIES is Friday, October 7, parade 6:30 p.m. downtown Jefferson City, pep rally at 8:00 p.m. Helias Campus. Saturday, October 8, Helias Foundation Homecoming 5K Run/Walk 8:00 a.m. Packet pickup – Helias Commons, 9:00 a.m. – 5KWalk/run front of Helias. To register online at www.heliasfoundation.org Tours of school & new construction 1:30-3:00 p.m. – Helias Catholic High School, Homecoming Mass 3:30 p.m. – Rackers Fieldhouse. Helias Community, family & friends invited, class of '57 will be honored with a special blessing. 60th Anniversary Tailgate after Mass – Helias Campus, games, food trucks & soft drinks. Homecoming Football Game 7:00 p.m. – Atkins Stadium. Sunday, October 9 Homecoming Dance – 8:00 -11:00 p.m. – Helias Catholic High School.

ST. STANISLAUS FALL FESTIVAL, WARDSVILLE is Sunday, October 9, serving fried chicken & sausage dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Adults \$11.00, children 6-12 \$6.00

FRANKENSTEIN 5TH ANNUAL 5K RUN/WALK: St. Mary's Home & School will be hosting a 5K run/walk on Sunday, October 9, in Frankenstein, MO. Kids fun run will be held after the race. Early registration is \$20. Register by September 26 to guarantee a shirt. Race Day registration is \$25. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. Run/Walk begins at 10:00 a.m. Visit www.ourladyofhelp.wordpress.com for a registration form.

THE SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS OF THE MARTYR ST. GEORGE are hosting their "Veni Si Amas" Retreat on October 14-16 at their provincial house in Alton. They are inviting women ages 17-30 to join them for the weekend beginning Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. and ending on Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. The suggested donation is \$15 and registration is available on their website at this link: <http://www.altonfranciscans.org/vocations/events>.

WOMEN'S RETREAT AT ST. PETER CHURCH, JEFFERSON CITY will be hosting a women's retreat at Selinger Centre on Sunday, October 23rd entitled, "It Wasn't Easy Being Sarah". The cost of the retreat will be \$15 per person, lunch included. It will be from 11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Women of all denominations are invited to attend. For more information, visit the St. Peter website www.stpeterjc.org or the It Wasn't Easy Being Sarah Facebook page. Please save the date and invite a friend!

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.** 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. **The next meeting is Monday, September 26, 7:00 p.m. in the Vitae House.**

FOR VETERANS: - Save the Date! Mid America Bank will honor mid-Missouri veterans during a luncheon at the Wardsville Lions Club. We are hosting this free lunch to honor the men and women of our Nation's Armed Forces, past and present. All veterans and their spouses are welcome to attend Thursday, November 3rd, from 11am-1pm. We are honored to serve delicious food to those who have SERVED and hope to see you! There will also be a patriotic slide show presentation for your enjoyment. Please RSVP by October 15th to Mid America Bank 573-635-0019

MISSOURI CATHOLIC CONFERENCE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY: Celebrate the Year of Mercy! Plan on attending the Missouri Catholic Conference's 2016 Annual Assembly on Saturday, October 8 at the Missouri State Capitol building in Jefferson City. This free event is sponsored by the Missouri bishops and everyone is invited. The keynote speaker will be the new bishop of Springfield-Cape Girardeau, Bishop Edward Rice. Workshops will be offered on a number of issues, including how virtue meets a culture of violence and how Catholics can approach decisions for the 2016 election. Lunch is provided and the day will end with Mass concelebrated by the bishops. Please pre-register for the event by going to MOCatholic.org or calling 1-800-456-1679. See you on October 8!

ST. THOMAS TRUNK OR TREAT is Sunday, October 30, 4:00 pm. to 6:00 p.m. St. Thomas Church Parking lot. Here's how it works: Bring your family AND your car, truck, SUV, ATV or simply a table to decorate as much or as little as you like with candy to distribute to the little ones (plan for up to 200 children). There will be refreshments, a hayride and a prize for the best decorated station. We ask that all participating vehicles be in place by no later than 3:45 p.m. This will allow you time to set up your stations, and will provide a safe environment for the children to begin their trick-or-treating at 4:00 p.m. Please call the St. Thomas School at 573-477-3322 to sign up.