**Saint Thomas the Apostle**

**Pastor:** Very Reverend Jeremy A. Secrist, V.F.
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**St. Thomas Bookkeeper:**
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**St. Cecilia Bookkeeper:**
Mrs. Doris Stumpe
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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.

**St. Cecilia Collection**
Please remember your parish in your last will & testament.

Your Sunday Offering:
- Offertory Budget for 2016-2017: $305,000.00
- Offertory Goal through Month End: $101,668.00
- Actual Collection for 2015-2017: $94,942.45
- Offertory Difference Year to Date: + $6,725.55
- Offertory Goal per month: $25,417.00

Collection in Church:
- October 2: $3,494.20
- October 9: $5,712.00
- October 16: $4,272.25
- October 23: $2,470.00
- October 30: $3,542.10
- Collection Online: $5,904.00
- October total to date: $25,394.55

Difference for October: + $22.45

**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): $10,336.00

Loan payments to date for FY 2016-2017: $36,810.96

(Principal) $30,201.76 (Interest) $6,709.20

Parish Building Expansion Debt remaining: $465,894.21

**St. Thomas Cantor / Organist**

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

**St. Thomas Reader / Petitions**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kathy Graessle
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Stephanie Cortvriend

**St. Thomas Altar Servers**

Weekend: No Masses
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ethan & Noah Luebbering, Sam Schaefer
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Grace Boessen, Madi Buschjost, Morgan & Jacob Luebbering

**St. Cecilia**

**School Principal:** Mr. Leroy Heckemeyer
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School: 573-477-3322 Fax: 573-477-3700

**St. Thomas Secretary:**
Mrs. Diane Lueckenhoff
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**St. Cecilia Secretary:**
Mrs. Jenny Becker
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**School Website:**
www.stthomaspistleschool.net

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**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
November 12-13
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mike & Trish Green, Betty Schellman
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Richard & Jan Heckemeyer, Emily Luebbering

November 19-20
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Leeroy Budnik, Carolyn Loethen, Lora Boessen
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Janet Lueckenhoff, Linda Lueckenhoff, Glenn Prenger

St. Thomas Greeters/Ushers
November 12-13
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Joe Buschjost & Carolyn Loethen
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jim Lueckenhoff & Larry Lueckenhoff

November 19-20
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark Boessen & Gregg Boessen
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Art Groner & Arthur McManus

St. Thomas Presentation of Gifts at Mass
November 12-13
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark & Lauri Luebbering
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Bryan & Renee Braun Family

November 19-20
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ralph & Kathy Graessle
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Scott & Tracy Suthoff Family

St. Thomas Collection Counters
November 12–13 – Richard & Jan Heckemeyer
November 19–20 – Jennifer Schroeder & Stephanie Cortvrient
November 26–27 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday a.m. – No Masses
Saturday 4:40 p.m. – Marilyn Herigon Luminous
Sunday 9:40 a.m. – Pat Loethen - Luminous

SCRIP: November 12-13 Visit www.stthomasapostlesschoolnet/scrip for more information about the Scrip program. Saturday – Kristi Luebbering Sunday – Amy Luebbering

Please remember to purchase Scrip cards for all your holiday shopping and gift giving needs! We have a large variety of cards in various denominations in stock and available for purchase. Scrip is available for purchase after every weekend Mass in St. Thomas and available during the week by contacting the school office at 573-477-3322. You can also contact Lindsay Luebbering at 573-680-4920 or Karen Luebbering at 573-301-5835 to purchase anytime.

LADIES TO BRING SNACK TO ST. THOMAS QUILTERS:
Thursday, November 10 – Lisa Lackman & Nancy Libbert
Thursday, November 17 – Sheila Libbert & Lizzie Libbert
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.

NOTE OF CORRECTION:
The upgrade of the sound system at St. Thomas the Apostle with the replacement of the main sound board was made possible by donations made in memory of Mr. Joe Kaiser. Apologies for incorrect donation attribution.

POWERED DOORS AT ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE:
installation of the power-assist operators is not yet complete. Further details to follow.


The CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP GOALS for 2016 are:
St. Cecilia Parish: $2,000.00. So far $573.00 (28%) has been contributed.
St. Thomas Parish: $8,000.00. So far $2,428.00 (30%) has been contributed.

2016 OCTOBER MONTHLY AVERAGE FOR MASSES
AT ST. CECILIA: 7:00 p.m. Vigil: 73 souls, 8:00 a.m. Sunday: 144 souls
2016 weekend average: 217 souls. 2015 weekend average: 222 souls
AT ST. THOMAS: 5:00 p.m. Vigil: 104 souls, 10:00 a.m. Sunday: 174 souls

DVD’S OF THE PFEFFER PIPE ORGAN REDEDICATION held on October 2nd, are now available for $15. These DVD’s were recorded and edited by the videographer and sportscaster Rod Smith. Please contact Fr. Secrist or Diane Lueckenhoff to obtain a copy. Proceeds will go for the continued care and maintenance of the historic instrument.

ST. THOMAS POST-FALL FANTASY MEETING is Monday, November 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the Vitae House.

ST. THOMAS CYO MEETING is Monday, November 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Thomas School cafeteria.

PRAYER HOUR WITH MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION will be held on Tuesday, November 8 at 7:00 p.m. in St. Thomas Church.

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 Masses. 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. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
November 12-13
Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Jennifer Even, Betty Hagenhoff, Doris Stumpe
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer, Karen Fick

November 19-20
Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Jennifer Even, Betty Hagenhoff, Dorothy Rehagen
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Gerald & Phyllis Rehagen, Pam Libbert

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers
November 12-13
Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Darin Even, Randy Hagenhoff, Lou Kleoppe, Mitch Stumpe
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Leon Schanzmeyer, Kenny Otto, Dominic Plassmeyer, Larry Lueckenotto

November 19-20
Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Mitch & Brendan Stumpe, Darin Even, Randy Hagenhoff
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Harold Libbert, Anton Libbert, Terry Luebert, Tony Derkum

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia
Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – No Mass, Fr. at convention
Saturday 6:40 p.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer – Luminous Mysteries
Sunday 7:40 a.m. – Janice Schanzmeyer-Luminous 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.
INSTRUCTION ON THE BURIAL OF ASHES IN THE CASE OF CREMATION

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.

MUSIC WORKSHOP FOR ORGANISTS & ACCOMPANISTS: Tuesday, November 15, 6:30-8:00 p.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle. Mr. Bill Stein, Director of Music Ministries at First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood, MO will lead the practical workshop “Leading Congregational Singing with Confidence & Sensitivity”.

ST. CECILIA SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday School classes for St. Cecilia is 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 preschool age child (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 Daffiny Tallant at 573-694-4408 or email dtallantl@embargmail.com if interested or for more information.

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@embargmail.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:
November 16 – Picture Re-takes, Mid Quarter, Bookmobile
17 – Home & School Meeting 6:30 p.m.
21 – American Red Cross Blood Drive Assembly 2:30 p.m.
23 – No School K-8
24 – Thanksgiving, No School P-8
25 – No School P-8
29 – 7&8 Visit Hellas, Parish School Advisory Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m. in Vitae House

DIOCESAN MULTICULTURAL MASS & CELEBRATION: Join Bishop Gaydos for a Mass at the Cathedral of St. Joseph at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 20 “Culminating the Year of Mercy.” The afternoon will also feature a potluck dinner. To RSVP or for more information, please contact Jose Lopez at the (573) 635-9127 x 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 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.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.

META OVER 50 CLUB will meet on Thursday, November 10 at noon in the Parish Center. Please bring a dish and join us for lunch, fun & fellowship.

THE NEXT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING is Tuesday, November 8 at 7:15 p.m. Please read the November newsletter attached to the bulletin.

SSM ST. MARY’S HOSPITAL is offering training for anyone interested in learning how to support the women & men who have experienced a loss due to miscarriage or still birth. The training will take place on November 28 -8:00-5:00 p.m., 29-8:00–5:00 p.m. & 30 8:00-1:00 p.m. at the SSM St. Mary’s Hospital, 2505 Mission Dr. Jefferson City, MO. To register, please contact Debra Cochran at 573-636-947-6164.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH HARVEST FESTIVAL, TAOS is this Sunday, November 6, serving turkey & sausage dinners from 11:00 to 6:00 p.m. Adults $11.00, children 6-10 $6.00. There will be no 10:00 a.m. Mass

ST. PETER SALE-A-RAMA! Holiday Craft & Gift Show is Sunday, November 6, 8:00 a.m – 2:30 p.m. Selinger Center. Snack bar, quilt raffle, vendor raffles, country store, 50 cent admission

NEXT SEEKING CHRIST FOR OUR NATION MASS is Tuesday, November 8 at 7:00 p.m. St. Francis Xavier, Taos.

5K TO BENEFIT EMMY KRAMER of Sacred Heart Parish, Rich Fountain. Please register and come show your support for Emmy on Saturday, November 12, 2016. Emmy suffers from DiGeorge Syndrome and has been intensely ill her entire 15 years of life. Print registration forms at runjeffcity.org

THE BLAIR OAKS VETERANS TRIBUTE: At 9:00 a.m. on Friday, November 11, the students, faculty, and staff of Blair Oaks will gather to pay tribute to those who have served and continue to serve to protect the freedoms we all enjoy.

THE BLAIR OAKS R-II SCHOOL DISTRICT will be hosting its annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 17. The meal will be held at Blair Oaks High School from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM. If you plan to attend, please contact the High School Office at 635-6514 to make reservations. Please make reservations by Monday, November 14. The meal will include all the traditional Thanksgiving fixings and will cost $3.00.

ST. THOMAS/META KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLOOD DRIVE is Sunday, November 27, 8:00 a.m. to noon, K of C Hall. To make an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org. sponsor code: STThomasParish
1. To rise with Christ, we must die with Christ: we must "be away from the body and at home with the Lord" (2 Cor 5:8). With the Instruction Piam et Constantem of 5 July 1963, the then Holy Office established that "all necessary measures must be taken to preserve the practice of reverently burning the faithful departed", adding however that cremation is not "opposed per se to the Christian religion" and that no longer should the sacraments and funeral rites be denied to those who have asked that they be cremated, under the condition that this choice has not been made through "a denial of Christian dogmas, the animosity of a sect or a religious cult, or the animosity of the Church". Later this change in ecclesiastical discipline was incorporated into the Code of Canon Law (1983) and the Code of Canons of Oriental Churches (1990).

During the intervening years, the practice of cremation has notably increased in many countries, but simultaneously new ideas contrary to the Church’s faith have also become widespread. Having consulted the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, the Pontifical Council for Legislative Texts and numerous Episcopal Conferences and Synods of Bishops of the Oriental Churches, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith has deemed opportune the publication of a new Instruction, with the intention of underlining the doctrinal and pastoral reasons for the preference of the burial of the remains of the faithful and to set out norms pertaining to the conservation of ashes in the case of cremation.

2. The resurrection of Jesus is the culminating truth of the Christian faith, preached as an essential part of the Paschal Mystery from the very beginnings of Christianity: "For I handed on to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve" (1 Cor 15:3-5). Through his death and resurrection, Christ freed us from sin and gave us access to a new life, "so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life" (Rm 6:4). Furthermore, the risen Christ is the principle and source of our future resurrection: "Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep [...] For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive" (1 Cor 15:20-22).

It is true that Christ will raise us up on the last day; but it is also true that, in a certain way, we have already risen with Christ. In Baptism, actually, we are immersed in the death and resurrection of Christ and sacramentally assimilated to him: "You were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead" (Col 2:12). United with Christ by Baptism, we already truly participate in the life of the risen Christ (cf. Eph 2.6). Because of Christ's risen death has a definitive meaning. The Christian vision of death receives privileged expression in the liturgy of the Church: "Indeed for your faithful, Lord, life is changed not ended, and, when this earthly dwelling turns to dust, an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven". By death the soul is separated from the body, but in the resurrection God will give incorruptible life to our body, transformed by reunion with our soul. In our own day also, the Church is called to proclaim her faith in the resurrection: "The confidence of Christians is the resurrection of the dead; believing this we live".

3. For the reasons given above, the conservation of the ashes of the departed in a domestic residence is not permitted, most especially once the immediately subsequent generation is possible, most especially once the immediately subsequent generation has passed away. Also it prevents any unfitting or superstitious practices.

6. For the reasons given above, the conservation of the ashes of the departed in a domestic residence is not permitted. Only in case of necessity and when no other possibility is available, the Church can allow the burial of the deceased body in a family or communal vault, or in a suitable sacristy, to prevent any risk of profanation or dispersion of the ashes. In any case, the Church insists that the ashes be conserved in a sacred place, in a church or in another sacred place, and not be divided among various family members and due respect must be maintained regarding the circumstances of such a conservation.

7. In order that every appearance of pantheism, naturalism or nihilism be avoided, it is not permitted to scatter the ashes of the faithful departed in the air, at sea or in outer space, or in some other object. These courses of action can be legitimated by an appeal to the sanitary, social, or economic motives that may have occasioned the choice of cremation.

8. When the deceased notoriously has requested cremation and the scattering of their ashes for reasons contrary to the Christian faith, a Christian funeral must be denied to that person according to the norms of the law.