

**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

**33<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**NOVEMBER 13, 2016**

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[www.stthomasapostleschool.net](http://www.stthomasapostleschool.net)

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 November 13-20:**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Carol Pleus Riley  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Harriet Lackman  
Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – L&D Vincent & Katie Loethen  
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – Wm & Rufina Boessen  
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Ray, Sally & Sam Herigon  
Friday 7:45 a.m. – Jerome & Dorothy Buschjost Family  
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – L&D John H. Boessen Family

**Your Sunday Offering:**

Offertory Budget for 2016-2017: \$305,000.00  
Offertory Goal through Month End: \$127,085.00  
Actual Collection for 2015-2017: **\$105,001.45**  
Offertory Difference Year to Date: - \$ 22,083.55  
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

**Collection in Church:**

November 6 \$ 5,115.00  
November 13 \$  
November 20 \$  
November 27 \$

**Collection Online:** \$ 4,944.00

**November total to date:** **\$10,059.00**  
Difference for November - \$15,358.00

**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): **\$10,946.00**  
Loan payments to date for FY 2016-2017: **\$36,910.96**  
(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. – Kerry Meyer / Annette Kehner  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Judy Schroeder / Jackie Prenger

**St. Thomas Reader/ Petitions**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Amanda Wooten  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jan Heckemeyer

**St. Thomas Altar Servers**

Weekday: Dylan Kliegel & Chesney Luebbering  
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Cameron & Chesney Luebbering,  
Sam Schaefer  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Kenadi & Jackson Braun,  
Luke Schroeder, Abigail Verslues

**Saint Cecilia**

**Mass Schedule for the Week of November 13-20:**

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Brian Wansing

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Lawrence Rehagen

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Lawrence & Scott Otto  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Norman & Delphine Jaegers

**Your Sunday Offering:**

Offertory Budget for 2016-2017: \$60,500.00  
Collection Total for 2016-2017: **\$23,396.99**  
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,041.00

**Collection in Church:**

November 6 \$ 1,892.00  
November 13 \$  
November 20 \$  
November 27 \$

**November total to date:** \$  
Difference for November: - \$3,149.00

**Please remember your parish in your last will & testament.**

**St. Cecilia Collection Counters**

November – Dale & Margie Helton  
December – Pam Libbert & Marie Lueckenotto

**St. Cecilia Reader / Petitions**

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Doris Stumpe  
Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Doris Stumpe  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Don Wansing

**St. Cecilia Altar Servers**

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Alex & Joshua Even,  
Ben & Henry Schroeder  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Nicholas & Shelby Wankum,  
Ava & Saige Werdehausen

**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 19-20**

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

**Thanksgiving Day 9:00 a.m.** – Gilbert & Hermina Strope, Millie Wieberg

**November 26-27**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark Luebbering, Pat Kaiser, Marshall Boessen  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mike & Sheri Wieberg, Shirley Volmert

**St. Thomas Greeters/Ushers**

**November 19-20**

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

**Thanksgiving Day 9:00 a.m.** – Eric & Keith Boessen

**November 26-27**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mike Groner & Dave Luebbering

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Eric & Keith Boessen

**St. Thomas Presentation of Gifts at Mass**

**November 19-20**

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

**Thanksgiving Day 9:00 a.m.** – Doug Stockman Family

**November 26-27**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Paul & Jenny Becker

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Ryan & Kelley Buschjost Family

**St. Thomas Collection Counters**

November 19-20 – Jennifer Schroeder & Stephanie Cortvrient

November 26-27 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman

December 3-4 – 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 Strope - Sorrowful

Saturday 4:40 p.m. – Barb Graessle – Joyful

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

**SCRIP: November 19-20** Visit [www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip](http://www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip) for more information about the Scrip program.

Saturday – Joanie Prenger Sunday – Sara Otto

**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 17 – Sheila Libbert & Lizzie Libbert **Tuesday, November 22** – Lorri Libbert & Jane Lindenbusch  
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.

**A NOTE OF THANKS**

The **Pat Kliegel Family** expresses a thank you for your whole-hearted condolences and warm support in the loss of our dear wife, mother and grandma. It is so comforting to be a part of a community where everyone is so kind and thoughtful. Your kindness and caring during this difficult time meant so much to our family. We will forever be grateful. St. Thomas is truly the best. May God continue to bless each of you.

**THANKSGIVING DAY**, Thursday, November 24, Mass will be offered at 9:00 a.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle.

**2016-2017 CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL (CSA):** The Catholic Stewardship Appeal (CSA) videos for this year's Catholic Stewardship appeal is available at: [www.diojeffcity.org](http://www.diojeffcity.org). Please click on the YouTube logo button in the top right hand corner of the web page. Thank you for your generosity.

The CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP GOALS for 2016 are:

**St. Cecilia Parish:** \$2,000.00. So far **\$593.00** (29%) has been contributed.

**St. Thomas Parish:** \$8,000.00. So far **\$2,873.00** (35%) has been contributed.

**DVD'S OF THE PFEFFER PIPE ORGAN REDEDICATION** held on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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.

**TIME & TALENT FORMS** are available at the entrances of Church (green color for St. Thomas the Apostle; peach color for St. Cecilia). If you wish to add or change your current ministries and activities, please complete and return a form.

**ST. THOMAS PRAYER LINE REQUESTS** should be emailed to Jenny Becker at [jbeckeroffice@gmail.com](mailto: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 led the practical workshop "Leading Congregational Singing with Confidence & Sensitivity".

**St. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**  
**November 19-20**

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

**November 26-27**

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Bonnie Kampeter, Lou Kloepfel, Brenda Wansing

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer, Janice Schanzmeyer

**St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers**

**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 Libbert, Tony Derkum

**November 26-27**

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Lou Kloepfel, Mitch & Brendan Stumpe, Darin Even

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Leon Schanzmeyer, Kenny Otto, Dominic Plassmeyer, Larry Lueckenotto

**Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia**

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

Saturday 6:40 p.m. – Alice Hake- Joyful Mysteries

Sunday 7:40 a.m. – Margaret Brune – Joyful 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.

**ST. THOMAS PARISH PASTORIAL COUNCIL MEETING** is Tuesday, November 29 at 7:00 p.m. in the Vitae House.

**NEXT SEEKING CHRIST FOR OUR NATION MASS** is Tuesday, November 15, 6:00 p.m. Our Lady of Snows, Mary's Home.

**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](mailto: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 Daffiny Tallent at 573-694-4408 or email [ddtallent@embarqmail.com](mailto:ddtallent@embarqmail.com) 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@embarqmail.com](mailto: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.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Kenadi Braun, Hannah Brenneke, Madilyn Buschjost, Brie Heckman, Kenzie Libbert, Ava Morris, Molly Suthoff who each earned blue ribbons at the Diocesan speech meet held on November 5.

**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 Helias, 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 the at (573) 635-9127 x 221 or [jlopez@diojeffcity.org](mailto:jlopez@diojeffcity.org).

**PRAY AT COLUMBIA PLANNED PARENTHOOD:** The prayer vigil continues at Columbia Planned Parenthood. 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.

**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:**

**THE BLAIR OAKS R-II SCHOOL DISTRICT** will be hosting its annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 17 from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Please contact the High School Office at 635-8514 to 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](http://redcrossblood.org), sponsor code: StThomasParish

**2016 ST. THOMAS FALL FANTASY WINNERS**

The 2016 Fall Fantasy Committee would like to say **THANK YOU** to everyone for their hard work in making the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fall Fantasy a success! Without your help, we could not have done it! Thank you to everyone for using your time and talents to benefit our parish. We would like to acknowledge and thank the following businesses for their generous contributions: CMMG, Black Rifle ,Art's Pest Control, 4-Wheel Parts Plus, Fancher-Rekus Funeral Home, Mid-America Bank, Millard Family Chapels , N.H. Scheppers, Spyder Technology, B&K Quick Shoppe , Samuel's Tuxedos, Mike Luebbering Construction, Rudy Veit - Carson & Coil Law Firm, St. Thomas Knights of Columbus, Bert Doerhoff, CPA, Boessen Pest Control, Cole County Industries, Countryside Woodworks, Diamond Pet Foods, Double Check Glass, Groner's Garage, Jeff Hoelscher, Jim Hurst, Kurt Dudenhoeffer - Kohl Distribution, Lori Fowler - Hair Expressions, St. Thomas/Babtown Insurance, Sugar Creek Restaurant, The Hair Company – Jessi Lackman, William Luebbering Cabinets.

**Mark your calendars....The 2017 ST. THOMAS FALL FANTASY will be SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2017.**

**EARLY BIRD WINNERS:**

Harold & Norma Jean Libbert

\$200 Tom & Julie Kampeter

\$200 Paul & Lillian Lackman

\$150 Steve & Katrina Schellman

**CASH PRIZE WINNERS:**

\$500 Nicholas & Rosalie Rackers

\$100 Mike & Kristin Buschjost

\$100 Cody & Terra Luebbering

\$100 Tom & Julie Kampeter

\$1,000 Jason & Michelle Kolb

\$150 Dennis Berhorst

\$150 Ralph & Kathy Graessle

\$150 Nathan Honse

\$1,000 Gilbert & Hermina Strope

\$200 Philip & Michelle Luebbering

\$300 Andrew & Jeanette Goeller

\$500 Gerald & Dorothy Wieberg

\$5,500 Matt & Sandy Kliegel

\$5,500 Darla Klebba & Lorene Brandt

**50/50 WINNERS:**

Chris & Jenny Reinkemeyer

Jim & Janet Lueckenhoff

**LOTTERY TREE WINNER:**

Paul Struempf

**CARDINALS BLANKET / ROYALS**

**GAME WINNER:**

Judy Schroeder

**HUNTER'S RAFFLE WINNERS:**

Ryan Buschjost

George Luebbering

**LUCKY CARD WINNERS:**

\$400 – Barb Graessle

\$200 - Kristen Jaegers

\$100 - Tiffany Lackman

**PRAYER OF BISHOP JOHN CARROLL OFFERED FOR OUR COUNTRY IN 1791:**

We pray, Thee O Almighty and Eternal God! Who through Jesus Christ hast revealed Thy glory to all nations, to preserve the works of Thy mercy, that Thy Church, being spread through the whole world, may continue with unchanging faith in the confession of Thy Name.

We pray Thee, who alone art good and holy, to endow with heavenly knowledge, sincere zeal, and sanctity of life, our chief bishop, Pope Francis, the Vicar of Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the government of his Church; our own bishop, N., all other bishops, prelates, and pastors of the Church; and especially those who are appointed to exercise amongst us the functions of the holy ministry, and conduct Thy people into the ways of salvation.

We pray Thee O God of might, wisdom, and justice! Through whom authority is rightly administered, laws are enacted, and judgment decreed, assist with Thy Holy Spirit of counsel and fortitude the President of these United States, that his administration may be conducted in righteousness, and be eminently useful to Thy people over whom he presides; by encouraging due respect for virtue and religion; by a faithful execution of the laws in justice and mercy; and by restraining vice and immorality. Let the light of Thy divine wisdom direct the deliberations of Congress, and shine forth in all the proceedings and laws framed for our rule and government, so that they may tend to the preservation of peace, the promotion of national happiness, the increase of industry, sobriety, and useful knowledge; and may perpetuate to us the blessing of equal liberty.

We pray for his excellency, the governor of this state, for the members of the assembly, for all judges, magistrates, and other officers who are appointed to guard our political welfare, that they may be enabled, by Thy powerful protection, to discharge the duties of their respective stations with honesty and ability.

We recommend likewise, to Thy unbounded mercy, all our brethren and fellow citizens throughout the United States, that they may be blessed in the knowledge and sanctified in the observance of Thy most holy law; that they may be preserved in union, and in that peace which the world cannot give; and after enjoying the blessings of this life, be admitted to those which are eternal.

Finally, we pray to Thee, O Lord of mercy, to remember the souls of Thy servants departed who are gone before us with the sign of faith and repose in the sleep of peace; the souls of our parents, relatives, and friends; of those who, when living, were members of this congregation, and particularly of such as are lately deceased; of all benefactors who, by their donations or legacies to this Church, witnessed their zeal for the decency of divine worship and proved their claim to our grateful and charitable remembrance.

To these, O Lord, and to all that rest in Christ, grant, we beseech Thee, a place of refreshment, light, and everlasting peace, through the same Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Savior. Amen.