

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

St. Cecilia
in Meta

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

NOVEMBER 20, 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 November 20-27:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – L&D John H. Boessen Family
Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – *No Mass*
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – *No Mass*
Thanksgiving Day 9:00 a.m. – Ida Schellman
Friday 7:45 a.m. – Mass of Thanksgiving
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Roman Plassmeyer
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Pat Kliegel

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2016-2017:	\$305,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End:	\$127,085.00
Actual Collection for 2015-2017:	\$107,399.20
Offertory Difference Year to Date:	- \$ 19,685.80
Offertory Goal per month:	\$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

November 6	\$ 5,115.00
November 13	\$ 2,397.75
November 20	\$
November 27	\$

Collection Online: \$ 4,944.00
November total to date: **\$12,456.75**
Difference for November - \$12,960.25

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):	\$11,346.00
Loan payments to date for FY 2016-2017:	\$46,138.70
(Principal) \$37,536.01 (Interest) \$8,602.69	
Parish Building Expansion Debt remaining:	<u>\$458,559.96</u>

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

Thanksgiving Day – 9:00 a.m. – Gilbert Strope
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kathy Graessle
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Richard Heckemeyer

St. Thomas Altar Servers

Thanksgiving Day 9:00 a.m. – Jeremy Stockman, Isaac Prenger
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ethan & Noah Luebbering, Owen Schellman
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mason & Clint Luebbering, Sabrina Luebbering, Molly Suthoff

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of November 20-27:

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

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Francis J. "Fritz" Luebbert

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Roman & Geneva Plassmeyer

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2016-2017:	\$60,500.00
Collection Total for 2016-2017:	\$24,365.99
Offertory Goal per month:	\$ 5,041.00

Collection in Church:

November 6	\$ 1,892.00
November 13	\$ 969.00
November 20	\$
November 27	\$

November total to date: **\$**
Difference for November: - \$2,126.00

Please remember your parish in your last will & testament.

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

December – Pam Libbert & Marie Lueckenotto

St. Cecilia Reader / Petitions

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Dorothy Rehagen
Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Jennifer Even
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer

St. Cecilia Altar Servers

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Zachary & Joshua Even, Carson Libbert & Gavin Holterman
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Adam & Madalyn Veltrop, Skyla Schroeder

***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

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

December 3-4

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

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Bill & Betty Jo Luebbering, Lynne

Reinkemeyer

St. Thomas Greeters/Ushers

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

December 3-4

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Steve Schellman & Gilbert Schellman

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Arthur McManus & Carolyn Loethen

St. Thomas Presentation of Gifts at Mass

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

December 3-4

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Gregg & Susan Boessen Family

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – David & Linda Boessen Family

St. Thomas Collection Counters

November 26-27 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman

December 3-4 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg

December 10-11 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas

Thursday 8:40 a.m. – Viola Boessen – Luminous

Friday 7:25 a.m. – Gilbert & Hermina Strope – Sorrowful

Saturday 4:40 p.m. – Paul Becker – Glorious

Sunday 9:40 a.m. – Tina Stockman – Glorious

SCRIP: November 26-27 Visit www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip for more information about the Scrip program.

Saturday – Karen Luebbering Sunday – April Heckman

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:

Tuesday, November 22 –Lori Libbert & Jane Lindenbusch Thursday, December 1 – Carolyn Loethen & Pat Loethen

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.

DEADLINE for Bulletin notices next week is Wednesday, November 23, 8:00 a.m.

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

FOOD DRIVE: The St. Thomas & Meta Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a food drive beginning this week through December 18. The food collected will be delivered to the Helping Hands of Central Missouri Food Pantry located near St. Elizabeth in Miller County. Food collection boxes are located in the entrances of St. Thomas & St. Cecilia Churches. As we approach the winter season, please take this opportunity to help those in need. Thank you!

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION:

Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, December 7 at **6:30 p.m.** (Vigil) at St. Cecilia, Meta

Thursday, December 8 at **7:45 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.** St. Thomas

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

ST. THOMAS:

Mass will be celebrated on December 24, 5:00 p.m. & Midnight

December 25, 10:00 a.m.

ST. CECILIA:

December 24, 7:00 p.m.

December 25, 8:00 a.m.

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. 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 **\$713.00** (35%) has been contributed.

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish: \$8,000.00. So far **\$4,094.00** (51%) has been contributed.

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 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.

St. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

November 26-27

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

Brenda Wansing

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

Janice Schanzmeyer

December 3-4

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

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

December 3-4

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Randy Hagenhoff, Lou Kloepfel,

Mitch & Brendan Stumpe

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Harold Libbert, Anton Libbert, Terry

Libbert, Tony Derkum

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. – Mary Plassmeyer –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.

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

PRAYER HOUR WITH MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION is Tuesday, November 22 at 7:00 p.m. in St. Thomas Church.

ST. THOMAS FALL FANTASY FINANCIAL RESULTS

STAND	PROFIT
1 ST 50/50	\$276.00
2 ND 50/50	\$834.00
\$1.00 Raffle Ticket	\$178.00
\$5.00 Raffle Ticket	\$420.00
\$10.00 Raffle Ticket	\$800.00
\$20.00 Raffle Ticket	\$1520.00
Hunter's Raffle	\$980.00
Lottery Tree	\$755.00
Lucky Card	\$1480.00
Kitchen Sales	<u>\$174.47</u>
Total Stands:	\$7414.47

TOTAL INCOME: \$44,576.47

EXPENDITURES: \$25,890.27 *

*One beverage bill still outstanding

TOTAL PROFIT: \$18,686.20

PENANCE SERVICES AROUND THE AREA DURING ADVENT:

November 29	7:00 pm	Frankenstein
November 30	7:00 pm	Chamois
December 1	7:00 pm	Freeburg
December 6	7:00 pm	Argyle
December 13	7:00 pm	Folk
December 13	6:30 pm	Wardsville
December 13	7:00 pm	St. Thomas (1st Reconciliation for younger parishioners and their families)
December 14	7:00 pm	Westphalia
December 14	7:00 pm	Osage Bend
December 18	4:00 pm	St. Elizabeth
December 20	7:00 pm	St. Thomas
December 21	7:00 pm	Loose Creek
December 22	7:00 pm	Linn

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 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 dtallent@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

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	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
December	2 – First Friday, Adoration & Confessions for grades 3-8
	15 – Advent Program 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center

HELIAS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL announces AUDITIONS on Sunday, **December 4, 2016** for the musical, "The Wizard of Oz," for young talent in grades 3-8 and Helias Catholic students. Go to the **SPRING MUSICAL** link on the Helias website, www.heliascatholic.com, for details. This American classic musical will be presented March 10-12, 2017 at the Miller Performing Arts Center.

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.

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:

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*

HOLY FAMILY PARISH FALL SUPPER, FREEBURG is Sunday, December 4, serving fried chicken & sausage dinners from 11:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Adults \$11, children 6-12 \$5.00.

JEFFERSON CITY CANTORUM'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT is Saturday, December 10 at 7:00 p.m. at the Miller Performing Arts Center. Tickets are available at Samuels' Tuxedos & gifts; Central Bank West; Hawthorn Bank East or visit www.JeffersonCityCantorum.com or call 573-230-2715. Tickets are Adults \$10, youth (18 & under) \$5.00, Seniors (65 and over) \$8.00, Family (3-5 family members \$25.00. Tickets will be \$2.00 more at the door.

ST. THOMAS HERITAGE BOOK: In the near future, the Sesquicentennial Team will be asking each family household to write a short narrative for inclusion in the heritage book. We are providing examples of family narratives in the bulletin to spark your creativity for writing your own family's narrative. There will be four topics that you choose to write about in less than 260 words: tell us about your family, tell us about your family's occupation, tell us about family traditions, and tell us about anything special that defines your family. We will also ask for two photos, one family photo and one of your choice. This week we have included Bill Boessen and Eric Boessen family narratives. Have fun preparing your narrative and photos!

Bill Boessen

Bill Boessen was raised by his parents, William and Rufina (Gerling) Boessen, on a farm bordering the Osage River, with his siblings, two older sisters and two younger brothers. He spent the first 20 years of his life on this river bottom farm that his parents purchased from his grandparents, Joseph and Rosa Boessen, in the early 1950's. He currently lives in a home on the east side of town, built by his parents when they left the farm and moved to town in 1972.



William Boessen family - Bill Jr., Doug, Rufina, Ellen, William, Mike and Mary Kay
He holds a BS in Education degree in elementary and special education and a MS in Education degree in the area of guidance and counseling, from Lincoln University. He spent 30 years of his adult life working as an elementary teacher, special education teacher, counselor and psychological examiner for the public school systems in Vienna, Viburnum, Meta and Westphalia. He has been retired since 2005 and enjoys gardening, collecting antiques and working on genealogy and family history. While living on the farm, he wasn't much a farm laborer, but growing things in the soil apparently "runs through his veins", since he currently tends a rose garden of over 150 hybrid tea and floribunda rose bushes and has an established peach orchard, as well.



Eric Boessen Family

Eric Boessen grew up in St. Thomas on Dave and Agnes Boessen's farm along the Osage River. Roseanne Bax grew up in St. Elizabeth, meeting Eric her junior year in High School. The two were married on October 10th, 1992 by Father John Degnan at St. Lawrence parish in St. Elizabeth. They lived in the brick house next to the St. Thomas Post Office with their first child, Keith. Their daughter Kristin was born 1998 at Osage Bend, where the family resided several years until they could purchase land and build a house back in St. Thomas. Eric and Roseanne's home is special to both of them.



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Roseanne's father, Jesse Bax, came out of retirement to lay the brick and rock on their beautiful house. Eric, an employee for Daryl Wolken Custom Cabinets, built all their home's cabinets



and surround fireplace mantle. Since Eric and Roseanne's parents, brothers and sisters live close by in St. Thomas, St. Elizabeth, Mary's Home, Brinktown, and Babbtown, it is tradition to get the extended family together often. The

family, along with Eric's parents and his two brothers' families, together grow a large garden, potato patch, and sweet corn patch. Eric, Roseanne, Keith, and Kristin all enjoy deer hunting every November in St. Elizabeth on the Bax property.