

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

St. Cecilia
 in Meta

www.stthomasapostle.net

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PO Box 146
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30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 23, 2016

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St. Thomas Secretary:
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School Website:
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 October 23-30:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes
 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mass of Thanksgiving AH & JH
 Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Tom & Clara Schmidt
 Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – Vernita Woehr
Wednesday 7:15 p.m. with PSR – Joe Kaiser
 Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Ida & Anthony Schellman
 Friday 7:45 a.m. – Henrietta Kroll
 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Sylvanus Hoecker
 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Marvin Buschjost

Your Sunday Offering:
 Offertory Budget for 2016-2017: \$305,000.00
 Offertory Goal through Month End: \$101,668.00
 Actual Collection for 2015-2017: **\$ 88,930.35**
 Offertory Difference Year to Date: - \$ 12,737.65
 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 \$
 October 30 \$
Collection Online: \$ 5,940.00
October total to date: **\$19,382.45**
 Difference for October: - \$ 6,034.55

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): **\$ 8,081.00**
 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. – Doug Luebbering/ Annette Kehner

St. Thomas Reader/ Petitions
 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Alfred Kaiser
 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Eugene Luebbering

St. Thomas Altar Servers
 Weekday: Sadie Wolken & Kadence Kliegel
 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Chase & Grace Luebbering,
 Andrew Luebbering
 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jeremy Stockman, Isaac Prenger,
 Ben & Emma Luebbering

Saint Cecilia
Mass Schedule for the Week of October 23-30:

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Marian Bruemmer
 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Bill & Hilda Wieberg

 Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – *No Adoration or Mass*

 Saturday 7:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes
 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Fred Hilke

Your Sunday Offering:
 Offertory Budget for 2016-2017: \$60,500.00
 Collection Total for 2016-2017: **\$19,759.39**
 Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,041.00

Collection in Church:
 October 2 \$ 1,330.00
 October 9 \$ 1,215.00
 October 16 \$ 1,072.00
 October 30 \$
October total to date: **\$ 3,617.00**
 Difference for October: - \$ 1,424.67

Please remember your parish in your last will & testament.

St. Cecilia Collection Counters
 October – Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer
 November – Dale & Margie Helton

St. Cecilia Reader / Petitions
 Wednesday – No Mass
 Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Jennifer Even
 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Don Wansing

St. Cecilia Altar Servers
 Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Zachary & Joshua Even,
 Carson Libbert & Gavin Holterman
 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

October 29-30

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark & Barb Graessle, Lora Boessen

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Glenn Prenger, Paul Becker,

Gilbert Strobe

November 5-6

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark Luebbering, Pat Kaiser, Marshall Boessen

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Randy Buschjost, Rob Henson,

Rosalyn Wieberg

St. Thomas Greeters/Ushers

October 29-30

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mike Green & Gilbert Schellman

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Ryan Buschjost & Arthur McManus

November 5-6

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Richard Schellman & Fred Luebbering

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Alan Cortvrient & Richard Heckemeyer

St. Thomas Presentation of Gifts at Mass

October 29-30

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark & Lora Boessen Family

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Doug & Zac Stockman

November 5-6

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Alfred & Margie Kaiser Family

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Eugene & MaryPat Luebbering

St. Thomas Collection Counters

October 29-30 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg

November 5-6 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes

November 12-13 – Richard & Jan Heckemeyer

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. – Barb Graessle - Glorious

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

SCRIP: October 29-30 Visit www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip for more information about the Scrip program.

Saturday – Lindsay 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, October 27 – Tiffany Lackman & Linda Lackman Thursday, November 3 – Jessie Lackman & Lillian Lackman

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.

MEETING FOR ALL ST. THOMAS CANTORS: 7:00 p.m. **Tuesday, October 25** in the Vitae House.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH OFFICE will be closed on Thursday, October 27 but will be **open Wednesday, October 26** from 12:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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. 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.

2016-2017 CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL (CSA): The Catholic Stewardship Appeal (CSA) is an opportunity to join with our brothers and sisters in support of the local Church—the Diocese of Jefferson City—which is comprised of 95 parishes and 15 missions. The first video 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.

The CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP GOALS for 2016: **St. Cecilia Parish: \$2,000.00; St. Thomas Parish: \$8,000.00.** Please be generous.

ST. THOMAS FALL FESTIVAL: There was a "Fall Festival" envelope in the St. Thomas September packet. Each family or single wage earner is asked to contribute \$50.00. This collection was instituted years ago to replace the Fall Festival which St. Thomas Parish use to have. It is part of our overall parish budget, helping with ongoing expenses.

PRAYER HOUR WITH MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION will be held on Tuesday, October 25 at 7:00 p.m. in St. Thomas Church.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH FALL FANTASY TICKETS AVAILABLE: The Fall Fantasy is November 5. The theme for this year is "70s". Live music provided by "Shiloh". Tickets are \$110.00 per couple, meal consists of prime rib or chicken cordon bleu. Doors open at 6:00 pm. & dinner served at 6:30 p.m. **The early bird winners are Harold & Jeanie Libbert.** 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 work list is attached to the bulletin, extra copies are in the entrances of St. Thomas Church or on our webpage.

St. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

October 29-30

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Betty Hagenhoff, Dorothy Rehagen,

Bonnie Kampeter

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

Libbert

November 5-6

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Lou Kloeppe, Brenda Wansing,

Doris Stumpe

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Gerald & Phyllis Rehagen, Janice

Schanzmeyer

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

October 29-30

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Lou Kloeppe, Mitch & Brendan

Stumpe, Darin Even

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic Plassmeyer, Larry Lueckenotto,

Harold Libbert, Anton Libbert

November 5-6

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

Mitch & Brendan Stumpe

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Wednesday 6:10 p.m. – No Mass

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.

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 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 Daffiny Tallent at 573-694-4408 or email ddtallent@embarqmail.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@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:

October	27 – K-4 Field Trip to Pumpkin Patch (Dixon)
	30 – Trunk or Treat 4:00-6:00 p.m. Church parking lot
	31 - Halloween Parties
November	2 – Pizza Delivery
	3 – Early release K-8, 1:20 car riders, 1:30 p.m. bus riders
	4 – First Friday, Adoration & confessions 3-8
	5 – Diocesan Regional Speech Meet

DIOCESAN MULTICULTURAL MASS & CELEBRATION: This year's Multicultural Mass and Celebration is also our diocesan ceremony marking the close of the Jubilee of Year of Mercy. Please join Bishop Gaydos and members of our cultural groups from across the diocese and the world to recognize the Mercy of God and the richness of our diversity. Beginning with a Mass "Culminating the Year of Mercy," the afternoon will also feature a potluck dinner filled with ethnic delights and performances representing the music and dance of various cultures. Bring your favorite dish, and your friends, to the Cathedral of St. Joseph at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 20. To RSVP or for more information, please contact Jose Lopez the Diocesan Event Coordinator at (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 7:00p.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.

THE META CIVIC LEAGUE will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, October 24 at 7:00 p.m.

MISSOURI RIVER REGIONAL LIBRARY BOOKMOBILE will be available to the St. Thomas Community on Monday, October 24 at 5:45-6:45 in the K of C parking lot, and 7:15-8:00 p.m. at Bee Line Quick Shop Meta.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

ST. ELIZABETH KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FALL SUPPER is this Sunday, October 23, serving fried chicken and sausage dinners from 11:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Community Center. Adults-\$10, Children 6-12-\$5.00. Splatter cards & raffle including quilts, cash and other prizes.

SACRED HEART PARISH FALL FESTIVAL, RICH FOUNTAIN is this Sunday, October 23, serving sausage & roast beef dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Adults \$11.00, children 6-12 \$5.00. Shot gun/22 rifle shooting match at 11:00 a.m.

META FIRE & RESCUE ANNUAL HAUNTED HOUSE & KIDS' FEST is October 29, 6:00 p.m. -9:30 p.m. at the Meta Firehouse. Fun for all ages. Straw maze, craft activities and games. Snacks and drinks available as well."

A POKER RUN FUNDRAISER for 3 year old Colten Hatfield will be held on October 29. He is battling leukemia and this event will help offset some of his medical expenses. The event will take place at the Fraternal Order of Eagles, 1411 Missouri Blvd. and will include a silent auction, raffle, DJ, food, and a 50/50 drawing. More information can be found on Colten's Facebook page, [facebook.com/coltensridetorecovery](https://www.facebook.com/coltensridetorecovery).

ARGYLE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS (VFW) POST 8045 Annual Chicken Dinner is Sunday, October 30, serving dinners from 11:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. at the Post Home in Argyle, Adults-\$10, Children 6-12-\$5.00. Splatter cards, raffle & bingo. Carry outs available.

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ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH HARVEST FESTIVAL, TAOS is 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, 8:00am – 2:30 p.m. Selinger Center. Snack bar, quilt raffle, vendor raffle, country store, 50 cent admission

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

MID AMERICA BANK VETERANS LUNCH: Mid America Bank will honor Mid-Missouri Veterans during a luncheon at the Wardsville Lions Club on Thursday, November 3 from 11 am to 1 pm. We are hosting this FREE lunch to honor the men and women of our nation's armed forces, past and present. Please RSVP to Mid America Bank by calling 573-635-0019.

PRAYER FOR UPCOMING ELECTION

Lord God, as the election approaches,
we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our state and country,
and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community.
We ask for eyes that are free from blindness
so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters, one and equal in dignity,
especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty.
We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned,
Men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender.
We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your Kingdom.
We pray for discernment so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word,
live your love, and keep in the ways of your truth
as they follow in the steps of Jesus and His Apostles
and guide us to your Kingdom of justice and peace.
We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.