

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

St. Cecilia
in Meta

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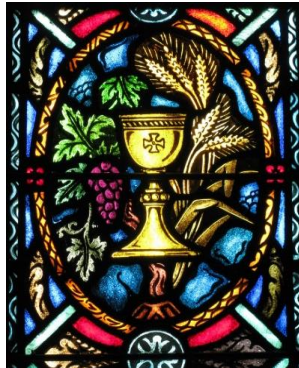
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25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 18, 2016

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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 September 18-25:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Philip & Alma Boessen
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Roman Plassmeyer
Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – L&D Jerome Buschjost Family
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – Ray, Sam & Sally Herigon Family
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Rosaline Bisges
Friday 7:45 a.m. – No Mass – Fr. at Conception Abbey
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – L&D Anton & Alma Boessen Family

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2015-2016:	\$305,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End:	\$ 76,251.00
Actual Collection for 2015-2016:	\$ 60,795.65
Offertory Difference Year to Date:	- \$ 15,455.35
Offertory Goal per month:	\$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

September 4	\$ 4,131.01
September 11	\$ 4,704.75
September 18	\$
September 25	\$

<u>Collection Online:</u>	\$ 4,944.00
September total to date:	\$ 13,779.76
Difference for September:	- \$ 11,637.24
Flood Collection for Louisiana:	\$ 520.75

St. Thomas the Apostle Expansion & Building Fund

Total Expansion Project expenses paid:	\$2,273,475.34
Income from parishioners for FY 2015-2016 (via the yellow "Building Fund" envelope):	\$ 6,107.00
Loan payments to date for FY 2015-2016:	\$18,455.48
(Principal) \$14,906.45 (Interest) \$3,549.01	
Parish Building Expansion Debt remaining:	<u>\$481,189.50</u>

St. Thomas Cantor / Organist

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kerry Meyer
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Rebecca Schroeder/Jackie

St. Thomas Reader/ Petitions

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Alfred Kaiser
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Kristin Buschjost

St. Thomas Altar Servers

Weekday: Cale Luebbert & Sabrina Luebbering
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Cameron & Chesney Luebbering,
Cale Luebbert
Sunday 10:00 a.m. –Kenadi & Jackson Braun,
Erika Luebbering, Emily Schell

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of September 18-25:

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

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Cindy Wansing Carmack Memorial
**no Adoration of Blessed Sacrament before Mass this week*

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

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2015-2016:	\$60,500.00
Collection Total for 2015-2016:	\$14,076.39
Offertory Goal per month:	\$ 5,041.00

Collection in Church:

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

September total to date:	\$2,661.00
Difference for September:	- \$2,380.00

Flood Collection for Louisiana: \$ 338.00

Please remember your parish in your last will & testament.

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

September – Pam Libbert & Marie Lueckenotto
October – Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer

St. Cecilia Reader / Petitions

Wednesday – Doris Stumpe
Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Doris Stumpe
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Karen Fick

St. Cecilia Altar Servers

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Zachary & Joshua Even,
Ben & Henry Schroeder
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
September 24-25

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Marshall Boessen, Mike & Trish Green
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Glenn Prenger, Gilbert & Hermina Strobe

October 1-2

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

St. Thomas Greeters/Ushers
September 24-25

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark Boessen & Gregg Boessen
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Doug Stockman & TJ Loethen

October 1-2

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

St. Thomas Presentation of Gifts at Mass
September 24-25

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Gregg & Susan Boessen Family
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Randy & Charlene Buschjost

October 1-2

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

St. Thomas Collection Counters

September 24-25 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg
October 1-2 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes
October 8-9 – 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. – Marilyn Herigon – Joyful
Sunday 9:40 a.m. – Pat Loethen – Joyful

SCRIP: September 24-25 Visit www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip for more information about the scrip program.

Saturday – Lindsay Luebbering Sunday – Sara Otto

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 22 – Margie Kaiser & Pat Kaiser Thursday, September 29 – Melanie Kirkweg & Sharon Kirkweg
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.

NOTE FOR THE USE OF RESTROOMS AT CHURCH: Once you have done your duty, please do not try to flush anything other than toilet paper down the stool. And please don't forget to flush. Thanks!

FROM THE WRITINGS OF THE SAINTS:

From time to time, we can come across an article or passage that provides an illuminating insight and piercing analysis of the events of the world or the condition of our souls. Please find below an excerpt from a sermon given by St. Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153). In this passage, St. Bernard examines the descent into the increasing darkness of sin experienced by those who refuse to hear the call to repent. His description applies not just to individuals, but to entire cultures.

"If this cold once penetrates the soul when (as so often happens) the soul is neglectful and the spirit asleep and if no one (God forbid) is there to curb it, then it reaches into the soul's interior, descends to the depths of the heart and the recesses of the mind, paralyzes the affections, obstructs the paths of counsel, unsteadies the light of judgment, fetters the liberty of the spirit, and soon—as appears to bodies sick with fever—a rigor of the mind takes over: vigor slackens, energies grow languid, repugnance for austerity increases, fear of poverty disquiets, the soul shrivels, grace is withdrawn, time means boredom, reason is lulled to sleep, the spirit is quenched, the fresh fervor wanes away, a fastidious lukewarmness weighs down, brotherly love grows cold, pleasure attracts, security is a trap, old habits return. Can I say more? The law is cheated, justice is rejected, what is right is outlawed, the fear of the Lord is abandoned. Shamelessness finally gets free rein. There comes that rash leap, so dishonorable, so disgraceful, so full of ignominy and confusion; a leap from the heights into the abyss, from the courtyard to the dung heap, from the throne to the sewer, from heaven to the mud, from the cloister to the world, from paradise to hell."

(Sermon 63.6b on the Song of Songs, "The Fox in the Vineyard").

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 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 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
September 24-25

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

October 1-2

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

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers
September 24-25

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Darin Even, Randy Hagenhoff, Tom Gragert, Lou Kloepfel
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Terry Libbert, Tony Derkum, Leon Schanzmeyer, Kenny Otto

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

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. – Janice Schanzmeyer – 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. 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 Daffiny 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 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.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS:

September 22- Early Release K-8, 1:20 car riders, 1:30 bus riders

25-30- Achievement Testing Week

27 – Parish School Advisory Board Meeting 6:00 p.m. in the Vitae House

30 – Pizza Kickoff

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.

ST. THOMAS SESQUICENTENNIAL MEETING will be Tuesday, September 20 at 6:45 p.m. in the Vitae House.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

Meta Civic League Fall Festival – Sunday, September 18, 2016

St. Thomas Parkboard Carnival – Saturday, September 24, 2016

St. Thomas Knights of Columbus Rescheduled Tractor Pull: Sunday, September 25, 2016 beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Rededication of Historic Pfeffer 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

META CITIZEN'S CIVIC LEAGUE FALL FESTIVAL is this Sunday, September 18, serving fried chicken and sausage dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Adults \$11.00, children 6-12 \$5.00.

ST. THOMAS 4-H: The first meeting will be Sunday, September 18 at 11:15 a.m. at the K of C Hall. Enrollment open for kids 5-18 years old (as of January 1, 2017). New members welcome. Please contact Sara Otto: 573-477-0111 otto747932@aol.com or Linda Lackman: 573-477-3331 lackmanlt@aol.com if you have any questions.

4TH ANNUAL "FAMILY NIGHT UNDER THE STARS" BY THE ST. THOMAS PARISH PARKBOARD is Saturday, September 24. Concessions will include pulled pork sandwiches and hot dogs starting at 6:00 p.m. Games from 6:30-8:30 p.m. and a fireworks show at dusk. Donations are now being accepted to offset the cost of the firework at the conclusion of "Family Night Under the Stars" carnival on September 24, 2016. No amount is too small or too big, just appreciated! Please send donation/reason by September 17, to Lora Boessen, 15214 Rt. B, St. Thomas, MO 65076. Please make checks payable to St. Thomas payable to St. Thomas Parish Park Board. Thank you!

DIOCESAN HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH RALLY is next 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

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.

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.

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!