The Roman Catholic Parishes of

St. Thomas the Apostle
in St. Thomas

St. Cecilia
in Meta

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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 17, 2024

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St. Thomas Parish Office hours: Tuesdays 8:30-11:30 a.m.; Wednesdays 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
School Office hours during school year: Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
St. Cecilia Rectory Office hours: Wednesdays 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. or by appointment
Confessions: Saturdays 4:00 - 4:45 p.m. at St. Thomas; Wednesdays 5:00 – 6:15 p.m. and Sundays 7:00 - 7:45 a.m. at St. Cecilia; or anytime by appointment, just call Father.

Saint Thomas the Apostle
Mass Schedule for the Week of Nov. 17-24:

Tuesday 7:45 a.m.– Sylvanus Hoecker
Wednesday 7:45 a.m.- David Volmert
Thursday 7:45 a.m. –Denis Plassmeyer
Friday 7:45 a.m. – Shirley Luebbering
Saturday 5:00 p.m. –People of our Parishes
Ida Schellman
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – L&D John H. Boessen Family

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2024-2025:	$330,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End:	$137,500.00
Actual Collection for 2024-2025:	**$133,466.46**
Offertory Difference Year to Date:	-$ 4,033.54
Offertory Goal for October:	$ 27,500.00

Collection in Church:

November 3	$ 8,247.10
November 10	$ 9,787.10
November 17	$
November 24	$
Collection Online:	$ 6,930.50
November total to date:	**$24,964.70**
Difference for November:	-$ 2,535.30

Church Renovation Loan Balance

Loan Balance	$27,039.33
Loan payments to date	$186,450.00
(principal) $172,960.67	(interest) $13,489.33

St. Thomas the Apostle Cantors / Organists
Nov. 23 Saturday 5:00 p.m.–Mary Kay Brand / Jeanette
Nov. 24 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Doug Luebbering / Jackie
Nov. 28 Thanksgiving Day 9:00 a.m. / Jackie
Nov. 30 Saturday 5:00 p.m. –Kelsey Kliethermes / Alanna
Dec. 1 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Josh Luebbering / Jackie

St. Thomas the Apostle Readers
Nov. 23 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kathy Graessle
Nov. 24 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jennifer Schroeder
Nov. 28 Thanksgiving Day 9:00 a.m. – Jim Lueckenhoff
Nov. 30 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kara Holterman
Dec. 1 Sunday – 10:00 a.m. – Doug Luebbering

Saint Cecilia
Mass Schedule for the Week of Nov. 17-24:

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. –Jerome Libbert

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – L&D Bisges & Kampeter Families

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Roman, Geneva & Denis Plassmeyer

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2024-2025:	$70,000.00
Collection Total for 2024-2025:	**$22,139.25**
Offertory Goal per month:	$ 5,833.33

Collection in Church:

November 3	$ 1,336.00
November 10	$ 1,011.00
November 17	$
November 24	$
November total to date:	**$ 2,347.00**
Difference for November	-$ 3,486.33

St. Cecilia Collection Counters
November: Dale & Margie Helton

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR PARISH IN YOUR LAST WILL & TESTAMENT.

St. Cecilia Readers
Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. – Dorothy Rehagen
Saturday, Nov. 23 –7:00 p.m. -Janice Schanzmeyer
Sunday, Nov. 24 - 8:00 a.m.- Dominic Plassmeyer
Sunday, Dec. 1 - 8:00 a.m.- Don Wansing

St. Cecilia Organist
Saturday, November 23 7:00 p.m. - Alanna
Sunday, November 24 8:00 a.m. – Lydia
Sunday, December 1 8:00 a.m. –Emilie

IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO FULFILL YOUR LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENT, PLEASE FIND A REPLACEMENT. YOUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS THANK YOU!

St. Thomas the Apostle Greeters/Ushers
Nov. 23 Saturday 5:00 p.m. –Al Carter & Phil Akin
Nov. 24 Sunday 10:00 a.m. –Keith Kliethermes & Kelly Stewart
Nov. 28 Thanksgiving Day 9:00 a.m. – Doug Stockman & Phil Akin
Nov. 30 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Michael Wooten & Mark Boessen
Dec. 1 Sunday 10:00 a.m.–Art Groner & Eric Boessen
Collection baskets choir loft by organ, please return after use.

St. Thomas the Apostle Eucharistic Ministers
Nov. 23 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Marian Buschjost, Lora Boessen & Jan Carter
Nov. 24 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Lynne Reinkemeyer, Richard & Jan Heckemeyer
Nov. 28 Thanksgiving Day 9:00 a.m. –
Nov. 30 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Marshall Boessen, Brenda Wansing, Marian Buschjost
Dec. 1 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Janet Lueckenhoff, Lynne Reinkemeyer, Glenn Prenger

St. Thomas the Apostle Servers
Weekday: Victoria Wieberg & Aliyah Buechter
Nov. 23 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Carmen Luebbering, JD Volmert Emerald Fennewald, Gannon Reeves
Nov. 24 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Fayeth Prenger, Erika Luebbering, Oliver & Isabella Luebbering
Nov. 28 Thanksgiving Day 9:00 a.m. - Zeke & Max Verslues
Nov. 30 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ava Buschjost & Evelyn Wooten, Luke & Ben Otto
Dec. 1 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Will & Victoria Wieberg, Aliyah Buechter, Cadyn Libbert

St. Thomas the Apostle Offertory Gifts
Nov. 23 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Family of Ida Schellman
Nov. 24 Sunday 10:00 a.m.– Family of John H. Boessen

St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters
Nov. 24 – Dunja Wieberg & Jennifer Schroeder
Dec. 1 - Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman
Dec. 8 - Keith & Jean Kliethermes
Dec. 15 - Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg

Live stream Mass (10:00 a.m.) Sunday

Nov. 24	Lauri Luebbering
Dec. 1	Jenny Becker
Dec. 8	Karlie Reinkemeyer
Dec. 15	Brooke Schell
Dec. 22	Jenny Schellman
Dec. 29	Dunja Wieberg

St. Cecilia Eucharistic Ministers
Nov. 23 Saturday 7:00 p.m. - Jennifer Even, Doris Stumpe, Betty Hagenhoff
Nov. 24 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dorothy Rehagen Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer
Dec. 1 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Janice Schanzmeyer, Jennifer Even, Doris Stumpe

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers
Nov. 23 Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Mitch & Brendan Stumpe,
Nov. 24 Sunday 8:00 a.m.- Leonard Schulte, Randy Hagenhoff
Dec. 1 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Brendan Stumpe, Leonard Schulte

St. Cecilia Servers
Nov. 23 Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Bradyn, Matthew & Kambrie Stegeman
Nov. 24 Sunday 8:00 a.m. –Skyla, Tucker & Jesse Schroeder
Dec. 1 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Natalee Derkum & Gavin Werdehausen

St. Cecilia Offertory Gifts
Nov. 23 Saturday 7:00 p.m.-Family of Bisges & Kampeter
Nov. 24 Sunday 8:00 a.m.– Family of Roman, Geneva & Denis Plassmeyer

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia
Wednesday 6:05 p.m.–Dorothy Rehagen Glorious Mysteries
Nov. 23 Saturday 6:35 p.m.- Janice Schanzmeyer Glorious Mysteries
Nov. 24 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Dorothy Rehagen Glorious Mysteries
Dec. 1 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer Joyful Mysteries

VOTIVE CANDLES: The requested donation for lighting a votive candle in church is **$3.00.**

MASS STIPENDS: $10.00

BAPTISM PREPARATION: Please call the rectory to schedule a meeting and date for Baptism.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION: Please call the rectory *at least* six months prior to the desired date.

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas
Tuesday, 7:25 a.m. – Bob Schellman – Sorrowful Mysteries
Wednesday 7:25 a.m. – Shirley Volmert– Glorious Mysteries
Thursday 7:25 a.m. – Dale Herigon – Luminous Mysteries
Friday 7:25 a.m. – Jim Lueckenhoff – Sorrowful Mysteries
Saturday 4:35 p.m. – Barb Graessle – Glorious Mysteries
Sunday 9:35 a.m. – Jennifer Schroeder– Glorious Mysteries

St. Thomas the Apostle Church Cleaners
November 17: Alan Libbert, Nancy Libbert, Darrel Buechter, Jan Heckemeyer
November 24: Janet Lueckenhoff, Jim Lueckenhoff, Charlene Buschjost, Randy Buschjost
December 1: Lynne Reinkemeyer, Linda Boessen, Lauri Luebbering, Lindsay Luebbering
December 8: Sonya Henson, Susan Buechter, Brenda Schell, Barb Graessle
December 15: Brooke Schell, Tina Stockman, Gina Luebbering, Karen Luebbering

SNACKS FOR QUILTERS: Quilter's luncheon may be dropped off Wednesday night 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. (Evening quilting) or St. Thomas the Apostle School. Please bring snacks to the hall by 1:00 p.m.; snacks served at 3:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Emily Luebbering at 573-477-3459 or Kathy Strope at 573-477-3349.
Thursday, Nov. 21- Samantha Schulte & Elaine Sloan **Tuesday, Nov. 26** – Nikki Stewart & Tina Stockman

SCRIP: Visit *www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip* for more information about the Scrip program. Please contact Amanda Wooten 573-694-1735 or *amandab27@hotmail.com*

BULLETIN NOTICES & PARISH BULLETINS: Deadline for bulletin is Wednesday at Noon. If you are needing a bulletin and Church is locked at St. Thomas the Apostle, there are some on the Vitae House front porch.

NOVEMBER PRAYERS FOR DEPARTED LOVED ONES: Note cards are provided (or bring your own 3x5 note cards) to place in the basket in the side entrance of Church (St. Thomas the Apostle) and entrance of Church (St. Cecilia) with names of your deceased loved ones. Fr. Leonard will collect the cards and will be placed on the altar.

SATURDAY NIGHT (DEER SEASON) MASS: Mass will be offered at 7:00 p.m. on November 23 at St. Cecilia Church for deer hunters.

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS is Thursday, November 28, 9:00 a.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

REMINDER: Please complete your Stewardship Renewal forms on our parish website *http://www.stthomasapostle.net/stewardship.html* Or fill out forms and return in the collection basket. Thank you!

DISPENSE, the Catholic faithful in the Diocese of Jefferson City from the precept to attend Mass on the transferred Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, 9 December 2024. Furthermore, the obligation contained in CIC can. 534 §1 for pastors and administrators to celebrate Mass for the people (missa pro populo) on 9 December 2024 is likewise DISPENSED. Nonetheless, I encourage all parish priests of the Diocese of Jefferson City to celebrate publicly at least one Mass on 9 December 2024 in honor of our national patroness under the title of the Immaculate Conception, even if Mass is not normally scheduled on Monday. Given at the Chancery in Jefferson City on the 6th day of November in the year of Our Lord 2024. ***Fr. Leonard will celebrate Mass on Monday, December 9, 7:45 a.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church***.

LITTLE SAINTS OF ST. THOMAS SUNDAY SCHOOL: Welcoming all preschool age children of our Parishes during the 10:00 a.m. Mass. To sign up your little saint or for more information, please contact Mason Otto, 573-680-7814 or Jessica Peters, 573-644-4714.

DIOCESAN SAFE ENVIRONMENT/VIRTUS TRAINING may be found on the Homepage of the Parish Website *(www.stthomasapostle.net)* or go directly to the Diocese Safe Environment/Virtus link *(www.virtus.org)*. If you have never done any of the Virtus training please create an account and complete your training. If you have signed on before, please sign in using your existing account. The Virtus Training cannot be done on a phone, you will need a laptop or computer. If you are needing a computer or laptop to complete the training please let us know and we can make arrangements for you to use one at school. If you need help, please contact Theresa, Diane, or Doris. Thank you for your help in this matter.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE is Thursday, December 5, 7:00 p.m. St. Cecilia Church.

SIGN-UP SHEETS FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES are available in the front entrances of St. Cecilia & St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:
Mass will be celebrated on Christmas Eve – Tuesday, December 24, 5:00 & 10:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle
Christmas Eve – Tuesday, December 24, 7:00 p.m. St. Cecilia
Christmas Day- Wednesday, December 25, 8:00 a.m. St. Cecilia
Christmas Day – Wednesday, December 25, 10:00 a.m. St. Thomas the Apostle

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD MASS SCHEDULE: Tuesday, December 31, 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, January 1 8:00 a.m. St. Cecilia, 10:00 a.m. St. Thomas the Apostle

SEE CITY DEANERY OCIA CATECHETICAL OPPORTUNTIY is Wednesday, November 20 from 6 - 7:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of St Joseph. This is for OCIA Candidates and Catechumens, teachers and team members. The Cathedral of St Joseph is hosting this deanery-wide OCIA event. We will begin with a tour of the Cathedral at 6 PM. Bishop Shawn McKnight will provide the introduction and then participants will break into groups led by docents to tour the Cathedral. At 6:45 the session will move downstairs to Cana Hall for a "Vestment Fashion Show" put on by Fr. Stephen Jones, detailing the history and meaning of the Eucharistic Vestments and other clerical garb.

BISHOP MCKNIGHT NOVEMBER PRAYER INTENTION: For a spirit of unity and Thanksgiving to be cultivated in our lives and in our nation. That we may see God's light reflection in the blessings of our family, friends and community, we pray to the Lord.

PASTORS MEDITATION: 33rd Sunday of year B. JESUS IS COMING AGAIN (Dan. 12:1-3; Heb. 10:11-14, 18; Mk. 13:24-32) Today's readings give us the assurance that our God will be with us all the days of our lives and that we will have the ongoing presence of the Holy Spirit in our midst, guiding, protecting, and strengthening us in spite of our necessary uncertainty concerning the end time when "Christ will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead." Each year at this time, the Church asks us to consider our "four last things" Death, Judgment, Heaven and Hell, or the end, judgment, reward, punishment. In the end, only two things will matter: the service we have rendered to others and love. The readings invite us to focus our attention on the threefold coming of Jesus: 1) His first coming according to the flesh, as Redeemer. 2) His second coming, either at our death, or at the end of time and the world, which will bring our salvation to completion. 3) His coming into our lives each time we step forward in genuine Christian living of loving God living in others by sharing our blessings with them and serving them with agape love. The first reading, taken from the prophet Daniel, was originally given to comfort and give hope to the Jewish people persecuted by a cruel pagan Greek king, Antiochus Epiphanes. It also advises us to live wisely and justly in the present time, instead of worrying about the unknown future. Today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 16), the Holy Spirit makes us sing our Faith affirmation, "You are my inheritance, O Lord!" In today's second reading, the author of the Letter to the Hebrews challenges us to look to the future with hope and serenity because Jesus, having secured the forgiveness of our sins and our sanctification through the sacrifice on the cross, sits forever at God's right hand as the one Mediator between man and God. Today's Gospel, taken from Mark, offered hope to early Christians persecuted by the Roman Emperor Nero, by reminding them of Jesus' words about His glorious return to earth with great power and glory as Judge to gather and reward the elect. Daniel and Mark continue to remind us that God will ensure that the righteous will survive the ordeal and will find a place with Him. Through the parable of the fig tree, Jesus warns us all to read the "signs of the time," reminding us that we must be ever prepared to give an account of our lives to Jesus when He comes in glory as our Judge, because we cannot know "either the day or the hour" of His Second Coming. Therefore friends, let us recognize the "second coming" of Jesus in our daily lives through everyday occurrences, always remembering that Jesus comes without warning. But let us not get frightened at the thought of Christ's Second Coming, because Jesus is with us every day, abiding with the Father and the Holy Spirit in our hearts, dwelling in our Church in the Holy Eucharist, teaching us in the Holy Bible, and unifying us with Him and each other in our worshipping communities. We will be able to welcome Jesus in His Second Coming as long as we faithfully do the will of God by daily serving our brothers and sisters, recognizing Christ's presence in them, and by being reconciled with God and with our brothers and sisters every day. We need to "learn the lesson from the fig tree." This means that we are to watch and wait in a state of readiness. Instead of worrying about the end time events, we are asked to live every day of our lives loving God living in others, by our committed service to them with sacrificial agape love. ***Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukiibi***

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING is Thursday, November 21, 7:00 p.m. library.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING is Thursday, Nov. 21, 6:00 p.m. library.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL NEWS:
Wed, Thurs, & Friday, November 27-29- Thanksgiving Break

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL, PSR, ST. CECILIA PSR, ST. CECILIA SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE, KNIGHTS OF COLMUBUS AND LADIES AUXILLIARY ARE SPONSORING A FOOD FOR FAMILIES (non-perishable items, such as canned foods, peanut butter, whole grain cereals, bagged rice or pasta, or other similar items would be greatly appreciated) beginning now through December 8. The food collected will be delivered to the Helping Hands of Central Missouri Food Pantry located near St. Elizabeth. Food collection boxes are located in the entrances of St. Thomas the Apostle & St. Cecilia Churches. Food donations can also be dropped off during Wednesday night PSR classes at St. Cecilia Parish Center or St. Thomas the Apostle School. As we approach the winter season, please take this opportunity to help those in need. Thank you!

CITY OF ST. THOMAS ANNUAL PARADE & TREE LIGHTNING is Friday, December 6. Join us the evening of December 6 as we ring in the holiday season. Festivities will begin with the parade at 6:15 followed by the tree lighting. To enter a float or to be in the parade, please contact Debby Buschjost at *dbuschjost@hotmail.com* or 573-619-3974.

CHRISTMAS EVENT: Mark your calendars for our Ladies Auxiliary/ Knights Kids Christmas Event-Sunday December 8. Come down after church and join us for fun 11-1 in the school cafeteria. Enjoy eating cookies, get your picture taken with Santa, decorate an edible Christmas tree, paint an ornament & make a pine cone bird feeder. Hope to see the kiddos there!

TIM FRANCIS PRESENTS SIGNS FROM GOD – MIRACLES AND THEIR MEANING is Sunday, December 15, 1:15 potluck dinner starts, 1:30-4:00 p.m. Presentation (with intermission) and Monday, December 16, 6:00-8:30 p.m. (with intermission) at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Westphalia (same presentation each day, choose one.)

MARRIAGE RETREAT – LIVING IN THE TRINITY WITH MARY is March 14-15 for married couples at the Cathedral of St. Joseph, Jefferson City. Join us for inspiring talks, prayer experiences and quality reflection time, strengthen your relationship and communication skills, explore the spirituality of your relationship. The cost is $20, food included and scholarships are available. Please register by March 1 and receive free childcare during the retreat. Register now at *diojeffcity.org/marriage-retreat*

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE is Sunday, December 1, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Knights of Columbus Hall, St. Thomas. Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: StThomasParish to schedule an appointment.

SAVE THE DATES: St. Thomas City Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting, December 6.
St. Thomas the Apostle School Advent Program, December 17, 6:30 p.m. Dress rehearsal 10:00 a.m.

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HELIAS CATHOLIC'S SPIRIT OF EXCELLENCE CAMPAIGN. Helias has launched its Spirit of Excellence Campaign to raise $14 million to build a performing arts center, a baseball/softball complex and an addition to the existing James L. Rackers Field house including necessary updates to its athletic and strength conditioning facilities. The campaign will run through the end of August. For more information and to support the campaign, please visit *heliascatholic.com/spiritofexcellence* or contact Helias+ Catholic President Ron Vossen at *rvossen@heliascatholic.com* or 573-635-6139.