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

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THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 3, 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. 3-10:

Tuesday 7:45 a.m.– Leo & Alma Holtmeyer
Wednesday 7:45 a.m.- Herman & Agatha Luebbering
Thursday 7:45 a.m. –L&D Anton & Alma Boessen Family
Friday 7:45 a.m. – Alex & Joann Heckman
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes
Dawn Herigon
Sunday 10:00 a.m. –L&D Jim & Kathy Ewers Family

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2024-2025:	$330,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End:	$110,000.00
Actual Collection for 2024-2025:	**$108,501.76**
Offertory Difference Year to Date:	-$ 1,498.24
Offertory Goal for October:	$ 27,500.00

Collection in Church:

October 6	$11,433.10
October 13	$ 7,436.14
October 20	$ 2,103.14
October 27	$ 3,201.20
Collection Online:	$ 7,733.00
October total to date:	**$31,906.58**
Difference for October:	+$4,406.58

Church Renovation Capital Campaign

Total Pledges/Donations	$501,532.00
Total Collected	$544,494.23
Total Expenses Paid	$699,195.95

A total of 131 parishioners have returned pledge cards/or Contributed to the renovation project.
Church Renovation 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. 9 Saturday 5:00 p.m.–Kelsey Kliethermes / Jeanette
Nov. 10 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Jean Kliethermes / Alanna
Nov. 16 Saturday 5:00 p.m. –Judy Schroeder / Jeanette
Nov. 17 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Amanda Wooten / Jackie

St. Thomas the Apostle Readers
Nov. 9 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Amanda Wooten
Nov. 10 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Larry Lueckenhoff
Nov. 16 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Jan Carter
Nov. 17 Sunday – 10:00 a.m. – Judy Schroeder

Saint Cecilia
Mass Schedule for the Week of Nov. 3-10:

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Kenny Otto

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Harold “Bud” Loethen & Mary Ann Loethen

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2024-2025:	$70,000.00
Collection Total for 2024-2025:	**$19,792.25**
Offertory Goal per month:	$ 5,833.33

Collection in Church:

October 6	$ 1,225.00
October 13	$ 636.00
October 20	$ 1,720.00
October 27	$ 1,837.00
October total to date:	**$ 5,418.00**
Difference for October:	-$ 415.33

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
Sunday, Nov. 10 - 8:00 a.m.- Samantha Helton
Saturday, Nov. 16 – 7:00 p.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer
Sunday, Nov. 17 - 8:00 a.m.- Karyn Veltrop

St. Cecilia Organist
Sunday, November 10 8:00 a.m. –Jackie
Saturday, November 16 7:00 p.m. - Lydia
Sunday, November 17 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. 9 Saturday 5:00 p.m. –Michael Wooten & Mark Boessen
Nov. 10 Sunday 10:00 a.m. –Eric Boessen & Craig Buechter
Nov. 16 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Eric Strope & Gilbert Schellman
Nov. 17 Sunday 10:00 a.m.–Doug Stockman & Matthew Maasen
Collection baskets choir loft by organ, please return after use.

St. Thomas the Apostle Eucharistic Ministers
Nov. 9 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Marian Buschjost,
Lora Boessen & Jan Carter
Nov. 10 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Lynne Reinkemeyer,
Richard & Jan Heckemeyer
Nov. 16 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark & Barb Graessle
Jan Carter
Nov. 17 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Keith Kliethermes, Glenn Prenger,
Marian Buschjost

St. Thomas the Apostle Servers
Weekday: Kambrie Stegeman & JD Volmert
Nov. 9 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Carmen Luebbering, Miranda Meyer,
Gannon Reeves & JD Volmert
Nov. 10 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Stella Volmert, Cadyn Libbert,
Angelina Veltrop, Kora Luebbering
Nov. 16 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ava Buschjost & Evelyn Wooten,
Luke & Ben Otto
Nov. 17 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Francie, Hannah & Levi Tallent
Jude Luebbering

St. Thomas the Apostle Offertory Gifts
Nov. 9 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Family of Dawn Herigon
Nov. 10 Sunday 10:00 a.m.– Family of Jim & Kathy Ewers

St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters
Nov. 10 - Keith & Jean Kliethermes
Nov. 17 - Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg
Nov. 24 – Dunja Wieberg & Jennifer Schroeder
Dec. 1 - Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman

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

Nov. 10	Jenny Schellman
Nov. 17	Dunja Wieberg
Nov. 24	Lauri Luebbering
Dec. 1	Jenny Becker
Dec. 8	Karlie Reinkemeyer
Dec. 15	Brooke Schell

St. Cecilia Eucharistic Ministers
Nov. 10 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Jennifer Even,
Betty Hagenhoff, Dorothy Rehagen
Nov. 16 Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Doris Stumpe,
Brenda Wansing, Betty Hagenhoff
Nov. 17 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Pam Libbert,
Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers
Nov. 10 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Mitch & Brendan Stumpe,
Leonard Schulte, Randy Hagenhoff
Nov. 16 Saturday 7:00 p.m.- Mitch Stumpe & Randy Hagenhoff
Nov. 17 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Brendan Stumpe, Leonard Schulte

St. Cecilia Servers
Nov. 10 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Gavin Werdehausen &
Natalee Derkum
Nov. 16 Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Henry & Annaline Schroeder
Nov. 17 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Sarah & Elizabeth Backes

St. Cecilia Offertory Gifts
Nov. 10 Sunday 8:00 a.m.– Family of Harold "Bud" Loethen &
Mary Ann Loethen

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia
Wednesday 6:05 p.m.–Dorothy Rehagen
Glorious Mysteries
Nov. 10 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Janice Schanzmeyer
Luminous Mysteries
Nov. 16 Saturday 6:35 p.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer
Glorious Mysteries
Nov. 17 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Mary Plassmeyer
Glorious 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 3: Sonya Henson, Susan Buechter, Brenda Schell, Barb Graessle
November 10: Brooke Schell, Tina Stockman, Gina Luebbering, Karen Luebbering
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

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. 7- Donna Schellman & Katrina Schellman **Thursday, Nov. 14**-Judy Schroeder & Jennifer Schroeder

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) MASSES: Masses will be offered at 7:00 p.m. on November 16 & 23 at St. Cecilia Church for deer hunters.

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!

A ROSARY FOR OUR COUNTRY will be prayed on Monday, November 4, 5:00 p.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.

BISHOP MCKNIGHT NOVEMBER RAYER 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: 31st Sunday of year B. THE TWO GREAT COMMANDMENTS (Deut. 6:2-6; Heb. 7:23-28; Mk. 12: 28b-34) The message of today's readings is the most fundamental principle of all religions, especially Christianity. It is to love God in Himself and living in others. Scripture readings for today remind us that we are created to love God by loving others and to love others as an expression of our love for God. You cannot love God whom you cannot see if you don't love your brother/sister whom you can see. Our religious practices, like prayers, Bible reading, Sacraments, acts of penance, and self-control, are meant to help us to acknowledge and appreciate the presence of God in our neighbors and to express our love for God by serving our neighbors with love, sharing our blessings with them. The first reading presents Moses explaining the Law to the Israelites after his return from Mount Sinai. He tries to make the people reverence and obey the Law given by God as something that will bring them dignity, purpose, stature, distinction, and a unique place in history. He reminds them that keeping God's commandments will give them God's blessings of long life, prosperity, and fruitful, peaceful lives. The Responsorial Psalm (Ps 18) invites us to love God because He alone is our strength and our stronghold. In today's Gospel, a Scribe asks Jesus to summarize the most important of the Mosaic Laws in one sentence. Jesus cites the first sentence of the Jewish Shema prayer: "Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is Lord alone! Therefore, you shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength" (Deut. 6:4). Then Jesus adds its complementary law: "You shall love your neighbor as you love yourself" (Lev' 19:18). Thus, Jesus says, true religion is loving God and loving our fellow human beings at the same time. It is by showing genuine, active love for our neighbors that we can demonstrate that we really love God. How do we love God? We must keep God's commandments, and offer daily prayers of thanksgiving, praise, contrition for our failings, and petition. We also need to read and meditate on His word in the Holy Bible and to participate actively in the Holy Mass and other liturgical functions. If I am going to love God with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength, then I am going to have to place His will ahead of mine, and to ask Him for help when I have to say no to some things that I might want to do. I am also going to have to seek the Lord's will and make it paramount in my life. How do we love our neighbor: We love our neighbor by helping, supporting, encouraging, forgiving, and praying for everyone, without discrimination based on color, race, gender, age, wealth, or social status. If I am going to love my neighbor as I love myself, or as Jesus has loved me, it will cost me suffering as it did Jesus! I may have to seek forgiveness when I think I have done something wrong. I may have to sacrifice something I think I need, to meet a brother's need. I may have to spend time in prayer for other people and reach out to them, helping, encouraging, and supporting them in the name of the Lord. ***Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukiibi***

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL NEWS:
Monday, November 4 – No School PreK-8, Diocesan Professional Development Day
Friday, November 15 – Mid Quarter
Wed, Thurs, & Friday, November 27-29- Thanksgiving Break

ST. THOMAS/ST. CECILIA YOUTH ALLIANCE: All youth members of St. Thomas and St. Cecilia who have been confirmed are invited to attend Youth Alliance events twice monthly, alternating between St. Cecilia and St. Thomas. Confirmation is merely a beginning, not an end, to our faith journey, and what better way to continue it than through faith, fellowship, and fun with other youth from our parishes? Come join us for our next event Wednesday, November 6th from 7:00. to 8:00 p.m. at the St. Cecilia parish center basement. Friends are welcome! For more information, contact Samantha Helton at (573) 469-8649 or Jeff Cassmeyer at (573) 690-7546.

MEN'S NIGHT OF REFLECTION, THE HISTORY OF OUR DIOCESE with Msgr. Robert A. Kurwicki is Thursday, November 14 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at Cana Hall, St. Joseph Cathedral, Jefferson City.

HELIAS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL invites all U.S. military veterans in our school community to join us for a Veterans Mass and special blessing at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, November 6, in the school's St. Pius X Chapel.
Veterans who are parents or grandparents of current students, as well as all veterans who are friends of Helias Catholic, are welcome to attend the Mass, and light refreshments will be provided afterward. To RSVP, please complete the online form linked at *https://forms.gle/M9ZC9CLXrcN2YjQr9* or call the school office at 573-635-6139.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE DINNER is Saturday, November 9 at St. Andrew Catholic Church, Holts Summit. Mass at 5:30, doors open at 6:00 p.m. Fried chicken dinner provided by the Knights of Columbus 8400 at 7:00. 7:30 p.m. Speaker Dan Smedra with Fr. Anthony Wieck, whose post abortive healing ministry aided Dan while on retreat. For reservations, please contact Kathy Forck, *kathythebo@hotmail.com* or 573-821-5130

BLAIR OAKS RII SCHOOL DISTRICT: The Blair Oaks R-11 School District will be having its annual Veterans Day celebration on Friday, November 8 at 8:30 a.m. in the High School gymnasium. The District takes great pride in this event and looks forward to honoring all those who have served or are serving our country. The Celebration is open to the public.
Breakfast will be served to our community veterans and their families in the High School cafeteria at 7:45 a.m. If you are a veteran and/or a family member of a veteran and would like to join us for breakfast, please RSVP by Thursday, October 31 by calling the High School office at (573) 635-8514 or email Kathy Verslues at *kverslues@blairoaks.org.*

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER FALL SUPPER, TAOS is Sunday, November 3, serving turkey & sausage dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Adults $16, children 6-12 $7.00, dinners to go, $16.00. Mass at 8:00 & 9:30 a.m. K of C Hall, Taos.

HONEY CREEK HOLIDAY MART is Sunday, November 10, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the school gymnasium & church basement. Free admission.

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

St. Thomas the Apostle Church
Financial Summary
July 1, 2024 – September 30, 2024

Income	
General (Sunday collections, fundraisers, gifts from benefactors) (Includes net income of $68,909.38 from Parish Picnic)	$231,477.07
Special (Building & Improvement Fund contributions including $6,831.69 for church renovation project)	$ 20,561.93
Diocesan collections	$ 1,863.00
Parish School (includes grants and gifts from benefactors)	$ 51,663.21
Pre-School	$ 8,222.50
Total Income	$313,787.71
Expenses	
Church & Rectory General	$ 50,837.19
Church & Rectory Special (Improvement projects, church renovation loan payments)	$ 24,738.28
Diocesan collections	$ 1,813.00
Parish School	$178,367.96
Pre-School	$ 10,816.91
Religious Education	$ 1,338.99
Vitae House	$ 1,426.99
Parish Center	$ 21,667.00
Total Expenses	$291,006.32
Net Income (Loss)	$ 22,781.39

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.