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

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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 13, 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 Oct. 13-20:

Tuesday 7:45 a.m.– Greg Russell
Wednesday 7:45 a.m.- Bob & Donnie Luebbering
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Sam Suthoff
Friday 7:45 a.m. –L&D Andrew Strope Family
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – L&D Anthony & Ida Schellman Family
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – People of our Parishes
L&D Anton & Alma Boessen Family

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2024-2025:	$330,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End:	$110,000.00
Actual Collection for 2024-2025:	**$ 94,708.78**
Offertory Difference Year to Date:	-$ 15,291.22
Offertory Goal for October:	$ 27,500.00

Collection in Church:

October 6	$11,433.10
October 13	$
October 20	$
October 27	$
Collection Online:	$ 6,680.50
October total to date:	**$18,113.60**
Difference for October :	-$ 9,386.40

Church Renovation Capital Campaign

Total Pledges/Donations	$501,532.00
Total Collected	$544,474.23
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 $30,632.09
Loan payments to date $182,735.00
(principal) $169,367.91 (interest) $13,367.09

St. Thomas the Apostle Cantors / Organists
Oct. 19 Saturday 5:00 p.m. –Mary Kay Brand / Alanna
Oct. 20 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Amanda Wooten / Jackie
Oct. 26 Saturday 5:00 p.m.–Kelsey Kliethermes / Jeanette
Oct. 27 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Josh Luebbering / Jackie

St. Thomas the Apostle Readers
Oct. 19 Saturday – 5:00 p.m. –Jan Carter
Oct. 20 Sunday – 10:00 a.m. – Jim Lueckenhoff
Oct. 26 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kara Holterman
Oct. 27 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – David Schroeder

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of Oct. 13-20:

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. –Roger Borgmeyer

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Marilyn Bax

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2024-2025:	$70,000.00
Collection Total for 2024-2025:	**$15,599.25**
Offertory Goal per month:	$ 5,583.34

Collection in Church:

October 6	$ 1,225.00
October 13	$
October 20	$
October 27	$
October total to date:	**$ 1,225.00**
Difference for October:	-$ 4,358.34

St. Cecilia Collection Counters
October: Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR PARISH IN YOUR LAST WILL & TESTAMENT.

St. Cecilia Readers
Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. –Cathy Borgmeyer
Sunday, Oct. 20 - 8:00 a.m.- Dorothy Rehagen
Sunday, Oct. 27 - 8:00 a.m.- Cathy Borgmeyer

St. Cecilia Organist
Sunday, October 20 8:00 a.m. –Emilie
Sunday, October 27 8:00 a.m. – Lydia

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

Oct. 19 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Al Carter & Adam Holterman
Oct. 20 Sunday 10:00 a.m.–Michael Wooten & Richard Heckemeyer
Oct. 26 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Eric Strope & Mark Boessen
Oct. 27 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Keith Kliethermes & Doug Stockman
Collection baskets choir loft by organ, please return after use.

St. Thomas the Apostle Eucharistic Ministers
Oct. 19 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Paul & Jenny Becker, Brenda Wansing
Oct. 20 Sunday 10:00 a.m. –Janet Lueckenhoff, Lynne Reinkemeyer, Keith Kliethermes
Oct. 26 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Brenda Wansing, Lora Boessen & Jan Carter
Oct. 27 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Glenn Prenger, Lynne Reinkemeyer, Keith Kliethermes

St. Thomas the Apostle Servers
Weekday: Carmen Luebbering & Levi Tallent
Oct. 19 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Miranda Meyer, Carmen Luebbering, Emerald Fennewald, Jude Luebbering
Oct. 20 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Francie, Hannah & Levi Tallent, Stella Volmert
Oct. 26 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ava Buschjost, Evelyn Wooten, Gannon Reeves & JD Volmert
Oct. 27 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Zeke & Max Verslues Oliver & Isabella Luebbering

St. Thomas the Apostle Offertory Gifts
Oct. 19 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Family of Anthony & Ida Schellman
Oct. 20 Sunday 10:00 a.m.– Family of Anton & Alma Boessen

St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters
Oct. 20 - Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg
Oct. 27 – Dunja Wieberg & Jennifer Schroeder
Nov. 3 - Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman
Nov. 10 - Keith & Jean Kliethermes

Live stream Mass (10:00 a.m.) Sunday
Oct. 20 Jenny Becker
Oct. 27 Karlie Reinkemeyer
Nov. 3 Brooke Schell
Nov. 10 Jenny Schellman
Nov. 17 Dunja Wieberg
Nov. 24 Lauri Luebbering

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. – Dale Herigon – Glorious Mysteries
Sunday 9:35 a.m**.** – Tina Stockman– Glorious Mysteries

St. Cecilia Eucharistic Ministers
Oct. 20 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Janice Schanzmeyer, Jennifer Even, Doris Stumpe
Oct. 27 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Betty Hagenhoff, Dorothy Rehagen, Pam Libbert

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers
Oct. 20 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Mitch Stumpe, Brendan Stumpe, Leonard Schulte, Randy Hagenhoff
Oct. 27 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Mitch & Brendan Stumpe, Leonard Schulte, Randy Hagenhoff

St. Cecilia Servers
Oct. 20 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Sarah & Elizabeth Backes Tucker Schroeder
Oct. 27 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Bradyn, Kambrie & Matthew Stegeman

St. Cecilia Offertory Gifts
Oct. 20 Sunday 8:00 a.m.– Family of Marilyn Bax

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia
Wednesday 6:05 p.m.–Dorothy Rehagen Glorious Mysteries
October 20 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Janice Schanzmeyer Glorious Mysteries
October 27 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer Sorrowful 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.

St. Thomas the Apostle Church Cleaners
October 13: Alan Libbert, Nancy Libbert, Darrel Buechter, Jan Heckemeyer
October 20: Janet Lueckenhoff, Jim Lueckenhoff, Charlene Buschjost, Randy Buschjost
October 27: Lynne Reinkemeyer, Linda Boessen, Lauri Luebbering, Lindsay Luebbering
November 3: Sonya Henson, Susan Buechter, Brenda Schell, Barb Graessle
November 10: 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, October 17–Lynne Reinkemeyer & Andi Reynolds **Thursday, October 24-** Connie Sandbothe & Brenda Schell

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

A NOTE OF THANKS!
Thanks to Lisa Lackman for her volunteer time/years of helping keep our Church beautiful! We welcome and thank Lindsay Luebbering who volunteered to join our cleaning crew!

CONGRATULATIONS to ***Erin Fennewald & Jacob Graessle*** who were married in Christ this weekend in St. Thomas the Apostle Parish.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES: Erica Graessle was also at the PPC Meeting in September her name was accidentally missed in the minutes that were in last week's bulletin.

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.

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.

VOTE NO on AMENDMENT 3 signs are available on the Vitae front porch. If you need more contact Janet Lueckenhoff 573-690-5682.
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 OCTOBER PRAYER INTENTION: For a greater conversion of hearts to God who loves us so much; that in living the stewardship way of life, we may avoid any sense of entitlement in our relationship with God and one another, we pray to the Lord.

ST THOMAS STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL: **Congratulations to Lindsay Luebbering for winning the $25 gift card!**
A big thanks to all the ladies that made cinnamon rolls and for everyone that picked up their packets.
Please fill out your time/talent and tithing sheets online if possible. There is a basket in the back of the church to return your envelope. The CSR committee hopes to have all the information by October 19. Our goal is to be accountable for all that sign up by having heads of each pillar to make sure everyone is contacted and start implementing by the first of the year. If you would like to serve on the CSR committee, please feel free to reach out to Janet 573 690 5682.

HOSPITALITY PRAYER FORMATION SERVICE

Cantor and Reader: I originally started cantoring and being a lector out of a sense of obligation or responsibility. I felt it was a way to let light shine and not hide it under a basket. However, I was nervous every time I had the duty. I often say a short prayer asking for God's grace to help me do a worthy job especially at funeral Masses. Amazingly this is very calming and exhilarating at the same time. I now look forward to every opportunity I have to proclaim through word or song.
Doug Luebbering

Caretaker of Parish Flower Beds: I've had a passion for plants since I was a little girl, digging up wild violets and planting them in my mom's flowerbed. That same passion is in me today, tending to our parish grounds. The beautiful flowers draw you in, uplift your heart, give you peace, and remind you how wonderful God is! It's my favorite way of offering my time, talent and treasure. Join me as a caretaker of God's bountiful creation! What a wonderful way to positively impact our parishioners, visitors, pollinators, and our environment. **Roseanne Boessen**

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL NEWS:
October 14-18- Red Ribbon Week
Thursday, October 17, Flu Clinic 10:00 p.m., Safety Kids K-4, 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday, October 23, Lloyds Pumpkin Patch Field Trip, Prek-4
Thursday, October 24, Early Release 12:50 car riders, 1:00 p.m. bus riders, PAT conferences
Friday, October 25, No School PreK-8
Sunday, October 27, Trunk or Treat 4:00-5:15 p.m. Church/School Parking Lot

PREGNANCY HELP CENTER 14TH ANNUAL BANQUET is Thursday, October 24, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Capitol Plaza Hotel. To register online by October 17 at *www.friendsofphc.org* or call 573-644-6635.

MEN OF ST. THOMAS & ST. CECILIA PARISHES: Men of St. Thomas and St. Cecilia Parishes: You are invited to join the Men of Signum Crucis at our next gathering, which begins at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 16, at Helias Catholic High School. Feel free to come early to pray the Rosary at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel. Our topic this month is the Four Marian Dogmas presented by Ed Galbraith. During this month of the Rosary, come to deepen your devotion to our Blessed Mother through a more extensive understanding of the teachings of the Catholic Church. As always, enter the school on the east end of the front Swifts Highway parking lot to sign in. Our Hospitality men will greet you right inside the door and direct you to the appropriate location. The mission of the Men of Signum Crucis is to provide Fraternity through Catholic Study, Devotion, and Service to refine ourselves to meet the many challenges of our day. For more information, contact Jeff Cassmeyer at 573-690-7546, or visit us atwww.menofsignumcrucis.com.

28TH ANNUAL ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH FALL FANTASY: A $125 ticket provides: Dinner for (2) - Prime Rib or Chicken Cordon Bleu, baked potato, slaw and dessert; All you can drink – Beer, wine, gin rickey, water and soda; and a chance to win $10,000. A total of over $15,000 will be given out that night, based on 300 tickets sold. The theme is Kentucky Derby. A dance will follow the drawing. Tickets are on sale **NOW!** For tickets, please contact Joanie Prenger (573-659-0304) or Kim Kliegel (573-619-9188), or purchase at the parish office in the Vitae House in St. Thomas during these hours: Tuesdays, 8:30 - 11:30 am or Wednesdays 8:00 am - 4:30 pm (parish office 573-477-3315). Tickets complimentary of Elite Turf.

ARGYLE VFW POST 8045 ANNUAL CHICKEN DINNER is Sunday, Oct. 27 from 11:00 a.m.–5:30 p.m., $14.00 per meal in Argyle. This is a Carry Out with seating available event. Splatter cards for a chance to win turkey or ham.

SAVE THE DATES: **October 27 – Trunk or Treat 4:00-5:15 St. Thomas the Apostle Church/School parking lot**
November 2 – St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Fall Fantasy
November 2- Holiday Mart, Meta – 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Meta Civic League Hall & Meta Fire & Rescue

ST. THOMAS/ST. CECILIA LADIES AUXILIARY & KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE AND BAKE SALE
Tootsie Roll Drive/ Bake Sale Oct 19/20- The Knights of Columbus and Ladies Auxiliary will be partnering together again this year for our tootsie roll drive/ bake sale. The money raised will be used to help people with developmental disabilities. The tootsie roll drive and bake sale will take place after St. Cecilia and St. Thomas Masses the weekend of October 19 and 20. These sales will be donation only. Please bring cash. Thank you for your support! If you wish to make a charitable donation to the St. Thomas KofC Drive, another option allows you to do so by credit or debit card by using your smart phone to scan the QR Code below. Thank you for your generosity to help those in need.

Join us for the 13th Annual
St. Thomas Trunk or Treat

October 27th, 2024 ~ 4-5:15 PM
St. Thomas Church Parking Lot

In order to make this a huge success, we need trunks to hand out candy! Plan for 200 trick-or-treaters. Decorate your trunk/area in Halloween decorations or a theme or bring a table!

RSVP by Wednesday, October 23rd

Please call the school office at 573-477-3322, send an email to kmorris@stacs.school or dlueckenhoff@embarqmail.com, or return the form below to sign-up for a spot!!

It is our hope to provide a safe and fun time for our kids and community members! Please come out and support this fun event!!

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_____ Yes, we will hand out candy at the Trunk-or-Treat!!

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Name

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.

What would Amendment 3 actually do?

Prohibit any regulation of abortion

Amendment 3 would invalidate any existing laws and prohibit new laws that voters on both sides of the abortion issue support, including health and safety laws that protect women.

VOTE NO ON AMENDMENT 3

Safeguard them both

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