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

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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 15, 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 Sept. 15-22:

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – L&D Herman Heckman Family
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. –People of our Parishes
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Roman Plassmeyer
Friday 7:45 a.m. – Teresa Kaiser
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Marilyn Herigon
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – People of our Parishes
L&D Bob Luebbering Family

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2024-2025:	$330,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End:	$ 82,500.00
Actual Collection for 2024-2025:	**$ 63,340.04**
Offertory Difference Year to Date:	-$ 19,159.96
Offertory Goal for July:	$ 27,500.00

Collection in Church:

September 1	$ 4,421.20
September 8	$ 3,272.57
September 15	$
September 22	$
September 29	$
Collection Online:	$ 6,830.50
September total to date:	**$14,524.27**
Difference for September:	-$12,975.73

Church Renovation Capital Campaign

Total Pledges/Donations	$501,052.00
Total Collected	$543,099.23
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 $34,205.56
Loan payments to date $179,020.00
(principal) $165,794.44 (interest) $13,225.56

St. Thomas the Apostle Cantors / Organists
Sept. 21 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mary Kay Brand / Alanna
Sept. 22 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Lisa Wieberg / Jackie
Sept. 28 Saturday 5:00 p.m.– Anne Strope / Jeanette
Sept. 29 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Josh Luebbering / Alanna

St. Thomas the Apostle Readers
Sept. 21 Saturday – 5:00 p.m. – Paul Becker
Sept. 22 Sunday – 10:00 a.m. – Larry Lueckenhoff
Sept. 28 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Jenny Becker
Sept. 29 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – K of C Member

Saint Cecilia
Mass Schedule for the Week of Sept. 15-22:

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Phil & David Graessle

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

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2024-2025:	$67,000.00
Collection Total for 2024-2025:	**$11,859.00**
Offertory Goal per month:	$ 5,583.34

Collection in Church:

September 1	$ 860.00
September 8	$1,220.00
September 15	$
September 22	$
September 29	$
September total to date:	**$2,080.00**
Difference for September:	-$3,503.34

St. Cecilia Collection Counters
September: Terry & Pam Libbert

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR PARISH IN YOUR LAST WILL & TESTAMENT.

St. Cecilia Readers
Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. – Dorothy Rehagen
Sunday, Sept. 22 - 8:00 a.m.- Janice Schanzmeyer
Sunday, Sept. 29 - 8:00 a.m.- Jennifer Even

St. Cecilia Organist
Sunday, Sept. 22 8:00 a.m. – Emilie
Sunday, Sept. 29 8:00 a.m. – Jackie

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
Sept. 21 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Adam Holterman & Phil Akin
Sept. 22 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Ryan Buschjost & Matthew Maasen
Sept. 28 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Al Carter & Gilbert Schellman
Sept. 29 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – K of C Members
Collection baskets choir loft by organ, please return after use.

St. Thomas the Apostle Eucharistic Ministers
Sept. 21 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Brenda Wansing
Sept. 22 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jan Heckemeyer
Sept. 28 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Barb Graessle
Sept. 29 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Glenn Prenger

St. Thomas the Apostle Servers
Weekday: Ava Buschjost & Gannon Reeves
Sept. 21 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Luke & Ben Otto,
Ava Buschjost, Evelyn Wooten
Sept. 22 10:00 a.m. – Zeke & Max Verslues,
Aliyah Buechter & Stella Volmert
Sept. 28 5:00 p.m. – Gannon Reeves, JD Volmert,
Jude Luebbering, Carmen Luebbering
Sept. 29 10:00 a.m.- Isabella & Oliver Luebbering,
Virgil Lackman & Kora Luebbering

St. Thomas the Apostle Offertory Gifts
Sept. 21 Sat. 5:00 p.m. Family of Marilyn Herigon
Sept. 22 Sunday 10:00 a.m.–Family of Bob Luebbering

St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters
Sept. 22 - Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg
Sept. 29 – Dunja Wieberg & Jennifer Schroeder
Oct. 6 - Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman
Oct. 13 - Keith & Jean Kliethermes

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

Sept. 22	Brooke Schell
Sept. 29	Jenny Schellman
Oct. 6	Dunja Wieberg
Oct. 13	Lauri Luebbering
Oct. 20	Jenny Becker
Oct. 27	Karlie Reinkemeyer

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
Sept. 22 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Mary Plassmeyer
Sept. 29 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Janice Schanzmeyer

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers
Sept. 22 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Mitch Stumpe, Brendan Stumpe,
Leonard Schulte, Randy Hagenhoff

Sept. 29 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Mitch & Brendan Stumpe,
Leonard Schulte, Randy Hagenhoff

St. Cecilia Servers
Sept. 22 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Bradyn, Kambrie & Matthew
Stegeman
Sept. 29 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Reagan & Eli Bock

St. Cecilia Offertory Gifts
Sept 22 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
Sept. 22 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Dorothy Rehagen
Glorious Mysteries
Sept. 29 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
Sept. 15: Janet Lueckenhoff, Jim Lueckenhoff, Charlene Buschjost, Randy Buschjost
Sept. 22: Lynne Reinkemeyer, Linda Boessen, Lauri Luebbering, Lisa Lackman
Sept. 29: Sonya Henson, Susan Buechter, Brenda Schell, Barb Graessle
October 6: Brooke Schell, Tina Stockman, Gina Luebbering, Karen Luebbering
October 13: Alan Libbert, Nancy Libbert, Darrel Buechter, Jan Heckemeyer

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. Quilting begins next week Wednesday, August 28 (Evening) and Thursday, August 29 (Daytime)
Thursday, September 12 – Vallie Otto & Lori Owen **Thursday, September 19** – Jessica Peters & Sara Peters

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.

CONGRATULATIONS to ***Lucy Mae Holterman***, daughter of Adam & Kara Holterman, who became a child of God through baptism this weekend at St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISHIONERS: For the past three years, the Building Expansion and Renovation ("yellow") envelopes have been used for contributions to the church renovation capital campaign. St. Thomas the Apostle parishioners have until September 30, 2024 to make payments towards their pledge commitment. Parishioners are encouraged to make their final pledge contributions by September 30. Please contact the parish office if you need more information on your pledge commitment and contributions.

Father Leonard and the Parish Finance Council have decided to continue including the "yellow" envelopes in the monthly envelope packets sent to parishioners after September 2024 since there are several major repair projects planned for 2024 and 2025. "Yellow" envelope contributions made after September 30 will be earmarked for upcoming major repair projects including replacing the school roof on the old part of school, waterproofing and tuckpointing the church and rectory, and replacing the basement windows in the Vitae House. All of these projects are critical to address water leaks in the school, church, rectory and Vitae House. Thank you for your generous support of the church renovation project and future projects.

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.

BISHOP MCKNIGHT SEPTEMBER PRAYER INTENTION: For those who serve our community as first responders; may God keep them safe as they serve with honor the safety and well-being of all, we pray to the Lord.

PASTORS MEDITATION: 24th Sunday of year B. THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP. (Is. 50:4c-9a; Jas. 2:14-18; Mk. 8:27-35)
Today's Gospel explains the basis of our Faith as our acceptance of Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the Living God and our Lord and Savior. It also tells us that Christ Jesus suffered, died, and rose again, to become our Savior. Finally, it outlines the three conditions for Christian discipleship, namely, denying oneself, taking up one's cross, and following Jesus. Jesus saw aspects of His own life and mission foreshadowed in Isaiah's Servant Songs. Hence, a large portion of the Third Song of the Suffering Servant is presented as the first reading today, while in the Gospel, Jesus foretells his passion, death, and Resurrection for the first time, in response to Peter's profession of Faith in him as God's Messiah and Savior. Like the servant described in today's first reading, Jesus lived a life of radical obedience and conformity to God's will. Thus, the Servant passage provides background for the revelation of Jesus as the suffering Messiah. In today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 116), the Psalmist invites us to turn to the Lord for help amidst the trials of this world. It is in God that we will find deliverance from trouble and relief from our afflictions. (Ps 116). Today's second reading, taken from the Letter of James to the Church, reminds us that suffering is not only something to be accepted but also something to be alleviated. James explains how our Faith in Jesus, the Messiah, should help us to alleviate the sufferings of others by our works of mercy, both corporal and spiritual. In the Gospel, in response to Peter's profession of Faith in Jesus as God's Messiah and Savior, Jesus foretells, for the first of three times, his passion, death and Resurrection which lie ahead. Today's Gospel consists of two sections: 1) the Messianic confession of Peter, who acknowledged Jesus as "the Christ (Messiah), the Son of the living God." and 2) Jesus' prediction of his passion, death and Resurrection, followed by Jesus clear teaching on the three conditions of Christian discipleship: "Whoever wishes to come after Me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Me. "So, friends, Jesus wants to become a living, present Reality for us, loving us, forgiving us, helping us, transforming our lives and outlook, and building a personal relationship with each of us. The knowledge of Jesus as Lord and personal Savior needs to become a living, personal experience for each Christian drawing each of us to loving response. The relationship deepens and grows as we listen to Jesus through the daily, meditative reading of the Bible, speak to Jesus in our daily, personal and family prayers, offer Jesus our lives on the altar in the Holy Mass and seek reconciliation with Jesus, asking forgiveness for our sins every night and in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In the Eucharistic celebration today, we are celebrating and experiencing in our lives the death and Resurrection of Christ, the Messiah, our Lord and personal Savior. We need to surrender our life to Jesus Whom we experience as our Lord and Savior: The next step is the surrender of our lives to Jesus whose love we have experienced by rendering humble and loving service to others with the strong conviction that Jesus is present in every person. The final step is to praise and thank God in all the events of our lives, good and bad, realizing that God's love shapes every event of our lives.
Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukiibi

****STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL IS COMING**:** Each year, during the month of October we are asked to prayerfully consider and revisit how each of us can deepen and express our faith and participate in the mission of our parish. How can I repay the Lord for all the great good He has done for me?
Live Stream: "I choose to live stream Mass because it is an excellent way to share our faith! Our live stream can be viewed anywhere in the world! I take pride in providing an opportunity for members of our faith to be able to watch Mass be celebrated at St. Thomas the Apostle. Anyone in the world can virtually join us every Sunday and I think that is just an incredible way to be an active steward in our parish! It is also very special, because Father Leonard's family and friends in Uganda can watch him live out his vocation of being a wonderful priest for our parish! The technology used to live stream is very easy to learn and we welcome new members to our Stream Team!"

Quilting
When I volunteered to be a quilter with our Parish Quilting Group, it was really to learn the skill. I knew the parish needed more quilters for the Quilt Auction that happens to also be a major fundraiser so I figured I could fulfill giving of my time while learning a new skill. However, quilting became so much more! I do not feel that I have mastered the craft, and may never be as precise and fast as some of the quilters, but I really enjoy spending Thursday afternoons with the ladies. Finishing quilts with the Parish Quilt Group to raise money for the parish is a very rewarding experience. I even come home with more knowledge about gardening, canning, cooking, farming and sometimes a new recipe! - ***Jayne Luebbering***

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL NEWS:
Friday, September 20 – Grandparents Day Thursday, September 26, Picture Day
Monday, September 30, **NO SCHOOL P-8,** Diocesan Professional Development Day

LADY KNIGHTS BASKETBALL TRYOUTS is September 29 (Skills Development) 5:00-7:00 p.m., September 30-(Tryouts) 5:00-7:00 p.m. for grades 5-8. Location: Helias Catholic High School Auxiliary Gym & Fieldhouse. For more information, please contact *gwiggans@heliascatholic.com*

LADIES AUXILIARY PREGNANCY HELP CENTER BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER: Thank you to all who helped by filling baby bottles and donating to the Pregnancy Help Center. The Ladies Auxiliary will be touring the Pregnancy Help Center on September 17th and will present them a check with the money raised. If you have not returned your baby bottle or are still interested in donating, please contact Brooke Schell at 573-694-8753. Thank you for your support

CITIZENS CIVIC LEAGUE BLOOD DRIVE is Tuesday, September 17, 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Citizens Civic League Hall, Meta. Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: CivicLeagueMeta to schedule an appointment. Fall into donating! Come to give Blood Sept. 16 thru 30 for a free $15 e-gift card: rcblood.org/fall.

SCOUTING AMERICA: On Sept 19, 6:00 p.m. at Bair Oaks elementary school, Scouting America will hold a parent information meeting for joining cub scouts for those 5th grade or less or scouts for 6th grade an above. There will be activities for the potential new scouts. Scouting America is open to all boys and girls from grades K to 12th grade. The local pack & Troop is based out of St Stanislaus and is open to all children in the district (St Thomas/Wardsville/Taos/Osage Bend). Scouting is a faith based/service organization that teaches respect and outdoor skills with many activities available (rock climbing/archery/camping to name a few). You can also contact Cash McManus @732-407-4025 or Jim Dallas @573-656-5656 for more information.

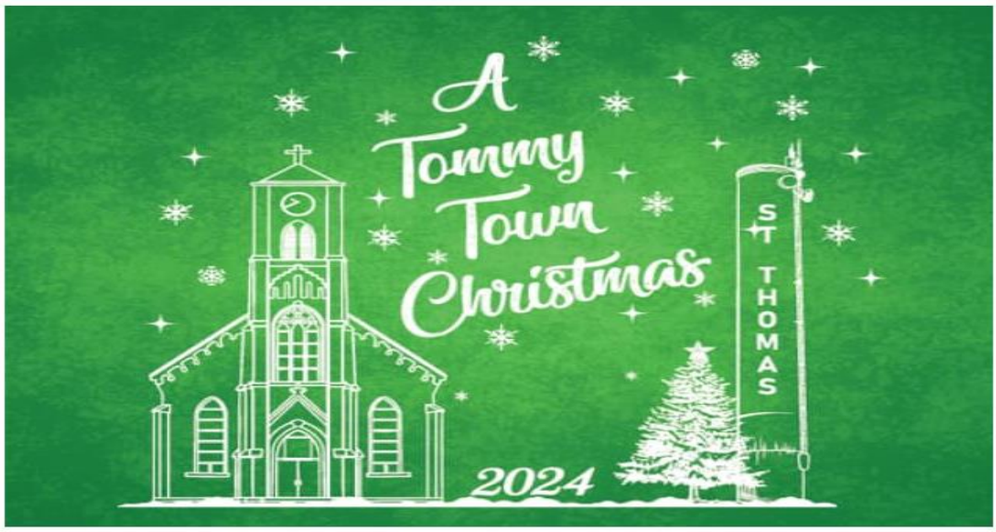
CITIZEN'S CIVIC LEAGUE PARK FALL FESTIVAL, META is this Sunday, September 15, serving sausage & fried chicken dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Adults $15.00, children 6-12 $7.00. All carry-outs are $15.00.

SAVE THE DATES: **September 15 - Meta Citizens Civic League Fall Festival**
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

THE CITY OF ST. THOMAS: The City of St. Thomas Christmas Parade will be Friday, December 6. The Annual St. Thomas Holiday Mart will be Sunday, December 15. Again, this year, we will be offering a holiday shirt. This year, it's "A Tommy Town Christmas" ..online orders will be accepted until September 23. Here is the link to order: Orders will be delivered to the school.
https://christmasinstthomas.itemorder.com/shop/home/

2024 Christmas Shirt for City of St. Thomas

2024 CHRISTMAS SHIRT LINK



ST. THOMAS THE
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Rolling out the new year of Stewardship

Join us as we roll into the new year of stewardship! Pick up a cinnamon roll and visit our informational tents to learn more about the stewardship opportunities in our community.

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Saturday, October 5th after 5:00pm Mass
Sunday, October 6th after 10:00am Mass

Location: Church parking lot

Enter your name in a raffle for a $25 Amazon card!

Return stewardship packets the weekend of October 19th & 20th

BE A PILLAR!

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.

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