

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

St. Cecilia
in Meta

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St. Thomas Parish Office hours: Tuesdays 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.; Wednesdays 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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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 June 14-21:

As per direction from Bishop McKnight, Parishes may resume public Masses beginning May 4 but must follow the instructions issued by Bishop McKnight on April 28. Please read the Bishop's letter on the parish website and important information on page two of bulletin.

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Butch Loethen

Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – No Mass (Summer Schedule)

Thursday 7:45 a.m. – L&D Alex Heckman Family

Friday 7:45 a.m. – Curt Stockman

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jeremy Luebbering

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2019-2020:	\$305,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End:	\$305,000.00
Actual Collection for 2019-2020:	\$269,784.43
Offertory Difference Year to Date:	– \$ 35,215.57
Offertory Goal per month:	\$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

June 7	\$ 6,130.00
June 14	\$
June 21	\$
June 28	\$

Collection Online: \$ 5,067.00

June total to date: **\$11,197.00**

Difference for June: -\$14,216.00

St. Thomas the Apostle Expansion & Building Fund

Total Expansion Project expenses paid: \$2,273,475.34

Income from parishioners for FY 2019-2020

(via the yellow "Building Fund" envelope): **\$28,824.20**

Loan payments to date for FY 2019-2020: **\$101,505.14**

Principal \$95,677.66 Interest \$5,827.48

Parish Building Expansion Debt remaining: **\$105,061.19**

St. Thomas the Apostle Reader

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Marshall Boessen

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Ben Luebbering

Saint Cecilia

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Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Hubert Brandt

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Rosalyn Wankum

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Lawrence & Scott Otto

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2019-2020:	\$62,000.00
Collection Total for 2019-2020:	\$53,531.25
Offertory Goal per month:	\$ 5,166.67

Collection in Church:

June 7	\$ 2,210.00
June 14	\$
June 21	\$
June 28	\$

June total to date: **\$ 2,210.00**

Difference for June: -\$ 2,956.67

COLLECTION COUNTERS:

June: Pam Libbert & Marie Lueckenotto

**PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR PARISH IN YOUR
LAST WILL & TESTAMENT**

St. Cecilia Reader:

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Doris Stumpe

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic Plassmeyer

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Saturday 6:35 p.m. – Dorothy Rehagen

Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Margaret Brune

USHERS: Individuals will be contacted by members of the St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Pastoral Council to serve as ushers and given specific instructions to make sure Bishop McKnight's instructions for public Masses are followed.

SCRIP: Visit www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip for more information about the Scrip program. Please contact Daffiny Tallent at 573-694-4408 to purchase anytime. A large variety of cards in various denominations are in stock and available for purchase.

BISHOP MCKNIGHT'S JUNE PRAYER INTENTION: May the Sacred Heart of Jesus transform all men, especially fathers, to trust in the model of St. Joseph to instill in them courageous leadership and devotion for those whom God has placed in their care.

PASTOR'S MEDITATION: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ "Corpus Christi"

The two last precious gifts given to us by Jesus are the Holy Eucharist as our spiritual Food and Drink on Holy Thursday and Jesus' mother Mary as our mother on Good Friday.

Corpus Christi is the celebration of the abiding presence of the loving God as *Emmanuel*, God-with-us, in order to give collective thanks to our Lord living with us in the Eucharist.

The feast gives us an occasion to learn more about the importance and value of his "Real Presence," so that we may appreciate the Sacrament better and receive maximum benefit from receiving Jesus in Holy Communion.

We Catholics believe in the "Real Presence" of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist because: Jesus promised it after miraculously feeding the 5000, Jesus instituted the Holy Eucharist during his Last Supper, Jesus commanded his disciples to repeat it in his memory, "Nothing is impossible for God."

We explain the Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist by: "transubstantiation" which means that the *substance* of the offered bread and wine is changed by Consecration to the *substance* of the risen Jesus' glorified Body and Blood by the action of the Holy Spirit and its *accidents* or *appearances* (like color, shape, smell, taste etc.), remain the same.

The Eucharist is a Sacrament and a sacrifice: Jesus instituted the Holy Eucharist both as a sacramental banquet and a sacrificial offering. As a Sacrament, the Eucharist is a visible sign that gives us God's grace and God's life and as a meal it nourishes our souls.

As a sacrifice, the Eucharistic celebration is a representation or re-enactment of Jesus' sacrifice on Calvary, completed in His Resurrection. We offer Jesus' sacrifice to God the Father for the remission of our sins, using signs and symbols.

Dear friends let us appreciate the "Real Presence" of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, by receiving him with true repentance for our sins, due preparation and reverence. Let us be Christ-bearers and conveyers. By receiving Holy Communion we become Christ-bearers as Mary was with the duty of conveying Christ to others at home and in the workplace, through love, mercy, forgiveness and humble and sacrificial service. Let us offer our lives on the altar along with Jesus' sacrifice, asking pardon for our sins, expressing gratitude for the blessings we have received and presenting our needs and petitions on the altar. Let us make a procession along the streets of St. Thomas demonstrating our Lord Jesus Christ's sacrificial love and His real presence.

Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukiibi

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

We ask that St Thomas Parishioners read Bishop's McKnight's recent instruction on re-establishing Masses as the Governmental restrictions are being lifted. This letter can be found on the Church website page and on our Facebook page. Please carefully read the (Before Mass, During Mass, and After Mass) sections.

Please keep in mind that all of the faithful are dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass through June 30, 2020. If you decide to attend Mass you will need to follow the strict guidelines mentioned in Bishop McKnight's letter including practicing social distancing, wearing of protective face masks or face coverings (you must provide your own) and understanding that limited seating will be available. St Thomas the Apostle will continue to live stream the Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass for you to view. We are not encouraging you to attend. If you are uncomfortable or have concerns about attending Mass then please stay home.

Fr. Leonard, the St Thomas Parish Pastoral Council and some of the Parish staff recently met to discuss how to implement these guidelines. Below are further instructions and information for attending Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle. Should you have any questions please feel free to contact Fr. Leonard or any of the Parish Council Members.

PLEASE READ

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH
INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTENDING ALL PUBLIC MASSES
(INCLUDING WEEKDAY MASSES)**

- We are re-establishing public Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle following Diocese guidelines. Please review Bishop McKnight's instructions on the parish website under the Resources page.
- We have limited seating (50-60) available and will be first come, first served. When the capacity limit is reached, no additional parishioners will be allowed to enter church.
- If you have a fever, cough, sore throat, symptomatic or been exposed to someone with the virus within the last 14 days – PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND MASS
- You are required to wear a face mask or face covering when entering and exiting church and going to and from Communion. Face masks or coverings are not required to be worn when you are in the pews. When receiving Communion, pull down your mask or covering, place the Eucharist in your mouth, and immediately replace your mask or covering before returning to your pew.
- Please maintain appropriate social distancing of 6 feet. Follow floor markings when receiving Communion.
- Do not sit in pews that are roped off. Also, only the organist and cantors are allowed to be on the balcony.
- Family members may sit together.
- Place tithe/offertory in basket near center of church.
- Please refrain from using restroom if possible.
- Missals have been removed from the pews and are available on a table at the church entrance. If you want a missal, please take it home with you. Do not leave the missal in the pew. This will become your personal missal to use until after the restrictions are released.

PLEASE READ

**ST. CECILIA CHURCH
INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTENDING ALL PUBLIC MASSES**

- We are re-establishing public Mass at St. Cecilia Church following Diocese guidelines. Please review Bishop McKnight's instructions on the parish website under the Resources page.
- Entrance is thru front door only. Side doors will be locked.

- We have limited seating (50-60) available and will be first come, first served. When the capacity limit is reached, no additional parishioners will be allowed to enter church.
- If you have a fever, cough, sore throat, symptomatic or been exposed to someone with the virus within the last 14 days – **PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND MASS**
- You are **required to wear a face mask or face covering** when entering and exiting church and going to and from Communion. Face masks or coverings are not required to be worn when you are in the pews. When receiving Communion, pull down your mask or covering, place the Eucharist in your mouth, and immediately replace your mask or covering before returning to your pew. Distribution of communion will be in a single row only by Fr. Leonard.
- Please **maintain appropriate social distancing of 6 feet**. Follow floor markings when receiving communion.
- Please sit in pews that are marked. Also, only the organist and cantors are allowed to be on the balcony.
- Family members may sit together.
- Place tithe/offertory in basket near entrance of church on table.
- Please refrain from using restroom if possible.
- Missals have been removed from the pews and are available on a table at the church entrance. If you want a missal, please take it home with you. Do not leave the missal in the pew. This will become your personal missal to use until after restrictions are released. Please bring back with you for the next mass.

THE DIOCESE HAS UPDATED THE PRAYER FOR A COMMUNION OF DESIRE: My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, renew my heart now with the power of Your Spirit. I embrace You and unite myself wholly to You. Unite me more closely to Your Body, the Church. And never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

UPDATE – ST. THOMAS PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC) COUNCIL ELECTIONS: To date we have received four nominees for the four upcoming vacancies on the PPC. The deadline for anyone interested is 5:00 pm June 19th. If no additional interest is shown then there will no formal election held. Please contact Theresa Viet at 573-418-7301 or by e-mail at rtbv@embarqmail.com if you have an interest.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE will meet on Thursday, June 25 at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

REMINDERS FOR PARISHIONERS that every First Friday of the month, we have a Holy Hour/Adoration followed by Benediction at St. Thomas and at St. Cecilia the last Friday of the month from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

ST. CECILIA CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL (CSA): St. Cecilia Parish's assessment goal is short around \$700. Any additional donations to help reach our goal would be greatly appreciated. Donations need to be put in an envelope marked "Catholic Stewardship Appeal" and checks need to be made payable the same. Donations can be dropped off in collection basket or mail to St. Cecilia Parish, P.O. Box 146, St. Thomas, MO 65076, to the attention of Doris Stumpe.

THE ST. CECILIA CEMETERY ASSOCIATION owes Charles Schroeder, Robert Meyer, and Randy Hagenhoff a great big thank you for their hours of labor and equipment for moving timber and dirt for a new back fence and parking lot. Also, thank you to Otto Wankum and Ron Meyer for their help, Mark Luebbert for fencing material and Wieberg Red-E-Mix for a load of rock.

Also remember **cemetary dues** were due in May. If you have not done so, please send your dues to Karyn Veltrop, 772 County Road 508, St Thomas, Mo 65076. If you have questions, call her at 573-229-4395.

SATURDAY EVENING MASS IN ST. CECILIA: Fr. Leonard will be offering Saturday evening mass at St. Cecilia in Meta starting the 3RD Saturday in June (June 20) at 7:00 p.m. Fr. Leonard will offer Saturday evening mass the 1ST Saturday and 3RD Saturday of each month until the end of September.

ST. CECILIA PARISH WILL NOT be having their picnic this July due to the COVID 19 Pandemic. The parish is asking each family to donate \$100 and each single household member to donate \$50 to the St. Cecilia Picnic Fund. A special collection will be taken up on Sunday, July 12 which would have been the date of the picnic. The Quilt Auction will be held at the Citizens Civic League Fall Supper in September. Proceeds from Quilt Auction will be split as usual. Please put donations in an envelope marked "St. Cecilia Picnic" and checks should be made payable to St. Cecilia Picnic also.

BETTER TOGETHER PASTORAL PLANNING FOR ST. CECILIA PARISH: The Pastoral Council is seeking input from parishioners from St. Cecilia to help assist with the finalization of the Better Together Pastoral Planning. If anyone would like to complete the forms to help with this, please contact Betty Hagenhoff for a copy or can visit the Diocesan Website at www.diojeffcity.org/better-together for forms and guidelines. All data needs to be submitted to Mary Plassmeyer by June 14 for compilation of data for the Parish Pastoral meeting on Wednesday, June 17 to finalize Better Together-Pastoral Planning for the Diocese.

ST. THOMAS CHURCH CLEANING TEAM ROTATION FOR UPCOMING WEEKS:

Week of June 14th: Lynne Reinkemeyer, Linda Boessen, Lauri Luebbering, Linda Lackman

Week of June 21st: Sonya Henson, Susan Buechter, Jackie Prenger, Amy Buechter

Week of June 28th: Janet Lueckenhoff, Jim Lueckenhoff, Charlene Buschjost, Randy Buschjost

Week of July 5th: Alan Libbert, Nancy Libbert, Darrel Buechter

Week of July 12th: Lynne Reinkemeyer, Linda Boessen, Lauri Luebbering, Lisa Lackman

Thanks to all who volunteer to help keep our Church looking beautiful! Anyone else interested in helping out, please contact Lynne Reinkemeyer at 573-690-7113 and we can add another group.

GRASS CUTTING ROTATION: THE ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH GROUNDS "GRASS CUTTING TEAM ROTATION" FOR THE UPCOMING WEEKS:

Week of June 15: Mark Graessle, Jeff Cassmeyer and Fred Luebbering

Week of June 22: Richard Schellman, Pat Schellman & Paul Struempfler

DIOCESE OF JEFFERSON CITY: The Diocese of Jefferson City warns the public of what appears to be an ongoing phishing scam involving emails and texts purportedly from priests or parish/Chancery staff. This scam has hit many parishes across the United States. The email or text purports to be from a person the target knows, such as one's pastor, a parish staff member, the bishop or someone else from the Church. If the target responds to the fake email or text, the sender will follow up with a request

for some sort of monetary assistance, often for gift cards or iTunes cards. It is truly unfortunate cyber criminals will attempt to exploit the generous nature of our community. Sending emails or texts asking for cash or gifts cards is not how priests, parishes or the Diocese of Jefferson City seeks financial assistance for our work. If you receive an email or text from a trusted church personnel asking for assistance, confirm by calling that person and do NOT respond to the email or text. For more information, the FBI website address to file an online Internet crime complaint is <https://www.ic3.gov>.

ST. NICHOLAS ACADEMY is a supportive living experience for boys from families that are under-resourced who want to give their sons every opportunity to succeed in school and life. St. Nick's partners with families and St. Peter Interparish School to provide this opportunity. St. Nick's is seeking Christian, married couples or single individuals who are willing to be part of a pool of relief parents. The role of relief parents is to care for the boys and home when the full-time house parents are off duty or away. Typically, the full-time house parents are off duty every fourth weekend from 9:00 AM Friday through 7:00 PM Sunday. Relief parents, on a rotational schedule, fill in during this time. They may also be asked to be on a call list to help fill in when the house parents are on vacation and/or sick. Relief parents receive an hourly wage, all legally mandated benefits and a compensation package that includes a private suite and all meals for the days on duty. Please contact Sister Susan Renner, SSND at 573-635-7719 or director@stnick.org

OSAGE SENIOR CENTER: Is your home getting too big? Do you need to be closer to Jefferson City or away from the city? If so, the Osage Senior Center, located in Wardsville, MO, is looking for interested seniors to fill possible vacancies and/or be placed on our waitlist for USDA or MHDC units. For more information call 573-469-8426.

TO ALL COMM-UNITY AMBULANCE MEMBERS: The decision has been made to postpone the annual meeting scheduled for Sunday, June 14, 2020, due to continued Covid-19 policies. More information will be coming on handling the board member elections and the raffle. Please continue to mail in your membership dues.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH LOOSE CREEK BBQ FUNDRAISER: Due to COVID-19 pandemic, we are having a Curbside BBQ (Pork Steak and Cheeseburger Meals), on Sunday, June 14, 2020 from 11:00 am - 6:00 PM. In conjunction with this, we will be having our regular picnic raffle and a 50/25/25 money pot. Please help support our parish and pick up some good BBQ.

SAVE THE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR:
TOTUS TUUS – June 14-19, 2020
St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Picnic – August 16, 2020

PLEASE REMEMBER THESE IMPORTANT COVID-19 PANDEMIC REMINDERS:
Please check the Diocesan webpage at <https://diojeffcity.org/public-health/>
Information can be found on the St Thomas Parish website at <http://www.stthomasapostle.net/> and St. Cecilia website at <http://www.stceciliameta.net/>

Tithe/Financial Commitment: Please strive to keep up with your **financial commitment** to the parish during this time when public worship and events have been restricted or suspended. The work of our parishes and staff continues with ongoing expenses and financial obligations. There will be a basket in Church to place your envelope in if you attend Mass." **St. Thomas the Apostle parishioners** can mail contributions to the parish office at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, PO Box 146, St. Thomas, MO 65076. Or you may sign up for electronic giving through ACH payments. Blank ACH forms are available in St. Thomas the Apostle Church entrances and on the parish website. Call or email the St. Thomas the Apostle Parish office if you have questions about ACH payments.

For St. Cecilia Parishioners that would like to contribute towards their weekly/monthly Tithe, please feel free to do so. The contribution envelope can be mailed to St. Cecilia Parish, P.O. Box 146, St. Thomas, MO 65076 to the attention of Doris Stumpe. Your contribution will be graciously appreciated to keep the upkeep/expenses of the parish going during this time of COVID-19.

Outreach to our parish community/vicinity: Please contact the parish offices, Father Leonard or a PPC member of your needs or the needs of others. If you wish to volunteer, the Diocese enrollment is at <https://diojeffcity.org/parish-disaster-responders-team-volunteer-form>. If you know of someone needing assistance, please don't hesitate to call.

Updates and Communications: Ongoing updates will be communicated through the following: St. Thomas the Apostle and St. Cecilia parish websites, St. Thomas the Apostle Parish and School Facebook pages, marquee signs at both churches, and church bulletins.

Other Information: The CDC's COVID-19 page is an accurate, credible source that is consistently updated with directives from the White House. The webpage is found at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

We encourage all parishioners to pray,

***O Immaculate Heart of Mary, we entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.
Bring under your mantel of protection all who provide care for the sick and minister to their needs, as your Son implores us to do for one another.
We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Amen.***

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PARKBOARD CONCESSION STAND WORKERS

Monday, June 15	6:30 p.m.	7U Girls	Brett & Sarah Volmert
Monday, June 15	8:00 p.m.	15U Boys	Cordell & Jeanette Schroeder
Tuesday, June 16	8:00 p.m.	10U Boys	David & Sara Otto
Wednesday, June 17	6:30 p.m.	7U Boys	Alan & Jessica Braun
Thursday, June 18	8:00 p.m.	12 U Girls	Myron & Lindsay Luebbering
Monday, June 22	8:00 p.m.	12U Girls	Kevin & Leann Lehmen
Tuesday, June 23	6:30 p.m.	7U Boys	Glenn & Andrea Reynolds
Thursday, June 25	6:30 p.m.	7U Boys	Jason & Jenna Volmert
Friday, June 26	6:30 p.m.	8U Girls	Dustin & Amber Stegeman
Friday, June 26	8:00 p.m.	10U Boys	Wes & Lori Libbert

