

The Roman Catholic Parishes of

St. Thomas the Apostle

in St. Thomas

St. Cecilia

in Meta

www.stthomasapostle.net

St. Cecilia website still under development

PO Box 146
St. Thomas, MO 65076

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 9, 2015

Pastor: Father Jeremy A. Secrist
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School Principal: Mr. Leroy Heckemeyer
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St. Thomas Secretary:
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School Website:
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St. Thomas Parish Office hours: Tuesdays 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Thursdays 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

St. Cecilia Parish Office hours: Tuesdays 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

School Office hours during school year: Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Confessions: Saturdays 4:00 - 4:45 p.m. at St. Thomas; Sundays 7:30 - 7:50 a.m. at St. Cecilia;
or anytime by appointment, just call Father.

Saint Thomas the Apostle

Mass Schedule for the Week of August 9-16:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Rose Schmidt
Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – L&D Schellman Family
Wednesday – No Mass – *Summer Schedule*
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Wm. & Rufina Boessen
Friday 7:45 a.m. – Keith Luebbering
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – L&D Lawrence Oligschlaeger Family
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Vic Otto

Your Sunday Offering:

Offerory Budget for 2015-2016:	\$305,000.00
Offerory Goal through Month End:	\$50,834.00
Actual Collection for 2015-2016:	\$33,539.25
Offerory Difference Year to Date:	- \$17,294.75
Offerory Goal for August:	\$25,417.00

Collection in Church:

August 2	\$6,223.00
August 9	\$
August 16	\$
August 23	\$
August 30	\$

Collection Online:

August total to date:	\$10,482.00
Difference for August:	- \$14,935.00

St. Thomas the Apostle Expansion & Building Fund

Total Expansion Project expenses paid:	\$2,273,475.34
Income from parishioners for fiscal year 2015-2016 (via the yellow "Building Fund" envelope):	\$3,603.00
Loan payments to date for fiscal year 2015-2016:	\$9,227.74
(Principal) \$7,051.54 (Interest) \$2,176.20	
Parish Building Expansion Debt remaining:	\$577,002.00

St. Thomas Cantor / Organist

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Amanda Wooten/Jackie
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mary Kay Brand/Elizabeth

St. Thomas Reader/ Petitions

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kathy Graessle
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Art Groner

St. Thomas Altar Servers

Weekdays – Kenzie & Lane Libbert
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Cameron & Chesney Luebbering,
Ethan & Noah Luebbering
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Kadence Kliegel, Jacob Luebbering,
Morgan Luebbering, Emily Schell

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of August 9-16:

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Don Hamman
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Vic Otto

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Regina Plassmeyer

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Gus & Marilyn Nilges
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – People of our Parishes

Your Sunday Offering:

Offerory Budget for 2015-2016:	\$60,471.51
Collection Total for 2015-2016:	\$6,092.00
Offerory Goal for August:	\$5,039.29

Collection in Church:

August 2	\$1,511.00
August 9	\$
August 16	\$
August 23	\$
August 30	\$
August total to date:	\$1,511.00
Difference for August:	- \$3,528.29

Please remember your parish in your last will & testament.

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

August – Dale & Margie Helton

St. Cecilia Reader / Petitions

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Doris Stumpe
Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Doris Stumpe
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Janice Schanzmeyer

St. Cecilia Ushers

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Tom Gragert, Lou Kloeppe,
Mitch & Brendan Stumpe
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Tony Derkum, Leon Schanzmeyer,
Kenneth Otto, Dominic Plassmeyer

St. Thomas Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

August 15-16

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Betty Schellman, Leeroy Budnik, Carolyn Loethen

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jan Carter, Mattheuw Prenger, Keith Kliethermes, Randy Buschjost, Rob Henson

August 22-23

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark & Barb Graessle, Lora Boessen

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Richard & Jan Heckemeyer, Emily Luebbering, Janet Lueckenhoff, Linda Lueckenhoff

August 29-30

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark Luebbering, Paul & Jenny Becker

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Richard & Jan Heckemeyer, Glenn Prenger, Gilbert & Hermina Strobe

St. Thomas Greeters/Ushers

August 15-16

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Carolyn Loethen & TJ Loethen

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Eric Boessen & Arthur McManus

August 22-23

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark Boessen & Gregg Boessen

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Alan Reinkemeyer & Doug Stockman

August 29-30

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mike Groner & Dave Luebbering

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mattheuw Prenger & Keith Kliethermes

St. Thomas Presentation of Gifts at Mass

August 15-16

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mike & Trish Green

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Bryan & Renee Braun Family

August 22-23

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Gilbert & Betty Schellman

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Scott & Tracy Suthoff Family

August 29-30

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark & Barb Graessle

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Ryan & Kelley Buschjost Family

Collection Counters:

August 15-16 – Richard & Jan Heckemeyer

August 22-23 – Jennifer Schroeder & Stephanie Cortvrient

August 29-30 – Bill Lueckenhoff & Paul Becker

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday 7:25 a.m. – Rose Mary Buschjost – Sorrowful Mysteries

Thursday 7:25 a.m. – Martha & Celeste – Luminous Mysteries

Friday 7:25 a.m. – Gilbert & Hermina Strobe – Sorrowful Mysteries

Saturday 4:40 p.m. – Paul Becker – Glorious Mysteries

Sunday 9:40 a.m. – Pat Loethen – Glorious Mysteries

Scrip Sales (August 8-9)

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Amy Luebbering

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Sandy Kliegel

LADIES TO BRING SNACK TO ST. THOMAS QUILTERS:

Thursday, August 20 – Hermina Strobe & Kathy Strobe Thursday, August 27 – Martha Strobe & Marsha Strobe

Please bring to hall by 1:00 p.m. Snack served at 3:00 p.m. If you have questions, please call Kathy Strobe or Emily Luebbering.

CONGRATULATIONS to **Jude Thomas Luebbering**, son of Cassidy & Gina Luebbering, who became a child of God through Baptism this weekend in St. Thomas Church.

CONGRATULATIONS to **Anne Loethen & Matt Adam**, who were married in Christ this weekend in St. Thomas Church.

NOTES OF THANKS

Thanks to Fr. Secrist, family, friends, neighbors for all of your prayers, visits, cards, food & etc, after my surgery. We are blessed to live in a kind & caring community. God Bless you all, love & prayers. **Alex & Joann Heckman**

We would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, cards, visits and anyone who helped me during my surgery & recovery.
Leonard Strobe

MASS INTENTIONS...

The specific Mass intentions for each scheduled Mass are regularly published in this bulletin and are specifically requested by individual request. Every reasonable effort is made to accommodate particular times and dates, when so requested. However, when on occasion the date or time request cannot be met, the intention will be rescheduled for the next earliest date available.

MINISTRY TO THE ILL & INFIRM: If you are preparing for surgery, recovering from surgery, homebound or ill, please let Fr. Secrist (477-3315) and/or MaryPat Luebbering (477-3476) know so that you have the opportunity to receive the Sacraments and pastoral care.

CATHOLIC MISSOURIAN SUBSCRIPTIONS: Just a gentle reminder that when you are making out your check for your household's annual subscription to the diocesan newspaper, please make out your check for **\$14 to the parish**, not to the Catholic Missourian. This will help the checks to be processed and cleared more easily. Thanks to all who have sent along their subscription contribution.

St. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

August 15-16

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Lou Kloeppe, Brenda Wansing, Doris Stumpe

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Gerald & Phyllis Rehagen, Janice Schanzmeyer

August 22-23

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Jennifer Even, Betty Hagenhoff, Dorothy Rehagen

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Karen Fick, Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer

St. Cecilia Altar Servers

August 15-16

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Zachary & Joshua Even, Carson Libbert & Gavin Holterman

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Will & Melina Derkum, Skyla Schroeder

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Wednesday 6:10 p.m. – Florentine Hagenhoff – Glorious Mysteries

Saturday 6:40 p.m. – Alice Hake – Glorious Mysteries

Sunday 7:40 a.m. – Mary Plassmeyer – Glorious Mysteries

VOTIVE CANDLES: The requested donation for lighting a votive candle in church is **\$2.50.**

**IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE
TO FULFILL
YOUR LITURGICAL MINISTRY,
IN YOUR KINDNESS & CHARITY,
PLEASE FIND A REPLACEMENT.**

BAPTISM PREPARATION: Please call Fr. Secrist to schedule a meeting and date for Baptism.

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

PRAYER OUR WITH MOTHER OF PERPTUAL HELP DEVOTION will be held on Tuesday, August 11 at 7:00 p.m. in St. Thomas Church.

SO YOU KNOW... The church boiler replacement work at St. Thomas is scheduled to begin this coming week.

“VISIONS OF FAITH” STAINED GLASS WINDOW RESTORATION PROJECT: Contributions, of various sizes from both our local community and beyond, have been received for the Visions of Faith Project totaling **\$76,150**. The overall project cost for the restoration of our stained glass windows in church is approximately **\$86,000**. This means that the fundraising program to restore the historic stained glass windows at St. Thomas the Apostle is still underway. Sacristy windows are still available for “adoption”. Associated Crafts studios are scheduled to begin work in September. Even if you or your family are not able to adopt a full window, any and all contributions to this project are greatly appreciated. Many thanks to all of you who have given to this important endeavor. A single commemoration plaque will be created to list the names (or memorial) of all who have contributed to the restoration project. If you have questions, please contact Fr. Secrist.

META QUILTING: On Tuesday, August 4th, the Meta Area Quilters will begin their quilting season at the Quilter’s Cottage for St. Cecilia Parish and Meta Civic League. Quilting takes place on Tuesdays during the day and evening and Thursdays in the evening. More quilters are needed to meet the goal of 12 large quilts and 12 baby quilts for the 2016 Quilt Auction – even if it’s only for an hour or two. Every stitch counts!

ST. THOMAS PARISH PICNIC COMMITTEE is looking for a large tent to use (20’ x 30’) or larger for shade at the picnic. If anyone has one or knows someone who might donate its use for the picnic, please contact TJ Loethen at 573-690-8809 or Michelle Luebbering at 573-680-8077.

ST. THOMAS PICNIC & QUILT FLYERS are available at the entrances of St. Thomas Church. Please pick up your **GRAND RAFFLE CHANCES** in the back of Church. Additional raffle chances are also available at B&K Quick Shoppe. Picnic quilts may be viewed our parish web page www.stthomasapostle.net and click on the “Events” menu.

ST. THOMAS PICNIC MEETING is Tuesday, August 11, at 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Anyone who can help set up tables & chairs Friday, August 14 at 4:30 p.m. Help is appreciated. Tomatoes are greatly needed for the picnic. Anyone interested in donating a cake of any kind (with no refrigeration required) for the **cake walk**, would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Tina Stockman at 573-477-0175. The work-list was attached to last week’s bulletin. Additional copies are in the entrances of St. Thomas Church and available at www.stthomasapostle.net click on link to August 2nd bulletin.

ST. THOMAS CRAFT STAND: Please call Diane Lueckenhoff at 573-645-5794 if you have t-towels stamped for embroidering or need to turn in any towels that are completed for the picnic.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PSR REGISTRATION: The religious education of *all* of our children is an important and necessary part of the mission of our Catholic parishes and families. This coming school year, we are looking forward to offering an enhanced and expanded educational program for all of the children in our parish who do not attend Catholic school. Registration forms for St. Thomas the Apostle PSR (Parish School of Religion) are available at the entrances of St. Thomas church. Please return the completed forms by August 23; first Wednesday evening classes will be September 9.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL is now accepting registrations for the fall of 2015-2016 enrollment for **Preschool through 8th grade**. Please call the school office to register at 573-477-3322.

ST. THOMAS SCHOOL DROP OFF & PICK UP REMINDERS: For the safety of our children, please remember to ENTER from PARK STREET and EXIT from the Church parking lot. This will keep our children safe and the traffic flowing smoothly.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL NEWS FROM MR. HECKEMEYER:

We are looking forward to the 2015-2016 school year at St. Thomas the Apostle School. I have been with the school for the past 2 years as the Principal/P.E. Instructor, and I am very excited to meet the students and families for the upcoming school year on August 18 at our Open House and Parent Meeting. Preschool will open on Monday, August 10 and Grades K-8 will open on Thursday, August 20 with a projected enrollment on 80 students.

We were able to install 7 new computers in our computer lab over the Summer. We are also going to add two new classes to our curriculum. One will be a keyboarding class and the other will be a Life Skills class for this school year. Our theme for this school year will be “Shine with God’s Mercy”.

We want to thank all the volunteers (too many to list) who helped to clean the building and rooms over the Summer. It is so rewarding to have the volunteers who step up to help get our building ready for the students and staff!

This school year our school will be going through a Diocesan Self Study. Every 6 years Catholic Schools in the Diocese undergo an evaluation to see the areas where we excel and where we need to improve. We are looking forward to this process to make us an even more productive school!

Administrative Staff for 2015-2016 school year

Pastor: Fr. Jeremy A. Secrist
Principal: Mr. Leory Heckemeyer
School/Parish Secretary: Mrs. Diane Lueckenhoff
Parish Bookkeeper: Mrs. Jenny Becker

Kindergarten: Mrs. Daffiny Tallent
Preschool: Mrs. Melanie Kirkweg
Art: Mrs. Chris Hoecker
Music: Mrs. Jeanette Schroeder
P.E.: Mr. Leroy Heckemeyer

Teaching Staff

7th & 8th Grade/Lead Teacher: Ms. Kristin Morris
5th & 6th Grade: Miss Danielle Plassmeyer
3rd & 4th Grade: Mr. Joel Wald
2nd Grade: Mrs. Sarah Schwartz
1st Grade: Mrs. Michelle Siebeneck

Support Staff

Preschool Assistant: Mrs. Linda Kloeppel
Head Cook: Mrs. Juliana Loaiza
Assistant Cook: Mrs. Mary Kay Brand
Custodians: Mr. Norbert Risse & Mr. Gilbert Strobe

All of our staff members wear many hats and do multiple jobs throughout the year to make our school successful. This working together is what makes a great team! We ask for your continued prayers and support as we embark on a new exciting school year! **God Bless, Mr. Leroy Heckemeyer**

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE YARD SIGNS & WINDOW STICKERS: Show your support for our local Catholic school by purchasing a sign for your front yard and a window sticker for your vehicle, boat or tractor. Yard signs and window stickers are \$5.00 each. Please contact the School Office at 573-477-3322.

2015-2016 SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST is available at Wal-mart (both locations), K-Mart, Target & Staples.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL FAMILY FOLDERS are be in the back of Church this weekend.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL STUDENTS...SPORTS PHYSICAL REMINDER: Any student planning on playing sports during the 2015-2016 school year will need a physical (This does not pertain to archery). This is a Diocesan policy.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS:

August 10 – First Day of Preschool
August 18 – Open House 6:00 p.m. & Mandatory Parent Meeting 6:30 p.m.
August 20 – First Day of School K-8

BOX TOPS: Please continue to save Box Tops for Education, Coke Points & Best Choice labels.

SCRIP: During the summer months, SCRIP will only be sold after Mass every other weekend. Please watch the bulletins as to when SCRIP will be sold. You may contact Lindsay Luebbering at 573-680-4920 or Karen Luebbering at 573-301-5834 for additional sales. In September we will begin selling SCRIP after every weekend Mass.

SUPPORTING PARTNERS FOR INCLUSIVE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SPIRE): Does your child have trouble learning and remembering concepts and difficulty organizing materials, information and ideas? Supporting Partners for Inclusive Religious Education (SPIRE) is hosting an informative meeting on Monday, August 10, 6:00-7:00 p.m. at the Chancery. SPIRE is a newly established commission that supports inclusive religious education. For more information, contact spire@diojeffcity.org.

ST. THOMAS QUILTERS: It is time to start on our 2016 picnic quilts. We will begin quilting on Thursday, August 20 and evening quilting will begin Wednesday, August 26 at 7:00 p.m. We are in need to quilt tops. If you have a quilt top ready for quilting along with lining, or if you have any questions regarding the afternoon snack, please call Kathy Strope at 573-477-3349 or Emily Luebbering at 573-477-3459. The minimum size should be 90"x108" but larger sizes are recommended. We have batting available for \$10.00.

THE NEXT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING is Tuesday, August 11 at 7:30 p.m. A rosary will be prayed at 7:15 p.m.

META OVER 50 CLUB will meet on Thursday, August 13 at noon at the St. Cecilia Parish Center. Please bring a dish and join us for lunch, fun & fellowship.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

St. Thomas Parish Picnic – August 16, 2015

St. Thomas CYO Breakfast – August 23, 2015

"Family Night Under the Stars" on Saturday, August 29 sponsored by St. Thomas Parish Park Board. The event will include concessions, games, fireworks show and a glow run/walk at dark.

St. Thomas Parish Fall Fantasy – October 24, 2015

DIOCESAN JCYA SERVICE DAY WITH THE MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY is Saturday, August 22, JCYA (Jefferson City Young Adults) will be volunteering with the Missionaries of Charity in St. Louis! Arriving in STL at 9:30 a.m., we will help the sister serve breakfast and then clean up and do other chores. If you are interested, please contact catholicjcy@gmail.com

ST. THOMAS BOWLING ASSOCIATION meeting is Tuesday, August 18, 2015 at 7:30 pm in the bowling alley. All team captains should plan to attend. This will be the only meeting before the start of the next bowling season so please plan to attend. Drawing of team numbers will be held at this meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE AREA

SACRED HEART PARISH PICNIC, RICH FOUNTAIN is this Sunday, August 9, serving fried chicken & German Pot Roast dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Adults \$11.00, children 6-12 \$5.00. Kiddie Tractor Pull at 4 p.m. Quilt auction at 6:00 p.m.

ST. STANISLAUS PARISH, WARDSVILLE: Julie Carrick, Catholic Recording Artist, Speaker and Radio Producer and Host, is coming to St. Stanislaus Catholic Church for a Catechetical Artistry Event on Wednesday August 12 beginning at 7:00 p.m. entitled "Intentional Disciples – Mary, the Apostles and Us". All are invited, free will offering. CD's/DVD's available for purchase.

RICH FOUNTAIN TRACTOR & KIDDIE PULL is Saturday, August 15. Tractors: Weigh in at noon, pull at 1:00 p.m. Garden Tractors weigh in at 2:00 p.m., pull at 3:00 p.m. The Kid's Pedal Tractor Pull by ages 4-12, not by weight. Registration starts at 6:00 p.m., the pull at 7:30 p.m. You will be able to qualify for the Missouri State Kid's Pull.

ST. THOMAS CYO BREAKFAST is Sunday, August 23, St. Thomas Cafeteria serving from 7:30 – 11:00, \$9.50 for adults, \$4.00 for children 5 – 10. Serving: Sausage, Biscuits & Gravy, Hash Browns, Scrambled Eggs, Coffee & Juice. Proceeds to help offset the cost of NCYC.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PICNIC is **next Sunday, August 16**, serving fried chicken & roast beef dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Adults \$10.00, children 6-12 \$5. Quilt auction at 5:00 p.m. Kiddie tractor pull at 3:00 p.m. Afternoon entertainment will feature Live Bluegrass & Country Music (Thomas Kroll & Cory Luebbering & friends!)

END OF THE FISCAL YEAR NUMBERS

At St. Cecilia Parish:

The total receipts for the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year, ending June 30th, 2015 was: **\$118,933.78.**

This includes a \$15,000 grant from the A.J. Schwartze Foundation.

The total expenses for the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year, ending June 30th, 2015 was: **\$112,064.62.**

At St. Thomas the Apostle Parish:

The total receipts for the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year, ending June 30th, 2015 was: **\$864,991.85.**

This total includes over \$151,500 from the generous benefactors of the parish and school.

The total expenses for the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year, ending June 30th, 2015 was: **\$710,572.95.**

This total includes reducing the parish debt by \$107,104.73.

Thank you for your generosity and continuing stewardship to our parishes! Please continue to pray for our benefactors.

- Fr. Secrist