

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

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 26, 2015

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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 July 26-August 2:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – L&D Clete Matheisen Family
Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – No Mass
Wednesday – No Mass - *Summer Schedule*
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Butch Loethen
Friday 7:45 a.m. – Mary Ann Schmidt
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ida Schellman
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Deceased Members of 4th Degree
St. Jude Assembly

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2015-2016:	\$305,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End:	\$25,417.00
Actual Collection for 2015-2016:	\$19,518.25
Offertory Difference Year to Date:	-\$5,898.75
Offertory Goal for July:	\$25,417.00

Collection in Church:

July 5	\$5,217.25
July 12	\$4,715.00
July 19	\$4,342.00
July 26	\$

Collection Online: \$5,244.00
July total to date: **\$19,518.25**
Difference for July: -\$5,898.75

St. Thomas the Apostle Expansion & Building Fund

Total expansion expenses paid: \$2,273,475.34
Income from parishioners for fiscal year 2015-2016
(via the yellow "Building Fund" envelope): **\$2,154.00**
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. –
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Doug Luebbering/Jackie

St. Thomas Reader/ Petitions

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Amanda Wooten
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Gilbert Strope

St. Thomas Altar Servers

Weekday – Kenzie & Lane Libbert
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ely & Dawson Wieberg, Abby Hoecker,
Sam Schaefer
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Brooke & Grace Boessen, Madilyn
Buschjost, Henry Buschjost

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of July 26-August 1:

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Wilford & Nicki Libbert
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – L&D Leo & Alberta Wieberg

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – L&D Bruemmer Family

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Victor Bruemmer
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – People of our Parishes

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2015-2016:	\$60,471.51
Collection Total for 2015-2016:	\$3,447.00
Offertory Goal for July:	\$5,039.29

Collection in Church:

July 5	\$1,334.00
July 12	\$1,370.00
July 19	\$ 743.00
July 26	\$

July total to date: **\$3,447.00**
Difference for July: -\$1,592.29

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

August – Dale & Margie Helton

St. Cecilia Reader / Petitions

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Doris Stumpe
Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Jennifer Even
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Karen Fick

St. Cecilia Ushers

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Darin Even, Randy Hagenhoff,
Tom Gragert, Lou Kloepfel
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic Plassmeyer, Harold Brockes,
Kenny Otto, Leon Schanzmeyer

St. Thomas Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
August 1-2

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark & Barb Graessle, Lora Boessen
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mike & Sheri Wieberg, Mike & Trish Green, Millie Wieberg

August 8-9

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark Luebbering, Pat Kaiser, Marshall Boessen
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Ray & Shirley Volmert, Bill & Betty Jo Luebbering, Lynne Reinkemeyer

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

St. Thomas Greeters/Ushers

August 1-2

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Gilbert Schellman & Richard Schellman
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Richard Heckemeyer & Jim Lueckenhoff

August 8-9

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Fred Luebbering & Joe Buschjost
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Larry Lueckenhoff & Art Groner

August 15-16

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Carolyn Loethen & TJ Loethen
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Eric Boessen & Arthur McManus

St. Thomas Presentation of Gifts at Mass

August 1-2

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Gregg & Susan Boessen Family
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mike & Kristin Buschjost Family

August 8-9

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Steve & Katrina Schellman Family
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Eugene & MaryPat Luebbering

August 15-16

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mike & Trish Green
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Bryan & Renee Braun Family

Collection Counters:

August 1-2-Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg
August 8-9-Keith & Jean Kliethermes
August 15-16 – Richard & Jan Heckemeyer

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas

Thursday 7:25 a.m. – Martha & Celeste – Luminous Mysteries
Friday 7:25 a.m. – Pat Loethen– Sorrowful Mysteries
Saturday 4:40 p.m. – Marilyn Herigon– Sorrowful Mysteries
Sunday 9:40 a.m. – Gilbert & Hermina Strobe – Sorrowful Mysteries

Scrip Sales (August 8-9)

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Amy Luebbering
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Sandy Kliegel

CONGRATULATIONS to ***Cassandra Ann Schulte***, daughter of Brian & Rachel Schulte, who became a child of God through Baptism this weekend in St. Thomas the Apostle Parish.

NOTE OF THANKS

Many thanks to the many volunteers who brought snacks, provided evening meals and hospitality to the Totus Tuus team and assisted with the organization of the Totus Tuus program in both of our parishes. With all of the various activities, classes and participation by our children, Totus Tuus was a great addition to our parishes' summer activities and we look forward to doing it again next year.

ST. THOMAS FISH FRY RESULTS On Saturday, July 18, 237 adults and 27 children were served. We made a profit of \$1437.30. **Thank you to everyone** who worked or assisted in any way to help make our parish fish fry a success.

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.

ST. THOMAS PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING is Tuesday, July 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the Vitae House.

“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 **\$70,950**. 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.

St. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
August 1-2

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Brenda Wansing, Doris Stumpe, Jennifer Even
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Gerald & Phyllis Rehagen, Karen Fick

August 8-9

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Betty Hagenhoff, Dorothy Rehagen, Bonnie Kampeter
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer, Pam Libbert

St. Cecilia Altar Servers

August 1-2

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Joshua & Alex Even, Carson Libbert & Gavin Holterman
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Nicholas & Shelby Wankum, Sophie Bock

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

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

Saturday 6:40 p.m. – Alice Hake- Sorrowful Mysteries

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

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

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

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 contributions.

ST. CECILIA BIBLE STUDY GROUP meets for one hour (6:00-7:00 p.m.) in the Parish Center basement, twice a month. *All are invited and welcome to attend.*

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.

St. Thomas Parish Fall Fantasy – October 24, 2015

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. **GRAND RAFFLE CHANCES** are in the back of Church. Additional raffle chances are at the entrances of Church or at B&K Quick Shoppe. Please view our picnic quilt pictures on our web page stthomasapostle.net and click on the "Events" menu to view the quilt gallery.

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION will be held on Tuesday, July 28 at 7:00 p.m. in St. Thomas Church.

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 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.

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

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.

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): Is your child with special learning needs enrolled in a parish school and struggling to be successful? Do you want Catholic education for your child but are concerned parish schools are unable to provide the special services your child may require? 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 Alphonse Memorial Catholic Center. SPIRE is a newly established commission that supports inclusive religious education. For more information, contact spire@diojeffcity.org.

THE DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA, GLENNON CIRCLE 322, will be meeting on Monday, August 3, at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Tanner Bridge Road, JC. Snacks will start at 6:00 p.m., followed by the business meeting at 6:30 p.m.

OATS BUS: The Oats Bus that provides rides to Jefferson City from the Meta & St. Thomas area is in need of more riders. The OATS Bus runs twice a month on Tuesdays for doctor appointments and grocery stores. If interested, please contact either Leota Logan at 573-229-4274 or Martha Strope at 573-477-3583 or Bill Bess (driver) at 573-353-2866.

CATHOLIC RADIO: Are you interested in learning more about your faith? Would you like to strengthen your relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church? Tune in to Catholic Radio on **88.1 FM KHJR**. Programming includes daily Holy Mass, devotions, Catechetics, live call-in shows, and much more. For a program schedule and a free CD call (314) 752-7000 or toll-free (877) 305-1234.

THE HELPING HANDS OF CENTRAL MISSOURI, INC has a food pantry/thrift store located in St. Elizabeth at the Junction of Hwy 52 and Hwy PP. The food pantry will be open one Monday of each month, and the Thrift Store will be open every Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We are accepting donations and volunteer help will be greatly appreciated.

VIRTUS: The Diocese of Jefferson City will hold a VIRTUS- Protecting God's Children session on Wednesday, August 19 at 6:30 p.m. at the Chancery. The Virtus program is one component of the overall effort to protect God's children and vulnerable adults. All employees and volunteers 18 years of age and over who have ongoing and unsupervised contact with children and youth are required to attend a VIRTUS session. To register for the session or to view valuable resources regarding the protection of children and vulnerable adults, please go to www.virtusonline.org

DIOCESAN ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: The Catholic Diocese of Jefferson City is seeking applicants for a full-time administrative assistant position. The successful candidate will provide administrative assistance in the Alphonse J. Schwartz Catholic Center. Duties will include providing a full range of administrative support, facilitating communication with parishes, maintaining records, generating and maintaining reports, and assisting with receptionist duties. Applicant must have excellent organizational and relational skills, and have advanced experience with Microsoft Office programs, databases, publishing programs, website maintenance and social media. Applicants should also excel in multi-tasking and time management and should have excellent communication and collaboration skills. The successful candidate must be knowledgeable in the Catholic faith. Fluency in Spanish preferred. To apply, complete and submit the application found on the Employment page of the Diocese's website (www.diojeffcity.org). Applicants as well as resume with cover letter may be sent to review@diojeffcity.org or Diocese of Jefferson City, P.O. Box 104900, Jefferson City, MO 65110, Attn: Mike Berendzen, Associate to the Chancellor.

MISSOURI RIVER REGIONAL LIBRARY BOOKMOBILE will be available to the St. Thomas Community on Monday, July 27, from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. in the K of C Hall & 7:15 to 8:00 p.m. at the Bee Line Shop, Meta.

CAMP SIENA: AN EVENING WITH SARAH SWAFFORD is Tuesday, July 28, Mass at 6:30 p.m. and talk at 7:00 p.m. at St. Patrick Church, Laurie, MO. Please visit www.emotionalvirtue.com to learn about Sarah & Emotional Virtue Ministries.

ST. MARY'S PARISH, GLASGOW: All are invited to join Fr. Alex Gabriel for a Marian Conference, August 14-15. For more information, please call 660-529-2563 or 417-599-9247.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE AREA

ST. ELIZABETH COMMUNITY PICNIC is this Sunday, July 26, serving fried chicken & roast beef dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Adults \$10.00, children 6-10 \$5.00. Kiddie Tractor Pull. Quilt Auction 5:00 p.m.

ST. MARGARET OF ANTIOCH PARISH PICNIC, OSAGE BEND is Sunday, August 2.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PICNIC is 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!)

RUMMAGE & MOVING SALE is Thursday, August 6, 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Friday, August 7 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. & Saturday, August 8 8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. There is room for more vendors. Other people are responsible for their booth and sales. If interested, please contact MaryPat Luebbering at 573-338-3476 or 573-477-3476. Please leave a message with name and phone number. Spaces are \$10. Tables and chairs provided.

ST. THOMAS PARISH PARK BOARD: Mark your calendar for the 3rd Annual, "Family Night Under the Stars" on Saturday, August 29 sponsored by St. Thomas Parish Park Board. The event will include concessions, games, and a fireworks show. Also, new this year, we will be holding a glow run/walk at dark! T-shirt and glow accessory guaranteed to those who pre-register for the glow run/walk by August 15. See the event flyer and registration form attached to the bulletin. Registration forms for the run/walk are also available at B&K or email gluebbering@gmail.com.

This year, there will again be a fireworks display. If you would like to make a donation to the fireworks contact Lora Boessen at 477-3737 or send donation along with name by August 22, to Lora Boessen, 15214 Rt. B, Meta, MO 65058. Please make checks payable to St. Thomas Parish Park Board. Thank you!

BALL GLOVE found on St. Thomas Parking lot, please call the school office at 573-477-3322 to claim.

