

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

St. Cecilia
 in Meta

www.stthomasapostle.net

PO Box 146
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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 1, 2016

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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.

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 May 1-8:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – L&D Gregory & Lucille Veit Family
 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Norbert Boessen
 Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Jim Poettgen
 Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – August, Leona & Donald Loethen
 Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Becky Strope
 Friday 7:45 a.m. – John, Minnie & Steve Luebbering
 (Anointing of the Sick following Mass, Adoration all day)
 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes
 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Dorothy Buschjost

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertery Budget for 2015-2016:	\$305,000.00
Offertery Goal through Month End:	\$254,170.00
Actual Collection for 2015-2016:	\$230,677.28
Offertery Difference Year to Date:	- \$23,492.72
Offertery Goal per month:	\$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

April 3	\$4,060.00
April 10	\$3,806.00
April 17	\$2,882.00
April 24	\$4,381.00

Collection Online:

April total to date:	\$20,373.25
Difference for April:	- \$5,043.75

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):	\$24,740.00
Loan payments to date for FY 2015-2016:	\$92,277.40
(Principal) \$72,862.24 (Interest) \$19,415.16	
Parish Building Expansion Debt remaining:	\$511,191.30

St. Thomas Cantor / Organist

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kerry Meyer/Elizabeth
 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Rebecca Schroeder/Jackie

St. Thomas Reader/ Petitions

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kathy Graessle
 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Eugene Luebbering

St. Thomas Altar Servers

Weekday: Sadie Wolken & Lane Libbert
 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ethan & Noah Luebbering,
 Owen Schellman
 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Brooke & Grace Boessen,
 Gregory Kirby, Molly Suthoff

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of May 1-8:

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

 Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Lawrence "Dick" Rehagen

 Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Josephine Werdehausen
 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Lawrence "Dick" Rehagen

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertery Budget for 2015-2016:	\$60,471.51
Collection Total for 2015-2016:	\$49,684.00
Offertery Goal per month:	\$ 5,039.29

Collection in Church:

April 3	\$ 739.00
April 10	\$1,446.00
April 17	\$ 852.00
April 24	\$1,012.00
April total to date:	\$4,049.00
Difference for April:	- \$ 990.29

Please remember your parish in your last will & testament.

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

May – Dale & Margie Helton

St. Cecilia Reader / Petitions

Wednesday – Dorothy Rehagen
 Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Jennifer Even
 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Karen Fick

St. Cecilia Altar Servers

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Zachary & Alex Even,
 Ben & Henry Schroeder
 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Will & Melina Derkum,
 Sophie Bock

St. Thomas Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
May 7-8

Saturday 5:00 p.m. –Betty Schellman, Leeroy Budnik, Lora Boessen

Sunday 10:00 a.m. - Shirley Volmert, Bill & Betty Jo Luebbering, Lynne Reinkemeyer, Jan Carter

May 14-15

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

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

St. Thomas Greeters/Ushers

May 7-8

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Steve Schellman & Mike Green

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Doug Stockman & TJ Loethen

May 14-15

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

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

St. Thomas Presentation of Gifts at Mass

May 7-8

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Steve Schellman Family

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Tom & Carol Backes Family

May 14-15

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

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Eugene & MaryPat Luebbering

St. Thomas Collection Counters

May 7-8 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman

May 14-15 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg

May 21-22 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday 7:25 a.m. – Viola Boessen – Sorrowful (Tyler Wankum)

Wednesday 7:25 a.m. – Pat Loethen – Glorious (Madison Libbert)

Thursday 7:25 a.m. – Celeste Suthoff & Martha Strobe – Luminous (Austin Loethen)

Friday 7:25 a.m. – Gilbert & Hermina Strobe – Sorrowful (Michael Luebbering)

Saturday 4:40 p.m. – Marilyn Herigon– Glorious (Ben Luebbering)

Sunday 9:40 a.m. – Gilbert & Hermina Strobe– Glorious (Jenna Luebbering)

** The names listed after the mysteries of the rosary to be prayed before Mass are those who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament.*

SNACKS FOR ST. THOMAS QUILTERS:

Thursday, May 5 – Debbie Groner & Jan Heckemeyer Thursday, May 12 – Joann Heckman & April Heckman
Please bring snacks 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. Wednesday night quilting at 7:00 p.m.

SCRIP SALES (May 7-8)

Saturday – Kristi Luebbering Sunday- Amy Luebbering

Visit www.stthomasapostleschool.net/scrip for more information about the Scrip program.

CONGRATULATIONS to **Gavin Michael Buechter**, son of Keith & Lauren Buechter, who was washed in the saving waters of Baptism this weekend and to **John Christian** who made his Profession of Faith, received Holy Communion and Confirmation this Sunday.

ST. THOMAS PRAYER LINE REQUESTS should be emailed to Jenny Becker at jbeckeroffice@gmail.com or by calling (573) 690-0642. The Prayer Line exists to communicate prayer intentions for those in need of healing. Out of respect for individuals' privacy, only necessary information is communicated.

CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL: Sunday, May 1, 1:00 p.m. in St. Cecilia Church. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available for as long as needed following the rehearsal.

ST. THOMAS CYO will meet on Monday, May 2 at 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

PRAYING A ROSARY FOR OUR COUNTRY will be prayed on Wednesday, May 4 at 5:00 p.m. in St. Thomas Church.

ST. THOMAS SESQUICENTENNIAL MEETING will be Tuesday, May 3 at 6:45 p.m. in the Vitae House.

ST. CECILIA PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL will meet Wednesday, May 4 at 7:15 p.m. in the Parish Center.

FIRST FRIDAY - MAY 6 at ST. THOMAS CHURCH: 7:45 a.m. Mass, with Anointing of the Sick offered after Mass for those in need of the Sacrament. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Church throughout the day.
Confessions 4:30-5:50 p.m.; Benediction 6:00 p.m.

FIRST FRIDAY SOCIAL AT ST. THOMAS will be held on Friday, May 6, following the 7:45 a.m. Mass in the Vitae House.

St. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
May 7-8

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Lou Kloeppe, Brenda Wansing, Bonnie Kampeter

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Gerald & Phyllis Rehagen, Karen Fick

May 14-15

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Dorothy Rehagen, Doris Stumpe, Jennifer Even

Sunday 8:00 a.m. - Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer, Pam Libbert

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

May 7-8

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Darin Even, Randy Hagenhoff, Tom Gragert, Lou Kloeppe

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Tony Derkum, Leon Schanzmeyer, Kenny Otto, Dominic Plassmeyer

May 14-15

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Mitch & Brendan Stumpe, Darin Even, Randy Hagenhoff

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Larry Lueckenotto, Harold Libbert, Anton Libbert, Terry Libbert

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Wednesday 6:10 p.m. – Florentine Hagenhoff – Glorious (Jason Otto)

Saturday 6:40 p.m. – Alice Hake – Glorious (Kaitlyn Otto)

Sunday 7:40 a.m. – Mary Plassmeyer– Glorious Mysteries (Nicole Otto)

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.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION will be conferred on **Thursday, May 12 at 7:00 p.m.** in St. Cecilia Church.

PFEFFER NEWS: In a recent phone conversation with the Quimby Pipe Organ Company, they reported that the restoration work in their shop is going well. About 90% of the metal pipes have been cleaned and all of the rotted leather on the wind reservoir (the "lungs") of the instrument have been replaced. Conversation is continuing about the repair/re-fabrication/replacement of the broken and missing finials at the top of the organ case spires. It is estimated that the re-installation of the pipework will occur during the first part of July. In the meantime, electrical repair work will be taking place, as well as the installation of a small air conditioning system to help cool the loft during the warmer months.

CONCRETE WORK AT ST. CECILIA: During the past week, work began to repair the concrete steps that were poured last year. Unfortunately, the contractor that had been hired did not perform the work as specified in the signed contract (hence the uneven size of steps, the narrowness of ramp, etc.). With the assistance of diocesan legal council and under threat of legal action being taken, the contractor has finally decided to correct the deficiencies. Thank you for your patience. – Fr. Secrist

ST. THOMAS PSR REGISTRATION FOR 2016-2017: Registration for next year's religion classes for our younger parishioners is now open. Please visit our parish website stthomasapostle.net and click on the "Resources Home" link for the registration form or contact Kristin Buschjost. Please complete and return the forms for your children soon.

DIOCESAN SKETCH DAY: We want to say Congratulations to the following students who performed at the Diocesan Sketch Day on April 26 in Jefferson City. Natalie Otto & Austin Heckman who received a red ribbon and Isabelle Brenneke who received an a black ribbon and the following students received an Exhibitor ribbon: Ethan Rackers, Lane Libbert, Chesney Luebbering, Morgan Luebbering, Luke Schroeder, Luke Kirkweg & Ben Schroeder. Congratulations to all of our students who participated at the Diocesan Sketch Day!

CONGRATULATIONS to Ethan Luebbering & Isaac Rackers who both medaled in the long jump at the Thomas Jefferson track meet. Ethan also medaled in the high jump. Congratulations to both Ethan & Isaac!

CONGRATULATIONS to Jarrett Wieberg who received a 6th place medal in the long jump at Russellville. Congratulations!

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL is accepting registrations for the fall of 2016-2017 enrollment for **Preschool through 8th grade**. Please call the school office to register at 573-477-3322.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS

May	4 – 5-6 Diocesan Vocation Day
	5 – K-8 Early Release, 1:20 Car-riders, 1:30 Bus
	6 – First Friday, Adoration & Confessions
	9 – 8 th Grade Ribbon Day
	13 – No School
	16 – Field Day
	17 – 8 th Grade Graduation 7:00 p.m.
	18 – Last Day of School K-8
	19 – Preschool Graduation 6:30 p.m.
	20 – Last Day of Preschool

PLEASE CONTINUE TO SAVE *Box Tops, Best Choice Labels & Coke Points*. There are drop off boxes in the entrances of St. Thomas Church or please send them with any St. Thomas students.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL SELF-STUDY RESULTS:

This week we will share the strengths for Standards V, VI, VII and VIII. We will put down the strengths that the committees came up with in their evaluation, which were affirmed by the visiting team. We will also share the visiting teams' additional strengths for each standard.

Standard V: Curriculum

- Providing the opportunity to attend Mass four days per week, increases the children's confidence and teaches them the importance of being an active member of the community.
- The school's Student Council organization provides the opportunity for student leadership and promotes service and Christian values throughout the entire student body.
- The school's double-graded classroom system (grades 3rd-8th) allows students to experience learning at a higher level.
- The Super Kids literacy program for grades K-2 delivers a strong foundation for reading, writing and spelling.

Standard VI: Instruction

- Each classroom has a computer.
- Each teacher has a laptop.
- Implemented a plan to purchase 7 new computers per year for 3 years for the computer lab.
- Super Kids reading program was added in 2012.
- Option C program was implemented, allowing parents to access grades, attendance and classroom assignments.
- Started Keyboarding and Life Skills classes this current school year.
- Extra efforts have been made toward community inclusion (Trunk-or-Treat/Catholic Schools Week activities/school information in bulletin), not limited to just school families.
- School website has been upgraded.
- Low student to teacher ratio allows individualization of instruction.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

Corpus Christi Procession – Sunday, May 29, 2016 after 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas, weather permitting. All parishioners and especially 1st Holy Communicants from both parishes are encouraged to participate in the procession.

St. Cecilia Parish Picnic – Sunday, July 10, 2016

St. Thomas Parish Picnic – Sunday, August 21, 2016

TOTUS TUUS will take place July 18-22, 2016 at St. Thomas and Meta.

St. Thomas CYO Breakfast – August 28, 2016

St. Thomas Fall Fantasy – Saturday, November 5, 2016

META CITIZEN'S LEAGUE BLOOD DRIVE is Tuesday, May 3 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 pm. Refreshments and a complimentary t-shirt will be given to all potential donors. Remember, Meta and St Thomas coordinate the dates, so you are able to donate at both locations.

ST. CECILIA PARISHIONERS: Cemetery assessments of \$5.00 for each adult 21 to 75 years of age are due in May. There is an envelope in your packet for this. If you do not receive envelopes, please put money and name in a regular envelope, marked **CEMETERY DUES**. If you have questions or need to be updated, contact Marsha Meyer. Please do not place flowers or articles on the ground - only on the headstones or vases.

TOTUS TUUS TEACHERS ARE NEEDED: Are you a Catholic high school or college-age adult interested in a summer dedicated to evangelization, prayer, FUN, youth, community, and spiritual growth?! Consider teaching Totus Tuus for the Diocese of Jefferson City! Totus Tuus (Latin for "Totally Yours") is a Catholic summer youth program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic Faith through catechesis, evangelization, Christian witness, and Eucharistic worship. For an application or more info, contact Molly Klebba at mklebba@diojeffcity.org or 573-635-9127 x 202.

THE DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA, GLENNON CIRCLE 322 will meet on Monday, May 2 at the K of C Hall, Jefferson City. Snacks at 6:00 p.m. and meeting to follow at 6:30 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

CITY OF ST. THOMAS RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS SPRING CLEAN-UP will be Wednesday, May 11. All clean up items will be picked up on the normal residential collection day. All items must be bagged or bundled so 1 person can easily handle them and be at the curb by 5:00 a.m. All lumber, guttering and other items of length must be tie in bundles and cut in 4 foot lengths so 1 person can easily handle the materials. NO HAZARDOUS WASTE, NO LIQUID WASTE, NO YARD WASTE, NO CAR PARTS, NO WHITE GOODS (refrigerators, stoves, hot water heaters, washing machines or dryers), NO CONCRETE or large solid items. If you have any questions concerning these guidelines, please contact our office at 573-635-8805.

META RUMMAGE SALES: The annual Meta Fire and Rescue Auxiliary rummage sale is scheduled for May 5-7. If anyone in the Meta area is interested in having sales those days as well, please contact the MFR Auxiliary Chair, Joanne Schroeder, 573-229-8986.

TRIVIA NIGHT – EL PUENTE – HISPANIC MINISTRY will have its annual **Trivia Night** on Friday, May 6, at Kertz Hall (Immaculate Conception Church). Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and Trivia begins at 7:00; \$120 per table of 8. Homemade tamales, beans and rice, chips & salsa, and beverages will be available for purchase. The registration form is available at www.el-puente-mo.org or call 573-635-2540.

HELIAS CATHOLIC VOLLEYBALL BBQ is Saturday, May 7 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. or sold out on the Schulte's Parking lot. Serving pork steak, chicken or pulled pork dinners, \$8.00, slab of ribs \$17.00. For more information, please call Brad at 573-690-5981 or any Helias Volleyball Player.

SAVE THE DATE: TASTE OF OSAGE COUNTY FESTIVAL is June 25 at the Linn City Park from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Food producers & artisans are invited to set up a booth, interact with customers, provide samples, demonstrate and directly sell their products. Booths could offer fruits & vegetables, meats, cheeses, honey, flowers, herbs, value-added and artisan products to interested festival goers. Booth spaces are approximately 10x10, cost is \$25.00. Please contact Arlene Stewart at 573-690-1200 or anvstewart@hotmail.com or Arlen Schwinke at 573-294-6203 or kayarlen@gmail.com

THIRD ANNUAL CENTRAL MISSOURI HONOR FLIGHT/STANLEY ADAMS GOLF TOURNAMENT is Friday, June 3 at Oak Hills Golf Course - Shotgun start at 9:00 a.m. - Four person scramble - \$300.00 per team. Entry deadline is June 1. Email your team information to b_linnenbrink@hotmail.com. All proceeds will go the Central Missouri Honor Flight. Should you have questions regarding the tournament you can contact Bob Linnenbrink at 573-619-4885.

FREE COMMUNITY SHRED DAY: Mid America Bank and New World Recycling are teaming together to sponsor a one-day community shred event. New World Recycling will be at Mid America Bank in Wardsville on Saturday, May 21 from 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. You can personally watch all your confidential documents being destroyed for free!

RECOGNIZING OUR 2016 GRADUATES: If you are a 2016 graduate (elementary, high school, college or technical school), please let us know by emailing or call the school office at 573-477-3322 or the Parish Office on Tuesday or Thursday morning at 573-477-3315. The names will be published in the May 21-22 bulletin.