

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

St. Cecilia
 in Meta

www.stthomasapostle.net

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ASCENSION OF THE LORD

MAY 8, 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 8-15:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes
 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Dorothy Buschjost
 Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Alma Chambers
 Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – Special Intention
 Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Harriet Lackman
 Friday 7:45 a.m. – John Cassmeyer
 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Sam & Marcella Herigon
 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Ernie Buschjost

Your Sunday Offering:

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| Offertory Budget for 2015-2016: | \$305,000.00 |
| Offertory Goal through Month End: | \$279,587.00 |
| Actual Collection for 2015-2016: | \$239,695.28 |
| Offertory Difference Year to Date: | - \$39,891.72 |
| Offertory Goal per month: | \$ 25,417.00 |

Collection in Church:

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| May 1 | \$4,634.00 |
| May 8 | \$ |
| May 15 | \$ |
| May 22 | \$ |
| May 29 | \$ |

Collection Online: \$4,384.00

May total to date: **\$9,018.00**

Difference for May: **- \$16,399.00**

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of May 8-15:

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

 Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Leo & Alberto Wieberg
Thursday 7:00 p.m. Confirmation – Confirmation Candidates

 Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Susan Mertens
 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – People of our Parishes

Your Sunday Offering:

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| Offertory Budget for 2015-2016: | \$60,471.51 |
| Collection Total for 2015-2016: | \$50,040.22 |
| Offertory Goal per month: | \$ 5,039.29 |

Collection in Church:

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| May 1 | \$1,256.20 |
| May 8 | \$ |
| May 15 | \$ |
| May 22 | \$ |
| May 29 | \$ |

May total to date: **\$1,256.20**

Difference for May: **- \$3,783.09**

St. Thomas the Apostle Expansion & Building Fund

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| Total Expansion Project expenses paid: | \$2,273,475.34 |
| Income from parishioners for FY 2015-2016 (via the yellow “Building Fund” envelope): | \$25,600.00 |
| 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. –
 Sunday 10:00 a.m. –

St. Thomas Reader/ Petitions

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Amanda Wooten
 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – MaryPat Luebbering

St. Thomas Altar Servers

Weekday: Jackson Braun & Mason Luebbering
 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Cameron & Chesney Luebbering,
 Chase & Grace Luebbering
 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Lane & Kenzie Libbert,
 Dorothy Luebbering, Erika Luebbering

Please remember your parish in your last will & testament.

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

May – Dale & Margie Helton

St. Cecilia Reader / Petitions

Wednesday – Doris Stumpe
 Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Dorothy Rehagen
 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Don Wansing

St. Cecilia Altar Servers

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Zachary & Alex Even,
 Carson Libbert, Gavin Holterman
 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Nicholas & Shelby Wankum,
 Ava & Saige Werdehausen

St. Thomas Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
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

May 21-22

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Pat Kaiser, Paul & Jenny Becker

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

St. Thomas Greeters/Ushers

May 14-15

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

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

May 21-22

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Joe Buschjost & Mark Boessen

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mike Buschjost & Tom Backes

St. Thomas Presentation of Gifts at Mass

May 14-15

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

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

May 21-22

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

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

St. Thomas Collection Counters

May 14-15 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg

May 21-22 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes

May 28-29 – Richard & Jan Heckemeyer

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday 7:25 a.m. – Alex & Joann Heckman – Sorrowful

Wednesday 7:25 a.m. – Pat Loethen – Glorious

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

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

Saturday 4:40 p.m. – Barb Graessle – Glorious

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

SNACKS FOR ST. THOMAS QUILTERS:

Thursday, May 12 – Joann Heckman & April Heckman Thursday, May 19 – Tricia Heislen & Sonya Henson

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 14-15)

Saturday – Kelley Buschjost Sunday- Sara Otto

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

A NOTE OF THANKS!

Dear Parish Family, it is no accident that we are here together in this awesome place. It's all part of God's wonderful plan. Thanks everyone for all the comforting cards and many, many prayers, while I was ill. I truly appreciate all of them and I am doing well. May God bless us all! Thanks! **Margie Kaiser**

CONGRATULATIONS to **Loree Curtman & Jeffrey Libbert**, who were wed in Christ this weekend at St. Thomas the Apostle.

OPEN HOUSE: Come celebrate Norbert & Marilyn Veit's 45th Wedding Anniversary with us! May 21, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the St. Thomas K of C Hall. All are welcome. No gifts please.

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.

PRAYER HOUR WITH MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION is Tuesday, May 10 at 7:00 p.m. St. Thomas.

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.

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 PRESCHOOL: There's going to be an exciting addition to the Preschool program for the 2016-2017 school year! A new reading readiness curriculum made by the same company that gives us "Super Kids" is being added! If you have a preschool aged child, please email Mrs. Kirkweg for information on how to get your child enrolled mkirkweg@embarqmail.com

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.

THE NEXT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING is Tuesday, May 10 at 7:30 p.m. A rosary will be prayed at 7:15 p.m.

St. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
May 14-15

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

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

May 21-22

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Betty Hagenhoff, Bonnie Kampeter, Lou Kloeppel

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

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

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

May 21-22

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Tom Gragert, Lou Kloeppel, Mitch & Brendan Stumpe

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

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

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

Saturday 6:40 p.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer – Glorious

Sunday 7:40 a.m. – Margaret Brune – 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.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 9 – 8th Grade Ribbon Day
13 – No School
16 – Field Day
17 – 8th 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

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL SELF-STUDY RESULTS:

This week we will share the strengths for the last standards of the Self-Study. These strengths are the ones that the committees developed in their evaluation and which were affirmed by the visiting evaluation team. We will also share the visiting team's additional strengths for each standard.

Standard VII: Services

- There are a wide variety of extracurricular activities for students of all interests.
- The school lunch program offers a wide variety of meals monthly; typically, most entrees are prepared from scratch.
- The school utilizes the School Resource Officer for many purposes such as: emergency contact listed on the phones, provides education and parent meetings, student in-services, the DARE program, routine visits to the campus, monitors the school zone for speed and traffic concerns.
- All entrances are locked for safety and security.
- There is a directional flow of traffic for drop-off and pick-up during the school day.
- The Cole County Health Department provides flu shots, helps with preventative care on lice checks and recommendations for lice prevention.
- Assists the American Red Cross on getting donors for the blood drive that the K of C sponsors.
- A dental office employee came and instructed students on dental health and the importance of seeing the dentist.

Standard VIII: Facilities

- The school grounds are well maintained and attractively landscaped.
- Exit lights and signs have been updated in several places and all batteries have been replaced this school year.
- Internet security improved by the addition of a firewall.
- The majority of our building is relatively new and in good condition.

Standard IX: Finance and Planning

- The school has a new website with many more features available to parents and parishioners.
- The school yard signs and window clings are available to anyone to help promote the school.

Standard X: Early Childhood Program

- Pre-school teacher is certified in early childhood education.
- Pre-school program is self-sustaining.
- Pre-school hours meet the needs of the community.
- Pre-school provides families with a parent handbook.
- Pre-school students are trained for fires, tornadoes and severe weather.
- Pre-school students attend church one day per week and holy days of obligation.
- Pre-school teacher has excellent communication with parents.
- Pre-school has small class size.
- Pre-school has strict policies for administering medication to children.
- Pre-school students are paired with older students (Friday Families) to help build relationships with upper classmates and teachers.

Standard XI: Before And After School-Care Programs

- The program is a great benefit to the families by being convenient and flexible.
- The program allows teacher supervised homework time.
- The program is enjoyable for kids by providing a variety of activities.
- The program is staffed by certified teachers.

Thank you again to all the parents, faculty, staff and students who made the visiting team feel so welcome during their three day visit to our school!!

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

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.

DIOCESAN CAMP SIENA: Camp Siena is for young women entering freshman year of high school through those who are entering their senior year. It is committed to helping young Catholic women deepen their relationship with God and others by exercising, understanding, and living their unique feminine spirituality and becoming the woman God is calling them to be. **Where:** St. Patrick Church, Laurie. **When:** From 5:00 pm Sunday, July 24 through NOON, Thursday, July 28. **Activities include:** water and land activities; Camp Wonderland; Camp Windermere Ropes Course and Crafts; daily adventures of many kinds – with opportunities for service, singing, Sacraments and self-growth. **Cost:** \$150 (check payable to the Diocese of Jefferson City) **Contact:** Marybeth Hunton at youthevents@diojeffcity.org or 573.635.9127, Ext. 233

EVENTS OPPOSING STATE EXECUTION: Catholic teaching strongly opposes the use of the death penalty because it disregards the sanctity and dignity of human life. Earl Forrest is set to be executed on Wednesday, May 11, 2016, at 6 p.m. The following events will be held in the Jefferson City area on Wednesday May 11 to witness against the execution: 12:00 noon -1 p.m. a respectful protest in the corridor outside the Governor's office (Room 216) in the State Capitol Building, Jefferson City. 4:30 p.m. prayer service against violence in St. Peter's Chapel. 5:00-6 p.m. vigil on sidewalk across from the Missouri Supreme Court Building. The public is invited to all of these events. For more information call 573-301-3529.

CITY OF META RESIDENTIAL SPRING CLEAN-UP is May 11 Spring clean-up is for residential customers only and are located in the city limits and abide by the following guidelines. All clean-up items will be picked up on the normal residential collection day. All items must be set at the curb by 5:00 a.m. All items need to be bagged or bundled so 1 person can easily handle them. All lumber, guttering and other items of length must be tied in bundles and cut in 4 foot lengths so 1 person can easily handle the materials. NO HAZARDOUS WASTE of any kind. NO LIQUID WASTE of any type such as paints, pesticides, oil etc. NO YARD WASTE such as brush, limbs, grass or leaves. NO CAR PARTS such as tires, motor oil, batteries, etc. NO WHITE GOODS (refrigerators, stoves, hot water heaters, washing machines or dryers). NO CONCRETE or large solid items that could damage our equipment. Any items in question will be left by the Republic services driver. If you have questions concerning these guidelines, please call 573-635-8805.

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!

ST. THOMAS PARISH PARK CONCESSION STAND WORKERS: If you cannot work it is **your responsibility** to find a replacement. Concession stand should be open 30 minutes prior to game time. The concession box is picked up at B&K Quick Shoppe. Please return the box by 9:00 a.m. the next morning! PLEASE NOTE: The umpire cards and re-order forms (for supplies) will be located in the concession stand.

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| Monday, May 9 | 6:30 p.m. | Brazito | 7U Boys | David & Sara Otto |
| Monday, May 9 | 8:00 p.m. | Taos | 10U Girls | Terry & Julie Bock |
| Tuesday, May 10 | 6:30 p.m. | Taos | 8U Girls | Chad & Julie Francis |
| Tuesday, May 10 | 8:00 p.m. | Lake Ozark 2 | 12U Boys | Scott & Gail Wolken |
| Monday, May 16 | 6:30 p.m. | Tuscumbia | 7U Girls | Bryan & Kerry Meyer |

LETTER FROM THE BISHOP:

May 5, 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This coming Pentecost weekend, May 14-15, I ask that you prayerfully consider supporting the combined collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) and The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

Due to resources provided by the CCC, thousands of Catholics were able to experience the events of last fall's Papal Visit remotely through live-streaming on the Internet and enhanced coverage by the Catholic News Service. This visit truly had unprecedented reach in sharing the Gospel and it reflects the ongoing impact of the CCC in helping to evangelize and engage people with the faith. The CCC supports projects throughout the world that evangelize both Catholics and non-Catholics alike through the use of various print, electronic and social media.

The Catholic University of America (CUA) is the national university of the Catholic Church and the only higher education institution founded by the U.S. Bishops and chartered by the Vatican. Catholic University has educated and continues to instruct clergy, religious, and young laymen and women from our Diocese, every geographical region of the country, and from the far corners of the globe. Nearly 500 Catholic parishes participate in the University's Parish Scholarship Program, through which 1,500 undergraduates are nominated by their pastors to receive annual scholarships, valued at \$4.5 million. Your gift helps to support a Catholic University education, which offers students a unique opportunity to develop individual passions and prepare for a lifetime of faith and service.

Please note that fifty percent of the CCC collection remains in the Diocese of Jefferson City to support our local evangelization efforts, which include my commercial ads that invite Catholics back to the practice of their faith, and the "Mustard Seed" scripture mediation radio programs in Moberly and California. In addition, the student financial aid made possible through this collection will help future Catholic leaders experience an education grounded in Catholic tradition at America's Catholic University.

We need your help. On May 14-15, with your assistance, we can promote the Gospel and train the next generation of Catholic leadership in our Diocese and our nation. Please generously support this important diocesan collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign and The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

Sincerely yours in Christ, **Most Reverend John R. Gaydos, Bishop of Jefferson City**

NOVENA FOR PENTECOST:

The novena of the Holy Spirit is the oldest of all novenas since it was first made at the direction of Our Lord Himself when He sent His apostles back to Jerusalem to await the coming of the Holy Spirit on the first Pentecost. It is still the only novena officially prescribed by the Church. Addressed to the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity, it is a powerful plea for the light and strength and love so sorely needed by every Christian.

Act of Consecration to the Holy Spirit

On my knees before the great multitude of heavenly witnesses, I offer myself, soul and body to You, Eternal Spirit of God. I adore the brightness of Your purity, the unerring keenness of Your justice, and the might of Your love. You are the Strength and Light of my soul. In You I live and move and am. I desire never to grieve You by unfaithfulness to grace and I pray with all my heart to be kept from the smallest sin against You. Mercifully guard my every thought and grant that I may always watch for Your light, and listen to Your voice, and follow Your gracious inspirations. I cling to You and give myself to You and ask You, by Your compassion to watch over me in my weakness. Holding the pierced Feet of Jesus and looking at His Five Wounds, and trusting in His Precious Blood and adoring His opened Side and stricken Heart, I implore You, Adorable Spirit, Helper of my infirmity, to keep me in Your grace that I may never sin against You. Give me grace, O Holy Spirit, Spirit of the Father and the Son to say to You always and everywhere, "Speak Lord for Your servant is listening." Amen.

Prayer for the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who, before ascending into heaven, did promise to send the Holy Spirit to finish Your work in the souls of Your Apostles and Disciples, deign to grant the same Holy Spirit to me that He may perfect in my soul, the work of Your grace and Your love. Grant me the Spirit of Wisdom that I may despise the perishable things of this world and aspire only after the things that are eternal, the Spirit of Understanding to enlighten my mind with the light of Your Divine truth, the Spirit of Counsel that I may ever choose the surest way of pleasing God and gaining heaven, the Spirit of Fortitude that I may bear my cross with You and that I may overcome with courage all the obstacles that oppose my salvation, the Spirit of Knowledge that I may know God and know myself and grow perfect in the science of the Saints, the Spirit of Piety that I may find the service of God sweet and amiable, and the Spirit of Fear that I may be filled with a loving reverence towards God and may dread in any way to displease Him. Mark me, dear Lord, with the sign of Your true disciples and animate me in all things with Your Spirit. Amen.