

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

St. Cecilia
in Meta

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER, DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

APRIL 16, 2023

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

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

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 April 16-23:

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Greg Russell
Wednesday 7:45 a.m.- Henry & Christine
& Gerald Luebbering
Thursday 7:45 a.m. -L&D Frank & Catherine Wieberg Family
Friday 7:45 a.m. – Alex Heckman
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes
Geneva Plassmeyer
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Larry Rehagen

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2022-2023: \$305,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End: \$254,170.00
Actual Collection for 2022-2023: **\$243,422.57**
Offertory Difference Year to Date: -\$ 10,747.43
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

April 2 \$ 7,801.88
April 9 \$ 5,246.27
April 16 \$
April 23 \$
April 30 \$

Collection Online: \$ 5,849.50

April total to date: **\$18,897.65**

Difference for April: -\$ 6,519.35

Church Renovation Capital Campaign

Total Pledges/Donations \$486,697.70

Total Collected \$485,834.77

Total Expenses Paid \$699,195.95

A total of 130 parishioners have returned pledge cards/or
Contributed to the renovation project.

Church Renovation Loan Balance \$142,659.25

Loan payments to date \$65,865.00

(principal) \$57,340.75 (interest) \$8,524.25

St. Thomas the Apostle Cantors / Organists

April 22 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Amanda Wooten / Alanna

April 23 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mary Kay Brand / Jackie

April 29 Saturday 5:00 p.m.–Lisa Wieberg / Jeanette

April 30 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Josh Luebbering / Jackie

St. Thomas the Apostle Readers

April 22 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Bill Luebbering

April 23 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – David Schroeder

April 29 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mary Kay Brand

April 30 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jim Lueckenhoff

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of April 16-23:

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – No Mass

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Marsha Meyer

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2022-2023: \$65,000.00
Collection Total for 2022-2023: **\$52,316.21**
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,416.67

Collection in Church:

April 2 \$2,085.00
April 9 \$1,852.00
April 16 \$
April 23 \$
April 30 \$

April total to date: **\$3,937.00**

Difference for April: -\$1,479.67

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

April – Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer

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

St. Cecilia Readers

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – No Mass

Sunday, April 23 8:00 a.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer

Sunday, April 30 8:00 a.m. – Karyn Veltrop

St. Cecilia Organist

Sunday, April 23 8:00 a.m. – Emilie

Sunday, April 30 8:00 a.m. – Lydia

**IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO FULFILL
YOUR LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENT,
PLEASE FIND A REPLACEMENT. YOUR
FELLOW PARISHIONERS THANK YOU!**

St. Thomas the Apostle Greeters/Ushers

April 22 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Phil Akin & Eric Strobe
April 23 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Craig Buechter & Tom Backes
April 29 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Eric & Roseanne Boessen
April 30 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Doug Stockman & Ryan Buschjost
Parish Count for weekend Masses is on the offertory table.
Collection baskets choir loft by organ, please return after use.

St. Thomas the Apostle Eucharistic Ministers

April 22 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Paul Becker
April 23 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Marshall Boessen
April 29 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Jenny Becker
April 30 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Glenn Prenger

St. Thomas the Apostle Servers

Weekday – Dominic Schwartz & Rowan Buechter
April 22 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Gregory Kirby, Ava Buschjost,
Evelyn Wooten
April 23 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Valerie, Max & Zeke Verslues,
Aliyah Buechter
April 29 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Carmen Luebbering,
Emerald Fennewald, Ellie & Sadie Boessen
April 30 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Francie, Levi & Hannah Tallent,
Ben Otto

St. Thomas the Apostle Offertory Gifts

April 22 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Family of Geneva Plassmeyer
April 23 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Family of Larry Rehagen

St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters

April 23– Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman
April 30 - Paul Becker & Shara Buechter
May 7 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes
May 14 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg
May 21 -Dunja Wieberg & Jennifer Schroeder

Live Stream Mass (10:00 a.m. Sunday)

April 23 Jenny Becker
April 30 Karlie Reinkemeyer
May 7 Lauri Luebbering
May 14 Brooke Schell
May 21 Dunja Wieberg

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday, 7:25 a.m. – Bob Schellman – Sorrowful Mysteries
Wednesday 7:25 a.m.- Bob Schellman – Glorious Mysteries
Thursday 7:25 a.m. –Gilbert & Hermina – Luminous Mysteries
Friday 7:25 a.m. – Shirley Volmert – Sorrowful Mysteries
Saturday 4:35 p.m. – Dale Herigon – Glorious Mysteries
Sunday 9:35 a.m. – Tina Stockman – Glorious Mysteries

St. Thomas the Apostle Church Cleaners

April 16: Lynne Reinkemeyer, Linda Boessen, Lauri Luebbering, Lisa Lackman
April 23: Sonya Henson, Susan Buechter, Jackie Prenger, Amy Buechter
April 30: Brooke Schell, Tina Stockman, Gina Luebbering, Karen Luebbering
May 7: Alan Libbert, Nancy Libbert, Darrel Buechter, Jan Heckemeyer
May 14: Janet Lueckenhoff, Jim Lueckenhoff, Charlene Buschjost, Randy Buschjost

SNACKS FOR QUILTERS: Quilter's luncheon may be dropped off Wednesday night 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. (Evening quilting) or St. Thomas the Apostle School. Please bring snacks to the hall by 1:00 p.m.; snacks served at 3:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Emily Luebbering at 573-477-3459 or Kathy Strobe at 573-477-3349.

Thursday, April 20 – Lauren Buechter & Cindy Buschjost **Thursday, April 27** – Debby Buschjost & Marian Buschjost

SCRIP: Visit www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip for more information about the Scrip program. Please contact, Amanda Wooten 573-694-1735 or amandab_27@hotmail.com

BULLETIN NOTICES: Deadline for bulletin is Wednesday at noon.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH: The heating/air conditioner in St. Thomas the Apostle Church will be replaced starting on Monday, April 17. During this time there will be no heat or air conditioning.

EASTER GREETINGS FROM FR. LEONARD'S MOM: How are you my friend, let me hope everything is great that side, here in Uganda everything is stable and actually it's a rainy season here and am doing fine. I really miss you and hope to meet you again. I wish you happy Easter holidays. May the good Lord continue to bless you and May Jesus' suffering strength your faith. In advance thank you for your great time and care you gave me for the period I was there. **Jane Sserunjongi**

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS AT ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH: Billie Ayer, Darrell Herigon, Virgil Lackman, Jude Luebbering, Oliver Luebbering, Luke Otto, Grannon Reeves, Matthew Stegeman

St. Cecilia Eucharistic Ministers

April 23 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Pam Libbert
April 30 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic Plassmeyer

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

April 23 Sunday 8:00 a.m. –Leonard Schulte, Tony Derkum,
William Derkum, Terry Libbert
April 30 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Harold Libbert, Leon Schanzmeyer,
Darin Even, Mitch Stumpe

St. Cecilia Servers

April 23 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Natalee Derkum
April 30 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Henry & Annaline Schroeder
Please arrive 10 minutes before Mass.
Servers who have questions or would like to practice, may do so after 8:00 a.m. Mass. Please contact Joanne Schroeder 573-229-8986.

St. Cecilia Offertory Gifts

April 23 Sunday 8:00 a.m.- First Communicants, Kash Libbert & Ethan Libbert

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Wednesday 6:05 p.m. – No Mass
April 23 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Mary Plassmeyer
Glorious Mysteries
April 30 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Janice Schanzmeyer
Glorious Mysteries

VOTIVE CANDLES: The requested donation for lighting a votive candle in church is **\$3.00. Please note the cost change for both parishes.**

MASS STIPENDS: \$10.00

BAPTISM PREPARATION: Please call the rectory to schedule a meeting and date for Baptism.

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

ST. CECILIA PRAYER LINE REQUESTS can be made by calling Marie Lueckenotto at 573-229-4336.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PRAYER LINE REQUESTS should be emailed to Theresa Veit at veitoffice@gmail.com or by calling 573-418-7301.

CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL: The CSA goal for St. Cecilia Parish is \$2,550 Received \$1,065.00
The CSA goal for St. Thomas the Apostle Parish is \$10,400 Received \$6,050. ***We are nearing the end of the Catholic Stewardship Appeal. If you have not yet made a donation to this year's appeal, please prayerfully consider making a donation. Thank you to everyone who has already donated.***

BISHOP MCKNIGHT APRIL PRAYER INTENTON: For all those celebrating the initiation sacraments of baptism, confirmation, and first Holy Communion this Easter Season; may their discipleship be strengthened by their participation in the life and mission of the Church.

PASTORS MEDITATION: Second Sunday of Easter. DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: BE MERCIFUL JUST AS YOUR FATHER IS MERCIFUL (AA. 2:42-47; 1Pt. 1:3-9; Jn. 20:19-31)

Today is the second Sunday of Easter. The church and her faithful continue to worship the risen Christ, who is now alive forever. Christ is now present in our midst, bringing healing and Peace. Today is also Divine Mercy Sunday. So, we celebrate the mercy that God shows to the world by sending his Son to die for our salvation. In today's first reading, we see the power of the risen Christ at work in the life and actions of His disciples. Through this power, many believed and Christ worked miracles. Jesus manifested his living and glorious presence through his apostles. Hence in our second reading, He assures us: "I am the Living One. I was dead, and now I am to live forever and ever." In today's gospel, Jesus visited his timid disciples. This gospel teaches us that our faith is distinct from mere sensible knowledge. This visit to his disciples was very significant, first to convince them that he was real. Secondly, to restore their faith and peace. Hence, he said to them: "Peace be with you." Third, it was to empower them spiritually. So, "He breathed on them saying: Receive the Holy Spirit." Christ's visit restored their courage and faith. However, it took time for Thomas to believe that Christ has risen. Doubt and fear limit the greatest effort and power in the world. They make it difficult for one to believe the wonders that God has worked by resurrecting Christ. Therefore, we must expel the spirit of doubt and fear from our lives in order to experience the power of the resurrected Christ. Also, let us embrace the peace that Christ brings us this Easter. The power of Christ's resurrection brings healing and peace to our body and soul. It also restores us to life. This was the reason God resurrected Christ. Paul says of this power, "If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies" (Rom 8, 11). Today, Jesus reassures us of His living presence with us in a more tangible, powerful, and glorified way. We, therefore, need to tap from His resurrection power to live as he lives. However, before we can experience this power and witness it as the apostles did, we must first cast away all doubts and fears. Hence, our situation must shift from doubting to the manifestation of a living and active faith in the risen Christ. Finally, as we bear witness through our words and actions to the resurrection of Christ, let us give thanks to God because He considered us worthy of sharing in the power of the risen Lord. His love and mercy for us endure forever. ***Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukiibi***

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE will be meeting on Tuesday, May 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the Vitae House.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH: Please consider giving of your time and talent as we need four parishioners to serve on the Parish Pastoral Council starting in July for Mark Luebbering, Sarah Luebbert, Bob Schellman and Debbie Strobe who have completed their 3-year term. Call Debbie Strobe if interested at 573-680-0046. Thank you!

PLEASE REMOVE ALL FLOWERS & ARRANGEMENTS from in front of the stones in the St. Thomas Cemetery during the grass cutting season. Thank you for your cooperation.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL NEWS:

Wednesday, April 19 – 7&8 Cardinal Trip

Thursday, April 20 – Home & School Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Friday, April 28 – Diocesan Sketch Day

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PRESCHOOL: If you have a child, ages 3 or 4 and have been thinking about preschool, please call Lizzie Linhardt, llinhardt@stacs.school 573-645-5605 or the school office 573-477-3322. If you have any questions or would like to set up a one on one meeting and school tour please contact the school office. Please check out and like St. Thomas the Apostle Preschool Facebook page

ST. CECILIA PARISH: The annual cleaning and maintenance of St Cecilia Cemetery is scheduled for Sunday, April 16 at 10:00 a.m. (rain day, April 23). Bring any gardening tools you may have to clean flower beds and trim shrubs. Anyone is welcome and all help is greatly appreciated.

ATTENTION MEN OF THE ST. THOMAS/META AREA: SIGNUM CRUCIS –is a new Catholic men's group in the Jefferson City area. The group gathers on the 3rd Wednesday of each month – the next gathering is April 19 at Helias Catholic High School with a study session about the meaning of Acts 2:42 - "They devoted themselves to the apostle's teaching, to fellowship and the breaking of bread." Please encourage all of the Catholic boys and men in your life to attend and grow in their faith. The rosary starts at 6:00 p.m. followed by the main program and then fraternity after the program at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE RECTORY has a Roper Smooth top range and a GE dishwasher that Fr. no longer needs. If anyone is interested in either the range or dishwasher to please contact Mark Luebbering 573-694-6393.

HELIAS SUMMER CAMPS: Registration is now open for Helias Catholic's Summer 2023 youth sports camps! Please visit www.heliascrusaderscamps.com to view summer camp opportunities and register for the camps.

INVIAGGIO MOVIE: In the first nine years of his pontificate, Pope Francis made 37 trips visiting 53 countries, focusing on his most important issues poverty, migration, the environment, solidarity and war. Intrigued by the fact that two of Francis's trips – the first to the refugees landing in Lampedusa, the second in 2021 to the Middle East – so closely mirrored the itineraries of his films *Fuocoammare* (Fire At Sea, 2016) and *Notturmo* (2020), Rosi follows the Pope's Stations of the Cross. He sees what he sees, hears what he says and creates a dialogue between archival footage of Francis' travels, images taken by Rosi himself, recent history and the state of the world today. Show times at the Capital Cinema are 4/21: 6:30 p.m., 4/22: 6:30 p.m., 4/23: 2:00 p.m. 4/28: 6:30 p.m., 4/29: 6:30 p.m., 4/30: 2:00 p.m.

ARISE MINISTRY PRESENTS THE WAY on Sunday, April 23, noon – 4:30 p.m. in St. Stanislaus Gym, Wardsville. Join us for an afternoon gathering of women where we share messages of God's love through Bible teachings, creative meditations, faith witnesses, music and laughter. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. Lunch immediately served. St. Stanislaus Mass schedule 10:30 a.m. \$25 includes retreat, lunch, refreshments and much more. RSVP by April 17.
To register: <https://www.evenbrite.com/e/the-way-a-womens-spiritual-retreat-tickets-562423623197>

BIRTHRIGHT OF MID-MISSOURI cordially invites you to join in celebrating Their 50th Anniversary, on Sunday, April 23, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. McClung Park Pavilion, Jefferson City. Light appetizers served. Please RSVP Nancy Dubbert Hoelscher by Thursday, April 13. Call or text 573-301-9555 or email ndubbert@hotmail.com

24TH ANNUAL MARIAN CONFERENCE, ST. LOUIS is May 19-21. A dynamic three-day event of inspiration, faith, and fellowship. Holy Mass each day, confession available each day, exposition & 24 hour Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Large & diverse selection of vendors. The event is held at the Renaissance St. Louis Airport Hotel, 9801 Natural Bridge Road, adjacent to the St. Louis Airport. To register and form more information visit www.stlmc.org or 314-850-7718 or info@stlmc.org.

THE ST. THOMAS 4-H CLUB is joining with the surrounding 4-H Clubs in sponsoring a Canned Food Drive for members that live in Cole County. The food drive will run from now until April 26. You can place food donations in the boxes at either entrance of Church or you can send to school and give to Mrs. Tallent. If you are able to donate the following items are in demand for Cole County: peanut butter, beans (pork, chili, baked, red, white, etc.), canned chicken, canned tuna, brown rice, pasta, canned fruit, canned vegetables, dry milk, whole grain pasta, biscuit mix, rice, soup, cereal, mac and cheese and baking mixes.

80TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION: Please join us in wishing Agnes Boessen a Happy 80th Birthday, Sunday, April 23 at the St. Thomas KC Hall from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Refreshments will be served!

PREGNANCY HELP CENTER BUBBLES & BOUNCES 5K WALK/RUN is Saturday, April 22 at Memorial Park at 8:30 a.m. Pre-registration deadline is April 6 for FREE t-shirt. To pre-register at www.friendsofphc.org or call 573-644-6635.

MID-WEST MARCH FOR LIFE is Wednesday, April 26 at the Missouri State Capitol. Activities planned from 8:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. on Capitol Lawn. Speakers: Shawn Carney, Lauren Muzyka, Sr. Deirdre Byrne. For more information, please visit www.midwestmarchforlife.com or 573-340-8444.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHICKEN DINNER: The Bonnots Mill Knights of Columbus Council #2027 is having a Drive Thru **Chicken Dinner on Friday April 21**, at the Loose Creek School/Church Parking Lot. Serving from 4:30 – 7:30 p.m. Meal includes: 4 mixed pieces, Bake Potato, Green Beans and Slaw for \$14. Please see the flyer in the back of the church for additional details.

META RUMMAGE SALES- Meta rummage sales will be held Thursday 4/20 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Friday 4/21 6:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., and Saturday 8:00 a.m. – noon. The following locations will be participating:

Meta Firehouse, 110 East Third Street: multi-family sale; dresser, small desks, boys' clothing, women's clothing various sizes, ribbon, wedding decorations, house décor, misc. items

Rehagen Residence, 201 East Sixth Street: women's clothing, men's clothing, baby boy clothing, misc. items

Fennwald Residence, 207 East Sixth Street: multi-family sale; women's NWT and name brand clothing sizes M/L, women's shoes sizes 8/8.5, house décor, books

Frazier Residence, 401 North Oak Street: multi-family sale; women's clothing, men's clothing, kids' clothing, handbags, bed linens, dishes, misc. items

Burnett Residence, 679 County Road 509: *Friday and Saturday only; kids' clothing various sizes, men's and women's clothing various sizes through XXL, child's car seat, wedding decorations, misc. items

Kampeter Residence, 126 Petes Drive: multi-family sale; air fryer, bike, pipe/conduit benders, hack saws, kids' wheelbarrow and push mower, assorted toys, small trucks and tractors, doll stroller and bed, Little Tikes party kitchen and dishes, kids' chairs, potty chair, packaged diapers and pullups, kids' water shoes, small coolers, Christmas décor, roller blades, ice skates, boys' clothing sizes 3T-10, men's jeans/shorts/pants sizes 36-38W/29-32L, women's clothing sizes 10-14, assorted shoes

SAVE THE DATES: Totus Tuus – June 4-9 St. Thomas the Apostle Parish 27th Annual Fall Fantasy – November 4, 2023

Although you have not seen him
you love him; even though you
do not see him now yet believe
in him, you rejoice with an
indescribable and glorious joy, as
you attain the goal of your faith,
the salvation of your souls.

1 Peter 1: 8-9

*In those times of doubt about our faith,
for whatever reason, turn to the Lord in
prayer, in the sacraments and through
your parish family, our Lord will fill you
with His joy and peace.*



