

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

**St. Cecilia**  
in Meta

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PO Box 146  
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**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**APRIL 23, 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 23-30:**

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Donald Schaefer  
Wednesday 7:45 a.m.- Slim & Helen Strope  
Veronica Herigon  
Thursday 7:45 a.m. -Danny Libbert  
Friday 7:45 a.m.- Dianne Herigon  
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Hallie Phillips  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – People of our Parishes  
Jane Lindenbusch

**Your Sunday Offering:**

Offertory Budget for 2022-2023: \$305,000.00  
Offertory Goal through Month End: \$254,170.00  
Actual Collection for 2022-2023: **\$246,613.28**  
Offertory Difference Year to Date: -\$ 7,556.72  
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

**Collection in Church:**

April 2 \$ 7,801.88  
April 9 \$ 5,246.27  
April 16 \$ 2,068.21  
April 23 \$  
April 30 \$

**Collection Online:** \$ 6,972.00

**April total to date:** **\$22,088.36**

Difference for April: -\$ 3,328.64

**Church Renovation Capital Campaign**

Total Pledges/Donations \$488,774.70

Total Collected \$486,904.77

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

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

May 6 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Jean Kliethermes / Jeanette

May 7 Sunday 10:00 a.m. - Judy Schroeder / Alanna

**St. Thomas the Apostle Readers**

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

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

May 6 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Jan Carter

May 7 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Doug Luebbering

**Saint Cecilia**

**Mass Schedule for the Week of April 23-30:**

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Victor & Rita Otto

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Urban, Ronald & Randy Voss

**Your Sunday Offering:**

Offertory Budget for 2022-2023: \$65,000.00  
Collection Total for 2022-2023: **\$54,578.21**  
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,416.67

**Collection in Church:**

April 2 \$2,085.00  
April 9 \$1,852.00  
April 16 \$2,262.00  
April 23 \$  
April 30 \$

**April total to date:** **\$6,199.00**

Difference for April: +\$ 782.33

**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. – Samantha Helton

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

Sunday, May 7 8:00 a.m. – Dominic Plassmeyer

**St. Cecilia Organist**

Sunday, April 30 8:00 a.m. – Lydia

Sunday, May 7 8:00 a.m. – Emilie

**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 29 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Eric & Roseanne Boessen  
April 30 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Doug Stockman & Ryan Buschjost  
May 6 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Mark Boessen & Dave Luebbering  
May 7 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Richard Heckemeyer & TJ Loethen  
**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 29 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Jenny Becker  
April 30 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Glenn Prenger  
May 6 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Jan Carter  
May 7 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Bill Luebbering

**St. Thomas the Apostle Servers**

Weekday – Levi & Francie Tallent  
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  
May 6 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Gregory Kirby, Ava Buschjost,  
Evelyn Wooten,  
May 7 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Erika Luebbering, Wyatt Otto,  
Angela Veltrop, Aliyah Buechter

**St. Thomas the Apostle Offertory Gifts**

April 29 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Family of Hallie Phillips  
April 30 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Family of Jane Lindenbusch

**St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters**

April 30 - Paul Becker & Shara Buechter  
May 7 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes  
May 14 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg  
May 21 -Dunja Wieberg & Jennifer Schroeder  
May 28– Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman

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

April 30 Karlie Reinkemeyer  
May 7 Lauri Luebbering  
May 14 Brooke Schell  
May 21 Dunja Wieberg  
May 28 Jenny Becker

**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 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  
May 21: Lynne Reinkemeyer, Linda Boessen, Lauri Luebbering, Lisa Lackman

**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 27** – Debby Buschjost & Marian Buschjost **Thursday, May 4** – Kristin Buschjost & Charlene Buschjost

**SCRIP:** Visit [www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip](http://www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip) for more information about the Scrip program. Please contact, Amanda Wooten 573-694-1735 or [amandab\\_27@hotmail.com](mailto: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.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS AT ST. CECILIA PARISH:** Ethan Libbert & Kash Libbert

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** Donuts and Coffee on April 30! The Knights of Columbus will have donuts and coffee following the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Masses on Sunday April 30! We hope to see you there!

**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.

**St. Cecilia Eucharistic Ministers**

April 30 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic Plassmeyer  
May 7 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Janice Schanzmeyer

**St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers**

April 30 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Harold Libbert, Leon Schanzmeyer,  
Darin Even, Mitch Stumpe  
May 7 Sunday 8:00 a.m. –Brendan Stumpe, Randy Hagenhoff,  
Kenny Otto, Otto Wankum

**St. Cecilia Servers**

April 30 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Henry & Annaline Schroeder  
May 7 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Skyla, Jesse & Tucker 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 30 Sunday 8:00 a.m.- Family of Urban, Ronald  
& Randy Voss

**Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia**

Wednesday 6:05 p.m. – Dorothy Rehagen  
Glorious Mysteries  
April 30 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Janice Schanzmeyer  
Glorious Mysteries  
May 7 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer  
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.

**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.***

**TOTUS TUUS** (Latin for "Totally Yours") is a summer youth program that combines Catholic faith and FUN!!! A team of college-age students and seminarians are coming to our parish the week of **June 4<sup>th</sup> through June 9<sup>th</sup>**. The youthfulness and energy of these teachers is an inspiring way to share faith and their enthusiasm is contagious, so come out and join us!!! TOTUS TUUS is Monday-Friday **7:45 am-1:30pm** for school children going into grades 1-6. The day includes catechetical instruction, songs and skits that are silly but teach serious stuff, encounters with the sacraments - particularly Confession and Eucharist, and time for games and recess. For junior high and high school youth, TOTUS TUUS is Sunday-Thursday **6:00-8:00 pm** with more in-depth discussions on our theme. Cost is \$30 per student for the day program and \$15 per cost for the evening program. To register please go to: <http://www.stthomasapostle.net/totus-tuus.html> or if you have questions, please email [tveitoffice@gmail.com](mailto:tveitoffice@gmail.com) or call the Parish Office at 477-3315 during office hours.

**REDEDICATION OF CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOSEPH:** We will be providing livestream links to watch a vespers prayer service on May 4 as well as the Rite of Rededication on May 5. Watch for more information about the livestream links coming soon. In addition, we are hosting the free CathedralGLOW event on May 4 for youth, families and young adults. Also, everyone is invited to come experience the newly renovated Cathedral during an open house planned for 1-4 p.m. on Sunday, May 7.

**PASTORS MEDITATION:** **Third Sunday of Easter. JOURNEYING WITH JESUS. (Acts 2:14, 22-33 1 Pt 1:17-21, Lk 24:13-35)** Jesus is to be found today in the midst of his Church in the breaking of the bread. Our Scripture lessons for today have one common, encouraging theme: No matter what happens in our lives, the risen Jesus is always with us. God is always near to those who seek Him and want to live in His presence, doing His will. The first reading, from Acts, taken from the beginning of Peter's first public proclamation about Jesus, tells us how God raised Jesus from death, thus fulfilling the Messianic prophecies about the promised descendant of David. The Refrain for today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 16), has us singing, "Lord, You will show us the path of Life." In the second reading, Peter exhorts the early Christians to place their Faith and Hope in God Who has saved them through the precious Blood of His Son and Who has raised Jesus from the dead. The Emmaus incident described in today's Gospel shows us a God who will not abandon us when we are hurt and disappointed. The message of today's Scripture readings is that the followers of Jesus are to maintain contact with their Risen Lord through prayer, the Eucharist, and the Bible. The readings also remind us that our belief in Jesus' presence in the consecrated Bread and Wine should help us to better understand his presence in the Bible and in the believing and worshipping community. Putting the two appearances to the Emmaus disciples and to Peter, together, it is clear that the risen Jesus wanted Peter to act as spokesman for him, and that the faithful who seek to follow Jesus should seek his company in prayer, the Eucharist, and the Bible under the direction of Peter and his successors. Jesus meets us on our Emmaus Road. The risen Lord meets us on the road to our Emmaus, both in the ordinary experiences of our lives, and in the places to which we retreat when life is too much for us. We, too, have hopes and dreams about better health, healing, financial security and better family relationships. These often shatter. The story promises us, however, that Jesus will come to us in unfamiliar guises to support and strengthen us when we least expect the risen Lord. Emmaus moments come to us when we meet the risen Christ on our life's journey through rough times. We meet Jesus on a daily basis in our life's journey. The Church instructs us to hear Jesus on a daily basis through prayer, through the faithful reading of, and meditation on, the Bible, through our experience of Jesus as we participate in the Eucharistic celebration in which the risen Lord gives us Himself as our spiritual Food and Drink, through our personal and family prayers, and through our family meals. When we meet Jesus in the Eucharist and through the Word of God, we commune with him in prayer, and thus renew our relationship of mutual loving service. These meetings enable us to encounter the risen Jesus living in all the people we meet and, in them, to offer our Lord humble, loving, selfless service. Do our hearts burn when we listen to the risen Lord in the Bible? Christ comes to us most clearly in the Word. Vatican II (Dei Verbum 21) tells us that Jesus is to be equally venerated in the Eucharist and in the Bible. Therefore, we need to study the Bible, learn the Bible, pray with the Bible, memorize the Bible, meditate on the word of God with burning zeal, and practice what the Bible teaches. One way to strengthen our faith is to live the teachings of Jesus more faithfully. ***Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukiibi***

**ST. CECILIA HOLY HOUR AND ANOINTING OF THE SICK** is Friday, April 28, 7:00 p.m. St. Cecilia Church.

**MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION** is Tuesday, April 25, 7:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE** will meet on Tues., 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:** Friday, April 28 – Diocesan Sketch Day; Wednesday, May 3 – Diocesan 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Vocation Day; Friday, May 5 – First Friday; Monday, May 8 – K-8 Field Trip; Friday, May 12 – Field Day

**BLOOD DRIVE** is scheduled for Thursday, May 2 at the Citizens Civic League in Meta between the hours of 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Please call 1 800 733 2767 or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: CivicLeagueMeta to schedule an appointment.

**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. Show times at the Capital Cinema are 4/23: 2:00 p.m. 4/28: 6:30 p.m., 4/29: 6:30 p.m., 4/30: 2:00 p.m.

**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 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 & cheese and baking mixes.

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

**80<sup>TH</sup> 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!

**St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Pastoral Council March Meeting - March 30, 2023**

Call the meeting to order, Father led the Our Father.

Principals Notes: Shane read through the notes. Major events that have taken place or that are going to take place - State Archery, Self Study, Spelling Bee, spring pictures, Easter break, STL Cardinals game, Home and School meeting, Sketch Day, Vocation Day, NET retreat, field trip to the zoo, field day, and 8th grade graduation.

Financial Report - They have not met.

Worship - There is a meeting coming up.

Social: Vocation Committee - We need someone to start this. There will be meetings in Jefferson City. There is someone within the Diocese that will help coordinate.

- The Ham breakfast made a gross profit of \$16,100 and a net profit of \$8,884. Jan Heckemeyer said there might be a few more minor bills to pay yet from the breakfast.
- Elections for the New Parish Council Members are coming up. Debbie will put an announcement in the bulletin stating that we are looking for candidates to run. Andi and Dunja will start reaching out to people if we do not hear from anyone in the next couple weeks. We are looking for 4 members. Debbie Strobe, Sarah Luebbert, Mark Luebbering, and Bob Schellman are all going off the council in May. The new members will start in July.
- Catholic Charities Update - Andi Reynolds has signed up for this. She is still waiting to hear more about it from the Diocese.
- Celebration of New Members - We set this for April 23. It will be right after Mass at 10. We will have donuts and possibly drinks.

Admin: The admin group is still working on getting the part time position ready to be posted.

- The rectory renovation is almost finished. Be watching in the bulletin for the selling of the old appliances from the Rectory. If no one is interested, then the items are going to Habitat for Humanity. A new stove and dishwasher were donated. Mark is thinking that he will ask the finance committee to purchase a new refrigerator for the kitchen.
- The new AC & heating unit is going to be installed in the Church sometime between the middle of April & May. This will take about 2 weeks.
- We got the new lawn mower for the year. The owner of Elite Turf has volunteered to cut the grounds around the Church. Mark wants to keep the rotation of the grass cutters just in case the owner of Elite Turf can not make it one week. Then he can call the lead for that week and the grass cutting rotation can just continue.
- The steam table was installed and worked great for the Ham Breakfast and Fish Fry.
- The shut off valves for the ovens were installed last weekend.

Pastors report: Father touched base on the renovation of his house.

- Father talked about the Lenten season. Please make sure to go to confession.
- The Cathedral is almost completed.
- We need to get a meeting set for the new stewardship model.

New Business: Stewardship group

- We have 8 volunteers so far from different committees within the parish. No one has signed up for the parish yet. The volunteers have all been from other committees. (ex. PPC, finance, School Advisory, PSR, Ladies Auxiliary, KofC) Shane is going to get a meeting set up so that the committee can start working on this.

- Directory: Shane is going to contact the company. We are going to plan on getting pictures taken the second week of January.
- Self study: The Self Study took place. This happens every 6 years. They had good things to say about the school. There are a few minor changes that need to be corrected. The school is going to work on those.

Varia : A Memorial Mass will take place at the cemetery this year on Memorial Day. It will be at 9 am. If it rains, then the Mass will be at Church. They are going to talk about this at the April Worship meeting.

- Bob Schellmam suggested that we get the students to lead the rosary before the weekday Mass. He also suggested that the kids come in and say a little prayer when they genuflect.
- The council talked about vehicles parking on the parish lots for a long period of time. If we notice this happening, then law enforcement will be called.
- Mark would like to get gravel put in the ditch along route B. The ditch is steep and hard to cut grass on. Jacob or Mark are going to talk to the MoDot right away leader to discuss a solution.

Next Meeting - May 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the library. Closing Prayer - Father closed with the Glory Be. Adjournment



DIocese OF JEFFERSON CITY

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

**Catholic Home Missions Collection  
April 29-30, 2023**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Home mission dioceses are found in every region across the United States and its territories. Right now, 40% of dioceses in the United States are home missions. These dioceses struggle to provide basic pastoral services to Catholics due to their small population of Catholics, the large rural geographic regions they serve and the lack of priests. The Diocese of Jefferson City, in Central and Northern Missouri, fits that mold. Moreover, home mission dioceses often have a large Hispanic population in rural communities.

With your support, the Catholic Home Missions national collection assists the Diocese of Jefferson City's Hispanic Ministry program to meet the needs of our growing Hispanic population. Every year, we receive a home mission grant to help us fulfill our mission as the local church. We have received special grants to assist us with lay leadership development, participation in national ecclesial gatherings and youth ministry. Please know that most of your donations to this national collection stays right here in our diocese!

Your support of this collection makes a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters right here in our local diocese and throughout the United States. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection this year. To learn more about the collection and those who benefit from it, visit [usccb.org/home-missions](https://usccb.org/home-missions).

With gratitude for your support of the Catholic Home Missions collection, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend W. Shawn McKnight, S.T.D.  
Bishop of Jefferson City

**N.B.: This letter should be read from the pulpit or printed in its entirety in your bulletin on the weekend of April 22-23, 2023.**

