

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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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER, DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

APRIL 24, 2022

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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 24- May 1:

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Tom & Clara Schmidt
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – Shirley Luebbering
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Bob & Donnie Luebbering
Friday 7:45 a.m. – L&D Herman & Agatha Luebbering Family
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes
Henry, Christine & Gerald Luebbering
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – L&D Knights of Columbus

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2021-2022:	\$305,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End:	\$254,170.00
Actual Collection for 2021-2022:	\$234,188.72
Offertory Difference Year to Date:	– \$ 19,981.28
Offertory Goal per month:	\$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

April 3	\$ 4,952.52
April 10	\$ 4,651.01
April 17	\$ 4,263.06
April 24	\$

Collection Online:	\$ 7,072.00
April total to date:	\$20,938.59
Difference for April:	–\$ 4,478.41

Church Renovation Capital Campaign

Total Pledges/Donations	\$483,907.00
Total Collected	\$415,644.26
Total Expenses Paid	\$694,851.17

A total of 127 parishioners have returned pledge cards/or
Contributed to the renovation project.

Church Renovation Loan Balance	\$198,631.13
Loan payments to date (principal)	\$3,715.00
(interest)	\$1,663.59

St. Thomas the Apostle Cantors / Organists

April 30 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kerry Meyer / Jackie
May 1 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jean Kliethermes / Jackie
May 7 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kelsey Kliethermes / Jeanette
May 8 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Josh Luebbering / Jackie

St. Thomas the Apostle Readers

April 30 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mary Kay Brand
May 1 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Tom Backes
May 7 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Bill Luebbering
May 8 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Richard Heckemeyer

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of April 24-May 1:

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – No Mass

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Caden Haslag

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2021-2022:	\$62,000.00
Collection Total for 2021-2022:	\$49,874.96
Offertory Goal per month:	\$ 5,166.67

Collection in Church:

April 3	\$ 885.00
April 10	\$2,002.00
April 17	\$2,030.00
April 24	\$

April total to date:	\$4,908.00
Difference for April:	–\$ 258.67

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

May – Dale & Margie Helton

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

St. Cecilia Readers

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – No Mass
May 1 8:00 a.m. – Janice Schanzmeyer
May 8 8:00 a.m. – Dorothy Rehagen

**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 30 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Eric Strobe & Gilbert Schellman
May 1 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Simon Strobe & Craig Buechter
May 7 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Dave Luebbering & Mark Boessen
May 8 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Doug Stockman & TJ Loethen

St. Thomas the Apostle Eucharistic Ministers

April 30 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Jenny Becker
May 1 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Rosalyn Wieberg
May 7 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark Graessle
May 8 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Lynne Reinkemeyer

St. Thomas the Apostle Servers

April 30 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Gregory Kirby, Kora Luebbering
May 1 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Francie & Hannah Tallent
Isabella Luebbering
May 7 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Gregory Kirby, Carmen Luebbering,
Miranda Meyer
May 8 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Valerie & Zeke Verslues,
Isabella Luebbering, Cadyn Libbert

St. Thomas the Apostle Offertory Gifts

April 30 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Mark & Lora Boessen
May 1 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Ryan & Kelley Buschjost Fam.
May 7 Saturday, 5:00 p.m. – Ralph & Kathy Graessle
May 8 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Riley & Daffiny Tallent Family

St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters

May 1 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg
May 8 – Dunja Wieberg & Jennifer Schroeder
May 15 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman
May 22 – Paul Becker & Shara Buechter
May 29 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday, 7:20 a.m. – Bob Schellman – Sorrowful Mysteries
Wednesday, 7:20 a.m. – Shirley Volmert– Glorious Mysteries
Thursday 7:45 a.m. –Gilbert & Hermina – Luminous Mysteries
Friday 7:45 a.m. – Bob Schellman – Sorrowful Mysteries
Saturday 4:35 p.m. – Dale Herigon – Glorious Mysteries
Sunday 9:35 a.m. – Gilbert & Hermina Strobe– Glorious Mysteries

St. Thomas the Apostle Church Cleaners

April 24: Brooke Schell, Tina Stockman, Gina Luebbering, Karen Luebbering
May 1: Lynne Reinkemeyer, Linda Boessen, Lauri Luebbering, Lisa Lackman
May 8: Sonya Henson, Susan Buechter, Jackie Prenger, Amy Buechter
May 15: Janet Lueckenhoff, Jim Lueckenhoff, Charlene Buschjost, Randy Buschjost
May 22: Alan Libbert, Nancy Libbert, Darrel Buechter, Jan Heckemeyer

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

May 1 Brooke Schell
May 8 Jenny Becker
May 15 Karlie Reinkemeyer
May 22 Lauri Luebbering
May 29 Dunja Wieberg

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.

Thursday, April 28 – Lynne Reinkemeyer & Rosella Reinkemeyer **Thursday, May 5** – Andrea Reynolds & Renea Rustemeyer
Please bring snack to hall by 1:00 p.m.; snack 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.

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

EASTER FLOWER DONATION RECEIVED THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF: Shirley Prenger

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS AT ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH:

Sadie Boessen	Jace Schellman	Max Verslues
Jason Braun	Dominic Schwartz	Johnathan Volmert
Nora Buschjost	Levi Tallent	William Wieberg
Sam Reynolds	Angelina Veltrop	

INFIRM PRIEST/EASTER COLLECTION: The annual Priest Retirement & Infirm Fund assessment for St. Cecilia Parish \$816 and St. Thomas the Apostle Parish is \$5,146. Please be generous.

BULLETIN NOTICES: Deadline for bulletin is Wednesday at noon.

St. Cecilia Eucharistic Ministers

May 1 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dorothy Rehagen
May 8 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Pam Libbert

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

May 1 Sunday 8:00 a.m.- Leonard Schulte & Harold Libbert
May 8 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Anton Libbert & Terry Libbert

St. Cecilia Servers

May 1 Sunday 8:00 a.m. –
May 8 Sunday 8:00 a.m.-

St. Cecilia Offertory Gifts

May 1 Sunday 8:00 a.m.- Family of Caden Haslag

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Wed. April 27 6:05 p.m. – No Mass
May 1 Sunday 7:35 a.m.- Mary Plassmeyer
Glorious Mysteries
May 8 Sunday 7:35 a.m.– Margaret Brune
Glorious Mysteries

VOTIVE CANDLES: The requested donation for lighting a votive candle in church is **\$2.50.**

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. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH BULLETINS: If you are needing a bulletin and Church is locked there are some on the Vitae House front porch.

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 tveitoffice@gmail.com or by calling 573-418-7301.

JOIN THE STREAM TEAM: We are truly blessed to have such great equipment for live streaming Mass! If anyone is interested in helping live stream Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle, please call or text Lauri Luebbering at 573-619-6090.

BISHOP MCKNIGHT'S APRIL PRAYER INTENTION: For the opening of hearts and minds closed to the Good News of Christ's Resurrection from the dead.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE USHERS: The Offertory baskets are located in the choir loft by the organ. Please return the baskets back to the choir loft after you have collected the envelopes.

PASTORS MEDITATION: 2nd Sunday of Easter C: DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (Acts 5:12-16; Rev. 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn. 20:19-31) The readings for this Sunday are about God's mercy, the necessity for trusting Faith and our need for the forgiveness of our sins. The opening prayer addresses the Father as "God of everlasting Mercy." In the Responsorial Psalm (Ps 118), we repeat several times, "His mercy endures forever!" God revealed His mercy, first and foremost, in sending His only begotten Son to become our Savior and Lord through His suffering, death, and Resurrection. Divine Mercy is given to us also in each celebration of the Sacraments, especially that of Reconciliation. The first reading, taken from the Acts of the Apostles explains how the Risen Lord continued to show His Divine Mercy to the sick through the healing and preaching ministry of the apostles in the early Church. The Faith of the apostles enabled them to minister to the people giving them the Lord's healing love in "signs and wonders." The second reading, taken from the Book of Revelation (given by Jesus to the Apostle John in exile on Patmos), was intended to comfort and bolster the Faith of persecuted Christians for all time.

Today's selection assures us of the presence of the merciful Lord in our lives and encourages all of us to fight fear with Faith, and trepidation about the future with trust and Hope. Today's Gospel recalls Jesus' institution of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Sacrament of Divine Mercy. The Risen Lord gave his apostles and their successors the power to forgive sins with the words, "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained" (Jn. 20:19-23). Presenting the doubting Thomas' famous profession of Faith, "My Lord and my God," the Gospel illustrates how Jesus showed his mercy to the doubting apostle and emphasizes the importance of Faith. Therefore friends we need to accept God's invitation to celebrate and practice mercy in our Christian lives: One way the Church celebrates God's mercy throughout the year is through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Finding time for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is another good way to receive and give thanks for Divine Mercy. But it is mainly through the corporal and spiritual works of mercy that we practice mercy in our daily lives and become eligible for God's merciful judgment. Let us ask God for the Faith that culminates in self-surrender to God and that leads us to serve those we encounter with love. Living Faith enables us to see the risen Lord in everyone and gives us the willingness to render to each our loving service. The Fathers of the Church prescribe the following traditional means to grow in the living and dynamic faith of St. Thomas the Apostle: a) First, we must come to know Jesus personally and intimately by our daily and meditative reading of the Bible. b) Next, we must strengthen our Faith through our personal and community prayer. c) Third, we must share in the Divine Life of Jesus by frequenting the Sacraments of Reconciliation and receiving the Holy Eucharist. St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa) presents it this way: "If we pray, we will believe; if we believe, we will love; if we love, we will serve. Only then we put our love of God into action." ***Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukibi***

ST. CECILIA PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL will need two new members this May. Elections will be held after Easter.

PRAYER HOUR WITH MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION is Tuesday, April 26, 7:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

ST. CECILIA HOLY HOUR is Friday, April 29, 7:00 p.m.

ST. CECILIA PARISH CEMETERY NEWS: The **annual cleaning** and maintenance is scheduled for Sunday, April 24 at 10:00 a.m., however in the likely event of rain it will be moved to **May 1**. Bring any gardening tools you may have to clean flower beds and trim shrubs.

Annual assessments of \$5 per member between the ages of 21 and 75 are due in May. If you did not receive an envelope, you can return to church in any envelope or mail the payment. Please mark the payment as "Cemetery Dues", paid to "St Cecilia Cemetery", Attn: Karyn Veltrop, Treasurer. (Members may also make a one-time payment of \$300 in lieu of yearly payments.)

Reserved Graves: Parish members and former parish members who are current in assessments can reserve a grave for \$20 per grave. However, if the assessment becomes delinquent for more than 5 years, the grave automatically reverts back to un-reserved status.

If you have any questions, please contact Charles Schroeder (President), Ron Meyer, Michelle Derkum, or Karyn Veltrop (Treasurer)

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL NEWS, UPCOMING EVENTS!

Sunday, April 24 – First Holy Communion 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 26 – Diocesan Sketch Day

Wednesday, April 27 – 7&8 Grade Cardinal Trip

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PRESCHOOL: NOW ENROLLING!! 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. THOMAS THE APOSTLE GRASS CUTTING ROTATION: Spring is here and so is the green grass! The grass cutting rotation for the St Thomas the Apostle is as follows:

Week of April 25 Paul & Jenny Becker, Eric Buechter

Week of May 2 Mark Luebbering, Nick Luebbering and Anthony Luebbering

Week of May 9 Dick Schellman, Patrick Schellman, Paul Struemph, Rob Henson

Week of May 16 Alan Reinkemeyer, Richard Heckemeyer and Dave Schroeder

Week of May 23 Fred Luebbering, Mark Graessle and Jeff Cassmeyer

Important Note: We would like to have a few additional people join in with some of these teams. Only requires an hour or two a month and the pay and benefits are great! Call Alan Reinkemeyer at 573-694-6984 if interested.

DIOCESAN SUMMER YOUTH CAMPS: The Diocese offers a cadre of opportunities for middle school and high school students, with an emphasis on friendship and joyful fun. Please check out the camps on diojeffcity.org for more information.

HELIAS SUMMER CAMPS: Registration is now open for Helias Catholic's summer 2022 youth sports camps! This year's summer camps include archery, baseball, boys basketball, boys soccer, cheerleading, cross country, dance, football, girls basketball, girls golf, girls soccer, softball, track and field, volleyball, and wrestling. Helias Catholic summer camps span from late May to August, serving age ranges from kindergarten through high school. Visit www.heliascrusaderscamps.com to view summer camp opportunities and register.

CARMELITE NUNS: The ministry of our Carmelite Nuns is to offer prayer and sacrifice for the Church and the people of the Diocese of Jefferson City. To make a prayer request, write or email the Carmelite Nuns at carmelofic.prayers@gmail.com 31920 State Highway P, Clyde, MO 64432.

DIocese OF JEFFERSON CITY: The Diocese of Jefferson City warns the public of what appears to be an ongoing phishing scam involving emails and texts purportedly from priests or parish/Chancery staff. This scam has hit many parishes across the United States. The email or text purports to be from a person the target knows, such as one's pastor, a parish staff member, the bishop or someone else from the Church. If the target responds to the fake email or text, the sender will follow up with a request for some sort of monetary assistance, often for gift cards or iTunes cards. It is truly unfortunate cyber criminals will attempt to exploit the generous nature of our community. Sending emails or texts asking for cash or gifts cards is not how priests, parishes or the Diocese of Jefferson City seeks financial assistance for our work. If you receive an email or text from a trusted church personnel asking for assistance, confirm by calling that person and do NOT respond to the email or text. For more information, the FBI website address to file an online Internet crime complaint is <https://www.ic3.gov>.

ST. NICHOLAS ACADEMY is a supportive living experience for boys from families that are under-resourced who want to give their sons every opportunity to succeed in school and life. Thanks to St. Nick's partners with families and St. Peter Interparish School to provide this opportunity. St. Nick's is seeking Christian, married couples or single individuals who are willing to be part of a pool of relief parents. The role of relief parents is to care for the boys and home when the full-time house parents are off duty or away. Typically, the full-time house parents are off duty every fourth weekend from 9:00 AM Friday through 7:00 PM Sunday. Relief parents, on a rotational schedule, fill in during this time. They may also be asked to be on a call list to help fill in when the house parents are on vacation and/or sick. Relief parents receive an hourly wage, all legally mandated benefits and a compensation package that includes a private suite and all meals for the days on duty. Please contact Sister Susan Renner, SSND at 573-635-7719 or director@stnick.org

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.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will have a workday at the hall on April 30 starting at 9:00 a.m. Please check the meeting minutes from the April meeting on the Church website for details.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Becoming a Knight of Columbus can transform your life. As a Knight, you have the opportunity to support our parishes and communities, and to grow in your faith. You can also gain access to top-rated insurance programs to protect your family. Plus, you are joining a band of brothers, a network of men in communities around the world dedicated to doing good in the service of God and our neighbors. As Pope St. John Paul II said: "The Knights of Columbus is the strong right arm of the Catholic Church." If you would like more information or to join, please contact Jeff Cassmeyer at (573) 690-7546.

PILGRIMAGE & SPIRITUAL RETREAT TO NEW MEXICO WITH FR. MATTHEW FLATLEY OCTOBER 24-29: Visit; Loretto Chapel, Christ in the Desert Monastery, Georgia O'Keefe Home, Cathedral of St. Francis, Santuario de Guadalupe, San Miquel Mission, Santa Fe, Albuquerque and more. E-mail mflatley@diojeffcity.org, call 573-202-3590 or visit <https://www.traveltymepilgrimages.com/pilgrimage-to-new-mexico-with-matthew-flatley> to learn more

ST. STANISLAUS CHURCH, WARDSVILLE: Perpetual Adoration chapel open hours: Sunday morning 1:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. Saturday 10:00-11:00 a.m. Temporary sub needed for Saturdays 12:00 noon. Please call Donna at 573-680-1470 if you would like to help with any of these hours.

THE CITIZEN'S CIVIC LEAGUE IN META, is sponsoring a blood drive at the community center on May 3, 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: CivicLeagueMeta to schedule an appointment. Refreshments will be served. Any questions, contact Norma Jean Libbert at 573 229 4248 or 573 644 4499.

CITIZENS CIVIC LEAGUE: The April monthly meeting of the Citizens Civic League meeting will be held on April 25 at 7:00 p.m.

THE OSAGE SENIOR CENTER has an opening at its location in Wardsville, MO. The Senior center is located close to the Catholic Church, two restaurants, 2 gas stations, a Dollar General and is close the Jefferson City. Call 573-632-2712 if interested in applying for this opening or to be placed on the wait list. Applications can be mailed to you or picked up at our office at the Osage Senior Center located 1815 Albert Place, Wardsville, MO.

GAURDIAN ANGELS PARISH SPRING DINNER, BRINKTOWN is Sunday April 24, serving fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, corn, coleslaw & dessert from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. \$13.00 per plate.

VISITATION PARISH ANNUAL SPRING FESTIVAL, VIENNA is Sunday, May 1, serving fried chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, corn, coleslaw & desserts from 11:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Visitation KC Hall in Vienna. \$12.00 per plate. There is outside seating and limited inside seating available.

META RESIDENTS: Is anyone in the Meta area interested in having a rummage sale on May 20 and 21, 2022? Please share with family and friends. If interested, please contact Jan Burnett at 573-680-6050.

SAVE THE DATES: June 26 - July 1, 2022 – Totus Tuus

