

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

St. Cecilia
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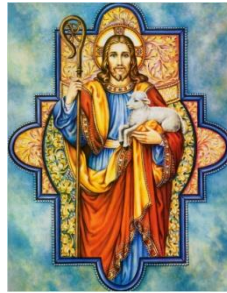
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 25, 2021

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St. Thomas Parish Office hours: Wednesdays 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.; **Thursdays 8:30 to 11:30 a.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 25-May 2:

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Alex Heckman
Wednesday 7:45 a.m.- Loreen Volmert
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Carol Pleus Riley
Friday 7:45 a.m. – Martina Goeller
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Norbert Boessen

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2020-2021: \$305,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End: \$254,170.00
Actual Collection for 2020-2021: **\$227,326.75**
Offertory Difference Year to Date: – \$ 26,843.25
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

April 4 \$ 5,125.00
April 11 \$ 3,140.00
April 18 \$ 3,797.00
April 25 \$
Collection Online: \$ 6,152.00
April total to date: **\$18,214.00**
Difference for April: -\$ 7,203.00

St. Thomas the Apostle Expansion & Building Fund

Income from parishioners for FY 2020-2021
(via the yellow "Building Fund" envelope): **\$18,458.00**

St. Thomas the Apostle Cantor / Organist

Saturday 5:00p.m.– Kelsey Kliethermes / Annette Kehner
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Lisa Wieberg / Annette Kehner

St. Thomas the Apostle Reader

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kathy Graessle
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Tom Backes

Mass Live Streamers:

May 2 – Lauri Luebbering
May 9 – Karlie Reinkemeyer
May 16 – Jennifer Schroeder
May 23 – Dunja Wieberg

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of April 25-May 2:

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Leo & Alberto Wieberg

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Henry & Bonita Kleffner

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2020-2021: \$62,000.00
Collection Total for 2020-2021: **\$43,671.35**
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,166.67

Collection in Church:

April 4 \$ 1,735.00
April 11 \$ 990.00
April 18 \$ 1,560.00
April 25 \$
April total to date: **\$ 4,285.00**
Difference for April: -\$ 881.67

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

May – Dale & Margie Helton

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

St. Cecilia Reader

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Doris Stumpe

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

St. Thomas the Apostle Ushers

Saturday 5:00 p.m. –Mark Boessen & Eric Strope
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Eric & Keith Boessen

St. Thomas Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark Graessle
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Glenn Prenger

St. Thomas the Apostle Servers

Saturday 5:00 p.m. -
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Klint & Kora Luebbering

St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters

April 25 –Keith & Jean Kliethermes
May 2 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg
May 9 – Jennifer Schroeder & Dunja Wieberg
May 16 – Shara Buechter & Paul Becker

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas:

Tuesday, 7:20 a.m. – Joann Heckman – Sorrowful Mysteries
Wednesday 7:20 a.m. – Pat Loethen – Glorious Mysteries
Thursday 7:20 a.m.- Viola Boessen–Luminous Mysteries
Friday 7:20 a.m. – Bob Schellman – Sorrowful Mysteries
Saturday 4:35 p.m. – Dale Herigon– Glorious Mysteries
Sunday 9:35 a.m. – Tina Stockman – Glorious Mysteries

SCRIP: Visit www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip for more information about the Scrip program. Please contact Daffiny Tallent at 573-694-4408 to purchase anytime.

A NOTE OF THANKS!

A very special thank you for your thoughtfulness and kindness shown to me with the loss of my brother Jerome, through your prayers, caring and your support are all greatly appreciated. Thank you for your special love. Sincerely, **Pat Loethen**

ST. CECILIA CEMETARY THANK YOU: The workers were few at the cemetery cleanup, but the help was good. Thank you to the following volunteers: Charles and Doris Schroeder, Michael and Monica Schroeder, Ron Meyer, Otto Wankum and Harold and Jeany Libbert.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY CONFIRMED CANDIDATES FROM ST. CECILIA & ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISHES!

Brooklyn Adams	Colton Libbert	Cole Peters
Sophie Bock	Kenzie Libbert	Fayeth Prenger
Haley Boessen	Wil Libbert	Isaac Rackers
Kenadi Braun	Chase Luebbering	Sam Schaefer
Hannah Brenneke	Ethan Luebbering	Skyla Schroeder
Madilyn Buschjost	Grace Luebbering	Jessica Steinman
Brieanna Heckman	Jacob Luebbering	Molly Suthoff
Brooklyn Heislen	Klint Luebbering	Madelyn Twehus
Abby Hoecker	Noah Luebbering	Shelby Wankum
Clara Lackman	Ava Morris	Ava Werdehausen
Dorothy Lackman	Will Otto	William Ziebarth

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

BISHOP MCKNIGHT’S APRIL PRAYER INTENTION: Let us pray for a renewed understanding of our baptismal dignity as sons and daughters of God the Father, and a commitment to living in peace with our sisters and brothers in Christ.

PASTORS MEDITATION: 4th SUNDAY of EASTER: I Am the Good Shepherd. (Acts 4:8-12; I Jn. 3:1-2; Jn.10:11-18)

The good shepherd laid down his life to share with us his risen life. And on this Fourth Sunday of Easter, called **Good Shepherd Sunday**, we continue to reflect on the meaning of the Resurrection. **This is also the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.** Today, we celebrate the risen Lord as the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep. The priest in charge of a parish is called pastor because “pastor” means shepherd. As shepherd, he leads, feeds, nurtures, comforts, corrects, and protects Christ’s sheep, the people in the parish. The earliest Christians saw Jesus as the fulfillment of the ancient Jewish dream of a Good Shepherd. They also wished to include the Gentiles as part of God’s flock.

In today’s first reading, Peter asserts unequivocally before the Jewish assembly that there is no salvation except through Christ, the Good Shepherd the one whom the Jewish leaders have rejected and crucified and in whose name the apostles preach and heal. In the second reading, St. John tells us how Yahweh, the Good Shepherd of the Old Testament, expressed His love for us through His Son Jesus, the Good Shepherd, by making us His children. In today’s Gospel Jesus introduces himself as the “Good Shepherd.” Jesus claims that as Good Shepherd he knows his sheep and loves them so much and he is ready to die for them. The Gospel text offers us both comfort and a double challenge: to become good shepherds to those entrusted to our care and good sheep in our parish, the sheepfold of Jesus the Good Shepherd.

Dear friends let us become good shepherds: Everyone who is entrusted with the care of others is a shepherd. Hence pastors, parents, teachers, doctors, nurses, government officials, bosses and politicians are all shepherds. We become good shepherds by loving those entrusted to us, praying for them, spending our time, talents, health and wealth for their welfare, and guarding them from physical and spiritual dangers. Parents must be especially careful of their duties as shepherds, becoming role models for their children by leading exemplary lives.

Let us be good sheep in the fold of Jesus, our Good Shepherd: a) by hearing and following the voice of our shepherds through their homilies, Bible classes, counseling and advice; b) by taking the spiritual food given by our pastors through regular and active participation in the Holy Mass, frequenting the sacraments, prayer services, renewal programs and missions; c) by cooperating with our pastors, giving them positive suggestions for the welfare of the parish, encouraging them in their ministry by prayer and presence, by offering them praise and thanks for all they are doing for us and occasionally by making constructive suggestions for changes; d) by cooperating as good stewards in the activities of various councils, ministries and parish associations.

Let us pray for vocations to the Priesthood, the diaconate and the consecrated life so that we may have more holy and Spirit-filled shepherds to lead, feed, and protect the Catholic community. Christ Jesus is the Priest in the full sense because He is

St. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Mary Plassmeyer

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Harold Libbert & Anton Libbert

St. Cecilia Servers

Sunday 8:00 a.m. –

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Wednesday–6:05 p.m.–Margaret Brune –Glorious Mysteries
Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer –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.

the one mediator between God and humanity who offered Himself, a unique sacrifice, on the cross. The universal priesthood of all believers, the sharing of all the baptized in the priesthood of Christ, has received special emphasis since Vatican II. Those who are called to make a lifelong commitment to serve as ordained ministers share the ministerial priesthood of Jesus. On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations we are asked to encourage and pray for our young men to respond to God's call to serve His Church in the ministerial priesthood. One time our rector was preaching to the community and during his homily asked "how will you face God and tell him you didn't get for him any one vocation?" ***Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukiibi***

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP is Tuesday, April 27, 7:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

ST. CECILIA HOLY HOUR is Friday, April 30, 7:00 p.m.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH will be renovating our church beginning August 2021. We are seeking estimates for floor covering and electrical/lighting. All inquiries should contact the parish office at 573-477-3315 by May 7 or emailing jheckemeyeroffice@gmail.com or tveitoffice@gmail.com.

ST. THOMAS CHURCH CLEANING TEAM ROTATION FOR UPCOMING WEEKS:

Week of April 25th: Sonya Henson, Susan Buechter, Jackie Prenger, Amy Buechter
 Week of May 2nd: Janet Lueckenhoff, Jim Lueckenhoff, Charlene Buschjost, Randy Buschjost
 Week of May 9th: Alan Libbert, Nancy Libbert, Darrel Buechter

Thanks to all who volunteer to help keep our Church looking beautiful! Anyone else interested in helping out, please contact Lynne Reinkemeyer at 573-690-7113 and we can add another group.

ST. THOMAS PRESCHOOL: If you have a child ages 3 or 4 and have thinking about preschool, please call Jaycine Bax 573-821-1179 or email jbax@stacs.school 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 Jaycine or the school office.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 5 – Diocesan Virtual Vocation Day Grade 6
 May 7 – Spring Flower & Popcorn pick up

THE ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH GROUNDS "GRASS CUTTING TEAM ROTATION' FOR THE UPCOMING

WEEKS: It is once again time for care and maintenance of the parish property. Many thanks to all those who volunteer their time and effort to keep our parish property looking nice. The following dates are assigned for grass cutting.

Week of April 26	Paul & Jenny Becker, Eric & Shara Buechter
Week of May 3	Mark Graessle, Jeff Cassmeyer and Fred Luebbering
Week of May 10	Richard Schellman, Pat Schellman and Paul Struempf
Week of May 17	Alan Reinkemeyer, Richard Heckemeyer and Dave Schroeder

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.

META CITIZENS CIVIC LEAGUE: The April monthly meeting will be held on April 26 at 7:00 p.m. At the March monthly meeting it was decided to have a clean-up day before the St. Cecilia Church picnic. The clean-up day is scheduled for June 26 starting at 8:00 a.m. Any help we can get will be greatly appreciated. Lunch will be provided.

CITIZENS CIVIC LEAGUE, META is sponsoring a blood drive on Tuesday, May 4 between the hours of 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm. If at all possible, schedule an appointment. Download the Blood Donor App RedCrossBlood.org. 1-800 733 2767. We will be serving hamburgers for those that want one and t-shirts (while supplies last).

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.

SAVE THE DATE: June 27-July 2 – Totus Tuus

St. Thomas the Apostle Church - Budget Summary - July 1, 2020 – March 31, 2021

Income	
General (Sunday collections, fundraisers, gifts from benefactors)	\$363,494.13
(Includes net income from Picnic \$63,183.20, Winter Fantasy \$24,320.83 and BBQ Dinner \$4,888.01)	
Special (Includes Building & Improvement Fund contributions)	\$ 96,733.02
Diocesan collections	\$ 6,965.00
Universal Church collections	\$ 3,950.09
Parish School (includes grants and gifts from benefactors)	\$250,844.73
Pre-School	\$ 45,683.80
Total Income	<u>\$767,670.77</u>
Expenses	
Church & Rectory General	\$105,216.97
(Includes \$5,804.26 for Rectory deck replacement, and \$12,800 for Church bell tower stairs)	
Church & Rectory Special (loan payment, improvements projects)	\$121,001.91
Diocesan collections	\$ 5,127.00
Universal Church collections	\$ 3,409.00
Parish School	\$508,811.20
(Includes \$37,222.52 for technology improvements funded by grants)	
Pre-School	\$ 53,710.11
Religious Education (PSR)	\$ 2,899.56
Vitae House	\$ 2,313.43
Parish Center (Includes \$5,160.00 for new A/C unit)	\$ 41,040.40
Total Expenses	<u>\$843,529.58</u>
Net Income (Loss)	<u>(\$ 75,858.81)</u>

CITY OF ST. THOMAS RESIDENTIAL SPRING CLEAN-UP with Republic Trash Service is Wednesday, May 12. There are clean-up guidelines set by Republic Trash Services. These guidelines are posted on the City of St. Thomas FaceBook page or you may call Republic Trash Service at (573) 635-8805.

APPRECIATION DANCE: Jerry and Mike Groner will be hosting an open dance at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Center on Saturday, May 8 in appreciation for all the years of patronage from their customers. Music by Shiloh from 8:00-11:00 PM. **Must be age 21 or older to enter.** Bring your own drinks.

OSAGE SENIOR CENTER: The Osage Senior Center, located in Wardsville, MO is now under new local management. The Center is looking for interested seniors to fill possible vacancies and/or be placed on the wait list. If you are interested or know people who may be interested, call (573) 632-2712, leave a message and our manager will call you back. Thank you.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH - Renovation Meeting Notes April 12, 2021

The Renovation Committee met with Kevin, Conrad Schmitt in the Church to review details. Present were Father Leonard, Sheri Wieberg, Sam Suthoff, Bill Boessen, Bill Lueckenhoff, Mark Luebbering, Janet Lueckenhoff, Barb Graessle, Brian Luebbering and Lauri Luebbering. The following were discussed:

- The raised step in the back of Church will be removed. We will most likely place a 16" trim on the floor so the sound board can continue at the same level around the corner and to the wall where St. Jude resides. The alcove where St. Jude is will remain as is. There will be electrical and duct work needed. It was noted that the trim at the front stairs on each side of Church will be placed on top of the sound board.
- Scaffolding: Kevin explained that their first task will be to install and set up the scaffolding, which will take 2 weeks. This will be set up to cover the entire width and length of Church, and anyone needing to will be allowed to use. There will also be scaffolding set up in the choir, and the benches in the choir will most likely need to be removed.
- Sound: Will West Sound will have the sound board painted using a paint number furnished by Conrad Schmitt (Sherwood Williams SuperPaint, most likely in Panda White, flat finish. The same color is also incorporated in the altar area). The trim will be made by William Luebbering Cabinets, most likely using MDF material. The trim will be fabricated, left in full length pieces, and sent to the sound board painter to be primed and painted using the same paint number. Sound board and trim will be installed after Conrad Schmitt fixes all the cracks and has applied the primer to the wall, which will likely be after the side altar area is painted. Once the Parish is satisfied with the crack repair, the trim will be cut to length and sound board and trim will be installed by Will West Sound and William Luebbering Cabinets. After nail holes etc. in the trim are filled in by the installers, Conrad Schmitt will apply final touch up paint to the sound board and trim.

Sound board without trim will be applied in the choir including the top corners. We also plan to apply sound board without trim behind the side and front altars.

Sam explained the final decision on speakers to Kevin, with two new speakers being installed in the front on each side of Church, and the existing speakers will move toward the choir, on each of the side walls. There will be trenches made to install speaker wire, and the plaster will be repaired by Conrad Schmitt.

- Lights: We hope to have a contractor rewire the lights while they are still hanging. Kevin suggested having a light shine upward, with a dimmer, and then having a separate light on a separate switch for the main light fixture. All lights will be LED lights.
- Stations: Stations of the Cross must be removed prior to scaffolding being installed. This will be scheduled in the 2-week preparation time before Conrad Schmitt starts to install scaffolding.
- Statues: The statues of Mary and Joseph can be removed after the scaffolding is built. The shelves will also be removed by the Parish.
- Floor protectant: Kevin was asked what he suggested in protecting the hardwood floors, he explained most of the time they install a water-proof paper. Full protection will be using some type of hard-surface board to cover the hardwood; however, with the cost of OSB, Mark Luebbering will research other hard surface boards that are cheaper. Another suggestion is to cover the hardwood with used carpet. We will need to place boards on top of the altar and the ambo to protect them. Scaffolding will be built around these objects. The carpeted area will not need to be protected since it will be removed.
- Electrical: Additional outlets were discussed, mainly on each of the front sides of the altar, behind the altar, in back of Church where the step will be removed and in the walkway behind the high altar.
- Floor covering: Kevin would like to see tile down the middle isle, like pictured in the design; however, with much attention being given to sound intelligibility, tile would defeat the purpose of keeping the echo sounds to a minimum. The more hard-surfaced floors we have, the harder it will be to achieve our sound goal. Janet presented her suggested carpet samples, and Kevin agreed with the choice. We will most likely have a border on each side of the main carpet up the aisle. Kevin suggested staying neutral (taupe or gray) not green or red which would draw too much attention to the floor. We will need to have carpet colors picked out prior to selecting paint colors.
- Side Altars: Various designs for the side altars were discussed with Kevin. The walls on each side are 7 ft. wide, and Kevin thought we could look into something up to 6 ft. wide. He feels a more substantial side altar design will be appealing, and be more like the original altars that were in the Church. Conrad Schmitt will design the paint and borders around our final side-altar design.
- Entryway: Bill Boessen discussed the entryways with Kevin. Kevin will research to see if there is a symbol for St. Thomas.
- Contract changes: Minor changes were discussed with Kevin to add wording around the inclusion of painting the side entryway, holding back 10% until after the final walk-thru is approved, and more wording around identifying the payment milestones with the Parish. Kevin will make these changes and send to Brian.
- Our next meeting is scheduled for April 20 in the school library.

