

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

**St. Cecilia**  
in Meta

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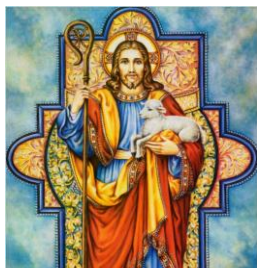
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**APRIL 30, 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 30-May 7:**

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Raymond Groner  
Wednesday 7:45 a.m.- L&D Alex Heckman Family  
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Teresa Kaiser  
Friday 7:45 a.m.- Walter Rehagen  
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes  
Becky Strope  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Gregory & Lucille Veit

**Your Sunday Offering:**

Offertory Budget for 2022-2023: \$305,000.00  
Offertory Goal through Month End: \$254,170.00  
Actual Collection for 2022-2023: **\$248,660.75**  
Offertory Difference Year to Date: -\$ 5,509.25  
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 \$ 2,047.47  
April 30 \$

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

**April total to date:** **\$24,135.83**

Difference for April: \$ 1,281.17

**Church Renovation Capital Campaign**

Total Pledges/Donations \$486,854.70

Total Collected \$487,044.77

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**

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

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

May 13 5:00 p.m.– Kelsey Kliethermes / Jeanette

May 14 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Anne Strope / Jackie

**St. Thomas the Apostle Readers**

May 6 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Jan Carter

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

May 13 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kathy Graessle

May 14 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jennifer Schroeder

**Saint Cecilia**

**Mass Schedule for the Week of April 30-May 7:**

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Tom Kleffner

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Robert “Bob” Lueckenotto

**Your Sunday Offering:**

Offertory Budget for 2022-2023: \$65,000.00  
Collection Total for 2022-2023: **\$55,085.21**  
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 \$ 507.00  
April 30 \$

**April total to date:** **\$6,706.00**

Difference for April: +\$1,289.33

**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. – Cathy Borgmeyer

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

Sunday, May 14 8:00 a.m. – Don Wansing

**St. Cecilia Organist**

Sunday, May 7 8:00 a.m. – Emilie

Sunday, May 14 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**

May 6 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Mark Boessen & Dave Luebbering  
May 7 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Richard Heckemeyer & TJ Loethen  
May 13 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Phil Akin & Gilbert Schellman  
May 14 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Josh Schroeder & Tom Backes  
**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**

May 6 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Jan Carter  
May 7 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Bill Luebbering  
May 13 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Brenda Wansing  
May 14 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Rosalyn Wieberg

### **St. Thomas the Apostle Servers**

Weekday – Angelina Veltrop & Annaline Schroeder  
May 6 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ava Buschjost, Evelyn Wooten  
May 7 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Erika Luebbering, Wyatt Otto,  
Angela Veltrop, Aliyah Buechter  
May 13 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Carmen Luebbering,  
Emerald Fennewald, Ellie & Sadie Boessen  
May 14 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Valerie, Max & Zeke Verslues,  
Wyatt Otto

### **St. Thomas the Apostle Offertory Gifts**

May 6 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Family of Becky Strobe  
May 7 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Family of Gregory & Lucille Veit

### **St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters**

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**

May 7 Lauri Luebbering  
May 14 Brooke Schell  
May 21 Dunja Wieberg  
May 28 Jenny Becker  
June 4 Karlie Reinkemeyer

### **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 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  
April 28: Sonya Henson, Susan Buechter, Jackie Prenger, Amy Buechter

**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, May 4** – Kristin Buschjost & Charlene Buschjost      **Thursday, May 11** – Susan Buschjost & Kelley 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.

### **A NOTE OF THANKS!**

Thank you to everyone who helped celebrate my birthday last Sunday! It was great catching up with family and friends!  
**Agnes Boessen (and family).**

**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.

**BISHOP MCKNIGHT MAY PRAYER INTENTON:** For the clergy and faithful of the Diocese of Jefferson City; may the reopening of our Cathedral strengthen our communion with God and one another in the one, holy, Catholic & Apostolic Church.

**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.**

### **St. Cecilia Eucharistic Ministers**

May 7 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Janice Schanzmeyer  
Ma7 14 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Jennifer Even

### **St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers**

May 7 Sunday 8:00 a.m. –Brendan Stumpe, Randy Hagenhoff,  
Kenny Otto, Otto Wankum  
May 14 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Leonard Schulte, Tony Derkum,  
William Derkum, Terry Libbert

### **St. Cecilia Servers**

May 7 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Skyla, Jesse & Tucker Schroeder  
May 14 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Ava & Gavin Werdehausen  
**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 Robert "Bob"  
Lueckenotto

### **Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia**

Wednesday 6:05 p.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer  
Glorious Mysteries  
May 7 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer  
Glorious Mysteries  
May 14 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Mary Plassmeyer  
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.

**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.

**PASTORS MEDITATION: Fourth Sunday of Easter. THE GATE TO LIFE IN ABUNDANCE. (Acts. 2:14, 36-41; 1Pt. 2:20b-25; Jn. 10:1-10)** On this Good Shepherd Sunday and the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, the Church reminds us of our call to become good shepherds of God's flock and good sheep of His parishes and invites us to pray for vocations to the priesthood, the diaconate, and the consecrated life. Both the Old and New Testaments use the image of a Shepherd and His flock to describe the unique relationship of God with Israel and of Christ with Christians. The first reading is taken from St. Peter's first sermon, given on the day of Pentecost. He reminds his Jewish listeners that they have crucified their true Shepherd. Hence, they need to receive forgiveness for their sin by receiving Baptism in the name of Jesus and acknowledging the risen Jesus as their Lord and Savior, as Jesus had commanded. The Responsorial Psalm (Ps 23) introduces Yahweh as the Good Shepherd of Israel Who cares for us, His sheep, providing for our needs. In the second reading, Peter encourages the suffering Christians to follow in the footsteps of their Good Shepherd, Jesus, the "suffering servant," realizing the truth that Jesus' suffering and death have enabled them to become more fully the children of God. In today's Gospel, two brief parables show us Jesus, the first, as a selfless, caring "shepherd" who provides for his sheep protection and life itself and the second, as our unique gateway ("sheep gate"), to eternal salvation. That is, besides guiding his flock to Eternal Life as the Good Shepherd, Jesus is himself the gateway to Eternal Life. So dear friends, we need to become good shepherds and good leaders: Everyone who is entrusted with the care of others is a shepherd. Hence, pastors, parents, teachers, doctors, nurses, government officials and caregivers among others, are all shepherds. We become good shepherds by loving those entrusted to us, praying for them, spending our time, talents and blessings for their welfare and guarding them from physical and spiritual dangers. Parents must be especially careful in fulfilling their duties toward their children, giving them a good example and instruction and training them in Christian principles. We need to become good sheep in the fold of Jesus, the Good Shepherd: Our local parish is our sheepfold and our pastors are our shepherds. Jesus is the High Priest, the Bishops are the successors of the Apostles, the pastors are their helpers and the parishioners are the sheep. Hence, as the good sheep of the parish, parishioners are expected to a) Hear and follow the voice of our shepherds through their homilies, Bible classes, counseling and advice. b) Receive the spiritual food given by our pastors through our regular participation in the Holy Mass, our frequenting of the Sacraments, and our participation in the prayer services, renewal programs, and missions they offer. c) Cooperate with our pastors by giving them positive suggestions for the welfare of the parish, encouraging them in their duties, offering them loving, constructive advice when they are found misbehaving or failing in their duties, and always by praying for them) Actively participate in the activities of various councils, ministries and parish associations. 3) We need to pray for vocations. **Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukibi**

**A ROSARY FOR OUR COUNTRY** will be prayed on Thursday, May 4, 5:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE HOLY HOUR AND ANOINTING OF THE SICK** is Friday, May 5, 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 Strope who have completed their 3-year term. Call Debbie Strope 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, May 3 – Diocesan 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Vocation Day & 8<sup>TH</sup> Grade NET Retreat

Friday, May 5 – First Friday

Monday, May 8 – K-8 Field Trip

Friday, May 12 – Field Day

Tuesday, May 16 – Preschool Promotion 2:15 p.m.

Wednesday, May 17 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 18 – Last Day of School 11:05 dismissal P-8

**FUNDRAISER FOR THE FENNEWALD EDUCATIONAL FUND (IN MEMORY OF AARON FENNEWALD) ON MAY 13:** Pork steak and hot dog dinners, St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Center - sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council #2149 and the Ladies Auxiliary, the St. Thomas the Apostle School and the St. Thomas 4-H Club. A flyer will be included in next week's bulletin.

**BLOOD DRIVE** is scheduled for Tuesday, 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. Capital Cinema 4/30: 2:00 p.m.

**VISITATION PARISH SPRING FESTIVAL, VIENNA** is Sunday, May 7, at the K of C Hall, serving fried chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, green beans, coleslaw, homemade bread & pie for \$12.00 a plate from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Drive through dinner with carryout & indoor seating available,

**SAVE THE DATES: Totus Tuus – June 4-9**

**St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Picnic – August 20, 2023**

**St. Thomas the Apostle Parish 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Fantasy – November 4, 2023**



# Totus Tuus Summer Camp

2023 Registration Form: June 4<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> for Grades 1-12

**Grades 1-6: Monday through Friday 7:45 am – 1:30 pm  
at St. Thomas the Apostle**

**Grades 7-12: Sunday through Thursday 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
at St. Thomas the Apostle**

Parent(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work/cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Children being enrolled in Totus Tuus at St. Thomas the Apostle:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade (In fall): \_\_\_\_\_ Medical info/ food allergies to be aware of: \_\_\_\_\_


**Cost for the week is \$30 per child for Grades 1 – 6.  
Each child will need to bring their own lunch for the day program.**

**Cost for the week is \$15 per child for Grades 7 – 12.  
An evening meal will be provided for Grades 7 - 12.**

## Volunteers

**We will be needing volunteers for Totus Tuus. If you can volunteer, please fill out the form below.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Choose Any:**

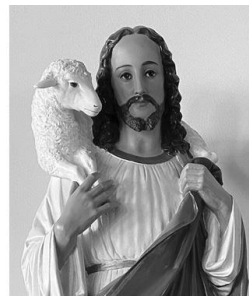
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**Evening Meals (Sunday through Thursday) will be for the Missionaries and kids.**

**He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you had gone astray like sheep, but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.**

**I Peter 2: 24-25**

***Jesus is the Good Shepherd who is the guardian of our souls and we entrust ourselves and our lives gratefully to Him.***



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