

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

St. Cecilia
in Meta

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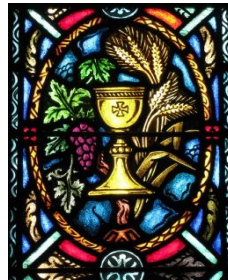
19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 11, 2019

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St. Thomas Parish Office hours: Tuesdays 8:30 a.m. – 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.

Confessions: Saturdays 4:00 - 4:45 p.m. at St. Thomas; Sundays 7:30 - 7:50 a.m. at St. Cecilia;
or anytime by appointment, just call Father.

Saint Thomas the Apostle

Mass Schedule for the Week of August 11-18:

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Donald Schaefer
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – L&D Frank & Katherine Wieberg
Family
Thursday 5:30 p.m. – People of our Parishes
Friday 7:45 a.m. – Gerry Luebbering
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes
Keith Luebbering
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Herb Verslues & Chris Verslues

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2019-2020:	\$305,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End:	\$ 50,834.00
Actual Collection for 2019-2020:	\$ 32,833.75
Offertory Difference Year to Date:	– \$ 18,000.25
Offertory Goal per month:	\$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

August 4	\$ 4,916.50
August 11	\$
August 18	\$
August 28	\$

Collection Online: \$ 4,642.00
August total to date: **\$ 9,558.50**
Difference for August: –\$ 15,858.50

St. Thomas the Apostle Expansion & Building Fund

Total Expansion Project expenses paid: \$2,273,475.34
Income from parishioners for FY 2019-2020
(via the yellow "Building Fund" envelope): **\$ 2,783.25**
Loan payments to date for FY 2019-2020: **\$9,227.74**
(Principal) \$8,330.05 (Interest) \$897.69
Parish Building Expansion Debt remaining: **\$192,408.80**

St. Thomas the Apostle Cantor / Organist

Thursday 5:30 p.m. – Kerry Meyer / Annette Kehner
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Lisa Wieberg / Annette Kehner
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Kelsey Kliethermes / Annette Kehner

St. Thomas the Apostle Reader

Thursday 5:30 p.m. – Alan Reinkemeyer
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Amanda Wooten
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Daffiny Tallent

St. Thomas the Apostle Altar Servers

Weekday – Sophie & Henry Fine
Thursday 5:30 p.m. – Owen Schellman,
Dawson Wieberg, Kenadi Braun
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Cameron & Chesney Luebbering,
Cale Luebbert, Rowan Buechter
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Francie Tallent, Molly Suthoff,
Kadence & Dylan Kliegel

St. Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of August 11-18:

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Hugo & Rosalyne Bisges

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Vince & Brad Reinkemeyer

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2019-2020:	\$62,000.00
Collection Total for 2019-2020:	\$ 5,445.00
Offertory Goal per month:	\$ 5,166.67

Collection in Church:

August 4	\$ 1,017.00
August 11	\$
August 18	\$
August 28	\$
August total to date:	\$ 1,017.00
Difference for August:	–\$ 4,149.67

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

August – Dale & Margie Helton

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

St. Cecilia Reader

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Doris Stumpe
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Jennifer Even

St. Cecilia Altar Servers

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. – Skyla, Jesse & Tucker
Schroeder
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Josh & Alex Even

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

St. Thomas Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Thursday, Aug. 15 5:30 p.m. – Lynne Reinkemeyer, Mike & Sheri Wieberg

August 17-18

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Paul & Jenny Becker, Emily Luebbering

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Janet Lueckenhoff, Glenn Prenger, Bill Luebbering

August 24-25

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Marshall Boessen, Brenda Wansing, Betty Schellman

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Linda Lueckenhoff, Mike & Sheri Wieberg

St. Thomas Greeters/Ushers

Thursday, Aug. 15 5:30 p.m. – Eric & Keith Boessen

August 17-18

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Carolyn Loethen & Mark Boessen

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jim Lueckenhoff & Art Groner

August 24-25

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mike Groner & Eric Strobe

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Larry Lueckenhoff & Cash McManus

St. Thomas Presentation of Gifts at Mass

Thursday, Aug. 15 5:30 p.m. – Tom & Carol Backes Family

August 17-18

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Robyn & Rebecca Schroeder

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Brian & Katie Luebbering Family

August 24-25

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark & Barb Graessle

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Ray & Shirley Volmert

St. Thomas Collection Counters

August 10-11 – Jennifer Schroeder & Dunja Wieberg

August 18 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes

August 25 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas:

Tuesday 7:20 a.m. – Joann Heckman – Sorrowful

Thursday 7:20 a.m. – Viola Boessen – Luminous

Thursday 5:05 p.m. – Barb Graessle – Luminous

Friday 7:20 a.m. – Bob Schellman – Sorrowful

Saturday 4:35 p.m. – Paul Becker – Glorious

Sunday 9:35 a.m. – Pat Loethen – Glorious

SCRIP: August 24-25 Saturday – Lindsay Luebbering

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Amy Luebbering

Visit www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip for more information about the Scrip program. Scrip is available after every other weekend Mass in St. Thomas during the Summer. You can contact Daffiny Tallent at 573-694-4408 to purchase anytime. A large variety of cards in various denominations are in stock and available for purchase.

BISHOP MCKNIGHT'S AUGUST PRAYER INTENTION: For the education of our youth in the faith. May parents and teachers share their knowledge with gentleness and patience, and may students thirst for knowledge of the things of this world while always pursuing God's wisdom.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: Mass will be celebrated **Wednesday, August 14 at 6:30 p.m. St. Cecilia; Thursday, August 15 at 7:45 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle.**

PASTOR'S MEDITATION

"What kind of Christ do we want to embrace? (Mt 16: 13-23) Jesus was broken on the cross. He lived through his suffering and death not wanting to avoid them but embracing them as his mission, but Peter could not accept a Christ crowned with thorns and dying on the cross. He remonstrated, "God forbid, Lord" this shall not happen to you. He felt comfortable with a gold crowned Christ. What kind of Christ do we want to embrace? A Christ of an elite bourgeois Christianity or the Christ of a ruling class or a Christ robed in silk and seated on the Ivory throne? No way, the true Christ is a broken one because we too are broken. We live with broken bodies, broken hearts, and broken minds/spirits. We suffer from broken relationships, but Jesus invites us to embrace our brokenness as he embraced the cross. He asks us not to reject our brokenness as a curse from God that reminds us of our sinfulness, but to accept it and put it under God's blessing for our purification and sanctification. In this way our brokenness can become a gateway to new life with the risen Lord."

BULLETIN NOTICES: Deadline for bulletin notices is noon on Wednesdays.

LECTORS: Please come to the podium to read the petitions as soon as the Apostles Creed is over.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Please return the chalices to the altar when finished so Fr. Leonard can purify them.

THE ST. THOMAS PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC) is seeking volunteers to learn and assist Dale Herigon with the maintenance of the Church tower bells. Anyone who is interested please contact Dale at 573-477-3449.

ST. CECILIA PRAYER LINE REQUESTS can be made by calling Florentine Hagenhoff at 573-229-4315. Please leave a message if no answer. Additional Prayer Line Ministers are needed. For more information, please call Florentine.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PRAYER LINE REQUESTS should be emailed to Jenny Becker at jbeckeroffice@gmail.com or by calling (573) 690-0642. The Prayer Line exists to communicate prayer intentions for those in need of healing.

THE SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE is meeting on Monday, August 12 at 6:00 pm in the School library.

St. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Wednesday, Aug. 14 6:30 p.m. – Brenda Wansing, Betty Hagenhoff, Dorothy Rehagen

August 18

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

Doris Stumpe

August 25

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer,

Jennifer Even

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

Wednesday, Aug. 14 – 6:30 p.m. – Dominic Plassmeyer, Harold Libbert, Leon Schanzmeyer, Mitch Stumpe

August 18

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Kenny Otto, Larry Lueckenotto, Mitch

Stumpe, Darin Even

August 25

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Darin Even, Leonard Schulte, Harold

Libbert, Anton Libbert

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Wednesday, 6:05 p.m. – Florentine Hagenhoff – Glorious

Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Mary Plassmeyer- Sorrowful

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

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 PICNIC RAFFLE CHANCES: Please remember to pick up your picnic raffle chances in Church. Each family is asked to sell \$20 or more of raffle chances. Sold raffle chances and money can be returned in an envelope in the collection basket or to the Grand Raffle stand on picnic day.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PICNIC WORK LIST has been updated to include shift times for table waitresses. See bulletin attachment.

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION is Tuesday, August 13, 7:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL DROP OFF & PICK UP REMINDERS: For the safety of our children, please remember to ENTER from PARK STREET and EXIT from the Church parking lot. This will keep our children safe and the traffic flowing smoothly.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL STUDENTS...SPORTS PHYSICAL REMINDER: Any student planning on playing sports during the 2019-2020 school year will need a physical, this includes archery. The student will need a physical before they can practice any sport. This is a policy of the Diocese of Jefferson City.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL FAMILY FOLDERS are available in the back of St. Thomas Church.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tuesday, August 13 – Open House 5:45 p.m. & Mandatory Parent Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 15 – First Day of School

Thursday, August 22 – Home & School Meeting 6:30 p.m.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF – 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR:

Pastor: Fr. Leonard Mukibi

Principal: Mr. Leroy Heckemeyer

School/Parish Secretary: Mrs. Diane Lueckenhoff

Parish Administrative Secretary: Mrs. Jenny Becker

Parish Bookkeeper: Mrs. Jan Heckemeyer

TEACHING STAFF

7th & 8th Grade: Ms. Kristin Morris

5th & 6th Grade: Mrs. Madison VanderFeltz

3rd & 4th Grade: Mrs. Michelle Komoroski

2nd Grade: Mrs. Sarah Schwartz

1st Grade: Mrs. Michelle Siebeneck

Kindergarten: Mrs. Daffiny Tallent

Preschool: Miss Jaycine Bax

Preschool Aid: Miss Renee Stockman

Art: Mrs. Lizzie Linhardt

Music: Mrs. Rose Ann Ruzicka

P.E.: Mr. Leroy Heckemeyer

SUPPORT STAFF

Head Cook: Mrs. Juliana Loaiza

Assistant Cook: Mrs. Linda Kloeppel

Custodians: Mr. Gilbert Strobe & Mr. Norbert Risse

All our staff members wear many hats and do multiple jobs throughout the year to make our school successful. This working together is what makes a great team! We ask for your continued prayers and support as we embark on a new exciting school year!

God Bless, **Mr. Leroy Heckemeyer**

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PRESCHOOL: If you have a preschool age child and have been thinking about preschool, please contact the school office at 573-477-3322 or Miss Jaycine Bax at jbaxstacs@gmail.com

THE ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH GROUNDS "GRASS CUTTING TEAM ROTATION" FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK:

Week of August 12 Mark Graessle, Jeff Cassmeyer and Fred Luebbering Team

Week of August 19 Richard Schellman, Pat Schellman and Paul Struempf Team

Week of August 26 Mark Luebbering, Antone Luebbering and Nick Luebbering Team

Grass cutting teams are reminded to try to cut grass "as needed" each week with the goal of having things looking good for weekend mass, weddings, etc. Many thanks to all of our parish volunteers and should anyone else be interested in putting together a "Grass Cutting Team" please contact Alan Reinkemeyer at 573-694-6984.

META QUILTING – Quilting for the 2020 St. Cecilia Parish/Citizens Civic League Quilt Auction will begin August 11 at the Quilters' Cottage. Please join us on Tuesdays during the day and evening and Thursdays in the evening. If you are interested in quilting, come join us even if it's only for an hour or two. Every stitch counts! For further information, contact Karyn Veltrop at 229-4395.

ST. THOMAS CEMETERY ASSOCIATION UPDATE

We are very grateful to the following donors for their contributions making recent cemetery improvements a reality. Visitors are complimentary of our cemetery which is beautiful, but constant maintenance is necessary to maintain it.

Thanks to Harry Bexten for his generous land donation making the cemetery expansion possible. The new chain link fence extension donations were received from Paul & Lillian Lackman, Steve & Lucy Suthoff, and Vic & Rita Otto Family. Most recently, the committee members – Paul Lackman, Brian Lackman, Donnie Boessen, Lisa Lackman, Bob Buschjost and Hayden Lackman – painted the original fence and mounted flag holders. Virgil, Tony and Chuck Kirkweg donated their labor repairing fence posts, making flag brackets and poles. Fourteen large flags will proudly fly on holidays and special occasions beginning with our Parish Picnic weekend. Flags were donated in memory of Roman Wieberg, Jr.

Please pay a visit to your deceased loved ones and check out the work.

THE NEXT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING is Tuesday, August 13, 7:30 p.m. A rosary will be prayed at 7:15 p.m.

Please read the August newsletter attached to the bulletin.

SACRED HEART PARISH PICNIC, RICH FOUNTAIN is this Sunday, August 11, serving fried chicken & roast beef dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Adults \$12.00, children 6-12 \$5.00. Quilt auction 6:00 p.m.

SAVE THE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR:

Sunday, August 18, 2019 – St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Picnic

Sunday, October 6, 2019 – St. Thomas the Apostle Parish 150th Heritage Celebration for the public

Saturday, November 2, 2019 – St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Fall Fantasy

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Pastoral Council Minutes
July 30, 2019

PPC Goal: Develop a more inclusive sense of community in our Parish by encouraging the growth of our relationships with each other and with God.

Members present:

Fr. Leonard, Alan Reinkemeyer, Jason Buschjost, Mark Luebbering, Brian Luebbering, Paul Becker, Steve Schellman, Ryan Wieberg, Barb Graessle, Jackie Prenger, Leroy Heckemeyer, and Theresa Veit

Absent: Jan Carter, Curt Goeller

Father led the Parish Pastoral Council in prayer.

New Members of the Parish Pastoral Council are Alan Reinkemeyer, Barb Graessle, Jackie Prenger, and Curt Goeller.

Principal's Report (Leroy):

- The teachers and Leroy have decided that we will be concentrating on Language Arts and Math for this school year and we will also be focusing on the character trait "Kindness" for the year!
- We are working on ordering all the supplies for the teachers for this coming school year. We will be getting some new social studies materials for this school year and some new math materials for grades 2, 3 and 4. Our Teacher Workshops will be held on August 12th and 13th for this year.
- Window Blinds have been ordered for Kindergarten, First, and Second grade rooms.
- A lot of the classroom floors have been waxed and they look great. The floors have all been done by Jim Lueckenhoff and his crew. The rest of the building will be done during the remainder of the summer.
- Leroy purchased 21 new tablets and 8 Chromebooks for teachers to use and we are working on other technology materials that we may want to purchase with the technology grants that Leroy received from the Diocese the last 2 school years.
- The parking lot and sidewalks have all been completed and they are beautiful! These areas will be wonderful to park on and for the kids to play on during recess. There has been some pea gravel added to the playground, but Leroy is working on getting a few more loads.
- Open House will be held on Tuesday, August 13th at 5:45 p.m., and then our Mandatory Parent Meeting will follow starting at 6:30 p.m. in the gym.
- The first day of school will be on Thursday, August 15th. We currently have 89 students who are registered to come to school this fall. This is the same number as last year.
- The first Home & School meeting will be on Thursday, August 22nd at 6:30 p.m.
- New leadership for the Catholic Schools in the Diocese.

Worship Committee Report:

- Discussion of Adoration/Benediction on First Friday. – Holy Hour will be held at 7:00 p.m. at St. Thomas on First Friday.
- First weekend of month will have a special prayer for married couples.
- Add the first verse of the song *O Lord, I am Not Worthy* before communion.

Christian Education Report:

- Confirmation (for 10th, 11th, and 12th grades) will be held this year.

Social Concerns Report:

- Time and Talent Sheets will be updated.
- Website – Need a list of names of ushers, lectors, lay ministers, etc.

Administration Report:

- Concrete Paving Project
 - Painting of parking spaces will be done after the sealing.
 - Sealing joints on the parking lot soon (4 days that parking lot cannot be driven on)
 - Parking blocks at School
- Handrail for Church Sanctuary – Mark will talk to Virgil Kirkweg.
- Church Painting Project – The committee will have three different bids
- Parish Project List
 - Bell Tower – Timing of when bells are rung - need clock in bell tower and meeting with ushers.
- Leaking at School – Needs to be repaired

Old Business:

- Sesquicentennial Update
 - October 6th open to the public
- AED Administration
 - They will need to be certified each year. Alan will follow-up on this.

New Business:

- PPC officer elections
 - President - Alan Reinkemeyer
 - Vice-President – Brian Luebbering
 - Secretary – Theresa Veit
- PPC Committees
 - Worship/Education – Theresa Veit, Barb Graessle, Jackie Prenger, Paul Becker
 - Social Concerns – Brian Luebbering, Jan Carter, Jason Buschjost, Steve Schellman
 - Administration – Mark Luebbering, Curt Goeller, Ryan Wieberg, Alan Reinkemeyer

Pastor's Report (Fr. Leonard)

- Thanked the PPC for all they do for the parish.
- Thanked the Sesquicentennial committee for June celebration.
- Father will add a meditation or bible verse to the weekly bulletin.
- Father will be at Meta on Wednesdays after morning mass at St. Thomas.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 24, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the Vitae House

The meeting was adjourned and Father ended with a prayer.