

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

St. Cecilia
in Meta

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20TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

August 14, 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 Aug. 14-21:

Monday 7:45 a.m. – L & D Herman & Gertie Hoecker Family
Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – **No Mass**
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – **No Mass (Summer Schedule)**
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Joe, Antonia & Richard Schwartz
Friday 7:45 a.m. – Mary Lou Bax
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – David A. Boessen
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – People of our Parishes
Jim Engelmeyer

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2022-2023:	\$305,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End:	\$ 50,834.00
Actual Collection for 2022-2023:	\$ 38,153.92
Offertory Difference Year to Date:	\$ 12,680.08
Offertory Goal per month:	\$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

August 7	\$ 5,823.81
August 14	\$
August 21	\$
August 28	\$

Collection Online: \$ 5,899.50
August total to date: **\$ 11,723.31**
Difference for August -\$ 13,693.69

Church Renovation Capital Campaign

Total Pledges/Donations	\$484,477.70
Total Collected	\$437,461.91
Total Expenses Paid	\$695,920.95

A total of 128 parishioners have returned pledge cards/or
Contributed to the renovation project.
Church Renovation Loan Balance \$168,146.12
Loan payments to date \$36,145.00
(principal) \$31,853.88 (interest) \$4,291.12

St. Thomas the Apostle Cantors / Organists

Aug. 20 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Jean Kliethermes / Jeanette
Aug. 21 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Judy Schroeder / Lydia
Aug. 27 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Amanda Wooten / Alanna
Aug. 28 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Lisa Wieberg / Jeanette

St. Thomas the Apostle Readers

Aug. 20 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mary Kay Brand
Aug. 21 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jim Lueckenhoff
Aug. 27 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kathy Graessle
Aug. 28 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jan Heckemeyer

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of Aug.14-21:

Wednesday 6:30 p.m.- Anna Otto & Marsha Meyer

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Betty Trippensee

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2022-2023:	\$62,000.00
Collection Total for 2022-2023:	\$ 7,767.00
Offertory Goal per month:	\$ 5,166.67

Collection in Church:

August 7	\$ 949.00
August 14	\$
August 21	\$
August 28	\$

August total to date: **\$ 949.00**
Difference for August: +\$ 4,217.67

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

August – Dale & Margie Helton

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

St. Cecilia Readers

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. –Dorothy Rehagen
Aug. 21 8:00 a.m. – Betty Hagenhoff
Aug. 28 8:00 a.m. – Doris Stumpe

St. Cecilia Organist

Aug. 21 8:00 a.m. – Emilie
Aug. 28 8:00 a.m. – Jackie

**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

Aug. 20 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark Boessen & Dave Luebbering
Aug. 21 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Alan Reinkemeyer & Doug Stockman
Aug. 27 Saturday 5:00p.m.- Eric & Roseanne Boessen
Aug. 28 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Simon Strope & Craig Buechter
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

Aug. 20 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Lora Boessen
Aug. 21 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Janet Lueckenhoff
Aug. 27 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Barb Graessle
Aug. 28 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Lynne Reinkemeyer

St. Thomas the Apostle Servers

Aug. 20 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Miranda Meyer, Gregory Kirby,
Kora Luebbering
Aug. 21 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Francie & Hannah Tallent,
Ben Otto, Wyatt Otto
Aug. 27 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Gregory Kirby, Carmen Luebbering
Ava Buschjost, Evelyn Wooten
Aug. 28 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Valerie & Zeke Verslues,
Aliyah Buechter, Ellie Boessen

St. Thomas the Apostle Offertory Gifts

Aug. 20 Saturday:00 p.m. – Alfred & Margie Kaiser
Aug. 21 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Riley & Daffiny Tallent Family
Aug. 27 Saturday, 5:00 p.m. – Gilbert & Betty Schellman
Aug. 28 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Craig & Kaylie Buechter Family

St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters

Aug. 21 – Ron & Theresa Veit
Aug. 28 – Dunja Wieberg & Jennifer Schroeder
Sept. 4 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman
Sept. 11 – Paul Becker & Shara Buechter
Sept. 18 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes
Sept. 25 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg

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

Aug. 21 Jenny Becker
Aug. 28 Karlie Reinkemeyer
Sept. 4 Lauri Luebbering
Sept. 11 Brooke Schell
Sept. 18 Dunja Wieberg

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas

Monday, 7:25 a.m. – Bob Schellman – Joyful Mysteries
Tuesday, 7:25 a.m. – No Mass
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 – Luminous Mysteries
Sunday 9:35 a.m. – Tina Stockman – Luminous Mysteries

St. Thomas the Apostle Church Cleaners

Aug. 14: Lynne Reinkemeyer, Linda Boessen, Lauri Luebbering, Lisa Lackman
Aug. 21: Sonya Henson, Susan Buechter, Jackie Prenger, Amy Buechter
Aug. 28: Janet Lueckenhoff, Jim Lueckenhoff, Charlene Buschjost, Randy Buschjost
Sept. 4: Alan Libbert, Nancy Libbert, Darrel Buechter, Jan Heckemeyer
Sept. 11: Brooke Schell, Tina Stockman, Gina Luebbering, Karen Luebbering

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

BULLETIN NOTICES: Deadline for bulletin is Wednesday at noon.

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.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: Fr, Leonard will celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (not a Holy Day of Obligation) on Monday, August 15th at 7:45 am. There will be no morning mass on Tuesday, August 16th.

ATTENTION USHERS: Monthly Mass Attendance Report beginning in August. *The form to fill out is in the back of St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church and St. Cecilia Catholic Church.*

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PSR: St. Thomas the Apostle 7th Grade PSR teacher needed- PSR is in need of a teacher(s) for 7th grade. Please reach out to Karlie Reinkemeyer if you are interested. 573-645-3182 or karlie.reinkemeyer@gmail.com.

BISHOP MCKNIGHT'S AUGUST PRAYER INTENTION: For a new commitment to building, and America where children are welcomed, cherished and cared for; where mothers and fathers are encouraged and strengthened; and where marriage and the family are recognized and supported as the true foundations of a healthy and flourishing society.

St. Cecilia Eucharistic Ministers

Aug. 21 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Mary Plassmeyer
Aug. 28 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Doris Stumpe

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

Aug. 21 Sunday 8:00 a.m.- William Derkum, Terry Libbert,
Harold Libbert, Leon Schanzmeyer
Aug. 28 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Darin Even, Mitch Stumpe,
Brendan Stumpe, Randy Hagenhoff

St. Cecilia Servers

Aug. 21 Sunday 8:00 a.m.- Shelby & Madison Wankum
Aug. 28 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

Aug. 21 Sunday 8:00 a.m.- Family of Betty Trippensee

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Wednesday 6:05 p.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer –Glorius Mysteries
Aug. 21 Sunday 7:35 a.m.- Mary Plassmesyer
Joyful Mysteries
Aug. 28 Sunday 7:35 a.m.– Dorothy Rehagen
Luminous 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.

PASTORS MEDITATION: 19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: THE FIRE OF JESUS UPON THE EARTH. (Jer. 38:4-6, 8-10; Heb. 12:1-4; Lk. 12: 49-53) Commitment to Jesus sometimes puts us in opposition to those we love. Today's readings remind us that we should courageously live out our religious convictions and principles in our lives, as Jeremiah, Paul, and Jesus did, even if doing so should result in our martyrdom and turn society upside down. If no one is ever offended by the quality of our commitment to Christ, then perhaps we are practicing "inoffensive Christianity."

Jeremiah, in our first reading, is presented as experiencing the consequences of the burning word of God within him. Jeremiah's preaching divided the city and incited such opposition that people sought his death. He showed the courage of his prophetic conviction by telling the king that he had to surrender to the mighty army of Babylonian empire to save Israel. The result was that Jeremiah was thrown into a deep, muddy unused cistern to die for his "treason."

Today's Psalm (Ps 40), has us sing what could have been Jeremiah's plea to God, "Lord! Come to my aid!" Standing in this prophetic tradition, Paul, in the second reading, challenges the Judeo-Christians to stand firm in their Faith in Jesus, ignoring the ostracism imposed on them by their own former Jewish community. In today's Gospel, Jesus too, preaches the word of God which continues to divide families, a word which he knew would lead ultimately to his death. The fire Jesus brings is the fire of love and the fire of hope. The disruption, division and revolution which Jesus and his true followers cause in society by the fire of sacrificial love and the fire of justice, are necessary to re-set what's fractured, put right what's dislocated and cleanse what's infected. In other words, the curative pain caused by Jesus' ideas and ideals is necessary for the establishment of real shalom of God. Even though Jesus brings a sword and causes division, he is the bringer of true and lasting peace. In pursuing his mission, Jesus brings division because some follow him and others oppose him. We must make a decision to follow him or not, to share his "baptism" or not. This choice can result in division, even within families. Therefore, friends let us learn to appreciate the contemporary prophets in the Church: Cardinal Avery Dulles, remarks: "Christianity is not healthy unless there is room in it for prophetic protest against abuses of authority." God continues to send such prophets to every parish community, and it is the duty of the bishop, pastor and parish council to listen to the well-intended, constructive criticisms of such Jeremiahs.

We should have fire in our hearts: On the day of our Baptism, we received the light of Christ and were instructed to keep that torch burning brightly until the return of Christ Jesus. In addition, the Holy Spirit was sent into our hearts at Confirmation to help set us on fire. "One who is on fire cannot sit on a chair." So, as Christians on fire, we have to inflame people to care, to serve and to bless one another with all the gifts of Faith. We should allow that fire to burn off the impurities in us and to bring out the purity of the gold and silver within us. **Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukiibi**

SEE CITY DEANERY PASTORAL LEADERSHIP MEETING: All priests, deacons, parish life collaborators and parish council chairs are invited to join their deans and Diocesan Pastoral Council representatives for a meeting, The gathering of priests, deacons, parish life collaborators and parish pastoral council chairs within a deanery allows for a strategic and integrated use of mission resources. Each parish should have, at a minimum, the pastor and someone from its pastoral council in attendance. The meeting is **August 16, 6:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Joseph, Mary Room (Lower level of parish office) 2305 W Main Street, Jefferson City**

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PICNIC 2022 NOTES: Pies: A reminder that each household is asked to donate **three or more** homemade pies, or substitute with cupcakes, sheet cakes, or brownies; no cobblers please.

Homemade Bread: Donations of homemade bread will be needed this year. Each household is asked to donate two-three loaves of sliced bread.

Country Store: Any baked good (breads, cakes, pies, cookies, brownies, etc.), home canned foods, jellies, fresh fruits and vegetables sell very well. *Please help bake and provide items for the country store. Note that Country store stand "worker baking" will be very limited this year.* If berries/fruit for pies are frozen, they should be dropped off at the parish kitchen Friday evening, August 19.

The Country Store could use large and X-large aluminum pie pans for rolls. Also, if you have fresh or canned fruit, juice or jelly or other items to donate to the country store, please contact Lucy Suthoff (477-3430) Roseanne Boessen (477-0168) or Cathy Schroeder (496-3213).

Grand Raffle: Grand Raffle tickets are at both entrances of church. Extra raffle tickets are in the entrances of church and at Speedy B's, or by contacting a picnic committee member. Sold tickets may be returned in the collection basket in an envelope marked "raffle," or to the Grand Raffle stand on picnic day.

Advertising: Picnic and quilt flyers are in the entrances to church. Please take some and distribute them. Your assistance in spreading the word is very important to the success of our picnic.

Food Donations: We need **tomatoes and cucumbers** for the meal. Please bring to the hall by Thursday August 18th if you have tomatoes and cucumbers to donate. Please **DO NOT REFRIGERATE TOMATOES**, if at all possible.

Work list: The work list is on the Parish website and at the entrances of St. Thomas the Apostle Church. This is the final version. If you cannot work or need to change time or place, please contact your stand chairperson ASAP. If you are not on the worklist and are willing to work, please contact a member of the Picnic Committee (names & numbers listed on the worklist). Parents should encourage their children to work, we need everyone's help, to make our picnic a success!

Please help clean up Sunday. All work areas should be cleaned by the shift workers. This includes washing pots (and any other items), taking care of trash throughout the day and putting away supplies and equipment before you leave. School will be in session soon, so Sunday evening clean-up is important.

Additional notes: Last year we ended picnic day with several boxes of unfried (raw), leftover chicken. In the event this situation is repeated this year, the picnic committee would like to have a predetermined list of potential chicken buyers prior to picnic day. Any leftover unfried chicken will be sold to parishioners at cost, by the box (50-55 lbs.), following the meal. If you are interested in purchasing unfried chicken (may or may not be seasoned), please contact Karen Struempfler (*phone or text – 573.619.7796*), to get on the list. Please indicate how many boxes you would be interested in purchasing, should it be available. The picnic committee would like to identify volunteers willing to bag plasticware, and potentially assist with other similar tasks, prior to picnic day. If you are "retired" from the worklist, or otherwise unable to work on Picnic Day and would like to volunteer, please contact a committee member at the number listed on the DRAFT worklist attached to this bulletin.

Parking will be available in Gilbert Schellman's field. Please use Steve Schellman's driveway. Please do not park in those areas reserved for handicapped visitors, we want to ensure our visitors have a pleasant experience and there is ample parking.

We will use the number system for dinner tickets. All tickets must be purchased on the day of picnic with ticket sales starting at 10:00 am. Drive thru meals will also be available (follow the signs), as well as walk-up carry outs. **On behalf of the picnic committee, THANK YOU in advance, for making this a successful picnic! As the largest fundraiser in our parish, everyone's help is needed and is greatly appreciated. We hope to see you Picnic Sunday!**

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF – 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR:

Pastor: Fr. Leonard Mukiibi
Principal: Mr. Leroy Heckemeyer
School/Parish Secretary: Mrs. Diane Lueckenhoff
Parish Administrative Secretary: Mrs. Theresa Veit
Parish Bookkeeper: Mrs. Jan Heckemeyer

TEACHING STAFF SUPPORT STAFF

7th & 8th Grade: Ms. Kristin Morris
5th & 6th Grade: Mrs. Madison VanderFeltz
3rd & 4th Grade: Mrs. Lauren Buechter
2nd Grade: Mrs. Sarah Schwartz
1st Grade: Mrs. Michelle Siebeneck
Kindergarten: Mrs. Daffiny Tallent
Preschool: Mrs. Lizzie Linhardt
Extended Care for Preschool: Mrs. Elizabeth Bax
Extended Care: Miss. Alyssa Seidel
Art: Miss Alyssa Seidel/Mrs. Karen Kliethermes
Music: Mrs. Rose Ann Ruzicka
P.E.: Mr. Leroy Heckemeyer
Head Cook: Mrs. Angela Christian
Assistant Cooks: Mrs. Mary Kay Brand (2 days) & Mrs. Amanda Boessen (3 days)
Custodians: Mr. Gilbert Strobe & Mr. Gary Veltrop

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL NEWS:

Tuesday, August 16, Open House 6:00 p.m. Mandatory Parent's meeting 6:30 p.m. in Parish Center
Wednesday, August 17, First day of School
Monday, August 22, NO SCHOOL P-8
Thursday, August 25, Home & School Meeting 6:30 p.m.

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:

Week of Aug. 14	Mark Luebbering, Nick Luebbering and Anthony Luebbering, Jason Otto
Week of Aug. 21	Dick Schellman, Patrick Schellman, Paul Struempf, Rob Henson
Week of Aug 28	Alan Reinkemeyer, Richard Heckemeyer and Dave Schroeder
Week of Sept. 4	Fred Luebbering, Mark Graessle and Jeff Cassmeyer
Week of Sept. 11	Paul & Jenny Becker, Eric Buechter, Josh Schroeder

SACRED HEART PARISH PICNIC, RICH FOUNTAIN is Sunday, August 14, serving fried chicken & German pot roast dinners from 11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Indoor seating and picnic tables available for outdoor seating. Quilt auction 6:00 p.m. Kiddie tractor pull 4:00 p.m.

SAVE THE DATES: August 21, 2022 – St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Picnic



St. Thomas
the Apostle Annual Parish Picnic

AUGUST 21, 2022

Fried Chicken & Roast Beef
served with real mashed potatoes & gravy,
corn, green beans, kraut, homemade bread
and homemade pies

Serving cafeteria style
11:00am-7:00pm
Drive-thru & Carry-out available

Adults: \$14
Children 6-12: \$7
Under 6: FREE

Quilt Auction begins at 5:00 pm
Grand Raffle – Air-Conditioned Bingo – Country Store – Kidsville
Bounce House – Kettle Corn – Live Music – Craft Stand
Beer Garden – Gin Rickies
View quilts online at www.stthomasapostle.net