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**The Roman Catholic Parishes of**

 **St. Thomas the Apostle St. Cecilia**

 in St. Thomas in Meta

*www.stthomasapostleschool.net*

**PO Box 146**

**St. Thomas, MO 65076**

**20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**August 18, 2019**



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**St. Thomas the Apostle Bookkeeper: St. Thomas the Apostle Secretary:**

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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.

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 August 18-25:

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – No Mass

Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – No Mass

Thursday 7:45 a.m. – L&D Herman & Gertie Hoecker Family

Friday 7:45 a.m.– Stanley Brand

Saturday 5:00 p.m.– People of our Parishes

 L&D Alex Heckman Family

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Philip & Alma Boessen Family

**Your Sunday Offering:**

Offertory Budget for 2019-2020: $305,000.00

Offertory Goal through Month End: $ 50,834.00

Actual Collection for 2019-2020: **$ 37,171.25**

Offertory Difference Year to Date: – $ 13,662.75

Offertory Goal per month: $ 25,417.00

**Collection in Church:**

August 4 $ 4,916.50

August 11 $ 4,337.50

August 18 $

August 28 $

**Collection Online:** $ 4,642.00

**August total to date: $ 13,896.00**

Difference for August: -$ 11,521.00

**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): **$ 3,412.25**

Loan payments to date for FY 2019-2020: **$9,227.74**

(Principal $7,942.19 Interest $1,285.55)

Parish Building Expansion Debt remaining: **$192,796.66**

**St. Cecilia Reader**

Wednesday 6:30 p.m**.** – Cathy Borgmeyer

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Betty Hagenhoff

**St. Cecilia Altar Servers**

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Sophie & Reagan Bock

***If you are not able to fulfill your liturgical assignment, please find a replacement. Your fellow parishioners thank you!***

**St. Thomas the Apostle Cantor / Organist**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Anne Strope / Annette Kehner

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Kerry Meyer / Annette Kehner

St. Thomas the Apostle Reader

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Judy Schroeder

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Doug Luebbering

**St. Thomas the Apostle Altar Servers**

Weekday – Colton Libbert & Rowan Buechter

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ethan & Noah Luebbering,

Sophie & Henry Fine

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Abigail & Valerie Verslues,

Klint Luebbering, Brie Heckman

 St. Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of August 18-25:

Wednesday – No Mass

Thursday 6:30 p.m. – Urban Voss

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Lionel, Arharta, Bonnie & Sandy Libbert

**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 $ 1,256.00

August 18 $

August 28 $

**August total to date: $ 2,273.00**

Difference for August: -$ 2,893.67

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

August – Dale & Margie Helton

***Please remember your parish in your***

***last will & testament***

**St. Thomas Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

**August 24-25**

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

Betty Schellman

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

**August 31-September 1**

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

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Bill Luebbering, Betty Jo Luebbering, Lynne Reinkemeyer

**St. Thomas Greeters/Ushers**

**August 24-25**

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

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

**August 31-September 1**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Dave Luebbering & Steve Schellman

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Alan Reinkemeyer & Doug Stockman

**St. Thomas Presentation of Gifts at Mass**

August 24-25

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

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

August 31-September 1

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark & Lora Boessen Family

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – David & Judy Schroeder

St. Thomas Collection Counters

August 25- Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman

September 1 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg

September 8 –Keith & Jean Kliethermes

**St. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

**August 25**

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

Jennifer Even

**September 1**

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Doris Stumpe, Betty Hagenhoff,

Dorothy Rehagen

**St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers**

**August 25**

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

**September 1**

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Terry Libbert, Tony Derkum,

Leon Schanzmeyer, Kenny Otto

**Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia**

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

Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer- 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.

**Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas:**

Tuesday 7:20 a.m. – No Mass

Wednesday 7:20 a.m. – No Mass

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

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

Saturday 4:35 p.m. – Barb Graessle – Sorrowful

Sunday 9:35 a.m. – Gilbert & Hermina Strope – Sorrowful

**SCRIP: August 24-25** Saturday – Lindsay LuebberingSunday 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.

**PASTOR’S MEDITATION:**

Our students are back to school. We thank God that He protected them while they were off for summer vacation, and we hope that their vacation has been very fruitful physically, socially, and spiritually, as we know that personality is potentially developed at home. We also entrust them to mother Mary to care, protect, and intercede for them always before her son Jesus Christ, to acquire knowledge and wisdom to build God’s kingdom. We should courageously live out our religious convictions and principles in our lives as Jeremiah, Paul, and Jesus did this week, 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”. 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 set us on fire. “He 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 this week.  God bless you all, Fr. Leonard Mukiibi

**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.

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

**ST. CECILIA PARISHIONERS** – Fr. Leonard will be at the St. Cecilia Parish office (rectory) and be available to parishioners on Wednesdays from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m., or by appointment by calling 573-999-9927. Confession hours at St. Cecilia are Wednesdays from 5:00 - 6:15 p.m. and Sundays from 7:00 – 7:45 a.m., or by appointment.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE POST PICNIC MEETING** is Thursday, August 22 at 8:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

**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 573-298-2372. 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 26 at 6:00 pm in the School library

**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 UPCOMING EVENTS:**

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

Monday, September 2 – No School Labor Day

**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 19 Richard Schellman, Pat Schellman and Paul Struemph 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.***

**ST. CECILIA & ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CONFIRMATION SIGN-UP** sheets are located in the back entrance of church in both parishes.  Please note that due to the Diocesan plan of transition in which the sacrament of Confirmation will eventually be celebrated in seventh & eighth grade, this year students in **grades 10, 11, & 12 will be included**in preparation and celebration of the sacrament of Confirmation. There will be an informational meeting for parents at **7:00 p.m. on September 11,**in the basement of the St. Ceciliaparish center.

**META QUILTING** – Quilting for the 2020 St. Cecilia Parish/Citizens Civic League Quilt Auction began quilting on 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.

**9th ANNUAL NOLAN SCHROEDER MEMORIAL VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT:** Volleyball games and concessions Friday evening and Saturday, August 23 & 24.  Pork Steak dinners will be available Friday evening, serving starts at 4PM. Games start
at 6PM on Friday and 8AM on Saturday. Free skin checks will be available from 11:00-1:00 Saturday morning.  Everyone is welcome!  If you have questions, feel free to contact Joanne at 229-8986.

**SACRED HEART PARISH PICNIC, ELDON** is Sunday, August 25, serving fried chicken and roast beef dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Adults $12, children (6-11) $4. Quilt auction

**ST. THOMAS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL FARM TRACTOR PULL** is Saturday, September 7.

**ST. THOMAS KNIGHTS OF COLUBUS ANNUAL GARDEN TRACTOR PULL** is Saturday, September 14

**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 Church**

**Budget Summary**

**July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019**

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**Income**

 General (Sunday collections, fundraisers, gifts from benefactors) $ 514,413.44

 Special (donations for special projects, Building & Improvement Fund) $ 251,916.10

 Diocesan collections $ 6,994.00

 Universal Church collections $ 6,350.44

 Parish School (includes gifts from benefactors and Schwartze $ 277,650.13

Foundation grant)

 Pre-School $ 53,026.25

**Total Income** $1,110,350.36

**Expenses**

 Church & Rectory General $ 126,535.99

 Church & Rectory Special (loan payment, improvements projects) $ 156,946.57

 Diocesan collections $ 6,763.00

 Universal Church collections $ 5,607.44

 Parish School $ 539,763.75

 Pre-School $ 52,832.28

 Religious Education (PSR) $ 2,385.70

 Vitae House $ 2,918.18

 Parish Center $ 43,505.36

**Total Expenses** $ 937,258.27

**Net Income (Loss) \*** $ 173,092.09

\* Donations for some repair/improvement projects were received prior to June 30, 2019 but projects were

 not completed and paid for until after June 30, 2019.