

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

**St. Cecilia**  
in Meta

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**21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME**

**August 21, 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. 21-28:**

Monday 7:45 a.m. – No Mass  
Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – L&D Norbert Boessen Family  
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – Marilyn Herigon  
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Herb Kroll  
Friday 7:45 a.m. – Herman & Agatha Luebbering  
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes  
Joe & Amy Veit  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Shirley & Keith Luebbering

**Your Sunday Offering:**

Offertory Budget for 2022-2023: \$305,000.00  
Offertory Goal through Month End: \$ 50,834.00  
Actual Collection for 2022-2023: \$ **40,995.68**  
Offertory Difference Year to Date: \$ 9,838.32  
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

**Collection in Church:**

August 7 \$ 5,823.81  
August 14 \$ 2,841.76  
August 21 \$  
August 28 \$

**Collection Online:** \$ 5,899.50

**August total to date:** \$ **14,565.07**

Difference for August -\$ 10,851.93

**Church Renovation Capital Campaign**

Total Pledges/Donations \$484,477.70

Total Collected \$438,301.91

Total Expenses Paid \$699,195.95

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. 27 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Amanda Wooten / Alanna

Aug. 28 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Lisa Wieberg / Jeanette

Sept. 3 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kelsey Kliethermes / Jeanette

Sept. 4 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Josh Luebbering / Alanna

**St. Thomas the Apostle Readers**

Aug. 27 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kathy Graessle

Aug. 28 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jan Heckemeyer

Sept. 3 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Amanda Wooten

Sept. 4 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Larry Lueckenhoff

**Saint Cecilia**

**Mass Schedule for the Week of Aug. 21-28:**

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Chester L. Prater

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

**Your Sunday Offering:**

Offertory Budget for 2022-2023: \$62,000.00

Collection Total for 2022-2023: \$ **8,918.00**

Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,166.67

**Collection in Church:**

August 7 \$ 949.00

August 14 \$1,151.00

August 21 \$

August 28 \$

**August total to date: \$2,100.00**

Difference for August: -\$3,066.67

**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. – Cathy Borgmeyer

Aug. 28 8:00 a.m. – Doris Stumpe

Sept. 4 8:00 a.m. – Dorothy Rehagen

**St. Cecilia Organist**

Aug. 28 8:00 a.m. – Jackie

Sept. 4 8:00 a.m. – Emilie

**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. 27 Saturday 5:00p.m.- Eric & Roseanne Boessen  
Aug. 28 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Simon Strobe & Craig Buechter  
Sept. 3 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Eric Strobe & Gilbert Schellman  
Sept. 4 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Ryan Buschjost & Richard Heckemeyer  
**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. 27 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Barb Graessle  
Aug. 28 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Lynne Reinkemeyer  
Sept. 3 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark Graessle  
Sept. 4 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mattheuw Prenger

**St. Thomas the Apostle Servers**

Weekday – Audrey Buschjost & Ellie Boessen  
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  
Sept 3 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Gregory Kirby, Miranda Meyer,  
Emerald Fennewald  
Sept. 4 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Fayeth Prenger, Erica Luebbering,  
Stella Volmert & Isabella Luebbering

**St. Thomas the Apostle Offertory Gifts**

Aug. 27 Saturday, 5:00 p.m. – Gilbert & Betty Schellman  
Aug. 28 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Craig & Kaylie Buechter Family  
Sept 3 Saturday:00 p.m. – Mark & Lauri Luebbering  
Sept. 4 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Ryan & Kelley Buschjost Family

**St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters**

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. 28 Karlie Reinkemeyer  
Sept. 4 Lauri Luebbering

Sept. 11 Brooke Schell  
Sept. 18 Dunja Wieberg  
Sept. 25 Jenny Becker

**Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas**

Tuesday, 7:25 a.m. – Bob Schellman – Sorrowful Mysteries  
Wednesday 7:25 a.m.- Dale Herigon – 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 – Luminous Mysteries  
Sunday 9:35 a.m. – Gilbert & Hermina – Luminous Mysteries

**St. Thomas the Apostle Church Cleaners**

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  
Sept 18: Lynne Reinkemeyer, Linda Boessen, Lauri Luebbering, Lisa Lackman

**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.

**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.

**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](mailto:karlie.reinkemeyer@gmail.com).

**ST. CECILIA & ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH LEADERS STEWARDSHIP MEETING** with Father Jones on September 13, 6:30 p.m. in St. Thomas Apostle Church.

**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.

**PASTORS MEDITATION:** 21<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: WHEN THE FIRST BECOMES THE LAST. (Is 66:18-21, Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30) Each of us must decide whether we will be a tugboat Christian or a sailboat Christian or a raft Christian. As Jesus continues his final journey to Jerusalem prepared for his suffering and death, Jesus responds to the question asking how many will be saved by answering how one is to enter into salvation and how urgent it is that one strives now before the Master closes the door. Instead of asking how many will be saved, Jesus wants us to ask ourselves, "Am I prepared to be saved, choosing the narrow gate of sacrificial agape love and loving others as Jesus loves them?" In today's first reading, Isaiah's prophecy speaks to the Babylonian exiles returning to Jerusalem after 47 years in captivity, the younger

**St. Cecilia Eucharistic Ministers**

Aug. 28 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Doris Stumpe  
Sept. 4 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Jennifer Even

**St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers**

Aug. 28 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Darin Even, Mitch Stumpe, Brendan Stumpe, Randy Hagenhoff  
Sept 4 Sunday 8:00 a.m.- Kenny Otto, Otto Wankum, Leonard Schulte, Rick Kampeter

**St. Cecilia Servers**

Aug. 28 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Ava & Gavin Werdehausen  
Sept. 4 Sunday 8:00 a.m.- Sarah & Elizabeth Backes  
Tucker Schroeder

***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. 28 Sunday 8:00 a.m.- Family of Robert "Bob" Lueckenotto

**Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia**

Wednesday 6:05 p.m. – Dorothy Rehagen–Glorius Mysteries  
Aug. 28 Sunday 7:35 a.m.– Dorothy Rehagen  
Luminous Mysteries  
Sept. 4 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.

members with their pagan wives, telling them that salvation is not a Jewish monopoly and that is why Yahweh welcomes the pagans also into Judaism. The prophet's great book again ends with a vision of all the peoples of the world streaming toward Jerusalem, acknowledging and praising the God of Israel. The Responsorial Psalm (Ps 117), "Go out to the entire world and tell the Good News," reflects the mission of God's chosen people to be instruments of salvation to the whole world. In the second reading, exploring with his readers the consequences of Christian commitment, St. Paul explains that "the narrow gate" of Jesus means our accepting pain and suffering as the loving discipline God is giving His children. In today's Gospel, Jesus clearly explains that anyone who follows him through the narrow gate of sacrificial service and sharing love will be saved. Jesus also admonishes his followers to concentrate on their own salvation by self-discipline rather than to worry about the salvation of others. The Non-Catholic doctrine on salvation was taught by Calvin and is currently broadcast by tele-evangelists that: "Once saved, you are always saved," in spite of your future sins and even apostasy. One is saved by the shed blood of Jesus when, as a young person or an adult, one accepts Jesus as Lord and Savior, confesses one's sins and prays the "Sinner's Prayer," asking God's pardon and forgiveness for one's sins. The Catholic teaching on salvation is that "Salvation is a past, present, and future event." We were saved from the Bondage of sin when we were baptized as children or adults. We are being saved at present, when we cooperate with God's grace by loving others as Jesus did, by sharing our blessings with the needy and by getting reconciled with God daily, asking His forgiveness for our sins. We will be eternally saved when we hear the loving invitation from Jesus, the Judge, at the moment of our death and on the day of the Last Judgment, saying: "Good and faithful servant, you were faithful in little things enter into the joy of your Master." So dear friends we need to cooperate with God's grace daily given to us, - by choosing the narrow way and the narrow gate of self-control and self-disciplining of our evil tendencies, evil habits and addictions; - by loving others, seeing the face of Jesus in them, and sharing our blessings with them sacrificially; - by obtaining the daily Divine strength to practice self-control and sharing love through the guidance of the Holy Spirit in daily prayer, in Bible reading, and in reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist. **Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukiibi**

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL NEWS:**

Monday, August 22 - NO SCHOOL P-8                      Thursday, August 25 - Home & School Meeting 6:30 p.m.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE GRASS CUTTING ROTATION:**

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
Week of Sept. 18	Mark Luebbering, Nick Luebbering and Anthony Luebbering, Jason Otto

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PICNIC** is **THIS** Sunday, August 21, serving fried chicken & roast beef dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. cafeteria style, drive-thru & carry outs available. Adults \$14.00, children 6-12 \$7.00. Quilt auction 5:00 p.m.

**SAVE THE DATE:** November 5, 2022 – St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Fall Fantasy

**ST. CECILIA PICNIC**

<b>STAND</b>	<b>July 10, 2022 STAND TOTAL</b>	<b>July 11, 2021 STAND TOTAL</b>
Beer	\$2,043.50	\$1,953.00
Bingo	\$232.10	\$297.25
Craft/Country Store	\$1,180.00	\$1,261.66
Dinner Tickets (Approx. 1065 tickets sold)	\$1,600.00	\$1,5315.00 (1283 Approx)
Donation	\$ 0.00	\$ 100.00
Game Tickets	\$243.00	
Raffle Stand – Main Stand	\$1,026.00	\$1,351.00
Raffle – Dinner Line	\$782.00	\$720.00
Sandwich/Soda Stand	\$1,143.50	\$603.50
Kitchen Sales*	\$1,840.18	\$574.34
Quilt Auction (St. Cecilia Church part)	\$8,712.50	\$12,650.00
Pie & Misc. Items Auction	\$825.00	\$239.00
Total All Stands	\$34,027.78	\$35,064.75
Total Deposits from Actual Picnic	\$47,270.28	
Less Civic League Quilts \$\$	\$8,712.50	
Less Starting Cash	\$4,530.00	
Total Taken in for Picnic	\$34,027.78	

**St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Council Meeting August 2, 2022**

Call to Order and Opening Prayer: Father led a prayer.

Principal Reports / School Advisory Board: Leroy read the notes.

- o The school hired a new art teacher for kindergarten through second grade.
- o Self study will be this year.
- o Archery fee and Athletic fee was raised for this upcoming year.
- o Open House and a mandatory parent meeting will be coming up in August.
- o School starts in August.

**Financial Council Commission Reports**

- The council worked on a budget for next year.
- The council instituted budgets for teachers and staff for this upcoming year.
- They revisited the amounts of the new AC unit for church.
- The council decided that St. Thomas does have the funds to pay a part time maintenance person. They are thinking the position will be about 24 hours a week. They are willing to pay \$18 dollars an hour. This person will take care of routine maintenance on air filters, small construction jobs, etc. The current janitors will still be employed at school. This is a new position. The parish council agreed to start looking for someone to fill this position. Alan Reinkemeyer is going to put an announcement in the bulletin.
- The parish is always looking for volunteers to help wax the school floors in the summer and cut the grass on the property.
- We are in the beginning stages of talking about renovation to the rectory kitchen.
- A maintenance book needs to be created so that a new person coming into the building knows all the information about the facilities.
- There is still money in the special account for the organ. It was redone in 2016. It will need to have maintenance done to it. That money will be used for routine maintenance.
- We still owe around 191,000 on the Church renovation.
- We currently have about 300,000 in savings.
- Alan Reinkemeyer submitted a grant for the ballpark lights. We are still waiting to hear back about this. The parish, ballpark, Knights of Columbus, and City of St. Thomas will all contribute towards this.

## Pastoral Council Commission Reports

- Worship
  - They have not met but are wanting to get a meeting organized.
  - Father wants to celebrate the Assumption of Mary on Monday, August 15th. The Parish Council voted that he could celebrate Mass on Monday the 15th and have his day off on Tuesday the 16th.
  - Father would like the parish to celebrate the feast day of St. Thomas the Apostle every year. We will talk about this more.
- Social Concerns
  - Fall Fantasy
    - This event is taking place on November 5th.
    - They are not getting Shiloh to play this year. They are looking for a DJ. If you know anyone who would want to play for 3 hours for around 300 dollars let Joanie Prenger know.
    - There will be a gun raffle this year. The theme is 80s. The tickets are 125 dollars. The meal will be prime rib and chicken cordon bleu with sides. There will be wine, beer, and gin rickey.
    - The committee is looking for people to help clean the hall the next morning. Usually they ask CYO, 4H, or the 7&8th graders to clean it, but they are not interested.
    - There was discussion about Mr. Heckemeyer asking the non parishioner parents of students at school to help work this event, there was no final vote on whether we are doing this or not.
  - Picnic
    - The beer garden will be selling beer for 1 for \$3 or 2 for \$5.
    - The committee debated whether or not to raise the meal ticket to \$15 this year, but decided to keep it at \$14.
    - The to-go plates are going to get 3 pieces of chicken instead of 4.
    - Karen Struempf has the food ordered.
    - The committee has asked the finance committee to buy caution cones, a steam table for the kitchen, and anti fatigue mats for the country store.
- Administration
  - Heating and Cooling
    - The unit is ordered. They are hoping to install it in October. We will be out of air or heat for a couple weeks while this is being installed.
  - Other Projects
    - Google Workspace
      - Fred Boessen created a google workspace for the parish. This workspace can be used to store any parish documents that we use on a yearly basis. For example, the fall fantasy notes, picnic notes, council notes, etc.
      - Theresa Veit and Fred Boessen are the admin on the account.
    - Father's Kitchen
      - Mark Luebbering has started to get quotes for this project. He wants to work on this project next time Father goes to Uganda. Mark wants to ask people of the parish to do some of the work. Others will be done as volunteer work.
    - Propane
      - Three Rivers is now owned by Lock's Mill. Mark Luebbering has reached out to companies to see the prices. We own our own tanks. There was a leak in one of the tanks behind the church. It has been fixed.
    - Mildew on Building & Range Hoods
      - Glenn Reynolds is going to help with the removal of the mildew. He is also going to help clean out the range hoods above the stoves.
    - Front of School Windows
      - They need to be cleaned. We will be looking for volunteers to help clean those. Some windows are also needing paint touched up.
    - Grass Cutting
      - All is going well there. Just a reminder that we will be getting a new mower at the beginning of each summer, no cost.
    - Tree Trimming
      - There are some trees on the campus that need to be trimmed.
    - Waxing the School Floors
      - Jim and Janet Lueckenhoff are working on getting those finished and ready for the school year.
    - Picnic Tent
      - Charles Schroeder has asked to borrow a picnic tent to cover an area to be painted for a patriotic display in Meta. PPC okayed it but other options are also being looked into.

## Pastor's Report

- The council welcomed the new members to the council. They are Sam Luebbering, Andy Reynolds, Shane Verslues, and Richard Heckemeyer.
- Fr. Jones is coming to St. Thomas on September 13th at 6:30 p.m. in Church to talk with the stewardship committee.
- Father would like to get some more security cameras on the property. It would be nice to have cameras behind school, in the gym, and by the bowling alley.
- Father talked about Mass intentions. We are having difficulty scheduling all the Mass intentions that people are asking for. Father asked if the Parish Council would be okay if we would send our intentions to other parishes that might need them if the family was okay with it. The parish council voted in favor. Some Mass intentions could be said at Masses in Uganda while Father is on vacation. The parish council is going to discuss this further at the next meeting.
- Father let Mark Luebbering know that some shingles on his roof need to be looked at.
- Father shared a little bit about his mom being here with us. She is excited to be here. The plane ride was good. They are happy to keep getting produce from people's gardens. Jackie shared a letter that was written by Father's family with the council.

## New business

- New PPC member election
  - President - Shane Verslues
  - Vice president - Mark Luebbering
  - Secretary - Dunja Wieberg
  - Social - Sara Luebbert, Dunja Wieberg, Debbie Strope, Andi Reynolds
  - Administration - Fred Boessen, Jacob Graessle, Mark Luebbering, Bob Schellman, Sam Luebbering, Shane Verslues
  - Worship - Julia Cassmeyer, Richard Heckemeyer
- New Members: Shane Verslues, Andy Reynolds, Sam Luebbering, Richard Heckemeyer
- Retiring Members: Barb Graessle, Jackie Prenger, Curt Goeller, Alan Reinkemeyer
- Stewardship: A meeting will be held in Church on September 13 at 6:30 p.m. with Fr. Jones.

Varia: No questions, comments, or concerns.

Next Meeting, September 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the school library. Closing Prayer, Father led a closing prayer, Adjournment

