

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

St. Cecilia
in Meta

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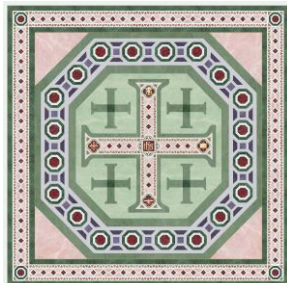
19TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

August 7, 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. 7-14:

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – John Ullman
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – **No Mass (Summer Schedule)**
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Ray, Marcella & Sam Herigon
Friday 7:45 a.m. – Bernard & Betty Stegeman
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Jim & Kathy Ewers
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – People of our Parishes
Herman & Agatha Luebbering

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2022-2023: \$305,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End: \$ 25,417.00
Actual Collection for 2022-2023: **\$ 26,430.61**
Offertory Difference Year to Date: \$ 1,013.61
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

July 3 \$ 5,354.98
July 10 \$ 5,253.76
July 17 \$ 2,575.00
July 24 \$ 2,329.87
July 31 \$ 3,845.00

Collection Online: \$ 7,072.00

July total to date: **\$ 26,430.61**

Difference for July: \$ 1,013.61

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of Aug. 7-14:

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Jackie Luebbert

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Rosemary Luebbering

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2022-2023: \$62,000.00
Collection Total for 2022-2023: **\$ 6,818.00**
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,166.67

Collection in Church:

July 3 \$ 1,550.00
July 10 \$ 635.00
July 17 \$ 1,518.00
July 24 \$ 1,790.00
July 31 \$ 1,325.00

July total to date: **\$ 6,818.00**

Difference for July: +\$ 1,651.33

Church Renovation Capital Campaign

Total Pledges/Donations \$484,477.70
Total Collected \$435,628.18
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. 13 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mary Kay Brand / Jackie
Aug. 14 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Anne Strobe / Alanna
Aug. 20 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Jean Kliethermes / Jeanette
Aug. 21 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Judy Schroeder / Lydia

St. Thomas the Apostle Readers

Aug. 13 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Amanda Wooten
Aug. 14 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jan Heckemeyer
Aug. 20 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mary Kay Brand
Aug. 21 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jim Lueckenhoff

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. 14 8:00 a.m. – Doris Stumpe
Aug. 21 8:00 a.m. – Betty Hagenhoff

St. Cecilia Organist

Aug. 14 8:00 a.m. – Lydia
Aug. 21 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. 13 Saturday 5:00p.m.- Gilbert Schellman & Cash McManus
Aug. 14 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Eric & Roseanne Boessen
Aug. 20 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark Boessen & Dave Luebbering
Aug.21 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Alan Reinkemeyer & Doug Stockman
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. 13 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark Graessle
Aug. 14 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Bill Luebbering
Aug. 20 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Lora Boessen
Aug. 21 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Janet Lueckenhoff

St. Thomas the Apostle Servers

Aug. 13 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Gregory Kirby, Miranda Meyer,
Carmen Luebbering
Aug. 14 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Valerie & Zeke Verslues
Ellie Boessen, Isabella Luebbering
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

St. Thomas the Apostle Offertory Gifts

Aug. 13 Saturday, 5:00 p.m. – Mark & Lauri Luebbering
Aug. 14 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Richard & Jan Heckemeyer
Aug. 20 Saturday:00 p.m. – Alfred & Margie Kaiser
Aug. 21 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Riley & Daffiny Tallent Family

St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters

Aug. 14 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg
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

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

Aug. 14 Dunja Wieberg
Aug. 21 Jenny Becker
Aug. 28 Karlie Reinkemeyer
Sept. 4 Lauri Luebbering

Sept. 11 Brooke Schell

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday, 7:25 a.m. – Bob Schellman – Sorrowful Mysteries
Thursday 7:25 a.m. –Gilbert & Hermina – Luminous Mysteries
Friday 7:25 a.m. – Shirley Volmert – Sorrowful Mysteries
Saturday 4:35 p.m. – Bob Schellman – Luminous Mysteries
Sunday 9:35 a.m. – Tina Stockman – Luminous Mysteries

St. Thomas the Apostle Church Cleaners

Aug. 7: Brooke Schell, Tina Stockman, Gina Luebbering, Karen Luebbering
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

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.

THE NEXT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING is Tuesday, August 9, 7:30 p.m. A rosary will be prayed at 7:15 p.m. Please read the August newsletter attached to the bulletin.

CONGRATULATIONS to ***Bennett Joseph Peters***, son of Logan & Jessica Peters, who became a child of God through baptism this weekend in St. Thomas the Apostle Parish.

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.** After consultation with the Presbyteral Council and the Deans, in order to assist and obtain a more accurate snapshot for future pastoral planning beginning August 1, 2022 attendance counts and statistics will need to be recorded for every individual weekend Mass or Holy Day within the diocese through July 31, 2023. Ushers, please count all people (including children and infants) who enter into the Church at each Mass with the count ending at or about the First Reading. In smaller Churches it may be simpler for the ushers to make the count during the homily. Also, please remember to count all ministers who serve at the Altar as well. ***The form to fill out is in the back of St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church and St. Cecilia Catholic Church.***

St. Cecilia Eucharistic Ministers

Aug. 14 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic Plassmeyer
Aug. 21 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Mary Plassmeyer

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

Aug. 14 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Otto Wankum, Leonard Schulte,
Rick Kampeter, Tony Derkum
Aug. 21 Sunday 8:00 a.m.- William Derkum, Terry Libbert,
Harold Libbert, Leon Schanzmeyer

St. Cecilia Servers

Aug. 14 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Skyla, Jesse & Tucker
Schroeder
Aug. 21 Sunday 8:00 a.m.- Shelby & Madison Wankum
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. 14 Sunday 8:00 a.m.- Family of Rosemary Luebbering

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Wednesday 6:05 p.m. – Margaret Brune–Glorious
Mysteries
Aug. 14 Sunday 7:35 a.m.– Margaret Brune
Luminous Mysteries
Aug. 21 Sunday 7:35 a.m.- Mary Plassmesyer
Joyful 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.

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: 19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: READY TO MEET THE MASTER. (Wis. 18:6-9; Heb. 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk. 12: 32-48)

We can see what we will be in the future by looking closely at what we are right now. The central theme of today's readings is the necessity for trusting Faith in God and vigilant preparedness among Christ's followers to meet their God as their Judge at the time of their death and fidelity in doing God's will is the best preparation for our death.

The first reading cites the Faith-filled preparedness of the ancient Hebrew slaves in Egypt before their mass exodus to the Promised Land. Their trusting Faith in their God's promises gave them hope. We are told how their Faith and Hope resulted in their liberation. With expectant Hope, the Hebrews sacrificed the first Passover lamb and ate the first ritual meal, as prescribed by their God through Moses. They awaited their imminent release and were prepared for it. Today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 33) invites us to express our own confidence in God and to declare our trust in His Providence. In the Second Reading, from the letter to the Hebrews, the author defines Faith as "the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen" (Heb. 11:1). He tries to bolster the Faith of the Jewish Christians (the Hebrews), by appealing to the example of their ancestors, starting with Abraham, and reviewing the things they accomplished by Faith. In the Gospel, Jesus challenges his disciples to trust the Father's promise to give them eternal happiness in His kingdom. But they are to be prepared at all times, because the Son of Man will come at an unexpected hour, either at the moment of their death or at the end of the world, whichever comes first. Using the master-thief parable, Jesus warns us to be on our guard so that the thief (the devil), may not steal our treasure of Divine grace or our relationship with God by his temptations. Using the master-servant parable, Jesus reminds us always to do the will of God by obeying Jesus' commandment of love and offering humble and sacrificial service to others.

So dear friends we always need to be prepared to meet Our Lord as our judge, let us always remember the words of the Book of Revelation: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will enter his house and dine with him and he with me" (3:20). Since nobody is sure about the time and circumstances of his or her death, we must be ever prepared to face Jesus our Lord and Savior as our Judge at the moment of our death to give an account of our lives. He wants to see that we have kept our personal relationship with him by growing in holiness. Such a growth is assisted by daily talking to him and listening to him in scriptures; by asking for the guidance of the Holy Spirit every day; by recharging our spiritual batteries through offering our lives on the altar and getting spiritual nourishment in Holy Communion during the Holy Mass; by getting reconciled with God every day, asking for His pardon and forgiveness with a repentant heart, and seeking His forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation for serious sins; and by obeying Jesus' commandment of love by serving all the people around us, sacrificially sharing our blessings with them, seeing the face of Jesus in everyone.

Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukiibi

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP is Tuesday, August 9, 7:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

OVER 50 GET TOGETHER - The OVER 50 group will be meeting at the parish center in Meta on Thursday, August 11 at noon for our monthly get together. Bring a covered dish and visit with friends. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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 Struempf (*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 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.

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

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. 7	Paul & Jenny Becker, Eric Buechter, Josh Schroeder
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

BOWLING MEETING: The annual bowling meeting will be held on Monday, August 8 at 7:30 pm in the St. Thomas bowling alley. All teams are requested to have at least one member present for this meeting.

THE NEXT KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS MEETING is Tuesday, August 9, 7:30 p.m. A rosary will be prayed at 7:15 p.m. Please read the August newsletter attached to the bulletin.

ST. MARGARET OF ANTIOCH PARISH, OSAGE BEND is Sunday, August 7, serving fried chicken & roast beef dinners family style, from 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Adults \$14.00, children 6-12 \$7.00. Carry-outs \$12.00. Quilt Auction 5:00 p.m. (No Mass on picnic day).

SACRED HEART PARISH PICNIC, RICH FOUNTAIN is Sunday, August 14, serving fried chicken & German pot roast dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 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.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND with Fr. Matthew Flatley, February 27 - March 8, 2023. Information Gathering Meeting on Wednesday, September 7, 2022 @ 7 pm at Immaculate Conception Church in Jefferson City. Fr. Matt mflatley@diojeffcity.org or 573-202-3590. To learn more or to download the full brochure: <https://www.traveltymepilgrimages.com/pilgrimage-to-the-holy-land-with-father-matthew-flatley>

SAVE THE DATES:

August 21, 2022 – St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Picnic

THE FOLLOWING IS A LETTER FROM FATHER LEONARD'S FAMILY:

John Herman Serunjogi Family - Kampala (Uganda)

June 12th, 2022

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish.

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St. Thomas, MO 65076

Dear Congregation of St. Thomas + St. Cecilia

The family of the late John Herman Serunjogi, we are very humbled to write this letter of appreciation, first to thank the almighty God for the wonderful love and provision given to all of us.

Also we thank all of you Christians of St. Thomas the Apostle parish for the cordial love, kindness and support accorded to our son, brother, uncle Rev. Fr. Leonard Mukibi, for him to continue sharing the Gospel with you too. You've revealed the true Catholicism as St. Paul wrote in Romans 10:12 and in 1 John 3:15-16

We are really very grateful and thank you very much. May the good Lord continue blessing you all.

We will be forever grateful for your kindness and love

Fr.

Katende Emmanuel (Heir) Successor

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