

The Roman Catholic Parishes of

St. Thomas the Apostle

in St. Thomas

St. Cecilia

in Meta

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PO Box 146
St. Thomas, MO 65076

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 13, 2017

Pastor: Very Reverend Jeremy A. Secrist, V.F.

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St. Thomas Bookkeeper:

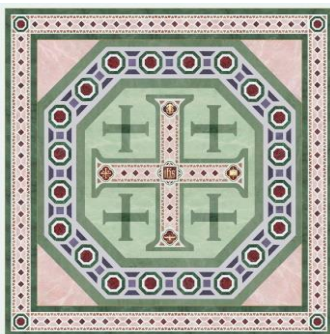
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St. Thomas Parish Office hours: Tuesdays 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.; Wednesdays 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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 13-20:

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

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Keith Luebbering

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Hugo & Rosaline Bisges

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

Thursday 7:45 a.m. – L&D Anthony Schellman Family

Friday 7:45 a.m. – Sylvanus Hoecker

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ralph Hirschman

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mary Lou Bax

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2017-2018: \$305,000.00

Offertory Goal through Month End: \$ 50,834.00

Actual Collection for 2017-2018: **\$ 37,805.52**

Offertory Difference Year to Date: - \$ 13,028.48

Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

August 6 \$ 6,047.77

August 13 \$

August 20 \$

August 27 \$

Collection Online: \$ 5,042.00

August total to date: **\$11,089.77**

Difference for August -\$14,327.23

St. Thomas the Apostle Expansion & Building Fund

Total Expansion Project expenses paid:

\$2,273,475.34

Income from parishioners for FY 2017-2018

(via the yellow "Building Fund" envelope): **\$2,806.00**

Loan payments to date for FY 2017-2018: **\$9,227.74**

(Principal) \$7,888.13 (Interest) \$1,339.61

Parish Building Expansion Debt remaining: **\$388,834.13**

St. Thomas the Apostle Cantor / Organist

Tuesday 5:00 p.m. – Mary Kay Brand / Annette Kehner

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Rebecca Schroeder / Annette Kehner

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Amanda Wooten / Jackie Prenger

St. Thomas the Apostle Reader / Petitions

Tuesday 5:00 p.m. – Jennifer Schroeder

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Alfred Kaiser

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – MaryPat Luebbering

St. Thomas the Apostle Altar Servers

Weekdays – Grace & Belle Boessen

Tuesday 5:00 p.m. – Luke Schroeder, Morgan & Jacob

Luebbering, Courtney Luebbering

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Chase & Grace Luebbering,

Cale Luebbert

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Abigail Verslues, Madi Buschjost,

Austin & Brie Heckman

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of August 13-20:

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Charles & Doris Schroeder, Mass of Thanksgiving

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Mary Sidwell

Monday 6:00 p.m. – Louis & Regina Plassmeyer

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Lawrence "Dick" Rehagen

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Celestine & Louis Stegeman Jr.

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – People of our Parishes

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2017-2018: \$62,000.00

Collection Total for 2017-2018: **\$ 7,400.00**

Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,166.67

Collection in Church:

August 6 \$ 1,412.00

August 13 \$

August 20 \$

August 27 \$

August total to date: **\$ 1,412.00**

Difference for August: + \$ 3,754.67

Please remember your parish in your last will & testament.

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

August – Dale & Margie Helton

September – Marie Lueckenotto & Pam Libbert

St. Cecilia Reader / Petitions

Monday, August 14, 6:00 p.m. – Jennifer Even

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Betty Hagenhoff

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Don Wansing

St. Cecilia Altar Servers

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Alex & Joshua Even

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Will & Melina Derkum, Sophie Bock

**IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO FULFILL
YOUR LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENT,
IN YOUR KINDNESS & CHARITY,
PLEASE FIND A REPLACEMENT**

St. Thomas Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Tuesday, August 15

7:45 a.m. – Betty Schellman, Gilbert & Hermina Strope
5:00 p.m. – Mattheuw Prenger, Rosalyn Wieberg, Lynne Reinkemeyer

August 19-20

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Carolyn Loethen, Mark & Barb Graessle
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Janet Lueckenhoff, Mike & Sheri Wieberg

August 26-27

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Lora Boessen, Mark Luebbering, Pat Kaiser
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Millie Wieberg, Shirley Volmert, Jan Carter

St. Thomas Greeters/Ushers

**please ring tower bells 10 minutes before weekend Masses*

Tuesday, August 15

7:45 a.m. – Gilbert Schellman & Richard Schellman
5:00 p.m. – Alan Reinkemeyer & Doug Stockman

August 19-20

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Carolyn Loethen & Mark Boessen
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Arthur McManus & Alan Reinkemeyer

August 26-27

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Gregg Boessen & Mike Groner
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – TJ Loethen & Mattheuw Prenger

St. Thomas Presentation of Gifts at Mass

Tuesday, August 15

7:45 a.m. – Gilbert & Betty Schellman
5:00 p.m. – Travis & Kathy Rackers Family

August 19-20

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Robyn & Rebecca Schroeder
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mike & Sheri Wieberg Family

August 26-27

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark & Barb Graessle
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Alan & Lynne Reinkemeyer

St. Thomas Collection Counters

August 19-20 - Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman
August 26-27 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieber
September 2-3 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday 7:25 a.m. – Joann Heckman – Sorrowful
Tuesday 4:40 p.m.- Barb Graessle - Sorrowful
Thursday 7:25 a.m. – Viola Boessen – Luminous
Friday 7:25 a.m. – Pat Loethen – Sorrowful
Saturday 4:40 p.m. – Dale Herigon – Luminous
Sunday 9:40 a.m. – Pat Loethen - Luminous

SCRIP: August 26-27 Saturday – Lindsay Luebbering Sunday – Sara Otto

Visit www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip for more information about the Scrip program. A large variety of cards in various denominations are in stock and available for purchase. Scrip is available for purchase after every other weekend Mass in St. Thomas. You can also contact Lindsay Luebbering at 573-680-4920 or Karen Luebbering at 573-301-5835 to purchase anytime.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: Mass for the Holy Day of Obligation will be celebrated at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, August 14 at St. Cecilia and at 7:45 a.m. & 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 15 at St. Thomas the Apostle.

NOTE OF THANKS: to all parishioners for their warm hospitality and conversation with Fr. Henri Delavanne from France, during his visit to our parishes last weekend.

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: I am pleased to announce that Mrs. Annette Kehner has been hired for the position of Director of Music at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish. The responsibilities of this position, in addition to playing the restored Pfeffer pipe organ, will include expanding and enhancing the music for the Sacred Liturgy by practicing with the parish cantors and the formation of a small choir or schola in the parish. Please join me in welcoming Annette in this new responsibility! - Fr. Secrist

ST. THOMAS SCHOOL ROOF REPLACEMENT: During this past week in excess of 6 tons of gravel was removed from the 1948 portion of the St. Thomas School roof in preparation for the installation of the silicon roofing material. Weather permitting, the roof work should be completed this coming week.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PEW WORK: The final stage of the pew restoration project has begun. During the coming weeks, the final seat and kneeler pad replacement and wood refinishing will take place.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE GRAND RAFFLE: NEW THIS YEAR...Sell your Grand Raffle Tickets and enter to win \$250!! For every \$20 worth of Grand Raffle Tickets you sell and return by Sunday, August 13, 2017, your name will be entered in a drawing for a prize of \$250. **Don't forget to turn your tickets by NOON, Sunday, August 13!!**

CATHOLIC MISSOURIAN SUBSCRIPTIONS: Just a gentle reminder that when making out the check for your household's annual subscription to the diocesan newspaper, please make it out for **\$14 to the parish, not to the Catholic Missourian.** This will help the check to be processed and cleared more easily. Thanks!

St. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Monday, August 14, 6:00 p.m. – Janice Schanzmeyer, Brenda Wansing, Betty Hagenhoff

August 19-20

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Bonnie Kampeter, Lou Kloepfel, Brenda Wansing

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

August 26-27

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Doris Stumpe, Jennifer Even, Betty Hagenhoff

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Gerald & Phyllis Rehagen, Janice Schanzmeyer

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

Monday, August 14 6:00 p.m. – Harold Libbert, Anton Libbert, Larry Lueckenotto, Darin Even

August 19-20

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Darin Even, Randy Hagenhoff, Lou Kloepfel, Mitch Stumpe

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Kenny Otto, Dominic Plassmeyer, Larry Lueckenotto, Harold Libbert

August 26-27

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Brendan Stumpe, Darin Even, Randy Hagenhoff, Lou Kloepfel

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

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Monday, August 14, 5:40 p.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer – Joyful

Wednesday: 6:10 p.m. – Florentine Hagenhoff – Glorious

Saturday 6:40 p.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer – Joyful

Sunday 7:40 a.m. – Margaret Brune – Joyful

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

BAPTISM PREPARATION: Please call Fr. Secrist to schedule a meeting and date for Baptism.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION: Please call Fr. Secrist at least six months prior to the desired date.

ST. THOMAS SCHOOL GLASS BLOCKS: 1940's-era glass blocks from the St. Thomas School building are available for \$5.00 per block. Please email Father at jasecrist@yahoo.com or call the School Office (573-477-3322) if interested.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE QUILT GROUPS: Extra copies of the quilt group list for the 2018 are available in the entrances of St. Thomas Church and on our web page (under "Quilters"). If you would like to help us quilt, come and join our circle next fall. We will need some quilt tops with lining to be quilted August 31. Quilt batting is available for \$10.00. If you have any questions, please call Emily Luebbering at 573-477-3459 or Kathy Strope at 573-477-3349.

ST. THOMAS 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.

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

ST. THOMAS 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 is accepting registrations for the fall of 2017-2018 enrollment for Preschool through 8th grade. Please call the school office to register at 573-477-3322.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF FOR 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR

Pastor: Fr. Jeremy A. Secrist
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/Lead Teacher: Ms. Kristin Morris
5th & 6th Grade: Miss Danielle Plassmeyer
3rd & 4th Grade: Mrs. Michelle Komoroski
2nd Grade: Mrs. Sarah Schwartz
1st Grade: Mrs. Michelle Siebeneck
Kindergarten: Mrs. Daffiny Tallent
Preschool: Mrs. Melanie Kirkweg
Preschool Aide: Miss Jacine Bax
Art: Ms. Lizzie Otto
Music: Mrs. Jeanette Schroeder
P.E.: Mr. Leroy Heckemeyer

SUPPORT STAFF

Head Cook – Mrs. Juliana Loaiza
Assistant Cook – Mrs. Linda Kloepfel
Custodians: Mr. Norbert Risse & Mr. Gilbert Strope

All of 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 SCHOOL STUDENTS...SPORTS PHYSICAL REMINDER: Any student planning on playing sports during the 2017-2018 school year will need a physical, **this also includes archery**. This is a policy of the Diocese of Jefferson City.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS:

August 15 – Open House 6:00 p.m. & Mandatory Parent Meeting at 6:30 p.m. * **Kindly note Holy Day Mass is at 5:00 p.m.** *
August 17 – First Day of School, for preschoolers and all students
August 24 – Home & School Meeting 6:30 p.m.

BOX TOPS: Please continue to save Box Tops for Education, Coke Points & Best Choice labels.

NOLAN SCHROEDER MEMORIAL VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT: Volleyball games and concessions Friday evening and Saturday, August 25 & 26. Pork steak dinners available Friday starting at 4:00 p.m.; free skin checks will be available from 10:00-12:00 am Saturday. T-shirts will also be available for purchase at the event, or contact Joanne prior to the tournament at 229-8986.

ST. THOMAS FALL FANTASY: **Saturday, November 4, 2017.** Bids are being taken for clean up after Fall Fantasy, Sunday, November 5th. This will include cleaning up all 4 bathrooms (gym & cafeteria), sweeping, and mopping the gym, cafeteria & kitchen. Please contact Joanie Prenger for questions. 573-477-0187.



ST. THOMAS / META K of C TRACTOR PULL is scheduled for Saturday, September 9, 2017.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CYO BREAKFAST is scheduled for Sunday, August 27, serving sausage, biscuits & gravy, scrambled eggs & hash browns from 7:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. in the St. Thomas School cafeteria. Adults \$9.50 & children 6-12 \$4.50. Thank you to Western Catholic Union for your \$500 matching contribution.

MID AMERICA BANK WARDSVILLE ECLIPSE PARTY: Bring your folding chair and visit Mid America Bank in Wardsville on August 21 from 11 AM to 2 PM for our eclipse viewing party. Food, tasty treats, and glasses will be provided. For more information, please call 573-635-0019.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: A weekend for you marriage, get away, come together is September 22-23. To register, please go to www.jeffcityme.com or registration@jeffcityme.com

PARISH MISSION FOR ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE & ST. CECILIA PARISHES: **October 16-20, 2017** led by Fr. Charles Byrd from Our Lady of the Mountains Roman Catholic Parish in Jasper, GA. More details to follow in future bulletins.

CONCERT FOR OBOE & ORGAN: **7:00 p.m. Friday, October 20, 2017** at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish.

MISSOURI CATHOLIC CONFERENCE 50TH ANNIVERSARY: Celebrate 50 years of the Missouri Catholic Conference (MCC) at the MCC's 50th Anniversary on Saturday, October 7, 2017 at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Jefferson City. This free event is sponsored by the Missouri Bishops and everyone is invited. The event includes an address by Papal Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, Archbishop Christophe Pierre. Workshops with a focus on Catholic education, pro-life, and social justice will be offered. A hot, free lunch is provided, and the day will end with a Mass concelebrated by the bishops. Please pre-register for the event by going to MOCatholic.org or calling 1-800-456-1679. See you on October 7!

SACRED HEART PARISH PICNIC, RICH FOUNTAIN is this Sunday, August 13, serving fried chicken & German pot roast dinners from 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Adults \$11.00, children 6-12 \$5.00. Quilt auction at 6:00 p.m. Kiddie tractor pull at 4:00 p.m.

SACRED HEART PARISH PICNIC, ELDON is Sunday, August 27, serving home cooked chicken & beef dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Adults \$11.00, children 6-11 \$4.00. Quilt auction and other treasures 4:00 p.m.

ST. THOMAS PARISH PICNIC IS NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 20 serving fried chicken & roast beef dinners from 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Adults \$11.00, children 6-12 \$5.00. Quilt auction at 5:00 p.m.

**St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Pastoral Council Minutes
July 25, 2017**

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. Secrist, Shane Verslues, Theresa Veit, Leroy Heckemeyer, Alan Reinkemeyer, Mike Groner, Eileen Volmert, Paul Becker, Jason Buschjost, Mark Luebbering, Steve Schellman & Norbert Veit

Absent: Simon Strope, Jan Carter, Marshall Boessen

Father led the Parish Pastoral Council in prayer.

Principal's Report (Leroy Heckemeyer):

- Theme for school year: "Head over Boots for Christ".
- The three windows have been installed and blinds have been ordered for them.
- Teacher workshops will be held August 10th, 14th, and 15th.
- New reading/language arts program for grades 3rd through 8th.
- Open House on Tuesday, August 15th at 6:00 p.m.
- Mandatory Parent Meeting on August 15th at 6:30 p.m.
- There are currently 85 students enrolled. We are waiting on a couple more preschooler registrations to make enrollment 87.
- First Day of school is August 17th.
- The first Home & School Meeting will be Thursday, August 24th at 6:30 p.m.
- The school installed 8 new computers for a total of 24 computers.
- A new smart board for 3rd and 4th grade this year.

New PPC Officers:

President – Alan Reinkemeyer

Vice-President – Steve Schellman

Secretary – Theresa Veit

Committees:

Worship – Theresa Veit, Jason Buschjost

Christian Education – Marshall Boessen, Eileen Volmert

Social – Jan Carter, Alan Reinkemeyer, Steve Schellman

Administration – Simon Strope, Mike Groner, Paul Becker, Norbert Veit, Mark Luebbering

School Advisory Board Report:

- Establishment of Honor Roll for school this year.
- Preschool – 15 students
- 30 year celebration for school in early May of 2019.

Worship Committee Report:

- Annette Kehner was hired as Director of Music for the parish.
- Replacement of old GATHER books with new hymnals in the future.

Christian Education Report:

- PSR Program – PSR will begin Wednesday, September 13th – Kristen Buschjost - coordinator

Social Concerns Report:

- Update contact information for parishioners.

Administration Report:

- Air conditioner unit repaired in church. Replacement of 30+ year old unit being explored.
- Research of possible surveillance cameras for church and parish grounds.

Old Business:

- Parish Sesquicentennial – ideas for actual celebration
 - June 30, 2019 – catered meal (for St. Thomas the Apostle parishioners)
 - Later in Fall – St. Thomas Homecoming (for everyone)
- MoDOT Route B Project - late August
- Parish mission – October 16th through 20th – concert on Friday evening.
- AED's on Campus

New Business:

- Church pew and kneeler renovation continues
- Totus Tuus – well received and enjoyed by participants
- Fish Fry – September 30th

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 26, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Vitae House.

The meeting was adjourned and Father ended with a prayer.