

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

St. Cecilia
in Meta

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19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 13, 2023

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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. 13-20:

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Herman & Agatha Luebbering
Tuesday, 5:00 p.m. – Greg Russell
Thursday 7:45 a.m. –L&D Herman & Gertie Hoecker Family
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
Joe, Antonia & Richard Schwartz

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2023-2024: \$312,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End: \$ 52,000.00
Actual Collection for 2023-2024: **\$ 39,860.86**
Offertory Difference Year to Date: -\$ 12,139.14
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 26,000.00

Collection in Church:

August 6 \$ 4,998.73
August 13 \$
August 20 \$
August 27 \$

Collection Online: \$ 6,349.50
August total to date: **\$11,348.23**
Difference for August: -\$14,651.77

Church Renovation Capital Campaign

Total Pledges/Donations \$487,539.70
Total Collected \$500,258.94
Total Expenses Paid \$699,195.95
A total of 130 parishioners have returned pledge cards/or
Contributed to the renovation project.
Church Renovation Loan Balance \$76,100.38
Loan payments to date \$134,440.00
(principal) \$123,899.62 (interest) \$10,540.38

St. Thomas the Apostle Cantors / Organists

Aug. 15 Tuesday 5:00 p.m. – TBD / Jackie
Aug. 19 Saturday 5:00 p.m.– Jean Kliethermes / Jeanette
Aug. 20 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Josh Luebbering / Jackie
Aug. 26 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kelsey Kliethermes / Jeanette
Aug. 27 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Doug Luebbering / Alanna

St. Thomas the Apostle Readers

Aug. 15 Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Dale Herigon
Aug. 15 Tuesday 5:00 p.m. – Amanda Wooten
Aug. 19 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kathy Graessle
Aug. 20 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Alan Reinkemeyer
Aug. 26 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mary Kay Brand
Aug. 27 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Doug Luebbering

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of Aug. 13-20

Tuesday 7:00 p.m. – Trudi Brune
Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – **NO MASS**

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – L&D Wansing & Bruemmer Families

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2023-2024: \$67,000.00
Collection Total for 2023-2024: **\$ 8,337.00**
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,583.34

Collection in Church:

August 6 \$ 1,051.00
August 13 \$
August 20 \$
August 27 \$

August total to date: **\$1,051.00**
Difference for August: -\$4,532.34

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

August – Dale & Margie Helton

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

St. Cecilia Readers

Tuesday 7:00 p.m. – Samantha Helton
Sunday, Aug. 20 8:00 a.m. – Betty Hagenhoff
Sunday, Aug. 27 8:00 a.m. – Dorothy Rehagen

St. Cecilia Organist

Tuesday, Aug. 15 7:00 p.m. - Emilie
Sunday, Aug. 20 8:00 a.m. – Lydia
Sunday, Aug. 27 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. 15 Tuesday 7:45 a.m.—Gilbert Schellman & Richard Schellman

Aug. 15 Tuesday 5:00 p.m. – Dave Luebbering & Tom Backes
Aug. 19 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Eric & Roseanne Boessen
Aug. 20 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Craig Buechter & Ryan Buschjost
Aug. 26 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Mark Boessen & Mike Wooten
Aug. 27 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Doug Stockman & Josh Schroeder

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. 15 Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Bill Luebbering

Aug. 15 Tuesday 5:00 p.m. – Marshall Boessen

Aug. 19 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Keith Kliethermes

Aug. 20 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Lynne Reinkemeyer

Aug. 26 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Jan Carter

Aug. 27 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Glenn Prenger

St. Thomas the Apostle Servers

Weekday Thurs., & Friday- Francie Tallent & Valerie Verslues

Aug. 15 Tuesday 7:45 a.m. –Isabella Luebbering, Cady Libbert, Aliyah Buechter

Aug. 15 Tuesday 5:00 p.m. – Ava Buschjost, Evelyn Wooten, Kora Luebbering

Aug. 19 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Gregory Kirby, JD Volmert, Carmen Luebbering, Emerald Fennewald

Aug. 20 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Valerie, Zeke & Max Verslues, Angelina Veltrop

Aug. 26 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ellie & Sadie Boessen, Miranda Meyer

Aug. 27 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Francie, Hannah & Levi Tallent, Ben Otto

St. Thomas the Apostle Offertory Gifts

Aug. 15 Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Family of Herman & Agatha Luebbering

Aug. 15 Tuesday 5:00 p.m. – Family of Greg Russell

Aug. 19 Saturday 5:00 p.m.—Family of David A. Boessen

Aug. 20 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Family of Joe, Antonia & Richard Schwartz

St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters

Aug. 20 – Ron & Theresa Veit

Aug. 27 – Dunja Wieberg & Jennifer Schroeder

Sept. 3 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman

Sept. 10 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes

Sept. 17 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg

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

Aug. 20 Lauri Luebbering

Aug. 27 Brooke Schell

Sept. 3 Jenny Becker

Sept. 10 Karlie Reinkemeyer

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday 7:25 a.m. – Bob Schellman – Glorious Mysteries

Tuesday 4:35 p.m. – Barb Graessle – Glorious Mysteries

Thursday 7:25 a.m. –Dale Herigon– Luminous Mysteries

Friday 7:25 a.m. – Shirley Volmert – Sorrowful Mysteries

Saturday 4:35 p.m. – Dale Herigon – Glorious Mysteries

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

St. Thomas the Apostle Church Cleaners

Aug. 13: Brooke Schell, Tina Stockman, Gina Luebbering, Karen Luebbering

Aug. 20: Alan Libbert, Nancy Libbert, Darrel Buechter, Jan Heckemeyer

Aug. 27: Janet Lueckenhoff, Jim Lueckenhoff, Charlene Buschjost, Randy Buschjost

Sept. 3: Lynne Reinkemeyer, Linda Boessen, Lauri Luebbering, Lisa Lackman

Sept. 10: Sonya Henson, Susan Buechter, Brenda Schell, Amy Buechter

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.

CONGRATULATIONS FR. LEONARD!!! On August 13, is my Priestly ordination anniversary and I will be 18years since my ordination, I kindly ask all the parishioners and friends to join me in prayer thanking God for His kindness, love and favor for me that He chose me to be a priest to serve in his vineyard. Let us all together continue to pray that I can always be a good, holy priest dedicated to serving God's flock in His ministry.

CONGRATULATIONS to **Kinley Marie Otto**, daughter of Donald & Katelyn Otto, 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 (**this is a Holy Day of Obligation**) on Tuesday, August 15, 7:45 a.m. & 5:00 p.m. Masses at St. Thomas the Apostle & 7:00 p.m. St. Cecilia. Fr. will **not** have Mass on Wednesday, August 16 at St. Cecilia.

ST. CECILIA PARISHIONERS: TRAINING for New/Current Lectors and New/Current Eucharistic Ministers will be August 13 after 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Cecilia. All current are asked to attend this training. If you are unable to attend this training, please contact Joanne Schroeder, 573-694-0311.

St. Cecilia Eucharistic Ministers

Tuesday, Aug. 15 7:00 p.m. – Doris Stumpe

Aug. 20 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Janice Schanzmeyer

Aug. 27 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Jennifer Even

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

Aug. 15 Tuesday 7:00 p.m. – Tony & Will Derkum

Aug. 20 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Brendan Stumpe, Randy Hagenhoff, Kenny Otto, Leonard Schulte

Aug. 27 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Terry Libbert, Harold Libbert, Leon Schanzmeyer, Darin Even

St. Cecilia Servers

Aug. 15 Tuesday 7:00 p.m. – Henry & Annaline Schroeder

Aug. 20 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Bradyn & Kambrie Stegeman

Aug. 27 Sunday 8:00 a.m.—Sophie, Reagan & Eli Bock

St. Cecilia Offertory Gifts

Tuesday, August 15 7:00 p.m.- Family of Trudi Brune

August 20 Sunday 8:00 a.m.-Family of Wansing & Bruemmer

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Aug. 15 Tuesday 6:35 p.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer -

Glorious Mysteries

Aug. 20 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Dorothy Rehagen

Sorrowful Mysteries

Aug. 27 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Mary Plassmeyer

Luminous Mysteries

VOTIVE CANDLES: The requested donation for lighting a votive candle in church is **\$3.00**.

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.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ANNIVERSAIRES & BIRTHDAYS OF PARISHIONERS: Starting in September, Fr Leonard would like to recognize the Parishioners' birthdays and wedding anniversaries each month. A special prayer will be given at Mass to recognize our Parishioners and their special celebrations. Marriage Anniversaries will be blessed the first weekend of the month. Birthdays/Baptisms will be blessed the last weekend of the month.

FULL TIME ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH FACILITIES MANAGER POSITION: St Thomas the Apostle Parish is looking for a full-time Parish Facilities Manager to help with the care, maintenance, and Janitorial duties of the St Thomas the Apostle complex which includes the Church, Rectory, Vitae House, School, Cafeteria, Gymnasium, and ballpark facilities. The position is currently budgeted for full-time with a starting minimum pay of \$18 per hour. There are benefits with this position. For a complete listing of the job duties, please visit the Parish website or contact the parish webpage. www.stthomasapostle.net

PARISH GROUNDS ANNOUNCEMENT: We are trying to keep the grounds clean, please pick up after your pets.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PICNIC WORKLIST: An updated work list is posted on the Parish website and a limited number of printed copies are in the entrances of St. Thomas the Apostle Church. Picnic notes on last page of bulletin. Raffle chances are in the back of Church.

BISHOP MCKNIGHT AUGUST PRAYER INTENTION: For students, parents and teachers as another school year begins; may our Catholic community provide the proper environment and resources for our young people to thrive and excel in their formation as disciples of Christ, and sons and daughters of our Catholic Church, we pray to the Lord.

PASTORS MEDITATION: 19th Sunday in ordinary time: MUCH ENTHUSIASM, LITTLE FAITH. (1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33) If we are finding it too hard to live the gospel, maybe it's because we have taken off our eyes on Jesus. The readings for this week speak of God's saving presence among His people, our need for trusting Faith in our loving and providing God Who always keeps us company, and our need for prayer in storms of life. The first reading tells us of how Elijah the prophet who had defeated the 450 false priests of Baal with the help of a trusting Faith in the power of Yahweh, fled to the Lord God for help and strength on Mt Horeb, and encountered Him there in His mercy. In the second reading, Paul laments and mourns over the Jews who, having lost their Faith in Yahweh and His prophets, had rejected their promised Messiah, Jesus. Paul tells us later (11:7-24), that God's plan allowed the Jews to reject Jesus so that a few believers, like Paul, would be free to carry the Good News outside Judaism, evangelizing the Gentiles. The Gospel episode today occurred during an unexpected storm on the Sea of Galilee in the early morning hours. As Jesus approached the apostles, miraculously walking on water, he allayed their fears by telling them, "It is I." The Gospel also explains how Peter lost his trusting Faith in Jesus for a few seconds, and failed his attempt to walk on water, but was rescued when he called on Jesus for help. So, friends, we all need to call Jesus in the storms facing us in the Church and in our lives. Let us approach Jesus with strong Faith, in his ability and willing availability he can calm the storms in the life of the Church and in our own lives. Church history shows us how Jesus saved his Church from the storms of persecution in the first three centuries, from the storms of heresies in the 5th and 6th centuries, from the storms of moral degradation and the Protestant reformation movement (later resulting in hundreds of denominations), in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, and the storms of sex abuse scandals of the clergy in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. We need to realize that it is the presence of Jesus which gives us peace even in the wildest storms of life: the storms of anxiety and worries about the future storms of sorrow, storms of doubt, tension and uncertainty, storms of anger and despair, storms of temptations, and storms in family relationships. But this peace flows only from a personal relationship with God, with Jesus, enhanced through prayer, meditative reading of Scripture and active participation in the Holy Mass and reception of the Sacraments when these are available to us. We need to imitate the short prayer of sinking Peter: We are expected to pray to God every day with trusting Faith for strengthening our personal relationship with Him and for acknowledging our dependence on Him. But when we have no time or mental energy for formal prayers, let us use the short prayers in the Gospels like Peter's prayer: "Lord, save me!" or the prayer of the mother of the possessed girl: "Lord, help me!" or the blind man's prayer: "Son of David, have mercy on me!" or the repentant sinner's prayer: "Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner!" We get plenty of time during our travels to say the short prayers like "Our Father", "Hail Mary" and "Glory be..." We may begin every day offering all our day's activities to God and asking for His grace to do His will; then we may conclude every day before we go to sleep, by asking God's pardon and forgiveness for our sins. Keeping a Bible on our table will encourage us to read at least a few words of the Bible and thus listen to what God is telling us to do. ***Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukiibi***

2023-2024 PSR REGISTRATION: Registration is now open for PSR. Students in grades Kindergarten through Sixth Grade are invited to attend! Please go to this website to register your student(s): <https://shorturl.at/oHIL1>. Please register by August 16th! Reach out to Karlie Reinkemeyer if you have any questions, karlie.reinkemeyer@gmail.com.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL NEWS:

Sunday, August 13, 5:00 p.m. – Mandatory Parent Meeting, Parish Center

Wednesday, August 16 – First Day of School

Monday, August 21 – NO SCHOOL

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF – 2023-2024 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. Dunja Wieberg

1st Grade: Mrs. Michelle Siebeneck

Kindergarten: Mrs. Daffiny Tallent

Preschool: Mrs. Lizzie Linhardt

Extended Care for Preschool: Mrs. Lauren Buechter, Mrs. Madison VanderFeltz & Mrs. Amanda Boessen

Extended Care K-8: Miss Alyssa Seidel

Art: Miss Alyssa Seidel/Mrs. Linda Boessen

Music: Open

P.E.: Mr. Leroy Heckemeyer

Head Cook: Mrs. Angela Christian

Assistant Cooks: Mrs. Mary Kay Brand (2 days) & Mrs. Amanda Boessen (3 days)

Custodian: Mr. Gary Veltrop

AFTER SCHOOL WORKER NEEDED! We are needing help three (3) days a week from 3:30-5:30 p.m. in our Preschool after school program during the 2023-2024 school year! Please contact the school office if you are interested (even if you can only do 1 or 2 days). If you can't commit to 3 days, but would be willing to help out as a sub for after school care, please let us know!

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL is looking for a part time music teacher, either one full day or two half days.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PRESCHOOL: 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. CECILIA PARISH IS SEEKING BIDS FOR THE FOLLOWING REMODELING PROJECTS IN THE RECTORY:

Bid #1 -Blue Guest Bathroom & Tan Guest Bathroom: Complete remodel of the two bathrooms. Remove tub/shower area and tile along with remaining tile on the walls. Replace tub/showers with a walk-in shower with doors in the blue bathroom. The tan bathroom replace with a tub/shower kit. Repair walls where other tiles are removed as needed (sheet rock, etc) and paint all areas that need to be painted. Replace vanity and toilet in blue bathroom and toilet only in tan bathroom. Toilets to be replaced by chair-height toilets.

Bid #2 – Blue Guest Bathroom (complete remodel) and Tan Guest Bathroom (partial remodel): Complete remodel of blue bathroom. Remove Tub/shower area and tile along with remaining tile on the walls. Replace with walk-in shower only with doors. Replace vanity and toilet with chair-height toilet. Tan Guest Bathroom – Remove shower/tub and all tile inside tub area. Replace with tub/shower kit and shower door. Paint ceiling of shower area. Replace toilet with chair-height toilet.

If interested in placing a bid, please contact Janice Schanzmeyer, Parish Council Buildings & Grounds Representative or Doris Stumpe, Bookkeeper.

XLT ADORATION, PRAISE, LISTEN & PRAY is August 24, 7:00-8:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Joseph.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH BOWLING MEETING: The annual bowling meeting will be held on Monday, August 14, at 7:30 p.m. in the St. Thomas bowling alley. All teams are requested to have at least one member present for this meeting.

MEN OF THE JEFFERSON CITY AREA: You are invited to the August gathering of the Men of *Signum Crucis*, which begins at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, August 16, in the St. Pius X Chapel at Helias Catholic High School. Feel free to come early to pray the Rosary at 6:00 p.m. **The Study/Devotion portion of our evening will be led by Helias Class of 2018 graduate 2nd Lieutenant Jacob Ceglenski, who will ship out in October for the United States Marine Corps, on the history of and devotion to the Brown Scapular.** Following the Study/Devotion, we will move to the Helias Commons for fraternity and refreshments. As always, our evening will conclude with the Litany of St. Joseph at 7:55 p.m.

PICKLEBALL will be played every Tuesday in August at the St. Thomas KC Hall at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come join in the fun! For St. Thomas Pickleball updates please text @stthomaspi to 81010

HELPING HANDS (ST. ELIZABETH) BACK TO SCHOOL – END OF SUMMER OPEN HOUSE is Wednesday, August 16, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Remember no sales tax!! Clothing, sports equipment, backpacks, lunch boxes, shoes, school supplies and so much more.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PICNIC is Sunday, August 20, serving fried chicken & roast beef dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Adults \$15, children 6-12 \$7.00. Quilt auction 5:00 p.m. Live music 1-5 & 6-8 p.m.

SAVE THE DATES: St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Picnic – August 20, 2023

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish 27th Annual Fall Fantasy – November 4, 2023

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Pictorial Directory – January 3-6, 2024

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Pastoral Council Meeting -July 25, 2023

Call to Order- Father led a prayer.

Principal's Report

- Jim Lueckenhoff has most of the floors waxed and ready for the school year.
- Bruce is working on getting the chrome books set up for the school year.
- Bruce helped install a new doorbell. The doorbell has a voice part on it, so the office can talk to the person outside.
- Linda Boessen is going to be the K-2 art teacher and doing Dunja Wieberg's maternity sub.
- The school is still looking for a music teacher.
- Sunday, August 13th is the mandatory parent meeting. First Day of school is August 16th. There will be no school the day after the picnic.

Pastoral Council Commission Reports

- Worship: The next meeting will be on 8/1/23 at 7:00.
 - Carol Backes will help out on the worship committee.
 - Father is wanting to set up a rehearsal for the communion ministers, lectors, and servers.
- Social Concern: Lynne Reinkemeyer and Linda Boessen will help with the social committee.
 - Picnic Committee - Sam Luebbering has been going to these meetings. Everything is going well. The food is ordered. The work list is out. The next meeting is 7/26/23.
- Administrations: Part Time Maintenance Position - It has been advertised in the bulletins, facebook, and in other parish bulletins. There has not been anyone interested. Shane Verslues is proposing that we change the position from a position with no benefits to a position with benefits and change it to a full time position. Shane talked to Jan Heckemeyer. She said that would be an extra 10,000 - 12,000 more dollars to the budget. Linda Boessen said that we could advertise the position on the radio too. The PPC decided that we should go for it. Shane Verslues, Father, and Leroy Heckemeyer are going to meet at the Vitae House on Friday, July 27, to talk about this position.
 - Railing at Church Ramp and Vitae Front Steps - Shane Verslues received a bid from IEI. He is going to get one from G6 too. The ramp has rusted away. He is looking for pricing on the style we have now and then also the picket fence style.
 - Roaches - Art's Pest Control has been spraying. Boessen Pest Control sprayed inside and outside. We are still having issues with them. Shane Verslues is going to call a plumbing contractor to see if they can come in and snake the drains to see if they can figure out the sources on the roaches.
- Finance Committee: They approved the budget.

Pastor's Report: Father thanked the new members for offering their time to the council.

- Father wants to celebrate marriage anniversaries and people who have been baptized in that month at Mass. He wanted to bring that to the worship committee.

- On July 1 we became a stewardship parish. We are in the third cohort. Now all parishes in the Dioceses are under the new stewardship model. We dropped some of the envelope collections and we are encouraged to tithe generously.
- The next Deanery Meeting is August 22, 2023 at 6:30 at St. Joseph's Cathedral.
- Father is asking for prayers for his green card. His current stay is expiring at the end of next month. His green card has been approved, but they are far behind. On August 3rd, there will be a rosary said for Father so that his papers can be approved and sent back to him.
- Father please asks that people clean up their dog's droppings if they are going on the church grounds. Dunja Wieberg will share with Diane to have a note put into the bulletin. We are going to say, "We are trying to keep the grounds clean, please pick up after your pets."

New Business: CSR - The next meeting is August 10 at 6:30 at the Vitae House. St. Thomas has submitted their papers to the Diocese. St. Thomas is in the process of getting a booklet from the Dioceses so that the parish learns about the CSR program. At this next meeting, they are going to decide what to put in the bulletin to share with the parishioners so that they know how this new method will affect our budget. It is in discussion that there will be a meeting in the Parish Center to share more information about this new model as well. Someone from the committee will also be at the mandatory parent meeting at school so that the parents know what is going on. Theresa Veit has been a great help to the committee with getting the papers to the Dioceses.

- Parish Directory - This will take place on January 3-6. The pictures will be taken at school. Melissa Verslues is the point of contact on this. We will need 2 to 4 members to help with this. The scheduling will take place online.
- Heritage Parish Quilt - It has been decided that the quilt will stay within the parish. They are going to put the quilt in a protection case and hang it somewhere on the parish grounds.
- Giving Tree in Lobby - This is still a work in progress and has been added to the next PPC agenda.

Varia: Discussion, clarification, questions

- Ushers are asking that the baskets get moved from upstairs to downstairs somewhere. Some of the ushers are older and do not like going up and down those steps. Father does not want them to be in the confessional. They are thinking about putting them in the side entrance of Church or under a bench in the back of Church.

Next Meeting: September 26 at 7:00 p.m., Closing Prayer, Father led a prayer. Adjournment

ST. CECILIA PICNIC STAND TOTALS July 9, 2023

Beer	\$2,700.00
Bingo	\$331.50
Craft/Country Store	\$1,255.76
Dinner Tickets (1305 adults & 35 kids)	\$19,855.00
Donation	0
Game Tickets	\$225.05
Raffle Stand – Main Stand	\$1,272.00
Raffle – Dinner Line	\$546.00
Sandwich/Soda Stand	\$1,039.75
Kitchen Sales *	\$822.70
Quilt Auction (St. Cecilia Church part)	\$8,563.00
Dessert Auction	\$1,795.00
Popcorn	\$100.00
TOTAL OF ALL STANDS	\$38,502.76

Income:

Meat Collection	\$380.00
Picnic Proceeds	\$31,582.06
Kitchen Sales	\$892.70
Quilt Auction	\$8,563.00
Pie Auction	\$1,795.00
Total Income	\$43,212.76

Advertising

Postmasters (Postage)	\$189.00
Central Missouri Newspapers (News Tribune)	\$165.00
Miller County Autogram	\$60.00
Linn Printing (Posters, Raffle Tickets & Work lists)	\$224.79
Warden Publishing (Unterrified Democrat)	\$117.00
Diocese of Jefferson City	\$68.00
Ad Tracker	\$75.00

Dinner

Graves Menu Maker Foods	\$3863.83
The Butcher Shop	\$7,320.20
Norma Jean Libbert (Groceries)	\$320.20

Refreshments

N.H. Scheppers	\$506.95
Gin Rikki Supplies	\$262.28
Liquor License Fees	\$53.00
Loose Creek Oil (Joe Borgmeyer Ice)	\$304.81
Soda/Water	\$256.69

Outside Games/Activities

All American Bingo	\$92.98
Mo Gaming Commission (Bingo License)	\$25.00

Miscellaneous

Winter-Dent (One Day Event Insurance)	\$154.00
Starting Cash	\$4,330.00
Total Expenses	\$18,388.73
Income Less Expenses	\$24,824.03

Civic League Fees:

4% of Net	\$992.96
Civic League Hall Rental	\$50.00
Cooler Rental (4 days @ \$10 per day)	\$40.00
Total Paid to Civic League for use of Premises	\$1,082.96
Profit	\$23,741.07

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE 2023 PARISH PICNIC 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 are needed. Each household is asked to donate two-three loaves of sliced bread.

Country Store: Please help bake and provide items for the Country Store. Any baked goods (breads, cakes, pies, cookies, brownies, etc.), home canned foods, jellies, fresh fruits and vegetables sell very well. You can drop these items off either Saturday/Sunday or by contacting one of the Co-Chairs listed below. All volunteers are welcome to help bake pies Saturday. For start time contact Donna Luebbering (690-0822). Note that the Country Store stand "worker baking" will be limited to fresh baked pies only.

Also, if you have frozen berries or juices to donate for pie or jelly making contact Sonya Henson (338-3665), Donna Luebbering (690-0822), or Tracy Suthoff (690-6307).

Grand Raffle: Grand Raffle tickets are in the back of church. Extra raffle tickets are in the entrances of church, 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 Friday August 18, if you have tomatoes and cucumbers to donate. Please **DO NOT REFRIGERATE TOMATOES**, if possible.

Work list: An updated work list is posted on the Parish website and a limited number of printed copies are in the entrances of St. Thomas the Apostle Church. 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:

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.

SPECIAL REQUEST – HANDICAP SHUTTLE: Cart rentals are difficult to arrange this year and we are in need of additional shuttles. We are asking for anyone willing to lend a 4-Seater ATV/UTV (Side-by-Side) or Golf Cart, to help with handicap and elderly shuttle service on Picnic Day, to contact Bryan Braun (573) 659-5815, or Phil Akin (573) 690-1251, ASAP or by August 16. We appreciate your consideration in this matter.

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!



