

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

**St. Cecilia**  
in Meta

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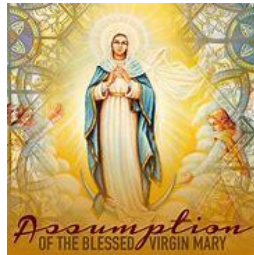
**THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

**AUGUST 15, 2021**

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St. Thomas Parish Office hours: Wednesdays 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.; Thursdays 8:30 to 11:30 a.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.; 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. 15-22:**

**WEEKDAY MORNING MASSES IN PARISH CENTER**

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Curt Stockman  
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – L&D Herman & Gertie Hoecker Family  
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Mary Lou Bax  
Friday 7:45 a.m. – David A. Boessen

**WEEKEND MASSES IN ST. CECILIA CHURCH**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Rose Mary Buschjost

**Your Sunday Offering:**

Offertory Budget for 2021-2022: \$305,000.00  
Offertory Goal through Month End: \$ 50,834.00  
Actual Collection for 2021-2022: \$ **36,262.00**  
Offertory Difference Year to Date: –\$ 14,572.00  
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

**Collection in Church:**

August 1 \$ 4,237.00  
August 8 \$ 5,496.00  
August 15 \$  
August 22 \$  
August 29 \$

**Collection Online:** \$ 5,217.00

**August total to date:** \$ **14,950.00**

Difference for August: -\$10,467.00

**Church Renovation Capital Campaign**

Total Pledges/Donations \$111,485.00  
Total Collected \$89,009.00

**St. Thomas the Apostle Cantors / Organists**

**WEEKEND MASSES IN ST. CECILIA CHURCH**

Aug. 21 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Jean Kliethermes / Alanna  
Aug. 22 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Amanda Wooten / Jackie  
Aug. 28 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mary Kay Brand / Jackie  
Aug. 29 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Doug Luebbering / Jackie

**St. Thomas the Apostle & St. Cecilia Readers**

**WEEKEND MASSES IN ST. CECILIA CHURCH**

Aug. 21 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Betty Hagenhoff  
Aug. 22 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mary Kay Brand  
Aug. 28 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Jeff Cassmeyer  
Aug. 29 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Ben Luebbering

**Saint Cecilia**

**Mass Schedule for the Week of Aug. 15-22:**

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Tom Kleffner

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Urban Voss

**Your Sunday Offering:**

Offertory Budget for 2021-2022: \$62,000.00  
Collection Total for 2021-2022: \$ **6,952.00**  
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,166.67

**Collection in Church:**

August 1 \$ 940.00  
August 8 \$ 990.00  
August 15 \$  
August 22 \$  
August 29 \$

**August total to date:** \$ **1,930.00**

Difference for August: -\$3,236.67

**St. Cecilia Collection Counters**

August – Dale & Margie Helton  
September – Marie Lueckenotto & Pam Libbert

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

**St. Cecilia Reader**

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Dorothy Rehagen  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Doris Stumpe

**IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO FULFILL YOUR  
LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENT, PLEASE FIND A  
REPLACEMENT. YOUR FELLOW  
PARISHIONERS THANK YOU!**

**St. Thomas the Apostle & St. Cecilia Ushers**  
**WEEKEND MASSES IN ST. CECILIA CHURCH**

Aug. 21 Sat. 5:00 p.m. – Randy Hagenhoff & Gilbert Schellman  
Aug. 22 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Eric & Keith Boessen  
Aug. 28 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Richard Schellman & Darin Even  
Aug. 29 Sun. 10:00 a.m.- Alan Reinkemeyer & Doug Stockman

**St. Thomas the Apostle & St. Cecilia Eucharistic Ministers**  
**MASSES IN ST. CECILIA CHURCH**

Aug. 21 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Betty Hagenhoff  
Aug. 22 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Lynne Reinkemeyer  
Aug. 28 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Keith Kliethermes  
Aug. 29 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Rob Henson

**St. Thomas the Apostle Servers**  
**WEEKEND MASSES IN ST. CECILIA CHURCH**

Aug 21 Saturday 5:00 p.m. -  
Aug. 22 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Valerie & Zeke Verslues  
Aug. 28 Saturday 5:00 p.m. -  
Aug. 29 Sun. 10:00 a.m. – Klint & Kora Luebbering

**St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters**

Aug. 22 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes  
Aug. 29 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg  
Sept. 5 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman  
Sept. 12 - Jennifer Schroeder & Dunja Wieberg

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

**WEEKDAY MASSES IN ST. THOMAS PARISH CENTER**

Tuesday, 7:20 a.m. – Joann Heckman – Sorrowful Mysteries  
Wednesday 7:20 a.m. – Pat Loethen – Glorious Mysteries  
Thursday 7:20 a.m. - Viola Boessen–Luminous Mysteries  
Friday 7:20 a.m. – Bob Schellman Sorrowful Mysteries

**WEEKEND MASSES IN ST. CECILIA CHURCH**

Saturday 4:35 p.m. – Dale Herigon– Luminous Mysteries  
Sunday 9:35 a.m.– Tina Stockman – Luminous Mysteries

**St. Thomas the Apostle & St. Cecilia Offertory**

**WEEKEND MASSES IN ST. CECILIA CHURCH**

Aug. 21 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ushers  
Aug. 22 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Ushers  
Aug. 28 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ushers  
Aug. 29 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Ushers

**SCRIP:** Visit [www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip](http://www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip) for more information about the Scrip program. Please contact Daffiny Tallent at 573-694-4408 to purchase anytime.

**BULLETIN NOTICES:** Deadline for bulletin notices is noon on Wednesday's.

**ST. CECILIA PRAYER LINE REQUESTS** can be made by calling Marie Lueckenotto at 573-229-4336.

**St. Thomas The Apostle Church Renovation:**

Thank you to everyone for helping clear out the Church and protecting the hardwood floors in the Sanctuary. Everything was successfully moved and stored. **JOB WELL DONE!!! St. Thomas Parishioners are top notch!** Thank you also to all those who put time and effort into planning and organizing the activities! We are fortunate to have some very talented people!

Activities this week include:

- Removal of the Stations of the Cross.
- Removal of light fixtures and installation of temporary lighting. The existing fixtures will be upgraded to LED lighting.
- Construction will begin to remove the step in back of Church in the baptismal area, and build an alcove on the outside wall that matches the alcove that St. Jude resides.

**For the safety of everyone, beginning August 9th, no one should go into the church while the renovation is taking place unless you have been instructed by a renovation committee member or are accompanied by a committee member. Some of the contractors are scheduled to start next week, so we want to keep everyone safe.**

**POST-PICNIC MEETING:** The Post-Picnic meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, August 17, 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Any stand chairperson or other interested parties who have input regarding the picnic are encouraged to attend. If you have input and cannot attend, please detail your comments in writing, and email to Larry Lueckenhoff at [lueckenhoff@embarqmail.com](mailto:lueckenhoff@embarqmail.com), or submit to another committee member, prior to the meeting.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 101<sup>ST</sup> ANNIVERSARY:** The Knights of Columbus 101st Anniversary Celebration is on August 28th. It starts with mass at St. Cecilia's Church at 5:00 pm and follows with a banquet at St. Thomas Parish Center. If you are a Knight or a widow of a Knight and would like to attend, please contact Jeff Cassmeyer at 573-690-7546.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN:** Please return your Pledge by **September 12**. Payments should be received within 3 years. Payments can be made by going to the "Renovation" link on the Parish website for PayPal donations and ACH debit sign up, or by using the yellow "Building Expansion & Renovation" church envelopes. You can also mail checks directly to St. Thomas the Apostle Church, PO Box 146, St. Thomas MO., 65076. Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

**BISHOP MCKNIGHT'S AUGUST PRAYER INTENTION:** As we begin this school year, may all recognize our shared mission to hand on our Catholic faith to the next generation.

**St. Cecilia & St. Thomas the Apostle Eucharistic Minister**  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Rosalyn Wieberg

**St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers**

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Tony Derkum & Leon Schanzmeyer

**St. Cecilia Servers**

Sunday 8:00 a.m. –

**Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia**

Wednesday–6:05 p.m.–Dorothy Rehagen–Glorious Mysteries  
Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer–Luminous 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.

**PASTORS MEDITATION: 20th Sunday in ordinary time, year B: THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

Today we celebrate the assumption of Mary into heaven. This was the declaration that after her life on earth was completed; Mary was taken up to heaven body and soul. The dogma of assumption was solemnly declared by pope Pius XII on November 1950. We honor Mary, venerate her, express our love for her and never worship her.

We do honor Mary because Mary herself gives the most important reason in her "Magnificat:" "All generations (ages) will call me blessed because the "The Mighty One has done great things for me" a) by choosing Mary as the mother of Jesus b) by filling her with His Holy Spirit twice, namely at the Annunciation and at Pentecost, c) by making her "full of grace," the paragon/embodiment of all virtues, d) by allowing her to become the most active participant with Christ, her Son, in our Redemption, suffering in spirit what Jesus suffered in body.

Secondly, because Mary is our Heavenly Mother, Jesus gave us His Mother as our Mother from the cross: "Woman, behold your son." ... "Behold your mother" (John 19: 26-27).

Thirdly, because Mary is the supreme model of all virtues and hence our role model, especially in holiness of life ("full of grace"), obedience to the will of God ("fiat") and true humility ("Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it done to me as you have said").

The reasons why we believe in the (dogma) of Assumption of Mary: Pope Pius XII in the papal document "Munificentissimus Deus" gives four reasons for our belief in the Dogma of Assumption of Mary.

1) The uninterrupted tradition about Mary's death and Assumption starting from the first century.

2) The belief expressed in all the ancient liturgies of the Church.

3) The negative evidence of the absence and veneration of a tomb of Mary while most of the apostles have their tombs.

4) The possibility of bodily assumption warranted in the Old Testament in the cases of Enoch (Gn 5:24), perhaps Moses (Dt 34:5) and especially Elijah (II Kgs 2:1).5)

The theological reasons include: a) The degeneration of the body after death is the consequence of "original sin" and Mary as "Immaculately Conceived" is exempted from the post-mortem decay of the body. b) As receiver of the fullness of grace and holiness because she is mother of Jesus and co-redeemer with Him, Mary's place is with her son, God's Son Jesus, the Redeemer, in the abode of holiness, Heaven.

With the exception of Jesus Christ, who is the eternal word, conceived through the power of the Holy Spirit, Mary is the greatest person to ever exist. She is the greatest person to be conceived through a human mother and a father. She is greater than Moses or David or any of the great people of history. She was one who was conceived without sin. She gave her life so we can have a savior. She is the greatest of all of us all. Mary brought new dignity to every woman who has lived and who ever will live. Women bring life into the world and nurture this life. Mary sacrificed herself for us. Women bring unique reflections of God into the world, and nurture his image with their bodies and with their lives. Women are life givers. Christian women give life to the divine. Women are sources of love, carriers of love and nourishers of love. Mary reminds us of the dignity and respect that are the natural rights of every female among us. We men are reminded that it is our obligation to care for and protect our women, be they little girls, teens, wives, singles, widows or the elderly.

Mary said "yes" to the angel Gabriel at the assumption and allowed God to radically change her life. She nurtured and cared for the child that others wanted dead. She supported Jesus as a young man when some thought he was deranged. She stood with him as he was tortured to death to complete the father's plan of redemption. She accepted John and us into her heart and became our mother. For all this and more than we could ever imagine, Mary was rewarded with her total union with God at the conclusion of her earthly life. She was assumed into heaven, now seated closest to her son, the judge of the living and the dead, she brings prayers before him, she brings the prayers we offer when we honor her in the rosary, she brings the prayers we offer when we just call out "mother help us" Therefore friends, as Mary's Assumption was a reward for a holy life, this feast invites us to keep our bodies pure and holy. Paul gives three additional reasons: a) our bodies are the temples of the Holy Spirit, b) our body parts are the members of Christ's Body, and c) our bodies are to be glorified on the day of the Last Judgment.

We are given an assurance of hope in our resurrection and a source of inspiration during moments of despair and temptations. We receive a message of total liberation from all our bondages through the intercession of Mary; let us pray today on the feast of her assumption for ourselves and for peace. **I wish St. Thomas the Apostle Parish community a nice and successful picnic day.**

***Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukiibi***

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE FALL FANTASY EVENT:** – The St. Thomas PPC recently discussed whether or not to host the annual Fall Fantasy Event. It was decided that due to not having an active Planning Committee in place and time running short and with the unknowns of the church renovation project that the event will be canceled again. The PPC is going to explore and will be asking for volunteers to help again with the Virtual Winter Fantasy event that took place last February. Anyone interested please contact Jackie Prenger at 291-3558, Mark Luebbering at 694-6393 or Alan Reinkemeyer at 694-6984. Thanks!

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

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF – 2021-2022 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**

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Ms. Kristin Morris

Head Cook: Mrs. Angela Christian

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Mrs. Madison VanderFeltz

Assistant Cook: Mrs. Neva Wieberg

3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Mrs. Lauren Buechter

Custodians: Mr. Gilbert Strobe & Mr. Gary Veltrop

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: Mrs. Sarah Schwartz

1<sup>st</sup> Grade: Mrs. Michelle Siebeneck

Kindergarten: Mrs. Daffiny Tallent

Preschool: Mrs. Lizzie Linhardt

Preschool Aid: Mrs. Vonna Kesel

Art: Mrs. Lizzie Linhardt/Miss Alyssa Seidel

Music: Mrs. Rose Ann Ruzicka

P.E.: Mr. Leroy Heckemeyer

**UPCOMING EVENTS!**

Tuesday, August 17, Open house 6:00 p.m., Mandatory Parent Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 18, First day of school PreK-8

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PRESCHOOL:** If you have a child ages 3 or 4 and have been thinking about preschool, please call Lizzie Linhardt 573-645-5605 or the school office 573-477-3322. **First day of classes is Wednesday, August 18.** If you have any questions or would like to set up a one on one meeting and school tour please contact the school office.

**THE ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH GROUNDS "GRASS CUTTING TEAM ROTATION" FOR THE UPCOMING**

**WEEKS:** It is once again time for care and maintenance of the parish property. Many thanks to all those who volunteer their time and effort to keep our parish property looking nice. The following dates are assigned for grass cutting.

Week of August 15	Mark Graessle, Jeff Cassmeyer and Fred Luebbering
Week of August 22	Richard Schellman, Pat Schellman and Paul Struempf
Week of August 29	Alan Reinkemeyer, Richard Heckemeyer and Dave Schroeder
Week of September 5	Mark Luebbering, Antone Luebbering and Nick Luebbering

**SAVE THE DATE:**

**August 28 – Knights of Columbus Centennial Mass & Celebration**

**HOLY FAMILY PARISH PICNIC, FREEBURG** is Sunday, September 5, serving fried chicken & roast beef dinners from 11:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Meals \$13.00, carry outs - outdoor and air-conditioned indoor dining. Quilt auction 5:00 p.m.

**OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS PARISH PICNIC, MARY'S HOME** is Sunday, September 5, serving fried chicken & gluten free roast beef dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Meals \$13.00, cafeteria style and carry outs. Quilt Fortune Wheel

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH COVID VACCINATION CLINIC:** Immaculate Conception Church will host a Covid vaccination clinic on Sunday, August 22, from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. Please go to the parish website at [icangels.com](http://icangels.com) under "Get Involved" to register or contact the Parish office at 573-635-7143. We will be providing the Pfizer vaccine for ages 12 and older free of charge with support from Compass Health. The clinic will be held on the church property in the former Gerbes grocery store. There will be a follow-up clinic on Sunday, September 12, for the second dose. You are required to remain in the clinic for 15 minutes after the vaccinations.

When you sign up to receive the vaccine you will be able to select the time you would like scheduled. Walk-ins are welcome but it is helpful to have an appointment and for us to know in advance how many will participate. Vaccination is not only good for you but also healthy for our whole community.

**ST. STANISLAUS PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL OPEN HOURS:**

Tuesday- 1:00-2:00 a.m. (3,4,5)

Saturday morning 12:00 a.m. (midnight) to 1:00 a.m.

Saturday 11-12:00 noon (1,2,4,5)

Saturday 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Saturday night 9-10:00 p.m. (1,2)

(Please call Donna at 680-1470 if you would like to take one of these hours, or let me know if you can sub periodically. Thank you!)

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE AND ST. CECILIA PARISHIONERS:** Information regarding new guidelines from the Diocesan office in regard to Virtus (Safe Environment) mandates for volunteers. Information may be found on our parish websites under Resources, Resources Home, and Safe Environment. Please follow the steps. If you have any questions, please contact the parish offices.

**Safe Environment Instructions  
For First Time Registrants  
Volunteering with Minors**

Go to [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org) website.

Click on the "First Time Registrant" button and enter your profile information.

It is vital this information remains current, ESPECIALLY your email address. Your email address is how the system will communicate with you in the future.

Next, sign up for a Protecting God's Children workshop. This workshop may be done online or in person (if offered) and only needs to be completed one time. However, if you choose the online version, you MUST commit to the entire two hours required. If you leave the workshop prior to completion, you may have difficulty resuming.

Next, you will be prompted to read the "Code of Conduct" form (which you will sign electronically).

Within one day of completing the training, the Office of Child and Youth Protection will approve your account. At this time you will receive an email from Virtus stating to log into your account to complete the background check screening process.

If you have used the site in the past and simply don't remember your information, we can help you find your information and give you a chance to update the system.

