

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

St. Cecilia
in Meta

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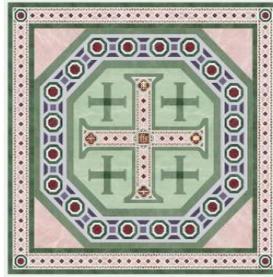
20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 16, 2020

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St. Thomas Parish Office hours: Tuesdays 8:30 a.m. – 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 August 16-23:

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Mary Lou Bax
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – No Mass (Summer Schedule)
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – L&D Herman & Gertie Hoecker Fam.
Friday 7:45 a.m. – Ben Engelmeyer
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – L&D Harold Groner Family

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2020-2021:	\$305,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End:	\$ 50,834.00
Actual Collection for 2020-2021:	\$ 37,906.00
Offertory Difference Year to Date:	– \$ 12,928.00
Offertory Goal per month:	\$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

August 2	\$ 6,449.00
August 9	\$ 5,362.00
August 16	\$
August 23	\$
August 30	\$

Collection Online: \$ 5,067.00
August total to date: **\$ 16,878.00**
Difference for August: –\$ 8,539.00

St. Thomas the Apostle Expansion & Building Fund

Total Expansion Project expenses paid: \$2,273,475.34
Income from parishioners for FY 2020-2021
(via the yellow "Building Fund" envelope): **\$3,918.00**
Loan payments to date for FY 2020-2021: **\$9,227.74**
Principal \$8,860.51 Interest \$367.23
Parish Building Expansion Debt remaining: **\$86,972.94**

Cantor/Organist

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kerry Meyer / Annette Kehner
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jean Kliethermes / Annette Kehner

St. Thomas the Apostle Reader

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Barb Graessle
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Greg Russell

St. Thomas the Apostle Ushers

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Steve Schellman & Gilbert Schellman
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mike Buschjost & Ryan Buschjost

Mass live streamers

August 23 – Brooke Schell
August 30 – Lauri Luebbering
September 6 – Jennifer Schroeder

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of August 16-23:

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Martina Goeller

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Hugo & Rosaline Bisges

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2020-2021:	\$62,000.00
Collection Total for 2020-2021:	\$ 6,455.00
Offertory Goal per month:	\$ 5,166.67

Collection in Church:

August 2	\$ 840.00
August 9	\$ 755.00
August 16	\$
August 23	\$
August 30	\$

August total to date: **\$ 1,595.00**
Difference for August: –\$ 3,571.67

COLLECTION COUNTERS:

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

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

St. Cecilia Reader:

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic Plassmeyer

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

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

St. Cecilia Ushers

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

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle

Tuesday 7:20 a.m. – Joann Heckman – Sorrowful Mysteries

Thursday 7:20 a.m. – Viola Boessen – Luminous Mysteries

Friday 7:20 a.m. – Pat Loethen – Sorrowful Mysteries

Saturday 4:35 p.m. – Paul Becker – Glorious Mysteries

Sunday 9:35 a.m. – Pat Loethen – Glorious Mysteries

SCRIP: Visit www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip for more information about the Scrip program. Please contact Daffiny Tallent at 573-694-4408 to purchase anytime. A large variety of cards in various denominations are in stock and available for purchase.

BISHOP MCKNIGHT'S AUGUST PRAYER INTENTION: For our parish and school communities, that we may be bound by a spirit of unity to work together for the common good during the pandemic.

PASTOR'S MEDITATION: 20th Sunday in ordinary time, year A: **GOD'S MERCY AND LOVE ARE AVAILABLE TO ALL WHO CALL OUT TO HIM IN FAITH. HAPPY PICNIC DAY!** I want to begin by wishing you all a happy and safe picnic, we commend all today's activities to the mercy of God, we know it's not a very safe situation health-wise but this being a moment of us coming together as faith community to share our time, talent and treasure in supporting the proclamation of the word of God, we solely rely on God's mercy and protection. Let's comply in keeping one another safe as we enjoy our picnic celebration. All three readings today speak of the universal nature of the "Kingdom of God," in contrast with the theory that salvation was offered first to the Jews and through them alone to the rest of the world. Although God set the Hebrew people apart as His chosen race, He included all nations in His plan for salvation and blessed all the families of the earth in Abraham (Gn 12:1-3). By declaring through prophet Isaiah in the first reading, "*My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples,*" God reveals the truth that in His eyes there is no distinction among human beings on the basis of race, caste or color. The long-expected Messianic kingdom was intended not only for the Jews but for all nations as well. Today's Psalm (Ps 67) rejects all types of religious exclusivity: "*Let all the peoples praise You, O God; ...For You judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon the earth, so that Your saving power may be known among all the nations.*" In the second reading, Paul explains that, although the Jews were the chosen people, many of them rejected Jesus as the promised Messiah and consequently, God turned to the Gentiles who received mercy through their Faith in Jesus. In the Gospel story, Jesus demonstrates that salvation was meant for the Gentiles as well as for the Jews by healing the daughter of a Gentile woman as a reward for her strong Faith. Thus, **Jesus shows that God's mercy and love are available to all who call out to Him in Faith.**

Dear friends we need to persist in prayer with trustful confidence. Although the essential parts of prayer are adoration and thanksgiving, the prayer of petition plays a big part in our daily lives. Christ himself has told us to ask him for these needs: "*Ask and you shall receive.*" Asking with fervor and perseverance proves that we have the "great Faith" we need to receive what Christ wants to grant us in response to our requests. We must realize and remember that we do not always get exactly what we ask for. Rather, God gives us what He knows we really need, what He wants for us, and what is really best for us. As Christians, we also know that our particular request may not always be for our good, or for the final good of the person for whom we are praying. But if the prayer is sincere and persevering, we will always get an answer — one which is better than what we asked for.

We need to pull down our walls of separation and share in the universality of God's love: Very often we set up walls which separate us from God and from one another. Today's Gospel reminds us that God's love and mercy are extended to all who call on Him in Faith and trust, no matter who they are. In other words, God's care extends beyond the bounds of race and nation to the hearts of all who live, and God's House should become a House of Prayer for all peoples. It is therefore fitting that we should pray and work sincerely so that the walls which our pride, intolerance, fear, and prejudice have raised may crumble. Happy Picnic day! **Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukiibi**

NOTE TO ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISHIONERS "MASS CHANGES AFTER JUNE 16, 2020": As you may have heard, Governor Parson lifted the statewide health order beginning June 16, 2020. Shortly thereafter, the Diocese of Jefferson City issued an updated Decree On Pastoral Activities which loosens some of the previous restrictions. The Decree document is on page 4 of the bulletin and also on the website and Facebook page. With these considerations in mind, the St. Thomas the Apostle Parish will be implementing new guidelines starting immediately:

- Masks are encouraged.
- If you are symptomatic for COVID-19 please do not enter church.

SEATING:

- The Blessed Virgin Mary side of the church will remain roped off for the next few weeks to allow for continued social distancing for those who prefer it.
- The St. Joseph side of the church and balcony will be open for seating as normal. Usher and Reader assignments will return to normal. Please watch the bulletin. If you do not wish to be assigned, please contact Diane Lueckenhoff at 573-645-5794, dlueckenhoffoffice@gmail.com or the Parish Office. Special instructions (checklist) for Ushers will be in back of church at each entrance. You are responsible for finding a replacement.
- Please maintain social distancing during Communion. The floor is marked for this purpose.
- There will be no offertory procession or sign of peace.
- Stationary basket(s) are available for offertory collection envelopes. The baskets are currently located in the aisle near handicap pew.
- Communion ministers are to sanitize hands before **and** after distributing Holy Communion and must use facemasks during distribution of Holy Communion.
- Missals are at the back of church. If you take one, please take it home with you as this becomes your personal missal.
- Hand sanitizers and masks are available in back of church.
- Holy water fonts will remain empty.
- If you are uncomfortable in returning to Mass at St Thomas the Apostle, Bishop McKnight has dispensed the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligations until September 11, 2020 provided you follow one of the three (3) obligations found in his decree. St Thomas the Apostle will continue to live stream the Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass for you to view. Thanks for your patience!

PLEASE READ: ST. CECILIA CHURCH MASS CHANGES AFTER JUNE 16, 2020: With the uplifting of the statewide health order that began on June 15, 2020 and the update from the Diocese of Jefferson City on Decree on Pastoral Activities, the following will apply to St. Cecilia Church. The Decree document is located on page 4 of the bulletin and is posted on the website.

- Entrance is thru the front door and after mass you may exit thru front door and side doors.
- If you have a fever, cough, sore throat, symptomatic or been exposed to someone with the virus within the last 14 days- PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND MASS.
- Masks are encouraged.

- SEATING: The left side of church is open with the right side of the church with pews marked for seating in every other row as previous. Feel free to set where you feel most comfortable. Social distancing is still encouraged.
- There will be no offertory or sign of peace.
- Maintain social distancing during communion, the floor is marked for the distancing.
- The tithe/offertory basket is located in the aisle in entrance of church.
- Missals are located in the back of church, if you take one, please take home after mass and bring back with you to the next mass. Please do not put back on the table.
- Holy Fonts will remain empty of holy water.
- If you are uncomfortable in coming back to Mass, Bishop McKnight has dispensed the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday's and Holy Days of Obligations until September 11, 2020 provided you follow one of the three (3) obligations found in his decree.

ST. THOMAS CHURCH CLEANING TEAM ROTATION FOR UPCOMING WEEKS:

Week of August 16th: Sonya Henson, Susan Buechter, Jackie Prenger, Amy Buechter

Week of August 23rd: Janet Lueckenhoff, Jim Lueckenhoff, Charlene Buschjost, Randy Buschjost

Week of August 30th: Alan Libbert, Nancy Libbert, Darrel Buechter

Week of September 6th: Lynne Reinkemeyer, Linda Boessen, Lauri Luebbering, Lisa Lackman

Thanks to all who volunteer to help keep our Church looking beautiful! Anyone else interested in helping out, please contact Lynne Reinkemeyer at 573-690-7113 and we can add another group.

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

Week of August 17: Mark Luebbering, Antone Luebbering and Nick Luebbering

Week of August 24: Mark Graessle, Jeff Cassmeyer and Fred Luebbering

Week of August 31: Richard Schellman, Pat Schellman and Paul Struempfler

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE 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 ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF – 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR:

Pastor: Fr. Leonard Mukiibi

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: Ms. Kristin Morris

5th & 6th Grade: Mrs. Madison VanderFeltz

3rd & 4th Grade: Mrs. Michelle Komoroski

2nd Grade: Mrs. Sarah Schwartz

1st Grade: Mrs. Michelle Siebeneck

Kindergarten: Mrs. Daffiny Tallent

Preschool: Miss Jaycine Bax

Preschool Aid: Mrs. Vonna Kesel

Art: Mrs. Lizzie Linhardt

Music: Ms. Annette Kehner

P.E.: Mr. Leroy Heckemeyer

SUPPORT STAFF

Head Cook: Mrs. Angela Christian

Assistant Cook: Mrs. Linda Kloeppel

Custodians: Mr. Gilbert Strobe & Mr. Norbert Risse

All 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 UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tuesday, August 18 – Mandatory Parent Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 20 – First Day of School

A FREE COMMUNITY SHRED DAY will be held on Saturday, August 29 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Mid America Bank in Wardsville. Please remove any binder clips. For more information, please call 573-635-0019.

SAVE THE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR:

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Picnic – August 16, 2020

St. Thomas Knights of Columbus Farm tractor pull – September 12, 2020

St. Thomas Garden tractor-pull – September 19, 2020

ST. NICHOLAS ACADEMY is a supportive living experience for boys from families that are under-resourced who want to give their sons every opportunity to succeed in school and life. St. Nick's partners with families and St. Peter Interparish School to provide this opportunity. St. Nick's is seeking Christian, married couples or single individuals who are willing to be part of a pool of relief parents. The role of relief parents is to care for the boys and home when the full-time house parents are off duty or away. Typically, the full-time house parents are off duty every fourth weekend from 9:00 AM Friday through 7:00 PM Sunday. Relief parents, on a rotational schedule, fill in during this time. They may also be asked to be on a call list to help fill in when the house parents are on vacation and/or sick. Relief parents receive an hourly wage, all legally mandated benefits and a compensation package that includes a private suite and all meals for the days on duty. Please contact Sister Susan Renner, SSND at 573-635-7719 or director@stnick.org

THE DIOCESE OF JEFFERSON CITY warns the public of what appears to be an ongoing phishing scam involving emails and texts purportedly from priests or parish/Chancery staff. This scam has hit many parishes across the United States. The email or text purports to be from a person the target knows, such as one's pastor, a parish staff member, the bishop or someone else from the Church. If the target responds to the fake email or text, the sender will follow up with a request for some sort of

monetary assistance, often for gift cards or iTunes cards. It is truly unfortunate cyber criminals will attempt to exploit the generous nature of our community. Sending emails or texts asking for cash or gifts cards is not how priests, parishes or the Diocese of Jefferson City seeks financial assistance for our work. If you receive an email or text from a trusted church personnel asking for assistance, confirm by calling that person and do NOT respond to the email or text. For more information on phishing scams and email security, or The FBI website address to file an online Internet crime complaint is <https://www.ic3.gov>.

THE STANISLAUS LEGION OF MARY is sponsoring a prayer service including Rosary, Novena, Chaplet of Divine Mercy and songs on the 1st and 3rd Monday nights of each month. The intention is the end of the Coronavirus. Service begins at 7 p.m. and will be held in St. Stanislaus Church, Wardsville. If you can't stay for the whole time (approximately one hour), please come and join us for whatever time you are available! Thank you!

OSAGE SENIOR CENTER: Is your home getting too big? Do you need to be closer to Jefferson City or away from the city? If so, the Osage Senior Center, located in Wardsville, MO, is looking for interested seniors to fill possible vacancies and/or be placed on our waitlist for USDA or MHDC units. For more information call 573-469-8426 or Osageseniorcenter@gmail.com.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH PICNIC, FREEBURG is Sunday, September 6, serving fried chicken & roast beef dinners from 11:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Carry-outs only, no indoor dining. \$12.00 dinners. Quilt auction 5:00 p.m. No bleacher seating, please feel free bring lawn chairs.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH, LOOSE CREEK: The 175th Anniversary Celebration of Immaculate Conception Parish in Loose Creek is cancelled due to COVID-19. It is rescheduled for Oct 9, 2021. The parish is selling commemorative books (including 715 family histories of people that settled in the town) for \$55. Also for sale is Vol. I,II, III of the Growing of Loose Creek. Complete set is \$200. Will ship or arrange pickup. Contact Janice at 573-619-8149 or Joan at 573-680-1897.

10th ANNUAL NOLAN SCHROEDER VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT AND PORK STEAK DINNER, META BALL PARK: Friday, August 28, Steak Dinner Starts at 4 PM, serving pork steaks, potatoes and baked beans. Volleyball tournament action begins at 6 PM on Friday night, and continues all day Saturday, August 29. Concessions are available Saturday, serving breakfast sandwiches, pork burgers, hot dogs, drinks and more. Memorial T-Shirts are for sale. Pre-tournament orders can be made and shirts will be sold at the tournament. For more information, contact D.J. or Joanne Schroeder, 573-301-1737 or 573-694-0311.

AMERICAN RED CROSS (MISSOURI AND ARKANSAS): Please join us from the comfort and safety of your home for a Virtual Volunteer Fair. Upcoming Volunteer Fair Dates: Tuesday, August 18, 4-4:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 1, 12-12:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 15, 4-4:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 29, 12-12:30 p.m., Tuesday, October 13, 4-4:30 p.m., Tuesday, October 27, 12-12:30 p.m., Tuesday, November 10 4-4:30 p.m., Tuesday, November 24, 12-12:30 p.m. Please RSVP by registering at www.redcross.org/ARCVolunteerFair You will then receive the necessary information you will need to join by phone and/or online. Volunteer opportunities for nearly everyone from 14-114 years old.

ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PICNIC is this Sunday, August 16, serving fried chicken & roast beef dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Drive thru and carry-outs available. Adults \$12.00, children 6-12 \$6.00. Quilt auction 5:00 p.m.

CONGRATULATIONS to those confirmed in our parishes in May and June of this year.

St Thomas the Apostle Parish

Grace Boessen
Madison Boessen
Olivia Boessen
Haley Borgmeyer
Aiden Brenneke
Isabelle Brenneke
Reid Dudenhoeffer
Zachary Goeller
Austin Heckman
Gavin Holterman
Kadence Kliegel
Lane Libbert
Andrew Luebbering
Cameron Luebbering
Chesney Luebbering
Emma Luebbering
Mason Luebbering
Morgan Luebbering
Robert Luebbering
Sabrina Luebbering
Samuel Luebbering

Natalie Otto
Mckenzie Prenger
Ethan Rackers
Luke Schroeder
Dawson Wieberg
Ely Wieberg
Jarrett Wieberg
Jordan Wieberg (girl)
Jordan Wieberg (boy)

St Cecilia Parish

Taylor Backes
Melina Derkum
Alex Even
Joshua Even
Lydia Hurst
Maria Juergensmeyer
Ashlyn Libbert
Ben Schroeder
Madalyn Veltrop
Alicia Wankum
Saige Werdehausen