

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

St. Cecilia
in Meta

www.stthomasapostle.net
www.stthomasapostleschool.net

www.stceciliameta.net

PO Box 146
St. Thomas, MO 65076

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 19, 2018

Pastor: Fr. Jeremy A. Secrist
jasecrist@yahoo.com
Rectory Phone: 573-477-3315

St. Thomas the Apostle Bookkeeper:
Mrs. Jan Heckemeyer
jheckemeyeroffice@gmail.com

St. Thomas the Apostle Admin. Secretary:
Mrs. Jenny Becker
jbeckeroffice@gmail.com



School Principal: Mr. Leroy Heckemeyer
lheckemeyer@embarqmail.com
School: 573-477-3322 Fax: 573-477-3700

St. Thomas the Apostle Secretary:
Mrs. Diane Lueckenhoff
stthomasoffice@embarqmail.com

St. Cecilia Bookkeeper:
Mrs. Doris Stumpe
dorisstumpe@att.net

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 19-26:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – L&D Frank & Rose Struempf Family
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – People of our Parishes
Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Joe & Teresa Kaiser
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – L&D Frank & Catherine Wieberg Family
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Albert Plassmeyer
Friday 7:45 a.m. – Butch Loethen
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Stanley Brand

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2018-2019: \$305,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End: \$ 50,834.00
Actual Collection for 2018-2019: **\$ 39,771.85**
Offertory Difference Year to Date: – \$ 11,062.15
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

August 5 \$ 5,981.05
August 12 \$ 5,381.00
August 19 \$
August 26 \$

Collection Online: \$ 4,542.00

August total to date: **\$15,904.05**

Difference for August: – \$ 9,512.95

St. Thomas the Apostle Expansion & Building Fund

Total Expansion Project expenses paid: \$2,273,475.34

Income from parishioners for FY 2018-2019

(via the yellow "Building Fund" envelope): **\$ 3,719.00**

Loan payments to date for FY 2018-2019: **\$18,455.48**

(Principal) \$16,288.97 (Interest) \$2,166.51

Parish Building Expansion Debt remaining: **\$292,876.26**

* **Note: debt is now less than \$300,000!**

St. Thomas the Apostle Cantor / Organist

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Lisa Wieberg / Annette Kehner

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Doug Luebbering / Jackie Prenger

St. Thomas the Apostle Reader

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Judy Schroeder

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Rosalyn Wieberg

St. Thomas the Apostle Altar Servers

Weekday – Kenadi Braun & Audrey Buschjost

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Cameron & Chesney Luebbering,

Courtney Luebbering

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Isaac & Ava Rackers,

Abigail Verslues, Brie Heckman

St. Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of August 19-26:

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Vince & Brad Reinkemeyer
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Urban Voss

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions before 6:30 p.m. Mass
Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Martina Goeller

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Lionel, Arharta, Bonnie & Sandy Libbert

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2018-2019: \$62,000.00
Collection Total for 2018-2019: **\$ 9,066.00**
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,166.67

Collection in Church:

August 5 \$1,083.00
August 12 \$1,386.00
August 19 \$
August 26 \$

August total to date: **\$2,469.00**

Difference for August: – \$2,697.67

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

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

September – Pam Libbert & Marie Lueckenotto

St. Cecilia Reader

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Jennifer Even

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer

St. Cecilia Altar Servers

Saturday 7:00 p.m. - *servers needed*

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Shelby Wankum,

Skyla & Jesse Schroeder

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

St. Thomas Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
August 25-26

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Marshall Boessen, Mike & Trish Green
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jan Carter, Mattheuw Prenger,
Keith Kliethermes

September 1-2

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Betty Schellman, Carolyn Loethen,
Lora Boessen
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Rob Henson, Rosalyn Wieberg,
Janet Lueckenhoff

St. Thomas Greeters/Ushers

August 25-26

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Dave Luebbering & Steve Schellman
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Cash McManus & Alan Reinkemeyer

September 1-2

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mike Green & Gilbert Schellman
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – TJ Loethen & Mattheuw Prenger

St. Thomas Presentation of Gifts at Mass

August 25-26

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Gilbert & Betty Schellman
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Brian & Katie Luebbering Family

September 1-2

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark & Barb Graessle
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Ray & Shirley Volmert

St. Thomas Collection Counters

August 25-26 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg
September 1-2 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes
September 8-9 – Travis & Kathy Rackers Family

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday 7:25 a.m. – Shirley Volmert – Sorrowful
Wednesday 7:25 a.m. – Pat Loethen - Glorious
Thursday 7:25 a.m. – Bob Schellman– Luminous
Friday 7:25 a.m. – Gilbert & Hermina Strobe – Sorrowful
Saturday 4:40 p.m. – Barb Graessle – Joyful
Sunday 9:40 a.m. – Tina Stockman – Joyful

BISHOP MCKNIGHT'S PRAYER INTENTION for August is: "May the beginning of another school year be a moment of grace for students, teachers, administrators, parents, and supporting parishes and communities to grow in knowledge of all that God provides for our good and the good of all."

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE 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.

MINISTRY TO THE ILL & INFIRM: If you are preparing for surgery, recovering from surgery, homebound or ill, please let Fr. Secrist (573-477-3315) and/or MaryPat Luebbering (573-477-3476) know so that you have the opportunity to receive the Sacraments and pastoral care.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH POST PICNIC MEETING is Tuesday, August 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the Vitae House.

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 UPCOMING EVENTS:

August 23 – Home & School Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Monday, September 3 – No School – Labor Day
Friday, September 7 – First Friday Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, September 13 – Early Release K-8, car riders 12:50 p.m. Bus riders 1:00 p.m.

SCRIP: **August 25-26** - Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kristi Luebbering Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Amanda Boessen
Visit www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip for more information about the Scrip program. Scrip is available after every other weekend Mass in St. Thomas. You can contact Lindsay Luebbering at 573-680-4920 or Karen Luebbering at 573-301-5835 to purchase anytime.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PRESCHOOL: If you have a preschool age child and have been thinking about preschool, please contact the school office at (573-477-3322) or Miss Jaycine Bax at jbaxstacs@gmail.com.

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 directly to the Catholic Missourian**. This will help the check to be processed and cleared more easily. Thanks!

OSAGE SUICIDE AWARENESS GROUP EFFORT will host the film called *The Ripple Effect* on Thursday, August 23, 5:30 p.m. at the State Technical College of Missouri – Vehicle & Power Center, 1 Technology Dr., Linn, MO. If you have any questions, please call 573-897-3103.

TEAM EASTON: Benefit for Easton Rustemeyer: Easton Rustemeyer, 19 month old son of James and Renea Rustemeyer of St. Thomas recently diagnosed with SCID, Severe Combined Immunodeficiency Disease. Easton has been hospitalized at St. Louis Children's and is awaiting a bone marrow transplant. He will remain there several months post-transplant, displacing him nearly 150 miles away from home for nearly a year. Friends and family will be holding a benefit raffle, silent auction, and meal on October 6, 2018 but in order to make this a success, we are asking for donations. If you would like to help "Team Easton" by giving a donation of any kind, please contact Erica Goeller at 573-694-6366 or Lisa Herx at 573-280-8766.

St. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
August 25-26

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Brenda Wansing, Doris Stumpe,
Jennifer Even

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

September 1-2

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Betty Hagenhoff, Dorothy Rehagen,
Bonnie Kampeter

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer,
Janice Schanzmeyer

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

August 25-26

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Lou Kloepfel, Mitch & Brendan
Stumpe, Darin Even

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

September 1-2

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Randy Hagenhoff, Lou Kloepfel,
Mitch & Brendan Stumpe

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

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

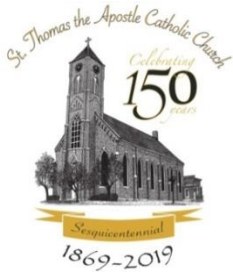
Wednesday 6:10 p.m. – Florentine Hagenhoff – Glorious
Saturday 6:40 p.m. – Dorothy Rehagen – Joyful
Sunday 7:40 a.m. – Margaret Brune – Joyful

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.

SAVE THE DATES:



Sunday, May 5, 2019: 30th anniversary of the reestablishment of St. Thomas School as a Catholic school.

Saturday, June 29, 2019: Celebration for St. Thomas the Apostle parishioners. 4:00 p.m. Mass with the Bishop, RSVP dinner & music for parishioners. Unveiling of new Sesquicentennial History Book.

Sunday, October 6, 2019: St. Thomas Homecoming for everyone to enjoy. Parade, food vendors, entertainment & other activities all day.

ST. THOMAS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TRACTOR PULLING CONTEST is Saturday, September 8, starting at 3:00 p.m. at the St. Thomas Knights of Columbus Hall. Gate: Adult \$5.00, children 10 & under free. Kids tractor pull at 7:00 p.m.

RECYCLING COLLECTION DRIVE is Saturday, September 15, 9:00 a.m. to noon at St. Stanislaus School (parking lot across from school). Accepting hardbound books/paperback books, phone books, computer-related equipment, printers, cell phones, VCRs. Clothing & shoes in partnership with usagain.com (please bag clothing and shoes. **NO TELEVISIONS ACCEPTED, SORRY!** Sponsored by New World Recycling & St. Stanislaus Parish.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH CHOIR: "He who sings well, prays twice" - so St. Augustine once said. That early Father of the Church meant that singing adds to our praise and worship of Almighty God - that each of our voices are gifts, with which we can make music to the Lord. Sung prayer expresses the joy of the heart, the happiness resulting from one who has encountered Jesus Christ and experienced His love. Sung prayer reminds us of the choirs of heaven, with whom we are called to praise God eternally in heaven.

After a summer break, the St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Choir is preparing for its second year. If you enjoyed hearing the choir during the previous year and wonder how you could be a part of the music, now is your opportunity. Parish choir rehearsals will be every Tuesday night from 7:00 to 8:15 p.m., beginning Tuesday, September 4. The choir usually sings at the 10:00 a.m. Mass every first Sunday of the month.

Why not consider offering to the Lord the gift of your voice during Mass? If you're not quite sure, try attending choir rehearsal, and then decide. And, with the beginning of the school year, it is also a good time to encourage our younger family members to join the choir or become a cantor. If you have questions or are planning to attend, please contact Annette Kehner, Director of Music, at 573-680-2824 or AnnetteKehner@mail.com so that enough music and supplies are available.

ST. CECILIA PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES July 25, 2018

Attendance: Father Secrist, Mitch Stumpe, Mary Plassmeyer, Emilie Borgmeyer, Betty Hagenhoff, Norma Jean Libbert and Dorothy Rehagen. Absent: Don Wansing

The meeting opened at 7:20 p.m. with a prayer led by Father.

The May 23, 2018 minutes were unavailable. Mary will follow-up with Brenda Wansing regarding the prior minutes.

New Officers: Chairperson, Betty Hagenhoff Secretary, Dorothy Rehagen

July, 2018 Parish Picnic: Norma Jean was invited to attend the meeting to discuss the outcome of the picnic, the pros and cons. Several items were discussed. Overall, we agreed that things went well.

Surveillance Cameras: This project should be completed by weekend of July28/29, 2018. These will be setup both interior and exterior of church.

Pavement of Parking Lot: Pavement of parking lot and widening of lower driveway is scheduled to occur sometime in mid August.

Prayer Line for St. Cecilia Parish: Needs to be reactivated and notice to be put in bulletin as to who to contact. Betty Hagenhoff will follow up with current chairperson.

Finance Committee: Questions arose as who is on the current committee. Members consist of: Darin Even, Margie Helton, Margie Luebbert, Frank Hurst.

Bishop McKnight: Good comments are being received about his schedule appearing in the Catholic Missourian. Father has contacted him to have Mass at St. Cecilia and is awaiting response.

Parish Center Restrooms: Father is getting various contractors to bid on renovation of restrooms.

Tuck Pointing at School: Bids for this is being obtained for the new budget year. This will also include other Parish Center repairs.

Elm trees: Father noted that several trees around the Church and School are dead or dying. Discussion followed about what should be done and what to replace them with and when and how many would be affected.

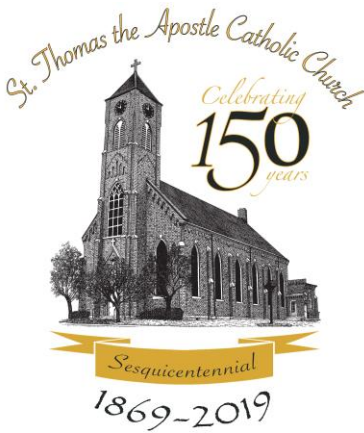
The next meeting is scheduled for September 19, 2018 at 7:15 p.m. at the Parish Center.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. with Father leading with a closing prayer.

Submitted by Dorothy Rehagen

DIOCESAN YOUTH RALLY – September 8, 2018

Registration is now open for the 2018 Diocesan Youth Rally! The high school youth rally is a bi-annual event open to all high school age youth in the diocese. The day includes nationally recognized speakers and performers, fun activities, as well as prayer and sacrament to create an experience youth will never forget! This year we will be joined by popular speaker and song writer, Cooper Ray, as well as our very own Oddwalk Ministries.



St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Sesquicentennial History Book

∞ SPONSORSHIP FORM ∞

You are invited to be part of the noteworthy history book being composed to mark the 150th Anniversary of the founding of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in St. Thomas, MO by having your name, the name of your family or your business included as a book sponsor. History books will be published by summer 2019.

Deadline for sponsorship: September 30, 2018

- Full Page\$400
- Half Page.....\$250
- Quarter Page.....\$125
- Business card or individual name..... \$75

Company or individual name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Contact email: _____

Contact phone: _____

Make checks payable to: **St. Thomas the Apostle Parish**
 P.O. Box 146
 St. Thomas, MO 65076
 Attention: History Book Sponsorship

* Please include business logo or business card with this completed form or email a .jpeg file of at least 600 dpi to jheckemeyerooffice@gmail.com. All sponsorships will be printed in black and white. For further information, please call: 573.477.3315.