

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

St. Cecilia
in Meta

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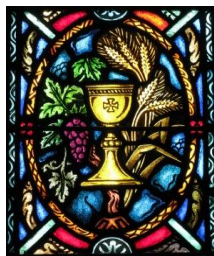
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 1, 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. 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. 1-8:

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Alex Heckman
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – **No Mass, Summer Schedule**
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Stanley Brand
Friday 7:45 a.m. – Clara Loethen
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Keith Luebbering

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2021-2022: \$305,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End: \$ 25,417.00
Actual Collection for 2021-2022: **\$ 21,312.00**
Offertory Difference Year to Date: –\$ 4,105.00
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

July 4 \$ 4,516.00
July 11 \$ 3,857.00
July 18 \$ 3,256.00
July 25 \$ 3,431.00

Collection Online: \$ 6,252.00

July total to date: **\$21,312.00**

Difference for July: –\$ 4,105.00

Church Renovation Capital Campaign

Total Pledges/Donations \$80,285.00
Total Collected \$25,634.00

St. Thomas the Apostle Cantor / Organist

Aug. 7 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Judy Schroeder / Jackie
Aug. 8 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Anne Strobe / Jackie
Aug. 14 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kelsey Kliethermes / Jeanette
Aug. 15 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Luke Schroeder / Jackie

St. Thomas the Apostle Reader

Aug. 7 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – David Schroeder
Aug. 8 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Doug Luebbering
Aug. 14 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Jennifer Even
Aug. 15 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Bill Luebbering

Mass Live Streamers:

Aug. 8 – Brooke Schell

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of Aug. 1-8:

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Jackie Luebbert

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Larry Bock

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2021-2022: \$62,000.00
Collection Total for 2021-2022: **\$ 5,022.00**
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,166.67

Collection in Church:

July 4 \$ 1,985.00
July 11 \$ 1,062.00
July 18 \$ 960.00
July 25 \$ 1,015.00

July total to date: **\$ 5,022.00**

Difference for July: –\$ 144.67

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

August – Dale & Margie Helton

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

St. Cecilia Reader

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Dorothy Rehagen
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Don Wansing

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

St. Thomas the Apostle Ushers

Aug. 7 Sat. 5:00 p.m. – Eric Strobe & Dave Luebbering
Aug. 8 Sunday 10:00 a.m. –Mike Buschjost & Tom Backes
Aug. 14 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mitch Stumpe & Darin Even
Aug. 15 Sun. 10:00 a.m.- Ryan Buschjost & Jim Lueckenhoff

St. Thomas Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Aug. 7 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark Luebbering
Aug. 8 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Janet Lueckenhoff
Aug. 14 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Brenda Wansing
Aug. 15 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Bill Luebbering

St. Thomas the Apostle Servers

Aug 7 Saturday 5:00 p.m. -
Aug. 8 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Avery Libbert & Francie Tallent
Aug. 14 Saturday 5:00 p.m. -
Aug. 15 Sun. 10:00 a.m. – Ericka Luebbering & Miranda Meyer

St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counter

Aug. 8 - Jennifer Schroeder & Dunja Wieberg
Aug. 15 – No counters needed
Aug. 22 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes
Aug. 29 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas:

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. – Dale Herigon– Glorious Mysteries
Sunday 9:35 a.m.– Gilbert & Hermina –Glorious Mysteries

St. Thomas the Apostle Offertory

Aug. 7 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark & Lauri Luebbering
Aug. 8 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mike & Sheri Wieberg Family
Aug. 14 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ushers
Aug. 15 Sunday 10:00 a.m. - Ushers

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

A NOTE OF THANKS! Thank You to everyone who helped in anyway before, during, and after Dave Boessen's funeral. All prayers were greatly appreciated. He enjoyed all of those who came to visit him during his last days. Also, a very big thanks to those who have generously contributed to the Memorial for St Thomas Church Renovation in our name.
Agnes, and all our family thank you.

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

MASS SCHEDULE STARTING AUGUST 9, 2021: Weekends: Saturday 5:00 p.m. - St Cecilia, Sunday 8:00 a.m. - St Cecilia Sunday 10:00 a.m. - St Cecilia. The weekday scheduled Mass days and times will remain the same. The only change is the St Thomas location. **Weekday Masses for St. Thomas will be held in the St Thomas Parish Center beginning August 10.** The weekday Wednesday night Mass will continue to be held at St Cecilia. If you have any questions, please call Lauri Luebbering at 573-619-6090 . **When St. Thomas/St. Cecilia weekend Masses are combined at St. Cecilia beginning August 14, please let Diane Lueckenhoff (573-645-5794 or email) know which weekend Mass you will generally be attending for ministries.**

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH RENOVATION: A start-date has been finalized for the St. Thomas the Apostle Church renovation. The last day of Mass in St. Thomas Church will be August 8. Starting August 14, all weekend Masses will be held at St. Cecilia Church in Meta. Mass times will remain the same: 5:00 p.m. Saturday, 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Sunday. Thank you St. Cecilia for allowing us to hold Masses at Meta until the completion of our renovation. We anticipate completion of this project to be early 2022. The schedule follows:

August 9 - August 23: Parish volunteers will clear out everything in Church, including the benches, stations, statues, etc.
August 24 - September 3: Install scaffolding.
September 7: Conrad Schmitt to begin work.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH RENOVATION: Calling all volunteers! Starting August 9, the Parish has 2 weeks to clear everything out of Church, including the benches, stations, statues, etc. **WE NEED HELP!** Many of the items in Church will be stored in the Vitae House, and the larger items will be stored in the Parish Storage unit. We will pack up and move everything out of Church. If you are interested in helping out, please call Mark Luebbering at 573-694-6393 or Lauri Luebbering at 573-619-6090.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: Pledge cards with your name on the envelope are in the back of Church for pick up for those of you who were unable to do so. 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!

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH TABLES AVAILABLE: There are 17 tables (8' x 3') that are available. These are the heavier tables made of particle board. Anyone interested in them can give Mark Luebbering a call at 573-694-6393. Voluntary donations are accepted.

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 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Jennifer Even

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Leonard Schulte & Harold Libbert

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. – Margaret Brune– Glorious 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: 18th Sunday in ordinary time, year B: **GOD GIVES US THE BREAD OF LIFE THROUGH JESUS.** (Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35) There is a hunger in all of us that only Jesus can fill, today's readings challenge us to be more concerned with spiritual food than with physical food and to get our spiritual food regularly from the word of God and from the Holy Eucharist, the Heavenly Bread, because only God can satisfy the various forms of our spiritual hunger. The first reading shows us how God satisfied the physical hunger of His chosen people in the desert by giving them manna and quail. This reminds us to acknowledge humbly our total dependence on God and to trust that He will always provide for what we need. Today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 78) refers to manna as "Heavenly bread" and the "bread of angels" which God provided for Israel and provides for us today. In the second reading, St. Paul advises the Ephesians to satisfy their spiritual hunger by turning away from their former evil ways and by leading renewed lives of love, kindness, compassion and forgiveness. Paul reminds us that our acceptance of Jesus as the real source of our life and the nourishment of our souls produces a total transformation in us. Having been nourished by the Bread from Heaven and the word of God, we need to bear witness to Christ by living lives renewed by the Holy Spirit. In the Gospel passage, Jesus makes the unique and bold claim: "I am the Bread of Life; whoever comes to Me will never hunger, and whoever believes in Me will never thirst." Jesus is offering the crowd Bread from Heaven, Bread that nourishes them for eternal life, the Bread available to people who have Faith in Jesus Christ, the presence and indwelling of God in their hearts. When Jesus instructed those who had sought after him for earthly food that they should be fed by the Bread that Jesus would give them, some accepted this teaching. But others turned away disappointed, because Jesus' challenge required a commitment that they were unwilling to make. Friends we receive the spiritual nourishment we need from the word of God and from the Holy Eucharist: In the Holy Mass, the Church offers us two types of bread: the Bread of Life, contained in God's Word and the Bread of Life, contained in the Holy Eucharist. Let us nourish our souls with this Heavenly Manna and carry Jesus to our homes and workplaces, **radiating Jesus' love, mercy and compassion all around us.** But we should not take for granted the Divine generosity that so readily provides these gifts gratuitously, by sharing in the Bread of Life simply as a matter of habit, without repenting of our sins or showing due attention and proper respect. We need to gain the benefits of our Holy Communion with Jesus. Our reception of Jesus in Holy Communion acts spiritually as Food to nourish the spirit, as, similarly, bread and wine act materially for our body. Unconsecrated bread and wine, i.e., material food, is assimilated by our bodies into our substance; maintains physical life, promoting physical growth; dispels fatigue and weakness from the body and imparts strength to the body; affords a certain satisfaction by pleasing the palate; and influences the mind and spirit by the medium of the body. In a similar way, the action of Jesus on our soul in Holy Communion may be described, as uniting us most closely to Himself: Our Lord says: "He that eats My Flesh and drinks My Blood, abides in Me, and I in him" (Jn 6:57); uniting each of us individually to each individual member of the human race by joining us to Himself; imparting actual graces, including strength, the power to withstand temptation, and the desire to practice virtue, while maintaining, deepening, and increasing Sanctifying Grace in the soul; lessening force of concupiscence of the eyes, concupiscence of the flesh and the pride of life and freeing us from repented venial sin; as a result, one who communicates frequently will feel less sharply the stimulus of anger, envy, uncleanness and other evil propensities; often affording much refreshment to the soul; sanctifying the body and implanting in it the germ of a future glorious resurrection; and cancelling the temporal penalties of sin according to the measure of our devotion. **Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukiibi**

THE ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PICNIC is Sunday, August 15. Each family is asked to pick up and sell an envelope with raffle tickets, located in the back of Church. Please take additional packets for your family and friends who may not make it to Mass. Additional tickets may be picked up in the back of Church or at Speedy B's Quick Shoppe. Please return all sold ticket stubs & money collected, as well as all unsold tickets, to the Grand Raffle Stand on the day of the picnic, drop them off in the collection basket at Mass, or deliver to a picnic committee member. Please note that raffle ticket prices have changed this year and are listed at the bottom of each ticket: \$2 each, 3 for \$5 or 6 for \$10. The final copy of the **picnic work-list** is attached to the bulletin or accessed from the Parish website. Please note your work assignments and notify your stand chairperson if you are unable to work, as assigned.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE COUNTRY STORE PICNIC NOTES: The committee will **NOT** be baking breads on Friday before the picnic. Due to an expressed interest in a wider variety, we believe customers prefer home-made baked items you make at home. We are asking parishioners to support the Country Store by bringing in your favorite quick breads, cookies etc. The committee will continue to bake cinnamon rolls and pies on Saturday. **The Country Store Committee**

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 PSR REGISTRATION is open for the 2021-2022 school year! Please register by August 1st online at: <https://bit.ly/2UQKyfz>. If you have any questions please contact Karlie Reinkemeyer at 573-645-3182 or karlie.reinkemeyer@gmail.com

ST. THOMAS CHURCH CLEANING TEAM ROTATION FOR UPCOMING WEEK:

Week of August 1: Alan Libbert, Nancy Libbert, Darrel Buechter

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. 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 1	Mark Luebbering, Antone Luebbering and Nick Luebbering
Week of August 8	Paul & Jenny Becker, Eric & Shara Buechter
Week of August 15	Mark Graessle, Jeff Cassmeyer and Fred Luebberin
Week of August 22	Richard Schellman, Pat Schellman and Paul Struempff

ROSARY FOR OUR COUNTRY will be prayed on Wednesday, August 4, 5:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE HOLY HOUR is Friday, August 6, 7:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

OVER 50 LUNCHEON: The August over 50 luncheon is scheduled for August 12 at the St Cecilia parish center, eating at noon. Please bring a covered dish and share fellowship. New members are welcome.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH BOWLING ASSOCIATION: The annual St. Thomas Bowling Association meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. in the bowling alley. We have an opening for one ladies team and also one men's team. If you know of anyone who might want to form a team please contact Dick Schellman at 573-619-1083

SAVE THE DATE:

August 15 – St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Picnic

August 28 – Knights of Columbus Centennial Mass & Celebration .

ST. MARGARET OF ANTIOCH PARISH PICNIC, OSAGE BEND is Sunday, August 1. The Parish Picnic for St. Margaret of Antioch Parish has been changed to a **drive-thru only!** We will also be having our raffle. We will be serving roast beef, fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, slaw and pie. The price will be \$13 per meal.

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Pastoral Council Meeting, Tuesday, July 20, 2021 Members Present:

Fred Boessen, Julia Cassmeyer, Barb Graessle, Jacob Graessle, Mark Luebbering, Alan Reinkemeyer, Bob Schellman, Debbie Strope and Father Leonard

Members Absent: Curt Goeller, Sarah Luebbert, Jackie Prenger, Dunja Wieberg and Leroy Heckemeyer

1. Call to Order and Opening Prayer led by Fr. Leonard

2. Principal's Report/School Advisory Board -

*The teachers and Principal Heckemeyer have decided to focus on Language Arts/Math, additional pieces to Google Classroom and the character trait "Kindness" again for this school year.

*The plan is to open school this fall as normal as possible. If changes are needed per the Cole County Health Department guidelines or any Diocesan guidelines, adjustments will be made accordingly.

*Supplies are being ordered for the teachers for this coming school year.

*Teacher Workshops will be held on August 11th and 12th, a full week before school starts, to allow time to make any necessary changes due to any Cole County Health Guidelines or Diocesan protocols.

*All classrooms have been waxed by Jim Lueckenhoff and crew, except for the Preschool classroom, Library and the main hallway. Big thanks to Jim and his crew for all the work they have done for the school!

*The Mandatory Parent Meeting will be Tuesday, August 17 starting at 6:30pm in the gym.

*First day of school will be on Wednesday, August 18. Currently, 89 students are enrolled to attend school this fall.

*The first Home & School meeting will be on Thursday, August 26 at 6:30pm.

*All vacant teacher spots have been filled. We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new staff members, Lizzie Otto and Lauren Buechter.

*Students will be allowed to fill water bottles for use during the school day but drinking fountains will not be available.

*5-6 Smart TVs, as well as new computers for teachers, have been added through Grant monies.

3. Finance Committee Report –

*Alan Reinkemeyer attended the Finance Committee meeting and reported all approval has been granted through the Diocese to begin the Church Renovation Project.

*Approval was given to purchase new tables for the picnic, which have arrived and a new PA/sound system.

*Approval to purchase two new convection ovens for the kitchen was also granted, however, the new ovens have not arrived yet.

4. Pastoral Council Commission Reports –

a. Worship Committee –

*Barb Graessle reported a \$750 renewable Grant has been approved for the FORMED subscription.

*All PSR positions have been filled, however, the Parish is still looking for some subs.

*Virtus/Safe Environment training for volunteers was discussed and additional information is being obtained in order to comply with Diocesan mandates.

b. Social Concerns Committee –

*Debbie Strope reported the Social Concerns Committee just completed hosting the Capital Campaign Kickoff event this past weekend.

*Remaining Pledge Cards are in the back of church for pick up and the due date to turn these in is September 12. Future updates on the campaign progress will be on the Church website, bulletin or FB page.

*No new families to welcome to our Parish at this time.

*Discussion on the Fall Fantasy was held as to whether to go back to a live event or keep it as a Virtual Event. The decision was made to discuss this again at our next meeting.

c. Administration Committee –

*Mark Luebbering said this committee is currently preparing for the Church Renovation Project. Old items are being removed from storage areas and some items have been donated to Habitat for Humanity as well as other local businesses.

*There are 17 old banquet folding tables (8' x 30") in storage that are no longer needed and need to be removed.

*There is currently only one chair caddy, and an additional caddy is needed for easier storage and movement of all the chairs.

*Room has been made to store the Church pews during the Renovation.

*There are two old Church organs in the storage area that haven't been used in years and need to be removed.

*Timers for the quarter hour need to be installed in the clocks in the Bell Tower.

*The compressor in the Bell Tower is an issue and this issue needs to be resolved at some point.

*Look for updates in the bulletin to volunteer to help with removal of items from the Church beginning August 9.

*Mark reiterated the need to hire a part-time or full-time maintenance person to help maintain the Church buildings.

5. Pastor's Report –

*Father Leonard recommended our Church contribute to help St. Cecelia pay for some added expenses, such as water and electricity, which will be incurred during the Renovation period.

*School masses will be held in the gym.

*Father plans to begin training servers in two groups: 3rd – 5th grade and 6th – HS at the start of the school year.

*Father stated the retreat he attended this summer was very fruitful and he hopes to share the new knowledge he has gained with the Parish.

*Father would like to advertise for a new Music Director for our Parish as this position has opened.

*Father continues to pray that all things will return to normal at both the School and Parish after COVID caused so many restrictions last year.

6. New Business –

a. Picnic – *The worklist for the Picnic can be found on the Parish website or it was posted in the bulletin this weekend.

*Drive Thru and Carry Out will be available with a modified cafeteria style for indoor seating this year.

*Dinner tickets will cost \$14 this year.

b. Election of PPC Officers –*President - Jackie Prenger; Vice President - Mark Luebbering; Secretary – Dunja Wieberg

*Administration Committee Members – Fred Boessen, Curt Goeller, Jacob Graessle, Mark Luebbering, Alan Reinkemeyer, Bob Schellman

*Social Concerns Committee Members – Sarah Luebbert, Debbie Strope

*Worship Committee Members – Julia Cassmeyer, Barb Graessle, Jackie Prenger

b. Closing Prayer led by Fr. Leonard

c. Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 21, 2021, at 7:00pm

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PICNIC NOTES AUGUST 15, 2021

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 will be needed this year. Each household is asked to donate two-three loaves of sliced bread.

Country Store: Any baked good (breads, cakes, pies, cookies, brownies, etc.), home canned foods, jellies, fresh fruits and vegetables sell very well. *Please help bake and provide items for the country store. Note that Country store stand "worker baking" will be very limited this year.*

The Country Store could use large and X-large aluminum pie pans for rolls. Also, if you have fresh or canned fruit, juice or jelly or other items to donate to the country store, please contact Lucy Suthoff (477-3430) Roseanne Boessen (477-0168) or Cathy Schroeder (496-3213).

Grand Raffle: Grand Raffle tickets are in the back of church. Extra raffle tickets are in the entrances of church and at Speedy B's. 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 Thursday August 12th if you have tomatoes and cucumbers to donate. Please **DO NOT REFRIGERATE TOMATOES**, if at all possible.

Work list: The work list is attached to the bulletin and on the Parish website. This is the final version that will be printed. 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.

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!

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 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.



Take a backroad to...

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH

PICNIC

IN ST. THOMAS, MISSOURI
AUGUST 15, 2021

Indulge in homestyle cooking ...
FRIED CHICKEN & GLUTEN FREE ROAST BEEF DINNER
SERVED CAFETERIA STYLE 11 A.M. THROUGH 7 P.M.
REAL MASHED POTATOES & GRAVY, GREEN BEANS, CORN, KRAUT,
HOMEMADE BREAD, AND HOMEMADE DESSERTS

ADULTS: \$14 CHILDREN: 6-12: \$7 5 & UNDER: FREE

DRIVE-THRU & CARRY OUTS AVAILABLE (CASH OR CHECKS ONLY)
(FOLLOW SIGNS TO THE DRIVE-THRU ENTRANCE)
AIR-CONDITIONED HALL CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED (DINE-IN ONLY)

QUILT AUCTION. @ 5 P.M.
HURST AUCTIONEERING: PRE-PICNIC BIDDING
BEAUTIFUL, HANDCRAFTED QUILTS, BABY QUILTS,
& TEA TOWELS
PLEASE VIEW QUILTS ONLINE @ WWW.STTHOMASAPOSTLE.NET
VIEW QUILT DISPLAY ON PICNIC GROUNDS FROM
10 A.M. THROUGH 4:45 P.M.

GRAND RAFFLE
• **1ST PRIZE: \$1,000 CASH**
• **2ND & 3RD PRIZE:**
• **HANDCRAFTED QUILT**
• **4TH: PRIZE: BBQ GRILL**

PLEASE FOLLOW RESPONSIBLE SOCIAL DISTANCING PRACTICES
HAND SANITIZING STATIONS AVAILABLE

DRIVE-THRU & CARRY OUTS AVAILABLE - HANDICAP PARKING - SANDWICH STAND -
COVERED BEER GARDEN - GIN RICKIES - COUNTRY STORE - BINGO (AIR-CONDITIONED) -
CRAFT STAND - KIDSVILLE GAMES - BOUNCE HOUSE - KETTLE CORN - HOOP-A-LA GAME -
LIVE MUSIC

NO CARRY-INS - NO ALCOHOL FOR THOSE UNDER 21 - DRIVE WITH CARE - NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCIDENTS - SEE YOU THERE!

