

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

St. Cecilia
in Meta

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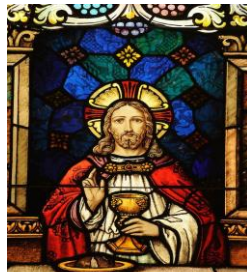
20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 20, 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. 20-27:

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Teresa Kaiser
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. -Jim & Christine Luebbering
Thursday 7:45 a.m. –Norbert & Betty Kemna
Friday 7:45 a.m. –Ray, Marcella & Sam Herigon
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes
Dawn Herigon
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Philip & Alma Boessen

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2023-2024: \$312,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End: \$ 52,000.00
Actual Collection for 2023-2024: **\$ 43,668.32**
Offertory Difference Year to Date: -\$ 8,331.68
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 26,000.00

Collection in Church:

August 6 \$ 4,998.73
August 13 \$ 3,807.46
August 20 \$
August 27 \$

Collection Online: \$ 6,349.50

August total to date: **\$15,155.69**

Difference for August: -\$10,844.31

Church Renovation Capital Campaign

Total Pledges/Donations \$487,539.70
Total Collected \$500,803.94
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. 26 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kelsey Kliethermes / Jeanette
Aug. 27 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Doug Luebbering / Alanna
Sept. 2 Saturday 5:00 p.m.– Lisa Wieberg / Jeanette
Sept. 3 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Judy Schroeder / Alanna

St. Thomas the Apostle Readers

Aug. 26 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mary Kay Brand
Aug. 27 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Doug Luebbering
Sept. 2 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kathy Graessle
Sept. 3 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – David Schroeder

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of Aug. 20-27:

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Roger Borgmeyer

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Raymond & Lorraine Luebbering

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2023-2024: \$67,000.00
Collection Total for 2023-2024: **\$ 9,584.00**
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,583.34

Collection in Church:

August 6 \$ 1,051.00
August 13 \$ 1,247.00
August 20 \$
August 27 \$

August total to date: **\$ 2,298.00**

Difference for August: -\$3,285.34

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

August – Dale & Margie Helton

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

St. Cecilia Readers

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer
Sunday, Aug. 27 8:00 a.m. – Dorothy Rehagen
Sunday, Sept. 3 8:00 a.m. – Don Wansing

St. Cecilia Organist

Sunday, Aug. 27 8:00 a.m. – Jackie
Sunday, Sept. 3 8:00 a.m. – Emilie

**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. 26 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Mark Boessen & Mike Wooten
Aug. 27 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Doug Stockman & Josh Schroeder
Sept. 2 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Eric Strobe & Dave Luebbering
Sept. 3 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Tom Backes & Doug Stockman
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. 26 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Jan Carter
Aug. 27 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Glenn Prenger
Sept. 2 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Marshall Boessen
Sept. 3 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mattheuw Prenger

St. Thomas the Apostle Servers

Weekday – Rowan Buechter & Sadie Boessen
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
Sept. 2 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Gregory Kirby, JD Volmert,
Carmen Luebbering, Emerald Fennwald
Sept. 3 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Valerie, Zeke & Max Verslues,
Angelina Veltrop

St. Thomas the Apostle Offertory Gifts

Aug. 26 Saturday 5:00 p.m.–Family of Dawn Herigon
Aug. 27 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Family of Philip & Alma Boessen

St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters

Aug. 27 – Dunja Wieberg & Jennifer Schroeder
Sept. 3 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman
Sept. 10 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes
Sept. 17 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg

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

Aug. 27 Brooke Schell
Sept. 3 Jenny Becker
Sept. 10 Karlie Reinkemeyer
Sept. 17 Lauri Luebbering

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday 7:25 a.m. – Bob Schellman – Sorrowful Mysteries
Wednesday 7:25 a.m. - Bob Schellman – 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 – Luminous Mysteries
Sunday 9:35 a.m. – Gilbert & Hermina – Luminous Mysteries

St. Thomas the Apostle Church Cleaners

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
Sept. 17: Brooke Schell, Tina Stockman, Gina Luebbering, Karen Luebbering

SNACKS FOR QUILTERS: Quilter's luncheon may be dropped off Wednesday night 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. (Evening quilting) or St. Thomas the Apostle School. ***Evening quilting begins Wed. Sept. 6.*** Please bring snacks to the hall by 1:00 p.m.; snacks served at 3:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Emily Luebbering at 573-477-3459 or Kathy Strobe at 573-477-3349.

Thursday, August 31– Jan Carter & Maureen Eggen **Thursday, Sept. 7** – Marilee Fischer & Susanne Fleetwood

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.

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.

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.

St. Cecilia Eucharistic Ministers

Aug. 27 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Jennifer Even
Sept. 3 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Doris Stumpe

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

Aug. 27 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Terry Libbert, Harold Libbert,
Leon Schanzmeyer, Darin Even
Sept. 3 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Mitch Stumpe, Brendan Stumpe,
Randy Hagenhoff, Kenny Otto

St. Cecilia Servers

Aug. 27 Sunday 8:00 a.m.–Sophie, Reagan & Eli Bock
Sept. 3 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Natalee Derkum

St. Cecilia Offertory Gifts

August 27 Sunday 8:00 a.m.-Family of Raymond & Lorraine
Luebbering

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Wednesday 6:05 p.m. – Dorothy Rehagen
Glorious Mysteries
Aug. 27 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Mary Plassmeyer
Luminous Mysteries
Sept. 3 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer
Joyful 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.

PASTORS MEDITATION: AS WE CELEBRATE THIS DAY OF THE LORD, I WOULD LIKE TO WISH ST. THOMAS PARISHIONERS A SUCCESSFUL AND BLESSED PICNIC DAY CELEBRATION, MAY GOD BLESS ALL THE ACTIVITIES AND ALL THE GUESTS OF THIS DAY.

20th Sunday in ordinary time: A CANAANITE WOMAN OF GREAT FAITH. (Is. 56:1, 6-7; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28)

The way to grow our faith is to exercise it, especially by reaching out to others in love. All the three readings today speak of the expansive and universal nature of the "Kingdom of God," in contrast with the theory that salvation was to be offered first to the Jews and then, 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). In the first reading, by declaring through prophet Isaiah, "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 (class/rank), or color. The long-expected Messianic kingdom was intended not only for the Jews but for all nations as well. Today's Responsorial 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 us that God's mercy and love are available to all who call out to Him in Faith. Therefore, 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, like the prayer of contrition, 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 us to have, 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 in us may crumble. ***Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukibi***

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION is Tuesday, August 22, 7:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

ST. CECILIA HOLY HOUR & ANOINTING OF THE SICK is Friday, August 25, 7:00 p.m.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL NEWS:

Monday, August 21 – NO SCHOOL

Thursday, August. 24 – Home & School Meeting 6:30 p.m.

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.

ALL WOMEN OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE AND ST. CECILIA PARISHES: All women of St. Thomas and St. Cecilia parishes are invited to attend "Planting the Seed" women's ministry events located in parishes in the area. Join us for a brief presentation and listening session. Learn how joining with other women in our diocese can help support growth in your faith life and your parish women's ministry. Share with us how we can better help you on this journey. Choose the location and time that works best for you. For full details go to diojeffcity.org/womens-ministry-upcoming-events.

- August 30, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., St. Michael Parish Office, Russellville

- September 5, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., St. Thomas Parish Center, St. Thomas

- September 11, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., St. Andrew's Gathering Place, Holts Summit

- September 12, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., St. Francis Xavier Cafeteria, Taos

- September 20, 6:30 - 7:00 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral Mary's Room, Jefferson City

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 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.

NOLAN SCHROEDER MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT is Friday, August 25 and Saturday, August 26. Friday serving PORK STEAK DINNERS starting at 4PM. More Concessions (Pork Burgers, Hotdogs, Drinks & More) will be available Friday & Saturday, provided by Meta Fire & Rescue, Inc and Auxiliary. FREE Skin Cancer Screenings will be performed by Amanda Peters, FNP-C, Jefferson City Medical Group (JCMG), on Saturday beginning at 10:00 a.m. Private, Air Conditioned Screenings for those participating!. Proceeds from the Tournament itself will go towards the community and cancer assistance in the name of Nolan R Schroeder Tournament point of contact, Joanne Schroeder.

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20TH, 2023

ST. THOMAS PARISH PICNIC

MENU

**FRIED CHICKEN & ROAST BEEF
MASHED POTATOES & GRAVY, CORN
GREEN BEANS, KRAUT, BREAD & PIES**

GLUTEN FREE OPTIONS FOR BEEF AND GRAVY

SERVING 11:00AM – 7:00PM
ADULTS: \$15 CHILDREN 6-12: \$7 5 & UNDER: FREE

ACTIVITIES

QUILT AUCTION BEGINS AT 5:00PM
GRAND RAFFLE, AIR CONDITIONED BINGO, COUNTRY STORE,
KIDSVILLE, BOUNCE HOUSE, KETTLECORN, CRAFT STAND,
BEER GARDEN & GIN RICKIES
LIVE MUSIC FROM 1PM-5PM & 6PM-8PM

For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable. Just as you once disobeyed God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now disobeyed in order that, by virtue of the mercy shown to you, they too may [now] receive mercy. For God delivered all to disobedience, that he might have mercy upon all.

Romans 11:29-32

Through the grace and mercy of God, he is leading us to heaven to spend eternity with him. We are called to be strong in faith and live in love and gratefulness to him, allowing him to transform us into saints.




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