

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

St. Cecilia
in Meta

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21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 23, 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 23-30:

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Bob Luebbering
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – James & Christine Luebbering
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – L&D Frank & Catherine Wieberg Family
Friday 7:45 a.m. – Wilfred & Virginia Libbert
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Tommy Schmidt
People of our Parishes
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Albert Plassmeyer

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2020-2021: \$305,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End: \$ 50,834.00
Actual Collection for 2020-2021: **\$ 41,196.00**
Offertory Difference Year to Date: –\$ 9,638.00
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

August 2 \$ 6,449.00
August 9 \$ 5,362.00
August 16 \$ 2,305.00
August 23 \$
August 30 \$

Collection Online: \$ 6,052.00

August total to date: **\$20,168.00**
Difference for August: –\$ 5,249.00

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): **\$4,098.00**
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. – Kelsey Kliethermes / Annette Kehner
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Doug Luebbering / Jackie Prenger

St. Thomas the Apostle Reader

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Amanda Wooten
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Ben Luebbering

St. Thomas the Apostle Ushers

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark Boessen & Richard Schellman
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Michael Wooten & Mattheuw Prenger

Mass live streamers

August 30 - Lauri Luebbering
September 6 – Jennifer Schroeder

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of August 23-30:

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Edward "Eddie" Bock

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Henry & Alma Blomberg, Mary Clark

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2020-2021: \$62,000.00
Collection Total for 2020-2021: **\$ 7,580.00**
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,166.67

Collection in Church:

August 2 \$ 840.00
August 9 \$ 755.00
August 16 \$1,125.00
August 23 \$
August 30 \$

August total to date: **\$ 2,720.00**

Difference for August: –\$ 2,446.67

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. – Cathy Borgmeyer

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Wednesday 6:05 p.m. – Margaret Brune –Glorious Mysteries
Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Mary Plassmeyer – Sorrowful Mysteries

St. Cecilia Ushers

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Kenny Otto & Larry Lueckenotto

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle

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
Saturday 4:35 p.m. – Barb Graessle – Sorrowful Mysteries
Sunday 9:35 a.m. – Tina Stockman – Sorrowful 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.

SNACKS FOR QUILTERS:

Thursday, September 3 – Kim Akin & Carol Backes Thursday, September 10- Jenny Becker & Agnes Boessen
Quilting will begin on Wednesday, September 2 and Thursday, September 3. Please bring snack to hall by 1:00 p.m.; snack served at 3:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Emily Luebbering at 573-477-3459 or Kathy Strope at 573-477-3349.

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: 21st Sunday in ordinary time year A: GOD IS THE SOURCE OF ALL AUTHORITY.

Let me begin with congratulating all St. Thomas parishioners upon celebrating your parish picnic last Sunday, we thank God for his love, support and protection, he provided for us a good day. Thanks to all of you that rendered your prayers, time, talent and treasure towards prior picnic preparations, may God bless all your contributions as regards prayers, time, talent and treasure. Lastly I thank all our guests that day for your love and support, May God Bless you always.

God shares His authority with leaders for the material and spiritual welfare of His people. The first reading, taken from Isaiah, tells us how God hates unfaithful and selfish leaders. He removed the proud "master of the royal palace" from his office, taking from Shebna the power and responsibility of which he had proven unworthy and gave both to the humble and faithful Eliakim. The *robe*, the *sash*, and the *keys* are the insignia of this office. In today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 138), David thanks God for having raised him from lowly origins and given him authority as king over the people of Israel. In the second reading, St. Paul praises God for the depth of His wisdom, knowledge, and just judgments, asserting that He is the Source of all authority on earth and in Heaven. Today's Gospel passage shows us how Peter confesses Jesus as his *Lord and Savior* and how Jesus, in turn, approves Peter's words and gives him teaching and ruling authority in his Church. Thus, Jesus establishes a "Magisterium" in his Church to serve the spiritual and physical needs of the Church members. By Jesus' statement, "*I will give you the Keys to the Kingdom of Heaven,*" he gives Peter and his successors the power to bind and to loose make laws; exercise authority in the Church, and the assurance that their decisions will be ratified in Heaven.

Therefore friends we need to accept and experience Jesus as our Lord and personal Savior: This means that we are accepting Jesus as our Good Shepherd, our Divine Savior and our Redeemer. Jesus should become a living experience for us – as our God protecting us and providing for us in our life's journey, loving us, forgiving us, helping us, and transforming our lives and outlook. ***Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukibi***

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.

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION is Tuesday, August 25, 7:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

ST. CECILIA HOLY HOUR is Friday, August 28, 7:00 p.m. St. Cecilia Church.

ST. THOMAS CHURCH CLEANING TEAM ROTATION FOR UPCOMING WEEKS:

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 24: Mark Graessle, Jeff Cassmeyer and Fred Luebbering

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

Week of September 7: Paul & Jenny Becker, Eric & Shara Buechter

Week of September 14: Alan Reinkemeyer, Richard Heckemeyer and Dave Schroeder.

Week of September 21: Mark Luebbering, Antone Luebbering and Nick Luebbering

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 27 – Home & School meeting 6:30 p.m.

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 Knights of Columbus Farm tractor pull – September 12, 2020 St. Thomas Garden tractor-pull – September 19, 2020

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.

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.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PICNIC 2020 RESULTS

The 2020 St. Thomas picnic committee would like to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to all those who helped in any way, to make the 2020 parish picnic a tremendous success! Gross numbers were the 2nd highest of the past five years, which is impressive considering the obstacles this year. We especially want to thank those who quilted and contributed to the quilt auction, as this was our largest source of income. Many parishioners went above and beyond expectation, working multiple shifts and/or jumping from one duty to another, to help out in areas short on workers. We were pleased with the overwhelming number of comments expressed by our out of town guests, expressing how grateful they were for us having this event, how well run it was, and how courteous and welcoming our workers were, all over the grounds! Many also expressed their gratitude for simply providing the opportunity for them to get out, while also providing social distancing. Finally, we thank Father Leonard for his continuous encouragement and prayers, we were blessed with great weather. THANK YOU to all involved!

I would like to thank the picnic committee who stood with me for the past two years, especially this past 2020 picnic. We all worked as a team and put together a great picnic with the help of the stand chair people and all the parishioners who helped. When you agreed to help, little did anyone know that we would be presented with such a challenge. You worked together with people of the parish, met the challenge head on and put together a well-organized event. I hope that you will give Larry the same respect and assistance that I was given. It was my pleasure to serve all of you. Thanks to Father Leonard for all his prayers and guidance.
MaryPat Luebbering

2020 PICNIC INCOME BEFORE EXPENSES:

Beer/adult beverages	\$ 3,790.00
Bingo	\$ 362.00
Concessions Stand	\$ 755.35
Country Store	\$ 3,815.50
Dinner Dine In & Carry outs	\$14,321.00
Dinner Drive Thru	\$10,081.00
Grand Raffle	\$ 4,907.00
Hoop-A-La	\$ 320.00
Kettle Corn	\$ 145.00
Kitchen Sales	\$ 1,120.00
Quilt Auction	\$39,425.00
Dessert Auction	\$ 1,625.00
50/50	\$ 1,030.00 - Dennis (Butch) Braun was the winner of the 50/50 drawing
Total Income Before Expenses:	\$81,696.85

2020 GRAND RAFFLE WINNERS

Tickets Courtesy of Osage Veterinary Clinic

1. \$1,000 Cash (Diamond Pet Foods) – Norma Ullman
2. Handmade Quilt (St. Thomas Sewing Circle) –Charlene Bayer
3. BBQ Grill (Cole County Industries) –Michelle Budnik
4. \$250 Cash – (Rudy Veit) – Stan Strophe
5. \$200 Gift Certificate (Scrugg's Lumber) –Tony Rush
6. 6 bags Traeger pellets & \$50 gift certificate (St. Elizabeth TV & Appliance) – Harold Bexten
7. \$100 Cash (Speedy B's) – Eva Kalaf

8. \$100 Cash (Luebbering Oil) – Betty Jo Luebbering
9. \$100 Cash (Bax Auto Body & Marine) –Jayden Libbert
10. \$100 Cash (Priority Heating & Cooling) – Cole Brenneke
11. \$100 Cash (William J. Luebbering Cabinets) – Alex Loethen
12. \$100 Cash (Bank of St. Elizabeth) – Virgil & Sharon Kirkweg
13. \$100 Cash (Kathy Graessle, William Keepers) – Britni Buechter
14. \$100 Cash (Advanced Septic & Pumping) – Brie Heckman
15. \$100 Cash (Fancher Rekus Funeral Home) –Trevor Barbour
16. \$100 Cash (Mid America Bank) – Nancy Libbert
17. \$100 Cash (Greg Russell monuments) – Shane Verslues
18. Gift Basket (The Hair Company, Jessie Lackman) –Derick Niekamp
19. \$75 Cash (Clinton Luebbering Construction) – Lori Brenneke
20. \$60 Cash (Nathan Hickman, Central Investment Advisors) – Danny Libbert
21. \$50 Cash (Meta MFA) –Rose Schaeffer
22. \$50 Cash (Double Check Glass Service) – Leo Buechter
23. \$50 Cash (J Storage) – Hudson Haslag
24. Cutting Board & \$25 Schulte's gift card (Jefferson Bank) – Olivia Green
25. Cooler (Fechtel Beverage) – Steve Cearlock
26. \$50 Cash (St. Thomas Knights of Columbus #2149) – Grace Boessen
27. \$50 Cash (St. Thomas Babbtown Insurance) – Emily Schell
28. \$50 Cash (Rehagen Heating & Cooling) – Carolyn Loethen
29. \$50 Cash (Leap of Faith, Tina Bischoff) –Brian Luebbering
30. Wall Clock (Coca Cola Bottling) – Claire Morris
31. \$40 Gift set (Lori Fowler, Hair Expressions) –Annie Neier
32. Oil Change & Service (Groner's Garage) – Dennis Braun
33. Oil Change & Service (Mark Braun Truck & Auto) – Carolyn Loethen
34. \$25 Cash (Three Rivers Propane) –Tom Kliegel
35. \$25 Cash (Hilke's Ice Company) – Jessica Kliegel

Quilt Auction

1. Cowboy Teddy Bear Baby Quilt – Bruce Sassman - \$300
2. Set of 7 Butterflies Tea Towels – Brice Luetkemeyer, Bank of St. Elizabeth - \$75
3. Real Tree deer baby quilt –Kenny Kolb K5 Cattle Co. - \$200
4. Scrappy Nine Patch – Brice Luetkemeyer, Bank of St. Elizabeth -\$800, donated back and resold Rudy Veit \$1,100
5. Spaceships baby quilt – Rudy Veit - \$600
6. Trip Around the World –Kevin Messerly \$1300
7. Set of 7 Snowmen Tea Towels – Alan & Lynn Reinkemeyer - \$150
8. Autumn Leaves – Alan & Lynne Reinkemeyer - \$1,200
9. Set of 7 Chicken Delight Tea Towels –Sharon Kirkweg - \$400
10. Noah's Ark Baby Quilt –Jim & Janet Lueckenhoff - \$600
11. Wildlife Rag Baby Quilt – Scott Jurgensmeyer, Mid-America Bank - \$800
12. In All Its Glory – Jim & Janet Lueckenhoff - \$1,350
13. Set of 7 Butterflies Tea Towels – Rudy Veit - \$200
14. Set of 9 Hummingbird Tea Towels – Scott Jurgensmeyer, Mid- America Bank - \$225
15. Case IH Baby Quilt – Kenny Kolb, K5 Cattle Co. - \$500
16. Colorado Star – Scott Jurgensmeyer, Mid- America Bank - \$1,000
17. Pink/White Baby Log Cabin Quilt – Mike Kampeter - \$2,000
18. Appalachian Trail – Chris & Emily Luebbering - \$3,500
19. Set of 10 Patriotic Tea Towels – Brice Luetkemeyer, Bank of St. Elizabeth - \$150
20. Big Dipper – Rudy Veit - \$1,200
21. Baseball Baby Quilt – Rudy Veit - \$800
22. Maven Color Wash – Virgil & Sharon Kirkweg - \$2,800
23. Set of 7 Slice of Pie Tea Towels – Virgil & Sharon Kirkweg - \$200
24. Friendship Ring – Sam Suthoff - \$2,300
25. Pieced Browns/Green Baby Quilt –Alan Reinkemeyer - \$300
26. Disappearing Nine Patch – Scott Jurgensmeyer, Mid-America Bank - \$1,600
27. Set of 9 Taste of Italy Tea Towels – Jim & Janet Lueckenhoff - \$250
28. Buckeye Beauty – Amy Buechter - \$1,000
29. Turkey's in Wild Baby Quilt –Dustin Poll - \$250
30. Mickey & Minnie Baby Quilt – John & Angela Christian - \$400
31. Set of 9 Spice of Life Tea Towels – Brice Luetkemeyer, Bank of St. Elizabeth - \$175
32. Boston Commons – Kathy Graessle - \$3,400
33. Set of 6 Wine Country Tea Towels –Brice Luetkemeyer, Bank of St. Elizabeth - \$200
34. Real Tree Deer Baby Quilt – Pat Schellman - \$400
35. International Farmall Wall Hanging – Marc & Meghan Rackers - \$600
36. Star Dahlia – John & Angela Christian - \$1,500
37. Patriotic Quilt – Ryan & Kelley Buschjost - \$600
38. Trip Around the World – Virgil & Sharon Kirkweg - \$5,000

Dessert Auction

1. Cinnamon Rolls – Kemna Collision - \$150
2. Lemon Meringue Pie – Judy Sandbothe - \$200
3. Gooseberry Pie – Rudy Veit - \$150
4. Coconut Cream Pie – Mark & Lauri Luebbering - \$225
5. Cherry Pie – Bruce Sassman - \$175
6. Angel Food Cake – Kemna Collision - \$200
7. Apple Pie – Hayden Hurst - \$125
8. Peach Pie – Judy Sandbothe - \$175
9. Peanut Butter Bon Bons – Judy Sandbothe - \$225

