

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

**St. Cecilia**  
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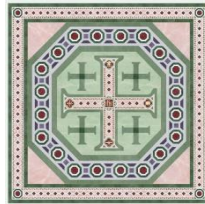
**22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

**AUGUST 29, 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.; 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. 29-Sept. 5:**

**WEEKDAY MORNING MASSES IN PARISH CENTER**

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Albert Plassmeyer  
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – David Suthoff  
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Wilfred & Virginia Libbert  
Friday 7:45 a.m. – Jerome Loethen

**WEEKEND MASSES IN ST. CECILIA CHURCH**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes  
L&D Herman & Gertie Hoecker Family  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Stanley Brand

**Your Sunday Offering:**

Offertory Budget for 2021-2022: \$305,000.00  
Offertory Goal through Month End: \$ 50,834.00  
Actual Collection for 2021-2022: **\$ 41,079.00**  
Offertory Difference Year to Date: –\$ 9,755.00  
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

**Collection in Church:**

August 1 \$ 4,237.00  
August 8 \$ 5,496.00  
August 15 \$ 1,101.00  
August 22 \$ 2,681.00  
August 29 \$

**Collection Online:** \$ 6,252.00

**August total to date:** **\$19,767.00**

Difference for August: -\$ 5,650.00

**Church Renovation Capital Campaign**

Total Pledges/Donations \$137,715.00  
Total Collected \$ 99,444.00

**St. Thomas the Apostle Cantors / Organists**

**WEEKEND MASSES IN ST. CECILIA CHURCH**  
Sept. 4 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kerry Meyer / Jackie  
Sept. 5 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Judy Schroeder / Jeanette  
Sept. 11 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Lisa Wieberg / Jackie  
Sept. 12 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Anne Strobe / Jackie

**St. Thomas the Apostle & St. Cecilia Readers**

**WEEKEND MASSES IN ST. CECILIA CHURCH**  
Sept. 4 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kathy Graessle  
Sept. 5 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jean Kliethermes  
Sept. 11 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Doris Stumpe  
Sept. 12 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Katie Luebbering

**Saint Cecilia**

**Mass Schedule for the Week of Aug. 29-Sept. 5:**

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Randy Quick

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Lawrence “Dick” Rehagen

**Your Sunday Offering:**

Offertory Budget for 2021-2022: \$62,000.00  
Collection Total for 2021-2022: **\$ 8,902.00**  
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,166.67

**Collection in Church:**

August 1 \$ 940.00  
August 8 \$ 990.00  
August 15 \$1,425.00  
August 22 \$ 525.00  
August 29 \$  
**August total to date:** **\$3,880.00**  
Difference for August: -\$1,286.67

**St. Cecilia Collection Counters**

September – Marie Lueckenotto & Pam Libbert

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

**St. Cecilia Reader**

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Dorothy Rehagen  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Betty Hagenhoff

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

**St. Thomas & St. Cecilia Ushers**

**WEEKEND MASSES IN ST. CECILIA CHURCH**

Sept. 4 Sat. 5:00 p.m. – Fred Luebbering & Mark Boessen  
Sept. 5 Sunday 10:00 a.m.-TJ Loethen & Mattheuw Prenger  
Sept. 11 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Eric Strophe & Dave Luebbering  
Sept. 12 Sun. 10:00 a.m.- Keith Kliethermes & Mike Buschjost

**St. Thomas the Apostle & St. Cecilia Eucharistic Ministers**  
**MASSES IN ST. CECILIA CHURCH**

Sept. 4 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Doris Stummpe  
Sept. 5 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mattheuw Prenger  
Sept. 11 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Janice Schanzmeyer  
Sept. 12 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Rosalyn Wieberg

**St. Thomas the Apostle Servers**

**WEEKEND MASSES IN ST. CECILIA CHURCH**

Sept. 4 Saturday 5:00 p.m. -  
Sept. 5 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Erika Luebbering & Francie Tallent  
Sept. 11 Saturday 5:00 p.m. -  
Sept. 12 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Valerie & Zeke Verslues

**St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters**

Sept. 5 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman  
Sept. 12 - Jennifer Schroeder & Dunja Wieberg  
Sept. 19 – Paul Becker & Shara Buechter  
Sept. 26- Keith & Jean Kliethermes  
Oct. 3 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg

**Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas :**

**WEEKDAY MASSES IN ST. THOMAS PARISH CENTER**

Tuesday, 7:20 a.m.–Joann Heckman – Sorrowful Mysteries  
Wednesday 7:20 a.m. – Dale Herigon – Glorious Mysteries  
Thursday 7:20 a.m. - Viola Boessen–Luminous Mysteries  
Friday 7:20 a.m. – Bob Schellman Sorrowful Mysteries

**WEEKEND MASSES IN ST. CECILIA CHURCH**

Saturday 4:35 p.m. – Dale Herigon– Glorious Mysteries  
Sunday 9:35 a.m. – Tina Stockman – Glorious Mysteries

**SCRIP:** Visit [www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip](http://www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip) for more information about the Scrip program. Please contact Amanda Wooten 573-694-1735 or [amandab\\_27@hotmail.com](mailto:amandab_27@hotmail.com)

**CONGRATULATIONS** to ***Evelyn Jo Luebbering***, daughter of Anthony & Courtney Luebbering, who became a child of God through baptism this weekend in St. Cecilia Church.

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

**ST. CECILIA PRAYER LINE REQUESTS** can be made by calling Marie Lueckenotto at 573-229-4336.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH WEEKLY BULLETINS** may be found in St. Cecilia Church, Web page, St. Thomas Vitae House on front porch or school when in session.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISHIONERS:** The Parish Pastoral Council wants to update the current list of parishioners in St Thomas. If you are 21 years of age or working full time please visit the St. Thomas webpage to fill out the Parish Registration Form or it can be found in the entrances of Church. You can email it back to Theresa Veit ([tveitoffice@gmail.com](mailto:tveitoffice@gmail.com)) or put the completed form in collection basket at Church. Thank you!

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PRAYER LINE REQUESTS** should be emailed to Theresa Veit at [tveitoffice@gmail.com](mailto:tveitoffice@gmail.com) or by calling 573-418-7301.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH RENOVATION:** For the safety of everyone, no one should go into the church while the renovation is taking place unless you have been instructed by a renovation committee member or are accompanied by a committee member. Some of the contractors are working, so we want to keep everyone safe.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN:** 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!

**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.

**PASTORS MEDITATION: 22nd Sunday in ordinary time, year B: THE HEART OF RELIGION IN NOT RITUALS AND LAW BUT LOVE OF GOD AND NEIGHBOR. (Deut. 4:1-2, 6-8; Jas. 1:17-18, 21-22, 27; Mk. 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23)**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY (2149 council)**

Congratulations to the members of the Knights of Columbus, Council 2146. What matters is the heart, be doers more than listeners. This looks like the basis of the knights.

Today's readings explain what true religion is. It is not simply a scrupulous external observance of rules, laws, traditions and rituals. It is a loving and obedient relationship with God expressed in obeying His Commandments, worshipping Him, recognizing His presence in other human beings and rendering them loving and humble service. Prayers, rituals, Sacraments, and religious practices only help us to practice this true religion in our daily lives.

The first reading explains that religion is a Covenant relationship with a caring, providing and protecting God, fostered by keeping His Commandments given through Moses. God gave Israel the Law so that the Israelites might keep their Covenant with Yahweh and thank Him for His love and fidelity to His Chosen People. The Law was also intended to keep them a united,

**St. Cecilia & St. Thomas the Apostle Eucharistic Minister**

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Betty Hagenhoff

**St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers**

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Darin Even & Leonard Schulte

**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.

**St. Thomas the Apostle & St. Cecilia Offertory**

**WEEKEND MASSES IN ST. CECILIA CHURCH**

Sept. 4 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ushers  
Sept. 5 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Ushers  
Sept. 11 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ushers  
Sept. 12 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Ushers

holy and intelligent nation, proud of their powerful, protective God. The Responsorial Psalm (Ps 15) describes a person who practices true religion, blameless and just, thoughtful and honest in dealing with others. In the second reading, St. James defines true religion as keeping the word of God and doing His will by helping the needy, the poor and the weak in the community. **He challenges all of us Christians to become doers of the word, not merely hearers.** In

today's Gospel, Jesus describes true religion as serving God and all His children with a pure and holy heart. The Gospel explains the encounter of Jesus with the Sanhedrin observers and the Pharisees who had been sent to assess Jesus' unique and controversial teachings. These experts had found Jesus' teachings an open violation of the "Traditions of the Elders," and judged Jesus' implied and spoken claims blasphemous. They also noticed that Jesus' disciples omitted the required ritual washing before meals. It was in the fifth century BC that the scribes started adding oral traditions as interpretations and practical applications of the Mosaic Law. The Pharisees observed them and insisted that all the Jews should do so. The original noble purpose was to sanctify the daily lives of the people, making them "holy as God is holy" ("You are a priestly kingdom, a holy nation" Ex 19:6), and different in lifestyle from their pagan neighbors. Jesus uses the occasion as a teaching moment to give them the following lessons:

- 1) Don't teach human doctrines as dogmas of Faith.
- 2) Sincerity of heart, internal disposition, purity, and holiness are more important than mere external ritual observances.
- 3) Keep your heart holy as it is the source of sins, vices and evil habits. The observance of traditions and of washing rituals does not correct the internal motivations and inclinations that really defile people.
- 4) External piety without internal holiness is hypocrisy.

Therefore friends, we need to learn and keep the spirit of the Church's laws and ritual practices. For example, our Sunday obligation is intended to allow us to worship God in the parish community, to offer our lives to God, to ask His pardon for sins, to thank God for His blessings, and to receive Divine Life and strength from Him in Holy Communion. Our daily family prayers are meant to thank God for His blessings, to present the family's needs before God, to ask pardon for our sins, to maintain the spirit of unity and love in the family and to keep a close relationship with God.

Let us avoid the tendency to become cafeteria Christians that is, to choose certain Commandments and Church laws to follow, and to ignore the others as we choose certain food items and ignore others in a cafeteria.

**Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukibi**

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE AND ST. CECILIA PARISHIONERS – VIRTUS/SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING:** The Safe Environment Policy of the Diocese of Jefferson City requires Employees, Clergy, Religious, Seminarians, Deacons and Volunteers in the Church to be compliant with Safe Environment Regulations. The volunteers include those who work with minors and/or who participate in any ministry in the church (Greeters/Ushers, Lectors, Eucharist Ministers, Choir/Canters), working at parish fundraisers and all parents of students attending St. Thomas the Apostle Parish. Information may be found on our parish websites under Resources, Resources Home, and Safe Environment. Please follow the steps

**This is MANDATORY, effective August 1, 2021**

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the parish or school office. **Remember**, it is important that we comply with the Diocesan Policy for Safe Environment and the Diocese will be coming in September to conduct a **Safe Environment Audit**

#### **Safe Environment Instructions For First Time Registrants Volunteering with Minors**

Go to [www.virtusonline.org](http://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.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH QUILTING:** Quilting for the 2022 St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Picnic is starting. The picnic quilt auction is a major fundraiser for our parish each year and quilting is a wonderful way to give your time and talent to the parish. Daytime quilting will begin on Thursday, September 2 and evening quilting will begin on Wednesday, September 8. Extra copies of the quilt group list for 2022 is available on the parish website [www.stthomasapostle.net](http://www.stthomasapostle.net) (under Parish Groups, the quilters or bulletins 2021). If you would like to help quilt, come and join our circle. We will need some quilt tops with lining to be quilted September 2. Quilt batting is available for \$10.00. It would be appreciated if we could have all tops by January 2022, so we can be assured of quilting all of them on time. If you have any questions, please call Emily Luebbering at 573-477-3459 or Kathy Strobe at 573-477-3349.

**ROSARY FOR OUR COUNTRY** will be prayed Saturday, September 4, 6:30 p.m. St. Cecilia Church.

**HOLY HOUR** is Friday, September 3, 7:00 p.m. St. Cecilia Church.

**REMINDERS FOR PARISHIONERS** that every First Friday of the month, we have a Holy Hour/Adoration followed by Benediction and the last Friday of the month from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at St. Cecilia Church.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL NEWS! UPCOMING EVENTS!**

Monday, September 6 – Labor Day, No School PreK-8

Wednesday, September 8 – Picture Day

**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 29	Alan Reinkemeyer, Richard Heckemeyer and Dave Schroeder
Week of September 5	Mark Luebbering, Antone Luebbering and Nick Luebbering
Week of September 12	Paul & Jenny Becker, Eric & Shara Buechter
Week of September 19	Mark Graessle, Jeff Cassmeyer and Fred Luebbering
Week of September 26	Richard Schellman, Pat Schellman and Paul Struempf
Week of October 3	Alan Reinkemeyer, Richard Heckemeyer and Dave Schroeder

**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. Thanks to 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](mailto:director@stnick.org)

**DIocese OF JEFFERSON CITY:** 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, the FBI website address to file an online Internet crime complaint is <https://www.ic3.gov>.

**CARMELITE NUNS:** The ministry of our Carmelite Nuns is to offer prayer and sacrifice for the Church and the people of the Diocese of Jefferson City. To make a prayer request, write or email the Carmelite Nuns at [carmelofc.prayers@gmail.com](mailto:carmelofc.prayers@gmail.com) 31920 State Highway P, Clyde, MO 64432.

**THE STANISLAUS LEGION OF MARY** is sponsoring a prayer service including Rosary, Novena, Chaplet of Divine Mercy and songs on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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!

**HOLY FAMILY PARISH PICNIC, FREEBURG** is Sunday, September 5, serving fried chicken & roast beef dinners from 11:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Meals \$13.00, carry outs - outdoor and air-conditioned indoor dining. Quilt auction 5:00 p.m.

**OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS PARISH PICNIC, MARY'S HOME** is Sunday, September 5, serving fried chicken & gluten free roast beef dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Meals \$13.00, cafeteria style and carry outs. Quilt Fortune Wheel .

**ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA PARISH FALL FESTIVAL, FOLK** is Sunday, September 12, serving roast beef and sausage dinners from 11:00 a.m.-6:30 p.m. \$13.00. Limited indoor air conditioned seating available and outdoor picnic table seating. Quilt auction 5:00 p.m. Raffle drawing 7:00 p.m. Classic car cruise 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**ST. STANISLAUS CHURCH, WARDSVILLE:** St. Stanislaus has an evening Mass on Tuesdays now, at 5:30 p.m. Msgr. Cox is going to have daily Mass at 8 a.m. M,W,Th and F, but Tuesday it will be in the evening.

**ST. STANISLAUS PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL OPEN HOURS:** Tuesday- 1:00-2:00 a.m. (3,4,5), Friday 10:00-11:00 p.m. (3,5), Sat. 11-12:00 noon (1,2,4,5), Sat. 1:00-2:00 p.m. (Please call Donna at 680-1470 if you would like to take one of these hours, or let me know if you can sub periodically. Thank you!)

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