The Roman Catholic Parishes of St. Thomas the Apostle

in St. Thomas

St. Cecilia in Meta

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THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

August 6, 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
<u>Confessions</u>: 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

<u>Mass Schedule for the Week of Aug. 6-13:</u> Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Herman & Agatha Luebbering Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Bernard & Betty Stegeman Friday 7:45 a.m. – John Ullman Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes Larry Rehagen Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Keith Luebbering

Your Sunday Offering:

Total ounday offering.			
Offertory Budget for 2023-2024:		\$3	312,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End:		\$	26,000.00
Actual Collection for 2023-2024:		\$	28,512.63
Offertory Difference Year to	Date:	\$	2,512.63
Offertory Goal per month:		\$	26,000.00
Collection in Church:			
July 2	\$ 6,04	13.0	05
July 9	\$ 4,59	5.6	62
July 16	\$ 3,10	1.6	4
July 23	\$ 2,71	7.0)5
July 30	\$5,18	3.2	7
Collection Online:	\$ 6,87	72.0	00
July total to date:	\$28,5 ⁻	12.	63
Difference for July:	+\$ 2,5	12.	63

Church Renovation Capital Campaign

Total Pledges/Donations\$487,539.70Total Collected\$498,680.21Total Expenses Paid\$699,195.95A total of 130 parishioners have returned pledge cards/orContributed to the renovation project.Church Renovation Loan Balance\$79,513.25Loan payments to date\$130,725.00(principal)\$120,486.75(interest)\$10,238.25

St. Thomas the Apostle Cantors / Organists

Aug. 12 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Amanda Wooten / Alanna Aug. 13 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Judy Schroeder / Jackie **Aug. 15 Tuesday 5:00 p.m.** – TBD / Jackie Aug. 19 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Jean Kliethermes / Jeanette Aug. 20 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Josh Luebbering / Jackie **St. Thomas the Apostle Readers** Aug. 12 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Jan Carter Aug. 13 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Doug Luebbering Aug. 15 Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Dale Herigon **Aug. 15 Tuesday 5:00 p.m.** – Amanda Wooten Aug. 19 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kathy Graessle Aug. 20 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Alan Reinkemeyer Saint Cecilia Mass Schedule for the Week of Aug. 6- 13

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. - Roger Borgmeyer

Sunday 8:00 a.m. - Marilyn Bax

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2023-2024:	\$65,000.00
Collection Total for 2023-2024:	\$ 7,286.00
Offertory Goal per month:	\$ 5,416.67

Collection in Church:

July 2	\$ 1,440.00
July 9	\$ 1,707.00
July 16	\$ 1,942.00
July 23	\$ 1,093.00
July 30	\$ 1,104.00
July total to date:	\$7,286.00
Difference for July:	+\$1,869.33

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. 13 8:00 a.m. – Doris Stumpe Sunday, Aug. 20 8:00 a.m. – Betty Hagenhoff

St. Cecilia Organist

Sunday, Aug. 13 8:00 a.m. – Emilie **Tuesday, Aug. 15 7:00 p.m.** - Emilie Sunday, Aug. 20 8:00 a.m. – Lydia

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. 12 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Eric Strope & Phil Akin Aug. 13 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Shane & Zeke Verslues Aug. 15 Tuesday 7:45 a.m.-Gilbert Schellman & Richard Schellman Aug. 15 Tuesday 5:00 p.m. - Dave Luebbering & Tom Backes Aug. 19 Saturday 5:00 p.m. - Eric & Roseanne Boessen Aug. 20 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Craig Buechter & Ryan Buschjost 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. 12 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Brenda Wansing Aug. 13 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Janet Lueckenhoff Aug. 15 Tuesday 7:45 a.m. - Bill Luebbering Aug. 15 Tuesday 5:00 p.m. – Marshall Boessen Aug. 19 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Keith Kliethermes Aug. 20 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Lynne Reinkemeyer St. Thomas the Apostle Servers Aug. 12 Saturday 5:00 p.m. - Ellie & Sadie Boessen, Miranda Meyer Aug. 13 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Victoria & William Wieberg, Wyatt Otto, Isabella Luebbering Aug. 15 Tuesday 7:45 a.m. - Isabella Luebbering, Cadyn Libbert, Aliyah Buechter Aug. 15 Tuesday 5:00 p.m. - Ava Buschjost, Evelyn Wooten, Kora Luebbering Aug. 19 Saturday 5:00 p.m. - Gregory Kirby, JD Volmert, Carmen Luebbering, Emerald Fennewald Aug. 20 Sunday 10:00 a.m. - Valerie, Zeke & Max Verslues, Angelina Veltrop St. Thomas the Apostle Offertory Gifts Aug. 12 Saturday 5:00 p.m.-Family of Larry Rehagen Aug. 13 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Family of Keith Luebbering St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters Aug. 13 - Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg Aug. 20 - Ron & Theresa Veit Aug. 27 – Dunja Wieberg & Jennifer Schroeder Sept. 3 - Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman

Sept. 10 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes

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

Aug. 13 Karlie Reinkemeyer

Aug. 20 Lauri Luebbering

Aug. 27 Brooke Schell

Sept. 3 Jenny Becker

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday 7:25 a.m. – Bob Schellman – Sorrowful 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 – Glorious Mysteries Sunday 9:35 a.m. – Tina Stockman – Glorious Mysteries

St. Thomas the Apostle Church Cleaners

Aug. 6: Sonya Henson, Susan Buechter, Brenda Schell, Amy Buechter

Aug. 13: Brooke Schell, Tina Stockman, Gina Luebbering, Karen Luebbering

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

<u>SCRIP</u>: 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.

NOTES OF THANKS!!

Dear friends, I would like to convey my sincere appreciation to you all for your special prayers you offered my last Thursday towards getting my papers approved to get a Green Card, the support, love and care you always offer me, thanks. You are such a wonderful people of God. More thanks to the Knights of Columbus, St. Thomas Council for organizing these special prayers for me, thanks. May God continue to bless you all and continue to provide for our needs and for our hearts desire. Love you all and blessings, *Fr. Leonard*.

Christmas in July – Box of Joy stewardship project. **THANK YOU** to everyone who filled a 'Box of Joy', gave a donation, and helped out in any way! Thanks to our awesome parishioners, it was a big success with 120 boxes handed out and enough items to fill and ship 12 additional boxes! (The total goal for the 10 local parishes combined is 1000 boxes.) A few boxes remain that have not been returned. If you or someone you know still has a box, please contact Jennifer Even 573-680-6945 or Samantha Helton 573-469-8649 asap to make arrangements to return the box (filled or unfilled) so it can be shipped. Donations are still being accepted to help fill additional boxes.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: Fr. Leonard will celebrate the solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary **(this is a Holy Day of Obligation)** on Tuesday, August 15, 7:45 a.m. & 5:00 p.m. Masses at St. Thomas the Apostle & 7:00 p.m. St. Cecilia. Fr. will **not** have Mass on Wednesday, August 16 at St. Cecilia.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CSR MEETING is August 10, 6:30 p.m. Vitae House.

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION is Tuesday, August 8, 7:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

St. Cecilia Eucharistic Ministers

Aug. 13 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Mary Plassmeyer **Tuesday, Aug. 15 7:00 p.m.** – Doris Stumpe Aug. 20 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Janice Schanzmeyer

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

Aug. 13 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Harold Libbert, Leon Schanzmeyer, Darin Even, Mitch Stumpe Aug. 15 Tuesday 7:00 p.m. – Tony & Will Derkum Aug. 20 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Brendan Stumpe, Bandy Hagenhoff

Aug. 20 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Brendan Stumpe, Randy Hagenhoff, Kenny Otto, Leonard Schulte

St. Cecilia Servers

Aug. 13 Sunday 8:00 a.m.–Sarah & Elizabeth Backes, Tucker Schroeder

Aug. 15 Tuesday 7:00 p.m. – Henry & Annaline Schroeder Aug. 20 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Bradyn & Kambrie Stegeman

St. Cecilia Offertory Gifts

August 13 Sunday 8:00 a.m.- Family of Marilyn Bax

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Wednesday 6:05 p.m. – Dorothy Rehagen – Glorious Mysteries Aug. 13 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Mary Plassmeyer Glorious Mysteries **Aug. 15 Tuesday 6:35 p.m.** – Cathy Borgmeyer -Sorrowful Mysteries Aug. 20 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Dorothy Rehagen Sorrowful Mysteries

VOTIVE CANDLES: The requested donation for lighting a votive candle in church is **\$3.00**.

MASS STIPENDS: \$10.00

<u>BAPTISM PREPARATION</u>: Please call the rectory to schedule a meeting and date for Baptism.

<u>MARRIAGE PREPARATION</u>: Please call the rectory *at least* six months prior to the desired date.

<u>ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ANNIVERSAIRES & BIRTHDAYS OF PARISHIONERS</u>: 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.

ST. CECILIA PARISHIONERS: TRAINING for New/Current Lectors and New/Current Eucharistic Ministers will be August 13 after 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Cecilia. All current are asked to attend this training. If you are unable to attend this training, please contact Joanne Schroeder, 573-694-0311.

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.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PICNIC RAFFLE CHANCES are in the back of Church.

<u>BISHOP MCKNIGHT AUGUST PRAYER INTENTION</u>: For students, parents and teachers as another school year begins; may our Catholic community provide the prober 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.

PASTORS MEDITATION: FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD: (Dan. 7:9-10, 13-14; 2Pt. 1:16-19; Mt. 17:1-9) The common theme of today's readings is the transformation of Christ by the empowering of God the Father Who sent His Son as our Savior and Redeemer. Today's Gospel, describes Christ's Transfiguration, it challenges us to revitalize our Faith as true disciples of Christ, just as the passages from Daniel and Peter were written to strengthen the Faith of their audiences in times of persecution. The first reading, taken from the Book of Daniel, spreads out before us Daniel's vision of God's glorious Heavenly Court of Judgment. The Transfiguration is a prefiguring of Christ's glorification by God the Father in the Court of Heaven after Jesus' Ascension into Heaven. In the second reading, St. Peter argues, in his Second Letter to the Church, that the Transfiguration of Jesus Christ (at which the voice of God the Father was heard by the three apostles, verses 16-18), and the testimony of the Old Testament prophets (in the Messianic prophecies), are the guarantee of the doctrine of Christ's Second Coming. In the Transfiguration account in today's Gospel, Jesus is revealed as a glorious figure, superior to Moses and Elijah. The primary purpose of Jesus' Transfiguration was to allow Jesus to consult his Heavenly Father in order to ascertain His plan for His Son's suffering, death and Resurrection. The secondary aim was to make his chosen disciples aware of Jesus' Divine glory, so that they might discard their worldly ambitions and dreams of a conquering political Messiah and might be strengthened in their time of trial. On the mountain, Jesus is identified by the Heavenly Voice as the Son of God. Thus, the Transfiguration narrative is a Christophany, that is, a manifestation or revelation of Who Jesus really is. Describing Jesus' Transfiguration, the Gospel gives us a glimpse of the Heavenly glory awaiting those who do God's will by putting their trusting Faith in Him. So friends, the changing of bread and wine into the body and blood of Jesus by transubstantiation in the Holy Mass, is the source of our strength. Just as the Transfiguration of Jesus strengthened the Apostles in their time of trial, each Holy Mass should be our source of Heavenly strength against our own temptations and our chief source for the renewal of our lives. More so, communion with Jesus in prayer and especially in the Eucharist should be a source of daily transformation of both our minds and hearts, enabling us to love and serve Jesus in every one of our brothers and sisters with whom we come in contact each day. Each Sacrament that we receive transforms us. Baptism, for example, transforms us into sons and daughters of God and heirs of Heaven. Confirmation makes us the temples of the Holy Spirit. By approaching the Sacrament of Reconciliation when we recognize, repenting, that we have sinned, God brings us back to the path of holiness. By receiving in Faith, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, we are spiritually, and sometimes physically, healed, and our sins are forgiven. The Transfiguration offers us a message of hope and encouragement. In moments of doubt, pain and suffering, disappointment and despair, we need mountain-top experiences that we may reach out to God and listen to His consoling words: "This is my beloved son/daughter in whom I am well pleased." Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukiibi

2023-2024 PSR REGISTRATION: Registration is now open for PSR. Students in grades Kindergarten through Sixth Grade are invited to attend! Please go to this website to register your student(s): *https://shorturl.at/oHIL1*. Please register by August 16th! Reach out to Karlie Reinkemeyer if you have any questions, *karlie.reinkemeyer@gmail.com*.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL NEWS:

Sunday, August 13, 5:00 p.m. – Mandatory Parent Meeting, Parish Center Wednesday, August 16 – First Day of School Monday, August 21 – NO SCHOOL

<u>AFTER SCHOOL WORKER NEEDED!</u> We are needing help three (3) days a week from 3:30-5:30 p.m. in our Preschool after school program during the 2023-2024 school year! Please contact the school office if you are interested (even if you can only do 1 or 2 days). If you can't commit to 3 days, but would be willing to help out as a sub for after school care, please let us know!

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, <u>*llinhardt@stacs.school*</u> 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.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSLTE PARISH BOWLING MEETING: The annual bowling meeting will be held on Monday, August 14, at 7:30 p.m. in the St. Thomas bowling alley. All teams are requested to have at least one member present for this meeting.

THE NEXT KNIGHTS OF COLUMUBS MEETING is Tuesday, August 8, 7:30 p.m. A rosary will be prayed at 7:15 p.m. Please read the newsletter attached to the bulletin.

<u>MEN OF THE JEFFERSON CITY AREA:</u> You are invited to the August gathering of the Men of *Signum Crucis*, which begins at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, August 16, in the St. Pius X Chapel at Helias Catholic High School. Feel free to come early to pray the Rosary at 6:00 p.m. The Study/Devotion portion of our evening will be led by Helias Class of 2018 graduate 2nd Lieutenant Jacob Ceglenski, who will ship out in October for the United States Marine Corps, on the history of and devotion to the Brown Scapular. Following the Study/Devotion, we will move to the Helias Commons for fraternity and refreshments. As always, our evening will conclude with the Litany of St. Joseph at 7:55 p.m.

<u>REMINDER</u>: Thursday, August 10 is the date of the **OVER 50** get together at St Cecilia Parish center for its monthly luncheon. Those attending are asked to bring a covered dish to share, eating at noon. As always, anyone is welcome to join this group.

<u>PICKLEBALL</u> will be played every Tuesday in August at the St. Thomas KC Hall at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come join in the fun! For St. Thomas Pickleball updates please text @stthomaspi to 81010

HELPING HANDS (ST. ELIZABETH) BACK TO SCHOOL – END OF SUMMER OPEN HOUSE is Wednesday, August 9 & 16, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Remember no sales tax!! Clothing, sports equipment, backpacks, lunch boxes, shoes, school supplies and so much more.

BLAIR OAKS CLASS OF 1973 is having a planning meeting for their 50th Class Reunion. Class members please plan to attend August 8th at 6:30 pm in Taos at the SFX School Commons Room. Any questions, contact Linda Distler at 573-680-4959.

ST. MARGARET OF ANTIOCH PARISH PICNIC, OSAGE BEND is Sunday, August 6, serving fried chicken & roast beef dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Dine in or carry-outs available. Adults \$15.00, children 6-12 \$8.00. Quilt auction 5:00 p.m.

<u>ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PICNIC</u> 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.

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

St. Cecilia Parish Pastoral Council Meeting - July 18, 2023

The meeting opened at 6:30 with a prayer by Fr. Leonard Mukiibi. Those present were Dustin Stegeman, Katy Werdehausen, Shirley Bock, Doris Stumpe, Cordell Schroeder, Janice Schanzmeyer, Norma Jean Libbert, Lydia Hurst and Fr. Lenard Mukiibi. No council members were absent.

Minutes from the last meeting were read and approved.

Picnic Update: Norma Jean Libbert gave a picnic update. Overall the picnic was a success and several people had mentioned that they were happy to see the dine in option available again. Norma Jean had been asked about the dessert items on the auction, and how the items were picked. It was noted that the Dessert Auction was new this year and several were just asked about donating. The council thought it was successful and would be good to have again next year. A notice can be put in the bulletin prior to the picnic to see if anyone wants to donate, but all agreed we would need to have a cap on the number of desserts to avoid having too many. Norma Jean also mentioned the take down of some of the areas was not completed the evening of the picnic. The council will make note for next year and it was proposed to possibly have a take down crew, if there is enough coverage. Shirley brought up a few items that were mentioned to her from other parishioners. These items will be discussed further at future meetings for the 2024 picnic. Doris volunteered to donate new coolers for the bread as the old ones are getting old and discolored.

New Officers: Dusty will be the Parish Council president and will continue to be the representative on the Finance Committee. Lydia volunteered to be Vice President and will be on the Liturgical and Worship Committee. Janice will stay with the Building and Grounds Committee and Shirley will stay with the Cemetery Committee.

Katy will be Secretary and stay on Social Concerns. She will also take over the parish website updates. Cordell will also help with the Liturgical and Worship Committee.

Stewardship: The parish is still in need of a representative from the parish to lead a Stewardship group. The council will see if they know of anyone in the parish that may be interested. All were not sure how to proceed and it was mentioned about seeing if a St. Thomas Stewardship leader would be interested in attending a meeting to discuss how they started this up. Fr. Leonard will discuss with them.

Committee Reports

- Building and Grounds: Janice inquired if there was a grounds map, and if we should get someone to make up for the parish. All decided it would be best to start with a discussion with Leon Schanzmeyer and Mitch Stumpe first. Cordel suggested using Google Maps as a starting point. Janice also mentioned the external sewage and if we should be considering a septic system for the Church or if that was actually needed. All agreed something was needed but may be able to resolve with another option other than a septic system. Someone had asked about the outside lights by the parish center that stay on 24/7. Doris inquired about these and was told those lights draw very little electricity. Doris reported the tiles in the Rectory bathroom are coming down and will need to be replaced and the other bathroom has several loose tiles. All agreed the bathroom really needs to be fully remodeled. Doris will send pictures to the council so we can discuss using funds for the project.
- Cemetery: Nothing to report. Shirley said that Dominic will let her know when a meeting is scheduled.
- Social Concerns: Katy reported that Time and Talent forms were sent to be posted to the bulletin a few weeks prior. Doris stated there were some that came in and would get those to the council.
- The Finance Committee has not met yet and plans to meet the week following the Parish Council meeting.
- Liturgical and Worship: No updates- Lydia will get in contact with JoAnn about the next meeting.

Father Leonard's Report: Before fall, the council will need to discuss St. Cecilia Day and how we can plan for a special celebration. There is a Deanery meeting on 8/22. Dusty plans to attend but will ask someone else to attend if he is unable to go. **New Business:** It was suggested inviting Norma Jean to the January 2024 meeting so the council can be involved in the full picnic planning process and help as much as possible to take some strain off of Norma Jean, since she does so much for the picnic. Because of questions asked to the council, it was discussed on if more details for parish expenses should be provided to parishioners. The council thought this is why we had the Finance Committee and didn't know if that was necessary, since we provide the same details as St. Thomas. Parishioners can always reach out to Finance Committee members if they want more details. Katy noted that Finance Committee members were not listed on the website and the same for some of the other committees. She will work with Emily Libbert on how to make website changes and will get this updated.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 19th at 6:30. The meeting closed at 8:45 with a prayer by Fr. Leonard.

For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that unique declaration came to him from the majestic glory, "This is my Son, my beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven while we were with him on the holy mountain.

2 Peter 1: 17-18



Through Christ's Transfiguration, God allows certain apostles to have a privileged spiritual experience that was meant to strengthen their faith for the challenges to come. There are times in our lives where God gives us special experiences of his grace that strengthens our faith. Stewardship GROWING OUR FAITH



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