

The Roman Catholic Parishes of

St. Thomas the Apostle

in St. Thomas

St. Cecilia

in Meta

www.stthomasapostle.net

PO Box 146
St. Thomas, MO 65076

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 10, 2016

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St. Thomas Parish Office hours: Tuesdays 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Thursdays 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

School Office hours during school year: Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Confessions: Saturdays 4:00 - 4:45 p.m. at St. Thomas; Sundays 7:30 - 7:50 a.m. at St. Cecilia;
or anytime by appointment, just call Father.

Saint Thomas the Apostle

Mass Schedule for the Week of July 10-17:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Norbert Gerling

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jim Reinkemeyer

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Vernita Woehr

Thursday 7:45 a.m. – L&D Herman & Gertie Hoecker Family

Friday 7:45 a.m. – Harriett Lackman

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Sam & Christine Groner

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2016-2017: *New budget not yet approved*

Offertory Goal through Month End:

Actual Collection for 2016-2017: **\$10,485.00**

Offertory Difference Year to Date:

Offertory Goal per month:

Collection in Church:

July 3 \$ 6,101.00

July 10 \$

July 17 \$

July 24 \$

July 31 \$

Collection Online: \$ 4,384.00

July total to date: **\$10,485.00**

Difference for July:

St. Thomas the Apostle Expansion & Building Fund

Total Expansion Project expenses paid: \$2,273,475.34

Income from parishioners for FY 2015-2016

(via the yellow "Building Fund" envelope): **\$1,234.00**

Loan payments to date for FY 2015-2016: **\$9,227.74**

(Principal) \$7,648.38 (Interest) \$1,579.36

Parish Building Expansion Debt remaining: **\$496,095.97**

St. Thomas Cantor / Organist

Saturday 5:00 p.m. –

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Lisa Wieberg /Jackie

St. Thomas Reader/ Petitions

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Alfred Kaiser

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Daffiny Tallent

St. Thomas Altar Servers

Weekday – Madi Buschjost

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ethan & Noah Luebbering,

Cale Luebbert

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jeremy Stockman, Molly Suthoff,

Ethan & Isaac Rackers

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of July 10-17:

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Leo & Alberta Wieberg

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – People of our Parishes

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Fred Hagenhoff

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Lawrence & Scott Otto

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Alfred & Etta Rowe

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2016-2017: *New budget not yet approved*

Collection Total for 2016-2017: **\$1,678.00**

Offertory Goal per month:

Collection in Church:

July 3 \$1,678.00

July 10 \$

July 17 \$

July 24 \$

July 31 \$

July total to date: **\$1,678.00**

Difference for July:

Please remember your parish in your last will & testament.

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

July – Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer

St. Cecilia Reader / Petitions

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Doris Stumpe

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Karen Fick

St. Cecilia Altar Servers

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Zachary & Joshua Even,

Ben & Henry Schroeder

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Nicholas & Shelby Wankum

Ava & Saige Werdehausen

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

St. Thomas Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**July 16-17**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Pat Kaiser, Marshall Boessen, Leeroy Budnik

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Rosalyn Wieberg, Emily Luebbering, Janet Lueckenhoff, Linda Lueckenhoff, Glenn Prenger

July 23-24

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Betty Schellman, Lora Boessen, Mark Luebbering

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Gilbert & Hermina Strobe, Mike & Sheri Wieberg, Millie Wieberg

St. Thomas Greeters/Ushers**July 16-17**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mike Groner & Dave Luebbering

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Art Groner & Eric Boessen

July 23-24

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Steve & Gilbert Schellman

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Arthur McManus & Carolyn Loethen

St. Thomas Presentation of Gifts at Mass**July 16-17**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Steve & Katrina Schellman Family

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mike & Sheri Wieberg Family

July 23-24

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mike & Trish Green

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Brian & Katie Luebbering Family

St. Thomas Collection Counters

July 16-17 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg

July 23-24 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes

July 30-31 – Richard & Jan Heckemeyer

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday 7:25 a.m. – Alex & Joann Heckman – Sorrowful

Thursday 7:25 a.m. – Pat Loethen - Luminous

Friday 7:25 a.m. – Gilbert & Hermina - Sorrowful

Saturday 4:40 p.m. – Dale Herigon–Joyful

Sunday 9:40 a.m. – Gilbert & Hermina Strobe – Joyful

St. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**July 16-17**

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Lou Kloeppel, Brenda Wansing, Doris Stumpe

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Gerald & Phyllis Rehagen, Karen Fick

July 23-24

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Jennifer Even, Betty Hagenhoff, Dorothy Rehagen

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer, Pam Libbert

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers**July 16-17**

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Tom Gragert, Lou Kloeppel, Mitch & Brendan Stumpe

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Harold Libbert, Anton Libbert, Terry Libbert, Tony Derkum

July 23-24

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Darin Even, Randy Hagenhoff, Tom Gragert, Lou Kloeppel

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Kenny Otto, Dominic Plassmeyer, Larry Lueckenotto, Harold Libbert

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Wednesday 6:10 p.m. – Florentine Hagenhoff – Glorious

Saturday 6:40 p.m. – Alice Hake – Joyful

Sunday 7:40 a.m. – Margaret Brune – Joyful

VOTIVE CANDLES: The requested donation for lighting a votive candle in church is **\$2.50.**

***IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO FULFILL
YOUR LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENT,
IN YOUR KINDNESS & CHARITY,
PLEASE FIND A REPLACEMENT.***

BAPTISM PREPARATION: Please call Fr. Secrist to schedule a meeting and date for Baptism.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION: Please call Fr. Secrist at least six months prior to the desired date.

SCRIP: (July 16-17) Saturday – Karen Luebbering Sunday – April Heckman

During the Summer months, SCRIP will only be sold after Mass every other weekend. Please watch the bulletin as to when SCRIP will be sold. You may contact Lindsay Luebbering at 573-680-4920 or Karen Luebbering at 573-301-5834 for additional sales. In September we will begin selling SCRIP after every Mass.

THE ST. THOMAS PARISH OFFICE will be open 8:30-noon on Wednesday, July 20 and closed on Thursday, July 21.

UPDATE: Tony has now moved to Westphalia Hills in order to continue therapy & recovery from his accident & is progressing well. He certainly appreciates all of the continued prayers, kind words, phone calls & cards that have been extended during this time. And many thanks to the personnel who assisted at the accident scene & all who have offered help since that time. Our entire family really appreciates the concern shown to him. Cards can be mailed to: Anthony Luebbering c/o Westphalia Hills, Room 104, 1899 Highway 63, Westphalia, MO 65085. Or if you are in the area – please stop by just to say hi!!!

Harold & Donna Luebbering

NOTE OF THANKS

Dear Parishioners of St Thomas & St. Cecilia Parishes,

It was a pleasure to worship with you the last weekend in June. It was also a lot of fun and very special for my family to celebrate my parents' 50th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday night Mass at St. Thomas, Thank you for your hospitality.

Please contact my office administrator Julie Wieberg or me in our Vocation Office for any further assistance. Continue to pray for vocations to priesthood and consecrated life. I spoke with you about helping your parish begin a Vocations Committee. I left your parish councils each a copy of the book "*Hundredfold*" to guide you along with your Knights of Columbus Council in starting a Vocation Committee in your parish. I ask that you continue to use the Prayer for Vocations that was on the back of my letter in the bulletin. And, I ask that you to pray for our diocesan seminarians and the women who are in formation in the convent. Prayers are powerful.

Here are two good websites for getting more information on discerning a priesthood vocation. Our diocesan website: discoverthepriesthood.org; and a national website: diocesanpriest.com. Also go to www.NRVC.net or cmswr.org on the web to get more information on consecrated religious life. Thank you again for having me visit your parish last weekend.

My contact information is 573-635-9127 ext. 260 or my email: vocationdir@diojeffcity.org

Prayers and Blessings, Fr. Greg Oligschlaeger

ST. THOMAS PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING will be Thursday, July 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the Vitae House.

TOTUS TUUS REGISTRATION (July 17-22) is available online at: stthomasapostle.net. Please find the form link on the "Resources" drop down menu.

TOTUS TUUS VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED! There are many volunteer opportunities available. If you are unable to sign up online and would like to volunteer to help with before or after school care, lunch, snacks, etc., please contact Jenny Becker at 573-690-0642. Totus Tuus Volunteer registration is available online at stthomasapostle.net, click on the link under the "Resources" drop down menu. Thank you for volunteering, the Totus Tuus is not possible without your help!

ST. THOMAS PRAYER LINE REQUESTS should be emailed to Jenny Becker at jbeckeroffice@gmail.com or by calling (573) 690-0642. The Prayer Line exists to communicate prayer intentions for those in need of healing. Out of respect for individuals' privacy, only necessary information is communicated.

80TH BIRTHDAY OPEN HOUSE: Alex & Joann Heckman will both turn 80 this month. Help them celebrate their birthdays by joining them on their front porch/yard on Sunday, July 10 between 2:00 & 4:00 p.m. No gifts, please, but bring a lawn chair so you can sit and visit!

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION will be held on Tuesday, July 12 at 7:00 p.m. in St. Thomas Church.

ST. THOMAS CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We currently have four teams, with each team cleaning once a month. Church is usually cleaned either on Thursday evenings around 6:00 pm or Friday mornings after Mass. Cleaning usually takes less than 2 hours. Your volunteer help would be greatly appreciated! If you would like to join our St Thomas Church Cleaning Teams, please contact Lynne Reinkemeyer at 573-477-3596 or 573-690-7113.

ST. THOMAS PARISH PICNIC MEETING is Monday, July 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the Vitae House.

ST. THOMAS SESQUICENTENNIAL MEETING is Tuesday, July 12 at 6:45 p.m. in the Vitae House.

ST. THOMAS FALL FANTASY MEETING is Tuesday, July 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the Vitae House (in upper room).

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL is accepting registrations for the fall of 2016-2017 enrollment for **Preschool through 8th grade**. Please call the school office to register at 573-477-3322.

ST. THOMAS PRESCHOOL: There's going to be an exciting addition to the Preschool program for the 2016-2017 school year! A new reading readiness curriculum made by the same company that gives us "Super Kids" is being added! If you have a preschool aged child, please email Mrs. Kirkweg for information on how to get your child enrolled. mkirkweg@embarqmail.com

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL STUDENTS...SPORTS PHYSICAL REMINDER: Any student planning on playing sports during the 2016-2017 school year will need a physical (This does not pertain to archery). This is a policy of the Diocese of Jefferson City.

BOX TOPS: Please continue to save Box Tops for Education, Coke Points & Best Choice labels

ST. THOMAS PSR: Some exciting news for St. Thomas the Apostle PSR! We are now accepting registrations for Kindergarten age children to join our learning in the Catholic faith. These kiddos will join the 1st graders this year and explore their religion together. Please register your kindergartner by **July 17** so we may ensure we have plenty of materials on hand. To register visit stthomasapostle.net and fill out the online form under the Resources tab.

ST. THOMAS QUILT GROUPS: Extra copies of the 2017 quilt groups are in the entrances of St. Thomas Church or on our web page. We will need some quilt tops with lining to be quilted August 29. Quilt batting is available for \$10.00. If you have any questions, please call Emily Luebbering at 573-477-3459 or Kathy Strope at 573-477-3349.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING is Tuesday, July 12 at 7:30 p.m. A rosary will be prayed at 7:15 p.m. Please read the July newsletter attached to the bulletin.

META OVER 50 CLUB will meet on Thursday, July 14 at noon at the St. Cecilia Parish Center. Please bring a dish and join us for lunch, fun & fellowship.

ST. THOMAS K of C BLOOD DRIVE is Sunday, July 17, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 (noon) at the K of C Hall. To make an appointment visit www.redcrossblood.org Sponsor Keyword: StThomasParish

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

St. Cecilia Parish Picnic – Sunday, July 10, 2016

St. Thomas Fish Fry (GLUTEN FREE) – Friday, July 22 at St. Thomas Parish Center, serving 5:00-8:00 p.m. Adults \$10, Children 6-12 \$5.00

TOTUS TUUS – July 18-22, 2016 at St. Thomas and Meta.

St. Thomas Parish Picnic – Sunday, August 21, 2016

St. Thomas Parish Park Board Carnival – Saturday, August 27, 2016

St. Thomas CYO Breakfast – Sunday, August 28, 2016

St. Thomas / Meta K of C Tractor Pull – Saturday, September 10, 2016

Meta Civic League Fall Festival – Sunday, September 18, 2016

St. Thomas Fall Fantasy – Saturday, November 5, 2016

PRAY AT COLUMBIA PLANNED PARENTHOOD: You are invited to pray on the sidewalk at Columbia Planned Parenthood as 40 Days For Life continues their prayer vigils. Monday from 5pm to 7pm, Tuesday from 1:30 to 3:00pm and 5pm to 7pm, Wednesday from 10am to 11am, Thursday from 8am to noon, and Friday from 10am to noon.

ST. THOMAS HERITAGE BOOK: The St. Thomas the Apostle sesquicentennial team is asking parishioners to provide copies of your photos, stories, and information regarding the following subjects for the new St. Thomas Heritage book: PSR program, Knights of Columbus, CYO, Cemetery Association, Parish Park Board, 4-H, Public Water District #5, St. Thomas Elderly Housing, Quilting Circle, Telephone Service (from St. Thomas dial to Centurylink), Postal service, Fire Department, parish fundraisers history, St. Ann's Sodality, St. Thomas Trash Service, flood photos, agriculture photos, military member photos, steamboat photos, Osage Indian artifact photos, photos of Sacraments received, clergy/sister photos, St. Thomas town photos, home photos, etc.. Please contact Roseanne Boessen at 477-0168 or email your information and scanned copies to eboessen@centurylink.net.

ST. THOMAS SESQUICENTENNIAL TEAM: anyone interested in helping interview, research, write or take photographs for the St. Thomas Heritage Book, please contact Bill Boessen at (573) 477-3384.

ST. STANISLAUS PARISH PICNIC, WARDSVILLE is Sunday, July 17, serving German pot roast & fried chicken dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Adults \$11.00, children 6-12 \$6.00. Quilt auction at 5:00 p.m

ST. MARTIN'S K OF C LADIES AUXILIARY is having a "Christmas in July" rummage sale (Christmas/holiday items only) Saturday, July 23 from 7:30 am - 4:00 pm in the cafeteria, 7148 St. Martins Avenue. The proceeds from the sale will go toward the Auxiliary's local charities and to St Martin's school.

LETTER FROM BISHOP GAYDOS:

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In the Gospel, we hear the familiar story of the Good Samaritan. After the lawyer correctly identifies the neighbor as "the one who showed him mercy," Jesus tells him, "Go and do likewise." This is a call to action, to mission, to evangelization -- a good reminder before next weekend's Diocesan Mission Collection.

"Who are the first to whom the Gospel message must be proclaimed?" Pope Francis asks in his *Joy of the Gospel*. He assures us, "The answer, so often found throughout the Gospel, is clear: it is the poor, the little ones and the sick, those who are often looked down upon or forgotten, those who cannot repay us."

During the past year, your mission donations have spread the Gospel by serving these poor. We have gone and done likewise in bandaging wounds, aiding the helpless, giving food, shelter, and community to those in need. We've fed hungry children in Peru and Mexico. We've funded clinics in the barrios of Lima and the tribal lands of India. There is another well in Nigeria and new life among sugarcane workers in the Philippines. It is all because we believe what has echoed in our Church from Jesus to Pope Francis: "the poor must be attended to and nourished."

What we are able to do in the future depends on your generosity next weekend. Once we realize the "inseparable bond between our faith and the poor," we have no choice but to "Go and do likewise."

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend John R. Gaydos
Bishop of Jefferson City

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH FISH FRY WORKLIST

Friday, July 22, 2016 Serving 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Chairpersons: Fred Luebbering, Marshall Boessen, Brian Luebbering

Fish Fryers 3:30-8:00

Shane Verslues – Chairperson
Glen Prenger – Chairperson
Mark Luebbering
Nick Luebbering
Cody Luebbering
Mark Boessen
Chad Luebbering
Pat Schellman
Simon Strobe
Randy Buschjost
Marlan Schaefer
Craig Buechter

Cashier/Beer/50-50 4:30 to End

Jennifer Schroeder
Greg Russell
Joyce Boessen
Sheila Veit

Setup

Lauri Luebbering
James Reinkemeyer
Ryan Buschjost

Juice, Coffee, Tea 4:30 to End

Samantha Schulte
Jan Carter
Darrel Buechter
Susan Buechter
Dan Lindenbusch
Jane Lindenbusch

Bus Tables 5:00 to 8:00

Olivia Boessen
Kenadi Braun
Madilyn Buschjost

Clean up 8:00 to End

Justine Schulte – Chairperson
Danny Hoecker
Phil Akin
Eric Boessen
Keith Boessen
Bob Schellman

Serving Line 4:45 to End

Carol Backes
Paul Struempf
Karen Struempf
Jenny Schellman
Betty Ann Luebbering

General Help 5:00 to End

Larry Lueckenhoff
Brian Schulte
Tom Backes

Dishwashers 6:30 to End

Linda Lueckenhoff- Chairperson
Shirley Volmert
Betty Jo Luebbering
Lynne Reinkemeyer

Serving Seconds 5:15 to End

Gary Luebbering
Joe Twehus
Deanne Twehus

Carry Outs 4:45 to End

Gilbert Schellman – Chairperson
Katrina Schellman
Renee Braun