

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

St. Cecilia
in Meta

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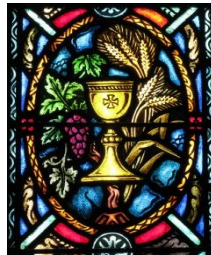
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 11, 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. 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 July 11-18:

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Curt Stockman
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – **No Mass, Summer Schedule**
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Margaret Buechter
Friday 7:45 a.m. – L&D Alex Heckman Family
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Herman & Agatha Luebbering

Your Sunday Offering:

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| Offertory Budget for 2021-2021: | \$305,000.00 |
| Offertory Goal through Month End: | \$ 25,417.00 |
| Actual Collection for 2020-2021: | \$ 9,733.00 |
| Offertory Difference Year to Date: | – \$ 15,684.00 |
| Offertory Goal per month: | \$ 25,417.00 |

Collection in Church:

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| July 4 | \$ 4,516.00 |
| July 11 | \$ |
| July 18 | \$ |
| July 25 | \$ |

Collection Online: \$ 5,217.00

July total to date: \$ **9,733.00**

Difference for July: -\$15,684.00

St. Thomas the Apostle Expansion & Building Fund

Income from parishioners for FY 2021-2022
(via the yellow "Building Fund" envelope): **\$1,225.00**

St. Thomas the Apostle Cantor / Organist

July 17 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kerry Meyer /Jeanette
July 18 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jean Kliethermes /Jeanette
July 24 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mary Kay Brand / Jackie
July 25 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Doug Luebbering / Jackie

St. Thomas the Apostle Reader

July 17 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Amanda Wooten
July 18 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Doug Luebbering
July 24 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kathy Graessle
July 25 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Larry Lueckenhoff

Mass Live Streamers:

July 18 – Jeanette Schroeder
July 25 – Karlie Reinkemeyer
Aug. 1 – Dunja Wieberg
Aug. 8 – Brooke Schell

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of July 11-18:

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Larry Bock

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Ben & Jason Hake

Your Sunday Offering:

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| Offertory Budget for 2021-2022: | \$62,000.00 |
| Collection Total for 2021-2022: | \$ 1,985.00 |
| Offertory Goal per month: | \$ 5,166.67 |

Collection in Church:

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|---------|-------------|
| July 4 | \$ 1,985.00 |
| July 11 | \$ |
| July 18 | \$ |
| July 25 | \$ |

July total to date: \$ **1,985.00**

Difference for July: -\$ 3,181.67

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

July – Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer

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

St. Cecilia Reader

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Doris Stumpe
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic Plassmeyer

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

St. Thomas the Apostle Ushers

July 17 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark Boessen & Dave Luebbering
 July 18 Sun. 10:00 a.m.–Larry Lueckenhoff & Alan Reinkemeyer
 July 24 Sat. 5:00 p.m. – Gilbert Schellman & Richard Schellman
 July 25 Sunday 10:00 a.m. –Doug Stockman & TJ Loethen

St. Thomas Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

July 17 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Pat Kaiser
 July 18 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Rosalyn Wieberg
 July 24 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark Graessle
 July 25 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jan Heckemeyer

St. Thomas the Apostle Servers

July 17 Saturday 5:00 p.m. -
 July 18 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Valerie & Zeke Verslues
 July 24 Saturday 5:00 p.m. -
 July 25 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Erika Luebbering & Miranda Meyer

St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counter

July 18 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes
 July 25 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg
 Aug. 1 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman
 Aug. 8 - Jennifer Schroeder & Dunja Wieberg
 Aug. 15 – Shara Buechter & Paul Becker

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas:

Tuesday, 7:20 a.m. – Joann Heckman – Sorrowful Mysteries
 Thursday 7:20 a.m. - Viola Boessen–Luminous Mysteries
 Friday 7:20 a.m. – Bob Schellman – Sorrowful Mysteries
 Saturday 4:35 p.m. – Dale Herigon– Sorrowful Mysteries
 Sunday 9:35 a.m.– Gilbert & Hermina –Sorrowful Mysteries

St. Thomas the Apostle Offertory

July 17 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark & Barb Graessle
 July 18 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Riley & Daffiny Tallent Family
 July 24 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark & Lora Boessen Family
 July 25 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Richard & Jan Heckemeyer

SCRIP: Visit www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip for more information about the Scrip program. Please contact Daffiny Tallent at 573-694-4408 to purchase anytime.

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

MASS SCHEDULE STARTING AUGUST 9, 2021: Weekends: Saturday 5:00 p.m. - St Cecilia, Sunday 8:00 a.m. - St Cecilia Sunday 10:00 a.m. - St Cecilia. The weekday scheduled Mass days and times will remain the same. The only change is the St Thomas location. Weekday Masses for St. Thomas will be held in the St Thomas Parish Center. The weekday Wednesday night Mass will continue to be held at St Cecilia. If you have any questions, please call Lauri Luebbering at 573-619-6090 .

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) or put the completed form in collection basket at Church. Thank you!

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH: If you want to be added to receive prayer line requests through email, please contact Theresa Veit at tveitoffice@gmail.com or by calling 573-418-7301.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PRAYER LINE REQUESTS should be emailed to Theresa Veit at tveitoffice@gmail.com or by calling 573-418-7301.

BISHOP MCKNIGHT'S JULY PRAYER INTENTION: We pray for our country at this moment in history, that the dreams of life, liberty and happiness remain in our hearts as well as the desire that we will always be one nation under God.

PASTORS MEDITATION: 15th Sunday in ordinary time, year B: ALL OF US ARE CALLED TO PRECH THE GOSPEL ESPECIALLY BY LIVES OF SERVICE. (Am 7:12-15, Eph. 1:3-14, Mk 6:7-13)

Today we are reminded of our Divine adoption as God's children and of our call to preach the Good News of Jesus by bearing witness to God's love, mercy, and salvation, as revealed through Jesus: "God chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world." (Ephesians 1:4).

In the first reading (Am 7:12-15), we are warned that our witnessing mission will be rejected, as happened to the Old Testament prophets like Amos. He was ordered by Amaziah, the angry chief priest serving in the Northern Kingdom of Israel at Bethel, to take his prophecies back to his own country, the Southern Kingdom of Judah. Amos defended his prophetic role with courage, clarifying that it was not his, but God's choice to elevate him from a shepherd and tree-dresser to a prophet. Like Amos, we are chosen by God, through the mystery of Divine adoption in Jesus, to become missionaries and to preach the "Good News," mainly by Christian witnessing.

In the second reading (Eph 1:3-14), St. Paul explains the blessings that we have received through our Baptism and the responsibility we have to become missionaries. Then Paul reveals the Divine secret that it is God's eternal plan to extend salvation, through Jesus, to all mankind — first to the Jews and then to the Gentiles. Hence, the Jewish and the Gentile Christians need to love, help, and respect one another, and thus, to proclaim Jesus, giving true witness by their lives.

In today's Gospel (Mk 6:1-13), the evangelist tells the story of Jesus' commissioning of the twelve apostles to preach the "Good News" of repentance, forgiveness of sins, liberation, and salvation through Jesus. Just as God sent the prophet Amos to preach repentance to ancient Israel and St. Paul to preach the Good News of salvation to the Gentiles, so Jesus sends forth the Twelve to proclaim the Good News of God's Kingdom and to bring healing to those who need it most. Today's Gospel reports the instruction Jesus gave the apostles for their first mission. They are to be walking illustrations of God's love and providence in action. They are to preach repentance, a change of heart and a change of action taking people from a self-centered life to a God-centered life.

St. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Pam Libbert

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Tony Derkum & Leon Schanzmeyer

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. – Cathy Borgmeyer– Sorrowful 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

Friends, we too, have a witnessing mission, we are called to be witnessing disciples and evangelizing apostles. As witnessing disciples, we need to follow, imitate, reflect, and radiate only Jesus. As apostles, we need to evangelize the world by sharing with others our experience of God and His Son Jesus, proclaiming Jesus' Gospel and promised salvation through our transparent Christian lives and words, radiating the love, mercy, forgiveness, spirit of humble service and concern of Jesus to the people around us. We also have the liberating mission of helping to free people from the demons of nicotine, alcohol, drugs, gambling, pornography, promiscuous sex, hatred, jealousy, racial prejudice and consumerism. We need the help of Jesus to liberate both ourselves and others from these things. **Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukiibi**

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN KICKOFF WEEKEND: Parishioners, as many of you know, our Church is beginning a major renovation project. Please join us in celebrating this exciting event **July 17-18** after Masses. Light refreshments will be served, and pledge cards will be available for pick up. (Pledge cards & refreshments will also be available for pick up after Mass at St. Cecilia.) The Church Restoration Committee members will be present to answer any questions you may have.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH RENOVATION: A start-date has been finalized for the St. Thomas the Apostle Church renovation. The last day of Mass in St. Thomas Church will be August 8. Starting August 14, all weekend Masses will be held at St. Cecilia Church in Meta. Mass times will remain the same: 5:00 p.m. Saturday, 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Sunday. Thank you St. Cecilia for allowing us to hold Masses at Meta until the completion of our renovation. We anticipate completion of this project to be early 2022. The schedule follows:

August 9 - August 23: Parish volunteers will clear out everything in Church, including the benches, stations, statues, etc.

August 24 - September 3: Install scaffolding.

September 7: Conrad Schmitt to begin work.

Please watch for upcoming announcements regarding our St. Thomas Giving Campaign.

THE ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR) program needs 2-3 teachers for the 2021-2022 year. This is a great opportunity to be a key player in the faith formation of our Church's youth and future. Our PSR program is a partnership between the parish and the parents of the children we teach. Our goal is to support each family in the faith formation of their child(ren). The partnership works best when we work together, each doing our part to ensure the children are receiving the foundation they need to develop a strong faith in Jesus Christ and our Catholic faith.

All materials, books, and resources are provided. Expertise is not required, because we learn together. Please contact Karlie Reinkemeyer to become part of the team: 573.645.3182 or karlie.reinkemeyer@gmail.com.

ST. CECILIA PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING is Wednesday, July 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Rectory.

THE MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION is Tuesday, July 13, 7:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING is Tuesday, July 20, 7:00 p.m. in the school library.

ST. THOMAS CHURCH CLEANING TEAM ROTATION FOR UPCOMING WEEKS:

Week of July 11: Lynne Reinkemeyer, Linda Boessen, Lauri Luebbering, Lisa Lackman

Week of July 18: Sonya Henson, Susan Buechter, Jackie Prenger, Amy Buechter

Week of July 25: Janet Lueckenhoff, Jim Lueckenhoff, Charlene Buschjost, Randy Buschjost

Week of August 1: Alan Libbert, Nancy Libbert, Darrel Buechter

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.

ST. THOMAS PRESCHOOL: If you have a child ages 3 or 4 and have been thinking about preschool, please call Jaycine Bax 573-821-1179 or email jbax@stacs.school 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.

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| Week of July 11 | Mark Graessle, Jeff Cassmeyer and Fred Luebbering |
| Week of July 18 | Richard Schellman, Pat Schellman and Paul Struempf |
| Week of July 25 | Alan Reinkemeyer, Richard Heckemeyer and Dave Schroeder |
| Week of August 1 | Mark Luebbering, Antone Luebbering and Nick Luebbering |
| Week of August 8 | Paul & Jenny Becker, Eric & Shara Buechter |

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

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

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 carmelofic.prayers@gmail.com 31920 State Highway P, Clyde, MO 64432.

THE NEXT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING is Tuesday, July 13 at 7:30 p.m. A rosary will be prayed at 7:15 p.m. Please read the July newsletter attached to the bulletin.

THE ST. THOMAS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS has the following items for sale:

18 -- 6 inch schedule 35 PVC pipe 10 foot long

If interested please contact Jeff Cassmeyer at 573-690-7546 or Dick Schellman at 573-619-1083

SAVE THE DATE:

July 11 – St. Cecilia Parish Picnic

August 15 – St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Picnic

ST. CECILIA PARISH PICNIC is Sunday, July 11, serving fried chicken & roast beef dinners (carry out or spaced dine in, with assistance available), mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, cole slaw, homemade bread and cookies from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. **ALL MEALS SERVED IN CARRY OUT CONTAINERS \$12.00.** Quilt & Food Auction 4:00 p.m.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH BLOOD DRIVE is Sunday, July 18, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the St. Thomas Knights of Columbus Hall. Please call 1-800-RED Cross (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood and enter StThomasParish to schedule an appointment

BIKING FOR BABIES, a pro-life organization connecting young adults with a passion for athletics to raising awareness and support for pregnancy resource centers, will cycle into Jefferson City on Friday, July 16. The missionaries will attend Mass at the Cathedral at 5:00 p.m. and would love to visit with parishioners and share their passion for their mission to build a Culture of Life amidst our nation's current war on human dignity. Meal to follow Mass. For more information, visit their website at bikingforbabies.com or see more details on JP2 Young Adults' Facebook page: fb.me/e/2hww4pjJD.

WKCSOC: Fall soccer sign-ups will be held at the Westphalia KC hall on Tuesday evening, July 13 from 4:00-6:00 PM. All kids ages 3-14 (on 8/1/21) welcome. Email wksoccerclub@gmail.com with any questions

WESTERN CATHOLIC UNION: Cole-Osage District Bar-B-Q will be held on Friday, July 16 at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Center beginning with a catered meal at 6:00 p.m. and bingo immediately following for Cole & Osage members and their families.

ST. STANISLAUS PARISH PICNIC, WARDSVILLE is Sunday, July 18, serving fried chicken & pot roast dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. DRIVE-THRU - \$13.00 per dinner. Silent quilt auction.

THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF MARY MOTHER OF OUR CHURCH, LAURIE, MISSOURI: The youth pilgrimage is July 24 and begins with Registration from 8:00 to 8:45 a.m. The day includes two Sessions with Maggie Craig, Small Group Discussions, Games, Confessions and Personal Reflection time with Lunch provided, culminating with Mass at 4:30 p.m. Register by email at shrinemothers@gmail.com or call (573) 374-Mary (6279). View us at www.thenationalshrineofmarymotherofthechurch.com.

ST. ELIZABETH COMMUNITY PICNIC is Sunday, July 25, serving roast beef (Gluten free) & fried chicken dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Adults \$12.00, children 6-10 \$6.00. Carry-outs available. Quilt auction 5:00 p.m.

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Diocesan Mission Collection - July 17-18, 2021

Dear Friends in Christ,

Next weekend is our annual Diocesan Mission Collection. We currently have 15 priests serving in our diocese from across Africa and India. In July of each year, we take up a collection to support the mission office. The funds from the collection are used, in part, to help the dioceses that make a sacrifice by sharing their priest with our diocese.

In addition to the financial contributions we make to each diocese, we also support various special projects, such as, offering food to the hungry children in Latin America and distributing medicine to the destitute in the Philippines. We are nourishing families not only with the basic necessities they need, but also by preaching the Gospel and empowering people to work together to change the world in which they live.

Please pray for our missions and the people we serve. Consider your own call to be a missionary and disciple of Christ. You are the neighbor, the one who loves God by helping those in need. I ask that you be generous to the Diocesan Mission Collection. I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend W. Shawn McKnight, Bishop of Jefferson City

