

## The Roman Catholic Parishes of

### St. Thomas the Apostle

in St. Thomas

### St. Cecilia

in Meta

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## 16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 23, 2017

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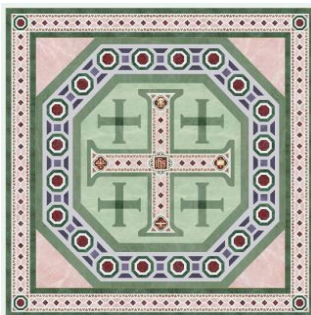
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St. Thomas Parish Office hours: Tuesdays 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.; Wednesdays 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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 23-30:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Sylvanus Hoecker

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Veronica Herigon

Monday 7:45 a.m. – Butch Loethen

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – L&D Ben & Minnie Volmert Family

Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – Jim & Christine Luebbering

Thursday 7:45 a.m. – *No Mass*

Friday 7:45 a.m. – *No Mass*

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Dale & Marilyn Herigon 40th Wedding Ann.

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – People of our Parishes

#### Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2017-2018: \$305,000.00

Offertory Goal through Month End: \$ 25,417.00

Actual Collection for 2017-2018: **\$ 20,324.00**

Offertory Difference Year to Date: - \$ 5,093.00

Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

#### Collection in Church:

July 2 \$ 4,570.00

July 9 \$ 6,016.00

July 16 \$ 3,736.00

July 23 \$

July 30 \$

**Collection Online:** \$ 6,002.00

**July total to date:** **\$20,324.00**

Difference for July - \$ 5,093.00

#### St. Thomas the Apostle Expansion & Building Fund

Total Expansion Project expenses paid:

\$2,273,475.34

Income from parishioners for FY 2017-2018

(via the yellow "Building Fund" envelope): **\$1,915.00**

Loan payments to date for FY 2017-2018: **\$9,227.74**

(Principal) \$7,955.50 (Interest) \$1,272.24

Parish Building Expansion Debt remaining: **\$396,722.26**

#### St. Thomas the Apostle Cantor / Organist

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kaitlyn Kliethermes / Annette Kehner

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Doug Luebbering / Jackie Prenger

#### St. Thomas the Apostle Reader / Petitions

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Dale Herigon

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jim Lueckenhoff

#### St. Thomas the Apostle Altar Servers

Weekdays – Henry Buschjost & Austin Heckman

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Cameron & Chesney Luebbering,  
 Owen Schellman

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Ethan & Isaac Rackers, Kenadi &  
 Jackson Braun

### Saint Cecilia

#### Mass Schedule for the Week of July 23-30:

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Nolan Schroeder

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

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – *No Mass*

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Josephine Werdehausen

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Rebecca Leonard

#### Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2017-2018: \$62,000.00

Collection Total for 2017-2018: **\$ 3,482.00**

Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,166.67

#### Collection in Church:

July 2 \$ 1,863.00

July 9 \$ 818.25

July 16 \$ 885.00

July 23 \$

July 30 \$

**July total to date:** **\$ 3,482.00**

Difference for July: - \$ 1,684.67

***Please remember your parish in your last will & testament.***

#### St. Cecilia Collection Counters

July – Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer

August – Dale & Margie Helton

#### St. Cecilia Reader / Petitions

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – *No Mass*

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Jennifer Even

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Janice Schanzmeyer

#### St. Cecilia Altar Servers

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Alex & Joshua Even

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Will & Melina Derkum,  
 Sophie Bock

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

**St. Thomas Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

**July 29-30**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Paul & Jenny Becker, Lora Boessen

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Glenn Prenger, Randy Buschjost,

Bill Luebbering

**August 5-6**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark Luebbering, Pat Kaiser,

Marshall Boessen

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Keith Kliethermes, Rob Henson,

Rosalyn Wieberg

**St. Thomas Greeters/Ushers**

*\*please ring tower bells 10 minutes before weekend Masses*

**July 29-30**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Dave Luebbering & Steve Schellman

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Ryan Buschjost & Larry Lueckenhoff

**August 5-6**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mike Green & Gilbert Schellman

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Art Groner & Arthur McManus

**St. Thomas Presentation of Gifts at Mass**

**July 29-30**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Dale & Marilyn Herigon

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Doug Stockman & Craig Buechter

**August 5-6**

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

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Alan & Stephanie Cortvrient

**St. Thomas Collection Counters**

July 29-30 - Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg

August 5-6 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes

August 12-13 – Jennifer Schroeder & Stephanie Cortvrient

**Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas**

Monday 7:25 a.m. – Viola Boessen - Joyful

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

Wednesday 7:25 a.m. – Pat Loethen - Glorious

Thursday 7:25 a.m. – *No Mass*

Friday 7:25 a.m. – *No Mass*

Saturday 4:40 p.m. – Paul Becker– Luminous

Sunday 9:40 a.m. – Tina Stockman – Luminous

**NOTE OF THANKS:** to all who assisted and volunteered for the Totus Tuus summer camp program that was held this past week...especially those who hosted the Totus Tuus team for evening supper in your homes, those who provided snacks and those who volunteered their time throughout the week. We had **46** participants in the day program. It was a great and enjoyable success. Let's look forward to doing it again next summer too!  
- Fr. Secrist

Thank you so much for all your help with Totus Tuus! You are so good with the kids, and you were so helpful with snacks and lunch organization. We couldn't have done it without you and we really appreciate everything you did for us. You were truly a blessing to have around and we will be keeping you in our prayers! God Bless, ***The Totus Tuus Team***

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH AIR CONDITIONING:** it goes without saying that the past couple of weeks have been a major test of all of our cooling systems in vehicles and buildings. This past Wednesday, we experienced a significant failure in the outdoor condenser unit at St. Thomas the Apostle church. Once the coolant leak was repaired, the unit was retrofitted to use a more readily available and less expensive coolant (R-438A, rather than R-22 which is being phased out by the government). Hopefully we can make it through the rest of the summer without another AC failure.

**HISTORIC PRO-BILL TO BE VOTED ON JULY 24-25 2017:** Bishop Edward M. Rice and The Missouri Catholic Conference urges all CATHOLICS to contact their state Senator immediately and urge his or her support of House amended SB-5, the strongest pro-life bill to be considered by the General Assembly in many decades. This legislation will protect the health and safety of women/ only physicians licensed in the State of Missouri may perform or induce abortions in an abortion facility in Missouri; ensure that women hear medical information from a doctor before deciding whether to obtain an abortion; requires abortion facilities to have written policies for managing an emergency and transferring patients to a hospital, and much more. To easily send a message to your state Senator, visit <http://www.mocatholic.org/take-action/pro-life-sb-5/>.

**SCRIP:** July 29-30 Saturday – Kristi Luebbering Sunday – Melissa Verslues

Visit [www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip](http://www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip) for more information about the Scrip program. A large variety of cards in various denominations are in stock and available for purchase. Scrip is available for purchase after every other weekend Mass in St. Thomas. You can also contact Lindsay Luebbering at 573-680-4920 or Karen Luebbering at 573-301-5835 to purchase anytime.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE GRAND RAFFLE: NEW THIS YEAR...Sell your Grand Raffle Tickets and enter to win \$250!!**

For every \$20 worth of Grand Raffle Tickets you sell and return by Sunday, August 13, 2017, your name will be entered in a drawing for a prize of **\$250** (donated by Rudy Veit). Please be sure to complete all of the information lines on the ticket stubs, included "Sold By", so that your name will be included in the special drawing. Completed Grand Raffle tickets and accompanying payment should be returned in a clearly marked envelope via the weekend collection basket at Mass or placed in the drop box on the St. Thomas rectory back porch. Extra tickets will also be available on the rectory back porch and the entrance of St. Thomas the Apostle Church. **Don't forget to turn your tickets by Sunday, August 13!!**

**ST. THOMAS SCHOOL GLASS BLOCKS:** 1940's-era glass blocks from the St. Thomas School building are available for \$5.00 per block. Please email Father at [jasecrist@yahoo.com](mailto:jasecrist@yahoo.com) or call the School Office (573-477-3322) if interested.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD:** The next SAB meeting (with meal) will be Tuesday, July 25 at 5:30 p.m. in the Vitae House.

**St. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

**July 29-30**

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Doris Stumpe, Jennifer Even,

Betty Hagenhoff

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

Janice Schanzmeyer

**August 5-6**

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Bonnie Kampeter, Lou Kloeppe,

Brenda Wansing

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

Pam Libbert

**St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers**

**July 29-30**

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Mitch & Brendan Stumpe,

Darin Even, Randy Hagenhoff

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

Tony Derkum, Leon Schanzmeyer

**August 5-6**

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Lou Kloeppe, Mitch & Brendan

Stumpe, Darin Even

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

Lueckenotto, Harold Libbert

**Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia**

Wednesday: 6:10 p.m. – *No Mass*

Saturday 6:40 p.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer - Luminous

Sunday 7:40 a.m. – Margaret Brune - Luminous

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

**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.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:** The next PPC meeting will be Tuesday, July 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the Vitae House.

**MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION** will be held on Tuesday, July 25, 7:00 p.m. in St. Thomas Church

**ST. CECILIA QUILTING:** Quilt tops are needed for the next quilting season to begin in August 2017. If anyone or a group would like to donate a quilt top or the funds to purchase a top, please contact Katie Lueckenotto 573-229-4318 or Mary Plassmeyer at 573-229-4553.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE QUILT GROUPS:** Extra copies of the quilt group list for the 2018 are available in the entrances of St. Thomas Church and on our web page (under "Quilters"). If you would like to help us quilt, come and join our circle next fall. We will need some quilt tops with lining to be quilted August 31. Quilt batting is available for \$10.00. If you have any questions, please call Emily Luebbering at 573-477-3459 or Kathy Strobe at 573-477-3349.

**ST. THOMAS PRAYER LINE REQUESTS** should be emailed to Jenny Becker at [jbeckeroffice@gmail.com](mailto:jbeckeroffice@gmail.com) or by calling (573) 690-0642. The Prayer Line exists to communicate prayer intentions for those in need of healing.

**CATHOLIC MISSOURIAN SUBSCRIPTIONS:** Just a gentle reminder that when making out the check for your household's annual subscription to the diocesan newspaper, please make it out for **\$14 to the parish, not to the Catholic Missourian.** This will help the check to be processed and cleared more easily. Thanks!

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL FAMILY FOLDERS** will be in the back of Church next weekend, July 29-30.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL STUDENTS....SPORTS PHYSICAL REMINDER:** Any student planning on playing sports during the 2017-2018 school year will need a physical, **this also includes archery.** This is a policy of the Diocese of Jefferson City.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL** is accepting registrations for the fall of 2017-2018 enrollment for Preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Please call the school office to register at 573-477-3322.

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

**HELIAS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL** is hosting a Free Kid's Pool Party at Memorial Aquatic Center on Wednesday, July 26, 7:30-9:00 p.m. All ages welcome.

**MARIAN CONFERENCE:** August 11 & 12 at SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church, Boonville. Friday conference begins at 5:15 p.m. with registration and finger foods followed by welcome, prayer, sessions, procession and Mass. Saturday begins with 7:00 a.m. Mass, followed by coffee & donuts, a.m. sessions, noon lunch, p.m. session and 5:30 p.m. Mass. There is no cost to the event, donations are accepted. For further information, please call 1-660-882-6468.

**WKCSO FALL SOCCER** sign-ups will be held at the Westphalia KC hall on Monday evening, July 24 from 4:00-7:00 PM. All kids ages 3-14 (on 8/1/17) are welcome. Please no late sign ups! Email [wkcsoccerclub@gmail.com](mailto:wkcsoccerclub@gmail.com) with any questions

**ST. ELIZABETH COMMUNITY PICNIC** is this Sunday, July 23.

**ST. MARGARET PARISH PICNIC, OSAGE BEND** is Sunday, August 6, serving fried chicken & roast beef dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Adults \$11.00, children 6-12 \$6.00. Plate lunches & carry-outs available \$9.00. Quilt auction 5:00 p.m. Kiddie tractor pull at 2:00 p.m.

**THE META CIVIC LEAGUE** July monthly meeting will be held on July 24 at 7:00 pm.

**ST. ANTHONY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FARMER'S TRACTOR PULL** is Saturday, July 29, 4:00 p.m. at the St. Anthony Community Park. Admission \$5.00 adults, children 12 and under free. Kiddie tractor pull, sign up at 6:30 p.m. \$1.00 per child.



**ST. THOMAS / META K of C TRACTOR PULL** is scheduled for Saturday, September 9, 2017.

**ST. THOMAS / META K of C GARDEN TRACTOR PULL** is scheduled for Saturday, September 23, 2017

**PARISH MISSION FOR ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE & ST. CECILIA PARISHES:** October 16-20, 2017 led by Fr. Charles Byrd from Our Lady of the Mountains Roman Catholic Parish in Jasper, GA. More details to follow in future bulletins.

**ST. CECILIA PARISH PICNIC RESULTS:**

Beer	\$ 2,073.00
Bingo	\$ 290.25
Craft/Country Store	\$ 1,503.00
Dinner Tickets	\$15,961.00
Game Tickets/Bounce House/Train Ride	\$ 486.25
Raffle Stand – Main Stand	\$ 1,818.00
Raffle – Dinner Line	\$ 430.00
Sandwich/Soda Stand	\$ 796.00
Kitchen Sales	\$ 994.26
Quilt Auction (St. Cecilia part)	\$ 6,662.50
Popcorn	\$ 100.00
Excess Groceries	\$ 428.50
Vendor Fee	\$ 30.00
<b>Total of all stands</b>	<b>\$31,572.76</b>