

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

St. Cecilia
in Meta

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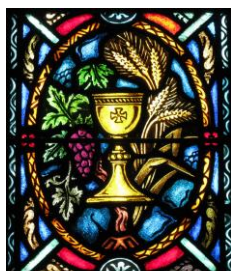
16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 23, 2023

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St. Thomas the Apostle Secretary:
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Mrs. Doris Stumpe
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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

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 23-30:

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Joe Kaiser
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Greg Russell
Friday 7:45 a.m. – Sylvanus Hoecker
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes
Raymond Groner
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Tom (Butch) Loethen

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2023-2024:	\$312,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End:	\$ 26,000.00
Actual Collection for 2023-2024:	\$ 20,612.31
Offertory Difference Year to Date:	-\$ 5,387.69
Offertory Goal per month:	\$ 26,000.00

Collection in Church:

July 2	\$ 6,043.05
July 9	\$ 4,595.62
July 16	\$ 3,101.64
July 23	\$
July 30	\$

Collection Online:	\$ 6,872.00
July total to date:	\$20,612.31
Difference for July:	-\$ 5,387.69

Church Renovation Capital Campaign

Total Pledges/Donations	\$487,489.70
Total Collected	\$497,756.46
Total Expenses Paid	\$699,195.95

A total of 130 parishioners have returned pledge cards/or Contributed to the renovation project.

Church Renovation Loan Balance	\$79,513.25
Loan payments to date	\$132,725.00
(principal) \$120,486.75	(interest) \$10,238.25

St. Thomas the Apostle Cantors / Organists

July 29 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kelsey Kliethermes / Jeanette
July 30 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Doug Luebbering / Alanna
Aug. 5 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kerry Meyer / Jeanette
Aug. 6 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mary Kay Brand / Jackie

St. Thomas the Apostle Readers

July 29 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kathy Graessle
July 30 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jim Lueckenhoff
Aug. 5 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Amanda Wooten
Aug. 6 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Daffiny Tallent

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of July 23-30:

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Marie Prater

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Wilbert & Rosalyn Wankum

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2023-2024:	\$65,000.00
Collection Total for 2023-2024:	\$ 5,089.00
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	\$
July 30	\$

July total to date:	\$5,089.00
Difference for July:	-\$ 327.67

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

July – Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer

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

St. Cecilia Readers

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer
Sunday, July 30 8:00 a.m. – Janice Schanzmeyer
Sunday, Aug. 6 8:00 a.m. – Jennifer Even

St. Cecilia Organist

Sunday, July 30 8:00 a.m. – Emilie
Sunday, Aug. 6 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

July 29 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Gilbert Schellman & Richard Schellman
July 30 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Mike Wooten & Craig Buechter
Aug. 5 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark Boessen & Dave Luebbering
Aug. 6 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Doug Stockman & Mattheuw Prenger
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

July 29 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Jan Carter
July 30 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Bill Luebbering
Aug. 5 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Lora Boessen
Aug. 6 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Marshall Boessen

St. Thomas the Apostle Servers

July 29 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Miranda Meyer, Ava Buschjost,
Evelyn Wooten
July 30 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Francie, Hannah & Levi Tallent,
Ben Otto
Aug. 5 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Gregory Kirby, Carmen
Luebbering, Emerald Fennewald
Aug. 6 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Fayeth Prenger, Erika Luebbering,
Stella Volmert, Aliyah Buechter

St. Thomas the Apostle Offertory Gifts

July 29 Saturday 5:00 p.m.–Family of Raymond Groner
July 30 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Family of Tom (Butch) Loethen

St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters

July 30 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman
Aug. 6 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes
Aug. 13 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg
Aug. 20 – Ron & Theresa Veit
Aug. 27 – Dunja Wieberg & Jennifer Schroeder

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

July 30 Dunja Wieberg
Aug. 6 Jenny Becker
Aug. 13 Karlie Reinkemeyer
Aug. 20 Lauri Luebbering
Aug. 27 Brooke Schell

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 – Luminous Mysteries
Sunday 9:35 a.m. – Tina Stockman– Luminous Mysteries

St. Thomas the Apostle Church Cleaners

July 23: Janet Lueckenhoff, Jim Lueckenhoff, Charlene Buschjost, Randy Buschjost
July 30: Lynne Reinkemeyer, Linda Boessen, Lauri Luebbering, Lisa Lackman
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

SCRIP: 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.

FR. DON ANTWEILER, who previously served here as pastor, requests that anyone who has photos from the June 11 celebration of his 50th priestly anniversary in Jefferson City, especially the reception, please email those to vocations@icangels.com to include in the photo book.

OPEN HOUSE TO CELEBRATE Eugene Luebbering's 85th Birthday on Saturday, August 5, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. the St. Thomas Knights of Columbus Hall.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING is Tuesday, July 25, 7:30 p.m. school library.

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

PART-TIME ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH FACILITIES MANAGER POSITION: St Thomas the Apostle Parish is looking for a part-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 no more than a maximum of 29 hours a week at a starting minimum pay of \$18 per hour. There are no benefits with this position. For a complete listing of the job duties please visit the Parish website or contact the parish office. <http://www.stthomasapostle.net/job.html>

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION is Tuesday, July 25, 7:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

ST. CECILIA HOLY HOUR & ANOINTING OF THE SICK is Friday, July 28, 7:00 p.m. St. Cecilia Church.

St. Cecilia Eucharistic Ministers

July 30 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Pam Libbert
Aug. 6 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic Plassmeyer

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

July 30 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Brendan Stumpe, Randy Hagenhoff,
Kenny Otto, Otto Wankum
Aug. 6 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Leonard Schulte, Tony Derkum,
William Derkum, Terry Libbert

St. Cecilia Servers

July 30 Sunday 8:00 a.m.–Henry & Annaline Schroeder
Aug. 6 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Skyla, Jesse & Tucker
Schroeder

Please arrive 10 minutes before Mass.

Servers who have questions or would like to practice, may do so after 8:00 a.m. Mass. Please contact Joanne Schroeder 573-229-8986.

St. Cecilia Offertory Gifts

July 30 Sunday 8:00 a.m.- Family of Wilbert & Rosalyn
Wankum

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Wednesday 6:05 p.m. – Dorothy Rehagen – Glorious
Mysteries

July 30 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Dorothy Rehagen
Luminous Mysteries

Aug. 6 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer
Joyful Mysteries

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

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.

BISHOP MCKNIGHT JULY PRAYER INTENTION: For the men and women in military uniform; that they may serve their country with honor and be kept safe, especially those serving in harm's way. We pray to the Lord.

PASTORS MEDITATION: 16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. PATIENCE IS REWARDING. (Wis. 12:13, 16-19; Rom. 8:26-27; Mt. 13:24-43) Today's readings tell us about a very patient and compassionate God Who is hopeful that the so-called "weeds" among us will be converted. They warn us that we should not be in a hurry to eliminate such elements from the Church or society or the family based on unwarranted and hasty judgment. The first reading from the Book of Wisdom shows us a merciful and patient God, rather than the disciplining and punishing God presented in the book of Genesis. The second reading, taken from Paul's letter to the Romans, reminds us that the Spirit of God constantly empowers us in our prayers and in our weakness. So, we should be patient with ourselves and with others. Finally, in the Gospel parable of the wheat and the weeds, Jesus presents a wise and patient God who allows the good and the evil to coexist in the world until the harvest, and blesses the evil ones for the little good they may have done, so that they may come to conversion before their time ends: "Let the wheat and the weeds grow together till the harvest time." In other words, God is "delaying" the end of the world for repentant sinners, giving them more time, and offering them the graces of strength and good will so that they may get reconciled with Him. God calmly recognizes that there is evil in the world, **but He sees that evil is no excuse for the good people not to do good with the power of God at their disposal.** Through the parable of the wheat and the weeds in today's Gospel, Jesus calls us to be patient with those who seem to us to fail to meet the high ethical standard expected of a Christian. Therefore friends, we need to practice patience and show mercy. Let us patiently and lovingly treat the "weeds" in our society as our brothers and sisters and do all in our power to put them back on the right road to Heaven, especially by our good example, encouragement and our fervent prayer for their conversion. Let us remember that most of us have been "weeds" in God's field more than once, and God has shown us mercy. God is so merciful that He allows evil to exist in order that what is good may grow. He allows evil to exist also because He can turn it into good. Through the power of the Spirit, God can change even the ugliest thorn into a blossom of Faith. In God's field, we have two responsibilities: to grow in grace, God's favor, and to share His Word and love with others. We need to grow up as healthy wheat in God's field, leaving the "weeds" for God to take care of. The Good News is that growth and maturity are probably the most effective forms of weed control. Our transparent and exemplary Christian lives will be a compelling challenge and a forceful invitation to evildoers to repent of their sinful lives and turn to a loving and forgiving God. Our acts of charity, kindness, mercy, encouragement, loving correction, and selfless service can prompt the "weeds" in our society to reassess their lives, modify them, and grow into useful members of society.

Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukibi

CHRISTMAS IN JULY – BOX OF JOY STEWARDSHIP PROJECT: Parishes in the area have been invited to participate in Christmas in July, a stewardship project through Cross Catholic Outreach, by filling "Boxes of Joy" to send to children in Guatemala, Haiti, and other developing countries. A Box of Joy is a Christmas shoebox (empty box provided) that is packed with toys, clothing, school supplies and other essential items and donated by people, parishes, groups, etc. in the U.S. Each child who receives a Box of Joy also receives a rosary and a booklet in their own language that tells The Story of Jesus. Box of Joy provides hope to children in need, each gift represents Christ's love, and may be the only Christmas gift they receive. Help spread Christmas joy in July! Boxes will be available after Masses the weekend of July 22/23. If you prefer, donations are also accepted, and others will do the shopping and filling of boxes. Thank you for your generosity! Please contact Jennifer Even 573-680-6945 or Samantha Helton 573-469-8649 for more information.

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

AFTER SCHOOL WORKER NEEDED! 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, llinhardt@stacs.school 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.

CITIZENS CIVIC LEAGUE: The July monthly meeting of the Citizens Civic League will be held on July 24 at 7:00 p.m. These meetings are open to the public and are always held on the 4th Monday of the month, March thru October at 7:00 p.m.

BBQ BENEFIT FOR LORI BURNELL is Tuesday, July 25, 4:30-7:00 p.m. at the Wardsville Lions club. Pork steak, beans, cole slaw, homemade roll and dessert, \$15.00 per dinner. This is a drive through event. For tickets please contact Shelia Libbert 573-680-7378, Julie Mertens 573-690-9014, Lori Schenewerk 573-680-4625 or Jennifer Runge 573-821-5895. Lori was diagnosed with ovarian cancer in January and is undergoing chemotherapy treatments. All proceeds will be used for her medical bills.

COMMUNITY PICNIC – ST. ELIZABETH is Sunday, July 23, serving roast beef & fried chicken dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Adults \$15.00, children 6-10 \$7.00. Carry-outs available. Quilt auction 5:00 p.m.

ARGYLE KOFC CAR SHOW & BBQ is Saturday, August 5, serving pork steaks, pork burgers, hot dogs and soft served ice cream from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

ST. MARTINS KOFC FARMER'S TRACTOR PULL is Saturday, August 5, 3:00 p.m. Weigh in starting 2:00 p.m. Admissions \$5.00, 6-12 \$2.00. For more information, please call Brian Lehmen 573-694-1720.

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.

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 Church - Budget Summary
July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

Income:

General (Sunday Collections – includes Parish Center Rental)	\$	84,714.71
Diocesan Collection Income		1,012.17
Universal Church Collection		1,247.18
Special Church Receipts (Includes Insurance Claim on Roof)		54,316.38
Regular Checking Interest		<u>146.82</u>

Total Income:

\$ 141,437.26

Expenses:

Church & Rectory General (Includes Roof Replacement Exp)	119,711.90
Church & Rectory Special	23,311.96
Religious Education (Tuition Paid)	10,500.03
Diocesan Collections	<u>1,287.18</u>

Total Expenses:

\$154,811.07

Net Income (Loss)

(\$13,373.81)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20TH, 2023

ST. THOMAS PARISH PICNIC

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**FRIED CHICKEN & ROAST BEEF
MASHED POTATOES & GRAVY, CORN
GREEN BEANS, KRAUT, BREAD & PIES**

GLUTEN FREE OPTIONS FOR BEEF AND GRAVY

SERVING 11:00AM – 7:00PM

ADULTS: \$15 CHILDREN 6-12: \$7 5 & UNDER: FREE

ACTIVITIES

QUILT AUCTION BEGINS AT 5:00PM

**GRAND RAFFLE, AIR CONDITIONED BINGO, COUNTRY STORE,
KIDSVILLE, BOUNCE HOUSE, KETTLECORN, CRAFT STAND,**

BEER GARDEN & GIN RICKIES

LIVE MUSIC FROM 1PM-5PM & 6PM-8PM

