

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

**St. Cecilia**  
in Meta

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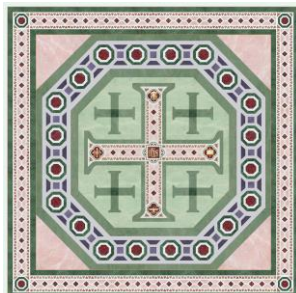
**17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME**

**July 24, 2022**

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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 24-31:**

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Butch Loethen  
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – **No Mass (Summer Schedule)**  
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Sylvanus Hoecker  
Friday 7:45 a.m. - Raymond Groner  
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Lucille Veit  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – People of our Parishes  
Danny Libbert, Herb & Imogene Volmert

**Your Sunday Offering:**

Offertory Budget for 2022-2023: \$305,000.00  
Offertory Goal through Month End: \$ 25,417.00  
Actual Collection for 2022-2023: **\$ 20,255.74**  
Offertory Difference Year to Date: –\$ 5,161.26  
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

**Collection in Church:**

July 3 \$ 5,354.98  
July 10 \$ 5,253.76  
July 17 \$ 2,575.99  
July 24 \$  
July 31 \$

**Collection Online:** \$ 7,072.00

**July total to date:** **\$20,255.74**

Difference for July: –\$ 5,161.26

**Church Renovation Capital Campaign**

Total Pledges/Donations \$484,477.70

Total Collected \$433,424.68

Total Expenses Paid \$695,920.95

A total of 128 parishioners have returned pledge cards/or  
Contributed to the renovation project.

Church Renovation Loan Balance \$191,863.03

Loan payments to date \$11,145.00

(principal) \$8,136.97 (interest) \$3,008.03

**St. Thomas the Apostle Cantors / Organists**

July 30 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Judy Schroeder / Jeanette

July 31 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Josh Luebbering / Jackie

Aug. 6 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kelsey Kliethermes / Jeanette

Aug. 7 Sunday 10:00 a.m. - Doug Luebbering / Jackie

**St. Thomas the Apostle Readers**

July 30 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – David Schroeder

July 31 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jeff Cassmeyer

Aug. 6 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kathy Graessle

Aug. 7 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jennifer Schroeder

**Saint Cecilia**

**Mass Schedule for the Week of July 24:-31**

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Marie Prater

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Francis (Fritzie) & Margie Luebbert

**Your Sunday Offering:**

Offertory Budget for 2022-2023: \$62,000.00  
Collection Total for 2022-2023: **\$ 3,703.00**  
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,166.67

**Collection in Church:**

July 3 \$ 1,550.00  
July 10 \$ 635.00  
July 17 \$ 1,518.00  
July 24 \$  
July 31 \$

**July total to date:** **\$3,703.00**

Difference for July: –\$1,463.67

**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

July 31 8:00 a.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer

Aug. 7 8:00 a.m. – Jennifer Even

**St. Cecilia Organist**

July 31 8:00 a.m. – Lydia

Aug. 7 8:00 a.m. – Emilie

**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 30 Saturday 5:00p.m.- Mark Boessen & Dave Luebbering  
July 31 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Doug Stockman & Jim Lueckenhoff  
Aug. 6 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Richard Schellman & Eric Strobe  
Aug. 7 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Josh Schroeder & Larry Lueckenhoff  
**Collection baskets choir loft by organ, please return after use.**

### **St. Thomas the Apostle Eucharistic Ministers**

July 30 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Marshall Boessen  
July 31 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Bill Luebbering  
Aug. 6 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Barb Graessle  
Aug. 7 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Lynne Reinkemeyer

### **St. Thomas the Apostle Servers**

July 30 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Miranda Meyer, Kora Luebbering  
Carmen Luebbering  
July 31 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Valerie & Zeke Verslues  
Stella Volmert, Aliyah Buechter  
Aug. 6 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Gregory Kirby & Ava Buschjost  
Emerald Fennewald, Evelyn Wooten  
Aug. 7 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Erika Luebbering, Victoria Wieberg,  
Jacob Stewart, Cadyn Libbert

### **St. Thomas the Apostle Offertory Gifts**

July 30 Saturday, 5:00 p.m. – Alfred & Margie Kaiser  
July 31 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Doug Stockman & Jim Lueckenhoff  
Aug. 6 Saturday:00 p.m. – Mark & Lora Boessen  
Aug. 7 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- TJ & Erica Loethen

### **St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters**

July 31 – Paul Becker & Shara Buechter  
Aug. 7 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes  
Aug. 14 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg  
Aug. 21 – Ron & Theresa Veit  
Aug. 28 – Dunja Wieberg & Jennifer Schroeder  
Sept. 4 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman

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

July 31 Lauri Luebbering  
Aug. 7 Dunja Wieberg  
Aug. 14 Brooke Schell  
Aug. 21 Jenny Becker  
Aug. 28 Karlie Reinkemeyer

### **Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas**

Tuesday, 7:25 a.m. – Bob Schellman – Sorrowful Mysteries  
Thursday 7:25 a.m. –Gilbert & Hermina – Luminous Mysteries  
Friday 7:25 a.m. – Shirley Volmert – Sorrowful Mysteries  
Saturday 4:35 p.m. – Shirley Volmert – Glorious Mysteries  
Sunday 9:35 a.m. – Bob Schellman– Glorious Mysteries

### **St. Thomas the Apostle Church Cleaners**

July 24: Janet Lueckenhoff, Jim Lueckenhoff, Charlene Buschjost, Randy Buschjost  
July 31: Alan Libbert, Nancy Libbert, Darrel Buechter, Jan Heckemeyer  
Aug. 7: Brooke Schell, Tina Stockman, Gina Luebbering, Karen Luebbering  
Aug. 14: Lynne Reinkemeyer, Linda Boessen, Lauri Luebbering, Lisa Lackman  
Aug. 21: Sonya Henson, Susan Buechter, Jackie Prenger, Amy Buechter

**SCRIP:** Visit [www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip](http://www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip) for more information about the Scrip program. Please contact Amanda Wooten 573-694-1735 or [amandab\\_27@hotmail.com](mailto:amandab_27@hotmail.com)

### **A NOTE OF THANKS!**

**The family of Wilbert “Bud” Wankum Sr.** want to say thank you to everyone who expressed their sympathy to us. All the hugs, kind words, cards and donations were so meaningful to us. Fr. Leonard Mukiibi for helping us plan a beautiful Catholic funeral Mass for Dad. Emilie Borgmeyer for her music during Mass. We also need to thank all the people who brought food and the volunteers who worked during the luncheon at the Meta Civic League Hall. We also need to thank Fancher-Rekus Funeral Home for going above and beyond to make sure all of Dad’s wishes for his funeral were done. Thank you to the unit who provided military honors at the cemetery. We are so thankful that our Dad and Mom were part of a Church and community that offer so much love and support. ***Forever grateful, The Wilbert “Bud” Wankum family***

**BULLETIN NOTICES:** Deadline for bulletin is Wednesday at noon.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH BULLETINS:** If you are needing a bulletin and Church is locked there are some on the Vitae House front porch.

**ATTENTION USHERS:** **Monthly Mass Attendance Report beginning in August.** After consultation with the Presbyteral Council and the Deans, in order to assist and obtain a more accurate snapshot for future pastoral planning beginning August 1, 2022 attendance counts and statistics will need to be recorded for every individual weekend Mass or Holy Day within the diocese through July 31, 2023. Ushers, please count all people (including children and infants) who enter into the Church at each Mass with the count ending at or about the First Reading. In smaller Churches it may be simpler for the ushers to make the count during the homily. Also, please remember to count all ministers who serve at the Altar as well. ***The form to fill out is in the back of St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church and St. Cecilia Catholic Church.***

### **St. Cecilia Eucharistic Ministers**

July 31 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Janice Schanzmeyer  
Aug. 7 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer

### **St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers**

July 31 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Terry Libbert, Harold Libbert,  
Leon Schanzmeyer, Darin Even  
Aug. 7 Sunday 8:00 a.m.- Mitch Stumpe, Brendan Stumpe,  
Randy Hagenhoff, Kenny Otto

### **St. Cecilia Servers**

July 31 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Natalee Derkum  
Aug. 7 Sunday 8:00 a.m.- Henry & Annaline 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 31 Sunday 8:00 a.m.- Francis (Fritzie) & Margie Luebbert

### **Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia**

Wednesday 6:05 p.m. – Margaret Brune –Glorious  
Mysteries  
July 31 Sunday 7:35 a.m.– Mary Plassmeyer  
Glorious Mysteries  
Aug. 7 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.

**BISHOP MCKNIGHT'S JULY PRAYER INTENTION:** For our nation, for the integrity of our judicial system, and that all branches of government be dedicated to seeking the common good and protecting the dignity and rights of the human person from conception to natural death.

**PASTORS MEDITATION: 17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: PRAYING LIKE JESUS TO A FATHER AND FRIEND** (Gen. 18:20-32, Col. 2:12-14, Lk. 11:1-13) The main themes of today's Scripture readings are the power of intercessory prayer, the Our Father as the ideal prayer and the necessity for persistence and perseverance in prayer with trusting faith and boldness. In short, the readings teach us what to pray and how to pray. The first reading, taken from the book of Genesis, gives us the model for intercessory prayer provided by Abraham in his dialogue with God. Although Abraham seems to be trying to manipulate God through his skillful bargaining and humble, persistent intercession, God is actually being moved to mercy by the goodness of a few innocent souls. The Responsorial Psalm (Ps 138), "Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me," is a hymn of hope and trust in the Lord, reminding us that God is close to the humble of heart and to all those who call upon Him in their need. The second reading, taken from Paul's Letter to the Colossians, though it does not address prayer but reminds us of the need of perseverance in our living faith in Christ, which provides the basis for all Christian prayers, especially for liturgical prayer: the mystery of the Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Paul assures us that even when we were dead in sin, God gave us new life through Jesus and pardoned all our sins. In the Gospel passage today, after teaching a model prayer, Jesus instructs his disciples to pray to God their Heavenly Father with the same boldness, daring, intimacy, conviction, persistence and perseverance Abraham displayed and the friend in need in the parable employed. He gives us the assurance that God will not be irritated by our requests or unwilling to meet them with generosity. Prayer is essential for Christian family life. To remain faithful in marriage, the spouses must pray, not only individually, but together. They must thank God and offer intercessory prayers for each other, for their children and for their dear ones. Daily prayer will help married couples to celebrate and reverence God's vision of human sexuality and honor life from conception to natural death. Here is St. John Marie Vianney's advice to a couple: "Spend three minutes praising and thanking God for all you have. Spend three minutes asking God's pardon for your sins and presenting your needs before Him. Spend three minutes reading the Bible and listening to God in silence. And do this every day." We need to accept others as children of God and thereby our brothers and sisters: Through the Our Father, Jesus is giving us a new vision of human relationships: that we all, irrespective of our color, creed or social background, are the children of God and thereby are brothers and sisters. If we can learn this lesson and if we are able to treat God as our Father and love Him accordingly and if we are able to treat every other human being as our own dear brothers and sisters and love them accordingly, then and only then, shall we experience the Kingdom of God here on earth and enjoy this in the next life. When we love each other and forgive each other's failings God also will love us and forgive us. This is the foundation of true faith. ***Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukiibi***

**ST. CECILIA HOLY HOUR** is Friday, July 29, 7:00 p.m. St. Cecilia Church.

**MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP PRAYER HOUR** is Tuesday, July 26, St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE GRASS CUTTING ROTATION:**

Week of July 24	Alan Reinkemeyer, Richard Heckemeyer and Dave Schroeder
Week of July 31	Fred Luebbering, Mark Graessle and Jeff Cassmeyer
Week of Aug. 7	Paul & Jenny Becker, Eric Buechter, Josh Schroeder
Week of Aug. 14	Mark Luebbering, Nick Luebbering and Anthony Luebbering, Jason Otto
Week of Aug. 21	Dick Schellman, Patrick Schellman, Paul Struempff, Rob Henson

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PICNIC 2022 NOTES**

1. Initial DRAFT of Picnic Worklist was attached to last week's bulletin and may be found on Parish website
2. Last year we ended picnic day with several boxes of unfried (raw), leftover chicken. In the event this situation is repeated this year, the picnic committee would like to have a predetermined list of potential chicken buyers prior to picnic day. Any leftover unfried chicken will be sold to parishioners at cost, by the box (50-55 lbs.), following the meal. If you are interested in purchasing unfried chicken (may or may not be seasoned), please contact Karen Struempff (*phone or text – 573.619.7796*), to get on the list. Please indicate how many boxes you would be interested in purchasing, should it be available.
3. The picnic committee would like to identify volunteers willing to bag plasticware, and potentially assist with other similar tasks, prior to picnic day. If you are "retired" from the worklist, or otherwise unable to work on Picnic Day and would like to volunteer, please contact a committee member at the number listed on the DRAFT worklist attached to this bulletin.
4. The Country Store could use donations of breads & other baked goods, as they will only be providing pies this year. Garden produce, jellies, handmade items, and any type of fruit for the pies are welcome. If berries/fruit for pies are frozen, they should be dropped off at the parish kitchen Friday evening, August 19.
5. Picnic, Quilt flyers and raffle chances are in the entrances of Church.

**ST. ANNE – FEAST DAY- JULY 26 :** St. Anne is the patron saint of unmarried women, housewives, women in labor, grandmothers, childless people, equestrians, lacemakers, miners, the poor, and seamstresses. The most well-known patronage of St. Anne is that of grandmothers. Certainly, as the mother of the Virgin Mary and the grandmother of Jesus Christ, St. Anne was a woman of great virtue and love. St. Anne's statue in our Church is to the left of Mary.

**Prayer to St. Anne for a Special Favor**

*Glorious Saint Anne, filled with compassion for those who invoke you, and with love for those who suffer, heavily laden with the weight of my troubles, I cast myself at your feet, and humbly beg of you to take the present affair which I recommend to you under your special protection.*

*Vouchsafe to commend it to your Daughter, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and lay it before the throne of Jesus, so that He may bring it to a happy issue. Cease not to intercede for me until my request is granted. Above all, obtain for me the grace of one day beholding my God face to face, and with you and Mary and all the saints praising and blessing Him for all eternity. Amen.*

*Good Saint Anne, Mother of her who is our life, our sweetness and our hope, pray to her for us, and obtain our request. (Three times).*



**ST. EILIZABETH COMMUNITY PICNIC** is Sunday, July 24, serving roast beef (gluten free) and fried chicken smorgasbord 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. Live music in the evening.

**ST. MARGARET OF ANTIOCH PARISH, OSAGE BEND** is Sunday, August 7, serving fried chicken & roast beef dinners family style, from 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Adults \$14.00, children 6-12 \$7.00. Carry-outs \$12.00. Quilt Auction 5:00 p.m. (No Mass on picnic day).

**SAVE THE DATES:**

August 21, 2022 – St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Picnic

# St. Thomas

## the Apostle Annual Parish Picnic

### AUGUST 21, 2022

#### Fried Chicken & Roast Beef

served with real mashed potatoes & gravy,  
corn, green beans, kraut, homemade bread  
and homemade pies

Serving cafeteria style

11:00am-7:00pm

Drive-thru & Carry-out available

Adults: \$14

Children 6-12: \$7

Under 6: FREE

#### Quilt Auction begins at 5:00 pm

Grand Raffle – Air-Conditioned Bingo – Country Store – Kidsville

Bounce House – Kettle Corn – Live Music – Craft Stand

Beer Garden – Gin Rickies

View quilts online at [www.stthomasapostle.net](http://www.stthomasapostle.net)