

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

St. Cecilia
in Meta

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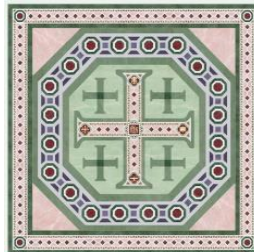
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 25, 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 25-Aug. 1:

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Butch Loethen
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – **No Mass, Summer Schedule**
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – L&D Gerhard & Adela Weber Family
Friday 7:45 a.m. – Marilyn & Veronica Herigon
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Becky Strope

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2021-2022: \$305,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End: \$ 25,417.00
Actual Collection for 2021-2022: **\$ 17,881.00**
Offertory Difference Year to Date: –\$ 7,536.00
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

July 4 \$ 4,516.00
July 11 \$ 3,857.00
July 18 \$ 3,256.00
July 25 \$

Collection Online: \$ 6,252.00

July total to date: **\$17,881.00**

Difference for July: –\$ 7,536.00

St. Thomas the Apostle Expansion & Building Fund

Income from parishioners for FY 2021-2022
(via the yellow "Building Fund" envelope): **\$2,091.00**

St. Thomas the Apostle Cantor / Organist

July 31 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kerry Meyer / Jackie
Aug. 1 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Josh Luebbering / Jackie
Aug. 7 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Judy Schroeder / Jackie
Aug. 8 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Anne Strope / Jackie

St. Thomas the Apostle Reader

July 31 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Judy Schroeder
Aug. 1 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Rosalyn Wieberg
Aug. 7 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – David Schroeder
Aug. 8 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Doug Luebbering

Mass Live Streamers:

Aug. 1 – Dunja Wieberg
Aug. 8 – Brooke Schell

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of July 25-Aug. 1:

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Jerome Distler

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Caden Haslag

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2021-2022: \$62,000.00
Collection Total for 2021-2022: **\$ 4,007.00**
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,166.67

Collection in Church:

July 4 \$ 1,985.00
July 11 \$ 1,062.00
July 18 \$ 960.00
July 25 \$

July total to date: **\$ 4,007.00**

Difference for July: –\$ 1,159.67

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. – Cathy Borgmeyer
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Doris Stumpe

**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 31 Saturday 5:00 p.m. –Fred Luebbering & Mark Boessen
 Aug. 1 Sun. 10:00 a.m.–Mattheuw Prenger & Keith Kliethermes
 Aug. 7 Sat. 5:00 p.m. – Eric Strobe & Dave Luebbering
 Aug. 8 Sunday 10:00 a.m. –Mike Buschjost & Tom Backes

St. Thomas Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

July 31 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Barb Graessle
 Aug. 1 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Richard Heckemeyer
 Aug. 7 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark Luebbering
 Aug. 8 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Janet Lueckenhoff

St. Thomas the Apostle Servers

July 31 Saturday 5:00 p.m. -
 Aug. 1 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Klint & Kora Luebbering
 Aug 7 Saturday 5:00 p.m. -
 Aug. 8 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Avery Libbert & Francie Tallent

St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counter

Aug. 1 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman
 Aug. 8 - Jennifer Schroeder & Dunja Wieberg
 Aug. 22 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes
 Aug. 29 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg

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–Luminous Mysteries
 Sunday 9:35 a.m.– Pat Loethen –Luminous Mysteries

St. Thomas the Apostle Offertory

July 31 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Alfred & Margie Kaiser
 Aug. 1 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Larry & Linda Lueckenhoff
 Aug. 7 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark & Lauri Luebbering
 Aug. 8 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mike & Sheri Wieberg Family

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

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: Al & Jan Carter will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, July 24 with a quiet dinner at home. A bigger celebration is being planned for the Spring of 2022 pending the status of the pandemic.

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 .

When St. Thomas/St. Cecilia weekend Masses are combined at St. Cecilia beginning August 14, please let Diane Lueckenhoff (573-645-5794 or email) know which weekend Mass you will generally be attending for ministries.

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.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH RENOVATION: Calling all volunteers! Starting August 9, the Parish has 2 weeks to clear everything out of Church, including the benches, stations, statues, etc. **WE NEED HELP!** Many of the items in Church will be stored in the Vitae House, and the larger items will be stored in the Parish Storage unit. We will pack up and move everything out of Church. If you are interested in helping out, please call Mark Luebbering at 573-694-6393 or Lauri Luebbering at 573-619-6090.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: Pledge cards are in the back of church for pick up for those of you who were unable to do so this past weekend. Please return your Pledge by **September 12.** Payments should be received within 3 years. Payments can be made by going to the "Renovation" link on the Parish website for PayPal donations and ACH debit sign up, or by using the yellow "Building Expansion & Renovation" church envelopes. You can also mail checks directly to St. Thomas the Apostle Church, PO Box 146, St. Thomas MO., 65076. Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH TABLES AVAILABLE: There are 17 tables (8' x 3') that are available. These are the heavier tables made of particle board. Anyone interested in them can give Mark Luebbering a call at 573-694-6393. Voluntary donations are accepted.

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. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Mary Plassmeyer

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Mitch Stumpe & Darin Even

St. Cecilia Servers

Sunday 8:00 a.m. –

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

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

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

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH history books, ornaments and cookbooks are available. Please contact the parish or school office if interested.

BISHOP MCKNIGHT'S AUGUST PRAYER INTENTION: As we begin this school year, may all recognize our shared mission to hand on our Catholic faith to the next generation.

PASTORS MEDITATION: 17th Sunday in ordinary time, yearB: IF WE GIVE WHAT WE HAVE TO JESUS HE CAN MULTIPLY IT BEYOND OUR IMAGINABLE EXPECTATIONS. (2Kgs. 4:42-44, Eph. 4:1-6, John 6:1-15)

Today's readings invite us to become humble instruments in God's hands by sharing our blessings with our needy brothers and sisters. They focus on hunger and food and about how we can satisfy the deeper hunger of our life. They remind us that if we and our country are blessed with abundant food supply, we need to share it with the hungry people and poor countries. As Christians we need to commit ourselves to share and to work with God in communicating His compassion to all as the early Christians did. God always blesses those who share their blessings, time, and talents with loving commitment. We can begin our own humble efforts at "sharing" right in our parish by participating in the works of charity done by organizations like the Knights of Columbus, the Good Samaritans, St. Vincent DePaul Society, etc. Once physical hungers are satisfied, then we are challenged to satisfy the deeper hungers, for love, mercy, forgiveness, companionship, peace, and fulfillment.

Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukibi

ST. CECILIA PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING for all outgoing and new incoming members Wednesday, July 28 after 6:30 p.m. Mass in the parish center.

THE MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION is Tuesday, July 27, 7:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

THE ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PICNIC is Sunday, August 15. Each family is asked to pick up and sell an envelope with raffle tickets, located in the back of Church. Please take additional packets for your family and friends who may not make it to Mass. Additional tickets may be picked up in the back of Church or at Speedy B's Quick Shoppe. Please return all sold ticket stubs & money collected, as well as all unsold tickets, to the Grand Raffle Stand on the day of the picnic, drop them off in the collection basket at Mass, or deliver to a picnic committee member. Please note that raffle ticket prices have changed this year and are listed at the bottom of each ticket: \$2 each, 3 for \$5 or 6 for \$10.

The initial draft of the **picnic work-list** was attached to last week's bulletin and may also be accessed from the Parish website. Please note your work assignments and notify your stand chairperson if you are unable to work, as assigned.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE COUNTRY STORE PICNIC NOTES: The committee will **NOT** be baking breads on Friday before the picnic. Due to an expressed interest in a wider variety, we believe customers prefer home-made baked items you make at home. We are asking parishioners to support the Country Store by bringing in your favorite quick breads, cookies etc. The committee will continue to bake cinnamon rolls and pies on Saturday. ***The Country Store Committee***

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PSR REGISTRATION is open for the 2021-2022 school year! Please register by August 1st online at: <https://bit.ly/2UQKyfz>. If you have any questions please contact Karlie Reinkemeyer at 573-645-3182 or karlie.reinkemeyer@gmail.com

ST. THOMAS CHURCH CLEANING TEAM ROTATION FOR UPCOMING WEEKS:

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 THE APOSTLE PRESCHOOL: If you have a child ages 3 or 4 and have been thinking about preschool, please call Lizzie Linhardt 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.

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.

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

Week of August 15 Mark Graessle, Jeff Cassmeyer and Fred Luebberin

Week of August 22 Richard Schellman, Pat Schellman and Paul Struempfler

ST. CECILIA HOLY HOUR is Friday, July 30, 7:00 p.m. St. Cecilia Church.

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.

THE WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY will be celebrated annually on the fourth Sunday of July, beginning this year on July 25. Pope Francis emphasized in his message that the Lord is always with us and always calling us to play a role in spreading the Gospel no matter our age. "I was called to become the Bishop of Rome when I had reached, so to speak, retirement age and thought I would not be doing anything new. The Lord is always – always – close to us. He is close to us with new possibilities, new ideas, new consolations, but always close to us. You know that the Lord is eternal; he never, ever goes into retirement." The Dicastery for the Laity has created pastoral and liturgical resources in eight languages which parishes can use to celebrate the day.

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.

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

JEFF CITY JAYCEES COLE COUNTY FAIR-MAKING MEMORIES: Young children and adults are invited to the 2021 Making Memories at the Fair event at the Jefferson City Jaycees Fairgrounds from 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. on July 29 to learn about sources of food and clothes, agricultural commodities, conservation, safety and environmental quality through activities and displays. You can participate in hands-on learning experiences, demonstrations, and tour the 4-H and FFA exhibits. You can also visit the barns for a petting farm! Families, Camps, Homeschoolers, Day Care Facilities, and other groups are encouraged to attend. Contact the Cole County Extension Center at (573) 634-2824 or coleco@missouri.edu for questions.

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 573-690-7546 or Dick Schellman 573-619-1083

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL, WESTPHALIA is in need of a full time cook for the 2021-2022 school year. Hours are from 6:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Some experience in large group cooking is necessary. Salary is negotiable based on experience. Please contact Patricia Kirk at 573-455-2339 or pkirk@stjosephwestphalia.org

SAVE THE DATE:

August 15 – St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Picnic

August 28 – Knights of Columbus Centennial Mass & Celebration .

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.

ST. MARGARET OF ANTIOCH PARISH PICNIC, OSAGE BEND is Sunday, August 1, serving fried chicken and roast beef dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 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!

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE AND ST. CECILIA PARISHIONERS: Information regarding new guidelines from the Diocesan office in regard to Virtus (Safe Environment) mandates for volunteers. Information may be found on our parish websites under Resources, Resources Home, and Safe Environment. Please follow the steps. If you have any questions, please contact the parish offices.



**BETTER TOGETHER:
IT TAKES EACH
OF US WITH THE
RIGHT TRAINING
TO KEEP OUR
CHILDREN SAFE.**

The Diocese of Jefferson City is providing a cohesive, robust training program to create a safe environment for ministry in parishes across the diocese. To learn more about the program or begin training online, visit: diojeffcity.org/safe-environment.

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O Blessed St. Joseph,
who accompanied Jesus and
Mary in all their journeys,
and who has been called the
patron of all travelers,
accompany us in this journey
that we are about to
undertake.

#YearOfStJoseph
#PatronOfTravelers

