

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

St. Cecilia
in Meta

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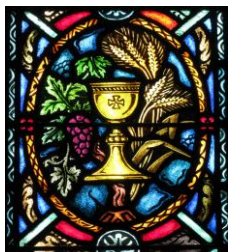
13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 2, 2023

Pastor: Fr. Leonard Mukiibi
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tveitoffice@gmail.com



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St. Thomas the Apostle Secretary:
Mrs. Diane Lueckenhoff
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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 2-9:

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Clem & Harold Veit
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Special Intention
Friday 7:45 a.m. – Tony & Bernice Ullman
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – L&D Frank Volmert Family
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – People of our Parishes
Jane Lindenbusch

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of July 2-9:

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Scott, Lawrence & Bernadine Otto,
Marilyn Bax
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Harold Veltrop

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2022-2023: \$305,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End: \$305,000.00
Actual Collection for 2022-2023: **\$308,4100.15**
Offertory Difference Year to Date: \$ 3,410.15
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

June 4 \$ 6,644.80
June 11 \$ 3,859.46
June 18 \$ 3,098.46
June 25 \$ 8,634.58

Collection Online: \$ 6,872.00

June total to date: **\$29,109.30**

Difference for June: +\$ 3,692.30

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2022-2023: \$65,000.00
Collection Total for 2022-2023: **\$64,569.71**
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,416.67

Collection in Church:

June 4 \$ 912.50
June 11 \$1,141.00
June 18 \$ 713.00
June 25 \$1,337.00

June total to date: **\$4,103.50**

Difference for June: -\$1,313.17

Church Renovation Capital Campaign

Total Pledges/Donations \$487,189.70
Total Collected \$495,409.23
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 \$107,872.22

Loan payments to date \$102,010.00

(principal) \$92,127.78 (interest) \$9,882.22

St. Thomas the Apostle Cantors / Organists

July 8 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Lisa Wieberg / Jeanette
July 9 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Josh Luebbering / Alanna
July 15 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Judy Schroeder / Jeanette
July 16 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Doug Luebbering / Jackie

St. Thomas the Apostle Readers

July 8 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Amanda Wooten
July 9 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jan Heckemeyer
July 15 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – David Schroeder
July 16 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mary Kay Brand

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. – Dorothy Rehagen
Sunday, July 9 8:00 a.m. – Karyn Veltrop
Sunday, July 16 8:00 a.m. – Dominic Plassmeyer

St. Cecilia Organist

Sunday, July 9 8:00 a.m. – Lydia
Sunday, July 16 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 8 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Eric & Roseanne Boessen
 July 9 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Shane & Zeke Verslues
 July 15 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Dave Luebbering & Simon Strope
 July 16 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Tom Backes & TJ Loethen

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 8 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Marshall Boessen
 July 9 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Lynne Reinkemeyer
 July 15 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Barb Graessle
 July 16 Sunday 10:00 a.m. –Mattheuw Prenger

St. Thomas the Apostle Servers

July 8 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Gregory Kirby, Carmen Luebbering,
 Emerald Fennewald
 July 9 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Victoria & Will Wieberg,
 Isabella Luebbering, Kora Luebbering
 July 15 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Miranda Meyer, Ava Buschjost,
 Evelyn Wooten, JD Volmert
 July 16 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Erika Luebbering, Fayeth Prenger,
 Kora Luebbering, Angelina Veltrop

St. Thomas the Apostle Offertory Gifts

July 15 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Family of Frank Volmert Family
 July 16 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Family of Jane Lindenbusch

St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters

July 9 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes
 July 16 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg
 July 23 -Dunja Wieberg & Jennifer Schroeder
 July 30 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman

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

July 9 Karlie Reinkemeyer
 July 16 Lauri Luebbering
 July 23 Brooke Schell
 July 30 Dunja Wieberg
 Aug. 6 Jenny Becker

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 – Joyful Mysteries
 Sunday 9:35 a.m. – Gilbert & Hermina Strope – Joyful Mysteries

St. Thomas the Apostle Church Cleaners

July 2: Sonya Henson, Susan Buechter, Jackie Prenger, Amy Buechter
 July 9: Brooke Schell, Tina Stockman, Gina Luebbering, Karen Luebbering
 July 16: Alan Libbert, Nancy Libbert, Darrel Buechter, Jan Heckemeyer
 July 23: Janet Lueckenhoff, Jim Lueckenhoff, Charlene Buschjost, Randy Buschjost
 July 30: Lynne Reinkemeyer, Linda Boessen, Lauri Luebbering, Lisa Lackman

SCRIP: Visit www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip for more information about the Scrip program. Please contact, Amanda Wooten 573-694-1735 or amandab_27@hotmail.com

THE PARISH OFFICE will be open on Thursday, July 6th instead of Tuesday, July 4th do to the holiday.

BULLETIN NOTICES: Deadline for bulletin is Wednesday at noon.

PARISH BULLETINS: If you are needing a bulletin and Church is locked at St. Thomas the Apostle, there are some on the Vitae House front porch.

MASS ATTENDANCE counting will continue in the Diocese of Jefferson City for at least the next 2 years.

A NOTE OF THANKS!

We would like to thank the St. Thomas Parish and surrounding communities for the outpouring of prayers, support, and love after Virgil's accident. Also, special thanks to the St. Thomas School for organizing a rosary to pray for Virgil's healing. Prayers were definitely answered. God is Good! Thank You - ***Bruce and Linda Lackman Family***

HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK & HOME-BOUND FOR ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE & ST. CECILIA PARISHIONERS:

If you or someone you know is sick or home-bound and would like to receive Holy Communion at your home, please call St. Thomas the Apostle Parish office at 573-477-3315 by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday each week. Home visits for Holy Communion will be offered on Friday mornings beginning on June 2, 2023.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY: It's time again for a **NEW** Parish Directory! Please keep in mind these photography dates: January 3 - 6, 2024. More details to follow.

A ROSARY FOR OUR COUNTRY will be prayed on Tuesday, July 4, 5:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

A ROSARY FOR FAVORABLE WEATHER will be prayed on Thursday, July 6, 6:30 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

St. Cecilia Eucharistic Ministers

July 9 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Doris Stumpe
 July 16 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Betty Hagenhoff

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

July 9 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Brendan Stumpe, Randy Hagenhoff,
 Kenny Otto, Otto Wankum
 July 16 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Leonard Schulte, Tony Derkum,
 William Derkum, Terry Libbert

St. Cecilia Servers

July 9 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Bradyn & Kambrie Stegeman
 July 16 Sunday 8:00 a.m.–Sophie, Reagan & Eli Bock
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 9 Sunday 8:00 a.m.- Family of Harold Veltrop

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Wednesday 6:05 p.m. –Cathy Borgmeyer– Glorious
 Mysteries
 July 9 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Dorothy Rehagen
 Joyful Mysteries
 July 16 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer
 Glorious 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: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time: **COSTS AND REWARDS OF DISCIPLESHIP (2Kgs. 4:8-11, 14-16a; Rom. 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt. 10:37-42). **ST. THOMAS PARISH FEAST DAY** Today St. Thomas the Apostle parish celebrates the feast of their patron saint, normally celebrated on July 3, St. Thomas the Apostle best known for his initial unwillingness to believe the other apostles in their claim that Jesus had risen from the dead, St. Thomas teaches all the faithful to believe without seeing. Happy feast day to you all St. Thomas parishioners. Today's readings encourage us to be witnesses to the mission Christ has given us his followers which is to love God and our neighbor through hospitality, generosity, commitment in humble service, and the practice of corporal and spiritual works (acts) of mercy (charity). The readings also remind us of the sacrifice demanded of Jesus' disciples and the suffering they will endure for their Faith when they bear witness to Jesus. In our first reading, we see the welcome given to the prophet Elisha by an elderly, childless couple who lived in Shunem. The wife recognized the holiness of Elisha. She showed him reverence and hospitality by inviting him to dine with her and her husband and by arranging an upper room of their house so that Elisha might stay with them when he visited the area. In response, Elisha promised her, "This time next year you will be fondling a baby son" and the promise was fulfilled by God. The second reading, taken from Paul's letter to the Romans, explains **why those who care for the followers of Jesus are caring for Jesus himself, and those who show hospitality to any one of them are eligible for a reward.** By our Baptism, we have been baptized into Jesus' death and buried with him, and we look forward to our resurrection with him (Rom 6:5). Since Baptism is our entrance into this new life, it makes us part of the Body of Christ, and Christ is truly present in us. **That is why the one who welcomes us welcomes Christ and becomes eligible for a reward.** Today's Gospel lesson concludes Jesus' great "missionary discourse" in which he instructs the twelve apostles on the cost and the reward of the commitment required of a disciple. The first half of these sayings of Jesus details the behavior expected of his disciples, and the second half speaks of the behavior expected of others towards the disciples. Jesus assures his disciples that whoever shows them hospitality will be blessed. Those who receive Jesus receive the One who sent him. Also, those who help the "little ones," (believers) and the poor, the sick, and the needy will be amply rewarded. This implies dear friends that we need to be hospitable and generous: Hospitality means acknowledging the presence of God in others and serving Him in them, especially those in whom we least expect to find Him. We, as individuals and as a community, are to look for opportunities to be hospitable, and of course, there are plenty of ways of offering hospitality. Maybe hospitality is offered through a kind word to a stranger or even a smile. A kind smile or a "hello" to someone waiting with us in a grocery line may be the only kindness that person encounters all day. We become fully alive as Christians through the generous giving of ourselves. What is more important than the sending of checks for charitable causes is the giving of ourselves to people, primarily in the way we think about them, for from that spring will flow the ways we speak to them and about them, forgive their failings, encourage them, show them respect, console them, and offer them help. Such generosity reflects warmth radiating from the very love of God. ***Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukiibi*****

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE AND ST. CECELIA LECTORS: The worship committees from both parishes met recently and came up with suggestions for all lectors at both parishes. Please move the microphone closer to your mouth before reading the readings and petitions. Also, please read slowly and pronounce all words clearly. These are suggestions that will help everyone be able to hear and understand the readings more clearly. One last suggestion was to approach the lectern in a more timely manner for the readings and petitions instead of waiting for the conclusion of the opening prayer or the Profession of Faith before approaching the lectern. Please contact a worship committee member with any questions you may have regarding these suggestions.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE HOLY HOUR & ANOINTING OF THE SICK is Friday, July 7, 7:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

META PARISHIONERS, by now all workers should have received a worklist for our upcoming picnic. Please locate your assignment place and make plans to help. There are raffle tickets and posters for you if you can advertise in your place of employment in the back of Church. Feel free to take.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE QUILT GROUPS: Thank you to everyone who helped in ways towards the quilts for our 2023 parish picnic. We have a good selection and hope the auction goes well. The quilt list for the 2024 picnic may be found on our web page. The first name on the list is the chairperson and is responsible for having a quilt ready for the 2024 picnic. The quilts should be finished by June 1, 2024, so they can be listed on the picnic flier. Chairpersons are asked to contact the other members of their group. If you would like to help us quilt, come and join our circle this Fall. We will need some quilt tops with lining to be quilted by August 30. If you have any questions, please call Emily Luebbering at 573-477-3459 or Kathy Strope at 573-477-3349.

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>

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL OFFICE will be closed July 3-16.

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 SPIRIT WEAR is now available. The store link is <https://stthomaseagles.itemorder.com/> All orders need to be in by noon on July 7. If you have trouble finding the link, please let a staff member 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, linhardt@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.

WCU DISTRICT BBQ will be held on Sunday, July 23 at the St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Hall with a meal at noon. Reservations must be made to Lillian Lackman at 573-477-3472 or Janice Boessen at 573-455-2651 by **July 20th**.

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 573-7378, 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.

SAVE THE DATES: St. Cecilia Parish Picnic – July 9, 2023
St. Thomas Knights of Columbus Farm Tractor Pull – July 22, 2023
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. Thomas the Apostle
and
St. Cecilia Parishioners**

June 28, 2023

Dear St. Thomas the Apostle and St. Cecilia Parishioners,

Thank you for your generous support of the final year of the Catholic Stewardship Appeal (CSA) campaign. St. Thomas the Apostle parishioners contributed \$9,435 and came very close to meeting the \$10,400 CSA goal and St. Cecilia parishioners contributed \$1,640 and came very close to meeting their \$2,601 CSA goal established by the Diocese.

With the transition to the new Catholic Stewardship Renewal (CSR) model beginning July 1, 2023, I encourage you to prayerfully consider how you can be good and faithful stewards supporting the mission of our Catholic church. Please embrace the opportunities to share your time, talent and treasure and be fully engaged in the life of our parishes. More detailed information about the new stewardship renewal process will be communicated to all parishioners in the near future.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Father Leonard Mukiibi
Pastor, St. Thomas the Apostle and St. Cecilia Churches

P I C N I C
JULY 9, 2023
St. Cecilia Parish Picnic
Citizen's Civic League Park • Meta, MO

SERVING BUFFET STYLE/DINE IN OR CARRY OUT

ADULTS: \$15.00 — CHILDREN 6-12: \$8.00 — 5 AND UNDER: FREE
ALL CARRY OUTS ARE \$15.00

Fried Chicken & Roast Beef Dinner

*Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, Cole Slaw,
Home Baked Bread and Pie*



— Serving from 11:00 am - 6:00 pm —



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DESSERTS
AUCTION
AT 4:00 P.M.**



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And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because he is a disciple—amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward.

Matthew 10:42



As a disciple we are called to love one another as Christ loves us. Through the sacrament of baptism, we were each made disciples. We are called to serve and live out the gospel and our reward is the salvation of our souls.



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