

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

**St. Cecilia**  
in Meta

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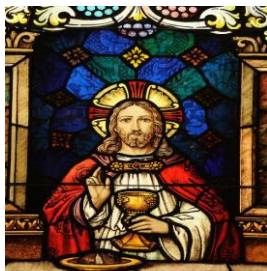
**17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**July 30, 2023**

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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 30-Aug. 6:**

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Herb & Imogene Volmert

Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Alex Heckman

Friday 7:45 a.m.–Marilyn Herigon

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Lucille Veit

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

**Your Sunday Offering:**

Offertory Budget for 2023-2024:	\$312,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End:	\$ 26,000.00
Actual Collection for 2023-2024:	<b>\$ 23,329.36</b>
Offertory Difference Year to Date:	-\$ 2,670.64
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	\$ 2,717.05
July 30	\$

**Collection Online:** \$ 6,872.00

**July total to date:** **\$23,329.36**

Difference for July: -\$ 2,670.64

**Church Renovation Capital Campaign**

Total Pledges/Donations \$487,489.70

Total Collected \$498,356.46

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**

Aug. 5 Saturday 5:00 p.m.– Kerry Meyer / Jeanette

Aug. 6 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mary Kay Brand / Jackie

Aug. 12 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Amanda Wooten / Alanna

Aug. 13 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Judy Schroeder / Jackie

**St. Thomas the Apostle Readers**

Aug. 5 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Amanda Wooten

Aug. 6 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Daffiny Tallent

Aug. 12 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Jan Carter

Aug. 13 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Doug Luebbering

**Saint Cecilia**

**Mass Schedule for the Week of July 30-Aug. 6:**

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. –Harold & Jean Libbert

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Larry Bock

**Your Sunday Offering:**

Offertory Budget for 2023-2024:	\$65,000.00
Collection Total for 2023-2024:	<b>\$ 6,182.00</b>
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	\$ 1,093.00
July 30	\$

**July total to date:** **\$6,182.00**

Difference for July: +\$ 765.33

**St. Cecilia Collection Counters**

August – Dale & Margie Helton

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

**St. Cecilia Readers**

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Samantha Helton

Sunday, Aug. 6 8:00 a.m. – Jennifer Even

Sunday, Aug. 13 8:00 a.m. – Doris Stumpe

**St. Cecilia Organist**

Sunday, Aug. 6 8:00 a.m. – Lydia

Sunday, Aug. 13 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**

Aug. 5 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark Boessen & Dave Luebbering  
Aug. 6 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Doug Stockman & Mattheuw Prenger  
Aug. 12 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Eric Strophe & Phil Akin  
Aug. 13 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Shane & Zeke Verslues

**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**

Aug. 5 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Lora Boessen  
Aug. 6 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Marshall Boessen  
Aug. 12 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Brenda Wansing  
Aug. 13 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Janet Lueckenhoff

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

Aug. 5 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Gregory Kirby, Carmen Luebbering, Emerald Fennwald  
Aug. 6 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Fayeth Prenger, Erika Luebbering, Stella Volmert, Aliyah Buechter  
Aug. 12 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ellie & Sadie Boessen, Miranda Meyer  
Aug. 13 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Victoria & William Wieberg, Wyatt Otto, Isabella Luebbering

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

Aug. 5 Saturday 5:00 p.m.–Family of Lucille Veit  
Aug. 6 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Ushers

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

Aug. 6 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes  
Aug. 13 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg  
Aug. 20 – Ron & Theresa Veit  
Aug. 27 – Dunja Wieberg & Jennifer Schroeder  
Sept. 3 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman

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

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

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

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  
Aug. 27: Janet Lueckenhoff, Jim Lueckenhoff, Charlene Buschjost, Randy Buschjost

**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)

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

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH OFFICE** will be closed Wednesday, August 2, 2023.

### **NOTES OF THANKS!**

The Knights of Columbus want to give thanks to God for the beautiful weather last Saturday for the Tractor Pull. Also would like to thank all of the Knights for their hard work and the entire community for their support of the event. It was a tremendous success.

**Christmas in July – Box of Joy stewardship project: A big THANK YOU** to everyone who took a box to fill, gave a donation, and helped out in any way! Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Boxes will be collected after all masses the weekend of July 29/30. Donations will also be accepted to help fill additional boxes. Please contact Jennifer Even 573-680-6945 or Samantha Helton 573-469-8649 if you need to make arrangements to return a filled box.

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 box 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!

**SPECIAL ROSARY:** Please join the Knights of Columbus and the Ladies Auxiliary for a special rosary on Thursday, August 3 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle Church for Fr. Leonard so that he will obtain his Green Card before his current visa expires.

**PARISH GROUNDS ANNOUNCEMENT:** We are trying to keep the grounds clean, please pick up after your pets.

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

Aug. 6 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic Plassmeyer  
Aug. 13 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Mary Plassmeyer

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

Aug. 6 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Leonard Schulte, Tony Derkum, William Derkum, Terry Libbert  
Aug. 13 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Harold Libbert, Leon Schanzmeyer, Darin Even, Mitch Stumpe

### **St. Cecilia Servers**

Aug. 6 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Skyla, Jesse & Tucker Schroeder  
Aug. 13 Sunday 8:00 a.m.–Sarah & Elizabeth Backes, Tucker Schroeder

### **St. Cecilia Offertory Gifts**

August 6 Sunday 8:00 a.m.- Family of Larry Bock

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

Wednesday 6:05 p.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer – Glorious Mysteries  
Aug. 6 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer Joyful Mysteries  
Aug. 13 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Mary Plassmeyer 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.

**ST. CECILIA FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING** is Monday July 31, 6:30 p.m. in St. Cecilia Rectory.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PICNIC RAFFLE CHANCES** are in the back of Church.

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

**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](mailto:vocations@icangels.com) to include in the photo book.

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

**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 HOLY HOUR & ANOINTING OF THE SICK** is Friday, August 4, 7:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

**A ROSARY FOR OUR COUNTRY** will be prayed Friday, August 4, 5:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church

**BISHOP MCKNIGHT AUGUST PRAYER INTENTION:** For students, parents and teachers as another school year begins; may our Catholic community provide the proper environment and resources for our young people to thrive and excel in their formation as disciples of Christ, and sons and daughters of our Catholic Church, we pray to the Lord.

**PASTORS MEDITATION: 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in ordinary time: NO PRICE TOO HIGH FOR THE KINGDOM. (1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52)** Today's readings teach us that Faith in Jesus as our God and Savior is equivalent to discovering and possessing the most valuable treasure or the pearl of great price. In other words, keeping a personal relationship with Jesus, remaining in a state of grace, and sharing his view of life are the most beautiful and the most precious things in the world. The first reading tells us how the young King Solomon opted for the great treasure of accepting God to rule his life by doing His will. That is why he requested of God the gift of prudence, "an understanding heart to distinguish right from wrong," so that he might govern God's people properly. The Lord God was pleased with Solomon's request and granted him "a wise and discerning heart" which enabled him to surpass everyone in wisdom. In the second reading, Paul teaches that "all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to His purpose." This is true of all who accept a close relationship with God as their greatest treasure. In the Gospel, using three mini parables and one concluding simile, Jesus teaches us that God's Kingdom is something of extraordinary value, like a hidden treasure or a costly pearl. Possessing that treasure demands from us a total commitment if we are to preserve it. The Kingdom of God is God's reign in our hearts, in our lives, in our homes, in our society, and in our world. Only those who develop a searching mind and a heart willing to give up everything for the great treasure of God's Kingdom will be rewarded. Jesus teaches us that identifying God's will and living according to the Gospel (both with His grace), are the most precious and worthwhile things in life. Through Jesus and his Gospel, we come to know and understand the real meaning of life, the will of God for us each day, and the most important things we must do to secure our eternal salvation.

so friends we should live every moment in view of our precious goal. Most of the time, we are chasing false treasures such as money, social status, or worldly pleasures. Thus, the really valuable "pearl" of sharing in God's life through Jesus here on earth and later in Heaven, is never found. Let us always remember that Heaven is within the reach of all of us who try to do the will of God, following the ordinary vocations of life and enjoying this world's joys and pleasures within the framework of God's Commandments. When we do this, we are already living in the Kingdom of Heaven while we are still on earth. We need to take all precautions to keep our greatest treasure safe: We will be able to keep safe the treasure of our personal relationship with Jesus by accepting him every day as our God and Savior, by allowing God to have total control over our lives through our loving obedience to His will, by asking Him daily for the strengthening and guidance of His Holy Spirit, by talking to Him daily in prayer, by listening to Him in our meditative reading of the Holy scriptures, by getting reconciled to Him and others every day, asking pardon and forgiveness for our sins, by offering Him our lives on the altar during the Holy Mass, and by allowing Him to nourish our souls frequently, by receiving Jesus in Holy Communion. ***Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukiibi***

**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, [linhardt@stacs.school](mailto: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.

**PICKLEBALL** will be played every Tuesday in August at the St. Thomas KC Hall at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come join in the fun! For St. Thomas Pickleball updates please text @stthomaspi to 81010

**HELPING HANDS (ST. ELIZABETH) BACK TO SCHOOL – END OF SUMMER OPEN HOUSE** is Wednesday, August 9 & 16, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Remember no sales tax!! Clothing, sports equipment, backpacks, lunch boxes, shoes, school supplies and so much more.

**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 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Fantasy – November 4, 2023

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Pictorial Directory – January 3-6, 2024

*"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it."*

Matthew 13:44-46

The kingdom of God is a treasure - a treasure we each strive for as we live as intentional disciples for the salvation of souls. Through baptism, we are each called to live out the gospel in our daily life by being the hands and feet of Christ. Heaven is our reward.



  
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**SUNDAY, AUGUST 20TH, 2023**

# ST. THOMAS PARISH PICNIC

## MENU

**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**

