

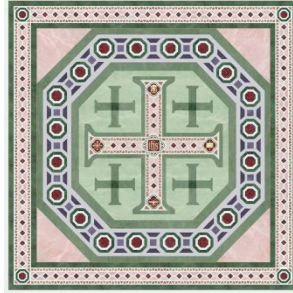
The Roman Catholic Parishes of
St. Thomas the Apostle
 in St. Thomas

St. Cecilia
 in Meta

www.stthomasapostle.net

PO Box 146
 St. Thomas, MO 65076

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 31, 2016



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School Website:
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St. Thomas Parish Office hours: Tuesdays 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Thursdays 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

School Office hours during school year: Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Confessions: Saturdays 4:00 - 4:45 p.m. at St. Thomas; Sundays half hour before 8 am Mass at St. Cecilia; Wednesdays half hour before 6:30 pm Mass at St. Cecilia; or anytime by appointment, just call Father.

Saint Thomas the Apostle

Mass Schedule for the Week of July 31-August 7:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes
 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Lucille Veit
 Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Dorothy Buschjost

Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Marcella & Sam Herigon
 Friday 7:45 a.m. – Ray, Sally & Sam Herigon
(Anointing of the Sick following Mass)

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ida Schellman & Clara Loethen
 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – L&D Benne & Luebbering Family

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2016-2017:	\$305,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End:	\$ 25,417.00
Actual Collection for 2016-2017:	\$ 21,777.22
Offertory Difference Year to Date:	- \$ 3,639.78
Offertory Goal per month:	\$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

July 3	\$ 6,101.00
July 10	\$ 3,186.00
July 17	\$ 3,239.00
July 24	\$ 3,907.22
July 31	\$

Collection Online: \$ 5,344.00
July total to date: **\$21,777.22**
 Difference for July: - \$ 3,639.78

St. Thomas the Apostle Expansion & Building Fund

Total Expansion Project expenses paid:	\$2,273,475.34
Income from parishioners for FY 2015-2016 (via the yellow "Building Fund" envelope):	\$2,494.00
Loan payments to date for FY 2015-2016: (Principal) \$7,211.50 (Interest) \$2,016.24	\$9,227.74
Parish Building Expansion Debt remaining:	<u>\$488,884.47</u>

St. Thomas Cantor / Organist

Saturday 5:00 p.m. –
 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Rebecca Schroeder / Mary Kabiri

St. Thomas Reader/ Petitions

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Amanda Wooten
 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Judy Schroeder

St. Thomas Altar Servers

Weekday – Ava Morris & Madi Buschjost
 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Bruno Puleo, Andrew Luebbering,
 Sam Schaefer, Lilly Schulte
 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Luke Schroeder, Ethan & Isaac Rackers,
 Henry Buschjost

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of July 31-August 7:

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Josephine Werdehausen
 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Leo & Alberta Wieberg

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Francis J. "Fritz" Luebbert

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Hubert Brune
 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – People of our Parishes

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2016-2017:	\$60,500.00
Collection Total for 2016-2017:	\$ 3,598.00
Offertory Goal per month:	\$ 5,041.00

Collection in Church:

July 3	\$1,678.00
July 10	\$ 912.00
July 17	\$1,008.00
July 24	\$1,450.00
July 31	\$

July total to date: **\$5,048.00**
 Difference for July: + \$7.00

Please remember your parish in your last will & testament.

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

August – Dale & Margie Helton

St. Cecilia Reader / Petitions

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Doris Stumpe
 Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Betty Hagenhoff
 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Karen Fick

St. Cecilia Altar Servers

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Alex & Joshua Even,
 Gavin Holterman & Carson Libbert
 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Nicholas & Shelby Wankum
 Ava & Saige Werdehausen

**IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO FULFILL YOUR
 LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENT,
 PLEASE FIND A REPLACEMENT.
 YOUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS THANK YOU!**

St. Thomas Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
August 6-7

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Marshall Boessen, Mike & Trish Green
Sunday 10:00 a.m. Jan Carter, Mattheuw Prenger,
Keith Kliethermes, Randy Buschjost, Rob Henson

August 13-14

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Betty Schellman, Leeroy Budnik,
Carolyn Loethen
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Rosalyn Wieberg, Richard & Jan
Heckmeyer, Emily Luebbering, Janet Lueckenhoff

St. Thomas Greeters/Ushers

August 6-7

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Fred Luebbering & Joe Buschjost
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – TJ Loethen & Mattheuw Prenger

August 13-14

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Carolyn Loethen & Mark Boessen
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Keith Kliethermes & Mike Buschjost

St. Thomas Presentation of Gifts at Mass

August 6-7

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Robyn & Rebecca Schroeder
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Rosalyn Wieberg, Cole & Cooper
Peters

August 13-14

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark & Barb Graessle
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – David & Judy Schroeder

St. Thomas Collection Counters

August 6-7 – Jennifer Schroeder & Stephanie Cortvrient
August 13-14 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman
August 20-21 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday 7:25 a.m. – Alex & Joann Heckman – Sorrowful
Thursday 7:25 a.m. – Pat Loethen - Luminous
Friday 7:25 a.m. – Gilbert & Hermina Strobe - Sorrowful
Saturday 4:40 p.m. – Barb Graessle –Luminous
Sunday 9:40 a.m. – Gilbert & Hermina Strobe – Luminous

BAPTISM PREPARATION: Please call Fr. Secrist to
schedule a meeting and date for Baptism.

SCRIP: (August 13-14) Saturday – Kristi Luebbering Sunday – Amy Luebbering

During the Summer months, SCRIP will only be sold after Mass every other weekend. Please watch the bulletin as to when SCRIP will be sold. You may contact Lindsay Luebbering at 573-680-4920 or Karen Luebbering at 573-301-5834 for additional sales. In September we will begin selling SCRIP after every Mass.

NOTES OF THANKS

We would like to thank all of you for the prayers, visits, cards, phone calls, etc. for Alex during his hospital stay and recovery at home. A special thank you to Fr. Secrist for your visits and prayers. We also want to say 'Thank You' for celebrating our 80th birthdays with us. We thoroughly enjoyed visiting with all of you. It was a wonderful day. We are blessed to be part of such a supportive community! **Alex & Joann Heckman**

We will be forever grateful for your hospitality and support at the loss of our mother, Dolores C. (Schaefer) Stockman. Your generosity during this difficult time will be forever be remembered by each of us. Mom loved her St. Thomas friends and her stories about her youth were always vivid and dear as she remembered her hometown. God Bless you all.

The Family of Dolores C. Stockman: The Richard (Becky) Lueckenhoff Family, The Mark (Chris) Stokes, The Mitchell Stockman Family. The Brian Stockman Family, The Jeffrey Stockman Family, The Warren (Lori) Morris Family, The William Stockman Family, The Ryan (Heather) Schrimpf Family.

RE-DEDICATION OF PFEFFER PIPE ORGAN will be at 4:00 p.m. on **Sunday, October 2, 2016.**

ST. THOMAS PRAYER LINE REQUESTS should be emailed to Jenny Becker at jbeckeroffice@gmail.com or by calling (573) 690-0642. The Prayer Line exists to communicate prayer intentions for those in need of healing. Out of respect for individuals' privacy, only necessary information is communicated.

VIRTUS TRAINING AT ST. THOMAS Parochial school educators, all PSR instructors, substitute teachers, and volunteers: if your volunteer capacity requires you to work one on one with children at any time, this is your opportunity to fulfill the diocesan requirement of Virtus Training close to home. Training will be held at St. Thomas the Apostle School from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Monday, August 29. Please register via the online system: www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list2.cfm?theme= Select the Jefferson City Diocese and complete your registration.

A ROSARY FOR OUR COUNTRY will be prayed on Thursday, August 4 at 5:00 p.m. in St. Thomas Church.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT at St. Thomas the Apostle Church on **Friday, August 5.** Mass will be offered at 7:45 a.m., with Anointing of the Sick offered after Mass to those who are in need of the Sacrament. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Church throughout the day until Benediction at 6:00 p.m. Confessions 4:30-5:45 p.m.

FIRST FRIDAY SOCIAL AT ST. THOMAS: Please join us in the Vitae House after Mass on Friday, August 5.

ST. THOMAS CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We currently have four teams, with each team cleaning once a month. Church is usually cleaned either on Thursday evenings around 6:00 pm or Friday mornings after Mass. Cleaning usually takes less than 2 hours. Your volunteer help would be greatly appreciated! If you would like to join our St Thomas Church Cleaning Teams, please contact Lynne Reinkemeyer at 573-477-3596 or 573-690-7113.

St. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
August 6-7

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Doris Stumpe, Jennifer Even,
Betty Hagenhoff

Sunday 8:00 a.m. - Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer, Karen Fick

August 13-14

Saturday 7:00 p.m. - Dorothy Rehagen, Bonnie Kampeter,
Lou Kloeppel
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Gerald & Phyllis Rehagen, Janice
Schanzmeyer

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

August 6-7

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Tom Gragert, Lou Kloeppel,
Mitch & Brendan Stumpe

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Kenny Otto, Dominic Plassmeyer,
Larry Lueckenotto, Harold Libbert

August 13-14

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Darin Even, Randy Hagenhoff,
Tom Gragert, Lou Kloeppel
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Anton Libbert, Terry Libbert, Tony
Derkum, Leon Schanzmeyer

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Wednesday 6:10 p.m. – Florentine Hagenhoff – Glorious

Saturday 6:40 p.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer– Luminous

Sunday 7:40 a.m. – Margaret Brune – Luminous

VOTIVE CANDLES: The requested donation for lighting a
votive candle in church is **\$2.50.**

***IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO FULFILL
YOUR LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENT,
IN YOUR KINDNESS & CHARITY,
PLEASE FIND A REPLACEMENT.***

MARRIAGE PREPARATION: Please call Fr. Secrist at
least six months prior to the desired date.

ST. THOMAS CYO will meet on Monday, August 1 at 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

CATHOLIC MISSOURIAN SUBSCRIPTIONS: Just a gentle reminder that when making out the check for your household's annual subscription to the diocesan newspaper, please make it out for **\$14 to the parish, not to the Catholic Missourian.** This will help the checks to be processed and cleared more easily. Thanks!

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PICNIC: Please mark your calendar for the St. Thomas Picnic on **Sunday, August 21!** The committee for the picnic is TJ Loethen, Michelle Luebbering, Greg Luebbering & Joyce Luebbering. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact any of the members. The picnic work-list was attached to last week's bulletin. Additional copies are in the entrances of St. Thomas Church or on our web page.

ST. THOMAS PARISH PICNIC MEETING is Monday, August 1 at 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria kitchen.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PICNIC RAFFLE CHANCES: Please pick up your raffle chances in the back of St. Thomas Church. Additional raffle chances are available at the entrances of the Church and at B & K Quick Shoppe.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL is accepting registrations for the fall of 2016-2017 enrollment for **Preschool through 8th grade.** Please call the school office to register at 573-477-3322.

2016-2017 SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST is available at Wal-mart (both Jefferson City locations), K-mart, Target & Staples.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL FAMILY FOLDERS will be in the back of St. Thomas the Apostle Church, August 6-7.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO SAVE: Box Tops for Education, Coke Points & Best Choice Labels.

ST. THOMAS PRESCHOOL: There's going to be an exciting addition to the Preschool program for the 2016-2017 school year! A new reading readiness curriculum made by the same company that gives us "Super Kids" is being added! If you have a preschool aged child, please email Mrs. Kirkweg for information on how to get your child enrolled. mkirkweg@embarqmail.com

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL STUDENTS...SPORTS PHYSICAL REMINDER: Any student planning on playing sports during the 2016-2017 school year will need a physical (This does not pertain to archery). This is a policy of the Diocese of Jefferson City.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS:

- August 8 – First Day of Preschool
- August 16 – Open House 6:00 p.m. & Mandatory Parent Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- August 18 – First Day of School K-8
- August 25 – Home & School Meeting 6:30 p.m.

ST. THOMAS BOWLING ASSOCIATION MEETING is Monday, August 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the bowling alley. All team captains should plan to attend. This will be the only meeting before the start of the next bowling season, so please plan to attend.

PRAY AT COLUMBIA PLANNED PARENTHOOD: You are invited to pray on the sidewalk at Columbia Planned Parenthood as 40 Days For Life continues their prayer vigils. Monday from 5pm to 7pm, Tuesday from 1:30 to 3:00pm and 5pm to 7pm, Wednesday from 10am to 11am, Thursday from 8am to noon, and Friday from 10am to noon.

SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION DATES: Please check your calendars. The St. Thomas the Apostle Sesquicentennial Planning Team has tentatively selected **July 7, 2019** to celebrate the parish's 150th Anniversary, with a parishioner-only event. We will schedule another celebration at a later date during 2019 for the public and wider community to join in our celebration. Please contact Roseanne Boessen at 573-477-0168 or email her at eboessen@centurylink.net regarding any annual local events held on a Saturday during September or October. We want to avoid choosing one of those days. Thank you!

NEEDING ST. THOMAS SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS: Anyone having class photographs from the early public & parochial school years from 1874 through 1961, please contact Bill Boessen (573-477-3384) or billcoun@embarqmail.com. This includes the years that the Notre Dame Nuns staffed our schools. We are also needing group school photographs from the years that the Ecclesian Brothers (Br. Robert Daknis, Br. Thomas, later Mr. Robert Daknis) were in St. Thomas 1961-1963. These photographs can be group class pictures, group 8th grade graduation photos, and even group First Communion photos from this era. Any photograph containing pictures of the nuns or brothers, by themselves or with students, are needed, as well. This even includes any original school photos prior to 1964 that were published in the Heritage of St. Thomas Book in 1974. Your photos will be scanned and returned promptly.

ST. THOMAS SESQUICENTENNIAL TEAM: anyone interested in helping interview, research, write or take photographs for the St. Thomas Heritage Book, please contact Bill Boessen at (573) 477-3384.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

- St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Picnic** – Sunday, August 21, 2016
- St. Thomas CYO Breakfast** – Sunday, August 28, 2016
- St. Thomas / Meta K of C Tractor Pull** – Saturday, September 10, 2016
- Meta Civic League Fall Festival** – Sunday, September 18, 2016
- St. Thomas Parkboard Carnival** – Saturday, September 24, 2016
- St. Thomas Fall Fantasy** – Saturday, November 5, 2016

ST. MARGARET OF ANTIOCH PARISH PICNIC, OSAGE BEND is next Sunday, August 7, serving fried chicken & roast beef dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Adults \$11.00, children 6-12 \$6.00, plate lunches and carry-outs \$9.00. Kiddie Tractor Pull 2:30 p.m. Quilt auction 5:00p.m.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH PICNIC, WESTPHALIA is next Sunday, August 7, serving fried chicken & German pot roast dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Adults \$11.00, children 5-12 \$5.00, carry-outs \$11.00. Kiddie Tractor Pull at 4:00 p.m. Quilt auction at 5:00 p.m.

SACRED HEART PARISH PICNIC, RICH FOUNTAIN is Sunday, August 14, 2016, serving fried chicken & German pot roast dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Adults \$11, children 6-12 \$5.00. Kiddie Tractor Pull at 4:00 p.m. Quilt auction at 6:00 p.m.

ST. THOMAS PARISH PICNIC NOTES & REMINDERS

Pies: A reminder that each household is asked to donate three or more homemade pies (lemon, cherry, peach, apple, gooseberry, blackberry, blueberry, pecan, pumpkin, sugar free pies, angel food cake, cream pies, cookies bars or cupcakes are acceptable). No cobblers, please, and please label your pies. We are known for our homemade pies, so we encourage each family to do their part.

Food serving staff: Please assist in the storage of clean dishes after the final shift

Homemade Bread: Donations of homemade bread will be needed this year. Each household is asked to donate two-three loaves of sliced bread.

Country Store: Any baked good (breads, cakes, pies, cookies, brownies, etc.), home canned foods, jellies, fresh fruits and vegetables sell very well. Please help bake for the country store. Baking begins Friday at 1:00 pm and Saturday at 6:00 am. The Country Store needs large and X-large aluminum pie pans for rolls. Also, if you have fresh or canned fruit, juice or jelly or other items to donate to the country store, please contact Lucy Suthoff (477-3430), Donna Luebbering (477-3318) or Cathy Schroeder (496-3213).

Grand Raffle: Grand Raffle Tickets are in the main entrance of St. Thomas Church. Extra raffle tickets are in the entrances of church and at B&K Quick Shoppe. Sold tickets may be returned in the collection basket in an envelope marked "raffle" or on Picnic Day to the Grand Raffle Stand.

Advertising: Picnic and quilt flyers are in the entrances to church. Please take some and distribute them. Your assistance in spreading the word is very important to the success of our picnic.

Meat Donation: Meat Donation Envelopes are provided in the August offertory packet. Each envelope holder is asked for a donation to offset the cost of meat for the picnic.

Craft Stand: All finished tea towels should be returned to Diane Lueckenhoff at least one week prior to picnic. Any items you can contribute to the craft stand are appreciated.

Food Donations: Don't forget - we need tomatoes and cucumbers for the meal. Please bring to the hall or call by Thursday August 18 if you have tomatoes and cucumbers to donate. Please DO NOT REFRIGERATE YOUR TOMATOES if at all possible! If you have other items to donate such as potatoes, eggs, milk, cucumbers, onions, cash or other, please call Michelle or TJ. The hall will be open Thursday evening, August 18, all day Friday the 19 and Saturday the 20. If you need another time, please call Michelle or TJ.

Grocery bags and gallon ice cream containers: If you have extra grocery bags or gallon ice cream buckets, these can be used in carry-outs, country store, and craft stand.

Work list: The work list was attached to last week's bulletin. Additional copies are in the entrances of St. Thomas Church or on our web page. Everyone's help is needed to ensure the picnic is a success. If you are unable to work your shift, please contact your chairperson and/or switch with someone. Parents should encourage their children to work. We need everyone's help to make the picnic a success!

Cake Walk: Anyone interested in donating a cake of any kind (with no refrigeration required) for the cake walk, would be greatly appreciated and may contact Tina Stockman at 573- 477-0175.

Kitchen Sales: If there is any extra chicken and beef, it will be sold after 8:00 pm in the kitchen area. There will be a sign-up sheet and the leftover food to sell, will go in the order of who is signed up on the list. If you are interested in left over vegetables, please bring your own containers.

To ensure our Parish Picnic is a success we ask everyone to do the following:

1. Work assigned time (or more if possible!).
2. If you are a stand chairperson or a charge waitress, you have additional responsibilities noted on the work list. Your extra time is certainly appreciated.
3. Sell raffle chances – return all sold and unsold chances to the grand raffle stand on picnic day.
4. Help peel potatoes on Saturday morning. One chairperson help Keith start the process at 7:30 a.m. Begin peeling at 9:00 a.m.. The sauerkraut workers will also dice and cook potatoes for kraut on Saturday.
5. Donate extra plastic grocery bags or gallon ice cream buckets.
6. Donate \$5.00 for meat in the envelope provided with the monthly envelopes
7. Donate 3 or more pies, cupcakes or cookie bars.
8. Donate items to the craft stand.
9. Donate baked or canned items to the country store.
10. Donate tomatoes or cucumbers. If you bring cucumbers after noon on Saturday, please have them peeled. If you bring tomatoes that were not previously refrigerated, we will store them in the cafeteria. If they were previously refrigerated, we will put them in the refrigerator.
11. Contact Michelle or TJ if you have additional items such as potatoes, eggs, milk, pickles, onions, cash or other items to donate.
12. Help clean up Sunday. All work areas should be cleaned by the shift workers. This includes washing pots (and any other items), taking care of trash throughout the day and putting away supplies and equipment before you leave. School is in session on Monday so the more we do Sunday evening, the better.
13. Help clean up on Monday. Clean up begins at 8:00 am. Again, any help is greatly appreciated.

Additional notes:

Parking will be available in Gilbert Schellman's field. Please use Steve Schellman's driveway. Please do not park in those areas reserved for handicapped visitors. We want to ensure our visitors have a pleasant experience and there is ample parking.

We will again use the number system for dinner tickets. All tickets must be purchased on the day of picnic with ticket sales starting at 10:00 am. Adult carry out meals are available in the school cafeteria.

THANK YOU in advance on behalf of the committee for making this another successful picnic! As the largest fundraiser in our parish, everyone's help is needed and everyone's help is greatly appreciated. We hope to see you Picnic Sunday!