

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

St. Cecilia
in Meta

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www.stthomasapostleschool.net

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PO Box 146
St. Thomas, MO 65076

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 9, 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 9-16:

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Jim Reinkemeyer
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Carol (Schell) Pleus Riley
Friday 7:45 a.m. – Ray, Marcella & Sam Herigon
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes
Norbert & Betty Kemna
Sunday 10:00 a.m. L&D Lawrence & Caroline Herigon Fam.

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2023-2024: \$312,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End: \$ 26,000.00
Actual Collection for 2023-2024: **\$ 11,792.55**
Offertory Difference Year to Date: -\$ 14,207.45
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 26,000.00

Collection in Church:

July 2 \$ 6,043.05
July 9 \$
July 16 \$
July 23 \$
July 30 \$

Collection Online: \$ 5,749.50
July total to date: **\$11,792.55**
Difference for July: -\$14,207.45

Church Renovation Capital Campaign

Total Pledges/Donations \$487,189.70
Total Collected \$496,339.23
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 15 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Judy Schroeder / Jeanette
July 16 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Doug Luebbering / Jackie
July 22 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kerry Meyer / Jeanette
July 23 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jean Kliethermes / Jackie

St. Thomas the Apostle Readers

July 15 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – David Schroeder
July 16 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mary Kay Brand
July 22 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Jan Carter
July 23 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Ben Luebbering

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of July 9-16:

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. –L&D Bruemmer & Wansing Families

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

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2023-2024: \$
Collection Total for 2023-2024: **\$ 1,440.00**
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,416.67

Collection in Church:

July 2 \$ 1,440.00
July 9 \$
July 16 \$
July 23 \$
July 30 \$

July total to date: **\$1,440.00**
Difference for July: -\$3,976.67

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. – Samantha Helton
Sunday, July 16 8:00 a.m. – Dominic Plassmeyer
Sunday, July 23 8:00 a.m. – Don Wansing

St. Cecilia Organist

Sunday, July 16 8:00 a.m. – Emilie
Sunday, July 23 8:00 a.m. – Lydia

**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 15 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Dave Luebbering & Simon Strope
July 16 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Tom Backes & TJ Loethen
July 22 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Phil Akin & Eric Strope
July 23 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Craig Buechter & Ryan Buschjost
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 15 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Barb Graessle
July 16 Sunday 10:00 a.m. –Mattheuw Prenger
July 22 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Brenda Wansing
July 23 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Rob Henson

St. Thomas the Apostle Servers

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
July 22 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Gregory Kirby, Sadie & Ellie
Boessen, Emerald Fennewald
July 23 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Valerie, Max & Zeke Verslues,
Stella Volmert

St. Thomas the Apostle Offertory Gifts

July 15 Saturday 5:00 p.m.–Family of Norbert & Betty Kemna
July 16 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Family of Lawrence &
Caroline Herigon

St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters

July 16 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg
July 23 -Dunja Wieberg & Jennifer Schroeder
July 30 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman
Aug. 6 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes

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

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 – Glorious Mysteries
Sunday 9:35 a.m. – Tina Stockman – Glorious Mysteries

St. Thomas the Apostle Church Cleaners

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
Aug. 6: Sonya Henson, Susan Buechter, Brenda Schell, Amy Buechter

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

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.

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.

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION is Tuesday, July 11, 7:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

ST. CECILIA PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING is Tuesday, July 18, 6:30 p.m. Parish Center.

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.

Aug. 13 Karlie Reinkemeyer

St. Cecilia Eucharistic Ministers

July 16 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Betty Hagenhoff
July 23 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dorothy Rehagen

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

July 16 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Leonard Schulte, Tony Derkum,
William Derkum, Terry Libbert
July 23 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Harold Libbert, Leon Schanzmeyer,
Darin Even, Mitch Stumpe

St. Cecilia Servers

July 16 Sunday 8:00 a.m.–Sophie, Reagan & Eli Bock
July 23 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Natalee Derkum
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 16 Sunday 8:00 a.m.- Family of Francis J. (Fritz) &
Margie Luebbert

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Wednesday 6:05 p.m. – Dorothy Rehagen– Glorious
Mysteries
July 16 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer
Glorious Mysteries
July 23 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Mary Plassmeyer
Sorrowful 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.

PASTORS MEDITATION: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time: TAKE MY YOKE/BURDEN. (Zech. 9:9-10; Rom. 8:9, 11-13; Mt. 11:25-30) Today's readings, especially the Gospel, give the same message in a more powerful way: "Take my yoke . . . and you will find rest." In the first reading, the prophet Zechariah consoles the Jews living in Palestine under Greek rule, promising them a "meek" Messianic King of peace riding on a donkey, who will give them rest and liberty. The Responsorial Psalm (Ps 145) praises and thanks a kind and compassionate God Who "raises up those who are bowed down" under heavy yokes. In the second reading, Paul tells the first-century Christian community in Rome about two yokes, namely, the "flesh" and the "Spirit," and he challenges them to reject the heavy and fatal yoke of the flesh and accept the light yoke of the Spirit of Jesus. Christian spirituality, according to Paul, proceeds from the initiative of the Holy Spirit and means living in the realm of the "Spirit" as opposed to the "flesh." In the Gospel, Jesus offers rest to those "who labor and are burdened" if they will accept his "easy yoke and light burden." By declaring that his "yoke is light," Jesus means that whatever God sends us is made to fit our needs and our abilities exactly. The second part of Jesus' claim is: "My burden is light." Jesus does not mean that the burden is easy to carry, but that it is laid on us in love, that it is meant to be carried in love, and that love makes even the heaviest burden light. Therefore, friends we need to unload our burdens on the Lord. This "unloading" is the main purpose of our personal and family prayers and is one of the functions of Divine Worship in the Church. During our daily prayers in the evening, we ask God's forgiveness for the sins and failures of day and receive the consoling assurance that we are reconciled with God and our fellow human beings. During the Holy Mass at our Church, we place our stress-filled lives on the altar and allow Jesus to cool down the overheated radiators of our hectic lives. We also unload the burdens of our sins and worries on the altar and offer them and ourselves to God during the Holy Mass. We need to be freed from unnecessary burdens: Jesus lays the light burden of his commandment of love on us and yokes us with himself, giving us his strength through the Holy Spirit to fulfill that commandment. Jesus is also interested in lifting off our backs the burdens that suck the life out of us, so that he can place around our necks his own yoke that brings to us and to others through us, new life, new energy, and new joy. We are called, not only to find peace, refreshment and rest for ourselves, but also to live the kind of life through which others, too, may find God's peace, God's refreshing grace, and the joy of placing their lives in God's hands. **Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukiibi**

DIOCESAN MISSION COLLECTION: On the weekend of July 15-16, the Diocese of Jefferson City is holding a special collection in support of our missions. Donations given during this collection will support our mission work and provide assistance to people in the home dioceses of the mission priests serving us. The Diocese of Jefferson City is providing special envelopes for this collection. They will be delivered to our faithful as an insert in the upcoming July 7 issue of the Catholic Missourian — however, parishioners aren't required to use this envelope, they can use any envelope marked for this collection. Please make checks out to their parish for this collection. Please do not send the envelopes directly to the Chancery.

Diocesan Mission Collection

Dear Friends in Christ,

Next weekend is our annual Diocesan Mission Collection, one of only three special collections we have in the diocese. We continue to receive more mission priests from other countries, priests who leave their home dioceses to serve parishes in our diocese. The funds from the collection are used, in part, to help fund projects in dioceses from which our mission priests come, as well as other Catholic mission projects.

We support various special projects, such as schools, water wells, solar powered generators, youth centers and the building and renovating of churches. These are just a few examples of the many projects we have supported in mission lands over the past few years. I ask that you reach into your hearts and prayerfully consider joining personally in the church's missionary efforts through this special collection.

Please pray for our missions and the people our collection serves. Consider your own call to be a missionary disciple of Christ, to be a neighbor, one who loves God by helping those in need. I ask that you be generous to the Diocesan Mission Collection. I am

Sincerely yours in Christ, **Most Reverend W. Shawn McKnight, Bishop of Jefferson City**

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE AND ST. CECILIA 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 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>

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, llinhardt@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.

THE NEXT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING is Tuesday, July 11, 7:30 p.m. A rosary will be prayed at 7:15 p.m. Please read the newsletter attached to the bulletin. **The Tractor pull work-list is on the back page of the newsletter.**

ST. THOMAS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLOOD DRIVE is Thursday, July 20, 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the St. Thomas Knights of Columbus Hall. Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter StThomasParish to schedule an appointment.

ATTENTION OVER 50 GROUP: This month will be a little different than usual. Marty has offered to fry fish at his shed for us on Thursday, July 13. His shed is close to our cabin. I don't think you will get lost, you can always give me a call (573 644 4499) if you get lost. You are asked to bring a covered dish to share with the group. It doesn't matter what you bring, anything goes with fish.

WKCS Fall soccer sign-ups will be held at the Westphalia KC Hall on Monday evening, July 17 from 3:30-6:30 p.m. All kids ages 3-14 (on 8/1/23) welcome. Email wkcsooccerclub@gmail.com with any questions

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 20.**

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 573-680-7378, 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.

THE OSAGE SENIOR CENTER located in Wardsville, MO, is looking for interested seniors to fill possible vacancies and/or be placed on our waitlist for USDA or MHDC units. The Osage Senior Center is close to St. Stan Catholic Church, two places to eat, gas stations and a Dollar General Store. For more information call the office at 573-632-2712 and leave a message or email at osageseniorcenter@gmail.com.

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

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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 —

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

— Donated by Hurst Auctioneers —

Handicapped Accessible



**BINGO
GAMES
KETTLE CORN
BEER GARDEN
COUNTRY STORE
SANDWICH STAND
TOY LAND**

“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.”

Matthew 11:28-30

Jesus teaches us humility. Through humility, we allow ourselves to lay all our burdens at the cross. Being “humble of heart” allows us to live a peaceful and abundant life.



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