

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

St. Cecilia
in Meta

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PO Box 146
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18TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

July 31, 2022

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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 31-Aug. 7:

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Marilyn Herigon
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – **No Mass (Summer Schedule)**
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Alex Heckman
Friday 7:45 a.m. – L&D Frank & Catherine Wieberg Family
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Clara Loethen
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – People of our Parishes
Marie & Delphine Luebbering

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2022-2023: \$305,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End: \$ 25,417.00
Actual Collection for 2022-2023: **\$ 22,585.61**
Offertory Difference Year to Date: –\$ 2,831.39
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

July 3 \$ 5,354.98
July 10 \$ 5,253.76
July 17 \$ 2,575.99
July 24 \$ 2,329.87
July 31 \$

Collection Online:

\$ 7,072.00
July total to date: \$22,585.61
Difference for July: –\$ 2,831.39

Church Renovation Capital Campaign

Total Pledges/Donations \$484,477.70
Total Collected \$433,424.68
Total Expenses Paid \$695,920.95
A total of 128 parishioners have returned pledge cards/or
Contributed to the renovation project.
Church Renovation Loan Balance \$191,863.03
Loan payments to date \$11,145.00
(principal) \$8,136.97 (interest) \$3,008.03

St. Thomas the Apostle Cantors / Organists

Aug. 6 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kelsey Kliethermes / Jeanette
Aug. 7 Sunday 10:00 a.m. - Doug Luebbering / Jackie
Aug. 13 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mary Kay Brand / Jackie
Aug. 14 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Anne Strophe / Alanna

St. Thomas the Apostle Readers

Aug. 6 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kathy Graessle
Aug. 7 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jennifer Schroeder
Aug. 13 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Amanda Wooten
Aug. 14 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jan Heckemeyer

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of July 31-Aug. 7:

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

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Larry Bock

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2022-2023: \$62,000.00
Collection Total for 2022-2023: **\$ 5,493.00**
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,166.67

Collection in Church:

July 3 \$ 1,550.00
July 10 \$ 635.00
July 17 \$ 1,518.00
July 24 \$ 1,790.00
July 31 \$

July total to date:

\$5,493.00
Difference for July: +\$ 326.33

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. – Cathy Borgmeyer
Aug. 7 8:00 a.m. – Jennifer Even
Aug. 14 8:00 a.m. – Doris Stumpe

St. Cecilia Organist

Aug. 7 8:00 a.m. – Emilie
Aug. 14 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

Aug. 6 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Richard Schellman & Eric Strobe
Aug. 7 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Josh Schroeder & Larry Lueckenhoff
Aug. 13 Saturday 5:00p.m.- Gilbert Schellman & Cash McManus
Aug. 14 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Eric & Roseanne Boessen

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. 6 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Barb Graessle
Aug. 7 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Marshall Boessen
Aug. 13 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark Graessle
Aug. 14 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Bill Luebbering

St. Thomas the Apostle Servers

Aug. 6 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ava Buschjost, Evelyn Wooten
Emerald Fennewald
Aug. 7 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Erika Luebbering, Victoria Wieberg,
Jacob Stewart, Cadyn Libbert
Aug. 13 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Gregory Kirby, Miranda Meyer,
Carmen Luebbering
Aug. 14 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Valerie & Zeke Verslues
Ellie Boessen, Isabella Luebbering

St. Thomas the Apostle Offertory Gifts

Aug. 6 Saturday:00 p.m. – Mark & Lora Boessen
Aug. 7 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- TJ & Erica Loethen
Aug. 13 Saturday, 5:00 p.m. – Mark & Lauri Luebbering
Aug. 14 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Richard & Jan Heckemeyer

St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters

Aug. 7 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes
Aug. 14 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg
Aug. 21 – Ron & Theresa Veit
Aug. 28 – Dunja Wieberg & Jennifer Schroeder
Sept. 4 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman
Sept. 11 – Paul Becker & Shara Buechter

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

Aug. 7 Brooke Schell
Aug. 14 Dunja Wieberg
Aug. 21 Jenny Becker
Aug. 28 Karlie Reinkemeyer
Sept. 4 Lauri Luebbering

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday, 7:25 a.m. – Bob Schellman – Sorrowful Mysteries
Thursday 7:25 a.m. –Gilbert & Hermina – Luminous Mysteries
Friday 7:25 a.m. – Shirley Volmert – Sorrowful Mysteries
Saturday 4:35 p.m. – Dale Herigon – Sorrowful Mysteries
Sunday 9:35 a.m. – Gilbert & Hermina Strobe– Sorrowful Mysteries

St. Thomas the Apostle Church Cleaners

July 31: Alan Libbert, Nancy Libbert, Darrel Buechter, Jan Heckemeyer
Aug. 7: Brooke Schell, Tina Stockman, Gina Luebbering, Karen Luebbering
Aug. 14: Lynne Reinkemeyer, Linda Boessen, Lauri Luebbering, Lisa Lackman
Aug. 21: Sonya Henson, Susan Buechter, Jackie Prenger, Amy Buechter
Aug. 28: Janet Lueckenhoff, Jim Lueckenhoff, Charlene Buschjost, Randy Buschjost

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.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH BULLETINS: If you are needing a bulletin and Church is locked there are some on the Vitae House front porch.

CONGRATULATIONS to ***Lucas Matthew & Carter Joseph Blankenship***, sons of Joey Blankenship and Brittney Kliethermes, who became children of God through baptism this weekend in St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

ATTENTION USHERS: **Monthly Mass Attendance Report beginning in August.** After consultation with the Presbyteral Council and the Deans, in order to assist and obtain a more accurate snapshot for future pastoral planning beginning August 1, 2022 attendance counts and statistics will need to be recorded for every individual weekend Mass or Holy Day within the diocese through July 31, 2023. Ushers, please count all people (including children and infants) who enter into the Church at each Mass with the count ending at or about the First Reading. In smaller Churches it may be simpler for the ushers to make the count during the homily. Also, please remember to count all ministers who serve at the Altar as well. ***The form to fill out is in the back of St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church and St. Cecilia Catholic Church.***

BISHOP MCKNIGHT'S AUGUST PRAYER INTENTION: For a new commitment to building, and America where children are welcomed, cherished and cared for; where mothers and fathers are encouraged and strengthened; and where marriage and the family are recognized and supported as the true foundations of a healthy and flourishing society.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE HOLY HOUR is Friday, August 5, 7:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

St. Cecilia Eucharistic Ministers

Aug. 7 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Pam Libbert
Aug. 14 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic Plassmeyer

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

Aug. 7 Sunday 8:00 a.m.- Mitch Stumpe, Brendan Stumpe,
Randy Hagenhoff, Kenny Otto
Aug. 14 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Otto Wankum, Leonard Schulte,
Rick Kampeter, Tony Derkum

St. Cecilia Servers

Aug. 7 Sunday 8:00 a.m.- Henry & Annaline Schroeder
Aug. 14 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Skyla, Jesse & Tucker
Schroeder

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

Aug. 7 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. 7 Sunday 7:35 a.m.- Cathy Borgmeyer –
Sorrowful Mysteries
Aug. 14 Sunday 7:35 a.m.– Margaret Brune
Luminous 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.

PASTORS MEDITATION: 18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: WHAT COUNTS IN LIFE IS NOT WHAT WE ACQUIRE BUT WHAT WE BECOME. (Eccl. 1:2; 2:21-23; Col. 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk. 12:13-21) Today's readings challenge us on the futility of the greedy acquisition of wealth and power because everything and everyone is "here today and gone tomorrow." So, the meaning of life cannot be found in selfishly hoarding wealth and possessions, but only in sharing these with the others, especially the needy. The question is where is my heart?

The first reading, taken from Ecclesiastes, reminds us that the **greedy** acquisition and **hoarding** of material wealth is useless because when the hoarder dies, he goes to eternity empty-handed, and his heir gains, and perhaps squanders his riches. In the Responsorial Psalm (Ps 90), the Psalmist challenges us to listen to God and allow Him to soften our hearts that we may share our blessings with others, and urges us, "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts" (Ps 95:8). In the second reading, Paul directs our attention to lasting Heavenly treasures and warns that greed for wealth and influence, is idolatry. He advises, "Put to death, your parts that are earthly: that is: immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire and the greed that is idolatry" (Col 3:5). Today's Gospel, Jesus, tells the parable of the foolish rich man and warns us against all types of greed, because greed takes our life's focus away from God and away from serving and loving Him in Himself and in other people. Jesus says that God calls the greedy rich man a fool because the man thought he would not die soon and that he was not accountable for the way he used his riches. Besides, the rich man forgot the fact that his wealth had been lent to him by God for sharing with the needy. Jesus also warns us that our eternal life does not consist of earthly possessions (Lk 12:15), which we should share to gain eternal life.

Therefore, friends we are invited to share our blessings with others. The parable of the rich fool gives us a warning as well as an invitation. It reminds us that our possessions are merely lent to us by God and that we are accountable for their use. We must be generous in sharing our time, our treasure and our talents in Christian stewardship. Even if we are poor financially, we may be blessed with intelligence, good will, a sense of humor or the ability to console, encourage, inspire, support and help others. God expects us to give our thanks to Him for all these blessings by sharing them with others for His glory. The Old Testament Scriptures are clear about tithing – giving 10% of our income for God's cause and for helping the needy. God never allows tithers to regret their generosity.

Let us learn to control our greed. Our greed takes different shapes and forms. For some, it may be the desire for the approval and praise of others. For others, it is the uncontrolled desire for power, control or fame. For others, greed takes the form of excessive and sinful indulgence in eating, drinking, gambling, drugs or sexual activities. Greed also turns our life away from God and away from loving and serving Him in Himself and in other people. As greed directs all our energy and attention to fulfilling the self, its objects become our false gods, and they will consume us, unless we become rich in the sight of God.

Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukibi

PRAYING A ROSARY FOR OUR COUNTRY is Thursday, August 4, 5:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PICNIC 2022 NOTES

1. Initial DRAFT of Picnic Worklist may be found on Parish website
2. Last year we ended picnic day with several boxes of unfried (raw), leftover chicken. In the event this situation is repeated this year, the picnic committee would like to have a predetermined list of potential chicken buyers prior to picnic day. Any leftover unfried chicken will be sold to parishioners at cost, by the box (50-55 lbs.), following the meal. If you are interested in purchasing unfried chicken (may or may not be seasoned), please contact Karen Struempfh (*phone or text – 573.619.7796*), to get on the list. Please indicate how many boxes you would be interested in purchasing, should it be available.
3. The picnic committee would like to identify volunteers willing to bag plasticware, and potentially assist with other similar tasks, prior to picnic day. If you are "retired" from the worklist, or otherwise unable to work on Picnic Day and would like to volunteer, please contact a committee member at the number listed on the DRAFT worklist attached to this bulletin.
4. The Country Store could use donations of breads & other baked goods, as they will only be providing pies this year. Garden produce, jellies, handmade items, and any type of fruit for the pies are welcome. If berries/fruit for pies are frozen, they should be dropped off at the parish kitchen Friday evening, August 19.
5. Picnic, Quilt flyers and raffle chances are in the entrances of Church.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PSR: St. Thomas the Apostle 7th Grade PSR teacher needed- PSR is in need of a teacher(s) for 7th grade. Please reach out to Karlie Reinkemeyer if you are interested. 573-645-3182 or karlie.reinkemeyer@gmail.com.

COUNCIL FOR DRUG FREE YOUTH FUNDRAISER: We have several students from Saint Thomas the Apostle School representing the CDFY for the 2022-2023 School Year. These students will be role models who bring the drug-free lifestyle message to over 10,000 Mid-Missouri students each year. The Safety Kids are Cadyn Libbert and Carmen Luebbering. The SHOW ME PLAYERS are Brayden Stegeman and Annie Schroeder. The council for drug free lifestyle is a nonprofit organization. They rely on donations and contributions from the community. Any donations are greatly appreciated. If you would like to donate online you can visit www.jccdfy.org. Fundraiser listed below. ICE CREAM SOCIAL, WHEN: August 1 @ 5:00 PM WHERE: Capital West Christian Church Event Center, 1315 Fairgrounds Road Admission: \$5.00 admission includes: Performances from the Safety Kids and Show Me Players and Hot dogs, chips, soda, ice cream, and cake!

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE GRASS CUTTING ROTATION:

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| Week of July 31 | Fred Luebbering, Mark Graessle and Jeff Cassmeyer |
| Week of Aug. 7 | Paul & Jenny Becker, Eric Buechter, Josh Schroeder |
| Week of Aug. 14 | Mark Luebbering, Nick Luebbering and Anthony Luebbering, Jason Otto |
| Week of Aug. 21 | Dick Schellman, Patrick Schellman, Paul Struempfh, Rob Henson |
| Week of Aug 28 | Alan Reinkemeyer, Richard Heckemeyer and Dave Schroeder |

BOWLING MEETING: The annual bowling meeting will be held on Monday, August 8 at 7:30 pm in the St. Thomas bowling alley. All teams are requested to have at least one member present for this meeting.

ST. MARGARET OF ANTIOCH PARISH, OSAGE BEND is Sunday, August 7, serving fried chicken & roast beef dinners family style, from 11:00 a.m. – 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).

SACRED HEART PARISH PICNIC, RICH FOUNTAIN is Sunday, August 14, serving fried chicken & German pot roast dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Indoor seating and picnic tables available for outdoor seating. Quilt auction 6:00 p.m. Kiddie tractor pull 4:00 p.m.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND with Fr. Matthew Flatley, February 27 - March 8, 2023. Information Gathering Meeting on Wednesday, September 7, 2022 @ 7 pm at Immaculate Conception Church in Jefferson City. Fr. Matt mflatley@diojeffcity.org or 573-202-3590. To learn more or to download the full brochure: <https://www.traveltymepilgrimages.com/pilgrimage-to-the-holy-land-with-father-matthew-flatley>

SAVE THE DATES:

August 21, 2022 – St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Picnic

St. Thomas

the Apostle Annual Parish Picnic

AUGUST 21, 2022

Fried Chicken & Roast Beef

served with real mashed potatoes & gravy,
corn, green beans, kraut, homemade bread
and homemade pies

Serving cafeteria style

11:00am-7:00pm

Drive-thru & Carry-out available

Adults: \$14

Children 6-12: \$7

Under 6: FREE

Quilt Auction begins at 5:00 pm

Grand Raffle – Air-Conditioned Bingo – Country Store – Kidsville

Bounce House – Kettle Corn – Live Music – Craft Stand

Beer Garden – Gin Rickies

View quilts online at www.stthomasapostle.net