

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

St. Cecilia
in Meta

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THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

June 11, 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 June 11-18:

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – No Mass, Fr. attending retreat

Thursday 7:45 a.m. – No Mass, Fr. attending retreat

Friday 7:45 a.m. – No Mass, Fr. attending retreat

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes

Amy Veit

Sunday 10:00 a.m. –L&D Lawrence & Caroline Herigon Fam.

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2022-2023: \$305,000.00

Offertory Goal through Month End: \$305,000.00

Actual Collection for 2022-2023: **\$291,695.15**

Offertory Difference Year to Date: -\$ 13,304.85

Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

June 4 \$ 6,644.80

June 11 \$

June 18 \$

June 25 \$

Collection Online: \$ 5,749.50

June total to date: **\$12,394.30**

Difference for June: -\$ 13,022.70

Church Renovation Capital Campaign

Total Pledges/Donations \$487,139.70

Total Collected \$493,800.50

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 \$111,183.63

Loan payments to date \$98,295.00

(principal) \$88,816.37 (interest) \$9,478.63

St. Thomas the Apostle Cantors / Organists

June 17 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kelsey Kliethermes / Jeanette

June 18 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Anne Strobe / Alanna

June 24 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kerry Meyer / Jeanette

June 25 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Doug Luebbering / Jackie

St. Thomas the Apostle Readers

June 17 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Jan Carter

June 18 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Katie Luebbering

June 24 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Rosalyn Wieberg

June 25 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mary Kay Brand

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of June 11-18:

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – No Mass, Fr. attending retreat

Sunday 8:00 a.m. –Marsha Meyer

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2022-2023: \$65,000.00

Collection Total for 2022-2023: **\$61,378.71**

Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,416.67

Collection in Church:

June 4 \$ 912.50

June 11 \$

June 18 \$

June 25 \$

June total to date: **\$ 912.50**

Difference for June: -\$4,504.17

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

June – Pam Libbert & Marie Lueckenotto

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

St. Cecilia Readers

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – No Mass, Fr. attending
retreat

Sunday, June 18 8:00 a.m. – Betty Hagenhoff

Sunday, June 25 8:00 a.m. – Dorothy Rehagen

St. Cecilia Organist

Sunday, June 18 8:00 a.m. – Lydia

Sunday, June 25 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

June 17 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Eric & Roseanne Boessen
June 18 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Tom Backes & Josh Schroeder
June 24 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Dave Luebbering & Phil Akin
June 25 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Doug Stockman & Simon Strope
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

June 17 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Rosalyn Wieberg
June 18 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Marshall Boessen
June 24 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Bill Luebbering
June 25 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Janet Lueckenhoff

St. Thomas the Apostle Servers

June 17 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Miranda Meyer, Ava Buschjost,
Evelyn Wooten, JD Volmert
June 18 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Fayeth Prenger, Kora Luebbering,
Erika Luebbering, Angelina Veltrop
June 24 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Carmen Luebbering,
Emerald Fennewald, Ellie & Sadie Boessen
June 25 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Francie, Hannah & Levi Tallent,
Ben Otto

St. Thomas the Apostle Offertory Gifts

June 17 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Family of Amy Veit
June 18 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Family of Lawrence &
Caroline Herigon

St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters

June 18 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg
June 25 -Dunja Wieberg & Jennifer Schroeder
July 2– Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman
July 9 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes

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

June 18 Brooke Schell
June 25 Dunja Wieberg
July 2 Jenny Becker
July 9 Karlie Reinkemeyer
July 16 Lauri Luebbering

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday through Friday – No rosary, Fr attending retreat.

Saturday 4:35 p.m. – Dale Herigon – Glorious Mysteries
Sunday 9:35 a.m. – Tina Stockman – Glorious Mysteries

St. Thomas the Apostle Church Cleaners

June 11: Alan Libbert, Nancy Libbert, Darrel Buechter, Jan Heckemeyer
June 18: Janet Lueckenhoff, Jim Lueckenhoff, Charlene Buschjost, Randy Buschjost
June 25: Lynne Reinkemeyer, Linda Boessen, Lauri Luebbering, Lisa Lackman
July 2: Sonya Henson, Susan Buechter, Jackie Prenger, Amy Buechter
July 9: Brooke Schell, Tina Stockman, Gina Luebbering, Karen Luebbering

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.

A NOTE OF THANKS!

The Brune Family would like to thank everyone for their kind words, prayers, food and memorial contributions in the memory of our daughter and sister, Trudi Brune. Our sweet, special Trudi touched so many lives and we thank everyone who offered their support. Thank you Father Leonard for the beautiful service and coming to the house to pray with us - we appreciate it greatly. We are truly blessed to be part of the St. Cecelia and St. Thomas Parish Family.

Margaret Brune, Dave and Eileen Brune, Mark and Lauri Luebbering

Many thanks to all those who brought snacks, meals, volunteered or helped in any way with Totus Tuus this past week!

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.

BISHOP MCKNIGHT JUNE PRAYER INTENTON: For our seminarians preparing for the Sacrament of Holy Orders; that they may grow closer to Christ the High Priest to be faithful teachers of doctrine, fervent priests of sacred worship, and servant-leaders of our community of faith.

CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL: The CSA goal for St. Cecilia Parish is \$2,550 Received \$1,415.00. St Cecilia's Goal is \$2,601 and to date we have received committed obligations in the amount of \$1,215.00. The CSA goal for St. Thomas the Apostle Parish is \$10,400 Received \$6,770. We are nearing the end of the Catholic Stewardship Appeal. If you have not yet made a donation to this year's appeal, please prayerfully consider making a donation. Thank you to everyone who has already donated. Reminder: The CSA Goal has been extended until June 30th, 2023. If you have not already committed towards the CSA, you still have time to do it.

St. Cecilia Eucharistic Ministers

June 18 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic Plassmeyer
June 25 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Janice Schanzmeyer

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

June 18 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Brendan Stumpe,
Randy Hagenhoff, Kenny Otto, Otto Wankum
June 25 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Leonard Schulte, Tony Derkum,
William Derkum, Terry Libbert

St. Cecilia Servers

June 18 Sunday 8:00 a.m.–Skyla, Jesse & Tucker Schroeder
June 25 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Ava & Gavin Werdehausen
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

June 18 Sunday 8:00 a.m.- Family of Marsha Meyer

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Wednesday 6:05 p.m. –**No Rosary, Fr. attending retreat**
June 18 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Dorothy Rehagen
Glorious Mysteries
June 25 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer
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: "CORPUS CHRISTI" SUNDAY. FOOD AND DRINK FOR LIFE. (Deut.8:2-3, 14-16; 1Cor.10:16-17; Jn.6:51-58) Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, the true, real, and substantial presence of Jesus Christ under the appearances of bread and wine. As Catholics, we know that the Eucharist is not simply symbolic, but is in fact the body, blood, soul, and divinity of Christ who rose from the dead. The readings today remind us of this. In the Gospel Jesus says: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh ... I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you." Although Jesus' words were very difficult for his disciples at the time to understand, we know that the bread and wine that become the body and blood of Jesus satisfy our deepest hunger. This spiritual food is actually an encounter with God through his Son, Jesus. It is a blessing that the Church provides us. Let us celebrate this solemnity by giving thanks, which is what Eucharist means! Although everyone has different time pressures on them during the course of a typical week, **I think we can all agree that spending only one hour a week with someone is not enough to maintain an important relationship. The same is true with our relationship with Christ.** Let's make an effort to enhance that relationship by spending more time with him. Do you ever get some time for adoration, and experience the peace it can bring? Jesus offers us his very body and blood under the appearances of bread and wine. Don't squander the opportunity to receive this precious gift. As part of the Eucharistic Revival, we will hold Eucharistic processions for this solemn feast. This is a family-friendly activity. Let us not take for granted the special gifts like the body of Christ. The last meal Jesus shared with his disciples stood out in their memory, capturing the imagination of generations of disciples right up to ourselves. He did more than share his vision with the disciples; he gave them himself in a way he had never done before, and in a way that anticipated the death he would die for them and for all us, on the following day. In giving himself in the form of the bread and wine of the meal, he was declaring himself to be their food and drink. In calling on them to take and eat, to take and drink, he was asking them to take their stand with him, to give themselves to him as he was giving himself to them.

It was because of that supper and of what went on there that we are here in this Church today. Jesus intended his last supper to be a beginning rather than an end. It was the first Eucharist. Ever since that meal, the church has gathered regularly in his name, to do and say what he did and said at that last supper — taking bread and wine, blessing both, breaking the bread and giving both for disciples to eat and drink. Jesus continues to give himself as food and drink to his followers. He also continues to put it up to his followers to take their stand with him, to take in all he stands for, living by his values, walking in his way, even if that means the cross. Whenever we come to Mass and receive the Eucharist, we are making a number of important statements. We are acknowledging Jesus as our bread of life, as the one who alone can satisfy our deepest hunger. We are also declaring that we will throw in our lot with him, as it were, that we will follow in his way and be faithful to him all our lives, in response to his faithfulness to us. In that sense, celebrating the Eucharist is not something we do lightly. Our familiarity with the Mass and the frequency with which we celebrate it can dull our senses to the full significance of what we are doing. Every time we gather for the Eucharist, we find ourselves once more in that upper room with the first disciples, and the last supper with all it signified is present again to us. **Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukiibi**

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 DEVOITION is Tuesday, June 13, 7:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

ST. CECILIA PARISHIONERS: Time and Talent sheets are attached to the bulletin. These can be completed and put in the collection basket or mailed to the Parish office. Thank you!

PICNIC QUILT DISPLAY JUNE 20 - St. Thomas/ St. Cecelia Ladies Auxiliary invited you to a picnic quilt display on Tuesday June 20 at 7:00 p.m. at the St. Thomas Parish Center. Come see the quilts the talented ladies from our parishes have been working on that will be auctioned off at the parish picnics. Snacks will be provided.

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 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, June 13, 7:30 p.m. A rosary will be prayed at 7:15 p.m. Please read the June newsletter attached to the bulletin.

DIVINE MERCY SIGNS: St. Thomas Knights of Columbus will be stocking the following sizes: Small 8 x 12 one-sided \$15, Medium 20 x 27 two-sided \$35, Large 24 x 48 two-sided \$90. The signs will be available at the Knights or Ladies Auxiliary meetings or by calling Janet Lueckenhoff 573-690-5682.

RELAY FOR LIFE EVENT: Join us for our Relay event, a Drive Thru BBQ, on Friday, June 16. This event will be held at the Westphalia Knights of Columbus Hall from 4 to 7:30pm. Pork burger meals are \$6 and include chips and a choice of drink. Single pork burgers will also be available for \$4. Our Luminaria Ceremony honoring those who we have lost to cancer and those still fighting, will begin at 8pm. Luminaria can be purchased before or at the event. We will also have raffle chances available before our event and at the event. We will have the event rain or shine! Any questions, please contact Nicki at (573) 301-6944.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH PICNIC, LOOSE CREEK is Sunday, June 11, serving fried chicken & German pot roast dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Carry-outs IC Parish 11:00-7:00 p.m., Drive thru at Loose Creek Community Center noon to 6:00 p.m. All dinner plates \$15.00. Car parade/show 2:00 p.m. Quilt auction 5:00 p.m.

WARDSVILLE/OSAGE BEND KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HOME ASSOCIATION CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT is Friday, June 17, at Redfield Golf Course, Eugene at 9:00 a.m. shotgun start. 36 Team limit, \$400 per team/\$100 per person. Cash prizes awarded each flight. Hole sponsors \$100 per hole, lunch provided. For tournament registration and information, please contact Jeff Ahlers 573-694-0291, Mark Heckman 573-680-5535, Leo Ahlers 573-291-3122, Don Keever 573-690-2866.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH PICNIC, TAOS is SATURDAY, June 17, serving fried chicken & roast beef dinners from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. Adults \$15.00, children 6-12 \$7.00. Kiddie Tractor Pull 7:00 p.m. Quilt auction 5:30 p.m. Mass at 4:00 p.m.

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. Cecilia Parish Pastoral Council Meeting - May 11, 2023

The meeting opened at 6:30 p.m. with a prayer by Fr. Leonard Mukiibi.

Those present were Joanne Schroeder, Emily Libbert, Dustin Stegeman, Katy Werdehausen, Shirley Bock, Doris Stumpe, Cordell Schroeder, Fr. Leonard Mukiibi, Norma Jean Libbert

Absent were Lydia Hurst and Janice Schanzmeyer

Minutes from the last meeting had been previously read and approved.

The parish council enjoyed a delicious luncheon prepared by Joanne Schroeder to welcome new members, Cordell Schroeder and Lydia Hurst and send out old members, Joanne Schroeder and Emily Libbert. Special thanks to Joanne for providing the wonderful meal!

Committee Reports

- Building and Grounds: Janice Schanzmeyer was not in attendance to update for the committee. Emily asked about the recent stair replacement project that was completed at the entrance of the upper part of the Parish Center. The original plan was to have a ramp installed to make the entrance wheelchair accessible, but instead stairs were installed. This will be looked into. Joanne reminded the group to plan for cleaning of the church basement at some point and also recommended having written bids/contracts to cover all bases moving forward for cleaning, mowing and other jobs that need done. Doris reported that Mitch Stumpe donated grass seed, straw and fertilizer to cover the recent groundwork that had been completed.
- Cemetery: Shirley reported for the cemetery committee and said the cemetery does have its own Federal ID number and it is not on the Church number. Any contributions for the cemetery must be designated to the cemetery and cannot just say to the Church.
- Finance: Dusty reported for the finance committee. He said they are still getting a plan together for how to move forward on the repainting of Church as this may be a very large task to take on including the need for some foundational work and repair prior to painting.
- Liturgical and Worship: Joanne updated for the liturgical and worship committee. On Mother's Day, council members will hand out Carnations and Rosary cards. On Father's Day, council members will hand out St. Joseph Prayer cards.
- Social Concerns: There were no updates to report for the social concerns committee. However, Joanne reminded the group that the last Church directory was done in 2017 and 2024 will be the 120 year anniversary of St. Cecilia Parish. The council can start having discussions about when to do another directory and if/when they may want to celebrate the next anniversary.
- Website: Emily has made a few updates on the website and will be turning over control of it to Katy Werdehausen. Any update requests moving forward will need to be sent to Katy at katy.werdehausen@gmail.com

Father Leonard's Report

- Father welcomed the new members and thanked the outgoing ones.
- He talked about the cathedral updates and renovations and how the rededication was a great ceremony.
- Father also discussed Stewardship and how our parish has not met our goal. He reminded the group that it is part of our obligation to support the Church. We are supporting the diocese and it is supporting us.
- There is still a need for a Stewardship Committee Representative.

New Business

- Welcoming new members Cordell Schroeder and Lydia Hurst (she was unable to attend due to work obligations).
- Picnic: Norma Jean has been hard at work planning the parish picnic and gave an update. The council thanks her for all her work she is putting in and reminded her they are available to help as needed.
- Moving meetings to the 3rd Tuesday of the month to accommodate the new members.
- New members will be reassigning roles to serve on committees at the next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 18 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was closed at 8:10 p.m. with a prayer by Fr. Leonard.

I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.

John 6:51

Our spirituality is fed by the Word of God and when we receive the Eucharist. For without the Eucharist, our spirituality dies. These two beautiful gifts lead us to eternal life.



