

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

St. Cecilia
in Meta

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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

June 12, 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 June 12-19:

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

Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – No Mass, Summer Schedule

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

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

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ben, Jim & Butch Engelmeyer

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

David A. Boessen

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of June 12-19:

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

Sunday 8:00 a.m. –Urban, Ron & Randy Voss

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2021-2022: \$305,000.00

Offertory Goal through Month End: \$305,000.00

Actual Collection for 2021-2022: **\$281,050.08**

Offertory Difference Year to Date: – \$ 23,949.92

Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

June 5 \$ 6,310.76

June 12 \$

June 19 \$

June 26 \$

Collection Online: \$ 5,899.50

June total to date: \$ **12,210.26**

Difference for June: -\$ 13,206.74

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2021-2022: \$62,000.00

Collection Total for 2021-2022: **\$57,689.96**

Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,166.67

Collection in Church:

June 5 \$ 550.00

June 12 \$

June 19 \$

June 26 \$

June total to date: \$ **550.00**

Difference for June: -\$4,616.67

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. at retreat

June 19 8:00 a.m. – Betty Hagenhoff

June 26 8:00 a.m. – Janice Schanzmeyer

Church Renovation Capital Campaign

Total Pledges/Donations \$484,407.70

Total Collected \$422,574.99

Total Expenses Paid \$695,920.95

A total of 127 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

June 18 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Judy Schroeder / Jeanette

June 19 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Josh Luebbering / Jackie

June 25 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Amanda Wooten / Alanna

June 26 Sunday 10:00 a.m. - Luke Schroeder / Jackie

St. Thomas the Apostle Readers

June 18 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kathy Graessle

June 19 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Ben Luebbering

June 25 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mary Kay Brand

June 26 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Richard Heckemeyer

**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 18 Saturday 5:00p.m.- Dave Luebbering & Richard Schellman

June 19 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Tom Backes & Mattheuw Prenger

June 25 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Eric Strobe & Gilbert Schellman

June 26 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Keith Kliethermes & Ryan Buschjost

Collection baskets choir loft by organ, please return after use.

St. Thomas the Apostle Eucharistic Ministers

June 18 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Bill Luebbering

June 19 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mattheuw Prenger

June 25 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Marshall Boessen

June 26 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Keith Kliethermes

St. Thomas the Apostle Servers

June 18 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Miranda Meyer & Kora Luebbering,
Emerald Fennewald, Carmen Luebbering

June 19 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Fayeth Prenger, Cady Libbert
Valerie & Zeke Verslues

June 25 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Gregory Kirby & Ava Buschjost
Evelyn Wooten

June 26 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Erika Luebbering, Victoria Wieberg,
Aliyah Buechter, Isabella Luebbering

St. Thomas the Apostle Offertory Gifts

June 18 Saturday, 5:00 p.m. – Alfred & Margie Kaiser

June 19 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Ray & Shirley Volmert

June 25 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Mark & Lauri Luebbering

June 26 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Bill & Betty Jo Luebbering

St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters

June 19 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman

June 26 – Paul Becker & Shara Buechter

July 3 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes

July 10 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg

July 17 – Dunja Wieberg & Jennifer Schroeder

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

June 19 Karlie Reinkemeyer

June 26 Lauri Luebbering

July 3 Dunja Wieberg

July 10 Brooke Schell

July 17 Jenny Becker

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas

No Mass – Tuesday-Friday- Fr. at retreat

Saturday 4:35 p.m. – Dale Herigon – Glorious Mysteries

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

St. Thomas the Apostle Church Cleaners

June 12: Sonya Henson, Susan Buechter, Jackie Prenger, Amy Buechter

June 19: Janet Lueckenhoff, Jim Lueckenhoff, Charlene Buschjost, Randy Buschjost

June 26: Alan Libbert, Nancy Libbert, Darrel Buechter, Jan Heckemeyer

July 3: Brooke Schell, Tina Stockman, Gina Luebbering, Karen Luebbering

July 10: Lynne Reinkemeyer, Linda Boessen, Lauri Luebbering, Lisa Lackman

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.

BISHOP MCKNIGHT'S JUNE PRAYER INTENTION: For all fathers; that through the intercession of St. Joseph they will be able to use their skills and gifts to love and provide for their children and raise them in the faith.

PASTORS MEDITATION: HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY: TRUST IN THE FATHER, LOVE THE SON AND LISTEN FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT. (Pr. 8:22-31; Rom. 5:1-5; Jn. 16:12-15) The mystery of the most Holy Trinity is a basic doctrine of Faith in Christianity, understandable not with our heads but with our hearts. It teaches us that there are three distinct Persons in one God, sharing the same Divine Nature, co-equal and co-eternal. We believe in this Mystery because Jesus, Who is God, taught it clearly, the Evangelists recorded it, the Fathers of the Church tried to explain it and the Councils of Nicaea and Constantinople defined it as a dogma of Christian Faith.

The Trinity is important in our Christian life, all prayers in the Church begin in the Name of the Holy Trinity and end glorifying the Trinity. All Sacraments are administered in the name of the Holy Trinity (we are baptized, confirmed, anointed, our sins are forgiven, our marriage is blessed, and our Bishops, priests and deacons are ordained) in the name of the Holy Trinity. When Church bells ring thrice daily, they remind us to give glory to the Holy Trinity for the Incarnation of Jesus and His Redemption of all of us. We bless ourselves and the priest blesses us, in the Name of the Holy Trinity.

There are only vague and hidden references to the Trinity in the Old Testament. But the New Testament gives clear teachings on the Holy Trinity.

1) At the Annunciation, God the Father sends His angel to Mary, God the Holy Spirit comes upon her, the Power of the Most High overshadows her, and God the Son becomes Incarnate in her womb.

2) At the baptism of Jesus, when the Son receives baptism from John the Baptist, the Father's Voice is heard and the Holy Spirit appears as a Dove and descends upon Jesus.

St. Cecilia Eucharistic Ministers

June 19 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dorothy Rehagen

June 26 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Pam Libbert

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

June 19 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Tony Derkum & Kenny Otto

June 26 Sunday 8:00 a.m.- Larry Lueckenotto & Mitch Stumpe

St. Cecilia Servers

June 19 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Skyla, Jesse & Tucker Schroeder

June 26 Sunday 8:00 a.m.- Shelby & Madison Wankum

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 19 Sunday 8:00 a.m.- Family of Urban, Ron & Randy Voss

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Wednesday 6:05 p.m. – *No Mass, Fr. at retreat*

June 19 Sunday 7:35 a.m.– Mary Plassmeyer
Luminous Mysteries

June 26 Sunday 7:35 a.m.- Cathy Borgmeyer
Sorrowful 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.

3) At the Ascension, Jesus gives the missionary command to his disciples to baptize those who believe, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

4) John's account in the Gospel, chapters 15–18, we have a detailed account of Jesus' teaching of the role of each Person of the Holy Trinity: a) God the Father creates and provides for His creatures. b) God the Son redeems us and reconciles us with God. c) God the Holy Spirit sanctifies us, strengthens us, teaches us, and guides us to God.

Therefore, friends let us respect ourselves and others because everyone is the temple of the Holy Spirit where all Three Persons of the Holy Trinity abide.

Let us have the firm conviction that the Trinitarian God abides in us, that He is the Source of our hope, courage and strength, and that He is our final destination.

Let us practice the Trinitarian relationship of love and unity in the family relationships of father, mother, and children because by Baptism we become children of God and members of God's Trinitarian family.

Let us practice the I–God–my neighbor vertical and horizontal Trinitarian relationships in this life by loving God.

Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukibi

THE MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION is Tuesday, June 14, 7:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING is Thursday, June 23 at 6:30 p.m. at the Vitae House.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE 2022 PARISH PICNIC QUILT AUCTION: We need all 2022 picnic quilts for the parish picnic auction, please contact Emily Luebbering 477-3459 or Kathy Strope 477-3349 by **June 12**.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE QUILT GROUPS: Thank you to everyone who helped in ways towards the quilts for our 2022 parish picnic. We have a good selection and hope the auction goes well. The quilt list for the 2023 picnic is attached to the bulletin or found on our web page. The first name on the list is the chairperson and is responsible for having a quilt ready for the 2023 picnic. The quilts should be finished by June 1, 2023, 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 24th. Quilt batting is available for \$10.00. If you have any questions, please call Emily Luebbering at 573-477-3459 or Kathy Strope at 573-477-3349.

ST. CECILIA CEMETERY ASSOCIATION: Thanks to all parish members that have paid their cemetery dues. If you have not paid your dues, please contact Karyn Veltrop. We would also like to thank those that donate their time to maintain and improve the cemetery in honor of those that have passed, as well as the members of the VFW that place flags and wreaths on the graves of our Veterans. A special thank you to the families that have donated to the St Cecilia Cemetery Association in memory of a family member that received their final reward - "Eternal Life."

In other news: At the annual meeting in March, the decision was made to begin the process of developing a Cremation Memorial Garden just north of the Altar. God Bless us - Guide us - Protect us - Lead us down the pathway to Eternal Life.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE GRASS CUTTING ROTATION: Spring is here and so is the green grass! The grass cutting rotation for the St Thomas the Apostle is as follows:

Week of June 12 Dick Schellman, Patrick Schellman, Paul Struempf, Rob Henson

Week of June 19 Alan Reinkemeyer, Richard Heckemeyer and Dave Schroeder

Week of June 26 Fred Luebbering, Mark Graessle and Jeff Cassmeyer

Week of July 3 Paul & Jenny Becker, Eric Buechter, Josh Schroeder

Week of July 10 Mark Luebbering, Nick Luebbering and Anthony Luebbering, Jason Otto

Important Note: We would like to have a few additional people join in with some of these teams. Only requires an hour or two a month and the pay and benefits are great! Call Alan Reinkemeyer at 573-694-6984 if interested.

THE NEXT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING is Tuesday, June 14, 7:30 p.m. A rosary will be prayed at 7:15 p.m. Please read the June newsletter attached to the bulletin.

WESTERN CATHOLIC UNION DISTRICT BARBECUE AND MEETING will be held June 25, K of C Hall in Westphalia. Meal will be served at noon for members and families with a short meeting afterwards. Reservations must be made by June 20 to Lillian Lackman 573-477-3472 or 573-645-2243 or Janice Boessen 573-455-2651 or 573-433-5653. Door prizes will be given out.

THE COMM-UNITY AMBULANCE SERVICE will hold its annual meeting on **Tuesday, June 21, 2022** at the Meta Fire & Rescue, Station 1. The evening will **begin around 6:30 p.m. with the meeting starting at 7:00 p.m.** Snacks and refreshments will be provided. Current and prospective members are welcome to attend. Per the decision of membership at last year's annual meeting, the COMM-Unity Ambulance board will not be looking for board member replacements. The current board will stay in place until the end of May 2023. You may contact DJ Schroeder at 573-301-1737 to answer any questions you have.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH PICNIC - LOOSE CREEK – Sunday, June 12 - 11 am - 7 pm Fried Chicken and German Pot Roast

RELAY EVENT: Join us for our Relay event, a Drive Thru BBQ, on Friday, June 17. This event will be held at the Westphalia Knights of Columbus Hall. Pork burger meals are \$5 and include chips and a choice of drink. Single pork burgers will also be available for \$3. 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.

TOTUS TUUS SUMMER CAMP: The Totus Tuus Summer Camp is a dynamic and fun program for children and teens conducted by four person teams usually comprised of two college age girls and two seminarians. Songs, games, skits, food, teaching about the Faith, and the Sacraments occur every day during Totus Tuus. The camp will be held June 26-July 1 in our parishes. **The form maybe found on our web pages or online.** If you need any additional information, please contact Diane or Theresa. Forms can be dropped in the collection basket (attention Totus Tuus) or brought to the Parish Office on Tuesday morning or Wednesday. We need evening meals to be brought in for the team as well as snacks for the campers during the day and evening sessions.

SAVE THE DATES: June 26 - July 1, 2022 – Totus Tuus
July 10, 2022 – St. Cecilia Parish Picnic
August 21, 2022 – St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Picnic

St. Thomas the Apostle, Parish Pastoral Council Agenda - May 31, 2022

Develop a more inclusive sense of community in our Parish by encouraging the growth of our relationships with each other and with God.

Call to Order and Opening Prayer

- Father led a prayer.

Principal's Report/School Advisory Board

- Debbie read through the principal's notes. Some of the special dates were end of the year field trips, sports and group photos, DARE graduation, awards day, field day, and graduation. The last day of school was May 19th. The first day of school is August 17th with a parent meeting on August 16th.

Financial Committee Report

- This committee is meeting later this month to talk about the annual budget.
- Alan Reinkemeyer shared the amounts of money in the checking and saving accounts.
- The parish purchased a new lawn mower. The grass cutting team has been using it for about a month now. The mower is part of a program where the parish can send it back at the end of the grass cutting season, and the parish will get a new one next year to use. The mower will have to have a low amount of hours on it, which the parish should have. The parish also purchased a leaf blower, push mower, and weed eater. These products will be kept and used every year. There are a couple more people helping on the grass cutting team.
- The Finance Committee lost a special person, Greg Russell. Thoughts and condolences to his family.

Pastoral Council Commission Reports

Worship

- Time and talent
 - Theresa sent the feedback from the sheets to Jackie. The PPC decided to keep the names on the list from previous years if the parishioner did not fill out a Time and Talent sheet. It was only updated if you filled out a new one. If you are interested in helping with an item that was not on the Time and Talent sheet, contact the parish office for more information.

Social Concerns

- Picnic/ Fall Fantasy
 - The picnic committee met this last week to discuss the start of planning of the picnic. Debbie Strope is going to represent the PPC at the picnic meetings.
 - There is a committee that has volunteered to organize an in person Fall Fantasy. Joanie Prenger, Erica Loethen, and Kim Kliegel are working on the committee. Dunja Wieberg will represent the PPC at those meetings.

Administration

- Church heating/cooling system
 - The company that we are getting the new AC unit from has a 30% increase on their products. It was decided to get the unit ordered and on the way before the price increased. Tony had the order in, but the company did not see it in time. So they decided to only do a 11 % or 12% increase on the unit. We need to remember to check the unit on an annual basis.
- Other projects
 - If a project costs more than 25,000, then we need to get permission from the Diocese to complete the project. We have to let them know about the project, the needs of the project, and why it needs to be done.
 - Mark Luebbering cleaned out the gutters around school.
 - The next big project that needs to be completed is the remodel of Father's kitchen. The cabinets and floors need to be replaced.
 - The PPC went over the list of projects that was created a couple years ago. Most of the items on that list have been completed.
 - The old school gym roof needs to be replaced or fixed. There are leaks in the roof. Mark Luebbering has had a company come out and look at it. They are still in the process of fixing it correctly.
 - Alan Reinkemyer is working on getting the lights on the ball field replaced with a grant.
 - The PPC is still discussing the need for a full time or part time maintenance staff member. The PPC has asked that this be on the agenda for the finance committee to discuss. Alan has been asking around to the other local parishes to see what they have for maintenance staff. St. Stan has a full-time person. Alan is waiting to hear back from Taos. Westphalia has volunteers from the parish complete the work.

Pastor's Report

- There is a group of priests coming to use the Bowling Alley here soon.
- Father will be attending a retreat in June. He will be away for a couple days.
- Totus Tuus is at the end of June.
- Father is now the pastor instead of parish administrator for St. Thomas the Apostle. We will have a special gathering for him to celebrate when he is installed as pastor. The PPC decided to do donuts, coffee, and juice after Mass. The date for this event is to be determined. Father has asked for July 3rd to be his installation, but we are waiting to see when the bishop is able to attend.
- Father was excited to share that his mother is coming here to visit. He is hoping she will be here sometime in July or August.
- Father made note that the automatic door on the side entrance of the church is not working. Mark Luebbering is going to work with Jim on getting this looked at and fixed.

New Business

- New PPC member election
 - The PPC will be having an election for new parish council members. There are 4 people going off. They are Jackie Prenger, Barb Graessle, Curt Goeller, and Alan Reinkemeyer. Thank you for your time and dedication. Remaining on the council are Debbie Strope, Sarah Luebbert, Dunja Wieberg, Bob Schellman, Mark Luebbering, Jacob Graessle, Julia Cassmeyer, and Fred Boessen.
 - Individuals running for the council are Andy Reynolds, Sam Luebbering, Carol Backes, Richard Heckemeyer, and Shane Verslues. We are seeking more candidates.
 - Barb Graessle and Jackie Prenger are going to stay on the worship committee.
- Stewardship
 - This is a new model being introduced to us by the bishop. Father Jones is the priest in the diocese going to the parishes and speaking about the stewardship model. The PPC and other members, the Knights of Columbus, Finance Committee, and the School Advisory board, of the parish are going to work together to come up with some questions about this model. The committee will then meet with Father Jones so he can answer our questions about the model. We are hoping to have this meeting with Father Jones sometime this fall. Then Father Jones will come back to the parish to talk more about the matter in the spring. This is scheduled for February 11, 2023.
 - The hope with this model is that the parishes will not have to hold as many fundraisers for monthly bills. The money made at these events will be used for special projects. The hope is that if the parishioners tithe the correct amount at the weekend Masses, then the parish will have enough money and will not struggle to pay the bills. As a parish we are supposed to look at this as God provides for us, so we give back in thanksgiving. We are giving back to God with our tithing.

Discussion, clarification, questions

- Streaming Events
 - The Stream Team asked the PPC for input on a policy for streaming events in church. It was decided that the Stream team is only going to stream Masses, First Communion, and Confirmations. The team will not use the parish's equipment to stream weddings, funerals, or any other special requests. If you want those special Masses streamed, you will have to use your own equipment.

Next meeting

- The next PPC meeting is July 26th at 7 in the school library.
- The Finance Committee is meeting at the end of June.

Closing prayer

- Father led a prayer and Adjournment

ST. THOMAS PARISH PARK BOARD CONCESSION STAND WORKERS:

Monday, June 13	6:30 p.m.	15U Girls	Daniel & Jennifer Hull
Tuesday, June 14	6:30 p.m.	10U Girls 2	Brian & Katie Luebbering
Thursday, June 16	6:30 p.m.	10U Girls 1	Josh & Michelle Siebeneck
Friday, June 17	6:30 p.m.	7U Boys	Gina Luebbering & Kimberly Akin
Friday, June 17	8:00 p.m.	8U Boys	Michael & April Holtmeyer

