

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

**St. Cecilia**  
in Meta

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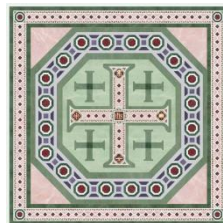
**ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**JUNE 13, 2021**

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St. Thomas Parish Office hours: Wednesdays 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.; Thursdays 8:30 to 11:30 a.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 13-20:**

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Butch Loethen  
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – **No Mass, Summer Schedule**  
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Alex Heckman  
Friday 7:45 a.m. – David Borgmeyer  
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Gilbert & Hermina Strobe  
57<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

**Your Sunday Offering:**

Offertory Budget for 2020-2021: \$305,000.00  
Offertory Goal through Month End: \$279,587.00  
Actual Collection for 2020-2021: **\$266,229.75**  
Offertory Difference Year to Date: – \$ 38,770.25  
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

**Collection in Church:**

June 6 \$ 3,451.00  
June 13 \$  
June 20 \$  
June 27 \$

**Collection Online:** \$ 5,217.00

**June total to date:** \$ **8,668.00**

Difference for June: -\$16,749.00

**St. Thomas the Apostle Expansion & Building Fund**

Income from parishioners for FY 2020-2021  
(via the yellow “Building Fund” envelope): **\$23,033.00**

**St. Thomas the Apostle Cantor / Organist**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mary Kay Brand / Jean Schroeder  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Doug Luebbering/ Jackie Prenger

**St. Thomas the Apostle Reader**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kathy Graessle  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Daffiny Tallent

**Mass Live Streamers:**

June 20 – Karlie Reinkemeyer  
June 27 – Jennifer Schroeder  
July 4 – Dunja Wieberg  
July 11 – Brooke Schell  
July 18 – Jeanette Schroeder  
July 25 – Karlie Reinkemeyer

**Saint Cecilia**

**Mass Schedule for the Week of June 13-20:**

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – David & Phil Graessle

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Mary Clark

**Your Sunday Offering:**

Offertory Budget for 2020-2021: \$62,000.00  
Collection Total for 2020-2021: **\$54,861.35**  
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,166.67

**Collection in Church:**

June 6 \$ 1,845.00  
June 13 \$  
June 20 \$  
June 27 \$

**June total to date:** \$ **1,845.00**

Difference for June: -\$ 3,321.67

**St. Cecilia Collection Counters**

June – Marie Lueckenotto & Pam Libbert

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

**St. Cecilia Reader**

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Jennifer Even

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

**St. Thomas the Apostle Ushers**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Richard Schellman & Fred Luebbering  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Keith Kliethermes & Mike Buschjost

**St. Thomas Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Marshall Boessen  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Lynne Reinkemeyer

**St. Thomas the Apostle Servers**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. -  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Avery Libbert & Francie Tallent

**St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counter**

June 20 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes  
June 27 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg  
July 4 - Jennifer Schroeder & Dunja Wieberg  
July 11 – Shara Buechter & Paul Becker

**Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas:**

Tuesday, 7:20 a.m. – Joann Heckman – Sorrowful Mysteries  
Wednesday 7:20 a.m. – No Mass  
Thursday 7:20 a.m. - Viola Boessen–Luminous Mysteries  
Friday 7:20 a.m. – Bob Schellman – Sorrowful Mysteries  
Saturday 4:35 p.m. – Dale Herigon– Sorrowful Mysteries  
Sunday 9:35 a.m.– Gilbert & Hermina – Sorrowful Mysteries

**St. Thomas the Apostle Offertory**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ralph & Kathy Graessle  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Bryan & Renee Braun Family

**SCRIP:** Visit [www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip](http://www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip) for more information about the Scrip program. Please contact Daffiny Tallent at 573-694-4408 to purchase anytime.

**BULLETIN NOTICES:** Deadline for bulletin notices is noon on Wednesday's.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE MASS MINISTRIES:** Please watch the bulletin for Mass ministries. Servers and Offertory Participants will be scheduled for all Masses.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISHIONERS:** The Parish Pastoral Council wants to update the current list of parishioners in St Thomas. If you are 21 years of age or working full time please visit the St. Thomas webpage to fill out the Parish Registration Form or it can be found in the entrances of Church. You can email it back to Theresa Veit ([tveitoffice@gmail.com](mailto:tveitoffice@gmail.com)) or put the completed form in collection basket at Church. Thank you!

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PRAYER LINE REQUESTS** should be emailed to Theresa Veit at [tveitoffice@gmail.com](mailto:tveitoffice@gmail.com) or by calling 573-418-7301.

**BISHOP MCKNIGHT'S JUNE PRAYER INTENTION:** In the year of St. Joseph, husband of Mary and foster father of Jesus, may we grow in our appreciation for the importance of the vocation of fatherhood for the benefit of society and the Church.

**PASTORS MEDITATION: 11th Sunday in ordinary time year B: GOD PLANTED THE SEED OF HIS KINGDOM IN OUR HEARTS, WE MUST NURTURE IT WITH TRUST AND WITH PATIENCE. (Ezek. 17: 22-24; 2Cor. 5:6-10; Mk. 4:26-34)**

Today's readings focus our attention on the birth and growth of the reign or rule of God (Kingdom of God) in our human lives and on the gigantic growth of the Church from very humble beginnings. Both growths are slow and mysterious, guided by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The first reading is a Messianic prophecy. Ezekiel tells us how the Lord God of Israel will allow a descendant of King David to become the Messiah and Savior of the world. In contrast with the parable of the tiny mustard seed in today's Gospel, Ezekiel sees the Messiah originating in a royal family (lofty Cedar, David). In the Responsorial Psalm (Ps 92), the Psalmist sings of Jesus, "The Just One shall flourish like the palm tree, like a Cedar of Lebanon shall He grow." In the second reading, St. Paul teaches the Corinthian Christians that they are to advance the growth of God's Kingdom and His rule in their lives by doing His will so that they may be amply rewarded in the final judgment. In today's Gospel, Jesus compares the growth of the Kingdom of God to the germination of a wheat seed and that of a tiny mustard seed. Both have exceedingly small beginnings. The wheat seeds, by gradual but steady growth, help the farmer to get a bumper crop. In the same way, the life principle in a tiny mustard seed enables it to grow into a large bush. The reign of God in human hearts and the growth of the Church in the world also have small beginnings. But the Source of all life, God the Holy Spirit, gives to both a steady, persistent, and gigantic growth, provided we, the members of the Church, cooperate with God's grace.

Therefore dear friends, we need to cooperate in the growth of God's Kingdom: The Kingdom of God is the growth of God's rule in human hearts that occurs when man does the will of God and surrenders his life to God. The seed of Faith lies dormant within each of us. When we permit the Holy Spirit to nurture it with tender loving care (TLC), it grows miraculously to gigantic proportions. The growth is slow and microscopic in the beginning. But the seed grows by using the power of the Holy Spirit, given to us through the Word of God, the Mass, the Sacraments and prayer. As we learn God's will from His words and try to put these words into practice, we participate in the growth of God's Kingdom on earth, a growth which will be completed in our Heavenly life. But since we need the special anointing of the Holy Spirit to be doers of the Word of God, let us offer our lives before God every day, asking for this special anointing.

We need to avoid getting discouraged: Since the acceptance of God's rule by human beings is a terribly slow process, there is the danger of discouragement and hopelessness among preachers, evangelizers, and believers. The conviction that growth of the Kingdom of God is the work of the Holy Spirit and needs our humble cooperation should make us optimistic in continuing our work of witnessing. We should continue sowing tiny seeds in the form of words of love, acts of encouragement, deeds of charity, mercy and forgiveness. ***Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukiibi***

**THE MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION** is Tuesday, June 8 at 7:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING** is Tuesday, June 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the Vitae House.

**St. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Doris Stumpe

**St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers**

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Kenny Otto & Larry Lueckenotto

**St. Cecilia Servers**

Sunday 8:00 a.m. –

**Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia**

Wednesday–6:05 p.m.–Dorothy Rehagen–Glorious Mysteries  
Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Cathy Borgemeyer – 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.

**TOTUS TUUS:** Totus Tuus information can now be found on our school Facebook page. The day program is for students entering Grades 1-6 in the fall and the night program is for students entering grades 7-12. Registration forms can also be found on the school Facebook page.

Grades 1-6: June 28 - July 2, 9:00 a.m. -2:30 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle School

Grades 7-12: June 27 - July 1 7:45 p.m. -9:30 p.m. St. Cecilia.

If you are not on Facebook and would like more information regarding Totus Tuus, please let me know and I will email (*kmorris@stacs.school*) you more information.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE QUILT GROUPS:** Thank you to everyone who helped in ways towards the quilts for our 2021 parish picnic. We have a good selection and hope the auction goes well. The quilt list for the 2022 picnic can be found in the entrances of Church or on our web page. **The first name on the list is the chairperson and is responsible for having a quilt ready for the 2022 picnic. The quilts should be finished by June 1, 2022, so they can be listed on the picnic flier. Chairpersons are asked to contact the other members of their group. We have less quilter's and have had a hard time getting all quilts completed. Therefore, three groups have been taken off and distributed among the remaining groups. Please check if your name has been moved.** If you would like to help us quilt, come and join our circle next Fall. We will need some quilt tops with lining to be quilted by August 23. Quilt batting is available for \$10.00. If you have any questions, please call Emily Luebbering at 573-477-3459 or Kathy Strobe at 573-477-3349. If you have a baby quilt or t-towels for our parish auction, please call Diane Lueckenhoff 573-645-5794 or Charlene Buschjost 573-477-3480 as soon as possible.

**ST. THOMAS CHURCH CLEANING TEAM ROTATION FOR UPCOMING WEEKS:**

Week of June 13: Lynne Reinkemeyer, Linda Boessen, Lauri Luebbering, Lisa Lackman

Week of June 20: Sonya Henson, Susan Buechter, Jackie Prenger, Amy Buechter

Week of June 27: Janet Lueckenhoff, Jim Lueckenhoff, Charlene Buschjost, Randy Buschjost

Week of July 4: Alan Libbert, Nancy Libbert, Darrel Buechter

*Thanks to all who volunteer to help keep our Church looking beautiful! Anyone else interested in helping out, please contact Lynne Reinkemeyer at 573-690-7113 and we can add another group.*

**ST. THOMAS PRESCHOOL:** If you have a child ages 3 or 4 and have been thinking about preschool, please call Jaycine Bax 573-821-1179 or email *jbax@stacs.school* 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 Jaycine or the school office.

**THE ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH GROUNDS "GRASS CUTTING TEAM ROTATION" FOR THE UPCOMING**

**WEEKS:** It is once again time for care and maintenance of the parish property. Many thanks to all those who volunteer their time and effort to keep our parish property looking nice. The following dates are assigned for grass cutting.

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| Week of June 13 | Richard Schellman, Pat Schellman and Paul Struempf      |
| Week of June 20 | Alan Reinkemeyer, Richard Heckemeyer and Dave Schroeder |
| Week of June 27 | Mark Luebbering, Antone Luebbering and Nick Luebbering  |
| Week of July 4  | Paul & Jenny Becker, Eric & Shara Buechter              |

**FOUND** a jacket that was left in the St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Center after the Groner Appreciation Dance, May 8. To claim, please call the parish office at 573-477-3315.

**THE COMM-UNITY AMBULANCE SERVICE** will hold its annual meeting on **Tuesday, June 22, 2021** 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. The raffle drawing will be held at the conclusion of the meeting. The COMM-Unity Ambulance board will be looking for replacement of current president, D.J. Schroeder at this meeting. If you or someone you know would be interested in sitting on the ambulance board for a three-year term, please contact DJ at 573-301-1737.

**ST. STANISLAUS PERPETAL ADORATION HOURS:** Open hours at St. Stanislaus Perpetual Adoration chapel include: 1:00-2:00 a.m. Tuesday (3,4,5) 6-7:00 p.m. Friday (1,2,4,5) 10-11:00 a.m. Saturday (1,2,4,5) Please call Donna at 680-1470 if you are interested in joining our program! Thank you!

**SAVE THE DATE:**

**June 27-July 2 – Totus Tuus**

**July 11 – St. Cecilia Parish Picnic**

**August 15 – St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Picnic**

**2021 RELAY FOR LIFE OF OSAGE & MARIES COUNTY 2021** is hosting a Drive Thru BBQ and Luminary Ceremony on June 18. BBQ is from 4-7:30 p.m. at the Westphalia Lions Club. Pork burger meals are \$5 and include chips and choice of drink. Single pork burgers are \$3. Raffle chances will be available and prizes will be drawn at 7:30 p.m. Luminary Ceremony honoring those we have lost to cancer and those still fighting will begin at 8PM. Please contact Nicki at 573-301-6944 for more information.

**OSAGE BEND** will have the community wide garage sales on Thursday and Friday, June 17 and 18, from 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. There are 10 difference sites which includes between 20-25 families. Maps with locations, including a list of items, will be at beginning sites for your convenience. Hope to see some of you out and about in Osage Bend. Happy Sales to you!!

