

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

St. Cecilia
in Meta

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FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

June 18, 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 18-25:

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Greg Russell
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Jim & Christine Luebbering
Friday 7:45 a.m. – Wilbert & Rosalyn Wankum
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – L&D Lawrence Oligschlaeger Family
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – People of our Parishes
L&D Bob Luebbering Family

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2022-2023: \$305,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End: \$305,000.00
Actual Collection for 2022-2023: **\$295,554.61**
Offertory Difference Year to Date: -\$ 9,445.39
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

June 4 \$ 6,644.80
June 11 \$ 3,859.46
June 18 \$
June 25 \$

Collection Online: \$ 5,749.50

June total to date: **\$16,253.76**

Difference for June: -\$ 9,163.24

Church Renovation Capital Campaign

Total Pledges/Donations \$487,139.70
Total Collected \$494,279.23
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

June 24 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kerry Meyer / Jeanette
June 25 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Doug Luebbering / Jackie
July 1 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Amanda Wooten / Jackie
July 2 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mary Kay Brand / Jeanette

St. Thomas the Apostle Readers

June 24 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Rosalyn Wieberg
June 25 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mary Kay Brand
July 1 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kathy Graessle
July 2 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Richard Heckemeyer

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of June 18-25:

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Urban, Ronald & Randy Voss

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Henry & Alma Blomberg, Mary Clark

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2022-2023: \$65,000.00
Collection Total for 2022-2023: **\$62,519.71**
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,416.67

Collection in Church:

June 4 \$ 912.50
June 11 \$1,141.00
June 18 \$
June 25 \$

June total to date: **\$ 2,053.50**

Difference for June: -\$3,363.17

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. – Cathy Borgmeyer
Sunday, June 25 8:00 a.m. – Dorothy Rehagen
Sunday, July 1 8:00 a.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer

St. Cecilia Organist

Sunday, June 25 8:00 a.m. – Emilie
Sunday, July 2 8:00 a.m. – Jackie

**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 24 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Dave Luebbering & Phil Akin
June 25 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Doug Stockman & Simon Strope
July 1 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Eric Strope & Mark Boessen
July 2 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Larry Lueckenhoff & Josh Schroeder
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 24 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Bill Luebbering
June 25 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Janet Lueckenhoff
July 1 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Brenda Wansing
July 2 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jan Heckemeyer

St. Thomas the Apostle Servers

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
July 1 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Miranda Meyer, Ava Buschjost,
Evelyn Wooten, JD Volmert
July 2 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Valerie, Max & Zeke Verslues,
Wyatt Otto

St. Thomas the Apostle Offertory Gifts

June 24 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Family of Lawrence
Oligschlaeger
June 25 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Family of Bob Luebbering

St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters

June 25 -Dunja Wieberg & Jennifer Schroeder
July 2– Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman
July 9 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes
June 16 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg

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

June 25 Dunja Wieberg
July 2 Jenny Becker
July 9 Karlie Reinkemeyer
July 16 Lauri Luebbering
July 23 Brooke Schell

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

St. Thomas the Apostle Church Cleaners

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
July 16: Alan Libbert, Nancy Libbert, Darrel Buechter, Jan Heckemeyer

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

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!!

BULLETIN NOTICES: Deadline for bulletin is Wednesday at noon.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE FEAST DAY: Celebrate St. Thomas the Apostle Feast Day with donuts and drinks after Mass on Sunday, July 2.

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 25 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Janice Schanzmeyer
July 2 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Jennifer Even

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

June 25 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Leonard Schulte, Tony Derkum,
William Derkum, Terry Libbert
July 2 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Harold Libbert, Leon Schanzmeyer,
Darin Even, Mitch Stumpe

St. Cecilia Servers

June 25 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Ava & Gavin Werdehausen
July 2 Sunday 8:00 a.m.–Sarah & Elizabeth Backes,
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

June 25 Sunday 8:00 a.m.- Family of Henry & Alma
Blomberg, Mary Clark

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Wednesday 6:05 p.m. –Dorothy Rehagen – Glorious
Mysteries
June 25 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer
Sorrowful Mysteries
July 2 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Mary Plassmeyer
Luminous 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.

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.

PASTORS MEDITATION: THE IMMACULATE HEART OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY and FATHER'S DAY. (Is. 61:9-11; Ps. 1Sam.2:1, 4-5, 6-7; Rev. 21:1-5a; Lk. 2:41-51) The Immaculate Heart of Mary is the patroness of our Diocese, Jefferson City Diocese, let us celebrate and pray for the Bishop, priests and the flock of God in the diocese. At the same time it's Father's day today, let us remember and pray for our Fathers. This feast commemorates the joys and sorrows of the Mother of God, her virtues and perfections, her love for God and her Divine Son and her compassionate love for mankind. In 1969, Pope St. Paul VI moved the celebration of the Immaculate Heart of Mary to the Saturday, immediately after the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary is a special form of devotion to the venerable person of Mary, similar to devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Mary's Immaculate Heart represents her interior life and the beauty of her soul. Devotion to the Heart of Jesus is especially directed to the Divine Heart as overflowing with love for mankind. This devotion is an attempt to respond to Jesus' love and to make reparation for the lack of love on the part of mankind. In the devotion to the Heart of Mary, on the other hand, what seems to attract us above all else is the love of Mary's Immaculate Heart for Jesus and for God. The objective is to love God and Jesus better, by uniting ourselves to Mary for this purpose and by imitating her virtues. In this devotion, we think of the love, virtues, and sentiments of Mary's interior life and try to put them into practice. It was mostly the love, humility, faith, and other virtues of the Heart of Mary that attracted early Christians to Mary, the mother of Jesus. They saw Mary's heart in its true color at the foot of the Cross. Simeon's prophecy furnished this devotion with its most popular representation: the heart pierced with a sword. St. Augustine remarks: "At the foot of the cross, Mary cooperated with Jesus in the work of our redemption through charity." One Scriptural passage in support of this devotion is the twice repeated (Lk 2:19; 2:51) saying of St. Luke given in today's Gospel that "Mary kept all the things [the saying and doings of Jesus] in her heart," that she might ponder on them and live by them. A few of the sayings of Mary recorded in the Gospel, particularly the Magnificat, disclose new features in Marian psychology. Elizabeth proclaims Mary blessed because she has believed the words of the angel. The Magnificat (Lk 1:46-56) is also an expression of her humility. The last words of Mary recorded in Scripture were spoken at the wedding feast in Cana when the wine ran out, and Mary approached Jesus, as usual, to tell them of this calamity. He had answered her that this was not His responsibility any longer, nor was it hers, for His Hour had not yet come. Mary understood that being the Messiah of God had changed Jesus' position radically, and she humbly accepted this necessary change in their relationship as Mother and Son as God's will for both of them, turning to the serving boys telling them, "Do whatever He tells you!" (Jn. 2:5), the same instruction she gives all of us on every occasion! Finally, answering the woman in the crowd who praised Jesus' mother as blessed, Jesus commented "Blessed rather are they that hear the word of God and keep it"(Lk 11:28). It was Mary's readiness to hear and do the will of God that endeared her to God and caused her to be selected as the Mother of Jesus. Therefore, friends let us take Mary as our role model and practice her virtues of trusting Faith, serving humility and readiness to do God's will in our daily lives, thus becoming immaculate children of an Immaculate Heavenly Mother. ***Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukiibi***

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE AND ST. CECELIA 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. 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.

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 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 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>

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL is looking for a part time music teacher, either one full day or two half days.

CONGRATULATIONS to Amy Buechter & Karen Luebbering who were elected to the Parish School Advisory Council.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PRESCHOOL: If you have a child, ages 3 or 4 and have been thinking about preschool, please call Lizzie Linhardt, linhardt@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.

MEN OF THE JEFFERSON CITY AREA: You are invited to the June gathering of the Men of ***Signum Crucis***, which begins at 6:30 p.m. this Wednesday, June 21, in the St. Pius X Chapel at Helias Catholic High School. Feel free to come early to pray the Rosary at 6:00 p.m. The Study/Devotion portion of our evening will be on the topic of Fraternity—the need for fraternal relationships from a Theological, Scriptural, and Humanistic perspective. Three members of the Men of ***Signum Crucis***, Father Paul Clark (Chaplain), Deacon Ray Purvis (Assistant Chaplain), and Jamie Smith will each present on the need for fraternity which leads men to seek deeper understanding of and devotion to our faith. Following the presentation, we will move outside the Helias Commons for a "First Day of Summer Cookout." As always, our evening will conclude with the Litany of St. Joseph at 7:55 p.m. We especially encourage men to bring sons or fathers—since many sons are home from school during these summer months, these monthly gatherings would be a great opportunity to bring your son (or grandson) with you to our gatherings this

summer. The mission of the Men of **Signum Crucis** is to strengthen one another in our faith through Study, Devotion and Service to better meet the challenges of our day, because we know that "iron sharpens iron." For more information, contact Jeff Cassmeyer at 573-690-7546 or Mark Rehagen at 573-680-2520.

ST. GEORGE PARISH PICNIC, LINN is Sunday, June 25, serving German pot roast & fried chicken dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. \$17 per ticket, indoor & outdoor seating. Quilt auction 4:30 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. Thomas the Apostle Parish Pastoral Council May Meeting Notes

Call to order, Father called the meeting to order and led with a prayer.

Principal's Report - Dunja read through the notes from Leroy.

Worship: The Masses are planned through November.

- There was a Communion Minister Rehearsal after the 10 o'clock Mass on June 4.
- Father is working to set up a rehearsal for the lecturers and servers.
- August 1st is the next Worship meeting.

Social concerns

- Picnic: Debbie reported on the picnic. It will be on August 20th. Serving from 11-7. \$15 for an adult plate, \$7 children ages 6-12, 5 and under are free. The menu will stay the same. They will offer dine in, carry out & drive-thru.
 - The Picnic committee asked PPC to approve purchasing new supplies for the picnic. They are asking for 5 black mats, 2 gray wash tubs, 2 large coffee pots, and 10 - 8 foot tables. The PPC agreed to purchase the mats, tubs, and coffee pots. The council also said that the Picnic committee could purchase new tables if needed, but to make sure that they are aware of the new tables that are in storage. If the picnic committee needs the tables in storage plus 10 more, then we give permission to purchase more.
 - Sam Luebbering is the new PPC representative for Picnic Committee meetings. The next meeting is June 7th at 7:30.
 - The Picnic Committee was very thrilled with the new steam table.
- New Parish Council Members: Lynn Reinkemeyer, Linda Boessen, Carol Backes, Erica Loethen

Administration

- The new kitchen in the rectory is completed, a laundry closet upstairs was installed, and the guest bathroom was renovated.
- The new AC unit is installed. The company is still working on glitches with the unit.
- Mark is asking the organist to turn on and off the mini splits in the balcony of Church.
- They are going to be rocking the ditch from Park Street to National Street. The Finance committee has approved this. Mark got 2 bids for the project. The committee approved a bid. The grass has been sprayed in the ditch. The rock will be coming soon.
- There has been one applicant for the maintenance job.
- There is a roach issue in the kitchen. They are going to ask the Pest Control company that does the outside to come in and spray the inside of the buildings too.
- Grass cutting groups, Roseanne asked that we water the lawn at Church, maybe the grass cutting teams can help with this. The council discussed this but did not make a decision on it.

Finance Committee

- The committee worked on the budget with the new stewardship model. We are working towards a goal for the end of June.
- The committee approved the rock ditch along Route B.
- Large projects that are upcoming: Gym roof & Ball park lights
- Richard Heckemeyer will serve as the PPC representative for the Finance Committee.

Pastor's Report

- The school year ended with graduation.
- Mass was at the cemetery for Memorial Day.
- There will be a new Deacon ordained in the Diocese.
- Eucharistic Meeting on Sunday, June 4th for those that are communion ministers.
- Priests from the Diocese are coming to St. Thomas for bowling and ping pong.
- Totus Tous is taking place at St. Thomas June 5th through the 9th.
- There is a Priest Retreat from June 12th - 16th.
- Father thanked the committee for the renovation of his kitchen in the rectory.
- A new president of Helias High School was appointed.

New Business

- Stewardship
 - The CSR Committee is going to be giving a summary and update of what the model is going to look like.
 - Jan Heckemeyer will put an update in the bulletin on how this new model will impact the parish.
 - Father is coming up with a statement about the plan to share with the parish.
 - The committee is going to talk with some of the St. Martin's parishioners about the new model to see how they are doing with it.
 - Theresa Veit is working on a list of activities that the parish does to help towards the Stewardship model to give to the Diocese.
- Directory Pictures: This will be happening from January 3-6, 2024.

Varia: Donation, Giving Tree and Plaques

- Giving Tree from the Building Expansion - Dunja will talk with Jan about this.
- Donated items in Church
- Plaques
 - The PPC discussed possibly hanging these in the walkway into the gym from the cafeteria.

Next Meeting: The meeting is July 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the School Library.

Prayer, Father led a closing prayer, Adjournment.

