

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

**St. Cecilia**  
in Meta

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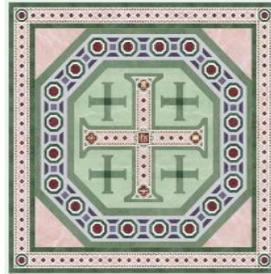
**12<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**JUNE 21, 2020**

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St. Thomas Parish Office hours: Tuesdays 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.; Wednesdays 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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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 21-28:**

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – L&D Lawrence Herigon Family  
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – No Mass (Summer Schedule)  
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Kim Boessen  
Friday 7:45 a.m. – Bob Luebbering  
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Wilfred & Virginia Libbert  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – People of our Parishes

**Your Sunday Offering:**

Offertory Budget for 2019-2020:	\$305,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End:	\$305,000.00
Actual Collection for 2019-2020:	<b>\$272,274.43</b>
Offertory Difference Year to Date:	– \$ 32,725.57
Offertory Goal per month:	\$ 25,413.00

**Collection in Church:**

June 7	\$ 6,130.00
June 14	\$ 2,490.00
June 21	\$
June 28	\$

**Collection Online:** \$ 5,067.00  
**June total to date:** **\$13,687.00**  
Difference for June: –\$11,726.00

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

Total Expansion Project expenses paid: \$2,273,475.34  
Income from parishioners for FY 2019-2020  
(via the yellow "Building Fund" envelope): **\$28,830.20**  
Loan payments to date for FY 2019-2020: **\$101,505.14**  
Principal \$95,677.66 Interest \$5,827.48  
Parish Building Expansion Debt remaining: **\$105,061.19**

**St. Thomas the Apostle Reader**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Jean Kliethermes  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Karen Struempf

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!**

**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. A large variety of cards in various denominations are in stock and available for purchase.

**BISHOP MCKNIGHT'S JUNE PRAYER INTENTION:** May the Sacred Heart of Jesus transform all men, especially fathers, to trust in the model of St. Joseph to instill in them courageous leadership and devotion for those whom God has placed in their care.

**ATTENTION USHERS:** Usher assignments will return to the normal rotations. Please monitor the weekly bulletin. Ushers – There will be a checklist in the back of each entrance that outlines some of the new duties and best practices that are required to help reduce any risks to our parishioners. Some of the new duties include wiping down pews, door handles, etc. Propping doors open before and after Mass. Collecting envelopes and assisting parishioners with seating. If you cannot attend Mass, please find a replacement as you would have done pre COVID 19. If you wish to be temporarily removed from the Usher rotation until after September 11, 2020, please contact Diane Lueckenhoff at 573-645-5794 or [dlueckenhoffoffice@gmail.com](mailto:dlueckenhoffoffice@gmail.com)

**Saint Cecilia**

**Mass Schedule for the Week of June 21-28:**

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Pauline Braun

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Vince & Brad Reinkemeyer

**Your Sunday Offering:**

Offertory Budget for 2019-2020:	\$62,000.00
Collection Total for 2019-2020:	<b>\$54,439.25</b>
Offertory Goal per month:	\$ 5,166.67

**Collection in Church:**

June 7	\$ 2,210.00
June 14	\$ 908.00
June 21	\$
June 28	\$

**June total to date:** **\$ 3,118.00**  
Difference for June: –\$ 2,048.67

**COLLECTION COUNTERS:**

June: Pam Libbert & Marie Lueckenotto  
July: Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer

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

**St. Cecilia Reader:**

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Doris Stumpe

**Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia**

Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Dorothy Rehagen

**ATTENTION READERS:** Reader assignments will return to normal pre COVID 19 rotations. Please watch the bulletin. If you cannot attend Mass, please find a replacement as you would have done pre COVID 19. If you wish to be temporarily removed from the Reader rotation until after September 11, 2020, please contact Diane Lueckenhoff at 573-645-5794 or [dlueckenhoff@gmail.com](mailto:dlueckenhoff@gmail.com).

**PASTOR'S MEDITATION: FEAST OF IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY (Lk 2:41-51)**

The Immaculate Heart of Mary is the patroness of the Diocese of Jefferson City. Bishop W. Shawn McKnight has authorized the Diocese to celebrate this feast on June 21, 2020. 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*.

In the Heart of Mary, 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 Mary's Immaculate Heart, 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 Mary's Immaculate Heart is the twice-repeated saying of St. Luke (Lk 2:41-51) that *Mary kept all the sayings and doings of Jesus in her heart*, that she might ponder over 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* is also an expression of her humility. 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.*" 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.

**Dear 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 Mukibi*

**Note To St. Thomas the Apostle Parishioners "Mass Changes After June 16, 2020":**

As you may have heard, Governor Parson lifted the statewide health order beginning June 16, 2020. Shortly thereafter, the Diocese of Jefferson City issued an updated Decree On Pastoral Activities which loosens some of the previous restrictions. The Decree document is on page 4 of the bulletin and also on the website and Facebook page.

With these considerations in mind, the St. Thomas the Apostle Parish will be implementing new guidelines starting immediately:

- Masks are encouraged but are not required.
- If you are symptomatic for COVID-19 please do not enter church.
- **SEATING:**
- The Blessed Virgin Mary side of the church will remain roped off for the next few weeks to allow for continued social distancing for those who prefer it.
- The St. Joseph side of the church and balcony will be open for seating as normal. Usher and Reader assignments will return to normal. Please watch the bulletin. If you do not wish to be assigned, please contact Diane Lueckenhoff at 573-645-5794, [dlueckenhoffoffice@gmail.com](mailto:dlueckenhoffoffice@gmail.com) or the Parish Office. Special instructions (checklist) for Ushers will be in back of church at each entrance. You are responsible for finding a replacement.
- Please maintain social distancing during Communion. The floor is marked for this purpose.
- There will be no offertory procession or sign of peace.
- Stationary basket(s) are available for offertory collection envelopes. The baskets are currently located in the aisle near handicap pew.
- Communion ministers are to sanitize hands before **and** after distributing Holy Communion and must use facemasks during distribution of Holy Communion.
- Missals are at the back of church. If you take one, please take it home with you as this becomes your personal missal.
- Hand sanitizers and masks are available in back of church.
- Holy water fonts will remain empty.
- If you are uncomfortable in returning to Mass at St Thomas the Apostle, Bishop McKnight has dispensed the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligations until **September 11**, 2020 provided you follow one of the three (3) obligations found in his decree. St Thomas the Apostle will continue to live stream the Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass for you to view. Thanks for your patience!

**PLEASE READ  
ST. CECILIA CHURCH**

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTENDING ALL PUBLIC MASSES**

We are re-establishing public Mass at St. Cecilia Church following Diocese guidelines. Please review Bishop McKnight's instructions on the parish website under the Resources page.

- Entrance is thru front door only. Side doors will be locked.
- We have limited seating (50-60) available and will be first come, first served. When the capacity limit is reached, no additional parishioners will be allowed to enter church.

- If you have a fever, cough, sore throat, symptomatic or been exposed to someone with the virus within the last 14 days –

**PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND MASS**

- You are **required to wear a face mask or face covering** when entering and exiting church and going to and from Communion. Face masks or coverings are not required to be worn when you are in the pews. When receiving Communion, pull down your mask or covering, place the Eucharist in your mouth, and immediately replace your mask or covering before returning to your pew. Distribution of communion will be in a single row only by Fr. Leonard.
- Please **maintain appropriate social distancing of 6 feet**. Follow floor markings when receiving communion.
- Please sit in pews that are marked. Also, only the organist and cantors are allowed to be on the balcony.
- Family members may sit together.
- Place tithe/offertory in basket near entrance of church on table.
- Please refrain from using restroom if possible.
- Missals have been removed from the pews and are available on a table at the church entrance. If you want a missal, please take it home with you. Do not leave the missal in the pew. This will become your personal missal to use until after restrictions are released. Please bring back with you for the next mass.

**THE DIOCESE HAS UPDATED THE PRAYER FOR A COMMUNION OF DESIRE:** My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You

sacramentally, renew my heart now with the power of Your Spirit. I embrace You and unite myself wholly to You. Unite me more closely to Your Body, the Church. And never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

**REMINDERS FOR PARISHIONERS** that every First Friday of the month, we have a Holy Hour/Adoration followed by Benediction at St. Thomas and at St. Cecilia the last Friday of the month from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH** will be having a picnic on Sunday, August 16. We will be serving cafeteria style. Menu will be the same. If you cannot work or do not feel comfortable working, please contact Larry Lueckenhoff by text, phone or email 573-619-7645, [lueckenhoff@embarqmail.com](mailto:lueckenhoff@embarqmail.com). The Picnic Committee will be reaching out to the Cole County Health Department for any input/restrictions that they might have.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PICNIC QUILTS:** Thank you to everyone who helped towards the quilts for our 2020 picnic. We have a good selection and hope the auction goes well. Please return your 2020 picnic quilt to Emily Luebbering or Kathy Strobe as soon as possible. Please mark them with its correct name. If you have a baby quilt or towels for our parish auction, please call Diane Lueckenhoff at 573-645-5794 or Charlene Buschjost at 573-477-3480 as soon as possible.

**ST. CECILIA HOLY HOUR** is Friday, June 26, 7:00 p.m. St. Cecilia Church.

**ST. CECILIA CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL (CSA):** St. Cecilia Parish's assessment goal is short around \$700. Any additional donations to help reach our goal would be greatly appreciated. Donations need to be put in an envelope marked "Catholic Stewardship Appeal" and checks need to be made payable the same. Donations can be dropped off in collection basket or mail to St. Cecilia Parish, P.O. Box 146, St. Thomas, MO 65076, to the attention of Doris Stumpe.

**ST. CECILIA CEMETERY DUES** were due in May. If you have not done so, please send your dues to Karyn Veltrop, 772 County Road 508, St Thomas, Mo 65076. If you have questions, call her at 573-229-4395.

**SATURDAY EVENING MASS IN ST. CECILIA:** Fr. Leonard will be offering Saturday evening mass at St. Cecilia in Meta starting the 3<sup>RD</sup> Saturday in June (June 20) at 7:00 p.m. Fr. Leonard will offer Saturday evening mass the 1<sup>ST</sup> Saturday and 3<sup>RD</sup> Saturday of each month until the end of September.

**ST. CECILIA PARISH WILL NOT** be having their picnic this July due to the COVID 19 Pandemic. The parish is asking each family to donate \$100 and each single household member to donate \$50 to the St. Cecilia Picnic Fund. A special collection will be taken up on Sunday, July 12 which would have been the date of the picnic. The Quilt Auction will be held at the Citizens Civic League Fall Supper in September. Proceeds from Quilt Auction will be split as usual. Please put donations in an envelope marked "St. Cecilia Picnic" and checks should be made payable to St. Cecilia Picnic also.

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

Week of June 21<sup>st</sup>: Sonya Henson, Susan Buechter, Jackie Prenger, Amy Buechter

Week of June 28<sup>th</sup>: Janet Lueckenhoff, Jim Lueckenhoff, Charlene Buschjost, Randy Buschjost

Week of July 5<sup>th</sup>: Alan Libbert, Nancy Libbert, Darrel Buechter

Week of July 12<sup>th</sup>: Lynne Reinkemeyer, Linda Boessen, Lauri Luebbering, Lisa Lackman

*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.*

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

Week of June 22: Richard Schellman, Pat Schellman & Paul Struempfler

Week of June 29: Paul & Jenny Becker, Eric & Shara Buechter

Week of July 6: Alan Reinkemeyer, Richard Heckemeyer and Dave Schroeder.

Week of July 13: Mark Luebbering, Antone Luebbering and Nick Luebbering

Week of July 20: Mark Graessle, Jeff Cassmeyer and Fred Luebbering

**THE PREGNANCY HELP CENTER BUBBLES AND BOUNCES 5K WALK/RUN** has been moved to July 11. It will be at Memorial Park in Jefferson City. Registrations begins at 8:30 a.m. and the race will start at 9:00 a.m. Go to [www.friendsofphc.org](http://www.friendsofphc.org) to get all the details.

**SAVE THE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR:**

**St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Picnic – August 16, 2020**

**PLEASE REMEMBER THESE IMPORTANT COVID-19 PANDEMIC REMINDERS:**

Please check the Diocesan webpage at <https://diojeffcity.org/public-health/>

Information can be found on the St Thomas Parish website at <http://www.stthomasapostle.net/> and St. Cecilia website at <http://www.stceciliameta.net/>

**Tithe/Financial Commitment:** Please strive to keep up with your **financial commitment** to the parish during this time when public worship and events have been restricted or suspended. The work of our parishes and staff continues with ongoing expenses and financial obligations. There will be a basket in Church to place your envelope in if you attend Mass. **St. Thomas the Apostle parishioners** can mail contributions to the parish office at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, PO Box 146, St. Thomas, MO 65076. Or you may sign up for electronic giving through ACH payments. Blank ACH forms are available in St. Thomas the Apostle Church entrances and on the parish website. Call or email the St. Thomas the Apostle Parish office if you have questions about ACH payments.

**For St. Cecilia Parishioners** that would like to contribute towards their weekly/monthly Tithe, please feel free to do so. The contribution envelope can be mailed to St. Cecilia Parish, P.O. Box 146, St. Thomas, MO 65076 to the attention of Doris Stumpe. Your contribution will be graciously appreciated to keep the upkeep/expenses of the parish going during this time of COVID-19.

**Outreach to our parish community/vicinity:** Please contact the parish offices, Father Leonard or a PPC member of your needs or the needs of others. If you wish to volunteer, the Diocese enrollment is at <https://diojeffcity.org/parish-disaster-responders-team-volunteer-form>. If you know of someone needing assistance, please don't hesitate to call.

**Updates and Communications:** Ongoing updates will be communicated through the following: St. Thomas the Apostle and St. Cecilia parish websites, St. Thomas the Apostle Parish and School Facebook pages, marquee signs at both churches, and church bulletins.

**Other Information:** The CDC's COVID-19 page is an accurate, credible source that is consistently updated with directives from the White House. The webpage is found at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

We encourage all parishioners to pray, **O Immaculate Heart of Mary, we entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. Bring under your mantle of protection all who provide care for the sick and minister to their needs, as your Son implores us to do for one another. We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Amen.**

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PARKBOARD CONCESSION STAND WORKERS**

Monday, June 22	8:00 p.m.	12U Girls	Kevin & Leann Lehmen
Tuesday, June 23	6:30 p.m.	7U Boys	Glenn & Andrea Reynolds
Thursday, June 25	6:30 p.m.	7U Boys	Jason & Jenna Volmert
Friday, June 26	6:30 p.m.	8U Girls	Dustin & Amber Stegeman
Friday, June 26	8:00 p.m.	10U Boys	Wes & Lori Libbert

**Decree on pastoral activities following the governor's declaration lifting statewide restrictions for the COVID-19 pandemic**

June 15, 2020 | Public Health Concerns

Whereas Governor Mike Parson has lifted the statewide health order beginning 16 June 2020, leaving the determination of public health requirements to local governments; and

Whereas the Department of Health and Senior Services of the State of Missouri and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention of the United States Federal Government continue to recommend: the observance of social distancing and the use of face masks when in gatherings; that persons 65 years of age and older, as well as those with certain medical conditions, avoid public gatherings as much as possible; and the practice of frequent handwashing or use of hand sanitizers; and

Whereas the common good demands that the public health requirements and recommendations of the state are to be observed whenever possible;

I therefore declare, as the diocesan bishop, the following:

1. All the faithful of the Diocese of Jefferson City, and those who are present in the territory of the Diocese, are dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation until 11 September 2020, provided that for days of precept after 1 July 2020 they do one of the following:

- Participate in the Sunday or holy day of obligation Mass livestreamed from their parish church or chapel, the Cathedral, or the Vatican.
- Prayerfully read and meditate on the readings of the Mass for the Sunday or holy day of obligation, and recite the rosary.
- Prayerfully read and meditate on the readings of the Mass for the Sunday or holy day of obligation, and recite the Divine Mercy chaplet.

2. Parishes are highly encouraged to livestream Masses for Sundays and holy days of obligation through Labor Day weekend.

3. Those who are symptomatic for COVID-19 are not permitted to enter church properties, in accordance with national, state and local health directives. All are asked to check their temperature at home before going to church.

4. Those who are 65 years of age or older, and those with medical conditions, are highly encouraged not to go to Mass when it is likely that there will be a large number of the faithful in attendance or if social distancing and the wearing of face masks are not observed.

5. Those who do not attend Mass on Sundays are encouraged to attend Mass on a weekday if it would be easier to observe the proper social distancing and other health recommendations.

6. Pastors, parochial administrators, parish life collaborators, and the presidents and principals of Catholic schools are strictly obliged to follow the public health requirements, directives or orders of local government officials for gatherings of the faithful, including for the celebrations of Mass, weddings and funerals, other liturgies, devotions, school and catechetical activities, social events, sports activities, and meetings.

7. The celebration of weddings outside of Mass may take place outdoors on the grounds of and in proximity to the parish church or chapels, according to the judgement of the pastor, parochial administrator, or parish life collaborator.

8. The observance of social distancing, the use of face masks, and all other public health recommendations of state authorities should be followed whenever possible, according to the judgment of the pastor, parochial administrator, parish life collaborator, president or principal. Consultation with the bishop, vicar general, moderator of the curia, local dean, liturgy commission chairman, or superintendent is recommended.

9. The use of face masks upon entering the church, during the celebration of Mass except when in place in the pew, during the Communion procession, and upon leaving the church is highly encouraged.

10. The offertory procession, the sign of peace, and Holy Communion from the chalice shall continue to be suspended. One or more stationary collection baskets are to be used rather than baskets passed or taken up by ushers. Where it has been the practice, the holding of hands during the Our Father must not be done.

11. Communion ministers are to sanitize their hands before and after distributing Holy Communion, and they must use face masks during the distribution of Holy Communion.

12. Communicants are encouraged to wear face masks during the reception of Holy Communion, and it is requested that Holy Communion be received in the hand.

13. Those who persist in their desire to receive Holy Communion on the tongue may do so but only after those who receive Holy Communion in the hand, or in a Communion line designated solely for Holy Communion on the tongue. Communion ministers must purify and then sanitize their fingers after distributing Holy Communion on the tongue to each household.

14. High use areas within the church must be cleaned after each service:

- The pews used by the assembly shall be cleaned after each use.
- Restroom facilities and door handles, push plates, and door knobs are to be sanitized after each service.
- It is advisable to have entrance and exit doors propped open during high traffic volumes before and after Mass.

15. Hymnals and other books are to remain stored for the duration of the pandemic. No materials may be left in the pews or adoration chapels. The faithful are encouraged to bring their own missals, hymnals and devotional books.

16. Holy water fonts shall remain empty.

17. Hand sanitizer should be made available throughout church and school facilities.

This decree is effective from 16 June 2020 and until 11 September 2020, anything to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given at the Chancery of the Diocese of Jefferson City on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June 2020.

**Most Rev. W. Shawn McKnight**  
Bishop of Jefferson City

