

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

St. Cecilia
in Meta

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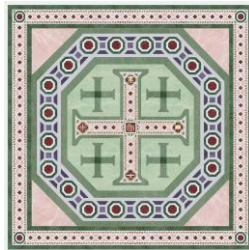
12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 25, 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 25-July 2:

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Ernest & Rose Mary Buschjost

Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Hallie Phillips

Friday 7:45 a.m. – Stanley Stroe

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

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Joe & Amy Veit

Your Sunday Offering:

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

Offertory Goal through Month End: \$305,000.00

Actual Collection for 2022-2023: **\$299,775.57**

Offertory Difference Year to Date: -\$ 5,224.43

Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

June 4 \$ 6,644.80

June 11 \$ 3,859.46

June 18 \$ 3,098.46

June 25 \$

Collection Online: \$ 6,872.00

June total to date: **\$20,474.72**

Difference for June: -\$ 4,942.28

Church Renovation Capital Campaign

Total Pledges/Donations \$487,139.70

Total Collected \$494,739.23

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

July 1 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Amanda Wooten / Jackie

July 2 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mary Kay Brand / Jeanette

July 8 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Lisa Wieberg / Jeanette

July 9 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Josh Luebbering / Alanna

St. Thomas the Apostle Readers

July 1 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kathy Graessle

July 2 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Richard Heckemeyer

July 8 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Amanda Wooten

July 9 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jan Heckemeyer

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of June 25-July 2:

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Vince & Brad Reinkemeyer

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Fred & Florentine Hagenhoff

Your Sunday Offering:

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

Collection Total for 2022-2023: **\$63,232.71**

Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,416.67

Collection in Church:

June 4 \$ 912.50

June 11 \$1,141.00

June 18 \$ 713.00

June 25 \$

June total to date: **\$ 2,766.50**

Difference for June: -\$3,363.17

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

July – Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer

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

St. Cecilia Readers

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer

Sunday, July 2 8:00 a.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer

Sunday, June 9 8:00 a.m. – Karyn Veltrop

St. Cecilia Organist

Sunday, July 2 8:00 a.m. – Jeanette

Sunday, July 9 8:00 a.m. – Lydia

**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

July 1 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Eric Strobe & Mark Boessen
July 2 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Larry Lueckenhoff & Josh Schroeder
July 8 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Eric & Roseanne Boessen
July 9 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Shane & Zeke Verslues

**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

July 1 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Brenda Wansing
July 2 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jan Heckemeyer
July 8 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Marshall Boessen
July 9 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Lynne Reinkemeyer

St. Thomas the Apostle Servers

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
July 8 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Gregory Kirby, Carmen Luebbering,
Emerald Fennewald
July 9 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Victoria & Will Wieberg,
Isabella Luebbering, Kora Luebbering

St. Thomas the Apostle Offertory Gifts

July 1 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ushers
July 2 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Family of Joe & Amy Veit

St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters

July 2– Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman
July 9 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes
July 16 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg
July 23 -Dunja Wieberg & Jennifer Schroeder

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

July 2 Jenny Becker
July 9 Karlie Reinkemeyer
July 16 Lauri Luebbering
July 23 Brooke Schell
July 30 Dunja Wieberg

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

St. Thomas the Apostle Church Cleaners

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
July 23: Janet Lueckenhoff, Jim Lueckenhoff, Charlene Buschjost, Randy Buschjost

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.

NOTES OF THANKS!

The family of Betty Kemna wants to thank everyone that attended mom's services, sent cards, offered kind words, and prayed for us and mom. Your kindness was appreciated. **Nancy and Allan Libbert**

I wanted to send a note to the parish in gratitude for hosting Totus Tuus at St. Thomas again this year. My children speak to the great lessons and friendships built throughout this week on an ongoing basis. Our current parish in the Diocese of Davenport has had to cut down on the number of Totus Tuus sessions significantly and currently only offers six all summer. It is very encouraging to see the number of opportunities available to attend Totus Tuus in the Jefferson City Diocese as this is so important to foster that love and commitment to our faith in our future generations! **Anne (Loethen) Adam**

MASS ATTENDANCE counting will continue in the Diocese of Jefferson City for at least the next 2 years.

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.

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.

St. Cecilia Eucharistic Ministers

July 2 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Jennifer Even
July 9 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Doris Stumpe

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

July 2 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Harold Libbert, Leon Schanzmeyer,
Darin Even, Mitch Stumpe
July 9 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Brendan Stumpe, Randy Hagenhoff,
Kenny Otto, Otto Wankum

St. Cecilia Servers

July 2 Sunday 8:00 a.m.–Sarah & Elizabeth Backes,
Tucker Schroeder
July 9 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Bradyn & Kambrie Stegeman
**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

July 2 Sunday 8:00 a.m.- Family of Fred & Florentine
Hagenhoff

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Wednesday 6:05 p.m. –Cathy Borgmeyer– Glorious
Mysteries
July 2 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Mary Plassmeyer
Luminous Mysteries
July 9 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Dorothy Rehagen
Joyful 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.

BISHOP MCKNIGHT JUNE PRAYER INTENTION: 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 \$1,615.00. St Cecilia's Goal is \$2,601. The CSA goal for St. Thomas the Apostle Parish is \$10,400 Received \$8,435.00 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.

PASTORS MEDITATION: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time: **WITNESSING BOLDLY TO JESUS. (Jer. 20:10-13; Rom. 5:12-15; Mt. 10:26-33)** Our Scripture readings today challenge us to preach Christ through our words and lives without fear.

The first reading tells us how the prophet Jeremiah trusted in the power of God while he faced opposition for his prophetic ministry. He was intimidated by attacks upon his character, but he was unafraid to speak out in the name of the Lord. The psalmist in today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 69) trusts in God when he is misunderstood and ill-treated even by his brothers and relatives. In the second reading, Paul assures the Christians in Rome that they need not be afraid of opposition both because they share in the death of Jesus and because they are united with Christ, the new Adam, in his Resurrection.

Today's Gospel passage is taken from the end of Jesus' instruction to his disciples as he sends them forth to carry on his mission of preaching and healing. He asks them to live simple lives and to expect opposition and rejection. After having foretold future opposition and persecution, Jesus encourages his disciples to stand firm. Three times they are urged, "Do not fear!" "Do not be afraid!" Instead of shrinking from their task, they are to proclaim the Gospel boldly because they will be protected, just as Jeremiah was assured of God's protection. Hence, Jesus commands his disciples not to fear their persecutors. He presents before them the image of the sparrow to reinforce the disciples' trust and hope in God. The readings hint at the opposition we Christians encounter as we carry on the work of Jesus in the world, and they encourage us to persevere in doing the work of Jesus. They assure us that we will be successful, despite the opposition we encounter. Therefore, friends we need not be afraid because our life is in the hands of a loving God. Sometimes we are afraid that we will make a wrong decision. At other times, we are afraid of what others will think when we speak up for Jesus. We are afraid of what the future will bring to our children. We are also afraid of growing old. Sometimes we are afraid of what declining health will bring us. At the root of these fears is the fear of loss. Every fear we have is grounded in the knowledge that we have something or someone to lose. I can lose my job, family, house, money, reputation, health, and even life itself. Rejection and loss are the basis of our fears. But we forget one thing: whatever trouble or crisis affects us, we know that God understands it better than we ourselves do. Our Heavenly Father knows exactly what is happening. What a release from fear it is to know that God is with us; that our life is in the hands of a loving God! The next time fear grips us we need to remember that being faithful to Christ wherever we meet him in this life is much more important than our fear of loss or rejection by others. Also, let us take a moment to recall some of the great promises of God. Let us remind ourselves that God cares, each of us is a dear child of God, and He cares for each of us. "Don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows." Friends, "Trust in the Lord. Have Faith; do not despair."

Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukibi

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE FINANCE COMMITTEE will be meeting on Tuesday, June 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the Vitae House.

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 HOLY HOUR & ANOINTING OF THE SICK is Friday, June 30, 7:00 p.m.

META PARISHIONERS, by now all workers should have received a worklist for our upcoming picnic. Please locate your assignment place and make plans to help. There are raffle tickets and posters for you if you can advertise in your place of employment in the back of Church. Feel free to take.

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION is Tuesday, June 27, 7:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

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 may be 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 Strobe 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.

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.

CITIZENS CIVIC LEAGUE: The June monthly meeting of the Citizens Civic League will be held on June 26th at 7:00 p.m. These meetings are open to the public and are always held on the 4th Monday of the month, March thru October at 7:00 p.m.

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

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JULY 9, 2023

St. Cecilia Parish Picnic

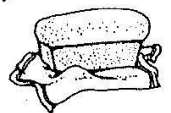
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SERVING BUFFET STYLE/DINE IN OR CARRY OUT

ADULTS: \$15.00 — CHILDREN 6-12: \$8.00 — 5 AND UNDER: FREE
ALL CARRY OUTS ARE \$15.00

Fried Chicken & Roast Beef Dinner

*Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, Cole Slaw,
Home Baked Bread and Pie*



— Serving from 11:00 am - 6:00 pm —

**QUILT AND
DESSERTS
AUCTION
AT 4:00 P.M.**



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But the LORD is with me, like a mighty champion: my persecutors will stumble, they will not prevail. In their failure they will be put to utter shame, to lasting, unforgettable confusion. LORD of hosts, you test the just, you see mind and heart, let me see the vengeance you take on them, for to you I have entrusted my cause.

Jeremiah 20:11-12



Trust in the Lord! This “mighty champion” is for us, not against us. He is generous, kind and merciful. Set fear aside, spread the Good News and give him glory through your generosity, kindness and mercy for others.

