

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 4, 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 4-11:

Tuesday 8:00 a.m. – Alex Heckman
Wednesday 8:00 a.m. – Teresa Kaiser
Thursday 8:00 a.m. – Tom (Butch) Loethen
Friday 8:00 a.m. – Bob & Donnie Luebbering
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ray, Marcella & Sam Herigon
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mass of Thanksgiving
Gilbert & Hermina Strobe 59th Wedding Anniversary
People of our Parishes

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2022-2023:	\$305,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End:	\$279,587.00
Actual Collection for 2022-2023:	\$279,300.85
Offertory Difference Year to Date:	-\$ 286.15
Offertory Goal per month:	\$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

May 7	\$ 5,179.27
May 14	\$ 5,463.27
May 21	\$ 4,841.77
May 28	\$ 4,171.52

Collection Online: \$ 6,972.00

May total to date: **\$26,627.83**

Difference for May: +\$ 1,210.83

Church Renovation Capital Campaign

Total Pledges/Donations	\$486,989.70
Total Collected	\$492,712.00
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	\$111,183.63
Loan payments to date	\$98,295.00
(principal) \$88,816.37	(interest) \$9,478.63

St. Thomas the Apostle Cantors / Organists

June 10 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Judy Schroeder / Jeanette
June 11 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Josh Luebbering / Jackie
June 17 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kelsey Kliethermes / Jeanette
June 18 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Anne Strobe / Alanna

St. Thomas the Apostle Readers

June 10 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – David Schroeder
June 11 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mary Kay Brand
June 17 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Jan Carter
June 18 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Katie Luebbering

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of June 4-11:

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Cindy Wansing Carmack

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Danny Libbert

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2022-2023:	\$65,000.00
Collection Total for 2022-2023:	\$60,466.21
Offertory Goal per month:	\$ 5,416.67

Collection in Church:

May 7	\$ 946.00
May 14	\$1,398.00
May 21	\$ 793.00
May 28	\$1,650.00

May total to date: **\$4,787.00**

Difference for May: -\$ 629.67

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. – Samantha Helton
Sunday, June 11 8:00 a.m. – Doris Stumpe
Sunday, June 18 8:00 a.m. – Betty Hagenhoff

St. Cecilia Organist

Sunday, June 11 8:00 a.m. – Emilie
Sunday, June 18 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

June 10 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Eric Strope & Mark Boessen
June 11 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Shane & Zeke Verslues
June 17 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Eric & Roseanne Boessen
June 18 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Tom Backes & 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 10 Saturday 5:00 p.m. –Jan Carter
June 11 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Richard Heckemeyer
June 17 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Rosalyn Wieberg
June 18 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Marshall Boessen

St. Thomas the Apostle Servers

June 10 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Carmen Luebbering,
Emerald Fennewald, Ellie & Sadie Boessen
June 11 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Valerie, Zeke & Max Verslues,
Isabella Luebbering
June 17 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Miranda Meyer, Ava Buschjost,
Evelyn Wooten, JD Volmert
June 18 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Fayeth Prenger, Kora Luebbering,
Erika Luebbering, Angelina Veltrop

St. Thomas the Apostle Offertory Gifts

June 10 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Family of Ray, Marcella, &
Sam Herigon
June 11 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Family of Gilbert & Hermina
Strope

St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters

June 11 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes
June 18 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg
June 25 -Dunja Wieberg & Jennifer Schroeder
July 2– Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman

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

June 11 Lauri Luebbering
June 18 Brooke Schell
June 25 Dunja Wieberg
July 2 Jenny Becker
July 9 Karlie Reinkemeyer

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday 7:35 a.m. – Bob Schellman – Sorrowful Mysteries
Wednesday –7:35 a.m. – Dale Herigon – Glorious Mysteries
Thursday 7:35 a.m. –Gilbert & Hermina – Luminous Mysteries
Friday 7:35 a.m. – Shirley Volmert – Sorrowful Mysteries
Saturday 4:35 p.m. – Dale Herigon – Glorious Mysteries
Sunday 9:35 a.m. – Tina Stockman – Glorious Mysteries

St. Thomas the Apostle Church Cleaners

June 4: Brooke Schell, Tina Stockman, Gina Luebbering, Karen Luebbering
June 11: Alan Libbert, Nancy Libbert, Darrel Buechter, Jan Heckemeyer
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

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.

MORNING MASSES AT ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE THIS WEEK are Tuesday through Friday at **8:00 a.m.** (Totus Tuus).

NOTES OF THANKS!

Thank you to the St. Thomas the Apostle Parish for prayers and cards during Gilbert's hospital stay. We are blessed to be part of St. Thomas Parish. Keep praying for each other. **Hermina & Gilbert Strope**

A heartfelt thank you to the St. Elizabeth Fire Department, Meta Fire and Rescue, the firefighters, first responders, friends, family, neighbors, and anyone who came out to help with the hay/hoop building fire at our farm. A special thank you to the ladies who so diligently supplied everyone with water and snacks. Thank you to everyone who called, text or sent regards during this time. We are very fortunate to live in such a caring community. **Melvin & Doris Bax**

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.

SR. ROSEMARY BOESSEN is celebrating her birthday and 65 year Anniversary of becoming a nun on Saturday, June 17, 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

St. Cecilia Eucharistic Ministers

June 11 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Pam Libbert
June 18 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic Plassmeyer

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

June 11 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Harold Libbert, Leon Schanzmeyer,
Darin Even, Mitch Stumpe
June 18 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Brendan Stumpe,
Randy Hagenhoff, Kenny Otto, Otto Wankum

St. Cecilia Servers

June 11 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Henry & Annaline Schroeder
June 18 Sunday 8:00 a.m.–Skyla, Jesse & 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 11 Sunday 8:00 a.m.- Family of Danny Libbert

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Wednesday 6:05 p.m. –Cathy Borgmeyer
Glorious Mysteries
June 11 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Mary Plassmeyer
Luminous Mysteries
June 18 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Dorothy Rehagen
Glorious 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.

TOTUS TUUS (Latin for "Totally Yours") is a summer youth program that combines Catholic faith and FUN!!! A team of college-age students and seminarians are coming to our parish the week of **June 4th through June 9th**. The youthfulness and energy of these teachers is an inspiring way to share faith and their enthusiasm is contagious, so come out and join us!!! TOTUS TUUS is Monday-Friday 7:45 am-1:30pm for school children going into grades 1-6. The day includes catechetical instruction, songs and skits that are silly but teach serious stuff, encounters with the sacraments - particularly Confession and Eucharist, and time for games and recess. For junior high and high school youth, TOTUS TUUS is Sunday-Thursday 6:00-8:00 pm with more in-depth discussions on our theme. Cost is \$30 per student for the day program and \$15 per cost for the evening program. To register please go to: <http://www.stthomasapostle.net/totus-tuus.html> or if you have questions, please email tveitoffice@gmail.com or call the Parish Office at 477-3315 during office hours.

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.

PASTORS MEDITATION: HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY: GOD LOVES THE WORLD. (Ex. 34:4b-6, 8-9; 2Cor. 13:11-13; Jn. 3:16-18) 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 importance of the Holy Trinity in the Christian life: All prayers in the Church begin in the Name of the Holy Trinity and end glorifying the Trinity. All Sacraments are administered (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. From the scriptures, 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. At the Annunciation, God the Father sends His angel to Mary, God the Holy Spirit comes upon her, the Power of the Most High overshadowed her, and God the Son becomes Incarnate in her womb. 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. 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. In John's 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 Mukiibi**

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL would like to welcome the following parishioners who have volunteered to serve on the PPC committee - Carol Backes, Linda Boessen, Erica Loethen & Lynne Reinkemeyer. Thank you for sharing your time and talent!

A ROSARY FOR OUR COUNTRY will be prayed on Sunday, June 4, 5:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

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 would like to thank Mid-America Bank (Business Partner) for all the wonderful things they provided to our school this year and Speedy B's for donating ice throughout the school year.

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.

DIOCESAN SUMMER CAMPS: For More information on Diocesan Summer Camps and to register click here: <https://diojeffcity.org/youth-camps/> **For Camps to be a success we need help from others:** For High Schoolers interested in Volunteering: <https://diojeffcity.org/camp-lolek-high-school-volunteers/> For Parishioners and Parents interested in Volunteering: <https://diojeffcity.org/adult-summer-camp-volunteers/>

WOMEN'S MINISTRY SPRING INTO SUMMER PILGRIMAGE: Join us for a day of prayer, fellowship, and Faith Formation the newly redecorated Cathedral of Saint Joseph. Enjoy tours of the newly renovated Cathedral, a break-out session on ways to deepen your prayer life, and an Adoration Hour! Keynote Address will be given by Patty Schneier about "The Eucharist: The Source & Summit of Everything!" The event will be held June 10 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 pm at St. Joseph Cathedral, 2305 W Main Street Jefferson City, MO. Register at diojeffcity.org/wmjuneregistration. \$10 fee for luncheon. Scholarship tickets available.

THE OVER 50 GROUP is meeting on June 8 for our get together at the St Cecilia Parish Center, eating at noon. Please bring a covered dish of any kind to share. See you then.

CARMELITE NUNS: The ministry of our Carmelite Nuns is to offer prayer and sacrifice for the Church and the people of the Diocese of Jefferson City. To make a prayer request, write or email the Carmelite Nuns at carmelofjc.prayers@gmail.com 31920 State Highway P, Clyde, MO 64432.

DIVINE MERCY SIGNS: St. Thomas Knights of Columbus will be stocking the following sizes: Small 8 x 12 one-sided \$15, Medium 20 x 27 two-sided \$35, Large 24 x 48 two-sided \$90. The signs will be available at the Knights or Ladies Auxiliary meetings or by calling Janet Lueckenhoff 573-690-5682.

THE DIOCESE OF JEFFERSON CITY warns the public of what appears to be an ongoing phishing scam involving emails and texts purportedly from priests or parish/Chancery staff. This scam has hit many parishes across the United States. The email or text purports to be from a person the target knows, such as one's pastor, a parish staff member, the bishop or someone else from the Church. If the target responds to the fake email or text, the sender will follow up with a request for some sort of monetary assistance, often for gift cards or iTunes cards. It is truly unfortunate cyber criminals will attempt to exploit the generous nature of our community. Sending emails or texts asking for cash or gift cards is not how priests, parishes or the Diocese of Jefferson City seeks financial assistance for our work. If you receive an email or text from a trusted church personnel asking for assistance, confirm by calling that person and do NOT respond to the email or text. For more information on phishing scams and email security, or The FBI website address to file an online Internet crime complaint is <https://www.ic3.gov>.

ST. NICHOLAS ACADEMY is a supportive living experience for boys from families that are under-resourced who want to give their sons every opportunity to succeed in school and life. Thanks to St. Nick's partners with families and St. Peter Interparish School to provide this opportunity. St. Nick's is seeking Christian, married couples or single individuals who are willing to be part of a pool of relief parents. The role of relief parents is to care for the boys and home when the full-time house parents are off duty or away. Typically, the full-time house parents are off duty every fourth weekend from 9:00 AM Friday through 7:00 PM Sunday. Relief parents, on a rotational schedule, fill in during this time. They may also be asked to be on a call list to help fill in when the house parents are on vacation and/or sick. Relief parents receive an hourly wage, all legally mandated benefits and a compensation package that includes a private suite and all meals for the days on duty. Please contact Sister Susan Renner, SSND at 573-635-7719 or director@stnick.org

OUR LADY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS PARISH PICNIC, FRANKENSTEIN is Sunday, June 4, serving fried chicken & German pot roast dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. \$15.00 per meal. Quilt auction 4:30 p.m.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH PICNIC, LOOSE CREEK is Sunday, June 11, serving fried chicken & German pot roast dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Carry-outs IC Parish 11:00-7:00 p.m., Drive thru at Loose Creek Community Center noon to 6:00 p.m. All dinner plates \$15.00. Car parade/show 2:00 p.m. Quilt auction 5:00 p.m.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH PICNIC, TAOS is SATURDAY, June 17, serving fried chicken & roast beef dinners from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. Adults \$15.00, children 6-12 \$7.00. Kiddie Tractor Pull 7:00 p.m. Quilt auction 5:30 p.m. Mass at 4:00 p.m.

WARDSVILLE/OSAGE BEND KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HOME ASSOCIATION CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT is Friday, June 17, at Redfield Golf Course, Eugene at 9:00 a.m. shotgun start. 36 Team limit, \$400 per team/\$100 per person. Cash prizes awarded each flight. Hole sponsors \$100 per hole, lunch provided. For tournament registration and information, please contact Jeff Ahlers 573-694-0291, Mark Heckman 573-680-5535, Leo Ahlers 573-291-3122, Don Keever 573-690-2866.

SAVE THE DATES: Totus Tuus – June 4-9

St. Cecilia Parish Picnic – July 9, 2023

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Picnic – August 20, 2023

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish 27th Annual Fall Fantasy – November 4, 2023

*The grace of the Lord
Jesus Christ and the love
of God and the fellowship
of the Holy Spirit be with
all of you.*

2 Corinthians 13:13

**God gave himself, through
the person of his Son, out
of love for us. Our faith
calls us to give of ourselves
to God in love and we will
receive the grace of Jesus,
the love of God and the
fellowship of the Holy Spirit
which leads us to heaven.**



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