

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

**St. Cecilia**  
in Meta

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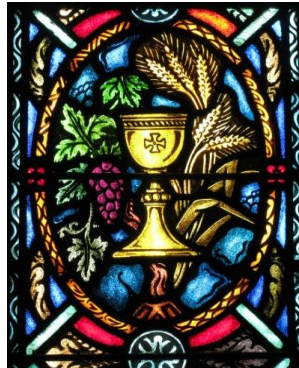
**TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**JUNE 5, 2016**

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St. Thomas Parish Office hours: Tuesdays 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Thursdays 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
School Office hours during school year: Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
**Confessions:** Saturdays 4:00 - 4:45 p.m. at St. Thomas; Sundays 7:30 - 7:50 a.m. at St. Cecilia;  
or anytime by appointment, just call Father.

**Saint Thomas the Apostle**  
**Mass Schedule for the Week of June 5-12:**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Joe Veit  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – People of our Parishes  
Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – L&S Frank & Catherine Wieberg Fam.

Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Henrietta Kroll  
Friday 7:45 a.m. – Mass of Thanksgiving  
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Rosaline Bisges  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – L&D Louis & Anna Benne Family

**Your Sunday Offering:**  
Offerory Budget for 2015-2016: \$305,000.00  
Offerory Goal through Month End: \$279,587.00  
Actual Collection for 2015-2016: **\$251,090.28**  
Offerory Difference Year to Date: - \$23,353.72  
Offerory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

**Collection in Church:**  
May 1 \$4,634.00  
May 8 \$2,641.00  
May 15 \$4,398.00  
May 22 \$3,496.00  
May 29 \$5,143.00  
**Collection Online:** \$5,244.00  
**May total to date:** **\$25,556.00**  
Difference for May: **+ \$139.00**

**St. Thomas the Apostle Expansion & Building Fund**  
Total Expansion Project expenses paid: \$2,273,475.34  
Income from parishioners for FY 2015-2016  
(via the yellow "Building Fund" envelope): **\$27,199.00**  
Loan payments to date for FY 2015-2016: **\$101,505.14**  
(Principal) \$80,309.19 (Interest) \$21,195.95  
Parish Building Expansion Debt remaining: **\$503,744.35**

**St. Thomas Cantor / Organist**  
Saturday 5:00 p.m. –  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Brooke Luebbering/Jackie

**St. Thomas Reader/ Petitions**  
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Amanda Wooten  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Richard Heckemeyer

**St. Thomas Altar Servers**  
Weekday: Abigail Verslues & Madilyn Buschjost  
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Noah & Ethan Luebbering,  
Bruno Puleo  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Lane & Kenzie Libbert, Cole Peters,  
Sabrina Luebbering

**Saint Cecilia**  
**Mass Schedule for the Week of June 5-12:**

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – L&D Wansing Family  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Vince & Brad Reinkemeyer

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Leo & Alberto Wieberg

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Nolan Schroeder  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. –People of our Parishes

**Your Sunday Offering:**  
Offerory Budget for 2015-2016: \$60,471.51  
Collection Total for 2015-2016: **\$55,707.22**  
Offerory Goal per month: \$ 5,039.29

**Collection in Church:**  
May 1 \$1,256.20  
May 8 \$1,644.00  
May 15 \$ 908.00  
May 22 \$1,314.00  
May 29 \$ 846.00  
**May total to date:** **\$6,023.20**  
Difference for May: **+\$983.91**

*Please remember your parish in your last will & testament.*

**St. Cecilia Collection Counters**  
June – Marie Lueckenotto & Pam Libbert

**St. Cecilia Reader / Petitions**  
Wednesday – Doris Stumpe  
Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Dorothy Rehagen  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic Plassmeyer

**St. Cecilia Altar Servers**  
Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Zachary & Alex Even,  
Carson Libbert & Gavin Holterman  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Adam & Madalyn Veltrop  
Skyla Schroeder

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

**June 11-12**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Lora Boessen, Mark Luebbering  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jan Carter, Mattheuw Prenger,  
Keith Kliethermes, Rob Henson

**June 18-19**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Paul & Jenny Becker, Marshall Boessen  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Rosalyn Wieberg, Emily Luebbering,  
Janet Lueckenhoff, Linda Lueckenhoff, Glenn Prenger

**St. Thomas Greeters/Ushers**

**June 11-12**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mike Green & Gilbert Schellman  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Eric Boessen & Arthur McManus

**June 18-19**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Richard Schellman & Fred Luebbering  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Carolyn Loethen & TJ Loethen

**St. Thomas Presentation of Gifts at Mass**

**June 11-12**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark & Lauri Luebbering  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – David & Linda Boessen

**June 18-19**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ralph & Kathy Graessle  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Doug & Tina Stockman Family

**St. Thomas Collection Counters**

June 11-12 – Rosalyn Weiberg & Donna Schellman  
June 18-19 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg  
June 25-26 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes

**Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas**

Tuesday 7:25 a.m. – Viola Boessen – Sorrowful  
Thursday 7:25 a.m. – Pat Loethen - Luminous  
Friday 7:25 a.m. – Gilbert & Hermina Strobe – Sorrowful  
Saturday 4:40 p.m. – Barb Graessle – Sorrowful  
Sunday 9:40 a.m. – Pat Loethen – Sorrowful

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

**June 11-12**

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Lou Kloeppe, Brenda Wansing  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic Plassmeyer, Janice Schanzmeyer

**June 18-19**

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Jennifer Even, Betty Hagenhoff,  
Dorothy Rehagen  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Gerald & Phyllis Rehagen, Karen Fick

**St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers**

**June 11-12**

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Tom Gragert, Lou Kloeppe,  
Mitch & Brendan Stumpe  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Larry Lueckenotto, Harold Libbert, Anton Libbert, Terry Libbert

**June 18-19**

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Darin Even, Randy Hagenhoff,  
Tom Gragert, Lou Kloeppe  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Tony Derkum, Leon Schanzmeyer,  
Kenny Otto, Dominic Plassmeyer

**Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia**

Wednesday 6:10 p.m. – Florentine Hagenhoff – Glorious  
Saturday 6:40 p.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer – Sorrowful Mysteries  
Sunday 7:40 a.m. – Mary Plassmeyer – Sorrowful Mysteries

**VOTIVE CANDLES:** The requested donation for lighting a votive candle in church is **\$2.50.**

***IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO FULFILL  
YOUR LITURGICAL MINISTRY,  
IN YOUR KINDNESS & CHARITY,  
PLEASE FIND A REPLACEMENT.***

**BAPTISM PREPARATION:** Please call Fr. Secrist to schedule a meeting and date for Baptism.

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION:** Please call Fr. Secrist at least six months prior to the desired date.

**SCRIP: (June 18-19)** Saturday – Kristi Luebbering Sunday – Amy Luebbering

During the Summer months, SCRIP will only be sold after Mass every other weekend. Please watch the bulletin as to when SCRIP will be sold. You may contact Lindsay Luebbering at 573-680-4920 or Karen Luebbering at 573-301-5834 for additional sales. In September we will begin selling SCRIP after every Mass.

**NOTES OF THANKS**

Many sincere thanks to all who prepared for and participated in our annual Corpus Christi procession in St. Thomas last Sunday, most especially the five families who set up altars of repose at their homes and our many dedicated altar servers. Many photos and videos of our procession are available on the diocesan facebook page. - **Fr. Secrist**

Thanks to all of our family & friends who helped celebrate our 45<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. - **Norbert & Marilyn Veit**

**THANK YOU** The family of **Henrietta Kroll** would like to express their sincere appreciation to friends, relatives, and neighbors for the visits to the nursing home, comforting messages of sympathy, prayers, floral arrangements and donations of food and money during this difficult time of the passing of our wife, mom, and grandma. A special thank you to Fr. Secrist for the very touching homily and tribute to her and her love for God, family, and music, and to our neighbors and friends for coordinating and preparing the delicious luncheon. We feel we are very lucky to belong to this wonderful faith community. We will miss her tremendously, but we know she is happy singing and dancing in her heavenly home.

**PFEFFER PHOTOS:** Be sure to check out the project photos of the Pfeffer pipe organ restoration on the St. Thomas the Apostle website: [www.stthomasapostle.net](http://www.stthomasapostle.net). Follow the link from the "About Us" drop down menu.

**ST. THOMAS PRAYER LINE REQUESTS** should be emailed to Jenny Becker at [jbeckeroffice@gmail.com](mailto:jbeckeroffice@gmail.com) or by calling (573) 690-0642. The Prayer Line exists to communicate prayer intentions for those in need of healing. Out of respect for individuals' privacy, only necessary information is communicated.

**ST. THOMAS PARISH PICNIC RAFFLE AUGUST 21:** If you would like to make a donation or know of someone or a business that would, please contact Janet Lueckenhoff 573-690-5682 or [jlueck@embarqmail.com](mailto:jlueck@embarqmail.com) The deadline to make a donation is June 10.

**ST. THOMAS PARISH PICNIC MEETING** is Monday, June 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the Vitae House.

**ST. THOMAS CYO MEETING** is Monday, June 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

**UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR:**

St. Cecilia Parish Picnic – Sunday, July 10, 2016  
St. Thomas Parish Picnic – Sunday, August 21, 2016  
TOTUS TUUS – July 18-22, 2016 at St. Thomas and Meta.  
St. Thomas CYO Breakfast – August 28, 2016  
St. Thomas Fall Fantasy – Saturday, November 5, 2016

**ST. THOMAS QUILT GROUPS:** The quilt list for 2017 was attached to last week's bulletin. Extra copies are in the entrances of St. Thomas Church or on our web page. We will need some quilt tops with lining to be quilted August 29. Quilt batting is available for \$10.00. If you have any questions, please call Emily Luebbering at 573-477-3 459 or Kathy Strobe at 573-477-3349.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL** is accepting registrations for the fall of 2016-2017 enrollment for **Preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> grade**. Please call the school office to register at 573-477-3322.

**ST. THOMAS PRESCHOOL:** There's going to be an exciting addition to the Preschool program for the 2016-2017 school year! A new reading readiness curriculum made by the same company that gives us "Super Kids" is being added! If you have a preschool aged child, please email Mrs. Kirkweg for information on how to get your child enrolled. [mkirkweg@embarqmail.com](mailto:mkirkweg@embarqmail.com)

**BOX TOPS:** Please continue to save Box Tops for Education, Coke Points & Best Choice labels.

**META OVER 50 CLUB** will meet on Thursday, June 9 at noon in the Parish Center. Please bring a dish and join us for lunch, fun & fellowship.

**HOSPICE & PALLIATIVE CARE COMPASSUS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Compassus Hospice is seeking caring, compassionate, non-medical volunteers in our community. Volunteers provide companionship; are a valuable part of our excellent team; give as much or as little time as they are available; do not provide any medical or personal care. Everyone has a talent to offer, Help us help others!! Training is provided (and required). For more information, Please contact Debbie Coots at 1-866-384-2444 or 573-556-3547.

**OUR LADY OF HELP PARISH PICNIC, FRANKENSTEIN** is this Sunday, June 5, serving fried chicken & German pot roast from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Adults \$11.00, children 5-12 \$4.00. Quilt auction at 5:00 p.m.

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH PICNIC, LOOSE CREEK** is next Sunday, June 12, serving German pot roast & fried chicken dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Adults \$11.00, children 6-12 \$5.00. Quilt & Dessert auction at 5:00 p.m. Kiddie tractor pull ages 4-8. Registration at 4:30 p.m.

**ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL AUXILIARY ICE CREAM SOCIAL** is Wednesday, June 15, 11:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Cathedral Undercroft. Have lunch or dinner with us and top it off with cake & ice cream - \$3.00 each. A variety of menu options will be available. Proceeds benefit patient care services at SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital.

**SAVE THE DATE: 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL JEFFERSON CITY AREA CATHOLIC RADIO MASS & BBQ FUNDRAISER** is Saturday, July 16 at 4:00 p.m. at Helias Catholic High School. 4:00 p.m. – Mass (fulfills Sunday obligation), 5:00 p.m. – Social Hour, 6:00 p.m. –BBQ dinner (provided by Pat Schaefer & the area KofC), 7:00 p.m. Program, including locals Tim Holly, Spencer Allen (Keynote Speaker), 8:00 p.m. Depart. There is no charge for the dinner or the program, but a donation for the furtherance of Catholic Radio in our area will be requested prior to departure. If you would like to join us in celebrating the rapid growth of Catholic Radio in our area, or would like to learn more about the programming, please come. Donations are **not** required. **Reservations are required.** If you would like to reserve your seat(s), or if you have any questions, please call Mark Rehagen at 573-680-2520 prior to July 11.

**CAMP SIENA** is for young women entering freshman year of high school through those who are entering their senior year. It is committed to helping young Catholic women deepen their relationship with God and others by exercising understanding, and living their unique feminine spirituality and becoming the woman God is calling them to be. The camp begins on Sunday, July 24 at 5:00 p.m. and goes through noon on Thursday, July 28. Cost is \$150 (payable to the Diocese of Jefferson City. Please contact Marybeth Hunton at [youthevents@diojefcity.org](mailto:youthevents@diojefcity.org) or 573-635-9127, ext 233.

**NUN RUN/CONVENT HOP 2016:** Anyone interested in visiting and touring convents and a monastery, learning about various religious orders, speaking with sisters from different orders and congregations? This is the opportunity for 20 participants on July 18 &19. Participants will also play games with residents of a convalescent home run by sisters and visit soon to the "Saint" Mother Teresa's order. Junior high students or younger youth **MUST** have a parent or an approved designated chaperone of their parents' choosing attend with them on this trip. Cost is \$125 per person (includes transportation, lodging and meals. Please contact Marybeth Hunton at [youthevents@diojefcity.org](mailto:youthevents@diojefcity.org) or 573-635-9127 ext. 233.

**ST. THOMAS PARISH PARK CONCESSION STAND WORKERS:** If you cannot work it is **your responsibility** to find a replacement. Concession stand should be open 30 minutes prior to game time. The concession box is picked up at B&K Quick Shoppe. Please return the box by 9:00 a.m. the next morning! PLEASE NOTE: The umpire cards and re-order forms (for supplies) will be located in the concession stand.

Monday, June 6	6:30 p.m.	Russellville	7U Girls	Shane & Melissa Verslues
Monday, June 6	8:00 p.m.	Tuscumbia	10U Girls	Justin & Samantha Schulte
Tuesday, June 7	6:30 p.m.	St. Elizabeth	8U Girls	Thomas & Kim Boessen
Tuesday, June 7	8:00 p.m.	Mary's Home	15U Boys	Don & Becky Wolken
Thursday, June 9	6:30 pm.	Russellville	7U Boys	Mike & Kristin Buschjost
Thursday, June 9	8:00 p.m.	Lake Ozark	10U Boys	Amy Buechter, Marty Libbert
Friday, June 10	6:30 p.m.	Russellville	8U Boys	Brad & Sara Peters
Friday, June 10	8:00 p.m.	Vienna	Women's Softball	
Monday, June 13	6:30 p.m.	St. Elizabeth	10U Girls	Mike & Jackie Wieberg

**ST. THOMAS HERITAGE BOOK:** The St. Thomas the Apostle sesquicentennial team is asking parishioners to provide copies of your photos, stories, and information regarding the following subjects for the new St. Thomas Heritage book: PSR program, Knights of Columbus, CYO, Cemetery Association, Parish Park Board, 4-H, Public Water District #5, St. Thomas Elderly Housing, Quilting Circle, Telephone Service (from St. Thomas dial to Centurylink), Postal service, Fire Department, parish fundraisers history, St. Ann's Sodality, St. Thomas Trash Service, flood photos, agriculture photos, military member photos, steamboat photos, Osage Indian artifact photos, photos of Sacraments received, clergy/sister photos, St. Thomas town photos, home photos, etc.. Please contact Roseanne Boessen at 477-0168 or email your information and scanned copies to [eboessen@centurylink.net](mailto:eboessen@centurylink.net).

**ST. THOMAS SESQUICENTENNIAL TEAM:** anyone interested in helping interview, research, write or take photographs for the St. Thomas Heritage Book, please contact Bill Boessen at (573) 477-3384.



# Totus Tuus Summer Camp

2016 Registration Form: July 17-22 for Grades 1-12

**Grades 1-6: Monday through Friday 9:00 am – 2:30 pm  
at St. Thomas the Apostle**  
**Grades 7-12: Sunday through Thursday 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm  
at St. Cecilia in Meta**

Parent(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work/cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Children being enrolled in Totus Tuus at St. Thomas the Apostle & St. Cecilia:

Name:	Grade:	Medical info/ food allergies to be aware of:
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

**Cost for the week is \$25 per child. Lunch will be provided.**

Before and After Care will be available from 6:30 – 9:00 am and/or from 2:30 – 5:30 pm Monday – Friday at St. Thomas at the cost of \$5 per child, per day.

Yes, I would like to take advantage of before and/or after care for my child(ren) during Totus Tuus, July 17-22.

Father will be hosting the summer camp team at the rectories at St. Thomas and Meta.

Parish families and volunteers are needed for assist providing evening meals, snacks for the junior and high school program and some daytime activity assistance.

The Totus Tuus Summer Camp is a dynamic and fun program for children and teens conducted by four person teams comprised of two college age girls and two seminarians. Songs, games, skits, food, teaching about the Faith, and the Sacraments occur every day of Totus Tuus.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**A Note From Your Pastor...**

Sometimes when we look at the headlines and consider those who govern us, or have the desire to lead nations, peoples in our world, it can be tempting to throw up our hands and wonder what is going on. Seemingly the world has never been in the situation we currently find ourselves. However, every student of history knows this is not true. Thanks to original sin, every era is broken except where Our Lord Jesus has reclaimed it through his death and resurrection. Somehow every age believes its madness is unprecedented.

When it begins to feel overwhelming, I find G. K. Chesterton to be a good Catholic author to turn to, for he saw the world as it is: filled with human paradoxes, but also the Divine paradoxes that surprise and console us. Please find a few of his lines below: Yours in Christ – Fr. Secrist

- 1). Our civilization has decided, and very justly decided, that determining the guilt or innocence of men is a thing too important to be trusted to trained men. It wishes for light upon that awful matter, it asks men to know no more law than I know, but who can feel the thing that I felt in the jury box. When it wants a library catalogued, or the solar system discovered, or any trifle of that kind, it uses up its specialists. But when it wishes anything done which is really serious, it collects twelve of the ordinary men standing round. The same thing was done, if I remember right, by the founder of Christianity.—*Tremendous Trifles*
- 2). A new philosophy generally means in practice the praise of some old vice.
- 3). The man who is content to say, "We do not want theologians splitting hairs," will doubtless be content to go on and say, "We do not want surgeons splitting filaments more delicate than hairs." It is the fact that many a man would be dead today if his doctors had not debated the fine shades about doctoring. It is also the fact that European civilization would be dead today if its doctors of divinity had not debated fine shades about doctrine.—*The Resurrection of Rome*
- 4). Reason itself is a matter of faith. It is an act of faith to assert that our thoughts have any relation to reality at all.—*Orthodoxy*
- 5). People will tell you that theology became too elaborate because it was dead. Believe me, if it had been dead it would never have become too elaborate; it is only the live tree that grows too many branches.—*Tremendous Trifles*
- 7). Pride is a weakness in the character; it dries up laughter, it dries up wonder, it dries up chivalry and energy.—*Heretics*
- 8). The Declaration of Independence dogmatically bases all rights on the fact that God created all men equal; and it is right; for if they were not created equal, they were certainly evolved unequal. There is no basis for democracy except in a dogma about the divine origin of man.— *What I Saw in America*
- 9). Our fathers did not talk about psychology; they talked about a knowledge of Human Nature. But they had it, and we have not. They knew by instinct all that we have ignored by the help of information. For it is exactly the first facts about human nature that are now being ignored by humanity.—*Sidelights*
- 10). Take away the supernatural, and what remains is the unnatural.—*Heretics*
- 11). We do not really want a religion that is right where we are right. What we want is a religion that is right where we are wrong.—*The Church and Conversion*
- 12). To have a right to do a thing is not at all the same as to be right in doing it.— *A Short History of England*