

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

St. Cecilia
in Meta

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

MARCH 28, 2021

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St. Thomas Parish Office hours: Wednesdays 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.; **Thursdays 8:30 to 11:30 a.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 March 28-April 4:

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Lucy Luebbering
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – Jerome & Dorothy Buschjost
Holy Thursday 7:00 p.m. – Jim Reinkemeyer
Good Friday 7:00 p.m. - Liturgy
Holy Saturday 8:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes
Easter Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Kim Boessen

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2020-2021: \$305,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End: \$228,753.00
Actual Collection for 2020-2021: **\$199,987.75**
Offertory Difference Year to Date: – \$ 28,765.25
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

March 7 \$ 5,355.00
March 14 \$ 3,542.75
March 21 \$ 3,761.00
March 28 \$

Collection Online: \$ 6,152.00
March total to date: **\$18,810.75**
Difference for March –\$ 6,606.25

St. Thomas the Apostle Expansion & Building Fund

Income from parishioners for FY 2020-2021
(via the yellow "Building Fund" envelope): **\$17,348.00**

St. Thomas the Apostle Cantor / Organist

Holy Thursday 7:00 p.m. Judy Schroeder / Annette
Good Friday 7:00 p.m. – Mary Kay Brand / Annette
Holy Saturday 8:00p.m.–Jean & Kelsey
Kliethermes/Annette
Easter Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Amanda Wooten / Annette

St. Thomas the Apostle Reader

Holy Thursday 7:00 p.m. – Janice Schanzmeyer
Good Friday 7:00 p.m. Reader – Doris Stumpe
Narrator Jennifer Even, Speaker Dominic Plassmeyer
Holy Saturday 8:00 p.m. – Readings 1&2 – Judy Schroeder
Readings 3&4 – Jim Lueckenhoff
Readings 5&6 – Ben Luebbering
Reading 7 & Epistle, Prayers of the Faithful – Jennifer
Schroeder
Easter Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Alan Reinkemeyer

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of March 28-April 4:

Stations of the Cross – 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Betty Trippensee

Good Friday Stations of the Cross – 3:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Norman & Delphine Jaegers

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2020-2021: \$62,000.00
Collection Total for 2020-2021: **\$40,181.35**
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,166.67

Collection in Church:

March 7 \$ 950.00
March 14 \$1,055.00
March 21 \$1,720.00
March 28 \$

March total to date: **\$3,725.00**
Difference for March: –\$1,441.67

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

April – Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer

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

St. Cecilia Reader

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Dorothy Rehagen
Easter Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Don Wansing

***IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO FULFILL YOUR
LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENT, PLEASE FIND A
REPLACEMENT. YOUR FELLOW
PARISHIONERS THANK YOU!***

St. Thomas the Apostle Ushers

Holy Thursday 7:00 p.m. – Leon Schanzmeyer,
Bob Schellman, Eric Boessen

Good Friday 7:00 a.m. –Darin Even, Keith Boessen,
Eric Strope

Holy Saturday 8:00 p.m. – Josh Schroeder,
Ben Luebbering, Doug Stockman

Easter Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Eric & Keith Boessen

St. Thomas Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Holy Thursday 7:00 p.m. – Glenn Prenger

Good Friday 7:00 p.m. – Mark Luebbering

Holy Saturday 8:00 p.m. – Janet Lueckenhoff

Easter Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Lynne Reinkemeyer

St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters

April 4 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg

April 11 – Jennifer Schroeder & Dunja Wieberg

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas:

Tuesday, 7:20 a.m. – Joann Heckman – Sorrowful Mysteries

Wednesday 7:20 a.m. – Pat Loethen – Glorious Mysteries

Holy Thursday 7:35 p.m.- Barb Graessle–Luminous Myst.

Easter Sunday 9:35 a.m. – Pat Loethen– Glorious Mysteries

Mass Live Streamers:

April 1 (Holy Thursday) 7:00 p.m. – Jennifer Schroeder

April 2 (Good Friday) 7:00 p.m. – Lauri Luebbering

April 3 (Holy Saturday) 8:00 p.m. – Lauri Luebbering

April 4 Easter Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Karlie Reinkemeyer

April 11 – Dunja Wieberg

SCRIP: Visit www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip for more information about the Scrip program. Please contact Daffiny Tallent at 573-694-4408 to purchase anytime.

SNACKS FOR QUILTERS: Anyone entering the St. Thomas Parish School building must wear a mask at all times, except when quilting. Must be fever free or no temperature of 100 or higher. Please take your temperature at home.

Tuesday, March 30 - Jeanne Herigon & Jill Hickman

Thursday, April 8 – Joni Hoecker & Delores Holtmeyer

Please bring snack to hall by 1:00 p.m.; snack served at 3:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Emily Luebbering at 573-477-3459 or Kathy Strobe at 573-477-3349.

DIOCESAN CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL FINAL RESULTS!

The CSA goal for St. Cecilia Parish is \$2,500, \$2,095.00 received

The CSA goal for St. Thomas the Apostle Parish is \$10,000, \$8,355.00 received

INFIRM PRIEST / EASTER COLLECTION: St. Cecilia Parish has been assessed \$925.00 and St. Thomas the Apostle Parish has been assessed \$4,914.00 for the annual Priest Retirement & Infirm Fund. Please be generous.

CRS RICE BOWL: Thank you for your participation in the Operation Rice Bowl program during Lent. Please return your Operation Bowl on Holy Thursday, Holy Saturday or Easter Sunday.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PRAYER LINE REQUESTS should be emailed to Theresa Veit at veitoffice@gmail.com or by calling 573-418-7301.

CHRISM MASS is Tuesday, March 30, 10:00 a.m. Cathedral of Jefferson City, Live Streamed for the people, but the priests will attend in person.

BISHOP MCKNIGHT'S MARCH PRAYER INTENTION: Through the example and intercession of St. Joseph, Husband of Mary, may a gentle disposition rule our hearts and allow for charity, reconciliation, and mercy in our lives.

FORMED: This week's recommended viewing on FORMED for Holy Week:

Symbolon Session 6: The Paschal Mystery: Jesus's Death and Resurrection - A look at how the "Paschal Mystery" fits into the greater story of Salvation.

Holy Week in Rome: A Journey with the Pope - Follows Pope Benedict XVI as he commemorated Holy Week in Rome, with a special look at Church ceremony, art, and events.

Holy Week by Dr. Brant Pietre - A look at the last 7 days of Jesus's life leading up to the Crucifixion.

Brother Francis: The Bread of Life: Celebrating the Eucharist! - Teaches children about the Eucharist.

ON PASTORAL ACTIVITIES IN THE DIOCESE OF JEFFERSON CITY:

Whereas guidance from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention of the U.S. Government advises: 1) the more frequently a surface is touched by multiple people, the more frequently it should be cleaned and then disinfected, and 2) frequently touched surfaces should be cleaned and disinfected at least daily; and

Whereas many local health authorities allow for social gatherings and events when the standard protocols of social distancing and the wearing of face masks are observed;

I therefore emend, as Diocesan Bishop, the DECREES of 21 August 2020, 11 November 2020, and 2 March 2021 according to the following:

1. The Bible, hymnals, other liturgical aids or spiritual resources for the celebration of liturgies and devotions may be returned to the pews of churches and adoration chapels, effective immediately. Those who enter churches and chapels are to be encouraged to wash or sanitize their hands frequently, and pews and other frequently touched surfaces shall be cleaned and disinfected at least daily.
2. Holy Water may be returned to fonts with frequent changes of Holy Water, at least daily.
3. Social gatherings may take place on parish properties as early as 1 June 2021, but only if local health authority directives are observed. Parishes and schools are encouraged, however, to delay such events until late summer to avoid the need to cancel them if local circumstances require it.

This decree is effective immediately unless otherwise noted, anything to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given at the Chancery of the Diocese of Jefferson City on this 12th day of March 2021. ***The Most Rev. W. Shawn McKnight, S.T.D.***

St. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Easter Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Doris Stumpe

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

Easter Sunday 8:00 a.m.–Tony Derkum &

Leon Schanzmeyer

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Wednesday – No Rosary before Mass during Lent due to Stations of the Cross

Easter Sunday 7:35 a.m. –Dorothy Rehagen–Glorious Mysteries

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

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.

PASTORS MEDITATION: 6th Sunday of Lent: PALM SUNDAY AND PASSION OF OUR LORD. The Church celebrates this sixth Sunday of Lent as both Palm Sunday and Passion Sunday. This is the time of year we stop to remember and relive the events which brought about our redemption and salvation. What we commemorate and relive during this week is not just Jesus' dying and rising, but our own dying and rising in Jesus, which will result in our healing, reconciliation, and redemption. Attentive participation in the Holy Week liturgy will deepen our relationship with God, increase our Faith, and strengthen our lives as disciples of Jesus.

Today's liturgy combines contrasting moments, one of glory, the other of suffering: the royal welcome of Jesus in Jerusalem, and the drama of the trial, culminating in crucifixion, death and burial for the Christ.

Today's first reading foreshadows Jesus' own life and mission. The Refrain for today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 22), "My God, My God, why have You abandoned Me?" plunges us into the heart of Christ's Passion. The Second reading is an ancient Christian hymn representing a very early Christian understanding of who Jesus is, and of how his mission saves us from sin and death. The first part of today's Gospel describes the royal reception Jesus received from his admirers, who paraded with him for a distance of two miles: from the Mount of Olives to the city of Jerusalem. In the second part of today's Gospel, we listen to/participate in a reading of the Passion of Christ according to Mark. We are challenged to examine our own lives in the light of some of the characters in the Passion story – like Peter who denied Jesus, Judas who betrayed Jesus, Herod who ridiculed Jesus, Pilate who acted against his conscience as he condemned Jesus to death on the cross, and the leaders of the people who preserved their position by getting rid of Jesus.

Friends we need to bring these questions to our minds: Does Jesus weep over my sinful soul as he wept over Jerusalem at the beginning of his Palm Sunday procession? 2) Am I a barren fig tree? God expects me to produce fruits of holiness, purity, justice, humility, obedience, charity, and forgiveness. Do I continue to produce bitter fruits of impurity, injustice, pride, hatred, jealousy and selfishness? 3) Will Jesus need to cleanse my heart with his whip? Jesus cannot tolerate the desecration of the temple of the Holy Spirit that I have become by my addiction to uncharitable, unjust and impure thoughts words and deeds; nor does Jesus praise my business mentality or calculation of loss and gain in my relationship with God, my Heavenly Father. 4) Do I welcome Jesus into my heart? Am I ready to surrender my life to him during this Holy Week and welcome him into all areas of my life as my Lord and Savior? Let us remember that we are all sinners who have crucified Jesus by our sins, but we are still able to turn to Jesus again to ask for pardon and mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is through the Passion of Jesus we receive forgiveness: "through his wounds we are healed." (Is 53:5). 5) Are we like the humble donkey that carried Jesus, bringing Jesus' universal love, unconditional forgiveness, and sacrificial service to our families, places of work and communities by the way we live our lives? May you have a blessed and fruitful Holy Week. **Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukiibi**

RCIA CLASSES are going on every Thursday from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. for those who have registered, also open to those that want to further enrich their faith life. Please contact Fr. Leonard Mukiibi if you are interested.

ST. CECILIA EASTER FLOWERS: Anyone interested in making a monetary donation for Easter flowers in memory of loved ones is asked to place the donation along with **PRINTED NAMES** to be remembered in an envelope and place in the collection basket or mail to the parish office by March 28. The names will be published in the Easter Sunday bulletin, April 4.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE EASTER FLOWERS: Anyone interested in making a monetary donation for Easter flowers in memory of loved ones is asked to place the donation along with **PRINTED NAMES** to be remembered in an envelope and place in the collection basket or mail to the parish office by March 28. The names will be published in the Easter Sunday bulletin, April 4.

CONFIRMATION CLASS: There will be no Confirmation class during Holy Week (March 31). The following Wednesday, April 7 is Confirmation practice at 7:00 p.m. at St. Thomas Church. Sponsors are strongly encouraged to attend as well.

ST. THOMAS CEMETERY DUES: Dues are \$10.00 per year per family and \$5.00 per year for single persons. Also, anyone after their 21st birthday must pay their own dues of \$5.00. Members who are 80+ years old and who have been members for at least 15 years will be exempt from paying further dues. Please note: Anyone falling in arrears over 5 years must pay \$100.00 to rejoin plus current dues. Please put payment in the collection basket marked "Cemetery Dues" or mail to St. Thomas Cemetery Association, c/o Lisa Lackman, 2222 Upper Bottom Rd., St. Thomas, MO 65076. You may contact Lisa if you have questions about your current or past dues at 573-338-2703.

ST. THOMAS CHURCH CLEANING TEAM ROTATION FOR UPCOMING WEEKS:

Week of March 28th: Sonya Henson, Susan Buechter, Jackie Prenger, Amy Buechter

Week of April 4th: Janet Lueckenhoff, Jim Lueckenhoff, Charlene Buschjost, Randy Buschjost

Week of April 11th: Alan Libbert, Nancy Libbert, Darrel Buechter

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.

ST. THOMAS PRESCHOOL: If you have a child ages 3 or 4 and have thinking about preschool, please call Jaycine Bax 573-821-1179 or email jbax@stacs.school or the school office 573-477-3322. Due to COVID-19 we will not be hosting a group sneak peek for the upcoming preschoolers. If you have any questions or would like to set up a one on one meeting and school tour please contact Jaycine or the school office.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 1- No School, Holy Thursday P-8; April 2 – No School, Good Friday P-8; April 5 – No School, Easter Monday P-8

WANTED – ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE GRASS CUTTING TEAMS: Grab a friend or neighbor and consider forming a grass cutting team (2-3 people) to help with the care and maintenance of our beautiful parish grounds. Teams rotate on a weekly basis so your time commitment is not large. The parish lawn mower(s) are available for use when cutting. Please text or call Alan Reinkemeyer at 573-694-6984 if interested.

THE ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH GROUNDS "GRASS CUTTING TEAM ROTATION' FOR THE UPCOMING

WEEKS: It is once again time for care and maintenance of the parish property. Many thanks to all those who volunteer their time and effort to keep our parish property looking nice. The following dates are assigned for grass cutting:

Week of March 29	Mark Graessle, Jeff Cassmeyer and Fred Luebbering
Week of April 5	Richard Schellman, Pat Schellman and Paul Struempfl
Week of April 12	Alan Reinkemeyer, Richard Heckemeyer and Dave Schroeder
Week of April 19	Mark Luebbering, Antone Luebbering and Nick Luebbering
Week of April 26	Paul & Jenny Becker, Eric & Shara Buechter

ST. CECILIA LAWN CARE BIDS are being accepted for the St. Cecilia Parish grounds. **Your bid should list the price per grass cutting/weed eating and a per hour rate for other maintenance work.** Please submit your bid by Sunday, April 11. If you have questions, please contact Mary Plassmeyer 573-694-0217. You may place your bid in the collection basket; email to Mary at dmplassmeyer@gmail.com or US mail at 11 Hoecker Rd., Meta, MO 65058

NOTICE TO META OVER 50 GROUP: To all members and want to be members of the Over 50 Group, we are scheduling a luncheon on Thursday, April 8 at noon in the Parish Center. Several people have asked about it, so we will see how many people participate. Each person is requested to bring one covered dish.

PLEASE REMOVE ALL FLOWERS & ARRANGEMENTS from in front of the stones in the St. Thomas Cemetery during the grass cutting season. Thank you for your cooperation.

SAVE THE DATE: June 27-July 2 – Totus Tuus

PRAYER TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY FOR PROTECTION FROM THE CORONAVIRUS

O Immaculate Heart of Mary, we entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.

At the foot of the Cross, you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith.

Patroness of the Diocese of Jefferson City, you know what we need.

We are certain of the power of your intercession, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us:

He who taught us to "love one another, as I have loved you" took our sufferings upon Himself and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection.

Bring under your mantel 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.

Do not despise our pleas and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen

DECREE: Lenten, Holy Week and the Easter Triduum 2021

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

Whereas the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments has issued a NOTE (N.96/21) renewing the mandate given in the previous year to guide Diocesan Bishops in their task of providing for the spiritual welfare of pastors and faithful for the celebrations surrounding Holy Week;

I therefore decree, as the Diocesan Bishop, the following:

1. All dispensations, obligations and guidance of the previous DECREE of 21 August 2020, as modified by the DECREE of 11 November 2020, remain in effect except for the following:
2. Parish communal penance services and other seasonal services (e.g., Stations of the Cross, Eucharistic Adoration, rosaries and novenas) may be celebrated while following all the normal protocols for social distancing and/or the wearing of face coverings.
3. The dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass in person on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation continues for all the faithful of the Diocese of Jefferson City and those who are present in the territory of the Diocese, provided that for days of precept they do one of the following:
 - a. Prayerfully participate in the Sunday of Holy Day of Obligation Mass live streamed from their parish church or chapel, the Cathedral, the Vatican or of any Mass of the day celebrated in communion with the Roman Catholic Church.
 - b. Prayerfully read and meditate on the readings of the Mass for the Sunday or Holy Day of Obligation, and recite the rosary of Divine Mercy chaplet.
4. The faithful still have the obligation to keep the Lord's Day holy and "to refrain from engaging in work or activities that hinder the worship owed to God, the joy proper to the Lord's Day, the performance of the works of mercy, and the appropriate relaxation of mind and body" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no.2185)
5. Parishes are highly encouraged to live stream Masses for Sundays, Holy Days of Obligation, and Holy Week liturgies to maintain a pastoral connection with their parishioners during and after the pandemic.
6. The Chrism Mass will be live streamed from the Cathedral on Tuesday, March 30 at 10:00 a.m. with clergy participating. Any faithful unable to attend are encouraged to participate spiritually by watching the live stream of this Mass which celebrates our unity as a priestly people. Priest of the diocese will renew their priestly promises at this Mass.
7. On Palm Sunday, the commemoration of the Lord's entrance into Jerusalem is to be celebrated. Parish priests will use their pastoral judgement in choosing whether the second form (solemn entrance) or third form (simple entrance) as given in the Roman Missal is to be adopted. Blessed palms may be made available this year for the benefit of the faithful. Care should be taken that this distribution is done with safety precautions.
8. For the Mass of the Lord's Supper, the washing of feet, which is already optional, is to be omitted. At the end of the Mass of the Lord's Supper, the procession with the Blessed Sacrament may take place (the use of a monstrance is strictly prohibited), but the place of reservation of the Blessed Sacrament after the procession should be the normal place where the Blessed Sacrament is reserved throughout the year (no special altar of repose). On this day the faculty to celebrate Mass in the parish church or a chapel, without the presence of the people, is exceptionally granted to all priests.
9. On Good Friday, the addition of the following intention is to be added: XI. For an end to the pandemic. Let us pray, dearly beloved, for a swift end to the coronavirus pandemic that afflicts our world, that our God and Father will heal the sick, strengthen those who care for them and help us all to persevere in faith.
Prayer in silence. Then the Celebrant says: Almighty and merciful God, source of all life, health and healing, look with compassion on our world, brought low by disease; protect us in the midst of the grave challenges that assail us and in your fatherly providence grant recovery to the stricken, strength to those who care for them, and success to those working to eradicate this scourge. Through Christ our Lord. R. Amen
10. The adoration of the Cross by a kiss shall be limited solely to the celebrant. The faithful who come forward to adore may individually genuflect or bow to the Cross (which may be a crucifix).
11. The Easter Vigil is to be celebrated only in the Cathedral and parish Churches. A simplified *lucernarium* may take place with the blessing of the fire and the candle inside the church; or a representative group of the faithful (for the purpose of social distancing) may join the celebrant outside for the blessing of the fire, lighting of the candle, and procession into the church. The incensation of the paschal candle and chanting of the *Exsultet* follow. For the "Baptismal Liturgy." Each Baptism should be done using a fresh pouring of water (not by dipping into the font). When confirming, the ministering Priest shall sanitize his thumb after each Confirmation. Holy Communion for those initiated may be given under both species only if there is a small enough number to accommodate a separate chalice for each one. Pastoral judgment should be used. For the Renewal of Baptismal Promises, the rite as presented in the Roman Missal may be used.
12. Congregational singing is allowed only with the permission of the Pastor, taking into account the safety of the faithful and the capacity for having adequate safeguards in place in accord with local health directives.
13. Persons, whether Catechumens or not, who are in danger of death but are not at the point of death and so are able to hear and answer the questions involved, may be baptized with the shorter rite in the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* (cf. "Christian Initiation of a Person in Danger of Death"). If they are at the point of death, "Christian Initiation for the Dying" in the *Pastoral Care of the Sick* is to be observed (cf. no.277). Candidates for full communion who are in danger of death may be received into full communion, confirmed and given First Communion immediately, even outside of Mass, with the celebration of the Rite of Penance beforehand.

This decree is effective from 2 March 2021 and until further notice, anything to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given at the Chancery of the Diocese of Jefferson City on the 2nd day of March 2021.

The Most Reverend W. Shawn McKnight, S.T.D. Bishop of Jefferson City

