

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

St. Cecilia
in Meta

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ASCENSION OF THE LORD
MAY 13, 2018

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St. Thomas Parish Office hours: Tuesdays 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.; Wednesdays 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 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 May 13-20:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – John, Minnie & Steve Luebbering
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – People of our Parishes
Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Martina Goeller
Tuesday 7:00 p.m. – 8th Grade Graduates
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – Henrietta Kroll
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Marcella Wright
Friday 7:45 a.m. – L&D Lawrence & Caroline Herigon
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Butch Loethen
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jerome & Dot Buschjost

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2017-2018: \$305,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End: \$279,587.00
Actual Collection for 2017-2018: **\$254,901.17**
Offertory Difference Year to Date: – \$ 24,685.83
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

May 6 \$ 6,433.00
May 13 \$
May 20 \$
May 27 \$

Collection Online: \$ 4,542.00

May total to date: **\$10,975.00**

Difference for May: – \$14,442.00

St. Thomas the Apostle Expansion & Building Fund

Total Expansion Project expenses paid: \$2,273,475.34
Income from parishioners for FY 2017-2018
(via the yellow "Building Fund" envelope): **\$25,400.45**
Loan payments to date for FY 2017-2018: **\$92,277.40**
(Principal) \$79,548.02 (Interest) \$12,729.38
Parish Building Expansion Debt remaining: **\$317,174.24**

St. Thomas the Apostle Cantor / Organist

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Lisa Wieberg / Jackie Prenger
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Choir / Annette Kehner

St. Thomas the Apostle Reader

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kathy Graessle
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jim Lueckenhoff

St. Thomas the Apostle Altar Servers

Weekday – Jack Libbert, Molly Suthoff, Elizabeth Meyer
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Cameron & Chesney Luebbering
Owen Schellman, Lilly Schulte, Eli Wieberg
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Madi Buschjost, Henry Buschjost,
Molly Suthoff, Luke Schroeder

St. Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of May 13-20:

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Lawrence "Dick" Rehagen
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Martina Goeller

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament & Confession before 6:30 p.m. Mass
Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Rebecca Leonard

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Lawrence & Scott Otto
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – People of our Parishes

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2017-2018: \$62,000.00
Collection Total for 2017-2018: **\$58,657.15**
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,166.67

Collection in Church:

May 6 \$ 1,096.00
May 13 \$
May 20 \$
May 27 \$

May total to date: **\$ 1,096.00**

Difference for May: -\$ 4,070.67

Please remember your parish in your last will & testament.

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

May – Dale & Margie Helton
June – Marie Lueckenotto & Pam Libbert

St. Cecilia Reader

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Dorothy Rehagen
Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Doris Stumpe
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic Plassmeyer

St. Cecilia Altar Servers

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Alex & Josh Even
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Madalyn Veltrop, Skyla & Jesse Schroeder

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

St. Thomas Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

May 19-20

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Lora Boessen, Mark Luebbering, Pat Kaiser

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Keith Kliethermes, Rob Henson, Rosalyn Wieberg

May 26-27

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark & Barb Graessle
Marshall Boessen

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Richard & Jan Heckemeyer,
Janet Lueckenhoff

St. Thomas Greeters/Ushers

May 19-20

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Fred Luebbering & Joe Buschjost

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – TJ Loethen & Mattheuw Prenger

May 26-27

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Carolyn Loethen & Mark Boessen

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mike Buschjost & Alan Cortvriert

St. Thomas Presentation of Gifts at Mass

May 19-20

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark & Lora Boessen Family

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Travis & Kathy Rackers Family

May 26-27

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Alfred & Margie Kaiser

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Tom & Carol Backes Family

St. Thomas Collection Counters

May 19-20 – Jennifer Schroeder & Stephanie Cortvriert

May 26-27 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman

June 2-3 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday 7:25 a.m. – Joann Heckman – Sorrowful

Wednesday 7:25 a.m. – Pat Loethen – Glorious

Thursday 7:25 a.m. – Viola Boessen – Luminous

Friday 7:25 a.m. – Gilbert & Hermina Strobe – Sorrowful

Saturday 4:40 p.m. – Paul Becker – Glorious

Sunday 9:40 a.m. – Pat Loethen – Glorious

SCRIP: **May 19-20** Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Lindsay Luebbering Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Amy Luebbering

Visit www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip for more information about the Scrip program. You can contact Lindsay Luebbering at 573-680-4920 or Karen Luebbering at 573-301-5835 to purchase anytime.

SNACKS FOR ST. THOMAS QUILTERS:

Thursday, May 17 – Viola Boessen & Jennifer Borgmeyer

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

BISHOP'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY: "For the Unity of the Diocese of Jefferson City." Please add this intention to your private prayer this month.

St. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

May 19-20

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Brenda Wansing, Doris Stumpe, Jennifer Even

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Janice Schanzmeyer, Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer

May 26-27

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Betty Hagenhoff, Dorothy Rehagen, Bonnie Kampeter

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer, Pam Libbert

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

May 19-20

Saturday 7:00p.m. – Randy Hagenhoff, Mitch & Brendan Stumpe, Darin Even

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Harold Libbert, Anton Libbert, Terry Libbert, Tony Derkum

May 26-27

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Randy Hagenhoff, Lou Kloepfel, Mitch & Brendan Stumpe

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Leon Schanzmeyer, Kenny Otto, Dominic Plassmeyer, Larry Lueckenotto

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Wednesday 6:10 p.m. – Florentine Hagenhoff – Glorious


Saturday 6:40 p.m. – Dorothy Rehagen – Glorious

Sunday 7:40 a.m. – Janice Schanzmeyer – Glorious

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

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.



Loving God,
we thank you for the love
of the mothers you have
given us, whose love is so
precious that it can never
be measured, whose patience
seems to have no end.

We pray for those mothers
who fear they will run out
of love or time, or patience.
We ask you to bless them
with your own special love.

Amen.

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CONGRATULATIONS to those who were confirmed by Bishop McKnight on Thursday, May 10 at St. Thomas the Apostle: Brooke Boessen, Drew Boessen, Emma Boessen, Kya Boessen, Cole Brenneke, Caleb Buechter, Jonathan Buschjost, William Derkum, Mason Francis, Joshua Henson, Ashlyn Kroll, Claire Luebbering, Isaac Prenger, Brayden Schaben, Kaleb Schaben, Emily Schell, Jeremy Stockman, Nolan Suthoff, Adam Veltrop, Nicholas Wankum, & Brianna Wieberg. Congratulations to Teagan Humphery and Haley Bax who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday, May 2 at the Cathedral of St. Joseph.

MANY THANKS to all who assisted in the preparation for the Confirmation Mass, the reception and the Bishop's visit this past week. Your generosity of time and talent is greatly appreciated.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION who assist in the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass are needed at St. Cecilia Parish. Please contact Father or Diane Lueckenhoff if interested. Training for the ministry will be provided.

EXTREMELY LOW GLUTEN HOSTS (Less than 0.01% gluten) are available to those parishioners who are highly sensitive to wheat. Please contact Fr. Secrist to determine particulars of distribution and reception of the low-gluten hosts.

MINISTRY TO THE ILL & INFIRM: If you are preparing for surgery, recovering from surgery, homebound or ill, please let Fr. Secrist (573-477-3315) and/or MaryPat Luebbering (573-477-3476) know so that you have the opportunity to receive the Sacraments and pastoral care.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PRAYER LINE REQUESTS should be emailed to Jenny Becker at jbeckeroffice@gmail.com or by calling (573) 690-0642. The Prayer Line exists to communicate prayer intentions for those in need of healing.

INVITATION TO YOUNGER PARISHIONERS AT ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE:

If you are in 7th - 12th grade, have you ever considered becoming a cantor for weekend Masses? The primary duty of the cantor is the proclamation of the Responsorial Psalm and Gospel Acclamation, and to assist in leading hymns and other congregational parts during Mass. The basic requirements are an ability to sing, a love for learning and a desire to give of one's time and talent to enhance the liturgies. If interested, please contact Annette Kehner at AnnetteKehner@mail.com or 573-680-2824. Training and coaching will be provided.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS for both St. Thomas the Apostle & St. Cecilia Parishes will be the weekend of **May 19-20.**

ST. THOMAS SESQUICENTENNIAL MEETING is Tuesday, May 22, 6:30 p.m. in Vitae House.

ST. CECILIA PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING is Wednesday, May 23, 7:15 p.m. in the Parish Center.

ST. THOMAS PARISH SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING is Tuesday, May 29, 6:00 p.m. in the Vitae House.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING is Tuesday, May 29, 7:00 p.m. in the Vitae House.

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION will be Sunday, June 3 following the 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle, weather permitting. All parishioners and especially our parishioners who made their 1st Holy Communion this year are invited and encouraged to participate in the procession through town.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PRESCHOOL: It's that time of year again: St. Thomas Preschool is busy making plans for the 2018-2019 school year. If you have a preschool age child and have been thinking about Preschool, please contact the school office at (573-477-3322) or Mrs. Kirkweg at mkirkweg@embarqmail.com.

THANK YOU TO WESTERN CATHOLIC UNION for all the good things they have done for our students this past school year. A special thank you for providing ice cream at our Field Day this past Tuesday!

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 15: 8th Grade Graduation and Mass 7:00 p.m.

May 16: Preschool Graduation, Last Day of School – Early Release car riders 11:10 a.m. & bus 11:20 a.m.

BOX TOPS: Please continue to save Box Tops, Best Choice labels & coke points and send to the St. Thomas School office or drop box in the side entrance of St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

ST. THOMAS CEMETERY: Please removal all flowers from in front of the stones during grass cutting season. Thank you for your cooperation.

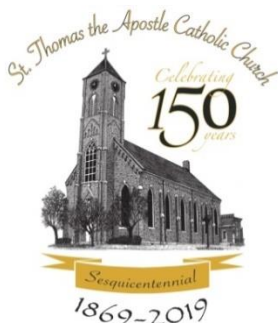
THE META CITIZENS CIVIC LEAGUE monthly meeting will be held on May 14 at 7:00 p.m.

SAVE THE DATES:

Sunday, July 8, 2018: St. Cecilia Parish Picnic.

July 14-20, 2018: TOTUS TUUS Summer Camp at St. Thomas the Apostle and St. Cecilia Parishes.

Sunday, August 19, 2018: St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Picnic



Sunday, May 5, 2019: 30th anniversary of the reestablishment of St. Thomas School as a Catholic school.

Saturday, June 29, 2019: Celebration for St. Thomas the Apostle parishioners. 4:00 p.m. Mass with the Bishop, RSVP dinner & music for parishioners. Unveiling of new Sesquicentennial History Book.

Sunday, October 6, 2019: St. Thomas Homecoming for everyone to enjoy. Parade, food vendors, entertainment & other activities all day.

RECOGNIZING OUR 2018 GRADUATES: If you are a 2018 graduate (elementary, high school, college or technical school), please let us know by emailing for calling the school office at 573-477-3322 or the Parish Office on Tuesday or Wednesday morning at 573-477-3315. The names will be published in the May 19-20 bulletin

HELIAS PARENT CLUB UNIFORM RESALE is Wednesday, May 23, 2018, 4:30 pm – 7:00 pm, Helias Commons. Drop off is Tues., May 22, 2018 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm, Helias Commons. Please bring shirts on hangers. All clothes need to be marked with: name, price & size. Forms can be found on Helias Web Page under “Parent Club” then “Uniform Resale” or at the Helias Business Office. Any items not picked up will be donated. Call Lori Brenneke 573-619-1120 or Melissa Brandt-Dudenhoeffer 573-230-2154 for more information.

WARDSVILLE/OSAGE BEND K OF C HOME ASSOCIATION CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT is Friday, May 18 at Redfield Golf Course, Eugene. 1:00 p.m. Shotgun start, 36 team limit. \$400 per team/\$100 per person. Cash prizes awarded for each flight. Hole Sponsors \$100 per hole. Lunch provided. For tournament registration and information, please contact Jeff Ahlers 573-694-0291, Leo Ahlers 573-291-3122 or Don Kever 573-690-2866.

MID AMERICA BANK COMMUNITY SHRED DAY: A **FREE** Community Shred Day will be held on Saturday, May 19 from 8 to 11 am at Mid America Bank’s Wardsville branch. Bring your confidential papers and watch as they are destroyed. Please remove any binder clips. Paper clips and staples do not need to be removed. For more information, please call (573) 635-0019.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG DISPOSAL KITS: If you have old medication that needs to be disposed of safely (and kept out of the environment), please stop by or call the St. Thomas School Office to pick up a disposal kit. These kits have been name available free from the Cole County Sheriff’s Department.

ST. THOMAS PARISH PARK BOARD 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, May 14	6:30 p.m.	8U Boys	Wes & Lori Libbert
Monday, May 14	8:00 p.m.	12U Boys	Tommy & Monica McDonnell

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN LETTER

May 2, 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On Pentecost weekend, May 19-20, our Diocese will take up the annual joint collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) and The Catholic University of America. We ask for your generous support of these two causes that help spread the Gospel in ways that will benefit our Church in the present as well as in the future.

The CCC, which funds local and international projects involving social media, video creation, TV, radio and print communications, helps us, in the words of Pope Francis, “to engage in constructive forms of communication that reject prejudice towards others and foster a culture of encounter.” (*World Communications Day Message, 2017*). Catholic University produces graduates, clergy and laypeople, who will be the next generation of Catholic leaders in our nation.

By generously supporting this collection, you are spreading the Gospel and helping others encounter Christ every day. Your gifts will not only support projects on a national and international scale, but also here in our own Diocese.

Of the funds we collect for the CCC, one-half will remain here in the Diocese to assist our local evangelization projects, including social media networking, videos and radio ads that encourage inactive Catholics to return to practicing their faith. Collections will also help provide financial assistance for Catholic University students who are pursuing an education grounded in the Catholic traditions.

Support the collection and connect with Christ!

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend W. Shawn McKnight
Bishop of Jefferson City