

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

St. Cecilia
in Meta

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PO Box 146
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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 14, 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 May 14-21:

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Carol Riley
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – Joe Kaiser
Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – 8th Grade Graduates
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – L&D Gregory & Luceille Veit Family
Friday 7:45 a.m. - Becky Strobe
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes
Ray, Marcella & Sam Herigon
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Greg Russell

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2022-2023:	\$305,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End:	\$279,587.00
Actual Collection for 2022-2023:	\$263,701.79
Offertory Difference Year to Date:	-\$ 15,885.21
Offertory Goal per month:	\$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

May 7	\$ 5,179.27
May 14	\$
May 21	\$
May 28	\$

Collection Online: \$ 5,849.50

May total to date: **\$11,028.77**

Difference for May: \$ 14,388.23

Church Renovation Capital Campaign

Total Pledges/Donations	\$486,939.70
Total Collected	\$489,103.27
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 \$139,432.15

Loan payments to date \$69,580.00

(principal) \$60,567.85 (interest) \$9,012.15

St. Thomas the Apostle Cantors / Organists

May 20 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kerry Meyer / Jackie
May 21 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Lisa Wieberg / Jeanette
May 27 5:00 p.m. – Mary Kay Brand / Jeanette
May 28 Sunday 10:00 a.m. - Doug Luebbering / Alanna

St. Thomas the Apostle Readers

May 20 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Amanda Wooten
May 21 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mason Otto
May 27 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Bill Luebbering
May 28 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Ben Luebbering

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of May 14-21:

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – No Mass

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – L&D Bock & Holtmeyer Families

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2022-2023:	\$65,000.00
Collection Total for 2022-2023:	\$56,625.21
Offertory Goal per month:	\$ 5,416.67

Collection in Church:

May 7	\$ 946.00
May 14	\$
May 21	\$
May 28	\$

May total to date: **\$ 946.00**

Difference for May: -\$4,470.67

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

May – Dale & Margie Helton

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

St. Cecilia Readers

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – No Mass

Sunday, May 21 8:00 a.m. – Janice Schanzmeyer

Sunday, May 28 8:00 a.m. – Don Wansing

St. Cecilia Organist

Sunday, May 21 8:00 a.m. – Emilie

Sunday, May 28 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

May 20 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Richard Schellman & Eric Stroepe
May 21 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Shane & Zeke Verslues
May 27 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Eric & Roseanne Boessen
May 28 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Craig Buechter & Ryan Buschjost
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

May 20 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Barb Graessle
May 21 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Marshall Boessen
May 27 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark Graessle
May 28 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Janet Lueckenhoff

St. Thomas the Apostle Servers

Weekday – JD Volmert & Bradyn Stegeman
May 20 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Miranda Meyer, Ava Buschjost,
Evelyn Wooten, JD Volmert
May 21 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Victoria & Will Wieberg,
Isabella Luebbering, Cady Libbert
May 27 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Carmen Luebbering,
Emerald Fennewald, Ellie & Sadie Boessen
May 28 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Erika Luebbering, Kora
Luebbering,
Aliyah Buechter, Stella Volmert

St. Thomas the Apostle Offertory Gifts

May 20 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Family of Ray, Marcella &
Sam Herigon
May 21 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Family of Greg Russell

St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters

May 21 -Dunja Wieberg & Jennifer Schroeder
May 28– Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman
June 4 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes
June 11 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg

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

May 21 Dunja Wieberg
May 28 Jenny Becker
June 4 Karlie Reinkemeyer
June 11 Lauri Luebbering
June 18 Brooke Schell

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday, 7:25 a.m. – Bob Schellman – Sorrowful Mysteries
Wednesday 7:25 a.m.- Bob Schellman – Glorious Mysteries
Thursday 7:25 a.m. –Gilbert & Hermina – Luminous Mysteries
Friday 7:25 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

May 14: Janet Lueckenhoff, Jim Lueckenhoff, Charlene Buschjost, Randy Buschjost
May 21: Lynne Reinkemeyer, Linda Boessen, Lauri Luebbering, Lisa Lackman
May 28: Sonya Henson, Susan Buechter, Jackie Prenger, Amy Buechter
June 4: Brooke Schell, Tina Stockman, Gina Luebbering, Karen Luebbering
June 11: Alan Libbert, Nancy Libbert, Darrel Buechter, Jan Heckemeyer

SCRIP: Visit www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip for more information about the Scrip program. Please contact, Amanda Wooten 573-694-1735 or amandab_27@hotmail.com

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!

BULLETIN NOTICES: Deadline for bulletin is Wednesday at noon.

VIRGIL LACKMAN'S ADDRESS: If anyone is interested in sending cards to Virgil, here is his address. He would love to hear from you. St. Louis Children's Hospital, Attn: Virgil Lackman, Room 1212 B, One Children's Place, St. Louis, MO 65110.

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 \$1,065.00. 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 \$6,050. 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.

St. Cecilia Eucharistic Ministers

May 21 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Doris Stumpe
May 28 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Betty Hagenhoff

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

May 21 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Harold Libbert, Leon Schanzmeyer,
Darin Even, Mitch Stumpe
May 28 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Brendan Stumpe, Randy Hagenhoff,
Kenny Otto, Otto Wankum

St. Cecilia Servers

May 21 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Sarah & Elizabeth Backes,
Jesse Schroeder
May 28 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

May 21 Sunday 8:00 a.m.- Family of the Bock & Holtmeyer
Families

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Wednesday 6:05 p.m. – No Mass
May 21 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Janice Schanzmeyer
Glorious Mysteries
May 28 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.

A NOTE FROM FR. DON ANTWEILER: I have treasured being a priest in our Diocese of Jefferson City for 50 years! You at St. Thomas helped me celebrate my 25th anniversary so well! You helped form and shape me as a person and priest. I am so grateful. As I celebrate my milestone 50th anniversary, I would love to share it with all who wish and are able to attend. God bless us all! Sunday, June 11, Mass at 1:30 p.m. Immaculate Conception Church, Jefferson City. Reception to immediately follow light hors d'oeuvres and desserts, Cana Hall of St. Joseph Cathedral. Kindly RSVP no later than Tuesday, May 30 by emailing to vocations@icangel.com or text 573-230-5030. Please indicate the number attending Mass, reception or both.

BISHOP MCKNIGHT MAY PRAYER INTENTON: For the clergy and faithful of the Diocese of Jefferson City; may the reopening of our Cathedral strengthen our communion with God and one another in the one, holy, Catholic & Apostolic Church.

PASTORS MEDITATION: 6th Sunday of Easter. **THE PARACLETE, ANOTHER HELPER. (AA. 8:5-8, 14-17; 1Pt. 3:15-18; Jn. 14:15-21)** Happy Mother's Day! Today we honor and pray for our mothers, they are our heroes. We need to love them absolutely because they love us so much. We can view Jesus' command as restrictions to freedom, guides to growth or invitation to love. The readings for the 6th Sunday of Easter Year A remind us that God is always with us and always caring for us, no matter where we are or what the circumstances are. The first reading tells of how Peter and John went from Jerusalem to Samaria to pray with the people there and called down the Holy Spirit on them. It emphasizes the importance of preaching the word of God to non-believers and the impact it can have on their lives, as many people in Samaria believed and were baptized. So, as Christians we must share the gospel with others, to be ambassadors of Christ to those who do not know Him. The first reading also shows that true faith is accompanied by a desire to be obedient to God's commandments and to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, which enables believers to live out their faith and grow in their relationship with God. The psalm is our response to God's loving care for us. The second reading tells us that Christ suffered for all of us, righteous and sinners alike. And in the gospel, Jesus tells us that he has not abandoned us. He has sent the Holy Spirit to be with us always. Jesus stresses the importance of obedience to His commandments as a demonstration of our love for Him. The gospel continues to highlight the fact that true faith is not just a matter of belief but also requires a commitment to living a life that is pleasing to God, following the example set by Jesus. Both the gospel and the second reading emphasize the importance of love for Christ. In John, Jesus tells His disciples that those who love Him will keep His commandments and in 1 Peter, the apostle urges believers to always be ready to defend their faith with gentleness and respect, out of love for Christ. Love is central to the Christian faith, as love for Christ should motivate and guide all of our actions and decisions. Jesus promises His disciples that He will send them the Holy Spirit, who will be with them forever. The gospel emphasizes the importance of the Holy Spirit in the life of a believer, as the Spirit guides and empowers us to live out our faith and remain connected to Christ.

As we reflect on these passages, we are reminded that evangelization is not something we can do on our own. We need to let the Holy Spirit act through us. When we share the Good News with others, we must do so with a deep awareness of the Holy Spirit's presence and guidance. We must be open to the Spirit's promptings, allowing him to use us as instruments of his grace and love. Ultimately, the love we express for each other is the love of the Spirit. It is through the Holy Spirit that we are drawn into the life of the Trinity, and it is through the Holy Spirit that we are able to love one another as Christ has loved us. May we always be open to the transforming power of the Holy Spirit in our lives, and may we be bold witnesses to Christ in the world.

Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukibi

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH: Please consider giving of your time and talent as we need four parishioners to serve on the Parish Pastoral Council starting in July for Mark Luebbering, Sarah Luebbert, Bob Schellman and Debbie Strobe who have completed their 3-year term. Call Debbie Strobe if interested at 573-680-0046. Thank you!

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.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL NEWS:

Tuesday, May 16 – Preschool Promotion 2:15 p.m.

Wednesday, May 17 – 8th Grade Promotion 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 18 – Last Day of School 11:05 dismissal P-8

HELIAS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL: Ava Morris, a junior at Helias Catholic High School who is a parishioner at St. Thomas the Apostle, recently received several awards at Helias Catholic's annual awards ceremony:

- The Carl M. Vogel Award, given to a junior boy and girl who have participated in athletics and plan to continue during their senior year. Selection is made by the school's coaching staff on the basis of total contribution to the athletic program.
- The Glory of Missouri Award for exemplifying fraternity, one of the 14 characteristics upheld by the state of Missouri.
- The Bonnot and Hemmel Scholarship, given to the highest-ranking scholastic juniors at Helias Catholic.

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>

LADIES AUXILIARY BABY ITEM DRIVE: The St. Thomas Ladies Auxiliary will be collecting items for the pregnancy help center the weekend of **May 14**. Items can be dropped off in the pack & play on the side of Church. Donation items needed include: Baby wash, shampoo, diaper rash cream, size 1 diapers, wipes, pacifiers, blankets, bottle brushes, etc. If you would like to donate a monetary donation, please put in the collection basket in an envelope labeled "Ladies Auxiliary- Pregnancy Help Center" Thank you in advance for your support!

RECOGNIZING OUR 2023 GRADUATES: If you are a 2023 graduate (elementary, high school, college or technical school), please let us know by emailing or calling the school office at 573-477-3322 or the Parish Office on Tuesday mornings (8:00-11:30 a.m.) or Wednesday's (8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) 573-477-3315. The names will be published in the May 21, 2023 bulletin.

ST. THOMAS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #2149 GOLF TOURNAMENT is Saturday, June 3, Oak Hills Golf Course. 10:00 a.m. shotgun start. 4 person scramble, \$85 per person, \$340 per team. Food & beverage provided at the course. Cash prizes. For more information, please call Craig Buechter 573-694-5157 or Paul Struempf 573-619-5634. For those that are not able to play but would like to donate...hole sponsorships are available for \$50.

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



Totus Tuus Summer Camp

2023 Registration Form: June 4th – 9th for Grades 1-12

**Grades 1-6: Monday through Friday 7:45 am – 1:30 pm
 at St. Thomas the Apostle**
**Grades 7-12: Sunday through Thursday 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
 at St. Thomas the Apostle**

Parent(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Work/cell: _____

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

Name: _____	Grade (In fall): _____	Medical info/ food allergies to be aware of: _____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Cost for the week is \$30 per child for Grades 1 – 6.
Each child will need to bring their own lunch for the day program.

Cost for the week is \$15 per child for Grades 7 – 12.
An evening meal will be provided for Grades 7 - 12.

Volunteers

We will be needing volunteers for Totus Tuus. If you can volunteer, please fill out the form below.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Choose Any:

<input type="checkbox"/> Snacks During the Day	<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Evening Meal	<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday Noon Meal
<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday Evening Meal	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday Evening Meal	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday Evening Meal
<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday Evening Meal	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday Evening Meal	
<input type="checkbox"/> Help Monday During Day	<input type="checkbox"/> Help Tuesday During Day	<input type="checkbox"/> Help Wed. During Day
<input type="checkbox"/> Help Thursday During Day	<input type="checkbox"/> Help Friday During Day	<input type="checkbox"/> Help Sunday Evening
<input type="checkbox"/> Help Monday Evening	<input type="checkbox"/> Help Tuesday Evening	<input type="checkbox"/> Help Wednesday Evening
<input type="checkbox"/> Help Thursday Evening		

Evening Meals (Sunday through Thursday) will be for the Missionaries and kids.

Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him.



John 14:21

Through true love for God, it takes courage, humility and deep trust in him to be obedient to all of God's commandments. The reward of this true love is the salvation of souls.



