

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

St. Cecilia
in Meta

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 1, 2022

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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 1-8:

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Mass of Thanksgiving
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – L&D Alex Heckman Family
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Bob & Donnie Luebbering
Friday 7:45 a.m. – Becky Strobe
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – L&D Gregory & Lucille Veit Families
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – People of our Parishes
Herb & Chris Verslues, Lisa Heislen

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2021-2022:	\$305,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End:	\$254,170.00
Actual Collection for 2021-2022:	\$241,085.77
Offertory Difference Year to Date:	– \$ 13,084.23
Offertory Goal per month:	\$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

April 3	\$ 4,952.52
April 10	\$ 4,651.01
April 17	\$ 4,263.06
April 24	\$ 6,897/05

Collection Online: \$ 7,072.00

April total to date: **\$27,835.64**

Difference for April: +\$ 2,418.64

Church Renovation Capital Campaign

Total Pledges/Donations	\$483,907.00
Total Collected	\$416,164.26
Total Expenses Paid	\$694,851.17

A total of 127 parishioners have returned pledge cards/or
Contributed to the renovation project.

Church Renovation Loan Balance \$198,631.13

Loan payments to date \$3,715.00

(principal) \$2,051.41 (interest) \$1,663.59

St. Thomas the Apostle Cantors / Organists

May 7 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kelsey Kliethermes / Jeanette

May 8 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Josh Luebbering / Jackie

May 14 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mary Kay Brand /Jackie

May 15 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Doug Luebbering / Jackie

St. Thomas the Apostle Readers

May 7 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Bill Luebbering

May 8 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Richard Heckemeyer

May 14 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – David Schroeder

May 15 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Katie Luebbering

Saint Cecilia
Mass Schedule for the Week of May 1-8:

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Marsha Meyer

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Harold Sr. & Mary Ann Loethen

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2021-2022:	\$62,000.00
Collection Total for 2021-2022:	\$51,459.96
Offertory Goal per month:	\$ 5,166.67

Collection in Church:

April 3	\$ 885.00
April 10	\$2,002.00
April 17	\$2,030.00
April 24	\$1,585.00

April total to date: **\$6,482.00**

Difference for April: +\$1,315.33

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. – Cathy Borgmeyer

May 8 8:00 a.m. – Dorothy Rehagen

May 15 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 Greeters/Ushers

May 7 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Dave Luebbering & Mark Boessen
May 8 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Doug Stockman & TJ Loethen
May 14 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Richard Schellman & Eric Strobe
May 15 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Jim Lueckenhoff & Larry Lueckenhoff

St. Thomas the Apostle Eucharistic Ministers

May 7 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark Graessle
May 8 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Lynne Reinkemeyer
May 14 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Bill Luebbering
May 15 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Marshall Boessen

St. Thomas the Apostle Servers

May 7 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Gregory Kirby, Carmen Luebbering,
Miranda Meyer
May 8 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Valerie & Zeke Verslues,
Isabella Luebbering, Cadyn Libbert
May 14 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Gregory Kirby, Miranda Meyer
May 15 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Fayeth Prenger, Erika Luebbering,
Victoria Wieberg, Ellie Boessen

St. Thomas the Apostle Offertory Gifts

May 7 Saturday, 5:00 p.m. – Ralph & Kathy Graessle
May 8 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Riley & Daffiny Tallent Family
May 14 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Alfred & Margie Kaiser
May 15 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Richard & Jan Heckemeyer

St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters

May 8 – Dunja Wieberg & Jennifer Schroeder
May 15 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman
May 22 – Paul Becker & Shara Buechter
May 29 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes
June 5 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday, 7:20 a.m. – Bob Schellman – Sorrowful Mysteries
Wednesday, 7:20 a.m. – Shirley Volmert– Glorious Mysteries
Thursday 7:45 a.m. –Gilbert & Hermina – Luminous Mysteries
Friday 7:45 a.m. – Bob Schellman – 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 1: Lynne Reinkemeyer, Linda Boessen, Lauri Luebbering, Lisa Lackman
May 8: Sonya Henson, Susan Buechter, Jackie Prenger, Amy Buechter
May 15: Janet Lueckenhoff, Jim Lueckenhoff, Charlene Buschjost, Randy Buschjost
May 22: Alan Libbert, Nancy Libbert, Darrel Buechter, Jan Heckemeyer
May 29: Brooke Schell, Tina Stockman, Gina Luebbering, Karen Luebbering

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

May 8 Jenny Becker
May 15 Karlie Reinkemeyer
May 22 Lauri Luebbering
May 29 Dunja Wieberg
June 5 Brooke Schell

SNACKS FOR QUILTERS: Quilter's luncheon may be dropped off Wednesday night 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. (Evening quilting) or St. Thomas the Apostle School.

Thursday, May 5 – Andrea Reynolds & Renea Rustemeyer **Thursday, May 12** – Connie Sandbothe & Lori Schaefer
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.

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

CONGRATULATIONS to **Tate Michael Otto**, son of Derek & Morgan Otto, who became a child of God through baptism this weekend in St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

INFIRM PRIEST/EASTER COLLECTION: The annual Priest Retirement & Infirm Fund assessment for St. Cecilia Parish \$816 and St. Thomas the Apostle Parish is \$5,146. Please be generous.

BULLETIN NOTICES: Deadline for bulletin is Wednesday at noon.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH BULLETINS: If you are needing a bulletin and Church is locked there are some on the Vitae House front porch.

St. Cecilia Eucharistic Ministers

May 8 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Pam Libbert
May 15 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic Plassmeyer

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

May 8 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Anton Libbert & Terry Libbert
May 15 Sunday 8:00 a.m.- Tony Derkum & Leon Schanzmeyer

St. Cecilia Servers

May 1 Sunday 8:00 a.m. –
May 8 Sunday 8:00 a.m.-

St. Cecilia Offertory Gifts

May 8 Sunday 8:00 a.m.- Family of Harold Sr. & Mary Ann
Loethen

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Wed. May 6:05 p.m. – No Mass
May 1 Sunday 7:35 a.m.- Mary Plassmeyer
Glorious Mysteries
May 8 Sunday 7:35 a.m.– Margaret Brune
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.

ST. CECILIA PRAYER LINE REQUESTS can be made by calling Marie Lueckenotto at 573-229-4336.

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

JOIN THE STREAM TEAM: We are truly blessed to have such great equipment for live streaming Mass! If anyone is interested in helping live stream Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle, please call or text Lauri Luebbering at 573-619-6090.

BISHOP MCKNIGHT'S MAY PRAYER INTENTION: For all expecting mothers, biological and adoptive; that through the intercession of Mary, Mother of the Church, they may prepare for the new life in the womb and may receive the support of a nurturing community of faith in the raising of their children.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE USHERS: The Offertory baskets are located in the choir loft by the organ. Please return the baskets back to the choir loft after you have collected the envelopes.

PASTORS MEDITATION: 3rd Sunday of Easter C: DO YOU LOVE ME? FOLLOW ME? (AA. 5:27-32, 40b-41; Rev. 5:11-14; Jn. 21:1-19) Today's Gospel narrative shows us the rehabilitation of Peter, who denied Jesus three times in the courtyard of Caiaphas, repented and then received Primacy in the Church from Jesus. The Gospel also shows us God in search of man, even when man tries to evade Him. The first reading, taken from the Acts of the Apostles, tells us how the Holy Spirit transformed Peter, whom Jesus had appointed head of his Church, from a man fearful of powerful men into a brave witness to the Resurrection. Peter stands before the Jewish Supreme Court, the Sanhedrin, boldly announcing that he and the others must obey God rather than men. The second reading, taken from Revelation (the Apocalypse), presents John's vision of the Risen Lord as the glorified "Lamb of God," enthroned in Heaven. The whole of Revelation is an expression of Christian hope in the Risen Lord. Today's Gospel tells the post-Resurrection story of our merciful Savior Who goes in search of His band of disappointed and dejected disciples. The incident proves that Jesus' post-Resurrection appearances were not mere hallucinations. In the first part of today's Gospel, the risen Jesus appears to His disciples and gives them a symbol of their mission in a miraculous catch of fish followed by a grilled fish breakfast prepared by Jesus himself. The second part is a dialogue between Jesus and Simon where Simon is asked three times whether he loves Jesus, and he answers that he does, as if in reparation for his triple denial of Jesus. The two metaphors used in the story, namely **fishing and shepherding**, are the duties of the Church in her missionary work. Peter, as a forgiven sinner, is chosen for the quality of his love to serve as leader in a community of brothers and sisters. As his primary mission, Peter is given the care of the vulnerable lambs and sheep, and he is told that fidelity to this mission will lead him to martyrdom. Dear friends this means we too need to open our eyes, ears and hearts wide to see, hear, and experience the Risen Lord coming into our lives in various forms, circumstances, and events: 1) The Risen Lord blesses us with success and achievements. We often fail to acknowledge the presence of the Risen Lord behind our unexpected successes, great achievements, promotions at work, miraculous healings and success in relationships. He is right there in our parties, celebrations, and occasions of rejoicing. 2) The Risen Lord is present in our pains and suffering: (AA. 9:1-13) tells us how the Risen Lord transformed the life of Saul by pushing him down onto the Damascus Road and making him temporarily blind. The same Jesus often visits us in the form of accidents, illnesses, the loss of our dear ones, pain, suffering and problems in relationships. 3) The Risen Lord visits us through our friends and well-wishers: He is present in those who visit us and encourage us in our sad and desperate moments. The Risen Lord visits us in the form of unexpected help from the least expected persons in our dire needs. 4) The Risen Lord is present in our Christian worship: He is present on our altars during the Holy Mass to share His life with us; He is present in the words of Holy Scripture; He is there in the Sacraments, and He is there where two or three are gathered in his name (Mt 18: 20). ***Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukiibi***

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

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH HOLY HOUR is Friday, May 6, 7:00 p.m.

ST. CECILIA PARISH CEMETERY NEWS: The **annual cleaning** is **May 1**. Bring any gardening tools you may have to clean flower beds and trim shrubs.

Annual assessments of \$5 per member between the ages of 21 and 75 are due in May. If you did not receive an envelope, you can return to church in any envelope or mail the payment. Please mark the payment as "Cemetery Dues", paid to "St Cecilia Cemetery", Attn: Karyn Veltrop, Treasurer. (Members may also make a one-time payment of \$300 in lieu of yearly payments.)

Reserved Graves: Parish members and former parish members who are current in assessments can reserve a grave for \$20 per grave. However, if the assessment becomes delinquent for more than 5 years, the grave automatically reverts back to un-reserved status.

If you have any questions, please contact Charles Schroeder (President), Ron Meyer, Michelle Derkum, or Karyn Veltrop (Treasurer)

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL NEWS, UPCOMING EVENTS!

Wednesday, May 4 – Virtual 6th Grade Vocation Day

Thursday, May 5 – Preschool Graduation 9:00 a.m.

Friday, May 6 – K-4 Field Trip

Tuesday, May 10 – DARE Graduation 2:00 p.m.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PRESCHOOL: NOW ENROLLING!! 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!

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE GRASS CUTTING ROTATION: Spring is here and so is the green grass! The grass cutting rotation for the St Thomas the Apostle is as follows:

Week of May 2	Mark Luebbering, Nick Luebbering and Anthony Luebbering
Week of May 9	Dick Schellman, Patrick Schellman, Paul Struempf, Rob Henson
Week of May 16	Alan Reinkemeyer, Richard Heckemeyer and Dave Schroeder
Week of May 23	Fred Luebbering, Mark Graessle and Jeff Cassmeyer
Week of May 30	Paul & Jenny Becker, Eric Buechter

Important Note: We would like to have a few additional people join in with some of these teams. Only requires an hour or two a month and the pay and benefits are great! Call Alan Reinkemeyer at 573-694-6984 if interested.

RECOGNIZING OUR 2022 GRADUATES: If you are a 2022 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 morning (8:00-11:30 a.m.) or Wednesday's (8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.) 573-477-3315. The names will be published in the May 22, 2022 bulletin.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE AND ST. CECILIA WOMEN: The Diocese of Jefferson City Women's Ministry Office invites Catholic women throughout our diocese to take a few moments to complete a survey. The survey can be completed online or on paper. Extra paper surveys can be found at the entrance of Church. All information gathered will be used to discern proper resources, educational formation opportunities, programs and events specifically targeted to women in your parish and throughout the Diocese. The results of the survey will be shared with pastors and parish women's ministry representatives. To complete the survey online, enter the following link into your browser: <https://diojeffcity.org/womensministrysurvey/> or visit the women's ministry website page <https://diojeffcity.org/womens-ministry/>. For opportunities to get involved in the ministry, please contact your parish women's ministry representative Barb Graessle (573) 680-2954 (St. Thomas), Brooke Schell (573) 694-8753 (St. Thomas), or Samantha Helton (573) 469-8649 (St. Cecilia).

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH IN JEFFERSON CITY would like to invite members of your parish family to a new video series from Wild Goose Ministries, hosted by Fr. Dave Pivonka, President of Franciscan University of Steubenville. The 10-part series is called "**Metanoia: A Journey with Christ into Conversion**", and the trailer for the series can be found at https://vimeo.com/383174693?embedded=true&source=vimeo_logo&owner=30381908. **Beginning on May 3rd, the sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:30 pm in Pleus Hal of Immaculate Conception Catholic Parish** at 1206 East McCarty in Jefferson City. We will have snacks while we view the video, followed by discussion and fellowship. Anyone is invited to join us for any and all of the episodes. This might be an especially good group for those who were newly welcomed into the faith at the Easter Vigil, so you're welcome to reach out to those individuals with an invitation.

THE HELIAS CATHOLIC GIRL'S SOCCER TEAM will host a Blue Out game in recognition of National Cancer Research Month at 5 p.m. Friday, May 6, at the Crusader Athletic Complex. Students of the local Catholic partner schools are invited to attend the game against Lindbergh High School for free (just show ID or wear a school shirt).

HELIAS SUMMER CAMPS: Registration is now open for Helias Catholic's summer 2022 youth sports camps! This year's summer camps include archery, baseball, boys basketball, boys soccer, cheerleading, cross country, dance, football, girls basketball, girls golf, girls soccer, softball, track and field, volleyball, and wrestling. Helias Catholic summer camps span from late May to August, serving age ranges from kindergarten through high school. Visit www.heliascrusaderscamps.com to view summer camp opportunities and register.

ST. THOMAS LADIES AUXILLARY is collecting items for a **Pregnancy Help Center BABY SHOWER** April 30-May 15. Items such as bottles, pacifiers, wipes, toys, shampoo, lotion, bibs, books etc. Monetary donations can be put in the collection basket in an envelope labeled "Baby Shower KC Auxiliary. A pack and play will be set up in St. Cecilia & St. Thomas the Apostle Churches for donations. Other local Churches donate diapers, so they have a good supply of them.

CITY OF ST. THOMAS SPRING CLEAN-UP REPUBLIC RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS ONLY: Republic Services City Trash Spring Clean-Up is Wednesday, May 11. Please do not put items in trash containers but layout for Republic to pick up. They will empty trash containers on Monday as normally scheduled. All items must be set at curb by **5:00 a.m.**, All items must be bagged or bundled so 1 person can handle; all lumber, guttering or other items of length must be tied in bundles and cut in 4 ft. lengths so 1 person can handle, **NO HAZARDOUS WAST OF ANY KIND; NO LIQUID WASTE OF ANY TYPE** such as paints, pesticides, oil etc.; **NO YARD WASTE** such as brush, limbs, grass or leaves; **NO CAR PARTS** such as tires, motor oil, batteries, etc.; **NO WHITE GOODS** (refrigerators, stoves, hot water heaters, washing machines or dyers); **NO CONCRETE** or large solid items that could damage equipment. If you have questions concerning these guidelines, please contact our office at 573-635-8805.

THE CITIZEN'S CIVIC LEAGUE IN META, is sponsoring a blood drive at the community center on May 3, 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: CivicLeagueMeta to schedule an appointment. Refreshments will be served. Any questions, contact Norma Jean Libbert at 573 229 4248 or 573 644 4499.

VISITATION PARISH ANNUAL SPRING FESTIVAL, VIENNA is this Sunday, May 1, serving fried chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, corn, coleslaw & desserts from 11:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Visitation KC Hall in Vienna. \$12.00 per plate. There is outside seating and limited inside seating available.

SAVE THE DATES: June 26 - July 1, 2022 – Totus Tuus

THANK YOU TO OUR ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PSR TEACHERS!

PSR has officially concluded for this year and I want to personally thank the volunteer teachers that spend nearly every Wednesday evening with your children during the school year. They selflessly give their time to help form the faith of your children. This year, only 1 teacher actually had children attending PSR. The remaining teachers were simply parish members who care about the future of our faith and parish.

This year, there were roughly 26 classes scheduled (some were canceled due to weather). Our teachers try their best to cover a lot of religious material in only 26 hours. The clock is working against them as they try to teach the basic fundamentals of the Catholic faith. They do a great job with the time they are allowed. With this, I encourage parents to continue educating their children in the summer so that everything they learned continues to "stick". Repetition is key. Practice is key. Just like football, basketball, and softball, learning the faith takes practice and time.

Sunday Mass is the best way to see our faith in action. Having your children serve in Mass is the perfect way to get your children hands on and experience the Mass in a new way. Please, continue teaching your children their faith throughout the summer. If you would like the workbook they use at PSR please let me know and you can have it. If you want to sign your child up to serve, please let me know. Father Leonard would be thrilled to have new servers. Father trains the servers and is patient. We understand that practice and repetition is needed to become an excellent server.

Final Thoughts

1. I appreciate any and all volunteer teachers. I encourage parents to be teachers, as they are the first teachers of the faith.
2. 26 hours is not enough time to teach basic fundamentals of the Catholic faith.
3. Parents, please continue teaching your child through the summer. You can have the workbook if you want.
4. Continue having your child practice the faith just like they would for any sport, musical instrument, or hobby.
5. Attend Sunday Mass. There are 168 hours in a week. Please consider using 1 hour per week for Sunday Mass.
6. There are 8,760 hours in a year. This year we spent less than 26 hours educating your child about their faith. Please help us double, triple, or quadruple the amount of time spent on faith formation.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out. Thank you for a successful year! -**Karlie Reinkemeyer**

