

The Roman Catholic Parishes of

St. Thomas the Apostle

in St. Thomas

St. Cecilia

in Meta

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 21, 2017

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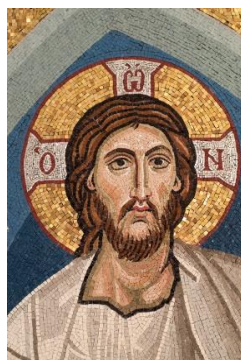
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St. Thomas Parish Office hours: Tuesdays 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.; Wednesdays 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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 21-28:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – L&D Benedict Groner Family
Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Veronica+ Herigon & Slim Strope
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – *No Mass (Summer Schedule)*
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Marcella Utterback
Friday 7:45 a.m. – Martin Struempf
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – L&D Frank & Rose Struempf Family
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – L&D Alex Heckman Family

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2016-2017:	\$305,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End:	\$279,587.00
Actual Collection for 2015-2017:	\$254,100.72
Offertory Difference Year to Date:	- \$ 25,486.28
Offertory Goal per month:	\$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

May 7	\$ 5,198.05
May 14	\$ 4,541.00
May 21	\$
May 28	\$

Collection Online: \$ 5,042.00

May total to date: **\$14,781.05**

Difference for May - \$10,635.95

St. Thomas the Apostle Expansion & Building Fund

Total Expansion Project expenses paid:	\$2,273,475.34
Income from parishioners for FY 2016-2017 (via the yellow "Building Fund" envelope):	\$25,998.00
Loan payments to date for FY 2016-2017:	\$101,505.14
(Principal) \$82,240.24 (Interest) \$19,264.90	
Parish Building Expansion Debt remaining:	<u>\$412,560.44</u>

St. Thomas Cantor / Organist

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Lisa Wieberg/Annette Kehner
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Doug Luebbering/Annette Kehner

St. Thomas Reader / Petitions

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kathy Graessle
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Daffiny Tallent

St. Thomas Altar Servers

Weekdays – Abigail Verslues & Madi Buschjost
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Cameron & Chesney Luebbering, Cale Luebbert
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Ben & Emma Luebbering, Isaac Prenger, Gregory Kirby

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of May 21-28:

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Lawrence & Scott Otto
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Harold & Norma Jean Libbert 50th Anniversary

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – William & Regina Heckman

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Lionel, Arharta, Bonnie & Sandy Libbert

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2016-2017:	\$60,500.00
Collection Total for 2016-2017:	\$58,822.91
Offertory Goal per month:	\$ 5,041.00

Collection in Church:

May 7	\$ 1,413.00
May 14	\$ 1,259.00
May 21	\$
May 28	\$
May total to date:	\$ 2,672.00
Difference for May:	- \$ 2,369.00

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 / Petitions

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Doris Stumpe
Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Jennifer Even
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Don Wansing

St. Cecilia Altar Servers

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Joshua & Alex Even
Ben & Henry Schroeder
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Adam & Madalyn Veltrop, Skyla Schroeder

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

St. Thomas Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
May 27-28

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Marshall Boessen, Mike & Trish Green
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Bill & Betty Jo Luebbering, Lynne Reinkemeyer

June 3-4

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Betty Schellman, Carolyn Loethen, Mark Graessle
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jan Carter, Mattheuw Prenger, Keith Kliethermes

St. Thomas Greeters/Ushers

May 27-28

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Fred Luebbering & Joe Buschjost
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mike Buschjost & Tom Backes

June 3-4

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Carolyn Loethen & Mark Boessen
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Alan Cortvrient & Ryan Buschjost

St. Thomas Presentation of Gifts at Mass

May 27-28

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Gregg & Susan Boessen Family
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Tom & Carol Backes Family

June 3-4

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Steve & Katrina Schellman Family
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Eugene & MaryPat Luebbering

St. Thomas Collection Counters

May 27-28 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman
June 3-4 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg
June 10-11 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday 7:25 a.m. – Joann Heckman – Sorrowful
Wednesday 7:25 a.m. – *No Mass (Summer Schedule)*
Thursday 7:25 a.m. – Viola Boessen – Luminous
Friday 7:25 a.m. – Pat Loethen - Sorrowful
Saturday 4:40 p.m. – Marilyn Herigon– Glorious
Sunday 9:40 a.m. – Pat Loethen – Glorious

SCRIP: No Scrip Sales – Memorial Day Weekend (May 27-28)

June 3-4 Saturday – Kerry Meyer Sunday – Melissa Verslues

Visit www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip for more information about the Scrip program.

We have a large variety of cards in various denominations in stock and available for purchase. Scrip is available for purchase after every weekend Mass in St. Thomas and available during the week by contacting the school office at 573-477-3322. You may also contact Lindsay Luebbering at 573-680-4920 or Karen Luebbering at 573-301-5835 to purchase anytime.

CONGRATULATIONS to **Evie Grace Libbert**, daughter of Paul & Kara Libbert, who was washed in the saving waters of Baptism this weekend at St. Cecilia Parish.

WELCOME to **Will & Kailey Reeves**, who along with their sons, Gannon & Kasen have joined St. Thomas the Apostle Parish.

ST. THOMAS PARISH PICNIC RAFFLE AUGUST 20: If you would like to make a donation or know of someone or a business that would, please contact Janet Lueckenhoff at 573-690-5682 or jlueck207@gmail.com. The deadline to make a donation is **June 9**.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PICNIC: Volunteers are needed to help coordinate for the Annual Parish Picnic. Questions? Please contact Greg Luebbering.

SAB & PPC ELECTION RESULTS: Congratulations to **Ryan Buschjost & Lisa Wieberg** who were elected to the St. Thomas the Apostle School Advisory Board. Further congratulations to **Paul Becker, Jason Buschjost, Mark Luebbering, Steve Schellman** and **Norbert Veit** who were elected to the St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Pastoral Council. (106 ballots)
At St. Cecilia Parish, **Emilie Borgmeyer** is the newest member of the PPC and **Don Wansing** was re-elected for a second three year term. (32 ballots)

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PEW REPAIR: Although a grant was received from the Schwartz Foundation for the replacement of the pew seats, contributions for the replacement of the kneeler pads are welcome and appreciated!



ST. THOMAS SCHOOL & PRESCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGES are available for your information and browsing via a link at the school website's homepage: www.stthomasapostleschool.net

ST. CECILIA PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL meeting will be Wednesday, May 24 at 7:15 p.m. at the rectory.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL NEWS: This summer we will be replacing the three front, top windows of the St. Thomas School building. If anyone is interested in any of the art deco glass blocks, please call the school office. We will be selling them for \$5.00 per glass block for anyone interested. The money raised from the sale of the blocks will be used for window treatments on the new windows.

PRESCHOOL PARENT REMINDER: Please return registration paperwork for Fall 2017 to the school office as soon as possible. Thank you!

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL FACULTY & STAFF would like to thank everyone for their prayers & support throughout the year and to wish everyone a safe and relaxing summer.

St. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
May 27-28

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

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

June 3-4

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Betty Hagenhoff, Dorothy Rehagen, Bonnie Kampeter
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Gerald & Phyllis Rehagen, Pam Libbert

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

May 27-28

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Lou Kloepfel, Mitch Stumpe, Brendan Stumpe, Darin Even

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

June 3-4

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Randy Hagenhoff, Lou Kloepfel, Mitch & Brendan Stumpe
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Harold Libbert, Anton Libbert, Terry Libbert, Tony Derkum

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Wednesday: 6:10 p.m. – Florentine Hagenhoff - Glorious
Saturday 6:40 p.m. – Alice Hake – Glorious
Sunday 7:40 a.m. – Mary Plassmeyer– 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.

THANKS to **Mid-America Bank** for being our **Partner in Education**. We sincerely appreciate all the things you have provided us over the years! Thanks to B&K Quick Shoppe for donating ice throughout the year and to everyone who dropped off donations or volunteered.

Congratulations to **Jarrett Wieberg** for receiving a 4th place medal in the long jump at the Jeff City Relays on April 28. Congratulations to **Lane Libbert** who metaled in 1st place for both the 100 meter & 200 meter runs and 2nd place in shot put; and to **Ethan Luebbering** who took 2nd place in both the 800 meter and long jump at the PAL league track and field meet at Blair Oaks.

PRAYER HOUR WITH MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION is Tuesday, May 23, 7:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

ST. THOMAS 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. Out of respect for individuals' privacy, only necessary information is communicated

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 the St. Thomas School Office to pick up a disposal kit. These kits have been made available free from the Cole County Sheriff's Department.

FAMILY FITNESS CLASS IN ST. THOMAS: The last class until fall will be May 22. Please contact Gina Luebbering with any questions.

CONGRATULATIONS to the St. Thomas the Apostle Preschool Graduates:

Ava Buschjost, Austyn Christian, Chelsey Herigon, Michael Kirby, Cadyn Libbert, Chloe Libbert, Carmen Luebbering, Isabella Luebbering, William Luebbering, Benjamin Otto, Kambrie Stegeman, Jacob Stewart, Victoria Wieberg, Levi Wolken.

CONGRATULATIONS to our Grade School & High School Graduates:

St. Thomas the Apostle 8th Grade: Aiden Brenneke, Luke Kirkweg, Lane Libbert, Mason Luebbering, Sabrina Luebbering, Ethan Rackers, Benjamin Schroeder, Jarrett Wieberg

Blair Oaks High School: Kristin Boessen, Jordan Brenneke, Ryan Dudenhoeffer, Daron Kroll, Dawson Lackman, Victoria Lackman, Nicole Otto, Rebecca Schroeder, Renee Stockman, Cassie Twehus

Blair Oaks 8th Grade: Madison Boessen, Haley Borgmeyer

Fatima High School: Zachary Even, Hayden Hurst, Ben Luebbering, Michael Luebbering, Ashleigh Schroeder, Megan Werdehausen

Fatima 8th Grade: Alex Even, Lydia Hurst, Maria Juergensmeyer, Emma Luebbering

St. Elizabeth 8th Grade: Taylor Backes, Melina Derkum

Eugene High School: Dalton Fowler

CONGRATULATIONS to our college & technical school graduates:

Clayton Boessen – Lincoln University
Erica Graessle – Oklahoma State University
Ryan Luebbert – Linn State Technical School
Brooke Schell – Lincoln University
Dunja Schroeder – Lincoln University
Erin Struempf – Missouri State University
Ashley Wansing – Lincoln University

GROUP GRADUATION PHOTOS NEEDED FOR SESQUICENTENNIAL BOOK

We are in need of 8th grade graduation group photos for the following years:

Class of 1940 (Jerome Luebbering's class)
Class of 1941 (Herbert Kroll's class)
Class of 1942 (Geneva Schmidt's class)
Class of 1944 (Norma Schmidt's class)
Class of 1945 (Eldora Schmidt's class)
Class of 1947 (Leonard Strope's class)
Class of 1951 (Dan Schmidt's class)
Class of 1952 (Gene Luebbering's class)
Class of 1954 (Gilbert Strope's class)



Class of 1957 (Dave Boessen's class)
Class of 1958 (Shirley Schellman's class)
Class of 1959 (Harold Luebbering's class)
Class of 1960 (Pat Herigon's class)
Class of 1961 (Bob Buschjost's class)
Class of 1966 (Fred Luebbering's class)
Class of 1967 (Bill Lueckenhoff's class)
Class of 1968 (Dale Herigon's class)
Class of 1969 (Mike Boessen's class)

6-7-8th grade class composite photos for any of these grades will also work. We do have a few isolated class or graduation photos for very early years like 1911, 1913 and 1929. If any more of these can be found for years before 1940, we will be glad to include them in the book, as well. If you have any of these group photos, call Bill Boessen at 477-3384 or email him at: www.billcoun@embarqmail.com.

BOCCE BALL & HORSESHOE GAMES: There will be a bocce ball & horseshoe games at the St. Thomas K of C Hall on Friday evenings during the summer months, beginning May 26 at 6:30 p.m. There is no charge & have a fun filled evening.

CAMP MACCABEE is a Summer Camp that offers adventure, challenge & competition among God's creation with your Catholic brothers (high school age & older). Camp dates: July 16-21 and July 23-28 at St. Robert Bellarmine, St. Robert, MO. Camp cost is \$150 per session. For more information, please call 573-338-0061 or email: frrwp65@gmail.com.

ST. THOMAS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GOLF TOURNAMENT will be held at Oak Hills Golf Course on June 3. If you or someone you know is interested in having a Team in this tournament please contact Caleb Buechter at 573-694-5157. We will need volunteers to help work this function.

4TH ANNUAL CENTRAL MISSOURI HONOR FLIGHT/STANLEY ADAMS GOLF TOURNAMENT: Friday June 2, 2017 at Oak Hills Golf Course, 923 Ellis Boulevard, Jefferson City, MO. Four person scramble (18 holes), \$75.00 per person, \$300.00 per team. Shotgun start at 9:00 A.M. Hole sponsors \$100.00. Mail team members to Bob Linnenbrink (573/619-4885), 9129 Route B, Jefferson City, MO 65101 or e-mail to: b_linnenbrink@hotmail.com. **Deadline is May 31, 2017.**

MID AMERICA BANK IN WARDSVILLE: A FREE Community Shred Day will be held on Saturday, June 3 from 8 to 11 AM at Mid America Bank in Wardsville. Bring your confidential papers and watch as they are destroyed. Paper clips and staples do not need to be removed, but please remove any binder clips. For more information, please call (573) 635-0019.

COLE COUNTY PWSD NO. 5 METER READER POSITION: If interested in applying for the meter reader position, please send a letter of interest to PWSD No. 5, P.O. Box 225, St. Thomas, MO 65076. Please call Sheri at 573-477-3497 for any questions. Thank you!

OUR LADY OF HELP PARISH PICNIC, FRANKENSTEIN is Sunday, June 4, serving chicken & German pot roast dinners 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.

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION – Sunday, June 18, 2017 after 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas, weather permitting. All parishioners and especially our parishioners who made their 1st Holy Communion are encouraged to participate in the procession through town.

ST. CECILIA PARISH PICNIC – Sunday, July 9, 2017

TOTUS TUUS SUMMER CAMP AT ST. THOMAS & ST. CECILIA PARISHES – July 15-21, 2017

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PICNIC – Sunday, August 20, 2017

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, May 22	8:00 p.m.	15U Boys	Tina Bischoff/Matt Bischoff
Tuesday May 23	6:30 p.m.	10U Girls	Justin & Samantha Schulte
Tuesday, May 23	8:00 p.m.	10U Boys	Chris & Sarah Luebbert
Thursday, May 25	6:30 p.m.	8U Girls	Chad & Julie Francis
Thursday, May 25	8:00 p.m.	10U Boys	Darrell & Jennifer Borgmeyer
Tuesday, May 30	6:30 p.m.	7U Boys	Wes & Lori Libbert
Tuesday, May 30	8:00 p.m.	10U Girls	Danny & Jennifer Wankum
Thursday, June 1	6:30 p.m.	12U Boys	Bill & Holly Barnhart
Thursday, June 1	8:00 p.m.	15U Boys	Corinn Puleo/Jason Wilbers
Friday, June 2	6:30 p.m.	7U Boys	Bruce & Linda Lackman
Friday, June 2	8:00 p.m.	10U Girls	James & Sheila Brenneke

**St. Cecilia Pastoral Council
Minutes of March 15, 2017 Meeting**

Attendees: Fr. Jeremy Secrist, Dorothy Rehagen, Joanne Schroeder, Brenda Wansing, Don Wansing (Absent Darin Even, Betty Hagenhoff)

Opening Prayer (7:20 PM)

Minutes

Read previous minutes. No changes to be made.

Old Business

Tuesday night Penance: Three priests were at St. Cecilia for confessions and about 20-25 people were in attendance. One comment that was made was that various individuals had issues getting up the sanctuary steps.

Movie night results? Hoped for more. "Always have high expectations, but those that didn't attend missed out on good food and a nice movie."

New Business

Within the next month, the church will have some door and window work completed. The two side doors of church will also have the additional 'panic door' style push open handles rather than the turning knobs for safety reasons/emergency exiting. The basement doors of church have been 'unlocking by themselves' so the locks will be replaced. The basement windows will also be replaced.

We are getting bids for the paving of the parking lot since we don't know how soon the Route B and city block streets will be completed.

Concerns with the longevity of the St. Cecilia Catholic Church. Do we see the church having active and strong members in 5 years? 10 years? 20 years? "What can we do to bring the people back to the Church?" *Open discussion between members; comments/replies/concerns*

We are improving the physical, how do we improve the vitality?

We need to look on the youth and their life within the parish, bringing in young families that will help the Parish grow.

Church Directory (last attempt 5 years ago), so we see the families and the "members" of the church

Compare this to our list of parishioners that receive envelopes and Catholic Missourians

What are the connections and bonds that can/will draw people to join our Parish?

What can we do to change the dynamic, to turn the tide of those Parishioners that only attend once or twice a year?

ASSIGNMENT for NEXT MEETING – bring back ideas of how to inspire our fellow Parishioners.

Easter Mass Schedules:

Palm Sunday – Normal time, start mass in the basement of the Parish Hall and the procession of the Palms to church.

April 13 – Holy Thursday, 7 PM at Meta with Adoration through to midnight

April 14 – Station of the Cross at 3 PM at St. Thomas

Good Friday Mass, 7 PM at Meta

April 15 – Easter Vigil, 7 PM at St. Thomas

April 16 – Easter Sunday, normal Mass times

Next Meeting – May 17, 2017; 7:15 PM

Closing Prayer (8:35 PM)