

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

St. Cecilia
in Meta

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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

MAY 21, 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 21-28:

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Raymond Groner
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – **No Mass Summer Schedule**
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Jane Lindenbusch
Friday 7:45 a.m. - L&D Vincent & Katie Loethen Family
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – L&D Don & Marian Becker
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – People of our Parishes
L&D Benedict Groner Family

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2022-2023:	\$305,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End:	\$279,587.00
Actual Collection for 2022-2023:	\$269,165.06
Offertory Difference Year to Date:	-\$ 10,421.94
Offertory Goal per month:	\$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

May 7	\$ 5,179.27
May 14	\$ 5,463.27
May 21	\$
May 28	\$

Collection Online: \$ 5,849.50

May total to date: **\$16,492.04**

Difference for May: -\$ 8,924.96

Church Renovation Capital Campaign

Total Pledges/Donations	\$486,939.70
Total Collected	\$489,657.00
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 \$111,183.63

Loan payments to date \$98,295.00

(principal) \$88,816.37 (interest) \$9,478.63

St. Thomas the Apostle Cantors / Organists

May 27 5:00 p.m. – Mary Kay Brand / Jeanette
May 28 Sunday 10:00 a.m. - Doug Luebbering / Alanna
June 3 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Jean Kliethermes / Jeanette
June 4 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Amanda Wooten / Jackie

St. Thomas the Apostle Readers

May 27 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Bill Luebbering
May 28 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Ben Luebbering
June 3 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kathy Graessle
June 4 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Alan Reinkemeyer

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of May 21-28:

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – L&D Bruemmer & Wansing Families

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Lionel, Arharta, Bonnie & Sandy Libbert
Families

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2022-2023:	\$65,000.00
Collection Total for 2022-2023:	\$58,023.21
Offertory Goal per month:	\$ 5,416.67

Collection in Church:

May 7	\$ 946.00
May 14	\$1,398.00
May 21	\$
May 28	\$

May total to date: **\$2,344.00**

Difference for May: -\$3,072.67

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. – Dorothy Rehagen
Sunday, May 28 8:00 a.m. – Don Wansing
Sunday, June 4 8:00 a.m. – Jennifer Even

St. Cecilia Organist

Sunday, May 28 8:00 a.m. – Lydia
Sunday, June 4 8:00 a.m. – Jackie

**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 27 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Eric & Roseanne Boessen
May 28 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Craig Buechter & Ryan Buschjost
June 3 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Dave Luebbering & Phil Akin
June 4 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Simon Strobe & Larry Lueckenhoff
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 27 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark Graessle
May 28 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Janet Lueckenhoff
June 3 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Bill Luebbering
June 4 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Lynne Reinkemeyer

St. Thomas the Apostle Servers

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
June 3 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Miranda Meyer, Ava Buschjost,
Evelyn Wooten, JD Volmert
June 4 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Francie, Hannah & Levi Tallent,
Ben Otto

St. Thomas the Apostle Offertory Gifts

May 27 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Family of Don & Marian Becker
May 28 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Family of Benedict Groner

St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters

May 28– Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman
June 4 – Ron & Theresa Veit
June 11 – Keith & Jean Klietheremes
June 18 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg
June 25 -Dunja Wieberg & Jennifer Schroeder

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

May 28 Jenny Becker
June 4 Karlie Reinkemeyer
June 11 Lauri Luebbering
June 18 Brooke Schell
June 25 Dunja Wieberg

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday, 7:25 a.m. – Bob Schellman – Sorrowful Mysteries
Wednesday – **No Mass – Summer Schedule**
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 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
June 18: Janet Lueckenhoff, Jim Lueckenhoff, Charlene Buschjost, Randy Buschjost

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

BULLETIN NOTICES: Deadline for bulletin is Wednesday at noon.

PARISH BULLETINS: If you are needing a bulletin and Church is locked at St. Thomas the Apostle, there are some on the Vitae House front porch.

THIS WEEK WEDNESDAY BEGINS THE SUMMER SCHEDULE AT ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH, NO 7:45 A.M. MASS DURING THE SUMMER.

A NOTE OF THANKS!

Fennewald Education Fund - Thanks to all from St. Thomas the Apostle school, St. Thomas 4-H, Ladies Auxiliary, Knights of Columbus, and the Fennewald family that came and assisted last Saturday. We served 434 pork steak meals and 69 hot dog plates. The food was awesome, especially the pork steaks! Thanks also to all from St. Thomas and the surrounding communities that supported the event with their attendance and purchases of meals. Ruth Strobe from Linn was the winner of \$885 from the 50/50 raffle. Between meals, raffle, and donations, we raised \$6400 for the Education Fund for Emerald and Georgia. Plus, we will continue to sell gun raffle tickets until the June 3rd drawing at the golf tournament. Please contact Jason Buschjost, Ryan Buschjost, or Jeff Cassmeyer if you want to buy/sell tickets.

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.

St. Cecilia Eucharistic Ministers

May 28 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Betty Hagenhoff
June 4 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dorothy Rehagen

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

May 28 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Brendan Stumpe, Randy Hagenhoff,
Kenny Otto, Otto Wankum
June 4 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Leonard Schulte, Tony Derkum,
William Derkum, Terry Libbert

St. Cecilia Servers

May 28 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Bradyn & Kambrie Stegeman
June 4 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Natalee Derkum

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 28 Sunday 8:00 a.m.- Family of the Lionel, Arharta,
Bonnie & Sandy Libbert Families

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Wednesday 6:05 p.m. –Dorothy Rehagen
Glorious Mysteries
May 28 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Dorothy Rehagen
Glorious Mysteries
June 4 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer
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.

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.

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: ASCENSION OF THE LORD: I AM WITH YOU UNTIL THE END. (Acts. 1:1-11; Eph. 1:17-23; Mt. 28:16-20) Jesus commissioned us to be his witnesses to the world and his teachers to the nations.

Today's readings describe the Ascension of the Lord Jesus into His Heavenly glory after promising to send the Holy Spirit to the Apostles as the source of Heavenly power and commanding them to bear witness to Him through their lives and preaching throughout the world. But the ascended Jesus is still with us because of His promise, "I am with you always; yes, to the end of time" (Mt 28-20). He is with us at all times and in all places, releasing a new energy upon the earth, the energy of the Holy Spirit. The first reading, taken from the Acts of the Apostles, presents the scene of Jesus' Ascension, the promise of the Holy Spirit, Jesus' instructions to the apostles to wait in Jerusalem for the Power from above, and missionary command to the apostles to bear witness to him. Today's Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 47) suggests that, by his Ascension, the risen Lord "mounts his throne" in glory. In the second reading, Paul teaches us that God revealed His might in the Resurrection and Ascension of Christ and in exalting Him over all angelic forces. Jesus remains accessible to us now in the life-giving Holy Spirit, assuring us that one day we, too, will be ascending to Heavenly glory, provided that, with His grace, we live out our Faith in Him through the mission of loving service He entrusts to us. Today's Gospel tells us that, with his return to the Father, Jesus completes his mission on earth. But just before his Ascension, Jesus entrusted to the disciples the mission of preaching the Good News and evangelizing the whole world by **bearing witness to him** through their lives. It is in his Ascension that we see Jesus entering fully into the life and glory of God. In the descriptions of Christ after his Resurrection, we are given a hint of what life will be like in Heaven. The prospect of sharing that glory should be the driving force of our lives. So, friends we need to be proclaimers and evangelizers, i.e. to be a Christian is to be a proclaimer and an evangelizer. There is a difference between preaching and proclaiming. We preach with words, but we proclaim with our lives. Let us ask the guidance of the Spirit of God to bear witness to Jesus by our transparent Christian lives. We have a teaching mission, i.e. Jesus taught us lessons of Faith, Hope, Love, forgiveness, mercy, and salvation by his life and his preaching and gave us the same mission for our brothers and sisters. Hence, let us learn about Jesus and his teachings through our daily study of the Bible and the teachings of the Church, experience Jesus in personal prayer, our reception of the Sacraments and our works of charity, and convey to others Jesus whom we experience with the help of the Holy Spirit. We need Jesus as our source of strength and encouragement in doing His will: We will be able to overcome doubts about our Faith, as well as baseless fears, anxieties, and worries, by meditating on Jesus' Ascension and the lesson it teaches, that we, too, are called to share his glory in Heaven. **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!

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

ST. CECILIA HOLY HOUR is Friday, May 26, 7:00 p.m., followed by anointing of the sick.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING is Tuesday, May 30, 7:00 p.m. in the school library.

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>

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PICNIC QUILT AUCTION: If you have a baby quilt or t-towels for our parish picnic auction, please call Diane Lueckenhoff, 573-645-5794 or Charlene Buschjost 573-690-9098 by May 28.

HELIAS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL: Isaac Rackers received the Blessed Theresa of Jesus Gerhardinger Service Award for 100 or more hours of community service during the 2022-23 school year.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ST. CECILIA & ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE 2023 GRADUATES:

St. Thomas the Apostle Preschool Graduates: Jack Boessen, Henry Buechter, Brooklyn Goeller, Brayden Otto, Whitley Pohl, Alexis Rademan, Grayson Stegeman

St. Thomas the Apostle 8th Grade Graduates: Audrey Buschjost, Henry Fine, Jack Libbert, Ava Rackers

Helias High School Graduate: Isaac Rackers

Blair Oaks 8th Grade Graduate: Kylie Hickman, Cooper Peters

Blair Oaks High School Graduates: Kenadi Braun, Hannah Brenneke, Madi Buschjost, Brianna Heckman, Kenzie Libbert, Wil Libbert, Molly Suthoff, Maddie Twehus

Fatima High School Graduates: Sophie Bock, Ethan Luebbering, Klint Luebbering, Shelby Wankum

Trinity Lutheran 8th Grade Graduate: Alex Loethen

College & Technical graduates:

- Paul Backes – Columbia College
- Taylor Backes – State Tech
- Lane Libbert – State Tech
- Mason Luebbering – State Tech
- Natalie Otto – State Fair Community College
- Nolan Suthoff – Northwest Missouri State University

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.

Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.

Matthew 28:19-20

As disciples, we have been given every grace and blessing through the Mass and all of the sacraments. We are called to be witnesses through the power of the Holy Spirit sharing our gifts with others in love and gratitude to God.



