

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

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in Meta

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PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 23, 2021

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St. Thomas Parish Office hours: Wednesdays 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.; Thursdays 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

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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 23-30:

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – L&D Vincent Loethen Family
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – **No Mass, Summer Schedule begins**
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Aloysious Wieberg
Friday 7:45 a.m. – Sylvanus Hoecker
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes
Glenn & Jeremy Luebbering
Sunday 10:00 a.m. - Marie Luebbering

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2020-2021: \$305,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End: \$279,587.00
Actual Collection for 2020-2021: **\$250,091.75**
Offertory Difference Year to Date: – \$ 29,495.25
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

May 2 \$ 5,510.00
May 9 \$ 4,880.00
May 16 \$ 2,480.00
May 23 \$
May 30 \$

Collection Online: \$ 6,152.00
May total to date: **\$19,022.00**
Difference for May: –\$ 6,395.00

St. Thomas the Apostle Expansion & Building Fund

Income from parishioners for FY 2020-2021
(via the yellow "Building Fund" envelope): **\$20,722.00**

St. Thomas the Apostle Cantor / Organist

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

St. Thomas the Apostle Reader

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Amanda Wooten
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jean Kliethermes

Mass Live Streamers:

May 30 – Brooke Schell
June 6 – Lauri Luebbering
June 13 – Jeanette Schroeder
June 20 – Karlie Reinkemeyer

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of May 23-30:

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Wilma Cowan

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

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2020-2021: \$62,000.00
Collection Total for 2020-2021: **\$50,466.35**
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,166.67

Collection in Church:

May 2 \$ 1,260.00
May 9 \$ 2,175.00
May 16 \$ 777.00
May 23 \$
May 30 \$

May total to date: **\$ 4,205.00**
Difference for May: –\$ 961.67

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

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

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

St. Cecilia Reader

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Dorothy Rehagen
Sunday 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 Ushers

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Gilbert Schellman & Fred Luebbering
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jim Lueckenhoff & Larry Lueckenhoff

St. Thomas Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark Graessle
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Keith Kliethermes

St. Thomas the Apostle Servers

Saturday 5:00 p.m. -
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Francie Tallent & Erika Luebbering

St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counter

May 30 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg
June 6 - Jennifer Schroeder & Dunja Wieberg
May 30 – Shara Buechter & Paul Becker
June 6 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas:

Tuesday, 7:20 a.m. – Joann Heckman – Sorrowful Mysteries
Wednesday 7:20 a.m. – No Mass
Thursday 7:20 a.m. - Viola Boessen–Luminous Mysteries
Friday 7:20 a.m. – Bob Schellman – Sorrowful Mysteries
Saturday 4:35 p.m. – Dale Herigon– Glorious Mysteries
Sunday 9:35 a.m.–Pat Loethen – Glorious Mysteries

SCRIP: Visit www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip for more information about the Scrip program. Please contact Daffiny Tallent at 573-694-4408 to purchase anytime.

BULLETIN NOTICES: Deadline for bulletin notices is noon on Wednesday's.

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

BISHOP MCKNIGHT'S MAY PRAYER INTENTION: May we honor the Blessed Virgin Mary, our spiritual mother, this month by support in charity for all mothers who struggle in poverty to raise their children.

DECREE LIFTING GENERAL DISPENSATION

Lifting the general dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on days of precept, and abrogating requirements, restrictions, and special allowances of previous DECREES for the COVID-19 pandemic

Whereas the number of COVID-19 positive cases has reportedly stabilized at low numbers throughout our region, and that there are reportedly sufficient medical resources to treat patients who become sick; and

Whereas the availability of government-approved vaccines for the novel coronavirus are reportedly sufficient to inoculate those desiring it; and

Whereas the State of Missouri and the officials of the various counties throughout the diocese have lifted or sharply reduced their requirements and restrictions with regard to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

Whereas the importance of the celebration of the Eucharist, the source and summit of the Christian life, demands in-person attendance on days of precept whenever possible (cf. canon 1248 §1); and

Whereas having consulted the Bishops of the St. Louis Province on this matter at our meeting of 4 May 2021;

I therefore declare, as the Diocesan Bishop, the following:

1. The general dispensation of previous decrees from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and other days of precept is hereby abrogated. Individuals who are symptomatic, or who have been advised by medical doctors to avoid public gatherings, or who are otherwise ill or homebound, as well as their caregivers, are already dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass (cf. canon 1248 §2).
2. Those who are symptomatic for COVID-19 should not be permitted to enter church properties, in accordance with national, state and local health guidance.
3. The continuance of certain special protocols during the pandemic should be continued at the discretion of the pastor (the daily cleaning of high-contact surfaces and holy water fonts; the availability of hand sanitizer and use by ministers of Holy Communion; the observance of social distancing whenever possible; etc.). The wearing of facemasks is still encouraged, especially for those who have not been fully vaccinated.
4. Livestreaming of parish Masses and other important events has proven to be an effective pastoral means of keeping homebound and ill parishioners in contact with their parish community. Parishes are highly encouraged to continue this service in the future.
5. The offertory procession, the taking up of the collection during Mass, the sign of peace, and the offering of the Precious Blood to the faithful may resume at the discretion of the pastor, administrator, or parish life collaborator, effective immediately.
6. All legitimate national, state or local health directives must be observed. Parishes and Catholic institutions in the diocese must stand ready to adopt previous pandemic protocols in the event of a surge of infections.

All other requirements, restrictions, or special allowances contained in previous decrees regarding the pandemic are hereby abrogated. This decree is effective from 1 June 2021, unless otherwise indicated. Anything to the contrary notwithstanding.

Most Rev. W. Shawn McKnight, Bishop of Jefferson City

CORPUS CHRISI: Please watch next week's bulletin for information on the Corpus Christi procession on June 6 at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Each year students who made their First Communion are invited to participate.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

THE MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION is Tuesday, May 25, 7:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

St. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Pam Libbert

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Leonard Schulte & Harold Libbert

St. Cecilia Servers

Sunday 8:00 a.m. –

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Wednesday–6:05 p.m.–Dorothy Rehagen–Glorious Mysteries
Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Cathy Borgemeyer – 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.

PASTORS MEDITATION: PENTECOST SUNDAY: PEACE TO YOU, RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT (Acts 2:1-11; I Cor. 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn. 20:19-23)

On Pentecost, the risen Lord began to indwell his followers in a powerful new way. It is evening time and Jesus appears for the first time to his disciples in Jerusalem where they have locked themselves in a room, they are too afraid to go out, Jesus gives them what he promised them, peace and the Holy Spirit. The peace of Jesus and the Spirit are given to them to help them become witnesses to the new dispensation.

Pentecost is a feast celebrated on the 50th day after the Passover feast by the Jews and a feast celebrated on the 50th day after the feast of the Resurrection of Jesus by Christians. Pentecost literally means 50th. The Jewish Pentecost was originally a post-harvest thanksgiving feast. Later, the Jews included in it the remembrance of God's Covenants with Noah after the Deluge and with Moses at Mt. Sinai

The event: On the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles and the Blessed Virgin Mary as fiery tongues. The frightened apostles were transformed into fiery preachers and evangelizers and were given the gift of tongues by a special anointing of the Holy Spirit. The listeners experienced a fresh anointing of the Holy Spirit through the apostles' gift of tongues: they heard Peter speaking in their native languages. The early Christians became powerful witnesses and brave martyrs for their Faith in Jesus.

The role of the Holy Spirit in Christian life; as an indwelling God, the Holy Spirit makes us His Living Temples (I Cor 3:16). As a strengthening God, He strengthens us in our fight against temptations and in our mission of bearing witness to Christ by our transparent Christian lives. As a sanctifying God, He makes us holy through the Sacraments: Through Baptism He makes us children of God and heirs of Heaven, through Confirmation, He makes us temples of God, warriors, and defenders of the Faith, through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, He enables us to be reconciled with God by pardoning our sins, through the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, He gives us spiritual nourishment by converting bread and wine into Jesus' Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity, through Epiclesis. Through the Sacraments of the priesthood (Ordination) and matrimony (Marriage), He makes the Church community holy.

As a teaching and guiding God, He clarifies and constantly reminds us of Christ's teachings and guides the Magisterium of the Church in presenting Christ's teachings correctly. As a listening and speaking God, He listens to our prayers, enables us to pray, and speaks to us, mainly through the Bible. As a Giver of gifts, He gives us His gifts, fruits, and charisms, thus enriching the Church.

So dear friends we need to permit the Holy Spirit to take control of our lives: by constantly remembering His holy presence and behaving well; by praying for His daily anointing so that we may fight against our temptations and control our evil tendencies, evil habits and addictions; by asking His daily assistance to pray, listening to God through meditative Bible reading, and talking to Him; and by asking the help of the Holy Spirit to do good for others and to be reconciled with God and others every day.

Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukibi

ST. CECILIA HOLY HOUR is Friday, May 28, 7:00 p.m.

ST. CECILIA PARISH has had three trees cut down and therefore firewood is being sold to the highest bidder by sealed bids. Specifications are: 1) There are two elm trees and one pin oak. 2) Bidder must take all of the wood 3) Wood must be removed from church property ASAP. 4) Bids can be dropped into the church collection basket or given to Doris Stumpe

The wood is in four different piles. Three piles are located by the school/parish center and one large pile is located between the church and parish rectory. If you have any questions about the wood location, etc., you can contact Mitch Sumpe.

ST. THOMAS CHURCH CLEANING TEAM ROTATION FOR UPCOMING WEEKS:

Week of May 23: Sonya Henson, Susan Buechter, Jackie Prenger, Amy Buechter

Week of May 30: Janet Lueckenhoff, Jim Lueckenhoff, Charlene Buschjost, Randy Buschjost

Week of June 6: Alan Libbert, Nancy Libbert, Darrel Buechter

Week of June 13: Lynne Reinkemeyer, Linda Boessen, Lauri Luebbering, Lisa Lackman

Week of June 20: Sonya Henson, Susan Buechter, Jackie Prenger, Amy Buechter

Week of June 27: Janet Lueckenhoff, Jim Lueckenhoff, Charlene Buschjost, Randy Buschjost

Thanks to all who volunteer to help keep our Church looking beautiful! Anyone else interested in helping out, please contact Lynne Reinkemeyer at 573-690-7113 and we can add another group.

ST. THOMAS PRESCHOOL: If you have a child ages 3 or 4 and have been thinking about preschool, please call Jaycine Bax 573-821-1179 or email jbax@stacs.school 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 Jaycine or the school office.

THE ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH GROUNDS "GRASS CUTTING TEAM ROTATION" FOR THE UPCOMING

WEEKS: It is once again time for care and maintenance of the parish property. Many thanks to all those who volunteer their time and effort to keep our parish property looking nice. The following dates are assigned for grass cutting.

Week of May 23	Mark Luebbering, Antone Luebbering and Nick Luebbering
Week of May 30	Paul & Jenny Becker, Eric & Shara Buechter
Week of June 6	Mark Graessle, Jeff Cassmeyer and Fred Luebbering
Week of June 13	Richard Schellman, Pat Schellman and Paul Struempf
Week of June 20	Alan Reinkemeyer, Richard Heckemeyer and Dave Schroeder

THE META CITIZENS CIVIC LEAGUE'S next monthly meeting will be held on May 24 at 7:00 p.m. At the March monthly meeting it was decided to have a clean-up day before the St. Cecilia Church picnic. The clean-up day is scheduled for June 26 starting at 8:00 a.m. Any help we can get will be greatly appreciated. Lunch will be provided.

ST. STANISLAUS PARISH, WARDSVILLE is trying to open their Perpetual Adoration chapel full-time, 24 hours a day.

Presently Adoration is held in the main Church 8-5 on weekdays only. If you are interested in taking an hour in our Chapel, please call Donna at 573-680-1470. Thank you! Open Chapel hours: Tuesday 1:00-2:00 a.m.; Saturday 11-12:00; noon (1,2,4,5) Friday 6-7 p.m. (1,2,4) Saturday 9-10:00 p.m. (1,2,5)

ST. STANISLAUS CHURCH: Prayer service at St. Stanislaus Church for the healing of our nation will be held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome! Please join us!

THE STANISLAUS LEGION OF MARY is sponsoring a prayer service including Rosary, Novena, Chaplet of Divine Mercy and songs on the 1st and 3rd Monday nights of each month. The intention is the end of the Coronavirus. Service begins at 7 p.m. and will be held in St. Stanislaus Church, Wardsville. If you can't stay for the whole time (approximately one hour), please come and join us for whatever time you are available! Thank you!

RECOGNIZING OUR GRADUATES: If you are a 2021 graduate (elementary, high school, college or technical school) please let us know by emailing or calling the school at 573-477-3322 or the Parish Office on Wednesday from 8:00 a.m. —4:30 p.m. or Thursday morning 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at 573-477-3315. **The names will be published in the May 29-30 bulletin.**

REMINDERS FOR PARISHIONERS that every First Friday of the month, we have a Holy Hour/Adoration followed by Benediction at St. Thomas and at St. Cecilia the last Friday of the month from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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.

FOUND a jacket that was left in the St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Center after the Groner Appreciation Dance, May 8. To claim, please call the parish office at 573-477-3315.

OSAGE SENIOR CENTER: The Osage Senior Center, located in Wardsville, MO is now under new local management. The Center is looking for interested seniors to fill possible vacancies and/or be placed on the wait list. If you are interested or know people who may be interested, call (573) 632-2712, leave a message and our manager will call you back. Thank you.

HELIAS LADY CRUSADER BASKETBALL CAMP is June 7-10 at Helias Catholic High School. Grades & Times K-5th 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m., 6th & 7th 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Cost K-5th \$35.00, 6th – 8th -\$55.00. Instructors: Head Coach – Garrett Wiggins, Head Assistant Coach – Chris Wyrick, Assistant Coach – Ryan Bax and current & former Lady Crusader Alumni.

SAVE THE DATE: June 27-July 2 – Totus Tuus

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OUR LADY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS PARISH PICNIC, FRANKENSTEIN is Sunday, June 6, serving fried chicken & German pot roast dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. DRIVE THRU & WALK UP MEALS. Meals \$14.00. Quilt auction 5:00 p.m.

St. Thomas the Apostle Church Renovation Status Report May 18, 2021

Approval

Father Leonard, Jackie Prenger, Kathy Graessle, Jan Heckemeyer, Brian Luebbering and Lauri Luebbering met with Deacon Braddock and Father Doke to discuss St. Thomas the Apostle Parish's request for approval of the Church Renovation Project, which included approval of a pledge campaign and a loan to fund this project. Father Doke explained that Bishop McKnight approved our renovation project and also approved the Parish for a 5-year loan of up to \$300,000.

Finance

The Finance Committee reports that there is \$300,000 available for renovation expenses. The total project is estimated at \$600,000. The Pledge Drive goal is to collect \$300,000. A Pledge Drive will be planned accordingly:

- Conrad Schmitt will print promotional material. Sheri Wieberg is drafting a flyer.
- The Pledge Drive will run for 2 months
- Pledge payments will be collected for 3 years.
- Yellow envelopes will be used for collecting on-going payments
- Payment options we are looking into include:
 - Automated ACH payments
 - PayPal accessed from the Parish website
 - Checks – Yellow envelopes can be used for on-going payments.

Preparation

The Parish will have 2 weeks to clear out the Church, so a tight, well-organized schedule is needed. The committee will break down the clearing out tasks in preparation for several people to help. We will be asking for volunteers, especially those with the ability to help with removing the church benches.

Flooring

The parish did not receive other inquiries to bid on flooring. Samples and flooring estimates have been received from St. Elizabeth TV & Appliance. The committee will continue to work with them to select flooring options.

Electrical

The Parish did not receive other inquiries for electrical bids. Meyer Electric will continue to work with the committee on estimates. The existing light fixtures need to be re-wired with upward and downward lighting, all lights need to be upgraded to LED and additional outlets installed. The committee will be working to define electrical tasks to ensure coordination with the master schedule.

Side Altars

Details for the side altars have been provided to multiple cabinet makers, who are preparing their design and estimate. Statues will need to be approved by Father Dan Merz with the Liturgical Commission.

Sound

Sound boards have been ordered. The Design for the millwork has been finalized. All detailed tasks have been identified and a schedule is set. The goal is to have material ready for installation by September 5.

Design / Paint

An updated contract has been received from Conrad Schmitt to remove the scaffolding work. The parish will have a contract directly with the scaffolding company, which will potentially save us 15%.

Schedule

The Parish Council has approved an August 8 start date. 2 weeks (August 8– 22) have been scheduled for clearing out the Church, followed by 2 weeks (August 23– September 6) for setting up the scaffolding. Conrad Schmitt will be scheduled to begin work after Labor Day weekend. The committee continues to work on the schedule.

Next Meeting

The next meeting for the Renovation Committee will be May 26, 7:00 p.m. in the St. Thomas the Apostle School library. All are welcome.

