

# The Roman Catholic Parishes of

## St. Thomas the Apostle

in St. Thomas

## St. Cecilia

in Meta

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### ASCENSION OF THE LORD

MAY 28, 2017

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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 28-June 4:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – L&D Frank & Rose Struempf Family

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – L&D Alex Heckman Family

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – L&D John Ullman Family

Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Rose Schmidt

Friday 7:45 a.m. – Jim Poettgen **Anointing of the Sick after Mass**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – L&D Louis & Anna Benne 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: **\$258,892.72**

Offertory Difference Year to Date: - \$ 20,693.28

Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

##### Collection in Church:

May 7 \$ 5,198.05

May 14 \$ 4,541.00

May 21 \$ 3,833.00

May 28 \$

**Collection Online:** \$ 6,002.00

**May total to date:** **\$19,574.05**

Difference for May - \$ 5,842.95

##### 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): **\$26,977.00**

Loan payments to date for FY 2016-2017: **\$101,505.14**

(Principal) \$82,240.24 (Interest) \$19,264.90

Parish Building Expansion Debt remaining: **\$412,560.44**

##### St. Thomas Cantor / Organist

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Rebecca Schroeder / Annette Kehner

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mary Kay Brand / Annette Kehner

##### St. Thomas Reader / Petitions

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Judy Schroeder

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Doug Luebbering

##### St. Thomas Altar Servers

Weekdays – Abigail Verslues & Madi Buschjost

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ely & Dawson Wieberg, Lilly Schulte

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Lane, Kenzie & Avery Libbert, Jeremy Stockman

#### Saint Cecilia

##### Mass Schedule for the Week of May 28-June 4:

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes

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

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Bonita Kleffner

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Charles & Pauline Werdehausen

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Pauline Braun

##### Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2016-2017: \$60,500.00

Collection Total for 2016-2017: **\$60,113.91**

Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,041.00

##### Collection in Church:

May 7 \$ 1,413.00

May 14 \$ 1,259.00

May 21 \$ 1,291.00

May 28 \$

**May total to date:** **\$ 3,963.00**

Difference for May: - \$ 1,078.00

**Please remember your parish in your last will & testament.**

##### St. Cecilia Collection Counters

June – Marie Lueckenotto & Pam Libbert

##### St. Cecilia Reader / Petitions

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Dorothy Rehagen

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Betty Hagenhoff

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic Plassmeyer

##### St. Cecilia Altar Servers

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Ben & Henry Schroeder

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Will & Melina Derkum,

Sophie Bock

**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****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

**June 10-11**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Lora Boessen, Mark Luebbering, Pat Kaiser

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Betty Schellman, Rosalyn Wieberg, Lillian Lackman

**St. Thomas Greeters/Ushers****June 3-4**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Carolyn Loethen & Mark Boessen

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Alan Cortvrient & Ryan Buschjost

**June 10-11**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Gregg Boessen & Mike Groner

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Gilbert & Richard Schellman

**St. Thomas Presentation of Gifts at Mass****June 3-4**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Steve & Katrina Schellman Family

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Eugene & MaryPat Luebbering

**June 10-11**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mike & Trish Green

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Ray & Shirley Volmert

**St. Thomas Collection Counters**

June 3-4 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg

June 10-11 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes

June 17-18 – Jennifer Schroeder & Stephanie Cortvrient

**Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas**

Tuesday 7:25 a.m. – Joann Heckman – Sorrowful

Wednesday – *No Mass (Summer Schedule)*

Thursday 7:25 a.m. – Viola Boessen – Luminous

Friday 7:25 a.m. – Gilbert & Hermina Strobe - Sorrowful

Saturday 4:40 p.m. – Dale Herigon – Glorious

Sunday 9:40 a.m. – Gilbert & Hermina Strobe – Glorious

**SCRIP:** **June 3-4** Saturday – Kerry Meyer Sunday – Melissa Verslues

Visit [www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip](http://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 other weekend Mass in St. Thomas. You may also contact Lindsay Luebbering at 573-680-4920 or Karen Luebbering at 573-301-5835 to purchase anytime.

**A NOTE OF THANKS**

I consider myself blessed and lucky in many ways. The odds of surviving the kind of stroke I had was a miracle. Usually, only 5% survive. I'm still going to therapy 3 times a week but have come a long way in the past two months since my stroke. The love, prayers and support of my family, friends, parish family and surrounding parishes is overwhelming. In the hope of not forgetting any good deed, I want to thank everyone for everything and hopefully in a couple of months, I will regain the feeling and use of the right side of my body. In faith and patience, *Wanda Sturtz*

**CONGRATULATIONS** to **Taylor Stevens & Jacob Brune**, who were wed in Christ this weekend at St. Cecilia Parish.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING** is Tuesday, May 30 at 6:00 p.m. in the Vitae House. Newly elected members please begin attending at the *next* scheduled meeting.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING** is Tuesday, May 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the Vitae House. Newly elected members please begin attending at the *next* scheduled meeting.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING** is Thursday, June 1 at 7:00 p.m. in the Vitae House.

**FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH – JUNE 2 AT ST. THOMAS**

**7:45 a.m. Mass**, Anointing of the Sick immediately following Mass.

**Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament all day.** Please come and spend an hour with Our Eucharistic Lord.

**Confessions: 9:00—9:30 a.m.**

**Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament: 4:00 p.m.** \* *Father has a wedding rehearsal at another parish that evening.*

**FIRST FRIDAY SOCIAL:** Come join us in the Vitae House for coffee, donuts and other hospitality following Mass on the first Friday of the month at St. Thomas the Apostle.

**ROSARY FOR OUR COUNTRY** Sunday, June 4 at 5:00 p.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle.

**ST. CECILIA PSR TEACHER MEETING:** Wednesday, June 7 at 7:15 p.m. in St. Cecilia Parish Center.

**ST. THOMAS SESQUICENTENNIAL MEETING** will be 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 8 in the Vitae House.

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

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE 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](mailto:jlueck207@gmail.com). The deadline to make a donation is **June 9**.

**St. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion****June 3-4**

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Betty Hagenhoff, Dorothy Rehagen, Bonnie Kampeter

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Gerald & Phyllis Rehagen, Pam Libbert

**June 10-11**

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

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

**St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers****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

**June 10-11**

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

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

**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.

**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 THE APOSTLE PARKING LOT REPAIR:** As part of regular preventive maintenance, during this past week, over 2 tons of asphalt were applied and 2,800 linear feet of cracks were filled with hot tar on the upper parking lot.



**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](http://www.stthomasapostleschool.net)

**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 PRAYER LINE REQUESTS** should be emailed to Jenny Becker at [jbeckeroffice@gmail.com](mailto: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.

### **CATHOLICISM 101: GODPARENTS**

From time to time it's important to review the basics of our Catholic faith, lest they be forgotten or misunderstood. And so this week, let's review the role and responsibilities of being a Catholic godparent. To understand the role of godparents, we first need to remember the purpose and effects of the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation.

In addition to the forgiveness of all sins (*Catechism* paragraph 1263) and the indelible spiritual mark as one named for Christ (*Catechism* #1272-74), Baptism has two other effects: the person becomes an adopted son or daughter of God (*Catechism* #1265), and the person becomes a member of the Body of Christ, the Church (*Catechism* #1267-71).

The Sacrament of Confirmation increases and deepens the graces first given at Baptism (*Catechism* #1303-04). Consequently, the effects of Confirmation are similar to those of Baptism: the person is conformed more perfectly to Christ as an adopted son or daughter of God, is more perfectly united to the Body of Christ, strengthened to bear witness to the faith in daily life.

Hence being a godparent or baptismal sponsor is not just an honorary title! The role of being a godparent is directly related to these actual effects of Baptism and Confirmation. When a person receives the Sacrament of Baptism, God forgives his sins and grants him the gift of salvation. This spiritual relation to Almighty God cannot ever be erased or removed; even if it is denied, forgotten or damaged because of sin. Baptism is only *the beginning* of the spiritual life, in which we must grow in virtue and grace before God and man. This growth in virtue and grace reflects the vital reality of our status as God's adopted children.

A godparent's role is to assist the *growth* of the baptized in his new spiritual life. During Baptism, both the parents and godparents make a promise to provide an example of faith to help the baptized to lead the Christian life in harmony with Baptism, and to faithfully fulfill the obligations connected with it (Code of Canon Law 872). If the one to be baptized is an infant or child whose parents are faithful Catholics, the godparent assists the parents, who are the primary teachers of the faith. If the baptized is an infant or child whose parents are not faithful to the Church, or if the baptized is an adult, the godparent must provide a primary role in the spiritual growth of the godchild.

The greatest help a godparent provides is to be a witness of faith, fostering the virtues and providing an example of prayer. As part of this example of faith, the godparent must be involved in the life of his or her godchild. Being actively involved in the life of a godchild fosters a strong relationship and enables the godparent to serve as a genuine role model. The godchild can then better understand his status as a child of God.

Because this role of sponsor or godparent is so important, there are special requirements (Code of Canon Law 874) in order to be a godparent in the Catholic Church:

- 1. be properly designated and able to accept the responsibilities of the role;**
- 2. be at least 16 years of age (unless another age has been established by the bishop);**
- 3. be a baptized and confirmed Catholic**
- 4. be leading a life in harmony with the Catholic faith and not bound by an ecclesiastic penalties (for example, not having attempted marriage outside the Church);**
- 5. not be the mother or father of the one baptized.**

**While only one godparent is absolutely necessary, if there are two, one must be a man and the other a woman** (Canon 873).

Kindly keep in mind that these requirements are not meant to be unnecessary burdens, but rather meant to ensure that the godparent (and parents) take the responsibilities seriously and is able to fulfill them.

In conclusion, it is the usual practice that when a Catholic adult is asked to be a godparent or sponsor in another parish, a letter attesting to that fact is sent by the pastor. If one has not been regularly participating in the life of the parish, it makes it rather difficult for any priest to honestly compose such a letter. Let us continue praying for each other and encouraging one another to be good examples of active faith in Our Lord Jesus Christ and His Church.

Yours in Christ – Fr. Secrist

### **GROUP GRADUATION PHOTOS NEEDED FOR SESQUICENTENNIAL BOOK**

We are in need of 8<sup>th</sup> 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 Strobe's class)  
Class of 1951 (Dan Schmidt's class)  
Class of 1952 (Gene Luebbering's class)  
Class of 1954 (Gilbert Strobe'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- 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:frrwp65@gmail.com).

**ATTENTION ST. THOMAS QUILT GROUPS:** Thank you to everyone who helped in any way towards the quilts for our 2016 picnic. We have a very good selection and hope the auction goes well. We will need all 2017 picnic quilts dropped off at the parish call cafeteria after Masses on June 3&4, so pictures can be taken and flyers made. If anyone wishes, you can bring your quilt to Emily Luebbering or Kathy Strobe by the about date. Please mark the quilt with its correct name. The quilt list for the 2018 is attached to the bulletin. If you would like to help us quilt, come and join our circle next fall. Please check if your name has been moved. We will need some quilt tops with lining to be quilted August 31. Quilt batting is available for \$10.00. If you have any questions, please call Emily Luebbering at 573-477-3459 or Kathy Strobe at 573-477-3349. If you have a baby quilt or t-towels for our parish picnic auction, please call Diane Lueckenhoff at 573-645-5794 or Charlene Buschjost at 573-477-3480 by June 3&4.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH PICNIC, LOOSE CREEK** is Sunday, June 11, serving German pot roast & fried chicken dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Adults \$11.00, children 6-12 \$5.00. Quilt & dessert auction at 5:00 p.m. Kiddie tractor pull ages 5-8, registration at 4:30 p.m.

**CENTRAL MISSOURI HONOR FLIGHT CRAFT/VENDOR SHOW FUNDRAISER** is Sunday, June 25 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Wardsville Lions Club. Silent auction and refreshments will be served. All proceeds go to the Central Missouri Honor Flight. Questions, please contact Andrea Mobley (573-338-4480) or [adrea.mobley@winter-dent.com](mailto:adrea.mobley@winter-dent.com)

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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
Monday, June 5	6:30 p.m.	8U Girls	Bryan & Kerry Meyer
Tuesday, June 6	6:30 p.m.	7U Boys	Terry & Julie Bock
Thursday, June 8	6:30 p.m.	12U Boys	Kristin Morris/John Morris
Thursday, June 8	8:00 p.m.	10U Girls	Jeremy & Sheila Libbert
Friday, June 9	6:30 p.m.	7U Boys	Matt & Sandy Kliegel

**PRESENTATION OF THE HISTORY OF HONEY CREEK:** The Cole County Historical Society will offer a presentation on the history of Immanuel Lutheran Church and the Honey Creek Community on Wednesday, June 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement of Immanuel Lutheran, 8231 Tanner Bridge Road.