

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

St. Cecilia
in Meta

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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

MAY 30, 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.
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 30-June 6:

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Jeremy Luebbering
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – **No Mass, Summer Schedule**
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – L&D Toni & Eleanor Spencer
Friday 7:45 a.m. – Margaret Buechter
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Bob & Donnie 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: **\$253,986.75**
Offertory Difference Year to Date: – \$ 25,600.25
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 \$ 3,895.00
May 30 \$

Collection Online: \$ 6,152.00

May total to date: **\$22,917.00**

Difference for May: –\$ 2,500.00

St. Thomas the Apostle Expansion & Building Fund

Income from parishioners for FY 2020-2021
(via the yellow "Building Fund" envelope): **\$20,972.00**

St. Thomas the Apostle Cantor / Organist

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Judy Schroeder / Alanna Stockman
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Amanda Wooten / Jean Schroeder

St. Thomas the Apostle Reader

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – David Schroeder
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Tom Backes

Mass Live Streamers:

June 6 – Lauri Luebbering
June 13 – Jeanette Schroeder
June 20 – Karlie Reinkemeyer
June 27 – Jennifer Schroeder

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of May 30-June 6:

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Alma Blomberg

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Ben & Jason Hake

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2020-2021: \$62,000.00
Collection Total for 2020-2021: **\$51,191.35**
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 \$ 725.00
May 30 \$

May total to date: **\$ 4,930.00**

Difference for May: –\$ 236.67

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

June – Marie Lueckenotto & Pam Libbert

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

St. Cecilia Reader

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic Plassmeyer

***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. – Mark Boessen & Eric Strope
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Eric & Keith Boessen

St. Thomas Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Lora Boessen
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Rob Henson

St. Thomas the Apostle Servers

Saturday 5:00 p.m. -
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Valerie & Zeke Verslues

St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counter

June 6 - Jennifer Schroeder & Dunja Wieberg
June 13 - Shara Buechter & Paul Becker
June 20 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes
June 27 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg

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. – Pat Loethen – Sorrowful Mysteries
Saturday 4:35 p.m. – Dale Herigon– Luminous Mysteries
Sunday 9:35 a.m.–Gilbert & Hermina – Luminous Mysteries

St. Thomas the Apostle Offertory

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark & Lora Boessen
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Keith & Jean Kliethermes

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.

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION: There will be a procession on the St. Thomas Parish complex after the 10:00 Mass on June 6. First Communion students from this year are especially invited to participate and may wear First Communion outfits.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE MASS MINISTRIES: Please watch the bulletin for Mass ministries. Servers and Offertory Participants will be scheduled for all Masses.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISHIONERS: The Parish Pastoral Council wants to update the current list of parishioners in St Thomas. If you are 21 years of age or working full time please visit the St. Thomas webpage to fill out the Parish Registration Form or it can be found in the entrances of Church. You can email it back to Theresa Veit (tveitoffice@gmail.com) or put the completed form in collection basket at Church. Thank you!

A NOTE OF THANKS!

A special thanks to everyone who came to our 50th Wedding Anniversary. Our cards and prayers were appreciated. Norbert & Marilyn Veit

60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: Come join and help Lawrence & JoAnn Wansing celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday June 5 at the Citizens Civic League Hall in Meta, MO. The dance will start at 7:30 p.m. and music will be provided by the Osage Angels."

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

BISHOP MCKNIGHT'S JUNE PRAYER INTENTION: In the year of St. Joseph, husband of Mary and foster father of Jesus, may we grow in our appreciation for the importance of the vocation of fatherhood for the benefit of society and the Church.

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.

St. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic Plassmeyer

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Anton Libbert & Terry Libbert

St. Cecilia Servers

Sunday 8:00 a.m. –

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Wednesday–6:05 p.m.–Cathy Borgmeyer–Glorious Mysteries
Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Margaret Brune – Luminous 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.

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

PASTORS MEDITATION: HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY: (Deut. 4:32-34, 39-40; Rom. 8:14-17; Mt. 28:16-20)

The mystery of the most Holy Trinity is a basic doctrine of Faith in Christianity, understandable not with our heads but with our hearts. It teaches us that there are three distinct Persons in one God, sharing the same Divine Nature, co-equal and co-eternal. Our mind cannot grasp this doctrine but we believe in this Mystery because Jesus, Who is God, taught it clearly, (the Evangelists recorded it, the Fathers of the Church tried to explain it, and the Councils of Nicaea and Constantinople defined it as a dogma of Christian Faith.)

The importance of the Holy Trinity in Christian life: All prayers in the Church begin in the Name of the Holy Trinity and end glorifying the Trinity. All Sacraments are administered (we are baptized, confirmed, anointed, our sins are forgiven, our marriage is blessed, and our Bishops, priests and deacons are ordained) in the name of the Holy Trinity. When Church bells ring thrice daily, they remind us to give glory to the Holy Trinity for the Incarnation of Jesus and His Redemption of all of us. We bless ourselves, and the priest blesses us, in the Name of the Holy Trinity.

There are vague biblical basis and hidden references to the Trinity in the Old Testament. But the New Testament gives clear teachings on the Holy Trinity.

At the Annunciation, God the Father sends His angel to Mary, God the Holy Spirit comes upon her, the Power of the Most High overshadows her, and God the Son becomes Incarnate in her womb.

At the baptism of Jesus, when the Son receives baptism from John the Baptist, the Father's Voice is heard, and the Holy Spirit appears as a Dove and descends upon Jesus.

At the Ascension, Jesus gives the missionary command to his disciples to baptize those who believe, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

In John's Gospel, chapters 15-18, we have a detailed account of Jesus' teaching of the role of each Person of the Holy Trinity: a) God the Father creates and provides for His creatures. b) God the Son redeems us and reconciles us with God. c) God the Holy Spirit sanctifies us, strengthens us, teaches us, and guides us to God.

Let us dear friends respect ourselves and others because everyone is the temple of the Holy Spirit where all Three Persons of the Holy Trinity abide. Let us have the firm conviction that the Trinitarian God abides in us, that He is the Source of our hope, courage and strength, and that He is our final destination. Let us practice the Trinitarian relationship of love and unity in the family relationships of father, mother, and children because by Baptism we become children of God and members of God's Trinitarian family. A practical prayer exercise can help the doctrine of the Trinity come alive in our daily lives.

Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukibi

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE HOLY HOUR is Friday, June 4, 7:00 p.m.

A ROSARY FOR OUR COUNTRY is Friday, June 4, 5:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

ST. CECILIA PARISH PASTORIAL COUNCIL: An election for new members will not be held because we needed four new members and that is the total number of volunteers we received from individuals willing to serve on the council. The new members are Janice Schanzmeyer, Katie Werdehausen, Emily Libbert and Joanne Schroeder. The other two existing members are Betty Hagenhoff, and Dorothy Rehagen. And thanks to the following members who have completed their terms: Emilie Borgmeyer, Mitch Stumpe, Mary Plassmeyer and Don Wansing.

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 Stumpe.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE QUILT GROUPS: Thank you to everyone who helped in ways towards the quilts for our 2021 parish picnic. We have a good selection and hope the auction goes well. The quilt list for the 2022 picnic is attached to the bulletin or found on our web page. **The first name on the list is the chairperson and is responsible for having a quilt ready for the 2022 picnic. The quilts should be finished by June 1, 2022, so they can be listed on the picnic flier.**

Chairpersons are asked to contact the other members of their group. We have less quilter's and have had a hard time getting all quilts completed. Therefore, three groups have been taken off and distributed among the remaining groups. Please check if your name has been moved. If you would like to help us quilt, come and join our circle next Fall. We will need some quilt tops with lining to be quilted by August 23. 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 auction, please call Diane Lueckenhoff 573-645-5794 or Charlene Buschjost 573-477-3480 as soon as possible.

ST. THOMAS CHURCH CLEANING TEAM ROTATION FOR UPCOMING WEEKS:

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 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

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!

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.

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.

ATTENTION OVER 50 GROUP: The June luncheon will be held on Thursday, June 10 at the Meta Parish Center, with lunch served at noon. Please bring a covered dish and enjoy eating and visiting with each other.

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

July 11 – St. Cecilia Parish Picnic

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.

SCOUT 76 PORK BURGER SALE is Saturday, June 12, at Bescheinen Furniture in Loose Creek. We will be serving pork burgers from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

2021 RELAY FOR LIFE OF OSAGE & MARIES COUNTY 2021 is hosting a Drive Thru BBQ and Luminary Ceremony on June 18. BBQ is from 4-7:30 p.m. at the Westphalia Lions Club. Pork burger meals are \$5 and include chips and choice of drink. Single pork burgers are \$3. Raffle chances will be available and prizes will be drawn at 7:30 p.m. Luminary Ceremony honoring those we have lost to cancer and those still fighting will begin at 8PM. Please contact Nicki at 573-301-6944 for more information.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ST. THOMAS PRESCHOOL GRADUATES: Noah Akin, Gavin Buechter, Georgia Fennewald, Jayden Libbert, Jaxon Nilges, Marlaina Person, Emmary Prenger, Hadley Pritchett, Kasen Reeves, Gabriel Sandbothe, Lucas Schulte, Sydney Schwartz, Jase Volmert

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

St. Thomas the Apostle 8th Grade: Jackson Braun, Dylan Kliegel, Carson Libbert, Grace Luebbering, Cale Luebbert, Henry Schroeder, Lilly Schulte, Abigail Verslues, Savanna Wieberg, Sadie Wolken

Blair Oaks 8th Grade: Bria Boessen, Trevor Borgmeyer, Henry Buschjost, Owen Schellman

Fatima 8th Grade: Reagan Bock, William Bock, Madison Wankum

St. Elizabeth 8th Grade: Sarah Backes

Helias High School: Ethan Rackers, Jarrett Wieberg

Blair Oaks High School: Madi Boessen, Haley Borgmeyer, Lane Libbert

Fatima High School: Alex Even, Lydia Hurst, Maria Juergensmeyer, Emma Luebbering, Mason Luebbering, Sabrina Luebbering, Ben Schroeder

St. Elizabeth High School: Taylor Backes, Melina Derkum

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR COLLEGE & TECHNICAL SCHOOL GRADUATES:

Megan Graessle, Palmer College of Chiropractor

Kim Kliegel, Stella Stylist, Plunder design

Adam Schell, Missouri State University

Renee Stockman, Lincoln University

Cassie Twehus, University of Missouri

Dunja Wieberg, Missouri State (Master's Degree)

