

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

**St. Cecilia**  
in Meta

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**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**MAY 5, 2019**

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St. Thomas Parish Office hours: Tuesdays 8:30 a.m. – 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.

**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 5-12:**

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Geneva Plassmeyer  
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – Slim Strobe & Veronica Herigon  
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – L&D Alex Heckman Family  
Friday 7:45 a.m. – Alma Chambers  
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – John, Steve & Minnie Luebbering  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mary Jane Lueckenotto  
People of our Parishes

**Your Sunday Offering:**

Offertory Budget for 2018-2019: \$305,000.00  
Offertory Goal through Month End: \$254,170.00  
Actual Collection for 2018-2019: **\$238,939.97**  
Offertory Difference Year to Date: – \$ 15,230.03  
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

**Collection in Church:**

April 7 \$ 4,066.00  
April 14 \$ 3,603.00  
April 21 \$ 4,179.00  
April 28 \$ 3,547.00

**Collection Online:**

April total to date: **\$21,197.00**  
Difference for April: – \$ 4,222.00

**St. Thomas the Apostle Expansion & Building Fund**

Total Expansion Project expenses paid: \$2,273,475.34  
Income from parishioners for FY 2018-2019  
(via the yellow "Building Fund" envelope): **\$24,636.65**  
Loan payments to date for FY 2018-2019: **\$101,505.14**  
(Principal) \$91,049.14 (Interest) \$10,456.00  
Parish Building Expansion Debt remaining: **\$218,116.09**

**St. Thomas the Apostle Cantor / Organist**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Anne Strobe / Jackie Prenger  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Doug Luebbering / Jackie Prenger

**St. Thomas the Apostle Reader**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Amanda Wooten  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jim Lueckenhoff

**St. Thomas the Apostle Altar Servers**

Weekday – Kenadi Braun, Wyatt Otto, Annaline Schroeder  
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Cameron & Chesney Luebbering,  
Courtney Luebbering  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Madi & Audrey Buschjost,  
Abigail Verslues, Gregory Kirby

**St. Cecilia**

**Mass Schedule for the Week of May 5-12:**

Thursday 6:30 p.m. – Lawrence "Dick" Rehagen

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Rosalyn Wankum

**Your Sunday Offering:**

Offertory Budget for 2018-2019: \$62,000.00  
Collection Total for 2018-2019: **\$56,622.97**  
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,166.67

**Collection in Church:**

April 7 \$1,376.00  
April 14 \$1,536.00  
April 21 \$2,539.00  
April 28 \$1,557.50  
**April total to date: \$7,008.50**  
Difference for April: +\$1,841.83

**St. Cecilia Collection Counters**

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

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

**St. Cecilia Reader**

Thursday 6:30 p.m. – Dorothy Rehagen  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer

**St. Cecilia Altar Servers**

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Sophie Bock & Reagan Bock

**IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO FULFILL YOUR  
LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENT, PLEASE FIND A  
REPLACEMENT. YOUR FELLOW  
PARISHIONERS THANK YOU!**

**St. Thomas Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

**May 11-12**

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

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mike & Sheri Wieberg, Bill Luebbering

**May 18-19**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Paul & Jenny Becker, Marshall Boessen

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Lynne Reinkemeyer, Jan Carter, Mattheuw Prenger

**St. Thomas Greeters/Ushers**

**May 11-12**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Fred Luebbering & Mark Boessen

Sunday 10:00 a.m. - Doug Stockman & TJ Loethen

**May 18-19**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mike Groner & Dave Luebbering

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mattheuw Prenger & Keith Kliethermes

**St. Thomas Presentation of Gifts at Mass**

**May 11-12**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Alfred & Margie Kaiser

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Tom & Carol Backes Family

**May 18-19**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark & Lauri Luebbering

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

**St. Thomas Collection Counters**

May 11-12 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes

May 18-19 – Jennifer Schroeder & Stephanie Cortvrient

May 25-26 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman

**Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas:**

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

Wednesday 7:25 a.m. – Pat Loethen - Glorious

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

Friday 7:25 a.m. – Bob Schellman - Sorrowful

Saturday 4:40 p.m. – Barb Graessle - Glorious

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

**MASS NEXT WEEK AT ST. CECILIA WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 9 INSTEAD OF WEDNESDAY MAY 8 DUE TO FR. LEONARD BEING OUT OF TOWN.**

**CHANGES IN WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE:** The 7:00 p.m. Saturday Mass at St. Cecilia has ceased. All other Mass times will remain the same. 5:00 PM Saturdays at St Thomas, 8:00 a.m. Sundays at St Cecilia and 10:00 a.m. at St Thomas. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding as this change is put in place.

**INFIRM PRIEST/EASTER COLLECTION:** The annual Priest Retirement & Infirm Fund assessment for St. Cecilia Parish is \$900.00 and St. Thomas the Apostle Parish is \$3,153.00. Please be generous.

**SCRIP:** **May 11-12** Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Karen Luebbering

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Melissa Verslues

Visit [www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip](http://www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip) for more information about the Scrip program. Scrip is available after every other weekend Mass in St. Thomas. You can contact Lindsay Luebbering at 573-680-4920 or Karen Luebbering at 573-301-5835 to purchase anytime. A large variety of cards in various denominations are in stock and available for purchase.

**BISHOP MCKNIGHT'S MAY PRAYER INTENTION:** "For those who have received the Easter Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation this year; that they may witness the resurrection in works of sacrificial love."

**CONGRATULATIONS** to ***Alison Vercelli & Ryan Mayer***, who were married in Christ this weekend at St. Thomas the Apostle Church. Many blessings to you as you begin your married life together!

**A NOTE OF THANKS!**

Thank you to everyone that helped in anyway before, during and after the passing of our Dad and Grandpa, Don Schaefer. Your kindness will never be forgotten. ***Ronda, Marlan, Lori & Sam Schaefer***

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:** Don & Mary Jane Wansing will be celebrating their 45<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, May 11. They are having an open house at the Citizens Civic League Hall in Meta from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Please stop by and wish Don & Mary Jane a Happy 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

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

**MINISTRY TO THE ILL & INFIRM:** If you are preparing for surgery, recovering from surgery, homebound or ill, please let MaryPat Luebbering (573-477-3476) know so that you have the opportunity to receive the Sacraments and pastoral care.

**ST. CECILIA PRAYER LINE REQUESTS** can be made by calling Florentine Hagenhoff at 573-229-4315. Please leave a message if no answer. Additional Prayer Line Ministers are needed. For more information, please call Florentine.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE 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.

**ST. CECILIA PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS** for two positions will be held the weekend of May 18 & 19, 2019. If you would like to volunteer to be on the ballot or nominate someone to be on the ballot, please contact Betty Hagenhoff at 573-645-6565 or by e-mail at [erhagenhoff@hotmail.com](mailto:erhagenhoff@hotmail.com)

**St. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

**May 12**

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Betty Hagenhoff, Pam Libbert, Jennifer Even

**May 19**

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer, Pam Libbert

**St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers**

**May 12**

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Randy Hagenhoff, Leonard Schulte, Harold Libbert, Anton Libbert

**May 19**

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Terry Libbert, Tony Derkum, Leon Schanzmeyer, Kenny Otto

**Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia**

**Thursday, 6:10 p.m.** – Florentine Hagenhoff - Glorious

Sunday 7:40 a.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer - Glorious

**VOTIVE CANDLES:** The requested donation for lighting a votive candle in church is **\$2.50**.

**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.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS** for four positions will be held the weekend of May 18 and 19, 2019. If you would like to volunteer to be on the ballot or nominate someone to be on the ballot, please contact Theresa Veit at 573-418-7301 or by e-mail at [rtbv05@embarkmail.com](mailto:rtbv05@embarkmail.com).

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PICNIC MEETING** is Monday, May 15, 6:45 p.m. in the school kitchen.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH NEWS:**

*The St Thomas the Apostle Parish Grounds "Grass Cutting Team Rotation" for the upcoming weeks:*

<i>Week of May 6</i>	<i>Mark Luebbering, Antone Luebbering and Nick Luebbering Team</i>
<i>Week of May 13</i>	<i>Paul &amp; Jenny Becker, Eric &amp; Shara Buechter Team</i>
<i>Week of May 20</i>	<i>Mark Graessle, Jeff Cassmeyer and Fred Luebbering Team</i>
<i>Week of May 20</i>	<i>Richard Schellman, Pat Schellman and Paul Struempff Team</i>
<i>Week of June 3</i>	<i>Mark Luebbering, Antone Luebbering and Nick Luebbering Team</i>

*Grass cutting teams are reminded to try to cut grass "as needed" each week with the goal of having things looking good for weekend mass, weddings, etc.. Many thanks to all of our parish volunteers and should anyone else be interested in putting together a "Grass Cutting Team" please contact Alan Reinkemeyer at 573-694-6984.*

**Coming Soon! - Parking Lot Construction** – Please be advised that the St. Thomas the Apostle Parish has received an anonymous donation to assist with the removal and replacement of the concrete parking lot between the Church and School. Additional details will be forthcoming but the work is expected to start once the school year ends and is hoped to be completed in early June.

**CATHOLIC RADIO 88.1 FM:** Happy Easter! Alleluia! May your celebration of Easter continue throughout this most joyful season. To help maintain your focus on Jesus, tune in to Covenant Network Catholic radio where we pray daily the Holy Mass, the Rosary, the Regina Coeli and The Divine Mercy Chaplet. You will find live call-in shows, Q & A programs about Catholic teaching as well as faith-nourishing programs on Scripture, the saints and Church history. Tune in to 88.1 FM on your radio, or listen on our free Covenant Network app on your mobile device or on our website: [ourcatholicradio.org](http://ourcatholicradio.org).

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL NEWS:**

Plant pick-up is Friday, May 10, 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. in the lower parking lot.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Monday, May 6 – 8<sup>th</sup> grade awards assembly 2:15 p.m.  
Wednesday, May 7 – 7&8 Cardinal game  
Tuesday, May 14 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, May 15 – Last day of School, car riders 11:05 a.m., bus riders 11:15 a.m., Awards 9:00 a.m.  
Preschool Graduation 6:00 p.m.

**BOX TOPS:** Please continue to save Box Tops, Best Choice labels & coke points and send to the St. Thomas School office or drop box in the side entrance of St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

**ST. CECILIA PARISHIONERS:** Cemetery assessments are due in May. There is an envelope in your packet for this. If you do not receive envelopes, please put money and name in a regular envelope, marked **CEMETERY DUES**. The assessment is \$5.00 for each adult 21 to 75 years of age. If you have any questions or need to be updated, please contact Marsha Meyer, treasurer of the association. Other officers are: Charles Schroeder, president, Randy Hagenhoff, vice president and Norma Jean Libbert, secretary.

**ST. THOMAS CEMETARY SPRING CLEANUP:** As the mowing season begins, all decorations (including figurines) not in monument vases or attached to the monument should be removed.

**CITIZEN'S CIVIC LEAGUE** is sponsoring a blood drive on Tuesday, May 7 from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. If you gave in Meta in February, you are eligible to give again in May. This also coincides with the St. Thomas blood drive to be held in July.

**ATTENTION OVER 50 GROUP:** The Over 50 Club will be meeting at Harold & Jeany's cabin for the May 9 get together. Harold will grill burgers. Please bring a covered dish and enjoy eating outside, weather permitting at noon. If you haven't been there before and need directions, please call Dorothy 573-229-4346 or Jeany 573-229-4248 or cell phone 573-644-4499 if you get lost.

**ST. STANISLAUS OPEN CHAPEL HOURS:** The Sunday 3-4 p.m. is now 1, 3 and 5th . Sunday 1:00-2:00 a.m. (3<sup>RD</sup> & 5<sup>TH</sup>).

**SAVE THE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR:**

June 1-7, 2019 – TOTUS TUUS Summer Camp in St. Thomas the Apostle and St. Cecilia Parishes  
Saturday, June 29, 2019 – 4:00 p.m. Sesquicentennial Mass with Bishop McKnight at St. Thomas the Apostle; catered dinner and dance for parishioners who RSVP.  
Sunday, July 14, 2019 - St. Cecilia Parish Picnic  
Sunday, August 18, 2019 – St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Picnic  
Sunday, October 6, 2019 – St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Sesquicentennial Celebration Homecoming for the public  
Saturday, November 2, 2019 – St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Fall Fantasy

**RECOGNIZING OUR 2019 GRADUATES:** If you are a 2019 graduate (elementary, high school, college or technical school), please let me know by emailing or calling the school office at 573-477-3322 or the Parish Office on Tuesday morning or Wednesday business hours at 573-477-3315. The names will be published in the May 18-19 bulletin.

**MID-AMERICA BANK** is hosting a **FREE Community Shred Day** on Saturday, May 18, 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at the Wardsville location. Please come and bring your confidential papers and watch as they are destroyed! Please remove binder clips; paper clips and staples need not be removed.