

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

St. Cecilia
in Meta

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PO Box 146
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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 6, 2018

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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 6-13:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Wm. & Rufina Boessen
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Bill & Millie Wieberg
50th Wedding Anniversary

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Becky Strobe
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – Henrietta Kroll
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Roy & Ludwina Brockman
Thursday 7:00 p.m. – Confirmation Candidates
Friday 7:45 a.m. – Ray, Sally & Sam Herigon
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – John, Minnie & Steve Luebbering
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – People of our Parishes

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2017-2018: \$305,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End: \$254,170.00
Actual Collection for 2017-2018: **\$243,926.17**
Offertory Difference Year to Date: – \$ 10,243.83
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

April 1 \$ 4,613.00
April 8 \$ 3,356.00
April 15 \$ 4,403.33
April 22 \$ 2,517.00
April 29 \$ 3,385.00

Collection Online: \$ 5,602.00
April total to date: **\$23,876.33**
Difference for April: – \$ 1,540.67

St. Thomas the Apostle Expansion & Building Fund

Total Expansion Project expenses paid: \$2,273,475.34
Income from parishioners for FY 2017-2018
(via the yellow "Building Fund" envelope): **\$24,505.45**
Loan payments to date for FY 2017-2018: **\$92,277.40**
(Principal) \$79,548.02 (Interest) \$12,729.38
Parish Building Expansion Debt remaining: **\$317,174.24**

St. Thomas the Apostle Cantor / Organist

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Amanda Wooten / Annette Kehner
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Rebecca Schroeder / Jackie Prenger

St. Thomas the Apostle Reader

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Carolyn Loethen
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Richard Heckemeyer

St. Thomas the Apostle Altar Servers

Weekday – Audrey Buschjost, Chesney Luebbering, Austin Meyer
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ely Wieberg, Lilly Schulte, Courtney Luebbering
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Lane, Kenzie & Avery Libbert, Gregory Kirby

St. Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of May 6-13:

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Roman & Geneva Plassmeyer

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament & Confession before 6:30 p.m. Mass
Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Charles & Pauline Werdehausen

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Lawrence "Dick" Rehagen
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Martina Goeller

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2017-2018: \$62,000.00
Collection Total for 2017-2018: **\$57,561.15**
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,166.67

Collection in Church:

April 1 \$ 2,350.00
April 8 \$ 1,018.00
April 15 \$ 1,852.00
April 22 \$ 1,253.00
April 29 \$ 1,076.00

April total to date: **\$ 7,549.00**
Difference for April: +\$ 2,382.33

Please remember your parish in your last will & testament.

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

May – Dale & Margie Helton

St. Cecilia Reader

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Doris Stumpe
Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Don Wansing

St. Cecilia Altar Servers

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Alex & Josh Even
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Shelby Wankum
Ava & Saige Werdehausen

**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 12-13

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Carolyn Loethen, Mark & Barb Graessle
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Lynne Reinkemeyer, Jan Carter, Mattheuw Prenger

May 19-20

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Lora Boessen, Mark Luebbering, Pat Kaiser
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Keith Kliethermes, Rob Henson, Rosalyn Wieberg

St. Thomas Greeters/Ushers

May 12-13

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Gilbert Schellman & Richard Schellman
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Arthur McManus & Doug Stockman

May 19-20

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Fred Luebbering & Joe Buschjost
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – TJ Loethen & Mattheuw Prenger

St. Thomas Presentation of Gifts at Mass

May 12-13

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Brian & Katie Luebbering Family
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Keith & Jean Kliethermes

May 19-20

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark & Lora Boessen Family
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Travis & Kathy Rackers Family

St. Thomas Collection Counters

May 12-13 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes

May 19-20 – Jennifer Schroeder & Stephanie Cortvriert

May 26-27 – 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. – Gilbert & Hermina Strobe – Sorrowful

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

Sunday 9:40 a.m. – Tina Stockman – Glorious

SCRIP: May 12-13 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kristi Luebbering Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Amanda Boessen

Visit www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip for more information about the Scrip program. You can contact Lindsay Luebbering at 573-680-4920 or Karen Luebbering at 573-301-5835 to purchase anytime.

SNACKS FOR ST. THOMAS QUILTERS:

Thursday, May 10 – Joyce Boessen (Marshall) & Nanette Boessen Thursday, May 17 – Viola Boessen & Jennifer Borgmeyer
Please bring snack to hall by 1:00 p.m.; snack served at 3:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please call Kathy Strobe or Emily Luebbering.

CONGRATULATIONS to Bill and Millie Wieberg who are celebrating 50 years of Holy Matrimony this weekend.

BISHOP'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY: "For the Unity of the Diocese of Jefferson City." Please add this intention to your private prayer this month.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION who assist in the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass are needed at St. Cecilia Parish. Please contact Father or Diane Lueckenhoff if interested. Training for the ministry will be provided.

EXTREMELY LOW GLUTEN HOSTS (Less than 0.01% gluten) are available to those parishioners who are highly sensitive to wheat. Please contact Fr. Secrist to determine particulars of distribution and reception of the low-gluten hosts.

MINISTRY TO THE ILL & INFIRM: If you are preparing for surgery, recovering from surgery, homebound or ill, please let Fr. Secrist (573-477-3315) and/or MaryPat Luebbering (573-477-3476) know so that you have the opportunity to receive the Sacraments and pastoral care.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PRAYER LINE REQUESTS should be emailed to Jenny Becker at jbeckeroffice@gmail.com or by calling (573) 690-0642. The Prayer Line exists to communicate prayer intentions for those in need of healing.

INVITATION TO YOUNGER PARISHIONERS AT ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE:

If you are in 7th - 12th grade, have you ever considered becoming a cantor for weekend Masses? The primary duty of the cantor is the proclamation of the Responsorial Psalm and Gospel Acclamation, and to assist in leading hymns and other congregational parts during Mass. The basic requirements are an ability to sing, a love for learning and a desire to give of one's time and talent to enhance the liturgies. If interested, please contact Annette Kehner at AnnetteKehner@mail.com or 573-680-2824. Training and coaching will be provided.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHES' CANDIDATES preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this **Thursday, May 10** at 7:00 p.m.: Brooke Boessen, Drew Boessen, Emma Boessen, Kya Boessen, Cole Brenneke, Caleb Buechter, Jonathan Buschjost, William Derkum, Mason Francis, Ashlyn Kroll, Claire Luebbering, Isaac Prenger, Brayden Schaben, Kaleb Schaben, Emily Schell, Jeremy Stockman, Nolan Suthoff, Adam Veltrop, Nicholas Wankum, Brianna Wieberg. All are welcome to attend the Confirmation Mass with Bishop McKnight.

MANY SINCERE THANKS to our parishioners who generously gave of their time and faith to help me prepare our Confirmation candidates to receive the Sacrament, especially: Darin Even, Judy and David Schroeder, Gilbert Strobe, Tina Stockman, Brenda Wansing, Sheri Wieberg, Michael and Amanda Wooten. Sincerely – Fr. Secrist.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS for both St. Thomas the Apostle & St. Cecilia Parishes will be the weekend of **May 19-20**.

St. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

May 12-13

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Dorothy Rehagen, Bonnie Kampeter, Lou Kloepfel
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Pam Libbert, Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer

May 19-20

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Brenda Wansing, Doris Stumpe, Jennifer Even
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Janice Schanzmeyer, Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

May 12-13

Saturday 7:00 p.m. – Lou Kloepfel, Mitch & Brendan Stumpe, Darin Even

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

May 19-20

Saturday 7:00p.m.- Randy Hagenhoff, Mitch & Brendan Stumpe, Darin Even

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Harold Libbert, Anton Libbert, Terry Libbert, Tony Derkum

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Wednesday 6:10 p.m. – Florentine Hagenhoff – Glorious

Saturday 6:40 p.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer – 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.

HELIAS FOUNDATION 2018 ANNUAL FUND DRIVE: "Continue the Legacy – One Gift. One Goal."

The Helias Foundation annual fund drive begins the weekend of May 5-6, 2018. Led by chair, Susie Theroff, and vice chair, Brad Shimmens, the 2018 drive goal has been set at \$500,000. The annual fund drive is the Foundation's primary fundraising endeavor of the year. Please consider making a contribution.

ST. THOMAS SESQUICENTENNIAL MEETING is Tuesday, May 22, 6:30 p.m. in Vitae House.

ST. THOMAS PARISH SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING is Tuesday, May 29, 6:00 p.m. in the Vitae House.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING is Tuesday, May 29, 7:00 p.m. in the Vitae House.

PRAYER HOUR WITH MOTHER PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION is Tuesday, May 8, 7:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

SO YOU KNOW...This summer at St. Thomas the Apostle, the following projects are planned: because of continuing issues, all of the exterior window frames on church will be replaced by Associated Crafts (under warranty, at no cost to the parish). The remaining two block-glass windows on the front of the school building will be replaced. In cooperation with the City of St. Thomas and MODOT, two school zone flashers units will be installed on Highway B. Finally, planning is continuing for the renovation of the parish playground and area behind church.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PRESCHOOL: It's that time of year again: St. Thomas Preschool is busy making plans for the 2018-2019 school year. If you have a preschool age child and have been thinking about Preschool, please contact the school office at (573-477-3322) or Mrs. Kirkweg at mkirkweg@embarqmail.com.

CONGRATULATIONS to a couple of our archers for receiving a special award. First, Kylie Hoeller Rademan received a 3rd Place medal in the St. Peter's 3D tournament and Carson Libbert was the 3rd Place Championship in the Boys elementary division of the MoNASP State Archery 3D Championship tournament in Branson.

Thank you to **B&K Quick Shoppe** for providing our school with ice for the different field trips that we went on during this past year. We really appreciate your kind generosity.

REMINDER: Plant sale pick-up will be on Friday, May 11th from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the lower parking lot.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 7: 8th Grade awards

May 8: Awards K-7 / Field Day

May 9: Bookmobile

May 11-12: National Archery Tournament, Kentucky

May 15: 8th Grade Graduation 7:00 p.m.

May 16: Preschool Graduation, Last Day of School – Early Release car riders 11:10 a.m. & bus 11:20 a.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. THOMAS THE APOSTLE QUILTERS are at the final state of the 2018 quilting and could use some extra help. If you can help, please contact Emily Luebbering 573-477-3459; Kathy Strobe 573-477-3349 or Lucy Suthoff 573-477-3430. Thank you!

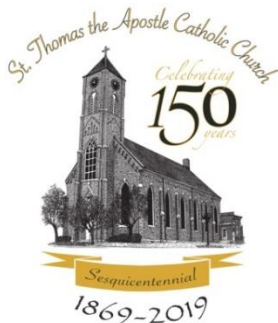
ST. THOMAS CEMETERY: Please remove all flowers from in front of the stones during grass cutting season. Thank you for your cooperation.

SAVE THE DATES:

Sunday, July 8, 2018: St. Cecilia Parish Picnic.

July 14-20, 2018: TOTUS TUUS Summer Camp at St. Thomas the Apostle and St. Cecilia Parishes.

Sunday, August 19, 2018: St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Picnic



Sunday, May 5, 2019: 30th anniversary of the reestablishment of St. Thomas School as a Catholic school.

Saturday, June 29, 2019: Celebration for St. Thomas the Apostle parishioners. 4:00 p.m. Mass with the Bishop, RSVP dinner & music for parishioners. Unveiling of new Sesquicentennial History Book.

Sunday, October 6, 2019: St. Thomas Homecoming for everyone to enjoy. Parade, food vendors, entertainment & other activities all day.

HELIAS PARENT CLUB UNIFORM RESALE is Wednesday, May 23, 2018, 4:30 pm – 7:00 pm, Helias Commons. Drop off is Tues., May 22, 2018 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm, Helias Commons. Please bring shirts on hangers. All clothes need to be marked with: name, price & size. Please fill out resale form if you would like to pick up any clothes that do not sell and/or money of clothes sold and bring with you when dropping off. Forms can be found on Helias Web Page under "Parent Club" then "Uniform Resale" or at the Helias Business Office. Pick up of unsold items and or money Wed., May 23, 2018 7:30 pm. Any items not picked up will be donated. Questions call Lori Brenneke 573-619-1120 or Melissa Brandt-Dudenhoeffer 573-230-2154

THE NEXT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING is Tuesday, May 8 at 7:30 p.m. A rosary will be prayed at 7:15 p.m. Please read the May newsletter attached to the bulletin.

META OVER 50 CLUB will meet on Thursday, May 10 at noon in the Parish Center basement. Please bring a dish & join us for lunch, fun & fellowship.

RECOGNIZING OUR 2018 GRADUATES: If you are a 2018 graduate (elementary, high school, college or technical school), please let us know by emailing or calling the school office at 573-477-3322 or the Parish Office on Tuesday or Wednesday morning at 573-477-3315. The names will be published in the May 19-20 bulletin.

ST. STANISLAUS PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL HOURS OPEN: Saturday 1:00-2:00 p.m. Saturday 11:00 p.m.-midnight. Please call if you would like to sign up for an hour or help sub occasionally. Please contact Donna at 573-680-1470 or 573-635-2095. Thanks!

SPRING CLEAN-UP for residents of St. Thomas & Meta is **Wednesday, May 9:** Republic Trash Service customers must be located inside the city limits, please abide by the following guidelines: All items must be set at the curb by 5:00 a.m. All items need to be bagged or bundled so 1 person can easily handle them. No hazardous waste, liquid waste, car parts, concrete, yard waste or appliances. Any questionable items will be left behind by driver. If you have any questions concerning these guidelines, please contact our office at 573-635-8805.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA SPRING FESTIVAL, ST. ANTHONY is Sunday, May 6, serving fried chicken & roast beef dinners from 11:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Adults-\$10, Children 6-12- \$5, Carry outs-\$10. Bingo, Raffle, 50/50, Games, Refreshments, Country Store & more.

VISITATION PARISH SPRING DINNER, VIENNA is Sunday, May 6, serving fried chicken & BBQ rib dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Adults \$11.00, children 6-12 \$6.00.

WARDSVILLE/OSAGE BEND K OF C HOME ASSOCIATION CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT is Friday, May 18 at Redfield Golf Course, Eugene. 1:00 p.m. Shotgun start, 36 team limit. \$400 per team/\$100 per person. Cash prizes awarded for each flight. Hole Sponsors \$100 per hole. Lunch provided. For tournament registration and information, please contact Jeff Ahlers 573-694-0291, Leo Ahlers 573-291-3122 or Don Kever 573-690-2866.

MID AMERICA BANK COMMUNITY SHRED DAY: A **FREE** Community Shred Day will be held on Saturday, May 19 from 8 to 11 am at Mid America Bank's Wardsville branch. Bring your confidential papers and watch as they are destroyed. Please remove any binder clips. Paper clips and staples do not need to be removed. For more information, please call (573) 635-0019.

TEXT OF OHS AWARD presented to Fr. Secrist and the Parish of St. Thomas the Apostle on Sunday April 29:



This pipe organ built in 1897
by J.G. Pfeffer & Son of
St. Louis, Missouri
has been recognized as a National Heritage Pipe Organ
by the Organ Historical Society
and has been designated an Organ of Historical Significance
as a fine example of the builder's work, restored without alteration and worthy of preservation.
(Signed by) Michael Quimby, Chair, Organ Historical Society Stuart Goodwin, Chair, Historic Organ Awards.
The citation to be held in trust for the Organ Historical Society by the owner of this organ for as long
as this instrument is maintained in a manner consistent with the considerable historical significance.
Sunday, April 29, 2018