

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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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 7, 2023

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St. Thomas Parish Office hours: Tuesdays 8:30-11:30 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.

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 7-14:

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Jim & Christiane Luebbering
Wednesday 7:45 a.m.- Dianne Herigon
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – L&D Norbert Boessen Family
Friday 7:45 a.m.- Bob & Donnie Luebbering
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – John, Minnie & Steve Luebbering
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – People of our Parishes
David A. Boessen

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2022-2023: \$305,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End: \$254,170.00
Actual Collection for 2022-2023: **\$252,673.02**
Offertory Difference Year to Date: -\$ 1,496.98
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

April 2 \$ 7,801.88
April 9 \$ 5,246.27
April 16 \$ 2,068.21
April 23 \$ 2,047.47
April 30 \$4,012.27

Collection Online: \$ 6,972.00

April total to date: **\$28,148.10**

Difference for April: +\$ 2,731.10

Church Renovation Capital Campaign

Total Pledges/Donations \$486,854.70

Total Collected \$487,658.27

Total Expenses Paid \$699,195.95

A total of 130 parishioners have returned pledge cards/or
Contributed to the renovation project.

Church Renovation Loan Balance \$142,659.25

Loan payments to date \$65,865.00

(principal) \$57,340.75 (interest) \$8,524.25

St. Thomas the Apostle Cantors / Organists

May 13 5:00 p.m.– Kelsey Kliethermes / Jeanette

May 14 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Anne Strobe / Jackie

May 20 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kerry Meyer / Jackie

May 21 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Lisa Wieberg / Jeanette

St. Thomas the Apostle Readers

May 13 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kathy Graessle

May 14 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jennifer Schroeder

May 20 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Amanda Wooten

May 21 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mason Otto

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of May 7-14:

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Jackie Luebbert

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Francis J. “Fritz” & Margie Luebbert

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2022-2023: \$65,000.00
Collection Total for 2022-2023: **\$55,679.21**
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,416.67

Collection in Church:

April 2 \$2,085.00
April 9 \$1,852.00
April 16 \$2,262.00
April 23 \$ 507.00
April 30 \$ 594.00

April total to date: **\$7,300.00**

Difference for April: +\$1,883.33

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

May – Dale & Margie Helton

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

St. Cecilia Readers

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Dorothy Rehagen

Sunday, May 14 8:00 a.m. – Don Wansing

Sunday, May 21 8:00 a.m. – Janice Schanzmeyer

St. Cecilia Organist

Sunday, May 14 8:00 a.m. – Lydia

Sunday, May 21 8:00 a.m. – Emilie

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

St. Thomas the Apostle Greeters/Ushers

May 13 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Phil Akin & Gilbert Schellman
May 14 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Josh Schroeder & Tom Backes
May 20 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Richard Schellman & Eric Strobe
May 21 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Shane & Zeke Verslues

Parish Count for weekend Masses is on the offertory table.

Collection baskets choir loft by organ, please return after use.

St. Thomas the Apostle Eucharistic Ministers

May 13 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Brenda Wansing
May 14 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Rosalyn Wieberg
May 20 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Barb Graessle
May 21 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Marshall Boessen

St. Thomas the Apostle Servers

Weekday – Max & Valerie Verslues
May 13 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Carmen Luebbering,
Emerald Fennewald, Ellie & Sadie Boessen
May 14 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Valerie, Max & Zeke Verslues,
Wyatt Otto
May 20 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Miranda Meyer, Ava Buschjost,
Evelyn Wooten, JD Volmert
May 21 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Victoria & Will Wieberg,
Isabella Luebbering, Cady Libbert

St. Thomas the Apostle Offertory Gifts

May 13 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Family of John, Steve &
Minnie Luebbering
May 14 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Family of David A. Boessen

St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters

May 14 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg
May 21 -Dunja Wieberg & Jennifer Schroeder
May 28– Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman
June 4 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes

Live Stream Mass (10:00 a.m.) Sunday

May 14 Brooke Schell
May 21 Dunja Wieberg
May 28 Jenny Becker
June 4 Karlie Reinkemeyer
June 11 Lauri Luebbering

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday, 7:25 a.m. – Bob Schellman – Sorrowful Mysteries
Wednesday 7:25 a.m.- Bob Schellman – Glorious Mysteries
Thursday 7:25 a.m. –Gilbert & Hermina – Luminous Mysteries
Friday 7:25 a.m. – Shirley Volmert – Sorrowful Mysteries
Saturday 4:35 p.m. – Dale Herigon – Glorious Mysteries
Sunday 9:35 a.m. – Tina Stockman – Glorious Mysteries

St. Thomas the Apostle Church Cleaners

May 7: Alan Libbert, Nancy Libbert, Darrel Buechter, Jan Heckemeyer
May 14: Janet Lueckenhoff, Jim Lueckenhoff, Charlene Buschjost, Randy Buschjost
May 21: Lynne Reinkemeyer, Linda Boessen, Lauri Luebbering, Lisa Lackman
May 28: Sonya Henson, Susan Buechter, Jackie Prenger, Amy Buechter
June 4: Brooke Schell, Tina Stockman, Gina Luebbering, Karen Luebbering

SNACKS FOR QUILTERS: Quilter's luncheon may be dropped off Wednesday night 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. (Evening quilting) or St. Thomas the Apostle School. Please bring snacks to the hall by 1:00 p.m.; snacks served at 3:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Emily Luebbering at 573-477-3459 or Kathy Strobe at 573-477-3349.

Thursday, May 11 – Susan Buschjost & Kelley Buschjost

St. Cecilia Eucharistic Ministers

May 7 14 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Jennifer Even
May 21 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Doris Stumpe

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

May 14 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Leonard Schulte, Tony Derkum,
William Derkum, Terry Libbert
May 21 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Harold Libbert, Leon Schanzmeyer,
Darin Even, Mitch Stumpe

St. Cecilia Servers

May 14 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Ava & Gavin Werdehausen
May 21 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Sarah & Elizabeth Backes,
Jesse Schroeder

Please arrive 10 minutes before Mass.

Servers who have questions or would like to practice, may do so after 8:00 a.m. Mass. Please contact Joanne Schroeder 573-229-8986.

St. Cecilia Offertory Gifts

May 7 Sunday 8:00 a.m.- Family of Francis J. "Fritz" &
Margie Luebbert

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Wednesday 6:05 p.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer
Glorious Mysteries
May 14 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Mary Plassmeyer
Glorious Mysteries
May 21 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Janice Schanzmeyer
Glorious Mysteries

VOTIVE CANDLES: The requested donation for lighting a votive candle in church is **\$3.00**. **Please note the cost change for both parishes.**

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.

SCRIP: Visit www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip for more information about the Scrip program. Please contact, Amanda Wooten 573-694-1735 or amandab_27@hotmail.com

BULLETIN NOTICES: Deadline for bulletin is Wednesday at noon.

A NOTE OF THANKS!

MIDWEST MARCH FOR LIFE HUGE BLESSING. The MidWest March for Life Team wish to thank first of all God and for His amazing weather and the Holy Spirit for inspiring so many to come to March for Life. Jesus was certainly honored with the over 2000 people who attended the annual April 26 event at the Missouri State Capitol. Thank you, Father Viviano, Pro-life Moderator of the Diocese, who started the day with the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet. The speakers were dedicated to the life message and Bishop McKnight opened the event with remarks and prayer. The Knights of Columbus of St Peter Fulton supplied, prepared and donated all of the funds raised from their hot dog lunch. St Peter was a gracious host with the facilities of Selinger Center available for the team and for those who wished to eat inside the building. There were so many volunteers who deserve our thanks, who kept things running smoothly from many parishes in the area and were there at 6:30 a.m. sharp! So many exhibitors including Vitae, Columbia 40 Days For Life, Birthright shared their ministry and thanks to Thomas More Society, who donated 2000 back packs filled by volunteers with pro-life literature including the booklet, "Why I am Pro-life" which was given out during the day from 8am to 2pm. It was a beautiful day, and we were so pleased to see so many youths filling the space from schools all over the state. Thank you to those parish schools who sent students for the largest pro-life event in the state. Many thanks from Mike and Kathy Forck, St Andrew Pro-life Committee who sponsor this event each year. For info: 573 821 5130 or www.midwestmarchforlife.com

CONGRATULATIONS to ***Keaton Bryce Griep***, son of Kyler Griep & Claire Luebbering, who became a child of God through baptism this weekend in St. Thomas the Apostle Parish.

VIRGIL LACKMAN'S ADDRESS: If anyone is interested in sending cards to Virgil, here is his address. He would love to hear from you. St. Louis Children's Hospital, Attn: Virgil Lackman, Room 1212 B, One Children's Place, St. Louis, MO 65110.

REDEDICATION OF CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOSEPH: Everyone is invited to come experience the newly renovated Cathedral during an open house planned for 1-4 p.m. on Sunday, May 7.

BISHOP MCKNIGHT MAY PRAYER INTENTON: For the clergy and faithful of the Diocese of Jefferson City; may the reopening of our Cathedral strengthen our communion with God and one another in the one, holy, Catholic & Apostolic Church.

CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL: The CSA goal for St. Cecilia Parish is \$2,550 Received \$1,065.00
The CSA goal for St. Thomas the Apostle Parish is \$10,400 Received \$6,050. ***We are nearing the end of the Catholic Stewardship Appeal. If you have not yet made a donation to this year's appeal, please prayerfully consider making a donation. Thank you to everyone who has already donated.***

TOTUS TUUS (Latin for "Totally Yours") is a summer youth program that combines Catholic faith and FUN!!! A team of college-age students and seminarians are coming to our parish the week of **June 4th through June 9th**. The youthfulness and energy of these teachers is an inspiring way to share faith and their enthusiasm is contagious, so come out and join us!!! TOTUS TUUS is Monday-Friday 7:45 am-1:30pm for school children going into grades 1-6. The day includes catechetical instruction, songs and skits that are silly but teach serious stuff, encounters with the sacraments - particularly Confession and Eucharist, and time for games and recess. For junior high and high school youth, TOTUS TUUS is Sunday-Thursday 6:00-8:00 pm with more in-depth discussions on our theme. Cost is \$30 per student for the day program and \$15 per cost for the evening program. To register please go to: <http://www.stthomasapostle.net/totus-tuus.html> or if you have questions, please email tveitoffice@gmail.com or call the Parish Office at 477-3315 during office hours.

PASTORS MEDITATION: Fifth Sunday of Easter. I AM THE WAY AND THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE. (Acts 6:1-7, 1Pt. 2:4-9, Jn. 14:1-12) Because Jesus is the son of God, we have a privileged insight into God and privileged access to him. Today's readings tell us how the early Church accepted the challenge of keeping Jesus' memory alive by remaining a dynamic Christian community, bearing witness to Christ by their unity, fidelity in worship and spirit of loving, humble service. Today's Gospel introduces Jesus as the Way to God, the Truth to be accepted and the Life to be shared and lived.

The first reading, taken from Acts, shows us the early Church as a loving, serving and worshipping community (Acts 6:1-7). Hence, it easily solved the problem of perceived discrimination by instituting the diaconate for the service of the community. In the second reading, St. Peter advises the early Christians to renew the memory of Jesus by allowing God to make them "living stones" and build them into a spiritual edifice, a community of believers, with Christ for its "Living Cornerstone" (1 Pt 2:4-5). Peter praises Christians, both Gentile and Jewish, as "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation and God's own people." In today's Gospel, Jesus consoles his apostles (who are sad and disheartened at His announcement that He will be leaving them soon), by assuring them that he is going to prepare an everlasting accommodation for them in his Father's House in Heaven. He gives them the assurance that he will come back to take them to their Heavenly abodes. It is then that Thomas says, "Lord, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus answers Thomas' question with, "I am the way and the truth and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me." The basic doctrine of Judaism is that Yahweh is the Way the Truth and the Life. Hence, Jesus is making a revolutionary claim that he is equivalent to Yahweh. Jesus also declares that he, himself, is the safest and surest way to God, discrediting the notions that all religions are equally sure ways to reach God, and that no organized religion but only living a good life of sharing love is necessary to reach God. But Jesus is the Way which he calls narrow because it is the way of focused, loving, humble, sacrificial service. Jesus is the Truth who teaches revealed truths about God and God's relation to man. Jesus also teaches moral truths and demonstrates them in his life. Jesus is the Life because, as God, he possesses the eternal life of God and shares his Divine life with his disciples through the Word of God and the Sacraments. In short, Jesus reveals the Father in the Way he lives, in the Truth of his word and in the new Life that he brings.

Therefore, friends we need to accept Jesus as the Way, the Truth, and the Life: We accept Jesus as the Way by walking his narrow way of loving, humble, sacrificial service. We accept Jesus as the Truth by learning and practicing what he has taught us, as given in the Bible and in the teachings of the Church. We accept Jesus as the Life by sharing in the Divine Life of God in His Church, making use of the means Jesus has established. We can do all of this a) by actively participating in the Eucharistic celebration and properly receiving the Body and Blood of Christ in Holy Communion; b) by the worthy reception of the other Sacraments; c) by the meditative, daily reading of the Word of God; d) by allowing the Holy Spirit living in the Church and within us to guide and strengthen us; and e) by communicating with God the Source of Life in personal and family prayers.

Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukiibi

ST. CECILIA PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING is Thursday, May 11, 6:30 p.m. at the rectory.

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP HOLY HOUR is Tuesday, May 9, 7:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Parish.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH: Please consider giving of your time and talent as we need four parishioners to serve on the Parish Pastoral Council starting in July for Mark Luebbering, Sarah Luebbert, Bob Schellman and Debbie Strobe who have completed their 3-year term. Call Debbie Strobe if interested at 573-680-0046. Thank you!

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.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL NEWS:

Monday, May 8 – K-8 Field Trip

Wednesday, May 10 – Fundraiser Plant pick up 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Friday, May 12 – Field Day

Tuesday, May 16 – Preschool Promotion 2:15 p.m.

Wednesday, May 17 – 8th Grade Promotion 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 18 – Last Day of School 11:05 dismissal P-8

THE NEXT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING is Tuesday, May 9, 7:30 p.m. A rosary will be prayed at 7:15 p.m. Please read the May newsletter attached to the bulletin.

OVER 50: Time again for the over 50 group to gather for another luncheon at the St Cecilia Parish Center on May 11 at noon. This time, we all need to bring a covered dish to share. Come and socialize with members of this group and play cards or catch up visiting.

LADIES AUXILIARY BABY ITEM DRIVE: The St. Thomas Ladies Auxiliary will be collecting items for the pregnancy help center the weekends of **May 7 & 14**. Items can be dropped off in the pack & play on the side of church. Donation items needed include: Baby wash, shampoo, diaper rash cream, size 1 diapers, wipes, pacifiers, blankets, bottle brushes, etc. If you would like to donate a monetary donation please put in the collection basket in an envelope labeled "Ladies Auxiliary- Pregnancy Help Center" Thank you in advance for your support!

RECOGNIZING OUR 2023 GRADUATES: If you are a 2023 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 mornings (8:00-11:30 a.m.) or Wednesday's (8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) 573-477-3315. The names will be published in the May 21, 2023 bulletin.

VISITATION PARISH SPRING FESTIVAL, VIENNA is Sunday, May 7, at the K of C Hall, serving fried chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, green beans, coleslaw, homemade bread & pie for \$12.00 a plate from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Drive through dinner with carryout & indoor seating available.

WARDSVILLE/OSAGE BEND KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HOME ASSOCIATION CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT is Friday, June 17, at Redfield Golf Course, Eugene at 9:00 a.m. shotgun start. 36 Team limit, \$400 per team/\$100 per person. Cash prizes awarded each flight. Hole sponsors \$100 per hole, lunch provided. For tournament registration and information, please contact Jeff Ahlers 573-694-0291, Mark Heckman 573-680-5535, Leo Ahlers 573-291-3122, Don Keever 573-690-2866.

SAVE THE DATES: Totus Tuus – June 4-9
St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Picnic – August 20, 2023
St. Thomas the Apostle Parish 27th Annual Fall Fantasy – November 4, 2023

Fennewald Family Benefit In Memory of Aaron Fennewald

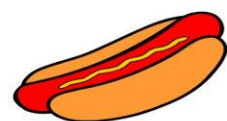
Fennewald Education Fund, to support his daughters future educational needs

Saturday May 13, 2023
Serving 4 PM to 7 PM
St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Center
Dine In or Carry Out

Pork Steak, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw & Dessert \$12



Hot Dog & Chips \$5



Accepting Cash or Check
Gun Raffle and 50/50 Drawing

Sponsored by St. Thomas Knights of Columbus,
Ladies Auxiliary, St. Thomas the Apostle School,
& St Thomas 4-H Club

Jesus said to him,
"I am the way and
the truth and the
life. No one comes
to the Father except
through me."



John 14:6

*Through our faith and trust in Jesus
we are called to love as He loves
and share that love through acts of
charity and mercy.*





Totus Tuus Summer Camp

2023 Registration Form: June 4th – 9th for Grades 1-12

**Grades 1-6: Monday through Friday 7:45 am – 1:30 pm
at St. Thomas the Apostle**
**Grades 7-12: Sunday through Thursday 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
at St. Thomas the Apostle**

Parent(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Work/cell: _____

Children being enrolled in Totus Tuus at St. Thomas the Apostle:

Name: _____ Grade (In fall): _____ Medical info/ food allergies to be aware of: _____

**Cost for the week is \$30 per child for Grades 1 – 6.
Each child will need to bring their own lunch for the day program.**

**Cost for the week is \$15 per child for Grades 7 – 12.
An evening meal will be provided for Grades 7 - 12.**

Volunteers

We will be needing volunteers for Totus Tuus. If you can volunteer, please fill out the form below.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Choose Any:

___ Snacks During the Day	___ Saturday Evening Meal	___ Sunday Noon Meal
___ Sunday Evening Meal	___ Monday Evening Meal	___ Tuesday Evening Meal
___ Wednesday Evening Meal	___ Thursday Evening Meal	
___ Help Monday During Day	___ Help Tuesday During Day	___ Help Wed. During Day
___ Help Thursday During Day	___ Help Friday During Day	___ Help Sunday Evening
___ Help Monday Evening	___ Help Tuesday Evening	___ Help Wednesday Evening
___ Help Thursday Evening		

Evening Meals (Sunday through Thursday) will be for the Missionaries and kids.
