

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

St. Cecilia
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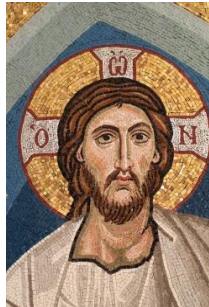
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 9, 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 9-16:

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Curt Stockman
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – Rose Mary Buschjost
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – L&D Benedict Groner Family
Friday 7:45 a.m. – Joe & Teresa Kaiser
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Raymond & Bernadine Groner
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – People of our Parishes

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2020-2021: \$305,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End: \$279,587.00
Actual Collection for 2020-2021: **\$241,696.75**
Offertory Difference Year to Date: – \$ 37,890.25
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

May 2 \$ 5,510.00
May 9 \$
May 16 \$
May 23 \$
May 30 \$

Collection Online: \$ 5,117.00

May total to date: **\$10,627.00**

Difference for May: -\$14,790.00

St. Thomas the Apostle Expansion & Building Fund

Income from parishioners for FY 2020-2021
(via the yellow "Building Fund" envelope): **\$19,803.00**

St. Thomas the Apostle Cantor / Organist

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

St. Thomas the Apostle Reader

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Judy Schroeder
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Katie Luebbering

Mass Live Streamers:

May 16 – Jennifer Schroeder
May 23 – Dunja Wieberg
May 30 – Brooke Schell
June 6 – Lauri Luebbering
June 13 – Jeanette Schroeder

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of May 9-16:

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Fritz & Margie Luebbert

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Ben & Jason Hake

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2020-2021: \$62,000.00
Collection Total for 2020-2021: **\$47,521.35**
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,166.67

Collection in Church:

May 2 \$ 1,260.00
May 9 \$
May 16 \$
May 23 \$
May 30 \$

May total to date: **\$ 1,260.00**

Difference for May: -\$ 3,906.67

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

May – Dale & Margie Helton

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

St. Cecilia Reader

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Betty Hagenhoff

**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. – Richard Schellman & Fred Luebbering
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mattheuw Prenger & Keith Kliethermes

St. Thomas Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark Luebbering
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Lynne Reinkemeyer

St. Thomas the Apostle Servers

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

St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters

May 16 – Shara Buechter & Paul Becker
May 23 –Keith & Jean Kliethermes
May 30 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg
June 6 - Jennifer Schroeder & Dunja Wieberg

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas:

Tuesday, 7:20 a.m. – Joann Heckman – Sorrowful Mysteries
Wednesday 7:20 a.m. – Pat Loethen – Glorious Mysteries
Thursday 7:20 a.m.- Viola Boessen–Luminous Mysteries
Friday 7:20 a.m. – Bob Schellman – Sorrowful Mysteries
Saturday 4:35 p.m. – Dale Herigon– Glorious Mysteries
Sunday 9:35 a.m.–Tina Stockman – Glorious Mysteries

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ASCENSION OF OUR LORD, May 13 is a day of obligation.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: Come celebrate the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Norbert & Marilyn Veit, May 15 with an open house at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Center 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Snacks provided/please no gifts.

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 MAY PRAYER INTENTION: May we honor the Blessed Virgin Mary, our spiritual mother, this month by support in charity for all mothers who struggle in poverty to raise their children.

PASTORS MEDITATION: 6th SUNDAY of EASTER: MOTHER'S DAY, Love works miracles for those who believe in it and practice it. (Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1Jn. 4:7-10; Jn. 15: 9-17)

Today we thank our mothers, pray for them, and honor them by celebrating Mother's Day offering our mothers on the altar of God. This is a day to admit gratefully the fact that none of us is able to return, in the same measure, all the love that our mothers have given us. Their influence on their children is so great that it affects the children throughout their lives. Our mothers not only gave us birth but nursed us, nurtured us, trained us in their religious beliefs and practices, taught us good manners and ideal behavior, disciplined us as best as they could, and made us good citizens of our country, our Church, and our society. Hence, it is highly proper for us to express our love and gratitude to our mothers by our presence (if possible), gifts, and prayers on Mother's Day.

We offer this Eucharistic celebration on Mother's Day for all the mothers in our congregation, whether they are alive here or have gone for their eternal reward. The Catholic Church proclaims the great nobility of the Mother of Jesus, Mary most holy, and presents her as the supreme model for all mothers.

Today's Scripture passages declare the profound truth that those who believe in Christ are to obey his commandment of love "Love one another as I have loved you." When we celebrate today as Mother's Day, let us remember with gratitude that it is generally our mothers who practice the agape love of Jesus.

In the first reading, Peter teaches us that God shows no partiality in His love and that there are no boundaries to abiding in love. God loves everyone, both the Jews and the Gentiles, and He wants everyone to be saved through His son, Jesus. That is why God welcomed the Roman centurion Cornelius as the first non-Jew to become a Christian. The reading tells us how God also allowed the Gentiles who heard Peter's speech to receive the same Holy Spirit and His gifts that Peter's Jewish audience had received on the day of Pentecost.

Today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 98) also directs our attention toward God's marvelous love and kindness in offering salvation to the whole world. In the second reading, John defines God as love and explains that He expressed His love for mankind by sending His son to die for us humans "as expiation for our sins." This Divine love gives us the command as well as the duty to love one another as we have been loved by God. Since God has loved us first, we can and should love God in return, love ourselves properly and love one another. After telling the parable of the vine and branches, Jesus, in today's Gospel, teaches the disciples that they are to obey his commandment of love just as Jesus has obeyed his Heavenly Father's will by fulfilling His commandments and remaining inseparably bonded with his Father. Jesus' unconditional, forgiving, selfless, sacrificial love for us must be the criterion of our love for others. The highest expression of this love is our willingness to lay down our lives as Jesus did, for people who don't deserve it. The goal and result of our abiding in love, in God, will be perfect joy. Jesus no longer calls us slaves but now calls us "friends." He tells us that he has chosen us and that, if we use Jesus' name, we can ask the Father for anything.

Dear friends we need to cultivate an abiding and loving friendship with Jesus and to express it in our relationships with others by loving them and showing them trust, faithfulness, equality, forgiveness, joy and sacrifice. We need to be persons for others: Jesus demonstrated the love of God, his Father, for us by living for us and dying for us. Hence, as Jesus' disciples, we are to be persons for others, sacrificing our time, talents and lives for others. This is what parents spontaneously do, sacrificing themselves, their time, talents, health, and wealth for their children, i.e, by spending themselves for their children. The most effective way of communicating God's love to others is by treating everyone as a friend, giving everyone the respect he or she deserves. Let us remember that Christ's own love was not limited to the people he liked and, hence, we should close our minds to thoughts of revenge. ***Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukibi***

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.

St. Cecilia Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Betty Hagenhoff

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Leon Schanzmeyer & Kenny Otto

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. – Mary Plassmeyer – Glorious 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.

THE MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION is Tuesday, May 11, 7:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

ST. THOMAS CHURCH CLEANING TEAM ROTATION FOR UPCOMING WEEKS:

Week of May 9: Alan Libbert, Nancy Libbert, Darrel Buechter

Week of May 16: Lynne Reinkemeyer, Linda Boessen, Lauri Luebbering, Lisa Lackman

Week of May 23: Sonya Henson, Susan Buechter, Jackie Prenger, Amy Buechter

Week of May 30: 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.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 18 – 8th Grade Graduation May 20 – Preschool Graduation, Last day of school, 11:05 Dismissal

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 10	Richard Schellman, Pat Schellman and Paul Struempf
Week of May 17	Alan Reinkemeyer, Richard Heckemeyer and Dave Schroeder
Week of May 23	Mark Luebbering, Antone Luebbering and Nick Luebbering
Week of May 30	Paul & Jenny Becker, Eric & Shara Buechter

WANTED – ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE GRASS CUTTING TEAMS: Grab a friend or neighbor and consider forming a grass cutting team (2-3 people) to help with the care and maintenance of our beautiful parish grounds. Teams rotate on a weekly basis so your time commitment is not large. The parish lawn mower(s) are available for use when cutting. Please text or call Alan Reinkemeyer at 573-694-6984 if interested.

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!

THE NEXT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING is Tuesday, May 11 at 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 luncheon went well in April therefore we are scheduling the May luncheon on May 13 at the St. Cecilia parish center. **We will be eating at noon. You are asked to bring a covered dish for each person attending. Everyone is welcome to join** and become a member.

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.

CITY OF ST. THOMAS RESIDENTIAL SPRING CLEAN-UP with Republic Trash Service is Wednesday, May 12. There are clean-up guidelines set by Republic Trash Services. These guidelines are posted on the City of St. Thomas FaceBook page or you may call Republic Trash Service at (573) 635-8805.

APPRECIATION DANCE: Jerry and Mike Groner will be hosting an open dance at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Center on Saturday, May 8 in appreciation for all the years of patronage from their customers. Music by Shiloh from 8:00-11:00 PM. **Must be age 21 or older to enter.** Bring your own drinks.

RECOGNIZING OUR GRADUATES: If you are a 2021 graduate (elementary, high school, college or technical school) please let us know by emailing or calling the school at 573-477-3322 or the Parish Office on Wednesday from 8:00 a.m. –4:30 p.m. or Thursday morning 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at 573-477-3315. The names will be published in the May 29-30 bulletin.

OSAGE SENIOR CENTER: The Osage Senior Center, located in Wardsville, MO is now under new local management. The Center is looking for interested seniors to fill possible vacancies and/or be placed on the wait list. If you are interested or know people who may be interested, call (573) 632-2712, leave a message and our manager will call you back. Thank you.

ON PASTORAL ACTIVITIES IN THE DIOCESE OF JEFFERSON CITY:

Whereas guidance from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention of the U.S. Government advises: 1) the more frequently a surface is touched by multiple people, the more frequently it should be cleaned and then disinfected, and 2) frequently touched surfaces should be cleaned and disinfected at least daily; and

Whereas many local health authorities allow for social gatherings and events when the standard protocols of social distancing and the wearing of face masks are observed;

I therefore emend, as Diocesan Bishop, the DECREES of 21 August 2020, 11 November 2020, and 2 March 2021 according to the following:

1. The Bible, hymnals, other liturgical aids or spiritual resources for the celebration of liturgies and devotions may be returned to the pews of churches and adoration chapels, effective immediately. Those who enter churches and chapels are to be encouraged to wash or sanitize their hands frequently, and pews and other frequently touched surfaces shall be cleaned and disinfected at least daily.
2. Holy Water may be returned to fonts with frequent changes of Holy Water, at least daily.
3. Social gatherings may take place on parish properties as early as 1 June 2021, but only if local health authority directives are observed. Parishes and schools are encouraged, however, to delay such events until late summer to avoid the need to cancel them if local circumstances require it.

This decree is effective immediately unless otherwise noted, anything to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given at the Chancery of the Diocese of Jefferson City on this 12th day of March 2021. **The Most Rev. W. Shawn McKnight, S.T.D.**

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

CARMELITE NUNS: The ministry of our Carmelite Nuns is to offer prayer and sacrifice for the Church and the people of the Diocese of Jefferson City. To make a prayer request, write or email the Carmelite Nuns at carmelofjc.prayers@gmail.com 31920 State Highway P, Clyde, MO 64432.

ENGAGED ENCOUNTER is a weekend with other engaged couples where an atmosphere is created in which each couple can concentrate exclusively on one another, free of the tensions, pressures and interruptions of the world. It is designed to give engaged couples the opportunity to discuss honestly their future lives together – their strengths and weaknesses, desires, goal, ambitions, their attitudes about money, sex, family, children, their role in the church and society – in face to face way. Engaged Encounter is designed to deepen and enrich your relationship with each other. All engaged couples are welcome, including interfaith couples and those entering a second marriage. For a list of available weekends, to register and for more information, visit diojeffcity.org/marriage-preparation/engaged-encounter

DIocese OF JEFFERSON CITY: The Diocese of Jefferson City warns the public of what appears to be an ongoing phishing scam involving emails and texts purportedly from priests or parish/Chancery staff. This scam has hit many parishes across the United States. The email or text purports to be from a person the target knows, such as one's pastor, a parish staff member, the bishop or someone else from the Church. If the target responds to the fake email or text, the sender will follow up with a request for some sort of monetary assistance, often for gift cards or iTunes cards. It is truly unfortunate cyber criminals will attempt to exploit the generous nature of our community. Sending emails or texts asking for cash or gifts cards is not how priests, parishes or the Diocese of Jefferson City seeks financial assistance for our work. If you receive an email or text from a trusted church personnel asking for assistance, confirm by calling that person and do NOT respond to the email or text. For more information, the FBI website address to file an online Internet crime complaint is <https://www.ic3.gov>.

ST. NICHOLAS ACADEMY is a supportive living experience for boys from families that are under-resourced who want to give their sons every opportunity to succeed in school and life. St. Nick's partners with families and St. Peter Interparish School to provide this opportunity. St. Nick's is seeking Christian, married couples or single individuals who are willing to be part of a pool of relief parents. The role of relief parents is to care for the boys and home when the full-time house parents are off duty or away. Typically, the full-time house parents are off duty every fourth weekend from 9:00 AM Friday through 7:00 PM Sunday. Relief parents, on a rotational schedule, fill in during this time. They may also be asked to be on a call list to help fill in when the house parents are on vacation and/or sick. Relief parents receive an hourly wage, all legally mandated benefits and a compensation package that includes a private suite and all meals for the days on duty. Please contact Sister Susan Renner, SSND at 573-635-7719 or director@stnick.org

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PRAYER TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY FOR PROTECTION FROM THE CORONAVIRUS

Patroness of the Diocese of Jefferson City, you know what we need.

We are certain of the power of your intercession, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us:

He who taught us to "love one another, as I have loved you" took our sufferings upon Himself and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection.

Bring under your mantle of protection all who provide care for the sick and minister to their needs, as your Son implores us to do for one another.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

Do not despise our pleas and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

