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in St. Thomas

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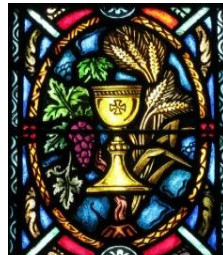
24TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 12, 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.; 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 Sept. 12-19:

WEEKDAY MORNING MASSES IN PARISH CENTER

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – L&D Herman Heckman Family

Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – Rose Mary Buschjost

Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Richard Schwartz

Friday 7:45 a.m. – Teresa Kaiser

WEEKEND MASSES IN ST. CECILIA CHURCH

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes

L&D Members of the Boessen Family

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Roman Plassmeyer

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2021-2022: \$305,000.00

Offertory Goal through Month End: \$ 76,251.00

Actual Collection for 2021-2022: **\$ 55,314.50**

Offertory Difference Year to Date: –\$ 20,936.50

Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

September 5 \$ 4,951.00

September 12 \$

September 19 \$

September 26 \$

Collection Online: \$ 5,304.50

September total to date: **\$10,255.50**

Difference for September: -\$15,161.50

Church Renovation Capital Campaign

Total Pledges/Donations \$165,792.00

Total Collected \$110,051.00

St. Thomas the Apostle Cantors / Organists

WEEKEND MASSES IN ST. CECILIA CHURCH

Sept. 18 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kelsey Kliethermes / Alanna

Sept. 19 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Josh Luebbering / Jackie

Sept. 25 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Amanda Wooten / Jackie

Sept. 26 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Luke Schroeder / Jackie

St. Thomas the Apostle & St. Cecilia Readers

WEEKEND MASSES IN ST. CECILIA CHURCH

Sept. 18 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Betty Hagenhoff

Sept. 19 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Tom Backes

Sept. 25 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kathy Graessle

Sept. 26 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jan Heckemeyer

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of Sept. 12-19:

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Leo & Betsy Wieberg

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Ben & Jason Hake

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2021-2022: \$62,000.00

Collection Total for 2021-2022: **\$11,642.00**

Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,166.67

Collection in Church:

September 5 \$ 1,445.00

September 12 \$

September 19 \$

September 26 \$

September total to date: **\$ 1,445.00**

Difference for September -\$ 3,721.67

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

September – 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. – Janice Schanzmeyer

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

St. Thomas & St. Cecilia Ushers

WEEKEND MASSES IN ST. CECILIA CHURCH

Sept. 18 Sat. 5:00 p.m. – Gilbert Schellman & Darin Even
Sept. 19 Sun. 10:00 a.m. – Ryan Buschjost & Richard Heckemeyer
Sept. 25 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Fred Luebbering & Mark Boessen
Sept. 26 Sun. 10:00 a.m. – Eric & Keith Boessen

St. Thomas the Apostle & St. Cecilia Eucharistic Ministers
MASSES IN ST. CECILIA CHURCH

Sept. 18 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Betty Hagenhoff
Sept. 19 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Rob Henson
Sept. 25 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark Graessle
Sept. 26 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Bill Luebbering

St. Thomas the Apostle Servers

WEEKEND MASSES IN ST. CECILIA CHURCH

Sept. 18 Saturday 5:00 p.m. -
Sept. 19 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Avery Libbert & Miranda Meyer
Sept. 25 Saturday 5:00 p.m. -
Sept. 26 Sun. 10:00 a.m. – Erika Luebbering & Francie Tallent

St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters

Sept. 19 – Paul Becker & Shara Buechter
Sept. 26- Keith & Jean Kliethermes
Oct. 3 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg
Oct. 10 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman
Oct. 17 - Jennifer Schroeder & Dunja Wieberg

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas :

WEEKDAY MASSES IN ST. THOMAS PARISH CENTER

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

WEEKEND MASSES IN ST. CECILIA CHURCH

Saturday 4:35 p.m. – Dale Herigon – Luminous Mysteries
Sunday 9:35 a.m. – Tina Stockman – Luminous Mysteries

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 notices is noon on Wednesday's.

ST. CECILIA PRAYER LINE REQUESTS can be made by calling Marie Lueckenotto at 573-229-4336.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH WEEKLY BULLETINS may be found in St. Cecilia Church, Web page, St. Thomas Vitae House on front porch or school when in session.

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!

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

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH RENOVATION: For the safety of everyone, no one should go into the church while the renovation is taking place unless you have been instructed by a renovation committee member or are accompanied by a committee member. Some of the contractors are working, so we want to keep everyone safe.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: Please return your Pledge by **September 12**. Payments should be received within 3 years. Payments can be made by going to the "Renovation" link on the Parish website for PayPal donations and ACH debit sign up, or by using the yellow "Building Expansion & Renovation" church envelopes. You can also mail checks directly to St. Thomas the Apostle Church, PO Box 146, St. Thomas MO., 65076. Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE FALL FESTIVAL COLLECTION: There is an envelope in your September packet. Each family or single wage earner is asked to contribute \$50.00. This collection was instituted years ago to replace the Fall Festival which St. Thomas Parish used to have. It is part of our overall parish budget, helping with ongoing expenses.

ST. CECILIA AND ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SERVERS TRAINING (FROM FR. LEONARD): I am proposing the following dates to train servers after the Sunday Masses on September 12 (ongoing servers), 19 (beginners) and 26 (beginners), their parents shall wait on them and the practice should last 30 minutes after greeting the people. They will be trained in two categories, 1) those that have served before (ongoing) and 2) those that have never served at all (beginners) but have reached the age of serving. I can have a group of 3 or 6 or 9 per session for a particular category, a sign-up sheet will be placed at the back of the church for those that will join a particular group.

BISHOP MCKNIGHT'S SEPTEMBER PRAYER INTENTION: For a greater appreciation for the gift of friendship; that bonds of friendship may strengthen our resolve to be a people of communion in divisive times.

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP is Tuesday, September 14, 7:00 p.m. Vitae House.

St. Cecilia & St. Thomas the Apostle Eucharistic Minister

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Mary Plassmeyer

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Terry Libbert & Tony Derkum

St. Cecilia Servers

Sunday 8:00 a.m. –

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Wednesday – 6:05 p.m. – Dorothy Rehagen – Glorious Mysteries
Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Mary Plassmeyer – 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.

St. Thomas the Apostle & St. Cecilia Offertory

WEEKEND MASSES IN ST. CECILIA CHURCH

Sept. 18 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ralph & Kathy Graessle
Sept. 19 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Bill & Betty Jo Luebbering
Sept. 25 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark & Lora Boessen Family
Sept. 26 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – David & Judy Schroeder

PASTORS MEDITATION: 24th Sunday in ordinary time, year B: **WHO DO YOU SAY I AM? (Is 50:5-9a; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35)** Today's Gospel explains the basis of our Faith as our acceptance of Jesus Christ, the Son of the Living God and our Lord and Savior. It also tells us that Jesus Christ suffered, died and rose again to become our Savior. Finally, it outlines the three conditions of Christian discipleship, namely, denying oneself, taking up one's cross, and following Jesus.

Jesus saw aspects of His own life and mission foreshadowed in Isaiah's Servant Songs. Hence, a large portion of the Third Song of the Suffering Servant is presented as the first reading today, while in the Gospel, Jesus foretells the passion, death and Resurrection for the first time, in response to Peter's profession of Faith in him as God's Messiah and Savior. Like the servant described in today's first reading, Jesus lived a life of radical obedience and conformity to God's will. Thus, the Servant passage provides background for the revelation of Jesus as the suffering Messiah. In today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 116), invites us to turn to the Lord for help amidst the trials of this world. It is in God that we will find deliverance from trouble and relief from our afflictions. In the second reading, James reminds us that suffering is not only something to be accepted but also something to be alleviated. James explains how our Faith in Jesus, the Messiah, should help us to alleviate the sufferings of others by our works of mercy, both corporal and spiritual. In the Gospel, in response to Peter's profession of Faith in Jesus as God's Messiah and Savior, Jesus foretells for the first of three times the passion, death and Resurrection which lie ahead. Today's Gospel consists of two sections: 1) the Messianic confession of Peter, who acknowledged Jesus as "*the Christ (Messiah), the Son of the living God.*" and 2) Jesus' prediction of the passion, death and Resurrection, followed by Jesus' clear teaching on the three conditions of Christian discipleship: "*Whoever wishes to come after Me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow Me.*"

So, dear friends, Jesus wants to become a living and present Reality for us, loving us, forgiving us, helping us, transforming our lives and outlook, and building a personal relationship with each of us. The knowledge of Jesus as Lord and personal Savior needs to become a living and personal experience for each Christian drawing each of us to loving response. The relationship deepens and grows as we listen to Jesus through the daily, meditative reading from the scriptures, speak to Jesus in our daily personal and family prayers, offer Jesus our lives on the altar in the Holy Mass and seek reconciliation with Jesus asking forgiveness for our sins every night and in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In the Eucharistic celebration today, we are celebrating and experiencing in our lives the death and Resurrection of Christ the Messiah, our Lord and personal Savior.

We need to surrender our life to Jesus Whom we experience as our Lord and Savior: The next step is the surrender of our lives to Jesus whose love we have experienced by rendering humble and loving service to others with the strong conviction that Jesus is present in every person. The final step is to praise and thank God in all the events of our lives, good and bad, realizing that God's love shapes every event of our lives. ***Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukiibi***

CONFIRMATION – ST. CECILIA & ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE: Confirmation will be for 7th, 8th, and 9th grade students this year. Students attending St. Thomas the Apostle School will have confirmation preparation during their school religion classes. All other students from both parishes will have confirmation class on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. A sign-up sheet will be in the back of Church for all students attending the Wednesday evening classes or you can text the information to Jennifer Even at 573-680-6945 (student name and grade, parent name, e-mail). The first class will be Wednesday, October 6 at St. Cecilia parish center. Classes will alternate each month between St. Cecilia parish center and St. Thomas KC Hall. More information will be sent to students and parents based on who signs up for class.

RELIGION CLASSES – ST. CECILIA: Religion classes for 1st through 6th grade are planned to start on Wednesday, September 29, at 7:00 p.m. in the parish center. All new/first time students are asked to please sign up. Accurate counts are needed for ordering books and materials. Please contact Jennifer Even at 573-680-6945 (text or call) to sign up or with any questions.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING is Tuesday, Sept. 28, 7:00 p.m. in the school library.

ST. THOMAS SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING is Tuesday, September 28, 6:00 p.m. in the school library.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE AND ST. CECILIA PARISHIONERS – VIRTUS/SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING: The Safe Environment Policy of the Diocese of Jefferson City requires Employees, Clergy, Religious, Seminarians, Deacons and Volunteers in the Church to be compliant with Safe Environment Regulations. The volunteers include those who work with minors and/or who participate in any ministry in the church (Greeters/Ushers, Lectors, Eucharist Ministers, Choir/Canters), working at parish fundraisers and all parents of students attending St. Thomas the Apostle Parish. Information may be found on our parish websites under Resources, Resources Home, and Safe Environment. Please follow the steps

This is MANDATORY, effective August 1, 2021

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the parish or school office. **Remember**, it is important that we comply with the Diocesan Policy for Safe Environment and the Diocese will be coming in September to conduct a **Safe Environment Audit**

**Safe Environment Instructions
For First Time Registrants
Volunteering with Minors**

Go to www.virtusonline.org website.

Click on the "First Time Registrant" button and enter your profile information.

It is vital this information remains current, ESPECIALLY your email address. Your email address is how the system will communicate with you in the future.

Next, sign up for a Protecting God's Children workshop. This workshop may be done online or in person (if offered) and only needs to be completed one time. However, if you choose the online version, you **MUST** commit to the entire two hours required. If you leave the workshop prior to completion, you may have difficulty resuming.

Next, you will be prompted to read the "Code of Conduct" form (which you will sign electronically).

Within one day of completing the training, the Office of Child and Youth Protection will approve your account. At this time you will receive an email from Virtus stating to log into your account to complete the background check screening process.

If you have used the site in the past and simply don't remember your information, we can help you find your information and give you a chance to update the system.

REMINDERS FOR PARISHIONERS that every First Friday of the month, we have a Holy Hour/Adoration followed by Benediction and the last Friday of the month from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at St. Cecilia Church.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL NEWS! UPCOMING EVENTS!

Monday, September 13 - No School K-8 Diocesan Professional Development Day

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PRESCHOOL: If you have a child ages 3 or 4 and have been thinking about preschool, please call Lizzie Linhardt 573-645-5605 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 the school office.

ST. CECILIA PARISHIONERS: Raffle books, along with work lists (if you didn't get one through the mail) are in the back of church. Please remember to look for gently used items for the stand at the fall festival---not clothing.

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 September 12	Paul & Jenny Becker, Eric & Shara Buechter
Week of September 19	Mark Graessle, Jeff Cassmeyer and Fred Luebbering
Week of September 26	Richard Schellman, Pat Schellman and Paul Struempf
Week of October 3	Alan Reinkemeyer, Richard Heckemeyer and Dave Schroeder
Week of October 10	Mark Luebbering, Antone Luebbering and Nick Luebbering

HELIAS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL in Jefferson City is looking for qualified substitute teachers to fill in as needed between the hours of 7:30 a.m.-3:10 p.m. Applicants must have at least 60 hours of credit from an accredited college or university. Pay is \$85 per day. Please complete the online Substitute Teacher Application at heliascatholic.com and email it to mashley@heliascatholic.com, or call Marla Ashley 573-635-6139 for more information.

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. Thanks to 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

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>.

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 carmelofc.prayers@gmail.com 31920 State Highway P, Clyde, MO 64432.

THE NEXT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING is Tuesday, September 14, 7:30 p.m. A rosary will be prayed at 7:15 p.m. Please read the September newsletter attached to the bulletin.

ST. THOMAS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: September 18th - Garden Tractor Pull and Raffle Drawing

WALK FOR LIFE: The annual Walk for Life will be held on Sunday, September 26 following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. The Walk progresses from St. Stanislaus Church to the Wardsville Lions Club, where there will be refreshments, prizes and Pro-life displays. Bus transportation available to and from event. If you have a pro-life T-shirt, please wear it! Pledge forms for donations are in the vestibule and chapel library of St. Stanislaus, or you may drop it in the Sunday collection basket, labeled "Walk for Life." Thank you for supporting this annual pro-life event!

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA PARISH FALL FESTIVAL, FOLK is Sunday, September 12, serving roast beef and sausage dinners from 11:00 a.m.-6:30 p.m. \$13.00. Limited indoor air conditioned seating available and outdoor picnic table seating. Quilt auction 5:00 p.m. Raffle drawing 7:00 p.m. Classic car cruise 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

CITIZEN'S CIVIC LEAGUE FALL FESTIVAL, META is Sunday, September 19, serving sausage & fried chicken dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. \$14.00 per meal. Carry-out or spaced dine in. All meals served in carry-out containers.

OUR LADY OF HELP OF CHRISTIANS PARISH, FRANKENSTEIN is Sunday, September 26 serving sausage dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Drive thru and to go meals \$12.00, covered pavilion seating. Dessert & Specialty items auction 3:30 p.m.

ST. STANISLAUS CHURCH, WARDSVILLE: St. Stanislaus has an evening Mass on Tuesdays now, at 5:30 p.m. Msgr. Cox is going to have daily Mass at 8 a.m. M,W,Th and F, but Tuesday it will be in the evening.

ST. STANISLAUS PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL OPEN HOURS: Tuesday- 1:00-2:00 a.m. (3,4,5), Sat. 11-12:00 noon (1,2,4,5), Sat. 1:00-2:00 p.m. Need a sub for Sunday night 11:00-12 Midnight until January 1. (Please call Donna at 680-1470 if you would like to take one of these hours, or let me know if you can sub periodically. Thank you!)

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