

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

**St. Cecilia**  
in Meta

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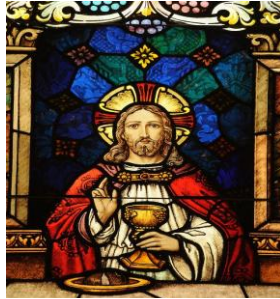
**23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME**

**September 4 2022**

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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 Sept. 4-11:**

Monday 7:45 a.m. – No Mass  
Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Greg Russell  
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – Herb & Imogene Volmert  
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – L&D Gregory & Lucille Veit Family  
Friday 7:45 a.m.-Joe & Antonia Schwartz & Richard Schwartz  
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes  
Marie & Delphine Luebbering  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – L&D Herman Heckman Family

**Your Sunday Offering:**

Offertory Budget for 2022-2023: \$305,000.00  
Offertory Goal through Month End: \$ 50,834.00  
Actual Collection for 2022-2023: **\$ 47,453.95**  
Offertory Difference Year to Date: \$ 3,380.05  
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

**Collection in Church:**

August 7 \$ 5,823.81  
August 14 \$ 2,841.76  
August 21 \$ 2,256.01  
August 28 \$ 3,029.76

**Collection Online:** \$ 7,072.00

**August total to date:** **\$21,023.34**

Difference for August -\$4,393.66

**Church Renovation Capital Campaign**

Total Pledges/Donations \$484,477.70

Total Collected \$438,721.91

Total Expenses Paid \$699,195.95

A total of 128 parishioners have returned pledge cards/or  
Contributed to the renovation project.

Church Renovation Loan Balance \$168,146.12

Loan payments to date \$36,145.00

(principal) \$31,853.88 (interest) \$4,291.12

**St. Thomas the Apostle Cantors / Organists**

Sept. 10 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kerry Meyer / Lydia

Sept. 11 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Doug Luebbering / Jackie

Sept. 17 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mary Kay / Jeanette

Sept. 18 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Jean Kliethermes / Jackie

**St. Thomas the Apostle Readers**

Sept. 10 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Tom Backes

Sept. 11 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Bill Luebbering

Sept. 17 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Judy Schroeder

Sept. 18 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Rosalyn Wieberg

**Saint Cecilia**

**Mass Schedule for the Week of Sept. 4-11:**

Wednesday 6:30 p.m.- Lawrence "Dick" Rehagen

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Harold Veltrop

**Your Sunday Offering:**

Offertory Budget for 2022-2023: \$65,000.00  
Collection Total for 2022-2023: **\$ 9,628.00**  
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,416.67

**Collection in Church:**

August 7 \$ 949.00  
August 14 \$1,151.00  
August 21 \$ 710.00  
August 28 \$ 1,311.00

**August total to date:** **\$4,121.00**

Difference for August: -\$1,295.67

**St. Cecilia Collection Counters**

September – Marie Lueckenotto & Pam Libbert

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

**St. Cecilia Readers**

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Dorothy Rehagen

Sept. 11 8:00 a.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer

Sept. 18 8:00 a.m. – Karyn Veltrop

**St. Cecilia Organist**

Sept. 11 8:00 a.m. – Jackie

Sept. 18 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**

Sept. 10 Saturday 5:00p.m.- Dave Luebbering & Richard Schellman  
Sept. 11 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Jim Lueckenhoff & Larry Lueckenhoff  
Sept. 17 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Eric & Roseanne Boessen  
Sept. 18 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Jim & Larry Lueckenhoff  
**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**

Sept. 10 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark Luebbering  
Sept. 11 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Keith Kliethermes  
Sept. 17 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Lora Boessen  
Sept. 18 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Rob Henson

### **St. Thomas the Apostle Servers**

Weekday – Ava Rackers & Emerald Fennewald  
Sept. 10 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Gregory Kirby, Carmen Luebbering, Ava Buschjost, Evelyn Wooten  
Sept. 11 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Valerie & Zeke Verslues, Stella Volmert, Victoria Wieberg  
Sept 17 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Gregory Kirby, Kora Luebbering, Ellie Boessen  
Sept. 18 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Francie & Hannah Tallent, Wyatt Otto & Ben Otto

### **St. Thomas the Apostle Offertory Gifts**

Sept. 10 Saturday, 5:00 p.m. – Ralph & Kathy Graessle  
Sept. 11 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Larry & Linda Lueckenhoff  
Sept 17 Saturday:00 p.m. – Gilbert & Betty Schellman  
Sept. 18 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Mike & Sheri Wieberg

### **St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters**

Sept. 11 – Paul Becker & Shara Buechter  
Sept. 18 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes  
Sept. 25 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg  
Oct. 2 – Dunja Wieberg & Jennifer Schroeder  
Oct. 9 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman

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

Sept. 11 Brooke Schell  
Sept. 18 Dunja Wieberg  
Sept. 25 Jenny Becker  
Oct. 2 Karlie Reinkemeyer  
Oct. 9 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 – Sorrowful Mysteries  
Sunday 9:35 a.m. – Gilbert & Hermina Strobe– Sorrowful Mysteries

### **St. Thomas the Apostle Church Cleaners**

Sept. 4: Alan Libbert, Nancy Libbert, Darrel Buechter, Jan Heckemeyer  
Sept. 11: Brooke Schell, Tina Stockman, Gina Luebbering, Karen Luebbering  
Sept 18: Lynne Reinkemeyer, Linda Boessen, Lauri Luebbering, Lisa Lackman  
Sept. 25: Sonya Henson, Susan Buechter, Jackie Prenger, Amy Buechter  
Aug. 28: Janet Lueckenhoff, Jim Lueckenhoff, Charlene Buschjost, Randy Buschjost

**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 snack to hall by 1:00 p.m.; snack 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, Sept. 8** – Carol Schellman & Katrina Schellman      **Thursday, Sept. 15** - Donna Schellman & Judy Schroeder

**SCRIP:** Visit [www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip](http://www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip) for more information about the Scrip program. Please contact Amanda Wooten 573-694-1735 or [amandab\\_27@hotmail.com](mailto:amandab_27@hotmail.com)

**BULLETIN NOTICES:** Deadline for bulletin is Wednesday at noon.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH BULLETINS:** If you are needing a bulletin and Church is locked there are some on the Vitae House front porch.

**ST. CECILIA & ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH LEADERS STEWARDSHIP MEETING** with Father Jones on September 13, 6:30 p.m. in St. Thomas Apostle Church.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Anointing of the Sick will be held every month after benediction during the Holy Hour. St. Thomas will have the Anointing on the First Friday of each month and St. Cecilia will have the Anointing on the last Friday of the month.

**A ROSARY FOR OUR COUNTRY** will be prayed on Sunday, September 4, 5:00 p.m. St. Thomas Church.

**BISHOP MCKNIGHT SEPTEMBER PRAYER INTENTION:** For all who serve in our community as first responders: that God may protect them from all harm, and that we be grateful for the sacrifices they make for the common good.

### **St. Cecilia Eucharistic Ministers**

Sept. 11 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Betty Hagenhoff  
Sept. 18 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Janice Schanzmeyer

### **St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers**

Sept. 11 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Tony Derkum, William Derkum, Terry Libbert, Harold Libbert  
Sept 18 Sunday 8:00 a.m.- Leon Schanzmeyer, Darin Even, Mitch Stumpe, Brendan Stumpe

### **St. Cecilia Servers**

Sept. 11 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Bradyn & Kambrie Stegeman  
Sept. 18 Sunday 8:00 a.m.- Sophie, Reagan & Eli Bock

***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**

Sept. 11 Sunday 8:00 a.m.- Family of Harold Veltrop

### **Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia**

Wednesday 6:05 p.m. –Dorothy Rehagen–Glorious Mysteries  
Sept. 11 Sunday 7:35 a.m.– Mary Plassmeyer Sorrowful Mysteries  
Sept. 18 Sunday 7:35 a.m.- Dorothy Rehagen 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.

**PASTORS MEDITATION: 23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: FOLLOWING JESUS AT ALL COST. (Wis. 9:13-18b; Philemon 9-10, 12-17; Lk. 14:25-33).** We should put God first in our life and live out that choice daily. Today's readings challenge us to the true Christian discipleship of total commitment to the will of God, putting God first in our lives. The first reading, taken from the Book of Wisdom, instructs us to ask for the gifts of discernment and strength from the Holy Spirit so that we may do the will of God as His true disciples. The Responsorial Psalm (Ps 90), instructs true disciples to lead holy lives by remaining constantly aware of the brevity and uncertainty of life. The second reading, taken from St. Paul's letter to Philemon, teaches us that detachment and renunciation are necessary for a true disciple of Christ. As a responsible Apostle and zealous disciple of Christ, Paul had to renounce the service of his new helper, Onesimus, and return him to his master. As a new disciple of Christ, Onesimus had to leave Paul, face his owner as a runaway slave, and accept the consequences. Today's Gospel reminds us to count the cost of being a disciple and follower of Christ because the cost is high: true Christian discipleship requires one to "renounce" both earthly possessions and possessions of the heart (i.e., one's relationships). In today's Gospel, Jesus lays out four conditions for true Christian discipleship.

- 1) Renounce too much attachment to family, giving priority to God and His commandments.
- 2) Break off the excessive attachment to possessions by leading a detached life, willingly sharing one's blessings with others.
- 3) Be ready to carry the cross and follow Jesus by i) gracefully accepting and lovingly offering our pains and suffering with Jesus on the cross for the salvation of all of us ii) by sharing our blessings sacrificially with others iii) by accepting the pain involved in controlling our evil habits and tendencies and iv) by welcoming the pain and humiliation we suffer in professing our faith in public and in practicing it in our daily life, standing with Jesus, his ideas and ideals.
- 4) Calculate the cost involved in following Jesus. Using the two parables of the tower-builder and the king defending his country, Jesus says we must think long and hard about Christian discipleship before we commit ourselves to Jesus in this full, life-long surrender.

Therefore, dear friends, we need to accept the challenge of Christian discipleship with heroic commitment and practice it. We do so: 1) by daily recharging our spiritual batteries through prayer, i.e., talking to God and listening to Him through our meditative reading and study of the Bible; 2) by sharing in God's life through frequent and active participation in the Eucharistic celebration; 3) by practicing the spirit of detachment and the renunciation of evil habits; 4) by giving our time, talents and resources generously, for the Lord's work in the Church universal and especially in our parish community, relying on the guidance of the Holy Spirit, 5) by loving all God's children, especially the less fortunate ones, through humble, selfless acts of kindness, mercy, forgiveness, and service; 6) by showing true commitment to the obligations and duties entrusted to us by our vocation in life and our profession, for example, by fidelity in marriage and firm adherence to justice in our living and profession.

***Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukibi***

**ST. CECILIA RELIGION CLASSES: 1<sup>st</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup> grades:** Religion classes for 1<sup>st</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup> grade are planned to start on Wednesday, September 21, at 7:00pm 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.

**8<sup>th</sup> grade and up (those who have been confirmed):** We are also hoping to plan some faith-based fun/activity evenings (possibly once a month, more if it works out) for all students who have been confirmed. Confirmation should not be the end of learning about your religion, but a beginning to the rest of your life-long faith journey! The hope is to invite/include any youth that want to participate (not just our parish) and keep our youth/young adults excited about their faith and involved with the church. Input/suggestions and volunteers to help with this are welcome and greatly appreciated (you can even volunteer for just one evening). Please reach out to Jennifer Even at 573-680-6945 with input and suggestions.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH QUILTING:** Quilting for the 2023 St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Picnic is starting soon. The picnic quilt auction is a major fundraiser for our parish each year and quilting is a wonderful way to give your time to the parish. Daytime quilting began on Thursday, September 1 and evening quilting will begin on Wednesday, September 7. Extra copies of the quilt group list for 2023 is available on the parish website [www.stthomasapostle.net](http://www.stthomasapostle.net) (under Parish Groups (quilters)). If you would like to help quilt, please come and join our circle. If you have questions, please call Emily Luebbering 573-477-3459 or Kathy Strobe 573-477-3349.

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

Monday, September 5 - Labor Day – No School P-8

Wednesday, September 7 – Picture Day

Monday, September 12 – Diocesan Professional Day – No School P-8

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PRESCHOOL:** If you have a child, ages 3 or 4 and have been thinking about preschool, please call Lizzie Linhardt, [llinhardt@stacs.school](mailto:llinhardt@stacs.school) 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. Please check out and like St. Thomas the Apostle Preschool Facebook page!

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE GRASS CUTTING ROTATION:**

Week of Sept. 4 Fred Luebbering, Mark Graessle and Jeff Cassmeyer

Week of Sept. 11 Paul & Jenny Becker, Eric Buechter, Josh Schroeder

Week of Sept. 18 Mark Luebbering, Nick Luebbering and Anthony Luebbering, Jason Otto

Week of Sept. 25 Dick Schellman, Patrick Schellman, Paul Struempff, Rob Henson

Week of Oct. 2 Alan Reinkemeyer, Richard Heckemeyer and Dave Schroeder

**OUR LADY OF SORROWS SHRINE AT STARKENBURG, FALL PILGRIMAGE:** The historic shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows Shrine at Starkenburg will host its annual Fall Pilgrimage on Sunday, Sept. 11, with Bishop W. Shawn McKnight celebrating Mass at 2:00 p.m. The day begins with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 10 am. A traditional German meal of fried chicken, roast beef, mashed potatoes, green beans, corn, slaw and dessert will be served by members of the Church of the Risen Savior at Valentine Hall. The sacrament of Reconciliation and Benediction will be offered before the outdoor Mass. The Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows is in Montgomery County, two miles north of the Katy Trail, on Highway P, and is handicapped accessible. For more information, visit [www.historicshrine.com](http://www.historicshrine.com) or call Brenda Van Booven at 573-236-4390.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH FALL FANTASY:** We heard you.... so it's BACK! The 26th Fall Fantasy will be a **LIVE** event this year! The event will be on Saturday, November 5, 2022. Theme: 80's style. Please save the date. Tickets are on sale now. We need everyone's help to make this the BEST event yet. If you have any questions, please reach out. Joanie Prenger-573.659.0304 ~ Kim Kliegel-573.619.9188 ~ Erica Loethen-573.690.8351

**THE OVER 50 GROUP** is scheduled to meet on September 8 in the St Cecilia parish center for our monthly get together. All you need to do is bring a covered dish to share with the group. As always, we plan to eat at noon. If you want, card games can be played or just sit around and visit.

**OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS PARISH PICNIC, MARY'S HOME** is this Sunday, September 4, serving fried chicken & (Gluten free) Roast beef dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Adults \$15, children 6-12 \$7.00.

**HOLY FAMILY PARISH PICNIC, FREEBURG** is this Sunday, September 4, serving chicken & roast beef dinners from 11:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Adults \$15. Carry-outs only, outdoor & air-conditioned indoor dining available (no table service). Quilt auction 5:00 p.m.

**JP2 YOUNG ADULTS BBQ PARTY** is Saturday, September 10, 6:00 p.m. at McClung Park. Music, drinks and games. Please RSVP to JP2 Young Adults Facebook Page.

**SAVE THE DATES:** September 18 - Meta Civic League Fall Festival  
November 5, 2022 – St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Fall Fantasy

### **ANNOUNCING A NEW MONTHLY CATHOLIC FORMATION OPPORTUNITY FOR MEN – Signum Crucis**

A group of Catholic men in our area is excited to introduce a new interparish, multi-generational men's formation group in Jefferson City. It is called the "Men of **Signum Crucis**."

Why **Signum Crucis**? **Signum Crucis** is Latin for "Sign of the Cross." This new group will focus on growth in the areas of Study, Devotion, and Service. As we trace the Sign of the Cross on our bodies and pray this most basic prayer, we recognize that we need Study for our Minds, seek Devotion in our Hearts, and to wear our faith gained from Study and Devotion on our sleeves in the form of Service.

This group will strongly encourage men to bring their sons to our monthly gatherings. We know how important it is in our current culture to model our faith to our young people before they leave the fold. Therefore, men are especially requested to bring their sons, nephews, and grandsons who are in high school and grade school. By doing this, adult men will be able to model how to be a true Catholic man be seeking more. This is needed now more than ever.

Monthly gatherings will always be on the third Wednesday of each month, at Helias Catholic High School from 6:30 p.m. till 8:00 p.m. This timeframe was intentionally set to allow men to get back home in time to help with the family bedtime routine. Our plan is to allow men to choose between attending either a Devotional session or a Study session when we gather, whichever is most needed by each man attending. We will possibly offer a Service opportunity on Wednesday evenings as well. Our Study, Devotion, or Service sessions will last approximately 45-60 minutes, with a wrap-up of our sessions in the Helias Commons, followed by brief fellowship.

Our first gathering will be on September 21. Father Paul Clark, Chaplain of Helias Catholic High School, will offer Mass for us in the Chapel of St. Pius X at Helias at 6:30 p.m. More details about **Signum Crucis** will be shared after the Mass.

The second gathering will be on October 19. Fr. Anthony Viviano will lead us in Study and will challenge us to be strong Catholic men for our parish, our family, our friends, and our community. Details about the November **Signum Crucis** gathering will be shared after the session with Fr. Viviano.

Entrance into Helias for the **Signum Crucis** gatherings will be through the entrance on the east end of the school on Swifts Highway. You will see signage to direct you into the entrance.

We hope you also have the desire to be the Catholic man that God is calling you to be for your family and parish community. The area men who have put this concept together are eager to join you in developing our faith life as a fraternity of committed Catholic men. We are confident that our fraternity will help men grow in their faith and faithfulness to all who are important to them.

For more information, please contact Jeff Cassmeyer at 573-690-7546 or Mark Rehagen at 573-680-2520. St. Joseph, Foster Father of the Son of God, pray for us



**FALL FESTIVAL**  
Citizen's Civic League Park  
**Meta, MO**  
(20 miles south of Jefferson City on Rt. B)  
**September 18**  
**Pork Sausage & Fried Chicken**  
-CARRY OUT OR SPACED DINE IN-  
11:00 am - 6:00 pm  
ALL MEALS SERVED IN CARRY-OUT CONTAINERS - \$15.00  
MENU: Pork sausage, fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy,  
green beans, sweet potatoes, slaw and home-baked desserts

-  Beer Garden - Gin Rickie
-  Sandwich Stand
-  Bingo
-  Toyland

 **Big Raffle and Country Store** 

