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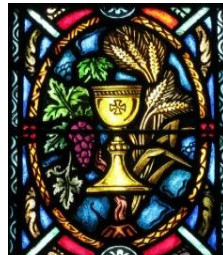
23RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 5, 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. 5-12:

WEEKDAY MORNING MASSES IN PARISH CENTER

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Herb & Imogene Volmert
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – Bob & Donnie Luebbering
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Joe & Antonia Schwartz
Friday 7:45 a.m. – Raymond & Bernadine Groner

WEEKEND MASSES IN ST. CECILIA CHURCH

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – L&D Oligschlaeger Family
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – People of our Parishes
Roman Wieberg Jr.

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2021-2022: \$305,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End: \$ 50,834.00
Actual Collection for 2021-2022: **\$ 45,059.00**
Offertory Difference Year to Date: –\$ 5,775.00
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 25,417.00

Collection in Church:

August 1 \$ 4,237.00
August 8 \$ 5,496.00
August 15 \$ 1,101.00
August 22 \$ 2,681.00
August 29 \$ 3,980.00

Collection Online: \$ 6,252.00

August total to date: **\$23,474.00**

Difference for August: –\$ 1,670.00

Church Renovation Capital Campaign

Total Pledges/Donations \$154,895.00
Total Collected \$105,194.00

St. Thomas the Apostle Cantors / Organists

WEEKEND MASSES IN ST. CECILIA CHURCH

Sept. 11 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Lisa Wieberg / Jackie
Sept. 12 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Anne Strobe / Jackie
Sept. 18 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kelsey Kliethermes / Alanna
Sept. 19 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Josh Schroeder / Jackie

St. Thomas the Apostle & St. Cecilia Readers

WEEKEND MASSES IN ST. CECILIA CHURCH

Sept. 11 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Doris Stumpe
Sept. 12 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Katie Luebbering
Sept. 18 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Betty Hagenhoff
Sept. 19 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Tom Backes

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of Sept. 5-12:

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Vince & Brad Reinkemeyer

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Lawrence & Katie Lueckenotto
50th Wedding Anniversary

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2021-2022: \$62,000.00
Collection Total for 2021-2022: **\$10,197.00**
Offertory Goal per month: \$ 5,166.67

Collection in Church:

August 1 \$ 940.00
August 8 \$ 990.00
August 15 \$1,425.00
August 22 \$ 525.00
August 29 \$1,295.00

August total to date: **\$5,175.00**

Difference for August: +\$ 8.33

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. – Dorothy Rehagen
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 & St. Cecilia Ushers

WEEKEND MASSES IN ST. CECILIA CHURCH

Sept. 11 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Eric Strope & Dave Luebbering
Sept. 12 Sun. 10:00 a.m.- Keith Kliethermes & Mike Buschjost
Sept. 18 Sat. 5:00 p.m. – Gilbert Schellman & Darin Even
Sept. 19 Sun.10:00 a.m.-Ryan Buschjost & Richard Heckemeyer

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

Sept. 11 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Janice Schanzmeyer
Sept. 12 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Glenn Prenger
Sept. 18 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Betty Hagenhoff
Sept. 19 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Rob Henson

St. Thomas the Apostle Servers

WEEKEND MASSES IN ST. CECILIA CHURCH

Sept. 11 Saturday 5:00 p.m. -
Sept. 12 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Valerie & Zeke Versluis
Sept. 18 Saturday 5:00 p.m. -
Sept. 19 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Avery Libbert & Miranda Meyer

St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters

Sept. 12 - Jennifer Schroeder & Dunja Wieberg
Sept. 19 – Paul Becker & Shara Buechter
Sept. 26- Keith & Jean Kliethermes
Oct. 3 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg
Oct. 10 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman

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. – Dale Herigon – 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– Sorrowful Mysteries
Sunday 9:35 a.m. – Pat Loethen – Sorrowful 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

A NOTE OF THANKS!

Thank you to all that worked on the 101ST Anniversary Celebration. It was a great night for St. Thomas Council #2149.

BULLETIN NOTICES: Deadline for bulletin notices is noon on Wednesday's.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH OFFICE will be closed Wednesday, September 8.

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.

St. Cecilia & St. Thomas the Apostle Eucharistic Minister
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic Plassmeyer

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Harold Libbert & Anton Libbert

St. Cecilia Servers

Sunday 8:00 a.m. –

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Wednesday–6:05 p.m.-Margaret Brune–Glorious Mysteries
Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Dorothy Rehagen– Sorrowful 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. 11 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark & Barb Graessle
Sept. 12 Sunday 10:00 a.m.–Brian & Katie Luebbering Fam
Sept. 18 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ralph & Kathy Graessle
Sept. 19 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Bill & Betty Jo Luebbering

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.

PASTORS MEDITATION: 23rd Sunday in ordinary time, year B: **MANY OF US ARE DEAF AND DUMB SPIRITUALLY AND WE NEED JESUS TO HEAL US.** (Is 35:4-7a; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37)

Today's readings offer us two challenges: i) Become humble instruments of healing in Jesus' hands by giving voice to the voiceless and caring love to the needy and the marginalized in our society. ii) Open your ears to hear the word of God, open your eyes to see God's presence in everyone and loosen your tongue to praise and worship God loudly and to convey the Good News of God's love and salvation to others.

Prophet Isaiah in the 1st reading reminds us that God's eyes are constantly focused on the helpless. "He comes to save you. Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared; then will the lame leap like a stag, then the tongue of the mute will sing." Today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 146) sings of a God who gives sight to the blind, raises up those who are bowed down and welcomes strangers. That is why, in today's second reading (Jas 2:1-5), James gives us some basic and challenging principles of social justice. He exhorts Christians to show no partiality based on external appearance and to practice God's "preferential option" for the poor. He warns the faithful against scorning or shaming the poor while showing special consideration to the rich. The Gospel describes how Jesus, by healing a deaf man with speech impediment, fulfilled Isaiah's Messianic prophecy, "The eyes of the blind shall be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped." The ailments listed by Isaiah are symbolic of our interior illnesses: blindness to the needs of our neighbor, unwillingness to hear God's voice and the inability to speak words of praise, apology, forgiveness, and gratitude. Through this miracle story, Mark also reminds us that no one can be a follower of the Lord without reaching out to the helpless (preferential option for the poor).

Therefore friends we need to allow Jesus to heal our spiritual deafness, muteness, and blindness. We may find it hard to speak to God in prayer and harder still to hear Him speaking to us through the Bible and through the Church. Let us ask God's help to open our ears so that we may hear Him while the readings are read/proclaimed and praise and worship Him loudly in our family prayer and in our public worship by actively participating in the Holy Mass, singing with the choir and praying with the congregation. Jesus' compassionate touch will help us to hear the cries of the poor and the sick and to show kindness, mercy and consideration to others. His healing touch will also help us convey peace and hope to those around us.

We need to help Jesus to heal the deaf and the mute today. Let us lend Jesus our hands to give the touch that heals the sick. Let us lend Jesus our tongues to speak to the spiritually hungry through us. Let us lend Jesus our hearts to touch the lives of people in our day through us, just as Jesus touched the lives of millions through saintly souls like St. Francis of Assisi, St. Damien of Molokai, St. Vincent de Paul, St. Jeanne Jugan, and St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa).

Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukibi

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.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH QUILTING: Quilting for the 2022 St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Picnic is starting. The picnic quilt auction is a major fundraiser for our parish each year and quilting is a wonderful way to give your time and talent to the parish. Daytime quilting began on Thursday, September 2 and evening quilting will begin on Wednesday, September 8. Extra copies of the quilt group list for 2022 is available on the parish website www.stthomasapostle.net (under Parish Groups, the quilters or bulletins 2021). If you would like to help quilt, come and join our circle. We will need some quilt tops with lining to be quilted September 2. Quilt batting is available for \$10.00. It would be appreciated if we could have all tops by January 2022, so we can be assured of quilting all of them on time. If you have any questions, please call Emily Luebbering at 573-477-3459 or Kathy Strope at 573-477-3349.

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 6 – Labor Day, No School PreK-8

Wednesday, September 8 – Picture 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.

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 5	Mark Luebbering, Antone Luebbering and Nick Luebbering
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

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 heliacatholic.com and email it to mashley@heliacatholic.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 carmelofjc.prayers@gmail.com 31920 State Highway P, Clyde, MO 64432.

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!

ST. THOMAS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: September 11th – 8:00 a.m. - work party at the K of C hall
September 18th - Garden Tractor Pull and Raffle Drawing

THE META OVER 50 luncheon is September 9 in the parish center. Those attending are asked to bring a covered dish to share. As always, anyone is invited to attend.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH PICNIC, FREEBURG is Sunday, September 5, serving fried chicken & roast beef dinners from 11:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Meals \$13.00, carry outs - outdoor and air-conditioned indoor dining. Quilt auction 5:00 p.m.

OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS PARISH PICNIC, MARY'S HOME is Sunday, September 5, serving fried chicken & gluten free roast beef dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Meals \$13.00, cafeteria style and carry outs. Quilt Fortune Wheel .

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.

ST. STANISLAUS CHRUCH, 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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