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

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 11, 2024

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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 Aug. 11-18:

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Keith Luebbering
Thursday 7:45 a.m.- Dave Volmert
Thursday 6:30 p.m. – Jimmy Green
Friday 7:45 a.m. – Herman & Agatha Luebbering
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes
James (Bimbo) Boessen
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Shirley Luebbering

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2024-2025:	$330,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End:	$ 55,000.00
Actual Collection for 2024-2025:	**$ 35,968.64**
Offertory Difference Year to Date:	-$ 19,031.36
Offertory Goal for July:	$ 27,500.00

Collection in Church:

August 4	$ 4,501.17
August 11	$
August 18	$
August 25	$
Collection Online:	$ 6,830.50
August total to date:	**$11,331.67**
Difference for August:	-$16,168.33

Church Renovation Capital Campaign

Total Pledges/Donations	$498,821.54
Total Collected	$540,253.27
Total Expenses Paid	$699,195.95

A total of 131 parishioners have returned pledge cards/or Contributed to the renovation project.
Church Renovation Loan Balance $37,762.35
Loan payments to date $175,305.00
(principal) $162,237.65 (interest) $13,067.35

St. Thomas the Apostle Cantors / Organists
Aug. 15 Thursday 6:30 p.m.- Jean Kliethermes / Jackie
Aug. 17 Saturday 5:00 p.m.– Jean Kliethermes / Jeanette
Aug. 18 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Josh Luebbering / Jackie
Aug. 24 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mary Kay Brand / Jeanette
Aug. 25 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Lisa Wieberg / Alanna

St. Thomas the Apostle Readers
Aug. 15 Thursday 6:30 p.m. – Amanda Wooten
Aug. 17 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Jan Carter
Aug. 18 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mary Kay Brand
Aug. 24 Saturday – 5:00 p.m. – Kathy Graessle
Aug. 25 Sunday – 10:00 a.m. – Jennifer Schroeder

Saint Cecilia
Mass Schedule for the Week of Aug. 11-18:

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – L&D Members of Brune Family

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Anna Otto

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2024-2025:	$67,000.00
Collection Total for 2024-2025:	**$ 6,368.00**
Offertory Goal per month:	$ 5,583.34

Collection in Church:

Aug. 4	$1,445.00
Aug. 11	$
Aug. 18	$
Aug. 25	$
August total to date:	**$1,445.00**
Difference for August:	-$4,138.34

St. Cecilia Collection Counters
August: Dale & Margie Helton

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR PARISH IN YOUR LAST WILL & TESTAMENT.

St. Cecilia Readers
Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. – Doris Stumpe
Sunday, Aug. 18 - 8:00 a.m.- Dorothy Rehagen
Sunday, Aug. 25 - 8:00 a.m.- Cathy Borgmeyer

St. Cecilia Organist
Wednesday, Aug. 14 6:30 p.m.- Emilie
Sunday, Aug. 18 8:00 a.m. – Emilie
Sunday, Aug. 25 8:00 a.m. – Jackie

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
Aug. 15 Thursday 6:30 p.m. – Keith Kliethermes & Phil Akin
Aug. 17 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Gilbert Schellman & Eric Strope
Aug. 18 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Craig Buechter & Ryan Buschjost
Aug. 24 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Mark Boessen & Adam Holterman
Aug. 25 Sunday 10:00 a.m.Michael Wooten & Richard Heckemeyer
Collection baskets choir loft by organ, please return after use.

St. Thomas the Apostle Eucharistic Ministers
Aug. 15 Thursday 6:30 p.m.- Jan Carter
Aug. 17 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Mark Graessle
Aug. 18 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Glenn Prenger
Aug. 24 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Lora Boessen
Aug. 25 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Marian Buschjost

St. Thomas the Apostle Servers
Aug. 15 6:30 p.m. – Ellie & Sadie Boessen
Wyatt Otto
Aug. 17 5:00 p.m. – Miranda Meyer, Emerald Fennewald,
JD Volmert, Carmen Luebbering
Aug. 18 10:00 a.m.- Ben & Luke Otto,
Victoria & Will Wieberg
Aug. 24 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ava Buschjost, Evelyn Wooten,
Gannon Reeves, Jude Luebbering
Aug. 25 10:00 a.m. – Francie, Hannah & Levi Tallent,
Virgil Lackman

St. Thomas the Apostle Offertory Gifts
Aug. 17 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Family of James Boessen
Aug. 18 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Family of Shirley Luebbering

St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters
Aug. 18 – Ron & Theresa Veit
Aug. 25 - Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg
Sept. 1 – Dunja Wieberg & Jennifer Schroeder
Sept. 8 - Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman
Sept. 15 - Keith & Jean Kliethermes

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

Aug. 18	Jenny Schellman
Aug. 25	Dunja Wieberg
Sept. 1	Lauri Luebbering
Sept. 8	Jenny Becker
Sept. 15	Karlie Reinkemeyer
Sept. 22	Brooke Schell

St. Cecilia Eucharistic Ministers
Wednesday, Aug. 14 6:30 p.m. – Betty Hagenhoff
Aug. 18 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Janice Schanzmeyer
Aug. 25 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Jennifer Even

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers
Wednesday, Aug. 14 6:30 p.m. – Mitch Stumpe
Aug. 18 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Mitch & Brendan Stumpe,
Leonard Schulte, Randy Hagenhoff
Aug. 25 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Mitch Stumpe, Brendan Stumpe,
Leonard Schulte, Randy Hagenhoff

St. Cecilia Servers
Wednesday, Aug. 14 6:30 p.m. – Jesse & Tucker Schroeder
Aug. 18 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Reagan & Eli Bock
Aug. 25 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Gavin Werdehausen
Natalee Derkum

St. Cecilia Offertory Gifts
Aug. 18 Sunday 8:00 a.m.– Family of Anna Otto

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia
Wednesday 6:05 p.m.– Cathy Borgmeyer
Glorious Mysteries
Aug. 18 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Dorothy Rehagen
Joyful Mysterries
Aug. 25 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Janice Schanzmeyer
Glorious Mysteries

VOTIVE CANDLES: The requested donation for lighting a votive candle in church is **$3.00.**

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.

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas
Tuesday, 7:25 a.m. – Bob Schellman – Sorrowful Mysteries
Thursday 7:25 a.m. – Dale Herigon – Luminous Mysteries
Thursday 6:10 p.m. – Jennifer Schroeder – Luminous Mysteries
Friday 7:25 a.m. – Jim Lueckenhoff – Sorrowful Mysteries
Saturday 4:35 p.m. – Barb Graessle – Joyful Mysteries
Sunday 9:35 a.m**.** – Tina Stockman – Joyful Mysteries

St. Thomas the Apostle Church Cleaners
Aug. 11: Janet Lueckenhoff, Jim Lueckenhoff, Charlene Buschjost, Randy Buschjost
Aug. 18: Lynne Reinkemeyer, Linda Boessen, Lauri Luebbering, Lisa Lackman
Aug. 25: Sonya Henson, Susan Buechter, Brenda Schell, Barb Graessle
Sept. 1: Brooke Schell, Tina Stockman, Gina Luebbering, Karen Luebbering
Sept. 8: Alan Libbert, Nancy Libbert, Darrel Buechter, Jan Heckemeyer

SCRIP: Visit *www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip* for more information about the Scrip program. Please contact, Amanda Wooten 573-694-1735 or *amandab27@hotmail.com*

BULLETIN NOTICES & PARISH BULLETINS: Deadline for bulletin is Wednesday at Noon. If you are needing a bulletin and Church is locked at St. Thomas the Apostle, there are some on the Vitae House front porch.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: Fr. Leonard will celebrate the solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary **(this is a Holy Day of Obligation)** on Wednesday, August 14, 6:30 p.m. St. Cecilia and Thursday, August 15, 7:45 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Masses at St. Thomas the Apostle.

ST. CECILIA CHURCH DIRECTORY: St. Cecilia Church Directory Photos, September 3-4: EXCITING NEWS! Our Church leadership has determined it is time for our new pictorial church directory. Sign-ups for a photography appointment can be made on-line or in person after the Sunday masses (August 4, August 11, August 18). To schedule your photography appointment online, simply go to ***www.ucdir.com,*** click on photography appointment scheduling login on the right side, enter **mo350** in the Church Code field and enter **photos** in the Church Password field. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you have 6 or more in your family, please use 2 consecutive time slots. The online scheduling option is available Monday through Saturday. In-person sign-ups are Sunday after masses. **Appointments fill up quickly, so schedule as soon as possible to secure your preferred date and time.** We also need volunteers to help with this project. Please contact Joanne Schroeder to volunteer to be a part of this project.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PICNIC RAFFLE CHANCES are at the entrances of Church.

BISHOP MCKNIGHT AUGUST PRAYER INTENTION: For a greater respect for the dignity of each and every human life in all public policies, we pray to the Lord.

PASTORS MEDITATION: 19th Sunday of year B, JESUS THE LIVING BREAD FROM HEAVEN. (1Kgs. 19:4-8, Eph. 4:30–5:2, Jn. 6:41-51) Jesus tells his disciples about eternal life and what they must do to acquire it. We are living in a world where people of all races and creeds hunger more for spiritual sustenance than for physical food. In response to the spiritual hunger of people in his own day, Jesus proclaims Himself to be "the Bread of Life that came down from Heaven" and feeds them with His words. The first reading describes the physical and spiritual hungers experienced by the prophet Elijah. The Bread of Life Jesus speaks about is prefigured in this reading by the miraculous food with which the angel nourished Prophet Elijah in the desert while he was fleeing from the soldiers of Queen Jezebel. After being nourished by the Lord, Elijah was strengthened for the long journey of "forty days and forty nights," to Mount Horeb where God instructed Elijah to continue his prophetic work. The second reading presents Christ Jesus, the "Bread of Life," as a "sacrificial offering to God for a fragrant aroma." Paul reminds the Ephesian Christians that, instead of seeking satisfaction in the stale food of anger, slander, bitterness, and malice, they are to nourish one another with the spiritual food of compassion, kindness, and mutual forgiveness. Today's Gospel describes Jesus' discourse in the synagogue at Capernaum on his return there after miraculously feeding the five thousand. During the discourse, Jesus reveals himself as the true "Bread of Life that came down from Heaven," to give life to the world. Jesus proclaims that it is He Himself, the Incarnate Son of God, who is the new and perfect manna, literally "come down from Heaven." This means that in the Holy Eucharist, Jesus gives us a share of eternal life while we are still on earth. But some of Jesus' followers turn away when Jesus explains the Source of His mysterious power and Heavenly origin. So, friends, we need to accept the challenge to become bread and drink for others: we need to recognize that Jesus whom we consume in the Holy Eucharist is actually God who assimilates us into His being. We thus grow into Jesus as Jesus grows in us, our lives will be transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit, and we will become more like Jesus. In this way, we shall share in the joyous and challenging life of being the Body of Christ for the world, Bread for a hungry world, and Drink for those who thirst for justice, peace, fullness of life, and even eternal life. In other words, the Eucharist challenges us to sacrifice ourselves for others as Christ has done for each of us. We need to appreciate Christ's presence in the Holy Eucharist: Since the Holy Eucharist is "the Body and Blood, the soul and Divinity, of our Lord, Jesus Christ," **the Sacrament:** increases our intimate union with Christ; preserves, increases, and renews the Sanctifying Grace we received at Baptism; cleanses us of past sin and preserves us from future sins; strengthens the theological virtues of Faith, Hope, and Charity in us, thus enabling us to be separated from our disordered attachments and to be rooted in Christ; and unites us more deeply with the mystery of the Church. ***Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukiibi***

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION is Tuesday, August 13, 7:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PSR ENROLLMENT IS OPEN: Registration for the 2024/2025 PSR Classes are now open. The link to register can be found on the parish website, Facebook. Please complete all registrations by August 12 as we will be purchasing new PSR programs this year and will be ordering the books in August. Erin Fennewald has agreed to teach 6th and 7th grade this year, so we still need a 5th grade teacher. Any questions, Barbara Graessle 573-680-2954.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL NEWS:
Sunday, August 11, Open house **4:00 p.m.** & Mandatory Parent Meeting **4:30 p.m.**
Wednesday, August 14, First Day of School **Monday, August 19, No School**

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF – 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR:
Pastor: Fr. Leonard Mukiibi
Principal: Mr. Leroy Heckemeyer
School/Parish Secretary: Mrs. Diane Lueckenhoff
Parish Administrative Secretary: Mrs. Theresa Veit
Parish Bookkeeper: Mrs. Jan Heckemeyer

TEACHING STAFF
7th & 8th Grade: Ms. Kristin Morris
5th & 6th Grade: Mrs. Madison VanderFeltz
3rd & 4th Grade: Mrs. Lauren Buechter
2nd Grade: Mrs. Dunja Wieberg
1st Grade: Mrs. Michelle Siebeneck
Kindergarten: Mrs. Daffiny Tallent
Preschool: Mrs. Lizzie Linhardt
Preschool Aides: Mrs. Linda Boessen & Mrs. Sheila Thomas

SUPPORT STAFF
Extended Care K-8: Owen Schellman
Art: Mrs. Doris Lehmen & Mrs. Linda Boessen
Music: Mrs. Randi Twehous
P.E.: Mr. Leroy Heckemeyer
Head Cook: Mrs. Angela Christian
Assistant Cooks: Mrs. Mary Kay Brand (2 days)
Custodian: Mr. Keith Buechter

THE NEXT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING is Tuesday, August 13, 7:30 p.m. A rosary will be prayed at 7:15 p.m. Please read the August newsletter attached to the bulletin.

ATTENTION MEN OF THE ST. THOMAS/META AREA: SIGNUM CRUCIS. You are invited to join the Men of ***Signum Crucis*** at our next gathering, which begins at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 21, at Helias Catholic High School. Feel free to come early to Pray the Rosary at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel. Our topic this month is "Catholicism and the Culture," presented by Mark Rehagen. Come to learn how to deal with and lead your families through the shifting culture. As always, enter the school on the east end of the front Swifts Highway parking lot to sign in. Our Hospitality men will greet you right inside the door and direct you to the appropriate location. The mission of the Men of ***Signum Crucis*** is to provide Fraternity through Study, Devotion, and Service to sharpen ourselves to meet the many challenges of our day. For more information, contact Jeff Cassmeyer at 573-690-7546, or visit us at *www.menofsignumcrucis.com.*

ST. THOMAS 4-H CLUB: Our first meeting for the new year 2024-2025 will be Sunday, August 25 at the KC Hall in St. Thomas at 11:15 a.m. Any questions please call Loree Libbert at 573-619-7359 or email *Loree.Libbert@gmail.com.*

14TH ANNUAL NOLAN SCHROEDER MEMORIAL VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT, August 23 & 24, META, MO: Come support the NSMT Co-ed Sand Volleyball Tournament and the Meta Fire & Rescue, Inc and Auxiliary Pork Steak Dinner. Volleyball games begin at 6:00 PM, Friday and 8:00 AM Saturday. The pork steak dinner will be served with cheesy potatoes and baked beans, provided Friday evening (only), starting at 4 PM. Pork burgers and other food & Drink concessions for all, provided by the Meta Fire & Rescue, Inc and Auxiliary throughout tournament. Proceeds of the volleyball tournament will go towards assisting the community in the name of Nolan R. Schroeder. Concession proceeds will go to the Meta Fire & Rescue, Inc and Auxiliary.

14TH ANNUAL NOLAN SCHROEDER MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT SKIN SCREENINGS, August 24, META, MO: As part of our Melanoma Awareness with the NSMT, free Skin Screenings will be open to everyone, Saturday, August 24, 10 AM - 12 PM at the NSMT Volleyball Tournament. Screenings are performed by Amanda Peters, FNP-C of the Jefferson City Medical Group (JCMG). Private, air conditioned screenings for those participating. For more information, contact: Joanne Schroeder, 573-694-0311

BACK TO SCHOOL BREAKFAST – BISHOP McAULIFFE COUNCL #12992 is Sunday, August 25, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in Cana Hall, serving regular & chocolate chip pancakes, regular & western style scrambled eggs, sausage, fruit cocktail & milk, orange juice & coffee. $10 for Adults, $5 for children ages 6-11, $30 maximum for immediate family. 50/50 drawing. This breakfast is to benefit Catholic Charities Food Pantry.

SAVE THE DATES: August 18 – St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Picnic
St. Cecilia Church Directory Sept. 3 & 4 **September 15 - Meta Citizens Civic League Fall Festival**
November 2 – St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Fall Fantasy

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE 2024 PARISH PICNIC NOTES:

Pies: A reminder that each household is asked to donate **three or more** homemade pies, or substitute with cupcakes, sheet cakes, or brownies; no cobblers please.

Homemade Bread: Donations of homemade bread are needed. Each household is asked to donate two-three loaves of sliced bread.

Country Store: Please help bake and provide items for the Country Store. Any baked goods (breads, cakes, pies, cookies, brownies, etc.), home canned foods, jellies, fresh fruits and vegetables sell very well. You can drop these items off either Saturday/Sunday or by contacting one of the Co-Chairs listed below. All volunteers are welcome to help bake pies on Saturday. For start-time, contact Donna Luebbering (690-0822). Note that the Country Store stand "worker baking" will be limited to fresh baked pies only.
Also, if you have frozen berries or juices to donate for pie or jelly making contact Sonya Henson (338-3665), Donna Luebbering (690-0822), or Lucy Suthoff (645-6801).

Grand Raffle: Grand Raffle tickets are at the entrances of Church. Extra raffle tickets are in the entrances of church, or by contacting a picnic committee member. Sold tickets may be returned in the collection basket in an envelope marked "raffle," or to the Grand Raffle stand on picnic day.

Advertising: Picnic and quilt flyers are in the entrances to church. Please take some and distribute them. Your assistance in spreading the word is very important to the success of our picnic.

Food Donations: We need **tomatoes and cucumbers** for the meal. Please bring to the hall by Friday August 16, if you have tomatoes and cucumbers to donate. Please **DO NOT REFRIGERATE TOMATOES,** if possible.

Work list: The work list was attached to the bulletin last week and may be found on the Parish website. This is the final version. If you cannot work or need to change time or place, please contact your stand chairperson ASAP. If you are not on the worklist and are willing to work, please contact a member of the Picnic Committee (names & numbers listed on the worklist). Parents should encourage their children to work, we need everyone's help, to make our picnic a success!

Please help clean up Sunday. All work areas should be cleaned by the shift workers. This includes washing pots (and any other items), taking care of trash throughout the day and putting away supplies and equipment before you leave. School will be in session soon, so Sunday evening clean-up is important.

Additional notes:
Parking will be available in Gilbert Schellman's field. Please use Steve Schellman's driveway. Please do not park in those areas reserved for handicapped visitors, we want to ensure our visitors have a pleasant experience and there is ample parking.
We will *NOT* be using the number system for dinner tickets this year. All tickets must be purchased on the day of picnic with ticket sales starting at 10:00 am. Drive-thru meals will also be available (follow the signs), as well as walk-up carry outs.
On behalf of the picnic committee, THANK YOU in advance for making this a successful picnic! As the largest fundraiser in our parish, everyone's help is needed and is greatly appreciated. We hope to see you Picnic Sunday!

HELIAS CATHOLIC'S SPIRIT OF EXCELLENCE CAMPAIGN. Helias has launched its Spirit of Excellence Campaign to raise $14 million to build a performing arts center, a baseball/softball complex and an addition to the existing James L. Rackers Field house including necessary updates to its athletic and strength conditioning facilities. The campaign will run through the end of August. For more information and to support the campaign, please visit *heliascatholic.com/spiritofexcellence* or contact Helias+ Catholic President Ron Vossen at *rvossen@heliascatholic.com* or 573-635-6139.