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

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 28, 2024

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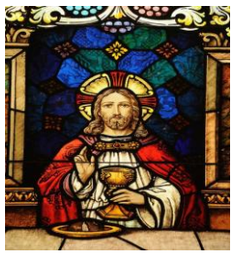

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St. Thomas Parish Office hours: Tuesdays 8:30-11:30 a.m.; Wednesdays 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
School Office hours during school year: Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
St. Cecilia Rectory Office hours: Wednesdays 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. or by appointment
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 July 28-Aug. 4:

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Herb & Imogene Volmert
Thursday 7:45 a.m.– Tom "Butch" Loethen
Friday 7:45 a.m. – Alex & Joann Heckman
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes & Lucille Veit
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Sam Suthoff

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2024-2025:	$330,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End:	$ 27,500.00
Actual Collection for 2024-2025:	**$ 21,971.82**
Offertory Difference Year to Date:	-$ 5,528.18
Offertory Goal for July:	$ 27,500.00

Collection in Church:

July 7	$ 5,540.76
July 14	$ 2,616.59
July 21	$ 5,931.47
July 28	$
Collection Online:	$ 7,883.00
July total to date:	**$21,971.82**
Difference for July:	-$ 5,528.18

Church Renovation Capital Campaign

Total Pledges/Donations	$498,316.54
Total Collected	$538,819.77
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. 3 Saturday 5:00 p.m.– Amanda Wooten / Jeanette
Aug. 4 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Mary Kay Brand / Jackie
Aug. 10 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Anne Strope / Jeanette
Aug. 11 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Doug Luebbering / Jackie

St. Thomas the Apostle Readers
Aug. 3 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Paul Becker
Aug. 4 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Larry Lueckenhoff
Aug. 10 Saturday – 5:00 p.m. – Jenny Becker
Aug. 11 Sunday – 10:00 a.m. – Jim Lueckenhoff

Saint Cecilia
Mass Schedule for the Week of July 28-Aug. 4:

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Chester Prater

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Robert "Bob" Lueckenotto

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2024-2025:	$67,000.00
Collection Total for 2024-2025:	**$ 2,988.00**
Offertory Goal per month:	$ 5,583.34

Collection in Church:

July 7	$ 1,144.00
July 14	$ 1,274.00
July 21	$ 570.00
July 28	$
July total to date:	**$ 2,988.00**
Difference for July:	-$ 2,595.34

St. Cecilia Collection Counters
July: Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR PARISH IN YOUR LAST WILL & TESTAMENT.

St. Cecilia Readers
Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer
Sunday, Aug. 4 - 8:00 a.m.- Doris Stumpe
Sunday, Aug. 11 - 8:00 a.m.- Betty Hagenhoff

St. Cecilia Organist
Sunday, Aug. 4 8:00 a.m. – Emilie
Sunday, Aug.11 8:00 a.m. – Lydia

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. 3 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Eric Strope & Adam Holterman
Aug. 4 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Larry Lueckenhoff & Art Groner
Aug. 10 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Al Carter & Eric Boessen
Aug. 11 Sunday 10:00 a.m.–Doug Stockman & Kelly Stewart
Collection baskets choir loft by organ, please return after use.

St. Thomas the Apostle Eucharistic Ministers
Aug. 3 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Jenny Becker
Aug. 4 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Jan Heckemeyer
Aug. 10 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Brenda Wansing
Aug. 11 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Keith Kliethermes

St. Thomas the Apostle Servers
Aug. 3 5:00 p.m. – Gannon Reeves, Jude Luebbering
Ava Buschjost, Evelyn Wooten
Aug. 4 10:00 a.m.- Aliyah Buechter, Stella Volmert,
Cadyn Libbert, Angelina Veltrop
Aug. 10 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Valerie, Max & Zeke Verslues,
JB Volmert
Aug. 11 10:00 a.m. – Fayeth Prenger, Erika Luebbering,
Oliver & Isabella Luebbering

St. Thomas the Apostle Offertory Gifts
Aug. 3 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Family of Lucille Veit
Aug. 4 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Family of Sam Suthoff

St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters
Aug. 4 - Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman
Aug. 11 - Keith & Jean Kliethermes
Aug. 18 – Ron & Theresa Veit
Aug. 25 - Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg
Sept. 1 – Dunja Wieberg & Jennifer Schroeder

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

Aug. 4	Karlie Reinkemeyer
Aug. 11	Brooke Schell
Aug. 18	Jenny Schellman
Aug. 25	Dunja Wieberg
Sept. 1	Lauri Luebbering
Sept. 8	Jenny Becker

St. Cecilia Eucharistic Ministers
Aug. 4 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic Plassmeyer
Aug. 11 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Mary Plassmeyer

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers
Aug. 4 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Mitch & Brendan Stumpe,
Leonard Schulte, Randy Hagenhoff
Aug. 11 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Mitch Stumpe, Brendan Stumpe,
Leonard Schulte, Randy Hagenhoff

St. Cecilia Servers
Aug. 4 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Sarah & Elizabeth Backes
Aug. 11 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Bradyn, Kambrie & Matthew
Stegeman

St. Cecilia Offertory Gifts
Aug. 4 Sunday 8:00 a.m.– Family of Robert "Bob"
Lueckenotto

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia
Wednesday 6:05 p.m.– Dorothy Rehagen
Glorious Mysteries
Aug. 4 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Janice Schanzmeyer
Sorrowful Mysterries
Aug. 11 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Mary Plassmeyer
Luminous 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
Friday 7:25 a.m. – Jim Lueckenhoff – Sorrowful Mysteries
Saturday 4:35 p.m. – Barb Graessle – Sorrowful Mysteries
Sunday 9:35 a.m**.** – Tina Stockman – Sorrowful Mysteries

St. Thomas the Apostle Church Cleaners
July 28: Brooke Schell, Tina Stockman, Gina Luebbering, Karen Luebbering
Aug. 4: Alan Libbert, Nancy Libbert, Darrel Buechter, Jan Heckemeyer
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

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.

ATTENTION USHERS: DIOCESAN MANDATORY MASS COUNTS ends July 31, 2024.

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: Notice: Some people from the Blessed art will be coming on August 3 & 4 to display their items from the Holy Land outside Church for the parishioners who might want to purchase some items.
17th Sunday of year B. BREAD, BLESSED, BROKEN AND SHARED FOR THE LIFE OF THE WORLD. (2Kgs. 4:42-44; Eph. 4:1-6; Jn. 6:1-15) If we give what we have to Jesus he can multiply it beyond our expectations. It is Jesus himself, the bread that came down from heaven to be the life of the world. We then become the Eucharistic community, fed by Christ and called, in turn, to be food and sustenance for a hungry world. All three readings today resonate with Eucharist and give us a deeper appreciation of this great sacrament, the pulsating (lively) heart of the Church's life. Our first reading, taken from the second book of Kings, tells the story of how Elisha, during a time of famine, feeds 100 hungry men with twenty-five barley loaves and some ears of corn. Barely bread was considered to be the bread of the poor and, in the early Church, it was this bread that was used for the Eucharist. Today's gospel, echoes while surpassing the miracle of Elisha, It recounts the familiar story of the multiplication of the five barley loaves and two fish, common to all four gospels. While illustrating the practical compassion of Jesus, the story has a deeper significance in John's gospel. Jesus takes the bread offered by a young boy, gives thanks for what has been offered, and shares the food with all present. In the second reading, taken from his Letter to the Ephesians, Paul, writing from prison, reminds the community at Ephesus that they have received one Spirit and form one body. Hence, he exhorts them: 'Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the peace that binds you together' (Eph. 4:5). This unity in the Spirit is

the fruit of the Eucharist, of partaking of the Body of the Lord. The word 'Eucharist' comes from a Greek word meaning 'thanksgiving'. In the Eucharist, we give thanks for Christ present as the food that nourishes and strengthens us. The Eucharist is Christ's Communion with us. It is, at the same time, our communion with one another. Christ desires to be with us in the most complete way possible. This is what happens in the Eucharist. He comes to us. He enters into us, taking possession of our hearts, minds and bodies. He becomes one with us. And he wants to make us one with him. However, we cannot be in communion with Christ without being in communion with one another. This recognition of the unity of all who partake of the Body of Christ is expressed in several ways in the Mass: in the common acknowledgement that we are sinners, in the common responses, in the songs of praise, in the Gloria, in the Creed, in the acclamation of faith, in the Great Amen, and in the sign of Peace. We act as one body because we are made one body in Christ. As he held up the Sacred Host before his congregation, St Augustine used to remind Christians of their essential vocation with these words: 'Behold what you are, become what you receive.' We become the body of Christ when we receive Christ, the Bread of life, in Communion, and our mission is to be, in turn, the body of Christ for others. The Eucharist which affirms and strengthens our identity as the body of Christ ends with a sending out on mission: 'Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord'. We must bring the Bread of Christ for our broken and hungry world. Just as Christ has become our food, giving himself completely to us, so in turn, we must give of ourselves for the sake of the world. We must become sources of nourishment for the world as Christ has become a source of nourishment for us. Jesus is telling us: YOU ARE MY HANDS: heal the wounds of the afflicted; care for the poor; give hope to the helpless; reach out to the weary; clothe the naked. By doing this you will be Jesus' hands. Let us pray to the Loving Father, to help us live our vocation as the Body of Christ by serving others generously 'in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience', in our everyday lives. Amen. ***Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukiibi***

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PICNIC Worklist: An initial DRAFT of the Picnic worklist has been posted to the Parish Website *stthomasapostle.net and DRAFT copy is in the entrances of St. Thomas the Apostle Church for you to view.* If you are on the worklist and are unable to work, or need to switch shifts, please contact your Stand Chairperson. If you are not on the worklist and would like to work, please contact a Picnic Committee representative. Chairperson and Committee contact phone numbers are listed on the worklist DRAFT. A final worklist will be attached to the Bulletin on the weekend of August 3-4. Thank you!

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING is Tuesday, July 30, 5:30 p.m. Vitae House.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING is Tuesday, July 30, 7:00 p.m. in the school library.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSLTE HOLY HOUR & ANOINTING OF THE SICK is Friday, August 2, 7:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

A ROSARY FOR OUR COUNTRY will be prayed on Sunday, August 4, 5:00 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.

LIFE TRAINING: Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join other Pro-Life citizens at a training opportunity to be sponsored by Capitol Area Lutherans for Life at the Faith Lutheran church, 2027 Industrial Drive, JC, August 5, 2024, 5:30pm-8:30pm. This training will focus on how to defeat the drastic pro abortion amendment #3 by educating, informing and persuading voters to oppose this measure which will be on your ballot November 5th. Please consider joining us, a meal will be provided. Registration is required by texting your name, email and zip code to 573-301-1303. Hope to see you there.

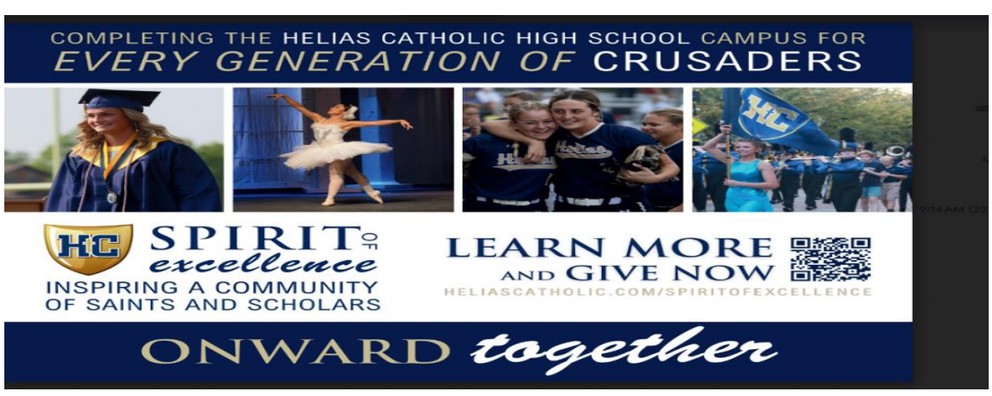
ST. THOMAS BOWLING MEETING: The annual bowling meeting will be held on Monday, August 5, at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Thomas bowling alley. This is an important meeting so: all teams are requested to have at least one member present for this meeting.

WESTERN CATHOLIC UNION PIN CELEBRATION: The Western Catholic Union will have a Pin Celebration on Saturday, August 3, 2024. Lunch will be served at 12:30 PM in St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Hall. Please RSVP by July 24, 2024 to Lillian Lackman (573-645-2243) or Janice Boessen (573-455-2651).

WESTPHALIA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SOCCER is conducting sign ups through google forms. Please sign up by August 1. Please email *wkcsoccerclub@gmail.com* to receive a link to the form. The link is *https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSebY-2yVYjUwwMka9xz-6hVZzudD1ylrlT7IVRtoMg0GbV9A/viewform?usp=pp_url*

SAVE THE DATES: August 18 – St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Picnic
September 15 - Meta Citizens Civic League Fall Festival November 2 – St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Fall Fantasy

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.



St. Thomas PARISH PICNIC

JOIN US

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18TH

START 11 AM

SERVING CAFETERIA STYLE 11 AM - 7 PM
CARRY OUTS & DRIVE-THRU AVAILABLE
ADULTS: $15 CHILDREN 12-6: $7 5 & UNDER: FREE

FRIED CHICKEN, ROAST BEEF,
REAL MASHED POTATOES & GRAVY, CORN,
GREEN BEANS, KRAUT, BREAD & PIES

GLUTEN FREE OPTIONS FOR BEEF & GRAVY

LIVE MUSIC FROM 2-4:30PM & 6-9PM

QUILT AUCTION AT 5:00PM

GRAND RAFFLE, AIR CONDITIONED BINGO, KIDSVILLE,
COUNTRY STORE, BOUNCE HOUSE, KETTLECORN,
BEER GARDEN & GIN RICKIES

NEW THIS YEAR: KIDDIE TRACTOR PULL 3-4:30PM

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