

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

St. Cecilia
in Meta

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PO Box 146
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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 1, 2026

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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 February 1-8

Tuesday 7:45 am	No Mass
Wednesday 7:45 am	No Mass
Thursday 7:45 am	No Mass
Friday 7:45 am	No Mass
Saturday 5:00 pm	People of our Parishes
Sunday 10:00 am	Lori Burnell

Saint Cecilia
Mass Schedule for the Week of February 1-8

Wednesday 6:30 pm	No Mass
Sunday 8:00 am	Fred & Florentine Hagenhoff

Your Sunday Offering
Offertory Budget for 2025-2026 \$342,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End \$199,500.00
Actual Collection for 2025-2026 **\$226,140.39**
Offertory Difference Year to Date \$26,640.39
Offertory Goal for January \$28,500.00

Collection in Church
January 4 \$9,042.80
January 11 \$2,774.35
January 18 \$4,145.10
January 25 \$808.10

Collection Online \$8,428.00
January Total to Date **\$25,198.35**
Difference for January -\$3,301.65

WEEKDAY SERVERS: No Masses

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle
Tuesday 7:25 am No Mass
Wednesday 7:25 am No Mass
Thursday 7:25 am No Mass
Friday 7:25 am No Mass

Offertory Gifts – St. Thomas the Apostle

Saturday	Ushers
Sunday	Family of Lori Burnell

Your Sunday Offering
Offertory Budget for 2025-2026 \$70,000.00
Collection Total for 2025-2025 **\$46,817.00**
Offertory Goal per Month for January \$5,833.33

Collection in Church
January 4 \$2,610.00
January 11 \$1,210.00
January 18 \$1,973.00
January 25 \$0

January Total to Date \$5,793.00
Difference for January -\$40.33

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia & Lector
Wednesday 6:10 pm -No Mass
Lector: No Mass

Offertory Gifts – St. Cecilia

Sunday	Family of Fred & Florentine Hagenhoff
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PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR PARISH IN YOUR LAST WILL & TESTAMENT.

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.

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

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

SNACKS FOR QUILTERS: Please bring snacks to the hall by 1:00 p.m.; snacks are 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. 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.

Thursday, February 5 – Delores Holtmeyer & Rachel Hopkins **Thursday, February 12** – Margie Kaiser & Melanie Kirkweg

Liturgical Role Schedule for February 7 & 8			
	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 8:00 AM	Sunday, 10:00 AM
Altar Servers	Akin, Noah Luebbering, Hank Otto, Benjamin Otto, Luke	Stegeman, Kambrie Stegeman, Matthew	Prenger, Emmary Verslues, Max Wieberg, Victoria Wieberg, William (Ryan)
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Becker, Jenny Becker, Paul Schanzmeyer, Janice	Even, Jennifer Hagenhoff, Betty Libbert, Pam	Reinkemeyer, Lynne Schroeder, Jennifer Prenger, Matt
Lector	Becker, Paul	Wansing, Don	Luebbering, Katie (Brian)
Rosary Leader - Joyful	Schanzmeyer, Janice	Borgmeyer, Cathy	Lueckenhoff, Jim
Greeters/Ushers	Strobe, Eric Holterman, Adam	Hagenhoff, Randy Stumpe, Mitch	Verslues, Ezekiel Verslues, Shane
Music Ministry	Stockman, Alanna Wooten, Amanda	Borgmeyer, Emilie	Prenger, Jackie Wieberg, Lisa
Live Stream			Reinkemeyer, Karlie
Count Collections		Helton, Dale Helton, Margie	Schroeder, Jennifer Wieberg, Dunja
St. Thomas Church Cleaners	Luebbering, Gina - Luebbering, Karen - Schell, Brooke - Stockman, Tina		

A NOTE OF THANKS!

We would like to express our gratitude to our St. Thomas and St. Cecilia Church families for the prayers, meals, cards, kind words, love and support during the loss of our daughter, Cassidy-Rae Luebbering. Your compassion has carried us through many dark days and reminded us that we are not alone. Thank you for all you have done and will continue to do as we navigate this loss. **Nathan & Renee Luebbering**

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4.

IN NEED OF A PRIEST WHILE FR. LEONARD IS GONE ON VACATION, please contact Theresa Veit, 573-418-7301, Doris Stumpe, 573-619-6125, Jan Heckemeyer, 573-619-8432 or Diane Lueckenhoff, 573-645-5794.

The St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Ham/Sausage Breakfast surveys were received and reviewed and the consensus is we will NOT be having the breakfast on March 8, 2026. The Parish Council will be meeting Tuesday, January 27 to discuss the ideas received from the survey. Thanks to everyone for being involved in the decision-making.

"MASS AND DINNER FOR ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISHIONERS is Saturday, February 21, 2026. Please see the flyer below for details. You can RSVP using the form on the last page of bulletin or online at the St. Thomas Website following [//www.stthomasapostle.net/mass--dinner.html](http://www.stthomasapostle.net/mass--dinner.html). Deadline to respond is February 13, 2026."

CONFIRMATION PRAYER PARTNERS: On March 26, we will be confirming 30 students from St. Thomas and St. Cecilia. Praying daily for these students is one of the most impactful things our Parish can do.

On February 7th and 8th, we will have the names of the students printed on Doves and posted on a bulletin board in the side entrance of St. Thomas Church. Each student will have two Doves for parishioners to take and pray for them during their Confirmation journey. Thank you to Rosalyn Wieberg for coordinating the Prayer Partners.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH will be unlocked from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays when Fr. Leonard is gone. If you need to be in Church other than that please let Keith Buechter or Theresa Veit know.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE 2025 YEAR END CONTRIBUTIONS: Thank you for your generosity this past year. To receive your 2025 contribution statement, you may complete the statement request form on the St. Thomas the Apostle Church website or call the parish office at 573-477-3315 during the parish office hours or by calling or texting Theresa Veit at 573-418-7301. The form can be found online at <http://www.stthomasapostle.net/contribution-statement.html> or by clicking the Contribution Statement tab at the top of the home page.

ST. CECILIA PARISHIONERS: St. Cecilia is in the process of setting up auto transfer for monthly tithing to St. Cecilia Church. If anyone is interested in contributing monthly to St. Cecilia for their tithing electronically from their bank account to St. Cecilia through ACH, please contact Doris Stumpe. There is a form that needs to be filled out and signed by each parishioner in order for the transfer to be done. The form will be on St. Cecilia's website eventually. If you have access to the internet you can print off the form and fill out. If anyone wants their giving statement put in the back of St. Cecilia Church or email them, please let Doris know. Any questions, please feel free to reach out to Doris Stumpe by email at dstumpeoffice@gmail.com or cell phone 573-619-6125.

A ROSARY FOR OUR COUNTRY will be prayed on Wednesday, February 4, 5:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL NEWS: Tuesday, February 3 – Mid-Quarter
 Friday, February 6 – Diocesan 7th Grade Academic Bowl Monday, February 9 – No School PreK-8

2026 WILLIAM H. (BILL) SIMON SCHOLARSHIP: The Diocese of Jefferson City is pleased to offer our parish families college scholarship opportunities through a generous donation from the family of William H. (Bill) Simon, funding is available to high school seniors or current college students with financial needs who commit to practicing their faith. The deadline to apply is March 27. Find eligibility details and application at diojeffcity.org/scholarships

HEART OF A HERO MEN'S CONFERENCE is April 10 & 11 at Cana Hall, Cathedral of St. Joseph, Jefferson City. Featuring presenters Pete Burak from Renewal Ministries in Michigan, Msgr. Morris, Rector of the Oratory of Ss. Gregory & Augustine in St. Louis, Fr. Jones, rector of the Cathedral of St. Joseph & young men Thomas McCauley, Austin Stewart and Alex Mittendorf from the St. John Newman Catholic Church in Columbia.

DIOCESAN MARRIAGE RETREAT is March 13-14 at the Cathedral of St. Joseph. Our retreat will be led by two inspiring couples from the Marianist Retreat Center. Registration is now open for married couples. Childcare will be available.

JEFFERSON CITY MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: Strengthen your marriage. Grow in faith. Invest in each other. Jefferson City Marriage Encounter is hosting their next weekend on February 14-15, 2026 at the Best Western Capitol Inn in Jefferson City. Spend time with the most important person in your life and celebrate how far you have come and learn tools to make your marriage even stronger. The weekend costs just \$75 and scholarships are available. Register online at jeffcityme.com Questions? Contact Matt Kuensting at 573-424-2247

THE CITIZEN'S CIVIC LEAGUE OF META is sponsoring a Blood drive on February 19, between the hours of 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm. There is a severe shortage of blood. Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: CivicLeagueMeta to schedule an appointment. Give blood 1/26-2/28 for a \$20 e-gift card to your choice of merchant.

BISHOP MCAULIFFE COUNCIL #12992 BREAKFAST is Sunday, February 8, serving regular & chocolate chip pancakes, regular & western style scrambled eggs, sausage, fruit cocktail from 8:00 am to noon in Cana Hall. Adults \$10/\$5 ages 6-11. \$30 maximum for immediate family.

K OF C COUNCIL #2027 FISH FRIES are Friday, February 13 & Friday, March 13 (Drive through only) at the Loose Creek School. Serving fish, hush puppies, parsley potatoes, cole slaw, baked beans meals from 4:30 -7:00 p.m. \$14 per meal. Funds raised will be donated to your local Catholic Schools.

ARGYLE VFW POST 8045 ANNUAL BREAKFAST is Sunday, February 15, from 7:30 AM to 11:30AM, serving sausage, scrambled eggs, biscuits & gravy, hash browns and coffee cake at the VFW Post Home in Argyle. \$13.00 per meal. This event is Drive Thru, Carry Out, with seating available.

WESTPHALIA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SOCCER is conducting spring soccer sign ups through google forms. Players ages 3-14 are welcome! Please sign up by February 15. Please email wkcsooccerclub@gmail.com to receive a link to the form or if you have questions. The link is *2026 Spring soccer registration form*

WESTPHALIA KOFC #1171 FISH FRIES are February 13 (Drive through only) and March 20 (Dine in) from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at the Westphalia KC Hall on Hwy 63. Fried fish, applesauce, baked beans, hush puppies, cole slaw and buttered potatoes, \$15 per meal. Proceeds to benefit Westphalia KC and St. Joseph School.

ST. ANTHONY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST is Sunday, February 22, serving sausage, biscuits & gravy, scrambled eggs and applesauce from 7:30 am -11:30 am. Adults \$12.00, children 6-12 \$6.00. Dine in or carry outs available.

SAVE THE DATES: Saturday, February 21, St. Thomas the Apostle Stewardship Dinner
 Friday, February 27, K of C Fish Fry, St. Thomas Parish Center
 Thursday, March 26, Confirmation at St. Thomas the Apostle Church
 Thursday, April 30, – Midwest March for Life, Jefferson City
 Sunday, July 12 – St. Cecilia Parish Picnic Totus Tuus - St. Stanislaus Parish - July 12 through July 17

St. Cecilia Catholic Church - Financial Summary - July 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025

Ordinary Income	
Collections	\$ 43,045.00
Investments (Bank Accounts)	\$ 3,511.23
Rental Parish Property	\$ 150.00
Total Ordinary Income	<u>\$ 46,706.23</u>
Extraordinary Income	
Exempt Collections	\$ 1,255.00
Primary Fundraiser (Picnic)	\$ 54,147.63
Exempt Investments (Diocesan Savings Accounts)	\$ 1,760.44
Other Extraordinary Receipts (Mass Offerings & Flowers, Votives)	\$ 1,316.31
Rummage Sale (old Rectory furniture)	\$ 70.00
Total Extraordinary Receipts	<u>\$ 58,549.38</u>
Total Income	<u>\$105,255.61</u>
Special Expenses	
Diocesan Tithe	\$ 2,718.00
Special Collections	\$ 1,780.00
Other Special Expenses (Tuition to St. Thomas)	\$ 3,880.56
Total Special Expenses	<u>\$ 8,378.56</u>
Ordinary Parish Expenses	
Personnel, Accounting Services & Fees	\$ 14,962.67
Professional Services	\$ 4,067.76
Office Supplies and Program Supplies	\$ 745.16
Educational Supplies	\$ 173.63
Liturgical Supplies	\$ 913.31
Communications and Technology	\$ 643.32
Occupancy (utilities, custodial supplies, etc.)	\$ 3,863.56
Repair and Maintenance (Rectory Remodel, Maintenance, Custodial)	\$ 18,063.37
Equipment	\$ 1,770.34
Mileage reimbursement	\$ 751.35
Total Ordinary Parish Expenses	<u>\$ 45,954.47</u>
Other Expenses	
Picnic Expense.	\$ 22,113.43
Property Insurance	\$ 8,806.63
Membership Dues and Fees	\$ 79.27
Miscellaneous	\$ 0.00
Total Other Expenses	<u>\$ 30,999.33</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 85,332.36</u>
Net Income (Loss)	<u>\$ 19,923.25</u>

*St. Thomas Knights of Columbus
Valentine's Day Dance*

Shiloh County Band

**February 14th, 2026
8:00 p.m. - 11:00 pm.**

ST. THOMAS PARISH CENTER

\$20 per person or \$30 per couple

BYOB



Not Responsible For Accidents



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2026

Mass & Dinner

for St. Thomas the Apostle Parishioners

Join us for a Mass of Thanksgiving at 5:00 pm, followed by a catered meal by Argyle Catering featuring gluten-free roast beef, fried chicken, and all the fixings including Mac-and-Cheese for kids.

Reserve your spot with a donation of \$7 per person / \$20 per family

By February 13, 2026

Submit the form below with payment in an envelope marked "Parish Dinner RSVP" in the collection basket.

RSVP Form

Name: _____

Number of Adults Attending: _____

Number of Kids Attending: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Signature: _____

Or mail to:

St. Thomas the Apostle Church

Attn: Jan Heckemeyer

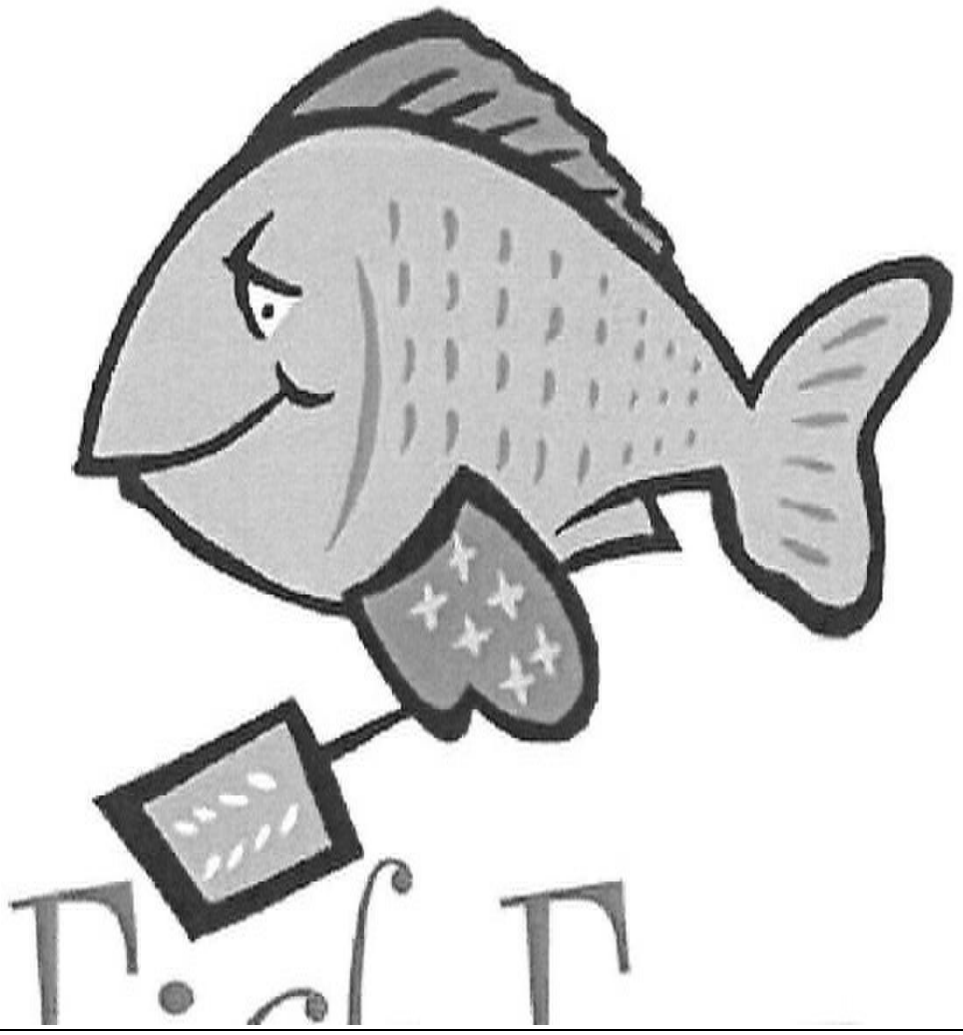
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HELIAS CATHOLIC'S SPIRIT OF EXCELLENCE CAMPAIGN. Helias has launched its Spirit of Excellence Campaign to raise \$14 million to build a performing arts center, a baseball/softball complex and an addition to the existing James L. Rackers Field house 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.

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