

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

St. Cecilia
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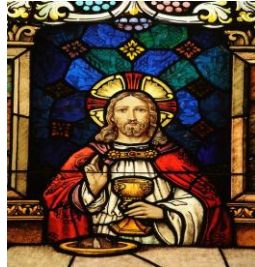
PO Box 146
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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 25, 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 January 25-February 1

Tuesday 7:45 am	No Mass
Wednesday 7:45 am	No Mass
Thursday 7:45 am	No Mass
Friday 10:15 am	Cassidy Rae Luebbering
Saturday 5:00 pm	Virgil Kirkweg
Sunday 10:00 am	People of our Parishes

Saint Cecilia
Mass Schedule for the Week of January 25-February 1

Wednesday 6:30 pm	No Mass
Sunday 8:00 am	Harold Libbert

Your Sunday Offering
Offertory Budget for 2025-2026 \$342,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End \$199,500.00
Actual Collection for 2025-2026 **\$225,332.29**
Offertory Difference Year to Date \$25,332.29
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

Collection Online \$8,428.00
January Total to Date **\$24,390.25**
Difference for January -\$4,109.75

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 9:55 am Jim Lueckenhoff - Sorrowful

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

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. Thomas the Apostle

Saturday	Family of Virgil Kirkweg
Sunday	Ushers

Offertory Gifts – St. Cecilia

Sunday	Family of Harold Libbert
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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/scrip 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, January 29 – Amy Hoffman & Kara Holterman **Thursday, February 5** – Delores Holtmeyer & Rachel Hopkins
January 31 & February 1

	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 8:00 AM	Sunday, 10:00 AM
Altar Servers	Austyn Christian Kaycie Christian Ben Otto Luke Otto	Jesse Schroeder Tucker Schroeder	Aliyah Buechter Gavin Buechter Cadyn Libbert Emmett Rackers
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Keith Klithermes Marshall Boessen Lora Boessen	Doris Stumpe Mary Plassmeyer Dominic Plassmeyer	Janet Lueckenhoff Linda Lueckenhoff Glenn Prenger
Lector	Mary Kay Brand	Samantha Helton	Doug Luebbering
Rosary Leader Sorrowful	Dale Herigon	Mary Plassmeyer	Tina Stockman
Greeters/Ushers	Mark Boessen Keith Boessen	Pam Libbert Leonard Schulte	Doug Stockman Craig Buechter
Music Ministry	Jeanette Schroeder Kelsey Kliethermes	Lydia Hurst	Jackie Prenger Mary Kay Brand
Live Stream			Jenny Becker
Count Collection		Dale Helton Margie Helton	Sonya Henson Millie Wieberg
Church Cleaners	Sonya Henson, Susan Buechter, Brenda Schell, Barb Graessle		

A NOTE OF THANKS!

We would like to express our gratitude to our St. Thomas and St. Cecelia 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 and Renee Luebbering***

NOTICE: Fr. James FINDER will be here for the weekends in January and the Diocese will let us know who will be here on the February weekends.

FR. FINDER will bless throats on January 31 & February 1, 30 minutes prior to all Masses.

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.

FR. AUBUCHON will be celebrating Mass on Friday, January 30, 10:15 a.m. for the St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School's VIP Day.

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."

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE will be celebrated in the Church on Monday, February 2, 2026, and in parishes over the weekend of February 1, 2026. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

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. Any questions, please feel free to reach out to Doris Stumpe by email at dstumpeoffice@gmail.com or cell phone 573-619-6125.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH – MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION IS CANCELLED UNTIL MARCH.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PPC MEETING is Tuesday, January 27, 7:00 p.m. school library.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL NEWS! Catholic Schools Week – January 25-January 31
Thursday, January 29- Incoming Kindergarten sneak peek
Friday, January 30 – VIP Refreshments and bingo, Mass 10:15 am and dismissal after Mass PreK-8

BINGO PRIZES NEEDED FOR VIP DAY (CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK): Tis the season for cleaning and bargain shopping! If you have or find items that would make great BINGO prizes for VIP day (January 30), please drop them off at school You can also donate candy, chips, soda, Gatorade, juice pouches, etc for prizes. Please send to school by January 28.

COR GATHERING FOR CATHOLIC MEN: All Catholic men are invited to attend our next **COR gathering on Tuesday, January 27, 2026, from 7:00–8:30 PM** at the **KofC Hall, Wardsville**. COR, meaning “heart” and rooted in *courage*, focuses on **prayer, formation, and fraternity**. We will continue our *Into the Breach* series with the topic **Suffering**, exploring how men are called to face hardship with faith, strength, and trust in God’s plan. The evening includes prayer, a video presentation, group discussion, and fellowship. Bring a friend and grow together in faith and brotherhood.

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.

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 wksoccerclub@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 January 30 (Drive Through only), 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.

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

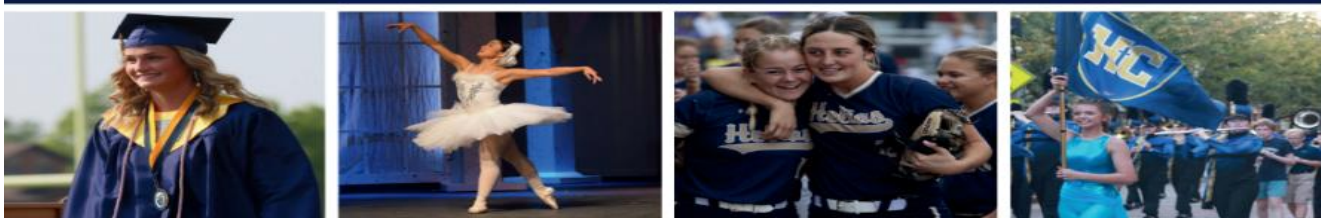
Attn: Jan Heckemeyer

PO Box 146

St Thomas, MO 65076

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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