

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

St. Cecilia
in Meta

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 14, 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 April 14-21:

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Leo & Alma Holtmeyer
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – Dave Volmert
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Greg Russell
Friday 7:45 a.m. – Alex Heckman
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Geneva Plassmeyer
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – People of our Parishes
L&D Gregory & Lucille Veit Family

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2023-2024:	\$312,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End:	\$260,000.00
Actual Collection for 2023-2024:	\$273,526.51
Offertory Difference Year to Date:	\$ 13,526.51
Offertory Goal per month:	\$ 26,000.00

Collection in Church:

April 7	\$ 7,612.95
April 14	\$
April 21	\$
April 28	\$

Collection Online:	\$ 6,880.50
April total to date:	\$14,493.45
Difference for April:	-\$11,506.55

Church Renovation Capital Campaign

Total Pledges/Donations	\$495,260.35
Total Collected	\$529,802.78
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	\$51,892.16
Loan payments to date	\$160,445.00
(principal) \$148,107.84	(interest) \$12,337.16

St. Thomas the Apostle Cantors / Organists

April 20 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Amanda Wooten / Jackie
April 21 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Josh Luebbering / Jeanette
April 27 Saturday 5:00 p.m.– Jean Kliethermes / Jeanette
April 28 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Mary Kay Brand / Alanna

St. Thomas the Apostle Readers

April 20 Saturday – 5:00 p.m. – Kathy Graessle
April 21 Sunday – 10:00 a.m. – Jennifer Schroeder
April 27 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Jan Carter
April 28 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Doug Luebbering

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of April 14-21:

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Martina Goeller

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Urban, Ron & Randy Voss

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2023-2024:	\$67,000.00
Collection Total for 2023-2024:	\$57,019.00
Offertory Goal per month:	\$ 5,583.34

Collection in Church:

April 7	\$2,913.00
April 14	\$
April 21	\$
April 28	\$

April total to date:	\$2,913.00
Difference for April:	-\$2,670.34

St. Cecilia Collection Counters

April: Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer

**PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR PARISH IN YOUR
LAST WILL & TESTAMENT.**

St. Cecilia Readers

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. – Samantha Even
Sunday, April 21 - 8:00 a.m.- Betty Hagenhoff
Sunday, April 28 – 8:00 a.m.- Karyn Veltrop

St. Cecilia Organist

Sunday, April 21 8:00 a.m. – Emilie
Sunday, April 28 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

April 20 Saturday 5:00 p.m.-Gilbert Schellman & Al Carter
April 21 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Josh Schroeder & Craig Buechter
April 27 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Eric Strobe & Richard Schellman
April 28 Sunday 10:00 a.m. –Keith Kliethermes & Eric Boessen
Parish Count for weekend Masses is on the offertory table.
Collection baskets choir loft by organ, please return after use.

St. Thomas the Apostle Eucharistic Ministers

April 20 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Jan Carter
April 21 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Marian Buschjost
April 27 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Barb Graessle
April 28 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Glenn Prenger

St. Thomas the Apostle Servers

Weekday servers: Matthew Stegeman & Kambrie Stegeman
April 20 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Sadie & Ellie Boessen,
Ava Buschjost & Evelyn Wooten
April 21 10:00 a.m. – Francie, Hannah & Levi Tallent,
Angelina Veltrop
April 27 5:00 p.m. – Carmen Luebbering, Gregory Kirby,
Luke & Ben Otto
April 28 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Erika Luebbering,
Victoria & Will Wieberg, Wyatt Otto

St. Thomas the Apostle Offertory Gifts

April 20 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Family of Geneva Plassmeyer
April 21 Sunday 10:00 a.m. –Family of Gregory & Lucille Veit

St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters

April 21 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes
April 28- Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg
May 5 – Dunja Wieberg & Jennifer Schroeder
May 12 - Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman

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

April 21 Lauri Luebbering
April 28 Jenny Becker
May 5 Brooke Schell
May 12 Dunja Wieberg

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday, 7:25 a.m. – Shirley Volmert – Sorrowful Mysteries
Wednesday 7:25 a.m. –Bob Schellman – Glorious Mysteries
Thursday 7:25 a.m. – Dale Herigon – Luminous Mysteries
Friday 7:25 a.m. – Jim Lueckenhoff – Sorrowful Mysteries
Saturday 4:35 p.m. – Dale Herigon – Glorious Mysteries
Sunday 9:35 a.m. – Tina Stockman– Glorious Mysteries

St. Thomas the Apostle Church Cleaners

April 14: Brooke Schell, Tina Stockman, Gina Luebbering, Karen Luebbering
April 21: Alan Libbert, Nancy Libbert, Darrel Buechter, Jan Heckemeyer
April 28: Janet Lueckenhoff, Jim Lueckenhoff, Charlene Buschjost, Randy Buschjost
May 5: Lynne Reinkemeyer, Linda Boessen, Lauri Luebbering, Lisa Lackman
May 12: Sonya Henson, Susan Buechter, Brenda Schell, Barb Graessle

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

Thursday, April 18 – Linda Lueckenhoff & Diane Lueckenhoff **Thursday, April 25** – Mary Engelmeyer & Amanda McManus

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.

A NOTE OF THANKS!

A big thank you to all who reached out to me on my recent birthday, with cards, phone calls, messages & flowers. What a great community! God Bless you all, **Martha Strobe**

DIOCESAN SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING: As Father Leonard mentioned in Church, our parishes recently had an audit with the Diocese on Safe Environment/Virtus. Any parishioner that has volunteered to do a ministry during Mass must complete the Safe Environment/Virtus program. Anyone **18 years or older needs the training..** Safe Environment/Virtus Training may be found on the Homepage of the Parish Website (www.stthomasapostle.net) or go directly to the Diocese Safe Environment/Virtus link (www.virtus.org). If you have never done any of the Virtus training please create an account and complete your training. If you have signed on before, please sign in using your existing account. The Virtus Training cannot be done on a phone, you will need a laptop or computer. If you are needing a computer or laptop to complete the training please let us know and we can make arrangements for you to use one at school. **We would like to have all training completed by May 31, 2024.** If you need help, please contact Theresa, Diane, or Doris. Thank you for your help in this matter.

ST. CECILIA LITURGICAL COMMITTEE MEETING is April 23, 2024; 6:30 p.m. St. Cecilia rectory.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING is April 16, 7:00 p.m. school library.

BISHOP MCKNIGHT APRIL PRAYER INTENTION: For a greater awareness of and respect for our common home in building an authentic human ecology: May we be good stewards of the gift of creation in defending all human life, we pray to the Lord.

St. Cecilia Eucharistic Ministers

April 21 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Janice Schanzmeyer
April 28 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Jennifer Even

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

April 21 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Darin Even, Mitch Stumpe,
Brendan Stumpe, Randy Hagenhoff
April 28 Sunday 8:00 a.m. –Kenny Otto, Leonard Schulte,
Tony & William Derkum

St. Cecilia Servers

April 21 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Bradyn, Kambrie & Matthew
Stegeman
April 28 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Reagan & Eli Bock

St. Cecilia Offertory Gifts

April 21 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Family of Urban, Ron &
Randy Voss

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

April 21 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Mary Plassmeyer
Glorious Mysteries
April 28 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.

PASTORS MEDITATION: 3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER: WHERE CAN WE MEET THE RISEN JESUS? (AA. 3:13-15, 17-19; 1Jn. 2:1-5a; Lk. 24:35-48) The common theme of today's readings is the challenge to adjust our lives to the living presence of the risen Lord as we grow daily more aware of the presence of His Holy Spirit within us and surrounding us. The risen Lord shares his risen power with us and through us with others. This awareness should strengthen our hope in His promises, bring us to true repentance for our sins and the renewal of our lives, and lead us to bear witness to Christ by our works of charity. The readings also remind us that the purpose of the suffering, death, and Resurrection of Jesus was to save us from our sins. The first reading, taken from the Acts of the Apostles, gives us Peter's second sermon addressing the Jewish assembly at the Portico of Solomon in Jerusalem. Peter forcefully shows how the messianic prophecies have been fulfilled in the crucified and risen Jesus and challenges the Jews to repent and turn toward God so that their sins may be wiped away. In the second reading, John answers doubts raised by the heretics of his time, asserting the fundamental Christian doctrine that Jesus' death was a sacrifice offered as expiation for our sins. Today's Gospel describes Jesus' appearance on the evening of His Resurrection to his apostles who were in the locked Upper Room, the Cenacle. We see Jesus remove the doubts of his apostles about his Resurrection by inviting them to touch him and by eating a piece of cooked fish. Jesus explains how the prophecies have been fulfilled in him. Then he commissions them to bear witness to him and preach "repentance and forgiveness of sins in his name" after receiving the Holy Spirit. So, friends, we need to share the apostles' "Upper Room Experience" in the Holy Mass: The same Jesus who, in the Upper Room, the Cenacle, prepared the disciples for their preaching and witnessing mission, is present with us in the Eucharistic celebration. In the "Liturgy of the Word" of God, Jesus speaks to us. In the "Liturgy of the Eucharist," Jesus becomes our spiritual food and drink. Thus, today's Gospel scene is repeated every Sunday on our parish altars. Like the early disciples, we come together to repent of our sins, express our gratitude for blessings received, listen to God's word, and offer our lives to God along with our petitions and His gifts of consecrated Bread and Wine. We also consume the spiritual food Jesus supplies, thus gaining the strength necessary for sharing Christ's message with the entire world, mainly by living transparent Christian lives. Jesus needs us as witnesses to continue his mission. Jesus needs Spirit-filled followers to be his eyes, ears, hands, and feet, to bear witness to his love, mercy and forgiveness by our interactions with our brothers and sisters. Our daily lives are meant to serve as a means for us to experience and share the risen Lord with others. Just as the disciples experienced the risen Lord in their community, let us learn to recognize the presence of Jesus in our own homes, social service centers, nursing facilities, hospitals, workplaces, and schools. Jesus wants us to be a community which shares and cares, a community which knows how to recognize Jesus in the poor, the marginalized, the sick, that is in everyone. ***Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukibi***

ST. CECILIA PARISHIONERS: There will be nomination sheets in the pews of St. Cecilia Church for Parish Pastoral Council members and will be followed by ballots at the end of the month.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PSR PROGRAM TEACHERS NEEDED: PSR will begin in August or late September. In order to make this program possible, there are volunteer positions that must be filled: PSR Coordinator and 2 Teachers. Please reach out to the Parish Council if you are interested.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL NEWS: April 15 – 5-8 Field Trip
Thursday, April 18, Home & School Meeting 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 22, PreK-4 Field Trip

LIFE TEEN GROUP: St. Stanislaus & St. Francis Xavier are organizing a youth group for high schoolers in the area. They are starting a Life Teen Group that will meet every Sunday night 7:00 p.m. in the St. Stanislaus Parish Center starting April 21. Those who are currently in 8th-12th Grade from St. Thomas the Apostle & St. Cecilia are more than welcome to attend. Kickoff event for Life Teen is Friday, April 19. This event is a graduation party for all graduating 8th graders in the area. We encourage all 8th graders to join us and celebrate with lots of fun activities, games, dinner and a bonfire.

DIVINE MERCY SPEAKER – MICHAEL McGLINN: Join us as for a talk from Michael McGlinn, international award winning film producer, musician, founder of Sistine Films and Face of Mercy, speaker for Catholic Athletes for Christ, former lineman, father, and husband, as he helps us unveil the mystery of Divine Mercy. Michael will be speaking at St Joseph Church in Westphalia on May 1 at 6:00 p.m., and at St. Stanislaus Church in Wardsville on May 2 at 6:00 p.m. We hope you will join us as we dive deeper into our Lord's Divine Mercy!

THE CITIZEN'S CIVIC LEAGUE is sponsoring a blood drive on Tuesday, April 30 from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: CivicLeagueMeta to schedule an appointment.

ST. CECILIA CEMETERY ASSOCIATION will be holding its annual clean-up day on Sunday, April 14 at 10:30 a.m. (Rain make-up day will be April 21). Everyone is welcome and all help is appreciated. Please bring yard tools if you have them for trimming shrubs and cleaning up yard debris. Please contact Dominic Plassmeyer if you have any questions.

PLEASE REMOVE ALL FLOWERS & ARRANGEMENTS from in front of the stones in the St. Thomas Cemetery during the grass cutting season. Thank you for your cooperation.

HEART OF A HERO. MEN'S CONFERENCE is April 19 & April 20 at Cana Room, Cathedral of St. Joseph. April 19 sessions are from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. and April 20 8:30 a.m. -3:30 p.m. This men's conference is hosted by the Men of Signum Crucis. Includes midday Mass and Adoration and confessions during the lunch break. \$30 for either day, \$40 for both days, \$20 for students and no charge for priests and seminarians. Please visit www.menofsignumcrucis.com/mensconference for more info.

ROSARY AND ROSE: All women are invited to attend a Rosary and Rose` event May 1, 2024 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the St. Thomas Knights of Columbus hall, hosted by See City Women's Ministry and St. Thomas/ St. Cecilia Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary. Doors open at 6:00, and the event begins at 6:30. Join in praying the rosary, listen to reflections of the glorious mysteries, and hear guest speaker Felicia Anunoby's testimony. Light refreshments and adult beverages will be provided. BYOB if desired.

COLE COUNTY PWSD #5 will be flushing the water lines on April 20 and customers may experience low pressure from 8:00 a.m. to noon. Please refrain from taking a shower or washing laundry during this time. Thank you for your cooperation.

SPRING FLING is Sunday, April 14, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Wardsville Lion's Club. Free admission, variety of vendors, proceeds to Cole County Relay for Life. Pizza Kwik Food Truck & Kwik Lemonade Co. 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

ST. ALOYSIUS CHURCH & ST. BONIFACE CHAPEL, KOELTZTOWN, FRIED CHICKEN & BAKED HAM DINNER is Sunday, April 21, dine in or drive thru - \$15.00 per meal, serving 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at St. Boniface Annex building, behind St. Boniface Church, Koeltztown.

TOTUS TUUS - JUNE 23 – 28: Sign-up for Totus Tuus is now available. You can do this either online at <http://www.stthomasapostle.net/totus-tuus.html> or use the paper form that is a part of the bulletin. If you have any questions, please contact Theresa Veit (573) 418-7301. Thank you for your continued support and participation in this summer program.

SAVE THE DATES: Totus Tuus – June 23-28 – held at St. Stanislaus Church



Totus Tuus Summer Camp

2024 Registration Form: June 23rd – 28th for Grades 1-12

Register online: <http://www.stthomasapostle.net/totus-tuus.html>

Grades 1-6: Monday through Friday 7:45 am – 1:30 pm
at St. Stanislaus, ~~Wardsville~~
Grades 7-12: Sunday through Thursday 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
at St. Stanislaus, Wardsville

Parent(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Work/cell: _____

Children being enrolled in Totus Tuus at St. Stanislaus:

Name:	Grade (In fall):	Medical info/ food allergies to be aware of:
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Cost for the week is \$25 per child for Grades 1 – 6. \$75.00 for three or more children. Lunch is provided. Each child will need to bring a water bottle. Evening program is free for Grades 7 – 12. Please bring a water bottle.

Totus Tuus Volunteers 2024

Food

We are providing meals for the 4 Missionaries (plus the priest if they wish to come) each Evening at 5:30 pm in the ~~Wardsville's~~ school cafeteria. If you wish, the missionaries would love for you to eat with them, but it is also fine to just drop the food off.

Food		
	Name	Contact number
Thursday, June 27th		

Day Volunteers

To support the missionaries, we are asking for volunteers to be available during the day to help check in, check out and host for the day.

	Name	Contact
Thursday, June 27th		
Friday, June 28th		

Statement of the Missouri Catholic Conference on the Abortion Initiative Petition

The Catholic Church supports and defends society's most vulnerable, especially women and children, through accompaniment, social services, and material assistance.

A misleading proposed amendment to the Missouri Constitution suggests that a "right to an abortion" is needed to protect women, while the amendment could actually put women at risk and endanger preborn children. This ballot initiative would legalize abortions in this state and remove long standing health and safety standards for women. In addition, this initiative does nothing to reduce or eliminate the underlying social causes for abortion and does not further a true culture of life in the state.

Groups are currently collecting citizen signatures to add the amendment to the November 2024 ballot. **We encourage all Catholics and people of good will to not sign any petition that would put this amendment on the ballot.**

The Catholic Church in Missouri will continue to provide spiritual and material support to expectant mothers and their families through our parishes and ministries, and to advocate on their behalf and on behalf of their preborn children. For those women suffering from the pain of an abortion, the Church will continue to offer true healing and hope through its Post Abortive Healing Ministries. We ask all to help us in these efforts to safeguard the right to life.

We look forward to the day when every child, born and unborn, has the love and support needed to thrive and reach his or her full potential. Let us pray for a greater recognition of the gift of each and every human life in our society.

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Approved February 22, 2024

HELIA 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 Helia Catholic President Ron Vossen at rvossen@heliasatholic.com or 573-635-6139.

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TOTUS TUUS
PARISH SUMMER CATECHETICAL PROGRAM
FOR YOUTH GRADES 1-12

**ST STANISLAUS CHURCH,
WARDSVILLE, MO**
June 23-28, 2024

Join us for a fun and faith-filled week! Learn about the Apostles Creed and the Glorious Mysteries of the rosary while growing in your relationship with the Lord. See you there!

DAY PROGRAM	EVENING PROGRAM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday - Friday • 8am - 1:30pm • Grades 1-6 COST: \$25/child 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday - Thursday • 6:30pm-8:00pm • Grades 7-12 COST: Evening program is FREE

\$75 for 3 or more children



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To register, contact Abby Thompson (St Stan), Cathy Singer (SFX), or Theresa Veit (St Thomas)