

St. Thomas the Apostle Greeters/Ushers

April 27 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Eric Strobe & Richard Schellman
April 28 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Keith Kliethermes & Eric Boessen
May 4 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mark Boessen & Adam Holterman
May 5 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Doug Stockman & Kelly Stewart
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 27 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Barb Graessle
April 28 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Glenn Prenger
May 4 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Marshall Boessen
May 5 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Janet Lueckenhoff

St. Thomas the Apostle Servers

Weekday servers: Sadie Boessen & Jason Braun
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
May 4 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Greg Kirby, Jude Luebbering,
JD Volmert, Miranda Meyer
May 5 10:00 a.m. – Isabella & Oliver Luebbering,
Fayeth Prenger, Cadyn Libbert

St. Thomas the Apostle Offertory Gifts

April 27 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Family of Danny Libbert
April 28 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Family of Stanley Brand

St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters

April 28 – Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg
May 5 – Dunja Wieberg & Jennifer Schroeder
May 12 – Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman
May 19 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes

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

April 28 Jenny Becker
May 5 Brooke Schell
May 12 Dunja Wieberg
May 19 Lauri Luebbering

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. – Barb Graessle – Glorious Mysteries
Sunday 9:35 a.m. – Shirley Volmert – Glorious Mysteries

St. Thomas the Apostle Church Cleaners

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
May 19: Brooke Schell, Tina Stockman, Gina Luebbering, Karen Luebbering

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 25 – Mary Engelmeyer & Amanda McManus

Thursday, May 2 – Kerry Meyer & Sara Otto

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.

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.

LIVE STREAMERS NEEDED AT ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH: Are you someone who likes to spread our Catholic faith? Why not consider joining our St. Thomas Stream Team and help spread the Word every Sunday at the 10:00 a.m. Mass? Operating the equipment is fun and easy! Please call or text Lauri Luebbering at 573-619-6090 if interested.

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

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 28 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Jennifer Even
May 5 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Doris Stumpe

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers

April 28 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Kenny Otto, Leonard Schulte,
Tony & William Derkum
May 5 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Terry Libbert, Leon Schanzmeyer,
Darin Even, Mitch Stumpe

St. Cecilia Servers

April 28 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Reagan & Eli Bock
May 5 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Natalee Derkum &
Gavin Werdehausen

St. Cecilia Offertory Gifts

April 28 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Family of Gus Kelly

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

April 28 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Janice Schanzmeyer
Glorious Mysteries
May 5 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer
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: **4th SUNDAY OF EASTER: THE RISEN LORD AS THE GOOD SHEPHERD (AA. 4:8-12; 1Jn. 3:1-2; Jn. 10:11-18)** The Fourth Sunday of Easter, is called the Good Shepherd Sunday, we continue to reflect on the meaning of the Resurrection. This is also the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Today, we celebrate the risen Lord as the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep, the good shepherd who laid down his life to share with us his risen life. The priest in charge of a parish is called pastor because "pastor" means shepherd. As a shepherd, he leads, feeds, nurtures, comforts, corrects, and protects Christ's sheep, the people of the parish. The earliest Christians saw Jesus as the fulfillment of the ancient Jewish dream of a Good Shepherd. They also wished to include the Gentiles as part of God's flock. In today's first reading, Peter asserts unequivocally before the Jewish assembly that there is no salvation except through Christ, the Good Shepherd, and the one whom the Jewish leaders rejected and crucified and in whose name the apostles preached and healed. In the second reading, St. John tells us how Yahweh, the Good Shepherd of the Old Testament, expressed His love for us through His Son Jesus, the Good Shepherd, by making us His children. In today's Gospel Jesus introduces himself as the "Good Shepherd." Jesus claims that as Good Shepherd he knows his sheep and loves them so much he is ready to die for them. The Gospel text offers us both **comforts**, when the Good Shepherd knows us, provides for us, and loves us – and a **double challenge**: to become good shepherds to those entrusted to our care and good sheep in our parish, the sheepfold of Jesus the Good Shepherd. So dear friends, let us become good Shepherds, everyone who is entrusted with the care of others is a shepherd. Hence Bishops, pastors, parents, teachers, doctors, nurses, government officials, bosses, and politicians are all shepherds. We become good shepherds by loving those entrusted to us, praying for them, spending our time, talents, health, and wealth for their welfare, and guarding them from physical and spiritual dangers. Parents must be especially careful of their duties as shepherds, becoming role models for their children by leading exemplary lives. Let us be good sheep in the fold of Jesus, our Good Shepherd: a) by hearing and following the voice of our shepherds through their homilies, Bible classes, counseling and advice; b) by taking the spiritual food given by our pastors through regular and active participation in the Holy Mass and by frequenting the sacraments, prayer services, renewal programs, and missions; c) by cooperating with our pastors, giving them positive suggestions for the welfare of the parish, encouraging them in their ministry by prayer and presence, by offering them praise and thanks for all they are doing for us, and occasionally by making constructive suggestions for changes; d) by cooperating as good stewards in the activities of various councils, ministries, and parish associations. Let us pray that we may all receive and accept God's offered vocations to the Priesthood, the diaconate and the consecrated life as well as to Marriage and the single state, so that we may have more holy and Spirit-filled shepherds to lead, feed, and protect a receptive Catholic community. Christ Jesus is the Priest in the full sense because He is the one mediator between God and humanity who offered Himself, a unique sacrifice, on the cross. The universal priesthood of all believers, the sharing of all the baptized in the priesthood of Christ, has received special emphasis since Vatican II. Those who are called to make a lifelong commitment to serve as ordained ministers share the ministerial priesthood of Jesus. On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations we are asked to encourage and pray for our young men to respond to God's call to serve His Church in the ministerial priesthood and for all of us that we may live out our vocations as He wills. ***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 PARISHIONERS: Volunteers Needed - The St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Pastoral Council is looking for 5 new committee members. The council meets every 2 months. The term runs for 3 years. If you would like to volunteer, please reach out to the parish office.

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION is Tuesday, April 23, 6:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

ST. CECILIA HOLY HOUR & ANOINTING OF THE SICK is Friday, April 26, 7:00 p.m. St. Cecilia Church.

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: Monday, April 22, PreK-4 Field Trip
Wednesday, April 24, Diocesan Sketch Day
Thursday, April 25 – Early Release 12:50 p.m. car riders, 1:00 p.m. bus riders, 7&8 Royals Game
Friday, April 26 – No School P-8

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.

THE CITIZEN'S CIVIC LEAGUE MONTHLY MEETING: The April monthly meeting of the Citizens Civic League will be held on April 22 at 7:00 p.m. Election of officers will be held. If anyone is interested in being a Board member please attend the April meeting. These meetings are open to the public and are always held on the 4th Monday of the month, March thru October at 7:00 pm.

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.

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.

ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH, ST. ELIZABETH REDEDICATION PIPE ORGAN CONCERT is Sunday, April 28, 4:00 p.m. Featuring Matt Palisch, Professor of Organ, Southeast Missouri State University. All are welcome.

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.

SPRING FESTIVAL, VISITATION PARISH, VIENNA is Sunday, May 5, serving fried chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, green beans, coleslaw & dessert from 11:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. \$15.00 per dinner. Dine in & carry out available.

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

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- 8:00 am - Prayer Walk in Capitol
- 8:00 am - Rosary and Divine Mercy
North Lawn
- 8:15 am - Book Signing • Melissa Ohden
- 8:45 am - Live Performance • Claire Huntley
Capitol South Steps
- 9:15 am - Announcements and Rally
South Lawn
- MARCH BEGINS FOLLOWING RALLY**
- 11:00 am - Book Signing • Melissa Ohden
Outside St. Peter's Selinger Center
- 11:45 am - Live Performance • Claire Huntley
Capitol South Steps
- 12:15 pm - Youth Rally
Capitol South Steps
- 12:15 pm — Ballot Initiative Update and
What You Can Do —Capitol Rotunda
- 1:30 pm — Holy Mass • St. Peter Church
Bishop Edward Rice
- 1:30 pm — Ecumenical Prayer Service
Dr. Wes Fowler —MBC —Capitol Rotunda

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.

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Join us on Sunday nights for dinner, games, faith talks, and fellowship with other teens!

ST. STANISLAUS PARISH CENTER

SUNDAY NIGHTS @7PM
STARTING APRIL 21





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:
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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~~ 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		

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

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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

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