

**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 19, 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 April 19-26**

Tuesday 7:45 am	Butch Loethen
Wednesday 7:45 am	L&D Virgil Kirkweg Family
Thursday 7:45 am	Geneva Plassmeyer
Friday 7:45 am	Marilyn & Veronica Herigon & Slim Strope
Saturday 5:00 pm	Betty Hoecker
Sunday 10:00 am	People of our Parishes

<b>Your Sunday Offering</b>	
Offertory Budget for 2025-2026	\$342,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End	\$285,000.00
Actual Collection for 2025-2026	\$304,905.56
Offertory Difference Year to Date	\$19,905.56
Offertory Goal for April	\$28,500.00

<b>Collection in Church</b>	
April 5	\$6,318.10
April 12	\$3,358.10
April 19	
April 26	

<b>Collection Online</b>	\$6,855.50
<b>April Total to Date</b>	<b>\$16,531.70</b>
<b>Difference for April</b>	-\$11,968.30

**Saint Cecilia**  
**Mass Schedule for the Week of April 19-26**

Wednesday 6:30 pm	<b>No Mass</b>
Sunday 8:00 am	Danny Libbert

<b>Your Sunday Offering</b>	
Offertory Budget for 2025-2026	\$70,000.00
Collection Total for 2025-2026	<b>\$64,139.000</b>
Offertory Goal per Month for April	\$5,833.33

<b>Collection in Church</b>	
April 5	\$2,958.00
April 12	\$1,962.00
April 19	
April 26	

<b>April Total to Date</b>	\$4,920.00
<b>Difference for April</b>	-\$913.33

**WEEKDAY SERVERS:**  
**Weekday:** Aliyah Buechter

**Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle**

Tuesday 7:25 am	Bob Schellman - Sorrowful
Wednesday 7:25 am	Shirley Volmert – Glorious
Thursday 7:25 am	Dale Herigon – Luminous
Friday 7:25 am	Jim Lueckenhoff - Sorrowful

**Offertory Gifts – St. Thomas the Apostle**

Saturday 5:00 pm	Family of Betty Hoecker
Sunday 10:00 am	Ushers

**Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia & Lector**  
Wednesday – **No Mass**

Lector: **No Mass**

**Offertory Gifts – St. Cecilia**

Sunday	Family of Danny 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](http://www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip) for more information about the Scrip program. Please contact Amanda Wooten 573-694-1735 or [amandab27@hotmail.com](mailto: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.

**Thurs., April 16-**Courtney Luebbering & Elise Luebbering **Thurs. April 23-**Betty Ann Luebbering & Katie (Brian) Luebbering

<b>Liturgical Role Schedule for April 25 &amp; 26</b>			
	<b>Saturday, 5:00 PM</b>	<b>Sunday, 8:00 AM</b>	<b>Sunday, 10:00 AM</b>
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Fennewald, Emerald Fennewald, Georgia Otto, Benjamin Otto, Luke	Schroeder, Jesse Schroeder, Tucker	Prenger, Emmary Tallent, Hannah Tallent, Levi Verslues, Max
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Schanzmeyer, Janice Wansing, Brenda Reynolds, Andrea	Hagenhoff, Betty Libbert, Pam Rehagen, Dorothy	Prenger, Matt Luebbering, Ben Prenger, Glenn
<b>Lector</b>	Holterman, Kara	Rehagen, Dorothy	Cassmeyer, Jeff
<b>Rosary Leader: Glorious</b>	Herigon, Dale	Schroeder, Jennifer	Lueckenhoff, Jim
<b>Greeters/Ushers</b>	Holterman, Adam Akin, Phil	Libbert, Pam Hagenhoff, Randy	Verslues, Shane Verslues, Ezekiel
<b>Music Ministry</b>	Stockman, Alanna Brand, Mary Kay	Borgmeyer, Emilie	Prenger, Jackie Schroeder, Judy
<b>Live Stream</b>			Reinkemeyer, Karlie
<b>Count Collections</b>		Plassmeyer, Dominic Plassmeyer, Mary	Schellman, Donna Wieberg, Rosalyn
<b>St. Thomas Church Cleaners</b>	Boessen, Lora - Buechter, Darrel - Heckemeyer, Jan - Heckemeyer, Richard		

**CONGRATULATIONS** to **Collins Annalise Griep**, daughter of Kyler & Claire Griep, who became a child of God through baptism this weekend in St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

**PASTORS MEDITATION: 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER: JOURNEYING WITH JESUS.** (AA. 2:14, 22-33 1Pt. 1:17-21, Lk. 24:13-35) No matter what happens in our lives, the risen Jesus is always with us. God is always near to those who seek Him and desire to live in His presence, doing His will. The first reading, from Acts, taken from the beginning of Peter's first public proclamation about Jesus, tells us how God raised Jesus from death, thus fulfilling the Messianic prophecies about the promised descendant of David. In the second reading, Peter exhorts the early Christians to place their Faith and Hope in God Who has saved them through the precious Blood of His Son and who has raised Jesus from the dead. The Emmaus incident described in today's Gospel shows us a God who will not abandon us when we are hurt or disappointed. The message of today's Scripture readings is that the followers of Jesus are to maintain contact with their Risen Lord through prayer, the Eucharist, and the Bible. The readings also remind us that our belief in Jesus' Real Presence in the consecrated Bread and Wine should help us to understand better his presence in the Bible and in the believing and worshipping community. Putting the two appearances (to the Emmaus disciples and to Peter) together, it is clear that the risen Jesus wanted Peter to act as spokesman for him, and that the faithful who seek to follow Jesus should seek his company in prayer, the Eucharist, and the Bible under the direction of Peter and his successors. Dear friends, the risen Lord meets us on the road to our Emmaus, both in the ordinary experiences of our lives, and in the places to which we retreat when life is too much for us. We, too, have hopes and dreams about better health, healing, financial security, and family relationships. These often shatter. The story promises us, however, that Jesus will come to us in unfamiliar guises to support and strengthen us when we least expect the risen Lord. Emmaus moments come to us when we meet the risen Christ on our life's journey through rough times. We meet Jesus on a daily basis in our life's journey. The Church instructs us to hear Jesus on a daily basis through prayer, through the faithful reading of, and meditation on, the Bible, through our experience of Jesus as we participate in the Eucharistic celebration in which the risen Lord gives us Himself as our spiritual Food and Drink, through our personal and family prayers, and through our family meals. When we meet Jesus in the Eucharist and, through the Word of God, we commune with him in prayer, we renew our part in our relationship of mutual loving service. These meetings enable us to encounter the risen Jesus living in all the people we meet and, in them, to offer our Lord humble, loving, selfless service. Do our hearts burn when we listen to the risen Lord in the Bible? Christ comes to us most clearly in the Word. Therefore, we need to study the Bible, learn the Bible, pray with the Bible, memorize the Bible, meditate on the word of God with burning zeal, and practice what the Bible teaches. **Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukiibi**

**ST. CECILIA HOLY HOUR & ANOINTING OF THE SICK** is Friday, April 24, 7:00 pm St. Cecilia Church.

**HOLY COMMUNION AND FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND:** If you would like to receive Holy Communion at home on another day other than Friday morning, please contact Father Leonard at 573-477-3315.

**SHARE YOUR VOICE – HELP SHAPE OUR ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH:** Your ideas matter; help guide our Parish forward. Please consider sharing your time and talent by running for Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) 2 year term. If interested, please call Shane Verslues 573-999-4314, Lynne Reinkemeyer 573-690-7113 or Linda Boessen 573-694-4239.

**ST. CECILIA PICNIC DESSERTS & MORE:** We only have several desserts and other items lined up for the auction at the July 12 picnic. We would like to have more if it all possible. If you are interested in contributing a dessert or another item, it would be most appreciated. Please contact Betty Hagenhoff at 573-645-6565.

**ST. CECILIA PARISH:** The annual cleaning and maintenance of the St Cecilia Cemetery is scheduled for Sunday, April 19 at 10am (Rain day April 26). Bring any gardening tools you may have to clean flower beds and trim shrubs. Anyone is welcome and all help is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Dominic Plassmeyer (President), Will Derkum (Vice President), Jennifer Even (Secretary), or Eilleen Brune (Treasurer)

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL NEWS:**

Wednesday, April 22- 7&8 Royals Game  
Thursday, April 23- Home & School Meeting 6:30 pm  
Friday, April 24- No School Prek-8

**COR - GATHERING FOR CATHOLIC MEN:** All Catholic men are invited to attend our next **COR** gathering on **Tuesday, April 28 at 7:00 PM** at the **Wardsville/Osage Bend KofC Hall**. COR, meaning “heart” and rooted in *courage*, centers on **prayer, formation, and fraternity**. We will continue the *Into the Breach* series with the topic **Evangelization**, exploring how men are called to boldly live and share their faith in their homes, workplaces, and communities. The evening includes prayer, a video presentation, group discussion, and fellowship. **Bring a friend** and grow together in faith and brotherhood.

**THIS IS THE HOUR – LIVING THE CATHOLIC FAITH WITH COURAGE, CLARITY & CONVICTION** is Wednesday, April 29, 6:00-8:00 pm at the Cathedral of St. Joseph. A powerful one-night parish mission to awaken hearts, renew faith, and inspire Catholics to live the Gospel boldly in today’s world. Speakers: Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers and Dr. Marcus Peter.

**TOTUS TUUS** - July 12 - 17: Sign-up for Totus Tuus is now available. You can do this online at <http://www.stthomasapostle.net/totus-tuus.html>. If you have any questions, please contact Theresa Veit (573) 418-7301. Thank you for your continued support and participation in this summer program.

**TOTUS TUUS VOLUNTEERS:** We are looking for volunteers to help provide evening meals for our Totus Tuus missionaries and/or help them during the day program with things like check in/out, serve snacks, apply a band aid etc. The program starts on July 12. We will need evening meals for 5-6 that Sunday through Thursday. The day program starts July 13. We will need 1-2 adult helpers Monday through Friday from 7:15am to 1:45 pm. To volunteer, please contact Cathy Singer at 573-690-1491.

**ST. CECILIA PARISH** is looking for bids for someone to mow the grass this summer. Please contact Lydia at 573-821-1370.

**PLEASE REMOVE ALL FLOWERS & ARRANGEMENTS** from in front of the stones in the St. Thomas Cemetery during the grass cutting season. Also, flowers that have blown off with the wind were placed in shed, you are welcome to check out if they are yours. Rest will be discarded. Thank you for your cooperation.

**BLOOD DRIVE:** The Citizen's Civic League is hosting a blood drive on Wednesday, April 29, 2:00 to 6:00 pm. Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: CivicLeagueMeta to schedule an appointment.

# MidWest March For Life

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APRIL 30, 2026

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**8:00 am - Prayer Walk in Capitol**  
Led by Bonnie Lee, Open Heart Baptist

**8:30 am - Rosary, Divine Mercy  
and May Crowning (North Lawn)**

**8:30 am - 1:15 pm - First Class Relics of  
St. Carlos Acutis, St. Dominic Savio,  
St. Maria Goretti, and  
Exhibit - Panels of Eucharistic Miracles**

**9:30 am - Opening Celebration**  
(South Capitol Steps)

- American Heritage Girls Flag Ceremony
- Star Spangled Banner - Haydee Cullen, Vocalist
- Pledge of Allegiance with Pro-Life Legislators

### 10:00 am - Rally

- Welcome - Rev. Anthony J. Viviano, Moderator for Pro-Life Ministry
- Opening Prayer - Rev. Major Nicholas J. Reid
- Presentation of Team P.L.A.Y. Awards - by Kathy Forck  
Awards for Pro-Life Champion of the Year and Pro-Life School of 2026

- Rally Speakers
- Women in White Speak Out - Crystal Lane

### 11:30 am - MIDWEST MARCH BEGINS

Order: Cross, Clergy, Honor Guard, Helias Drum Line, Pro-Life School of the Year

**11:30 am - 12:15 pm - CoMo Life Teen Band**  
(South Capitol Steps)

**12:15 - 1:15 pm - Students for Life of America  
and Turning Point USA Youth Workshop**  
(Selinger Center, gift bag included)

**Leadership Institute Adult Workshop**  
(Selinger Center, box lunch included)

**1:30 pm - Holy Mass at Proto-Cathedral  
of Saint Peter**  
Most Reverend James V. Johnston, Jr.

# Totus Tuus 2026

Parish summer  
catechetical  
program



## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Monday - Friday : 8 am - 1:30 pm  
Dropoff in Gym - 7:30 - 7:45 am  
Mass @ 8am  
Grades : 1st - 6th  
Pricing: \$50/Student or \$100/Family Max

## MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL

Sunday - Thursday : 6:30 - 8:00 pm  
St. Stanislaus Parish Center  
Grades : 7th - 12th  
Evening Program: Free

Please contact your Director of Religious Education with questions

TO BE HELD AT  
ST. STANISLAUS PARISH  
JULY 12 - 17, 2026



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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](http://heliascatholic.com/spiritofexcellence) or contact Helias+ Catholic President Ron Vossen at [rvossen@heliascatholic.com](mailto:rvossen@heliascatholic.com) or 573-635-6139.

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