

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

St. Cecilia
in Meta

www.stthomasapostle.net
www.stthomasapostleschool.net

www.stceciliameta.net

PO Box 146
St. Thomas, MO 65076

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 26, 2026

Pastor: Fr. Leonard Mukiibi
frleonardmukiibi@gmail.com
Rectory Phone: 573-477-3315
Mrs. Jan Heckemeyer
jheckemeyeroffice@gmail.com

St. Thomas the Apostle Admin. Secretary:
Mrs. Theresa Veit
tveitoffice@gmail.com



School Principal: Mr. Leroy Heckemeyer
lheckemeyer@stacs.school
School: 573-477-3322 **Fax:** 573-477-3700
Mrs. Diane Lueckenhoff
dlueckenhoffoffice@gmail.com

St. Cecilia Bookkeeper:
Mrs. Doris Stumpe
dstumpeoffice@gmail.com

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 26-May 3

Tuesday 7:45 am	L&D Anton Boessen Family
Wednesday 7:45 am	Darlene Falter
Thursday 7:45 am	L&D Frank & Catherine Wieberg Family
Friday 7:45 am	Bob & Donnie Luebbering
Saturday 5:00 pm	Virgil Kirkweg
Sunday 10:00 am	People of our Parishes

Your Sunday Offering	
Offertory Budget for 2025-2026	\$342,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End	\$285,000.00
Actual Collection for 2025-2026	\$308,746.56
Offertory Difference Year to Date	\$23,746.56
Offertory Goal for April	\$28,500.00

Collection in Church	
April 5	\$6,318.10
April 12	\$3,358.10
April 19	\$2,308.50
April 26	

Collection Online	\$8,388.00
April Total to Date	\$20,372.70
Difference for April	-\$8,127.30

Saint Cecilia
Mass Schedule for the Week of April 26-May 3

Wednesday 6:30 pm	People of our Parishes
Sunday 8:00 am	Urban, Ron & Randy Voss

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

Collection in Church	
April 5	\$2,958.00
April 12	\$1,962.00
April 19	\$ 671.00
April 26	

April Total to Date	\$5,591.00
Difference for April	-\$242.33

WEEKDAY SERVERS:
Weekday: Emerald Fennewald

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 Virgil Kirkweg
Sunday 10:00 am	Ushers

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia & Lector
Wednesday – Dorothy Rehagen – Glorious

Lector: Emilie Borgmeyer

Offertory Gifts – St. Cecilia

Sunday	Family of Urban, Ron & Randy Voss
--------	-----------------------------------

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.

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 Strope 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 23-Betty Ann Luebbering & Katie (Brian) Luebbering **Thurs. April 30-** Gina Luebbering & Emily Luebbering

Liturgical Role Schedule for May 2 & 3			
	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 8:00 AM	Sunday, 10:00 AM
Altar Servers	Buschjost, Ava Luebbering, Hank Wooten, Barrett Wooten, Evelyn	Derkum, Natalee Werdehausen, Gavin	Luebbering, Isaac Luebbering, Isabella Luebbering, Jude Luebbering, Oliver
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Becker, Paul Becker, Jenny Boessen, Marshall	Plassmeyer, Dominic Plassmeyer, Mary Even, Jennifer	Heckemeyer, Richard Heckemeyer, Jan Kliethermes, Keith
Lector	Becker, Paul	Even, Jennifer	Luebbering, Katie (Brian)
Rosary Leader: Glorious	Herigon, Dale	Plassmeyer, Mary	Schroeder, Jennifer
Greeters/Ushers	Holterman, Adam Strope, Eric	Schulte, Leonard Libbert, Pam	Heckemeyer, Richard Kliethermes, Keith
Music Ministry	Schroeder, Jeanette Wooten, Amanda	Hurst, Lydia	Prenger, Jackie Luebbering, Doug
Live Stream			Schell, Brooke
Count Collections		Helton, Dale Helton, Margie	Kliethermes, Jean Kliethermes, Keith
St. Thomas Church Cleaners	Buschjost, Charlene - Buschjost, Randy - Lueckenhoff, Janet - Lueckenhoff, Jim		

CONGRATULATIONS to **Adelyn Kay**, daughter of Adam & Kirsten Schell, who became a child of God through baptism this weekend in St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

CONGRATULATIONS to **Emily Veasman & Cole Schroeder** who were married in Christ, Saturday, April 18, St. Cecilia Parish.

CONGRATULATIONS to **Elizabeth Harvey & Caleb Buechter**, who were married in Christ, Saturday, April 25, St. Thomas the Apostle Parish.

PASTORS MEDITATION: 4th SUNDAY OF EASTER: THE GATE TO LIFE IN ABUNDANCE. (AA. 2:14, 36-41; 1Pt. 2:20b-25; Jn. 10:1-10) On this Good Shepherd Sunday and the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, the Church reminds us of our call to become good shepherds of God's flock and good sheep of His parishes and invites us to pray for vocations to the priesthood, the diaconate, and the consecrated life. **Both the Old and New Testaments** use the image of a Shepherd and His flock to describe the unique relationship of God with Israel and of Jesus Christ with the Christians. The first reading is taken from St. Peter's first sermon, given on the day of Pentecost. Peter as a Christ-appointed good shepherd of the Church, invites his Jewish listeners to enter into communion with the new Christ-founded community after repenting of their sin of crucifying Jesus, by accepting him as their Lord and Savior, and by receiving Baptism in his name. As the gate of the new Christian fold, Peter opens the gate for all new believers in Christ. The Responsorial Psalm (Ps 23) introduces Yahweh as the Good Shepherd of Israel Who cares for us, His sheep, providing for our needs. In the second reading, Peter encourages the persecuted and suffering Christians to follow in the footsteps of their Good Shepherd, Jesus, the "suffering servant," realizing the truth that Jesus' suffering and death have enabled them to become more fully the children of God. In today's Gospel, two brief parables or similes show us Jesus, first, as a selfless, caring "good shepherd" who provides for his sheep protection, food and life itself, and then, as our unique gateway ("sheep gate") to eternal salvation. That is, besides guiding his flock to Eternal Life as the Good Shepherd, Jesus is himself the gateway to Eternal Life. So dear friends, we need to become good shepherds and good leaders: Everyone who is entrusted with the care of others is a shepherd. Hence, pastors, parents, teachers, doctors, nurses, government officials, and caregivers, among others, are all shepherds. We become good shepherds by loving those entrusted to us, praying for them, spending our time, talents, and blessings for their welfare, and guarding them from physical and spiritual dangers. Parents, you must be especially careful in fulfilling your duties toward your children, giving them good example and instruction and training them in Christian principles. We need to become good sheep in the fold of Jesus, the Good Shepherd: Our local parish is our sheepfold, and our pastors are our shepherds. Jesus is the High Priest, the Bishops are the successors of the Apostles, the pastors are their helpers, the deacons assist them faithfully, and the parishioners are the sheep. Hence, as the good sheep of the parish, parishioners are expected to a) Hear and follow the voice of your shepherds through our homilies, Bible classes, counseling, and advice. b) Receive the spiritual food given by your pastors through your regular participation in the Holy Mass, your frequenting of the Sacraments, and your participation in the prayer services, renewal programs, and missions pastors offer. c) Cooperate with your pastors by giving them positive suggestions for the welfare of the parish, encouraging them in their duties, offering them loving, constructive advice when they are found misbehaving or failing in their duties, and always by praying for them. d) Actively participate in the activities of various councils, ministries, and parish associations. **Lastly, we need to pray** for those invited to life-vocations by the Holy Spirit to accept them, enter upon those vocations, and persevere in living them out until death. **Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukiibi**

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

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE HOLY HOUR & ANOINTING OF THE SICK is Friday, May 1, 7:00 pm St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

MOTHER OF PERPETAUL HELP DEVOTION is Tuesday, April 28, 7:00 pm St. Thomas the Apostle 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. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL NEWS:

Tuesday, April 28- Diocesan Sketch Day
Wednesday, April 29 – K-8 Field Trip
Tuesday, May 5 – Diocesan 8th Grade Mass
Wednesday, May 6- 6th Grade Vocation Day
Thursday, May 7- 8th Grade Promotion Mass 6:30 pm
Friday, May 8 – Preschool Graduation

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PRESCHOOL: If you have a child, ages 3 or 4 and have been thinking about preschool, please call Lizzie Linhardt, llinhardt@stacs.school 573-645-5605 or the school office 573-477-3322. If you have any questions or would like to set up a one on one meeting and school tour, please contact the school office. Please check out and like St. Thomas the Apostle Preschool Facebook page.

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.

DIOCESAN CAMP REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN: Camp Registration is NOW Open and Registration is coming in quickly! Please help spread the word on this great opportunity for our young people, entering 6th through 12th grade. Volunteer signups are also now available. If parishes are interested in covering a portion of the cost for their parishioners who go to camp the Youth Office can now set up coupon codes. Please reach out to the Youth Office at diojeffcity.org

DIOCESAN SUMMER MISSIONARIES: Any young Adult Catholics between 18-25, who would be interested in helping out the Diocese this Summer with various youth activities, please visit <https://diojeffcity.org/summer-missionaries/> to find out more.

CURSILLO: Our next School of Leaders gathering is on May 9, at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Flanagan Hall, Columbia MO. We plan to gather immediately following 8 AM Mass at 8:45 am with treats and a social gathering. Program will begin at 9:10 am with Leader’s grouping followed by a couple of inspiring and informative presentations. John Keener from Columbia will speak on "general principles and teaching techniques during the 3 day weekend" and Gary Wilbers from Jefferson City will speak on "the make up of a leader." The presentations will be followed by section work on Pre, 3 Day and Post Cursillo and we will close with a visit to the Blessed Sacrament at 11 AM. Hope you can join this wonderful group of cursillistas for a fun and faith filled Saturday morning.

ST. THOMAS BALL PARK CLEAN-UP is Saturday, May 2, 9:00 am. Consider coming up to the ballpark to help get it ready for the upcoming season. All help is greatly appreciated. The ballpark is a place for the whole community to come together and watch the youth of our parish interact. Bring a leaf blower, push broom, shovel, and ladder if able.

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 and enter: CivicLeagueMeta to schedule an appointment.

SAVE THE DATES: 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

Celebrate the month of Mary!

Join us for a special
showing of
Broken Mary

A powerful story of a broken Mary
statue, a shattered life, and a
remarkable revival!

When: May 2, 2026 @ 6:30PM

Where: St. Thomas the Apostle's Parish Center

Let us know if you are joining!



<http://www.stthomasapostle.net/movie-532026.html>



Hotdogs, popcorn,
water and lemonade
provided.



Bring a comfy chair!

Everyone is welcome!

Questions? Contact Karlie at 573-645-3182.

MidWest March For Life

THURSDAY
APRIL 30, 2026

To honor and glorify Jesus Christ
and defend innocent life.



MISSOURI STATE CAPITOL

South Lawn • 201 W. Capitol Ave. • Jefferson City, Missouri

Activities planned from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Capitol Grounds
Over 35 life-affirming exhibitors!



Fundraising lunch 11:00 am to 1:00 pm donated by
Knights of Columbus • St. Peter Church • Fulton, MO

WEAR RED FOR LIFE!



Reagan Barklage
VP of Field Operations
Students for Life of America



Linda Friere
Sr. Regional Program Manager
Sidewalk Advocates for Life



Mayra Rodriguez
Pro-Life Speaker and
Planned Parenthood Whistleblower



Dr. Sarah Florence
Her Health, Her Future

See www.midwestmarchforlife.com for more details • 816-754-6272

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



DIOCESE OF
Jefferson City

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.

COMPLETING THE HELIAS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS FOR
EVERY GENERATION OF CRUSADERS



SPIRIT OF
excellence

INSPIRING A COMMUNITY
OF SAINTS AND SCHOLARS

**LEARN MORE
AND GIVE NOW**



[HELIASCATHOLIC.COM/SPIRITOFEXCELLENCE](https://heliascatholic.com/spiritofexcellence)

ONWARD *together*

