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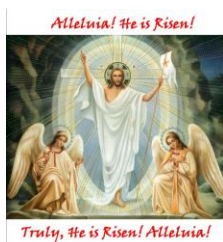
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EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

April 5, 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 5-12

Tuesday 7:45 am	Ida Schellman
Wednesday 7:45 am	Kelsey Heckemeyer
Thursday 7:45 am	Denis Plassmeyer
Friday 7:45 am	Virgil Kirkweg
Saturday 5:00 pm	People of our Parishes
Sunday 10:00 am	L&D Harry & Roberta Bexten Family
Sunday 1:00 pm	First Communicants

Your Sunday Offering	
Offertory Budget for 2025-2026	\$342,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End	\$256,500.00
Actual Collection for 2025-2026	\$288,373.86
Offertory Difference Year to Date	\$31,873.86
Offertory Goal for March	\$28,500.00

Collection in Church	
March 1	\$6,452.81
March 8	\$3,807.10
March 15	\$2,711.10
March 22	\$5,037.23
March 29	\$5,547.10
Collection Online	\$8,388.00
March Total to Date	\$31,943.34
Difference for March	+\$3,443.34

Saint Cecilia
Mass Schedule for the Week of April 5-12

Wednesday 6:30 pm	Lawrence Wansing
Sunday 8:00 am	Tony Libbert

Your Sunday Offering	
Offertory Budget for 2025-2026	\$70,000.00
Collection Total for 2025-2026	\$59,219.00
Offertory Goal per Month for March	\$5,833.33

Collection in Church	
March 1	\$1,185.00
March 8	\$1,196.00
March 15	\$1,365.00
March 22	\$1,200.00
March 29	\$ 912.00
March Total to Date	\$5,858.00
Difference for March	+\$24.67

WEEKDAY SERVERS:
Weekday: Hannah Tallent

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

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

Lector: Emilie Borgmeyer

Offertory Gifts – St. Thomas the Apostle

Holy Saturday	Ushers
Sunday 10:00 am	Family of Harry & Roberta Bexten
Sunday 1:00 pm	First Communicants

Offertory Gifts – St. Cecilia

Sunday	Family of Tony 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 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.
Thursday, April 9 – Carolyn Loethen & Pat (Andy) Luebbering **Thursday, April 16**-Courtney Luebbering & Elise Luebbering

Liturgical Role Schedule for April 11 & 12			
	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 8:00 AM	Sunday, 10:00 AM
Altar Servers	Buschjost, Ava Volmert, Jase Volmert, Johnathon Wooten, Evelyn	Bock, Eli Schroeder, Annaline	Luebbering, Isabella Luebbering, Jude Luebbering, Oliver Rackers, Emmett
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Boessen, Marshall Boessen, Lora Graessle, Barb	Rehagen, Dorothy Hagenhoff, Betty Even, Jennifer	Reinkemeyer, Lynne Luebbering, Ben Prenger, Glenn
Lector	Wooten, Amanda	Wansing, Don	Lueckenhoff, Larry
Rosary Leader: Divine Chaplet	Schanzmeyer, Janice	Rehagen, Dorothy	Lueckenhoff, Jim
Greeters/Ushers	Boessen, Keith Strope, Eric	Hagenhoff, Randy Stumpe, Mitch	Kliethermes, Keith Loethen, Mark
Music Ministry	Schroeder, Jeanette Kliethermes, Kelsey	Borgmeyer, Emilie	Prenger, Jackie Strope, Anne
Live Stream			Luebbering, Lauri
Count Collections		Plassmeyer, Dominic Plassmeyer, Mary	Henson, Sonya Wieberg, Millie
St. Thomas Church Cleaners	Buechter, Susan - Graessle, Barb - Henson, Sonya - Schell, Brenda		

First Communion Mass at 1:00 pm Music Ministry – Jackie Prenger and Jean Kliethermes

NOTE OF THANKS- Huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who supported and contributed to the bake sale for the Steubenville youth conference last weekend. Thanks to you all, the bake sale was a huge success. Your generosity is very appreciated!

PASTORS MEDITATION: EASTER SUNDAY 2026: HE IS NOT HERE, HE IS RISEN. (AA. 10:34, 37-43; or Col. 3:1-4 or 1Cor. 5: 6b-8; Jn. 20:1-9, 41; Mt. 28:1-10) Reasons why we believe in the Resurrection of Jesus

(1) Jesus himself testified to his Resurrection from the dead, giving it as a sign of his divinity. "Tear down this temple and in three days I will build it again" (Jn. 2: 19). (2) The tomb was empty on Easter Sunday (Lk 24:3). Although the guards claimed (Mt 28:13), that the disciples of Jesus had stolen the body, every sensible Jew knew that it would have been impossible for the terrified disciples of Jesus to steal the body of Jesus from a tomb guarded by an armed, 16-member Roman Guard detachment. (3) The initial disbelief of Jesus' own disciples in Jesus' Resurrection, despite His repeated apparitions, serves as a strong proof of his Resurrection. Their initial disbelief explains why the Apostles started preaching the Risen Christ only after receiving the anointing of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, the 50th after the Passover and Jesus death and burial. (4) The transformation of Jesus' disciples: Jesus' Resurrection and the anointing of the Holy Spirit transformed men who were hopeless and fearful after the crucifixion (Lk. 24:21, Jn. 20:19), into men who now were confident, bold witnesses to the Resurrection (Acts 2:24, 3:15, 4:2), powerfully preaching the Risen Lord. (5) Neither the Jews nor the Romans could disprove Jesus' Resurrection by presenting the dead body of Jesus. (6) The Apostles and early Christians would not have fearlessly preached Christ as Savior and faced martyrdom if they were not absolutely sure of Jesus' Resurrection. (7) The Apostle Paul's conversion from a persecutor of Christians to a zealous preacher of Jesus supports the truth of Jesus' Resurrection (Gal 1:11-17, Acts 9:1, Acts 9:24-25, Acts 26:15-18). (8) The sheer existence of a thriving, empire-conquering early Christian Church, bravely facing and surviving three centuries of persecution, supports the truth of the Resurrection claim. (9) The New Testament witnesses do not bear the stamp of dupes or deceivers. The Apostles and the early Christians were absolutely sure about the Resurrection of Jesus. So dear friends let us live the lives of Resurrection people: We are not supposed to lie buried in the tomb of our sins, evil habits, dangerous addictions, despair, discouragement or doubts. Instead, we are expected to live joyful and peaceful lives, constantly experiencing the living presence of the Risen Lord Who loves us in all the events of our lives and amid the boredom, suffering, pain, and tensions of our day-to-day living out of our Faith. 2) The conviction of the real presence of the Risen Lord with us, within us, and all around us, enables us to lead disciplined Christian lives. This conviction of Faith will help us to control our thoughts, desires, words, behavior and actions. 3) The salutary awareness of the presence of the Risen Lord within us as in a Tabernacle will inspire us to honor our bodies, keeping them holy, pure, and free from evil habits and addictions. Our conviction that the loving presence of the Risen Lord dwells in our neighbors and in all those we encounter, should encourage us to respect them and to render them loving, humble, and selfless service. 4) We need to become transparent Christians, radiating the Risen Lord around us in the form of selfless, sacrificial agape love, mercy, compassion, and the spirit of humble service. Each time we try to practice Christian charity, mercy, and forgiveness, and each time we fight against temptations, we share in the Resurrection of Jesus. May you have a blessed Easter time. **Fr. Leonard Mukiibi**

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.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE & ST. CECILIA YOUTH GROUP: April 8, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. St. Cecilia.

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 CEMETERY DUES: Dues are \$10.00 per family and \$5.00 per year for a single person. Also, anyone after their 21st birthday must pay their own dues of \$5.00. Members who are 80+ years old and who have been members for at least 15 years will be exempt from paying dues. Please note: Anyone falling in areas over 5 years must pay \$100.00 to rejoin plus current dues. Please put payment in the collection basket at St. Thomas the Apostle Church or St. Cecilia Church marked "St. Thomas Cemetery Dues" or mail to St. Thomas Cemetery Association, c/o Lisa Lackman, 2222 Upper Botto, Rd, St. Thomas, MO 65076. You may contact Lisa if you have any questions about your current or past dues at 573-338-2703.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL NEWS: No School, April 6 & 7 Easter Break. School resumes Wed., April 8

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. Thank you for your cooperation.

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.

THE OVER 50 GROUP will be meeting at the St Cecilia Parish Center on April 9, eating at noon. Please bring a covered dish, anything of your choice, to share with the group. Again, if you want to join for \$5.00 a year, you are most welcome.

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.

QUILTS, QUILT TOPS & VARIETY OF CRAFTS is Saturday, April 11, 8:00-12:00 (noon) at the St. Mary's School Hall, Frankenstein. Bake sale provided Frankenstein 4-H.

EASTER FLOWERS 2026. Please remember in your prayers these loved ones in whose names the EASTER FLOWERS have been provided in both St. Cecilia and St. Thomas the Apostle Parishes.

Conrad & Margaret Alberts	Mary Clark	Herman & Gertie Hoecker
Alfred & Francis Bax	Kenny Coleman	Leander & Betty Hoecker
Alfred Bax	Ruth Doerhoff	Leo Hoecker
Frances Bax	Daniel Dubbert	Sylvanus Hoecker
Jonanthan Bax	LaVerne Dubbert	Donna Hoeller
Judy Bax	Nettie Dubbert	Alphonse & Regina Holtmeyer
Marilyn Bax	Anna & Conrad Evers	Gary Holtmeyer
Matthew Bauer	Joyce Evers	George Holtmeyer
Martin & Margaret Bauer	Aaron Fennewald	L&D Conrad & Hedwig Holtmeyer Families
Herman & Anita Baumhoer	Kelly Forck	Joseph & Marie Holtmeyer
Frank & Patsy Baumhoer	Donald & Valda Forbis	Laverne Holtmeyer
Fred & Bertha Beck	Chris Garrison	Leo & Alma Holtmeyer
Don & Marian Becker	Mick Gilliam	Olie Holtmeyer
Louis A. & Anna Benne Families	Ben & Martina Goeller	Otto & Emma Holtmeyer
Alfred & Angelina Berhorst	Frank Goeller	Randy Holtmeyer
Gerard "Butch"& Joyce Blomberg	Helena & Frank Goeller	Raymond Holtmeyer
Henry & Alma Blomberg	Steven Gragert	Tammy Holtmeyer
Larry Bock	Tom Gragert	Terry Holtmeyer
L&D Louis & Elizabeth Bock Family	Glennon & Josephine Green	Viola Holtmeyer
David A. Boessen	Jimmy Green	Joe & Katie Holzer Families
James (Bimbo) Boessen	Mark Green	Mary Hosier
Monsignor Bernard Boessen	Sam & Christine Groner	Hope Luebbering Hulsey
Philip & Alma Boessen	Bob & Alice Guignon	Larry Idel
Frank Boehmer	Sam Hagan	Joseph & Mary Jaegers
Helen Branch	Wilhelmina Hamman	Norman & Delphine Jaegers
Christine Brand	Joe Hartmann	L&D Joe & Teresa Kaiser Families
Louis & Cecilia Brand	Fred & Lorene Heckemeyer	Anna & Ilde Kampeter
Stanley Brand	Alex & Joann Heckman	Anthony & Roger Kampeter
George Brooks	Lisa Heislen	Richard & Betty Kampeter
Albert & Alice Budnik	Gene Hendricks	Pat Kliegel
Ernie & Rosemary Buschjost	Veronica Hendricks	Alvin Kliethermes
Hank & Betty Castrop	Richard Hickman	Tom Kloeppe
	Ralph Hirschman	

Nolan Koenigsfeld	Paul Oligschlaeger	Henry & Agnes Strobe
Stanley & Sophie Lada	Elias Otto	Mark Leonard Strobe
Valda Lane	Francie Don Otto	Martha Strobe
Bonnie Libbert	Lawrence & Bernadine Otto	Stanley Strobe
Danny Libbert	Martha & Michael Otto	Dennis Struempf
Dennis Libbert	Norbert & Ella Otto	Larry Stumpe
Harold Libbert	Vic & Rita Otto	Carney Surface
Lionel & Arharta Libbert	Evelyn Ousley	Edward Surface
Sandy Libbert	Charles & Betty Peters	Andy & Celeste Suthoff
Tony Libbert	Albert Plassmeyer	David Suthoff
Rosemary Little	Denis Plassmeyer	Jim Suthoff
Clara Loethen	Louis & Regina Plassmeyer	Sam Suthoff
Delmer, Vince & Katie Loethen	Roman & Geneva Plassmeyer	Steve Suthoff
James Loethen	Jim Poettgen	Steve & Mable Tallent
Leonard & Joan Loethen	Oscar & Frieda Prenger	Joe & Mildred Taube
Tom (Butch) Loethen	Richard & Mary Ann Prenger	Mary Ann Turner
Thomas Sr	Rosemary Prenger	John Ullman
Mary A. Loethen	Shirley Prenger	Amy Lynn Veit
Melanie Long	Merle & Ruby Quiller	Clem Veit
August Luebbering	Alfred & James Raab	Dorothy Veit
Ben & Emma Luebbering Family	Carol Rackers	Gregory & Lucille Veit
Cassidy-Rae Luebbering	Margie Rackers	Harold Veit
Bob Luebbering	L&D Vernon Rackers Families	Joseph Veit
Debra Luebbering	Ray Radmacher	Justin Veit
Donald Luebbering	Irene Rehagen	Kelly Lynn Veit
Glenn P. Luebbering	Larry Rehagen	Rudolph & Josephine Veit
Harold Luebbering	Lawrence "Dick" Rehagen	Harold Veltrop
Herman & Agatha Luebbering	Brad Reinkemeyer	Al & Regina Verslues
Jeremy Luebbering	Jim, Bill & Anna Reinkemeyer	Charles Verslues
Jerome & Lucy Luebbering Families	Vince Reinkemeyer	Chuck Verslues
John & Minnie Luebbering	Leo & Marie Risse	Herb Verslues
Joe & Dorothy Luebbering	Tammy Rusk	Andrew & Loreen Volmert
Keith Luebbering	Lloyd & Florence Schaben	Ben & Minnie Volmert
Margaret Ann Luebbering	Philip & Charles Schaben	David Volmert
Millie Marie Luebbering	Francis & Marietta Schaefer	Herb & Imogene Volmert
Keith Luebbering	August & Clara Schanzmeyer	Kurt Volmert
Leo & Rose Luebbering	Karen Schanzmeyer	Leander "Curly" & Viola Volmert
Olivia Luebbering	John (Buddy) & Anna Marie Schell	Voss & Hurst Families
Ralph & Rosemary Luebbering	Anthony & Ida Schellman	George & Elizabeth Walther
Ray & Lorraine Luebbering	Alvin Schmidt	Charles "Chuck" Wankum
Reuben Luebbering	Dan Schmidt	Wilbert & Roselyn Wankum
Shirley Luebbering	William & Rose Schmidt	Brian Wansing
Steve Luebbering	Rick Schmidt	Clarence & Evelyn Wansing
Gerald Lueckenhoff	Rose Schmidt	James Wansing
Frank & Frances Lueckenhoff	Thomas & Mary Ann Schmidt	The Werdehausen Family
Harry Lueckenhoff	Tom & Clara Schmidt	Dan Wekenborg
Henry & Lucy Lueckenhoff	Helen Schnieders	Landon Whittle
Roger & Lorene Lueckenhoff	Sydney Schrag	Kenny (Muzz) Wieberg
Mary Jane & Kevin Lueckenotte	Frank & Stella Schroeder	Karen Koepfel Wieberg
Clete Matheisen	Nolan Schroeder	Rachel Wieberg
Susan Mertens	Brenda Schulte	Roman Wieberg Jr.
Marsha Meyer	Mike Schulte	Roman Sr. & Mary W, Wieberg
Eleanor Moeller	Rita Schuttenburg	Paul & Mathilda Wilbers
Curt Morris	Joe & Antonia Schwartz	Frank & Eleanor Wilde
Mark Oligschlaeger	Richard Schwartz	Victor Wilde
Lawrence & Ursuline Oligschlaeger	John & Lucy Sommerhauser	Cody Wilson
	Bernard & Betty Stegeman	John Wintz
	Celestine & Jr. Stegeman	Gabriel & Theresa Wolken
	John & Bernice Stokes	Philip Wolken
		Chris Wood

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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