

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

St. Cecilia
in Meta

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PO Box 146
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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 15, 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 February 15-22

Tuesday 7:45 am	Tom, Clara & Dan Schmidt
Ash Wednesday – 7:45 am	Rose Schmidt
Ash Wednesday 5:00 pm	L & D Virgil Kirkweg Family
Thursday 7:45 am	Harold Luebbering
Thursday – after Mass	Stations of the Cross
Friday – 7:45 am	Betty Hoecker
Friday – 6:30 pm	Stations of the Cross
Saturday 5:00 pm	People of our Parishes
Sunday 10:00 am	James & Margaret Cassmeyer

Your Sunday Offering	
Offertory Budget for 2025-2026	\$342,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End	\$228,000.00
Actual Collection for 2025-2026	\$246,426.90
Offertory Difference Year to Date	\$18,426.90
Offertory Goal for February	\$28,500.00

Collection in Church	
February 1	\$7,760.81
February 8	\$5,670.20
February 15	
February 22	

Collection Online	\$6,855.50
February Total to Date	\$20,286.51
Difference for February	-\$8,213.49

Saint Cecilia
Mass Schedule for the Week of February 15-22

Ash Wednesday 7:00 pm	Lawrence Wansing
Sunday 8:00 am	James Wansing

Your Sunday Offering	
Offertory Budget for 2025-2026	\$70,000.00
Collection Total for 2025-2026	\$50,647.00
Offertory Goal per Month for February	\$5,833.33

Collection in Church	
February 1	\$2,065.00
February 8	\$1,765.00
February 15	
February 22	

February Total to Date	\$3,830.00
Difference for February	-\$2,003.33

WEEKDAY SERVERS:

Weekday: Aliyah Buechter & 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 Ushers
Sunday Family of James & Margaret Cassmeyer

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia & Lector
Wednesday see table
Lector: see table

Offertory Gifts – St. Cecilia
Sunday Family of James Wansing

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/scrif 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 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.

Thursday, February 19 -Sandy Kliegel & Jean Kliethermes

Thursday, February 26-Carla Kroll & Sharlet Kroll

Liturgical Role Schedule for Ash Wednesday: Wednesday February 18

	Wed 7:45 AM	Wed 7:00 PM	Wed 5:00 PM
Altar Servers	School	Schroeder, Jesse Schroeder, Tucker	PSR
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	School	Stumpe, Doris Hagenhoff, Betty Even, Jennifer	PSR
Lector	School	Helton, Samantha	PSR
Rosary Leader Sorrowful		Rehagen, Dorothy	PSR
Music Ministry		Borgmeyer, Emilie	Prenger, Jackie Kliethermes, Jean
Live Stream			Luebbering, Lauri

Liturgical Role Schedule for February 21 & 22

	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 8:00 AM	Sunday, 10:00 AM
Altar Servers	Akin, Noah Christian, Austyn Christian, Kaycie Reynolds, Jacob	Schroeder, Jesse Schroeder, Tucker	Lackman, Virgil Tallent, Hannah Tallent, Levi Verslues, Max
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Boessen, Marshall Boessen, Lora Reynolds, Andrea	Stumpe, Doris Even, Jennifer Libbert, Pam	Schroeder, Jennifer Reinkemeyer, Lynne Luebbering, Ben
Lector	Lackman, Lisa	Stumpe, Doris	Schroeder, Jennifer
Rosary Leader - Sorrowful	Herigon, Dale	Borgmeyer, Cathy	Schroeder, Jennifer
Greeters/Ushers	Boessen, Mark Akin, Phil	Stumpe, Mitch Schulte, Leonard	Verslues, Ezekiel Verslues, Shane
Music Ministry	Schroeder, Jeanette Schroeder, Judy	Prenger, Jackie	Stockman, Alanna Luebbering, Doug
Live Stream			Schellman, Jennifer
Count Collections		Helton, Dale Helton, Margie	Kliethermes, Jean Kliethermes, Keith
St. Thomas Church Cleaners	Buschjost, Charlene - Buschjost, Randy - Lueckenhoff, Janet - Lueckenhoff, Jim		

LENTEN REGULATIONS: As another Lenten journey of conversion begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18 and ends with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, April 2, the Catholic Church calls all Catholics to a deeper spirit of penance, fasting, alms giving and prayer, "which express conversion in relation to oneself, to God, and to others" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, nos. 1434 and 1969). To foster a greater spirit of penance, reparation for sin, to encourage self-denial, which guide us more closely in the footsteps of Christ, the Church reminds us of the following obligations of fast and abstinence during Lent and also admonishes us all to deeper prayer and worship.

Abstinence: All who have celebrated their 14th birthday are bound to abstain from meat on **Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent and Good Friday.**

Fasting: Everyone, from the celebration of their 18th birthday to their 59th birthday, is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting means eating only one full meal each day. Two other partial meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken; but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed.

Voluntary fasting on other weekdays of Lent is highly recommended. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, neither the law of fasting nor the law of abstinence obliges. These are minimal penitential practices and should not be lightly excused. If in doubt, please consult your parish priest. Other recommended forms of fasting, as regards alcoholic drinks, needless television, video games, Internet use, and social entertainment, are of true spiritual value and strongly encouraged.

Almsgiving: The act of giving to the poor, in the most ancient tradition of the Church, is an expression of penance, a witness of fraternal charity, and an expression of Lenten conversion. Catholics are encouraged to support generously the charitable works of the whole Church: through regular stewardship to their parish and support of charities.

Prayer: To deepen one's love for Christ, Catholics are urged to participate in the sacramental life of the Church during Lent by attending daily Mass and frequenting the sacrament of Reconciliation.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT: Stations of the Cross will be held Thursday mornings following the 7:45 am Mass beginning February 19 and Fridays at St. Thomas the Apostle 6:30 pm beginning February 20. Stations of the Cross will be held Wednesday's at 6:00 pm before the 6:30 pm Mass at St. Cecilia beginning February 25.

MAGNIFICAT LENTEN COMPANION BOOKLETS are in the entrances of both Churches. **OPERATION RICE BOWL:** Operation Rice Bowl is a faith in action program that helps us experience Lenten spirituality by living in solidarity with people in need around the world. **About 25% of the money raised stays in our Diocese.** Be sure to pick up your cardboard Rice Bowl in the entrances of both Churches.

CONFIRMATION PRAYER PARTNERS: On March 26, we will be confirming 30 students from St. Thomas and St. Cecilia. Praying daily for these students is one of the most impactful things our Parish can do. On February 7 and 8, we had the names of the students printed on Doves and posted on a bulletin board in the side entrance of St. Thomas Church. Each student will have two Doves for parishioners to take and pray for them during their Confirmation journey. Thank you to Rosalyn Wieberg for coordinating the Prayer Partners.

ST. CECILIA PARISHIONERS: St. Cecilia is in the process of setting up auto transfer for monthly tithing to St. Cecilia Church. If anyone is interested in contributing monthly to St. Cecilia for their tithing electronically from their bank account to St. Cecilia through ACH, please contact Doris Stumpe. There is a form that needs to be filled out and signed by each parishioner in order for the transfer to be done. The form will be on St. Cecilia's website eventually. If you have access to the internet you can print off the form and fill out. If anyone wants their giving statement put in the back of St. Cecilia Church or email them, please let Doris know. **DEADLINE IS MARCH 1, 2026.** Any questions, please feel free to reach out to Doris Stumpe by email at dstumpeoffice@gmail.com or cell phone 573-619-6125.

ST. CECILIA PPC MEETING is Tuesday, February 17, 6:30 pm.

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: February 16 – No School PreK-8.
Home & School Meeting – Tuesday, February 17, 6:30 p.m.

2026 WILLIAM H. (BILL) SIMON SCHOLARSHIP: The Diocese of Jefferson City is pleased to offer our parish families college scholarship opportunities through a generous donation from the family of William H. (Bill) Simon, funding is available to high school seniors or current college students with financial needs who commit to practicing their faith. The deadline to apply is March 27. Find eligibility details and application at diojeffcity.org/scholarships

A LIVING FAITH – YOUNG ADULTS LENTEN BIBLE STUDY – AGES 18-40 SOMETHING: Uncovering the practical steps to participate with God and his Church to experience a living faith. Discussion & Catechesis, Thursdays 2/19-3/26, 6:00-8:00 pm St. Joseph Cathedral, Cana Hall. Please contact Jared Horban (574) 400-9100.

VITAE FOUNDATION ANNUAL PRO-LIFE LUNCH & DINNER is Thursday, March 26 at the Capital Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City. Keynote speaker Riley Gaines, NCAA Swimmer & Advocate for Women. For information or questions re: attendance/table sponsor etc., please contact Jenn Hammann at jenn.hammann@vitaefoundation.org

LADIES AUXILIARY INFORMATION: Our next social will be Tuesday Feb 17 at the KC hall. Come anytime after 6. Bring your own drink and a snack to share with others for good food and fellowship! Also please consider making a dessert for the knights of Columbus fish fry on Feb 27. Items can be dropped off at the parish hall anytime after 4:00. We also are looking for a few people to help serve desserts at the fish fry. If interested, please let Brooke know (573-694-8753).

MEN OF ST. THOMAS AND ST. CECILIA PARISHES: You are invited to join the Men of Signum Crucis at our next gathering, which begins at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 18, at Helias Catholic High School in Jefferson City. As we always do in February, we will gather to celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in fraternity. Since our gathering date this month falls on Ash Wednesday, ashes will also be distributed. Feel free to come early to pray the Rosary at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel. Refreshments and fraternity in the Commons will follow the celebration of the Mass. We hope you can come every or any third Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. to deepen your knowledge of and devotion to our faith in fellowship with the best men in mid-Missouri. The mission of the Men of Signum Crucis is to provide Fraternity through Catholic Study, Devotion, and Service. For more information about the Men of Signum Crucis, contact Jeff Cassmeyer at 573-690-7546, or visit us at www.menofsignumcrucis.com.

COR GATHERING FOR CATHOLIC MEN: All Catholic men are invited to attend our next **COR gathering on Tuesday, February 24, at 7:00 PM** at the **K of C 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 **Sacramental Life**, exploring how the sacraments strengthen us in our daily callings as men, husbands, fathers, and disciples. The evening includes prayer, a video presentation, group discussion, and fellowship. **Bring a friend** and grow together in faith and brotherhood.

THE CITIZEN'S CIVIC LEAGUE OF META is sponsoring a Blood drive on February 19, between the hours of 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm. There is a severe shortage of blood. Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: CivicLeagueMeta to schedule an appointment. Give blood 1/26-2/28 for a \$20 e-gift card to your choice of merchant.

ST. MARGARET'S PARISH, OSAGE BEND FISH FRY is Friday, February 20, serving catfish filets, hush puppies, baked potatoes, French fries, baked beans and cole slaw from 5:00-8:00 pm. Adults \$14.00, children 6-12 \$6.00. Carry-outs \$14.00 per plate.

ST. ELIZABETH KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY is Friday, February 20, 3:30-7:00 pm, St. Elizabeth Community Center. \$12.00 per person, All you can eat, dine in or carry out.

ST. MICHAEL PARISH, RUSSELLVILLE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRIES are February 20, March 6 & 20, serving catfish filets, coleslaw, fried & boiled potatoes, baked beans, mac & cheese & dessert, from 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm. Adults \$14, children 7-12 - \$6.00 in the Parish Hall.

ST. ANTHONY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST is Sunday, February 22, serving sausage, biscuits & gravy, scrambled eggs and applesauce from 7:30 am -11:30 am. Adults \$12.00, children 6-12 \$6.00. Dine in or carry outs available.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN (BABBTOWN) CHURCH, CHILI OR SOUP is Sunday, February 22, serving chili, chili dogs, hot dogs, chicken noodle soup, cinnamon rolls and desserts from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm

LENTEN FISH FRIES EVERY FRIDAY IN LENT, INCLUDING GOOD FRIDAY, 11:00-1:00 pm, \$15 per plate, fish, fries, slaw and dessert at the American Legion Post 5, 1423 Tanner Bridge Rd.

ARGYLE VFW POST 8045 ANNUAL BREAKFAST is Sunday, February 15, from 7:30 AM to 11:30AM, serving sausage, scrambled eggs, biscuits & gravy, hash browns and coffee cake at the VFW Post Home in Argyle. \$13.00 per meal. This event is Drive Thru, Carry Out, with seating available.

WESTPHALIA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SOCCER is conducting spring soccer sign ups through google forms. Players ages 3-14 are welcome! Please sign up by February 15. Please email wkcsooccerclub@gmail.com to receive a link to the form or if you have questions. The link is *2026 Spring soccer registration form*

SAVE THE DATES: Friday, February 27, K of C Fish Fry, St. Thomas Parish Center
 Thursday, March 26, Confirmation at St. Thomas the Apostle Church
 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

St. Thomas Cemetery Association – Financial Statement for Year Ending December 31, 2025

Checking Account	
Beginning Balance (1-1-25)	\$2,199.30
Deposits	\$4,350.00
Disbursements	(812.07)
Ending Balance (12-31-25)	\$5,737.23
Savings Account	
Beginning Balance (1-1-25)	\$18,725.83
Deposits (Interest)	\$18.73
	\$18,744.46
Income & Expenses	
Membership dues	\$3,290.00
Donations	\$1,060.00
	\$4,350.00
Repairs/Maintenance	\$812.07
Total Expenses	\$812.07
Net Income (Loss)	\$3,537.93

ST. THOMAS FISH FRY



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL # 2149



- Gluten Free Hand-breaded Fish fillets
- Hushpuppies (Not Gluten Free)
- Baked potatoes
- French fries
- Baked beans
- Coleslaw
- Dessert

All You Care to Eat

Adults: \$14

Dine In or Carry Out

Children: \$6

5 & younger: free

February 27, 2026

4:30-7:00 pm

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH CENTER ST. THOMAS, MO 65076

St. Thomas Knights of Columbus Fish Fry Work List

Friday, February 27, 2026

St. Thomas Parish Center

Serving 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Chairmen: Norbert Veit & Bill Lueckenhoff

Fish Fryers 3:00 to 7:00

Chairman: Norbert Veit

Scott Veit	Marlan Schaefer
Glenn Prenger	Marc Rackers
Shane Verslues	Scott Rademan
Jason Volmert	Chad Luebbering
Jon Luebbering	Frank Veltrop
Nick Luebbering	Cody Luebbering
Craig Buechter	Anthony Luebbering

Cashiers & 50/50

Joe Buschjost, Chairman

4:15-5:45

Tom Kliegel
Gary Luebbering

5:45 to End

Alan Holtmeyer
Dustin Pohl
Phil Luebbering

Juice, Coffee, and Tea 4:30 – 7:00

Artie Buschjost
Mike Buschjost
Michael Luebbering

Serving Line 4:15 – 7:00

Bob Buschjost	John Christian
Paul Struempf	Norman Otto
Mark Loethen	

Bus Tables 5:00 to 7:00

Fred Luebbering
Jarrett Luebbering
Mike Luebbering
Stefan Cassmeyer

Serving Seconds 4:30 – 7:00

Doug Stockman	Bill Luebbering
Kelly Stewart	

Clean Up 7:00 to End

Chairman: Myron Luebbering

Joe Twehus	Sam Schell
Mason Luebbering	Isaac Prenger
T. J. Loethen	Kevin Volmert
Phil Akin	Ryan Wieberg
Jeffrey Libbert	Jacob Graessle

Dishwashers 6:00 to End

Matt Lackman	Keith Buechter
Paul Lackman III	Brendan Stumpe
Jason Lueckenhoff	Alex Schroeder
Brent Verhoff	Justin Buechter
Zac Stockman	Adam Schell

Kitchen Help

Dick Schellman
Randy Buschjost
Jason Buschjost
Greg Luebbering

General Help 5:00 – 7:00

Mark Graessle	Jeff Pabst
Curt Goeller	Leon Luebbering
Donnie Otto	

Carry Out Dinners 4:30 to 7:00

Gilbert Schellman	Rob Henson
Bob Schellman	Simon Strobe
Cash McManus	Brian Lackman
Keith Kliethermes	Michael Wooten

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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