

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 OF EASTER

May 10, 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 May 10-17

Tuesday 7:45 am	Ray, Sally & Sam Herigon
Wednesday 7:45 am	L&D Virgil Kirkweg Family
Thursday 7:45 am	L&D Sylvanus Hoecker Fam.
Friday 7:45 am	Dianne Herigon
Saturday 5:00 pm	L&D Gregory & Lucille Veit Family
Sunday 10:00 am	James & Margaret Cassmeyer

Your Sunday Offering

Offertory Budget for 2025-2026	\$342,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End	\$313,500.00
Actual Collection for 2025-2026	\$328,898.56
Offertory Difference Year to Date	\$15,398.56
Offertory Goal for May	\$28,500.00

Collection in Church

May 3	\$7,890.10
May 10	
May 17	
May 24	
May 31	

Collection Online

	\$6,795.50
May Total to Date	\$14,685.60
1Difference for May	-\$13,814.40

Saint Cecilia
Mass Schedule for the Week of May 10-17

Wednesday 6:30 pm	Bill, Frank & John Koehler
Sunday 8:00 am	People of our Parishes

Your Sunday Offering

Offertory Budget for 2025-2026	\$70,000.00
Collection Total for 2025-2026	\$66,739.00
Offertory Goal per Month for May	\$5,833.33

Collection in Church

May 3	\$1,029.00
May 10	
May 17	
May 24	
May 31	

May Total to Date

	\$1,029.00
Difference for May	-\$4,804.33

WEEKDAY SERVERS:

Weekday: Allie Siebeneck

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: Cathy
Borgmeyer

Offertory Gifts – St. Thomas the Apostle

Saturday 5:00 pm	Family of Gregory & Lucille Veit
Sunday 10:00 am	Family of James & Margaret Cassmeyer

Offertory Gifts – St. Cecilia

Sunday	Ushers
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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.

Liturgical Role Schedule for May 16 & 17			
	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 8:00 AM	Sunday, 10:00 AM
Altar Servers	Fennewald, Emerald Fennewald, Georgia Volmert, Jase Volmert, Johnathon	Stegeman, Kambrie Stegeman, Matthew	Lackman, Virgil Libbert, Jayden Prenger, Emmary Rackers, Emmett
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Carter, Jan Stockman, Alanna Kliethermes, Keith	Rehagen, Dorothy Plassmeyer, Dominic Plassmeyer, Mary	Reinkemeyer, Lynne Prenger, Matt Schroeder, Jennifer
Lector	Brand, Mary Kay	Rehagen, Dorothy	Reinkemeyer, Alan
Rosary Leader: Glorious	Herigon, Dale	Borgmeyer, Cathy	Lueckenhoff, Janet
Greeters/Ushers	Wooten, Michael Strope, Eric	Schulte, Leonard Stumpe, Mitch	Reinkemeyer, Alan Stockman, Zac
Music Ministry	Schroeder, Jeanette Kliethermes, Jean	Hurst, Lydia	Prenger, Jackie Strope, Anne
Live Stream			Wieberg, Dunja
Count Collections		Helton, Dale Helton, Margie	Schroeder, Jennifer Wieberg, Dunja
St. Thomas Church Cleaners	Buechter, Susan - Graessle, Barb - Henson, Sonya - Schell, Brenda		

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: Please join the Gene and Mary Pat Luebbering family for an open house on May 17 from 2:00-5:00 pm at the St Thomas KC Hall to celebrate their 60TH wedding anniversary.

PASTORS MEDITATION: 6th SUNDAY OF EASTER: THE PARACRETE, ANOTHER HELPER. (AA. 8:5-8, 14-17, 1Pt. 3:15-18, Jn. 14:15-21) Jesus promises the Holy Spirit to his apostles. Today's readings explain who the Holy Spirit is, what His roles are, and how we can experience Him in our daily lives. We Christians have the stamina given by the Holy Spirit and training by parents, teachers and well-wishers, but the question is whether or not we use all this to conquer temptations, avoid sin and practice virtues. The first reading describes how the Holy Spirit helped Philip, the Deacon, to preach powerfully and convert the Samaritans in large numbers, and how the Holy Spirit helped Peter and John, giving them a fresh anointing. In the second reading, Peter shows us that the Holy Spirit makes it possible for believers to live God-fearing lives in the midst of opposition and persecution. Today's Gospel, taken from the "Last Supper Discourse," describes the gift of the Holy Spirit which Jesus is going to give his disciples who obey his commandment of love. Thus, the faithful believers will have the indwelling of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit in their souls. Role of the Holy Spirit: As the Divine Advocate, the Holy Spirit will instruct us in Jesus' doctrines and illuminate our minds to receive deeper knowledge of our Faith. The Divine Advocate will enable us to defend our Faith powerfully when needed. He will guide us in the proper practice of true Christian love by enabling us to recognize Jesus in the poor, in the sick, in the homeless, in the marginalized, in the outcast, in the drug addicts, and even in the criminals, and so to become agents of healing and reconciliation in a broken and divided world. Therefore friends we need to welcome the Holy Spirit, allow Him to act in us, and seek His help every day for our steady growth in spiritual life: To conquer temptations from our habitual sins and to avoid the near occasions of these and other sins. To remove the blocks caused by our addictions, evil habits, and from the various forms of abuse which we suffered in our early life, preventing our spiritual growth. To discern and recognize the presence of Jesus in all the people we meet during the day and to offer them humble, loving service. To become agents of reconciliation and healing to others in our family and this community, by asking forgiveness from those we have offended, and graciously granting forgiveness to those who continue to hurt our feelings and ill-treat us. **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. CECILIA PRAYER LINE REQUESTS can be made by calling Katie Lueckenotto at 573-229-4318 or 573-619-6454.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PRAYER LINE REQUESTS should be emailed to Theresa Veit at tveitoffice@gmail.com or by calling 573-418-7301.

HOLY COMMUNION 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.

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION is Tuesday, May 12, 7:00 pm, St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

ST. CECILIA: Easter Lily plants are available for anyone who would like to plant them at home.

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:

Monday, May 11 -Field Day

Wednesday, May 13 – Last Day of School, Awards after Mass, 11:05 dismissal PreK-7

SILENT AUCTION: St. Thomas the Apostle School will be hosting a Spring Silent Auction in April of 2027. We will be taking donations next spring. Just putting the date out in case donors need to start making or preparing items now.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PRESCHOOL: If you have a child, ages 3 or 4 and have been thinking about preschool, please call Lizzie Linhardt, lilinhart@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.

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.

THE NEXT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING is Tuesday, May 12, 7:00 p.m. A rosary will be prayed at 6:45 pm. Please read the May newsletter attached to the bulletin.

PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND AND CENTRAL EUROPE: March 1 - 16, 2027 with Fr. Matthew Flatley. **Walk Where Saints Walked; A Journey of Divine Mercy: Poland, Prague, Vienna.** John Paul II, Black Madonna, St. Faustina, Infant Jesus of Prague. Rediscover the beauty of the Church and the depth of God's mercy. To learn more call Fr. Matt @ 573-202-3590 or e-mail: mflatley@diojeffcity.org to receive a full color brochure. We will gather for an information night at IC-n-JC on Wed June 10, 2026 @ 6 pm.

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.

BREAKING THE SILENCE OF ABUSE: As a Diocese, we are committed to breaking the silence of abuse. When someone is reporting abuse, we must acknowledge their pain and how difficult it is to talk about it. False allegations are very rare. Our initial response to someone who is disclosing abuse for the first time must be compassionate. For those who need to report abuse, encourage them to contact our Victims Assistance Coordinator, Jacqueline Baldwin, (573-694-3199) and to make use of the appropriate State of Missouri hotline (1-800-392-3738) or the Attorney General's clergy abuse online form. All of this information is also on our website, under the 'report abuse' tab. For those who want information or want to convey a message to Bishop McKnight, please encourage them to write to us at reportabuse@diojeffcity.org

RECOGNIZING OUR 2026 GRADUATES: If you are a 2026 graduate or promotion (elementary, high school, college, or technical school), please let us know by emailing or calling the school office at 573-477-3322 or the Parish Office, Tuesday mornings (8:00-11:30 am) or Wednesday's (8:00 am to 4:30 pm) 573-477-3315. The names will be published in the May 24 bulletin.

THE OVER 50 group will be gathering for our monthly get together on Thursday, May 14 at the St Cecilia parish center, eating at noon. Plan to join us, bringing a covered dish and having an enjoyable afternoon. New members are always welcome, costing \$5.00 per year dues.

ST. CECILIA CEMETERY annual assessment is due in the Month of May, \$5 per person age 21 to 75. Please use provided envelope or write St Cecilia Cemetery on a plain envelope and place in collection.

ST. CECILIA CEMETERY: Please remove all flowers, arrangements, etc from in front of the stones during grass cutting season. Thank you for your cooperation.

CIVIC LEAGUE CLEAN-UP DAY: Civic League clean-up day is May 17 at 10:00 a.m. All help is welcomed and encouraged. Various clean-up tasks need to be completed, such as pressure washing the building, cleaning gutters, dusting, scrubbing floors, cleaning windows, and other general indoor clean-up. Thanks in advance for your time and help!

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.

BLAIR OAKS BLOOD DRIVE: The blood drive is scheduled to take place on May 11 at the Blair Oaks Middle School, from 1:30pm to 5:30 pm. We are partnering with the Red Cross, and all eligible donors are welcome and encouraged to participate. As we collect more blood at this donation, multiple students at Blair Oaks will receive scholarship money.

SAVE THE DATES: Sunday, July 12 – St. Cecilia Parish Picnic
Totus Tuus - St. Stanislaus Parish - July 12 through July 17
St. Thomas the Apostle 30th Annual Fall Fantasy – Saturday, November 7, 2026

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 or contact Helias+ Catholic President Ron Vossen at rvossen@heliascatholic.com or 573-635-6139.

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