

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

St. Cecilia
in Meta

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PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 24, 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 24-31

Monday, 9:00 am	All Souls (Cemetery, weather permitting or in Church)
Tuesday 7:45 am	No Mass
Wednesday 7:45 am	No Mass, Summer schedule
Thursday 7:45 am	Sylvanus Hoecker
Friday 7:45 am	Joann Heckman
Saturday 5:00 pm	People of our Parishes
Sunday 10:00 am	L&D Knights of Columbus

Saint Cecilia
Mass Schedule for the Week of May 24-31

Wednesday 6:30 pm	Roger Borgmeyer
Sunday 8:00 am	Lionel, Arharta, Bonnie & Sandy Libbert

Your Sunday Offering
Offertory Budget for 2025-2026 \$342,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End \$313,500.00
Actual Collection for 2025-2026 \$338,065.50
Offertory Difference Year to Date \$24,565.50
Offertory Goal for May \$28,500.00

Your Sunday Offering
Offertory Budget for 2025-2026 \$70,000.00
Collection Total for 2025-2026 **\$69,064.00**
Offertory Goal per Month for May \$5,833.33

Collection in Church
May 3 \$7,890.10
May 10 \$4,330.44
May 17 \$3,304.00
May 24
May 31

Collection in Church
May 3 \$1,029.00
May 10 \$1,649.00
May 17 \$ 676.00
May 24
May 31

Collection Online \$8,328.00
May Total to Date **\$23,852.54**
Difference for May -\$4,647.46

May Total to Date \$3,354.00
Difference for May -\$2,479.33

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle

Tuesday 7:25 am	No Mass
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 – Cathy Borgmeyer – Glorious

Lector: Emilie Borgmeyer

Offertory Gifts – St. Thomas the Apostle

Saturday 5:00 pm	Ushers
Sunday 10:00 am	Knights of Columbus Members

Offertory Gifts – St. Cecilia

Sunday	Family of Lionel, Arharta, Bonnie & Sandy 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.

Liturgical Role Schedule for May 30 & 31			
	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 8:00 AM	Sunday, 10:00 AM
Altar Servers	Otto, Benjamin Otto, Haddie Otto, Luke Verslues, Max	Schroeder, Jesse Schroeder, Tucker	Buechter, Aliyah Buechter, Gavin Libbert, Cadyn Sandbothe, Gabriel
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Becker, Jenny Becker, Paul Lueckenhoff, Linda	Stumpe, Doris Rehagen, Dorothy Hagenhoff, Betty	Knights of, Columbus
Lector	Becker, Jenny	Hagenhoff, Betty	Knights of, Columbus
Rosary Leader: Glorious	Herigon, Dale	Plassmeyer, Mary	Knights of, Columbus
Greeters/Ushers	Verslues, Ezekiel Verslues, Shane	Hagenhoff, Randy Schulte, Leonard	Knights of, Columbus
Music Ministry	Schroeder, Jeanette Brand, Mary Kay	Hurst, Lydia	Prenger, Jackie Luebbering, Doug
Live Stream			Luebbering, Lauri
Count Collections		Helton, Dale Helton, Margie	Kliethermes, Jean Kliethermes, Keith
St. Thomas Church Cleaners	Boessen, Lora – Buechter – Darrel – Heckemeyer, Richard & Jan		

FLOCKNOTE: St. Thomas the Apostle Parish will be purchasing Flocknote to be able to send texts and emails to parishioners. We are requesting all parishioners to please update your email and cell phone number so we have the most up-to-date information for each parishioner. Please use the Contact Information Form on the Parish Website - <http://www.stthomasapostle.net/contact-information.html> or call or text Theresa at the Parish Office or (573) 418-7301.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH OFFICE will be closed on Tuesday, May 26 but will be open on Thursday, May 28 from 8 to 11 am.

MEMORIAL DAY MASS will be celebrated Monday, May 25, St. Thomas the Apostle Cemetery, weather permitting. In case of inclement weather, Mass will be celebrated in Church.

ST. CECILIA HOLY HOUR & ANOINTING OF THE SICK is Friday, May 29, 7:00 pm St. Cecilia Church.

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION is Tuesday, May 26, 7:00 pm St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION: There will be a procession on the St. Thomas Parish complex after the 10:00 Mass on June 7. First Communion students from this year are especially invited to participate and may wear First Communion outfits.

PASTORS MEDITATION: Pentecost Sunday: RECREATED AND RECONCILED IN THE SPIRIT (AA. 2:1-11; 1Cor. 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn. 20:19-23) Pentecost literally means 50th. It is a feast celebrated even now by Jews on the 50th day after the Passover feast and by Christians on the 50th day after the feast of the Resurrection of Jesus by Christians. The Jewish Pentecost was originally a post-harvest thanksgiving feast. Later, the Jews included in it the remembrance of God's Covenants with Noah after the Deluge and with Moses at Mt. Sinai On the day of Pentecost: The Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles and the Blessed Virgin Mary as tongues of fire. The frightened apostles were transformed into fiery preachers and evangelizers and were given the gift of tongues by a special anointing of the Holy Spirit. The listeners experienced a fresh anointing of the Holy Spirit through the apostles' gift of tongues: they heard Peter speaking in their native languages. The early Christians became powerful witnesses and brave martyrs for their Faith in Jesus. The role of the Holy Spirit in Christian life: As an indwelling God, the Holy Spirit makes us His Living Temples (1Cor. 3:16). As a strengthening God, He strengthens us in our fight against temptations and in our mission of bearing witness to Christ by our transparent Christian lives. As a sanctifying God, He makes us holy through the Sacraments: a) Through Baptism He makes us children of God and heirs of Heaven. b) Through Confirmation, He makes us temples of God, warriors, and defenders of the Faith. c) Through the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Last Anointing, He enables us to be reconciled with God by pardoning our sins. d) Through the Sacrifice and Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, He gives us spiritual nourishment by changing bread and wine into Jesus' Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity, through Epiclesis. e) Through the Sacraments of the priesthood (Ordination) and matrimony (Marriage), He makes the Church community holy. As a teaching and guiding God, He clarifies and constantly reminds us of Christ's teachings and guides the Magisterium of the Church in presenting Christ's teachings correctly. As a listening and speaking God, He listens to our prayers, enables us to pray, and speaks to us, mainly through the Bible. As a Giver of gifts, He pours out on us His gifts, fruits, and charisms, thus enriching the Church. So friends, we need to permit the Holy Spirit to take control of our lives: by constantly remembering His Holy Presence and behaving well; by praying for His daily anointing so that we may fight against our temptations and control our evil tendencies, evil habits, and addictions; by asking His daily assistance to pray, listening to God through meditative Bible reading, and talking to Him in personal, family, and liturgical prayers; and by asking the help of the Holy Spirit to do good for others and to be reconciled with God and others every day. **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

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.

PSR REGISTRATION is open for all students entering Kindergarten through 12th grade. You can register your students using the link provided or you can go on our website and complete the form on the website. Please complete the form by August 1. For students entering K-7 parents please contact Barbara Graessle at 573-680-2954. Students entering 8th grade can contact Samantha Helton at 573-469-8649. <https://forms.gle/6x9TmTE8zmZzicm17>

PSR TEACHERS NEEDED: If you would like to help educate our young students by assisting with PSR, we are looking for PSR teachers. It works well if we receive several volunteers and tag teach every other week or 2 weeks on and 2 weeks off. If you have any interest, please contact Barbara Graessle, 573-680-2954.

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 veitoffice@gmail.com or by calling 573-418-7301.

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.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PICNIC QUILT AUCTION: If you have a baby quilt or t-towels for our parish picnic auction, please call Diane Lueckenhoff, 573-645-5794 or Charlene Buschjost, 573-690-9098 by June 1, 2026

COR GATHERING FOR CATHOLIC MEN: All Catholic men are invited to attend our next COR gathering on Tuesday, May 26 at 7:00 PM at the Wardsville/Osage Bend KofC Hall. COR, meaning "heart" and rooted in *courage*, centers on prayer, formation, and fraternity. This month we conclude the *Into the Breach* series with our final session, "The Cornerstone." Together, we will reflect on building our lives firmly on Christ as the foundation of authentic manhood, leadership, and faith. The evening includes prayer, a video presentation, group discussion, and fellowship. Bring a friend and join us for this powerful conclusion to the series.

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 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.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2026 GRADUATES FROM ST. CECILIA & ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISHES!

CONGRATULATIONS to the St. Thomas the Apostle Preschool Graduates: Dakota Buechter, Ethan Buechter, Shaylee Buechter, Katherine Lackman, Evelyn Luebbering, Garrett Otto, Weston Otto, Tessa Rademan, Carson Siebeneck, Wayne VanderFeltz, Hunter Wieberg, Axel Williams

CONGRATULATIONS to our Grade School Promotions & High School Graduates:

St. Thomas the Apostle 8th Grade: Ava Buschjost, Austyn Christian, Addyson Heckman, Cadyn Libbert, Cami Libbert, Chloe Libbert, Carmen Luebbering, Isabella Luebbering, Benjamin Otto, Kambrie Stegeman, Jacob Stewart, Hannah Tallent, Victoria Wieberg

Helias High School: Samantha Christian, Alex Loethen, Claire Morris

8th Grade Blair Oaks: Sam Green, Laci Libbert

Blair Oaks High School: Alaina Adams, Belle Boessen, Philip Boessen, Olivia Green, Hayden Lackman, Avery Libbert, Courtney Luebbering, Callie Prenger, Annie Stewart

Fatima High School: Jesse Schroeder

St. Elizabeth High School: Natalee Derkum, Kylie Rademan

CONGRATULATIONS to our college & technical graduates:

Kenadi Braun, University of Missouri - Columbia

Cameron Luebbering, University of Missouri – Columbia

Chesney Luebbering, Columbia College

Will Otto, State Tech

Isaac Rackers, University of Missouri – Columbia

PREGNANCY HELP CENTER ROCKIN RIVER RUN 5K FOR LIFE is Saturday, June 6 at the Cedar City Room (810 Sandstone, JC, near the river access in Cedar City). 8:30 am registration, 9:00 am race begins. \$45, standard registration, \$50 day of registration. \$25 for ages 6-17, under 5 free. friendsofphc.org/events/5k

OUR LADY OF HELP OF CHRISTIANS PARISH PICNIC, FRANKENSTEIN is Sunday, June 7 serving fried chicken & German pot roast dinners from 11:00 am to 6:30 pm. Serving cafeteria style & to go meals. Partial indoor dining and covered pavilion seating/picnic table. Meals \$16.00. Free bingo 12:00-3:00 pm. Quilt auction 4:30 pm.

SAVE THE DATES: Sunday, July 12 – St. Cecilia Parish Picnic
Totus Tuus - St. Stanislaus Parish - July 12 through July 17
St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Picnic – Sunday, August 16, 2026
St. Thomas the Apostle 30th Annual Fall Fantasy – Saturday, November 7, 2026



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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