

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

St. Cecilia
in Meta

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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

May 31, 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 31-June 7

Saint Cecilia
Mass Schedule for the Week of May 31-June 7

Tuesday 7:45 am **No Mass, Fr. on retreat**
Wednesday 7:45 am **No Mass, Summer schedule**

Thursday 7:45 am **No Mass, Fr. on retreat**
Friday 7:45 am **No Mass, Fr. on retreat**

Saturday 5:00 pm Joe Veit
Sunday 10:00 am People of our Parishes

Wednesday 6:30 pm **No Mass, Fr. on retreat**

Sunday 8:00 am Tony Libbert

Your Sunday Offering
Offertery Budget for 2025-2026 \$342,000.00

Offertery Goal through Month End \$313,500.00
Actual Collection for 2025-2026 \$340,650.34
Offertery Difference Year to Date \$27,150.34
Offertery Goal for May \$28,500.00

Your Sunday Offering
Offertery Budget for 2025-2026 \$70,000.00

Collection Total for 2025-2026 **\$70,613.00**
Offertery 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	\$2,584.84
May 31	

Collection in Church

May 3	\$1,029.00
May 10	\$1,649.00
May 17	\$ 676.00
May 24	\$1,549.00
May 31	

Collection Online \$8,328.00
May Total to Date **\$26,437.38**
Difference for May -\$2,062.62

May Total to Date \$4,903.00
Difference for May -\$930.33

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle

Tuesday 7:25 am **No Mass, Fr. on retreat**
Wednesday 7:25 am **No Mass, Summer Schedule**
Thursday 7:25 am **No Mass, Fr. on retreat**
Friday 7:25 am **No Mass, Fr. on retreat**

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia & Lector
Wednesday – **No Mass, Fr on retreat**

Lector: **No Mass, Fr. on retreat**

Offertery Gifts – St. Thomas the Apostle

Saturday 5:00 pm Family of Joe Veit
Sunday 10:00 am Ushers

Offertery Gifts – St. Cecilia

Sunday Family of Tony Libbert

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 June 6 & 7			
	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	Lackman, Virgil Prenger, Emmary Tallent, Hannah Tallent, Levi
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Carter, Jan Boessen, Marshall Wansing, Brenda	Plassmeyer, Dominic Plassmeyer, Mary Even, Jennifer	Prenger, Matt Reinkemeyer, Lynne Heckman, Holly
Lector	Holterman, Kara	Helton, Samantha	Tallent, Daffiny
Rosary Leader: Glorious	Herigon, Dale	Plassmeyer, Mary	Lueckenhoff, Janet
Greeters/Ushers	Holterman, Adam Wooten, Michael	Stumpe, Mitch Libbert, Pam	Reinkemeyer, Alan Prenger, Matt
Music Ministry	Schroeder, Jeanette Wooten, Amanda	Prenger, Jackie	Prenger, Jackie Strope, Anne
Live Stream			Schell, Brooke
Count Collections		Libbert, Dolores Libbert, Pam	Henson, Sonya Wieberg, Millie
St. Thomas Church Cleaners	Buschjost, Charlene - Buschjost, Randy - Lueckenhoff, Janet - Lueckenhoff, Jim		

CONGRATULATIONS to **Lane Lewis McKinney**, son of Zachary & Kaitlyn McKinney, who became a child of God through baptism this weekend in St. Thomas the Apostle Parish.**A NOTE OF THANKS!**A big thank you to all the wonderful and special people of Saint Thomas. Your prayers and well wishes have meant so much to us. Please keep the prayers coming. **Alfred and Margie Kaiser****ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE HOLY HOUR & ANOINTING OF THE SICK WILL NOT BE HELD ON JUNE 5, AS FR. LEONARD IS ON RETREAT!****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: HOLY TRINITY: GOD LOVES THE WORLD (Ex. 34:4b-6, 8-9; 2Cor. 13:11-13; Jn. 3:16-18)**

Every year on Holy Trinity Sunday, we face a mystery so deep that no human mind can fully explain it: one God in three Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Many people hear "Trinity" and immediately think of complicated theology. But today's readings remind us that the Trinity is not merely a doctrine to understand; it is a relationship into which we are invited. The Trinity is the mystery of divine love. In the first reading from Exodus, Moses encounters God on Mount Sinai. God reveals Himself not first as power or judgment, but as mercy: "A merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity." This is important. The deepest truth about God is not fear but it is love. The Father creates us in love. The Son redeems us in love. The Holy Spirit sanctifies us in love. Then in today's Gospel, we hear perhaps the most famous verse in Scripture: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son." Notice that Jesus does not say God merely tolerated the world or pitied the world. God loved the world. The Father gives the Son. The Son offers Himself completely. The Spirit pours that love into our hearts. The Trinity is a communion of self-giving love, and that matters because we were made in God's image. If God is communion, then we were created for communion too, not isolation, not selfishness, not division. That is why St. Paul tells the Corinthians: "Live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you." The Trinity becomes the model for Christian living. In family life, parish life, friendships, and marriages, we reflect God most clearly when we love sacrificially, forgive generously, and remain united. Our world struggles deeply with division. People are isolated, angry, suspicious, and wounded. Yet every time Christians live genuine charity, patience, and unity, we make the Trinity visible.

The Gospel also reminds us that God did not send His Son to condemn the world, but to save it. Sometimes people imagine God as waiting for us to fail. But Jesus reveals a God who pursues us with mercy. The cross is proof of that mercy. The Trinity is not distant from human suffering. The Father sends the Son into our brokenness, and the Spirit remains with us even now. Whenever we feel abandoned, confused, or burdened, the Trinity is still at work: The Father guiding us, The Son walking beside us, The Holy Spirit strengthening us.

Even the way we begin and end every Mass points to this mystery. We make the Sign of the Cross: "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Not "names," but "name" one God. And we are baptized into that divine life itself. Holy Trinity Sunday is therefore not simply about solving a theological puzzle. It is about remembering who God is and who we are called to become. We are invited into the life of the Trinity, into eternal communion with God. So today dear friends, perhaps the best response is not explanation but worship. Like the canticle from Daniel: "Blessed are you in the temple of your holy glory, praiseworthy and glorious above all forever." A practical prayer exercise can help the doctrine of the Trinity come alive in our daily lives, and perhaps our prayer today can simply be: "Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, teach me how to love." Amen

Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukiibi**A ROSARY FOR OUR COUNTRY** will be prayed on Thursday, June 4, 5:00 pm St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

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.

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 or 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 tveitoffice@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, lilnhardt@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

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, Andrew Loethen, Claire Morris

8th Grade Blair Oaks: Sam Green, Javin Hickman, 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:s30 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.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH PICNIC, LOOSE CREEK is Sunday, June 14, serving fried chicken, German pot roast dinners from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm (carry outs) at Immaculate Conception Parish and LCCC drive thru 11:00 am to 6:00 pm. All dinner plates \$16.00. Quilt auction 5:00 pm. Shuttle service available from LCCC.

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

The graphic features a large, stylized white 'T' on the left side. The text 'Totus Tuus 2026' is prominently displayed in white and gold. Below it, 'Parish summer catechetical program' is written in a gold, serif font. The background is a warm, golden-yellow color with a large, ornate golden sunburst or halo on the right. Three circular inset images show: 1) A group of children sitting on a gymnasium floor watching a performance on stage. 2) A group of young people in blue polo shirts posing for a photo outdoors. 3) A priest in white vestments talking to a young boy in a green t-shirt.

Totus Tuus 2026
Parish summer catechetical program



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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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