The Roman Catholic Parishes of

St. Thomas the Apostle
in St. Thomas

St. Cecilia
in Meta

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 3, 2025

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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 August 3-10

Tuesday 7:45 a.m.	Brendan Doyle
Wednesday 7:45 a.m.	***No Mass, Summer Schedule***
Thursday 7:45 a.m.	Herman & Agatha Luebbering
Friday 7:45 a.m.	Special Intention
Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Lucille Veit
Sunday 10:00 a.m.	People of our Parishes L&D Jim & Kathy Ewers Family

Saint Cecilia
Mass Schedule for the Week of August 3-10

Wednesday 6:30 pm	People of St. Cecilia
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Marilyn Bax

Your Sunday Offering	
Offertory Budget for 2025-2026	$342,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End	$28,500.00
Actual Collection for 2025-2026	**$26,978.26**
Offertory Difference Year to Date	-$1,521.74
Offertory Goal for July	$28,500.00

Collection in Church	
July 6	$7,594.35
July 13	$2.356.10
July 20	$6,594.79
July 27	$2,060.02
Collection Online	$8,373.00
July Total to Date	**$26,978.26**
Difference for July	-$1,521.74

Your Sunday Offering	
Offertory Budget for 2025-2026	$70,000.00
Collection Total for 2025-2025	**$5,216.00**
Offertory Goal per Month for July	$5,833.33

Collection in Church	
July 6	$1,139.00
July 13	$969.00
July 20	$1,173.00
July 27	$1,935.00
July Total to Date	**$5,216.00**
Difference for July	-$617.33

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle

Tuesday 7:25 am	Bob Schellman - Sorrowful
Thursday 7:25 a.m.	Dale Herigon - Luminous
Friday 7:25 am	Jim Lueckenhoff - Sorrowful

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia & Lector

Wednesday 6:10 pm	Cathy Borgmeyer - Glorious
Lector:	Samantha Helton

Offertory Gifts – St. Thomas the Apostle

Saturday	Family of Lucille Veit
Sunday	Family of Jim & Kathy Ewers

Offertory Gifts – St. Cecilia

Sunday	Family of Marilyn Bax

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: Deadline for bulletin 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*

Liturgical Role Schedule for August 9 & 10

	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 8:00 AM	Sunday, 10:00 AM
Altar Servers	Buschjost, Ava Christian, Austyn Christian, Kaycie Wooten, Evelyn	Berhorst, Leni Stegeman, Kambrie Stegeman, Matthew	Rackers, Emmett Tallent, Francie Tallent, Hannah Tallent, Levi
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Boessen, Marshall Boessen, Lora Buschjost, Marian	Hagenhoff, Betty Libbert, Pam Even, Jennifer	Lueckenhoff, Janet Lueckenhoff, Linda Prenger, Glenn
Lector	Holterman, Kara	Veltrop, Karyn	Lueckenhoff, Larry
Rosary Leader: Joyful	Schanzmeyer, Janice	Borgmeyer, Cathy	Lueckenhoff, Jim
Greeters/Ushers	Holterman, Adam Strope, Eric	Hagenhoff, Randy Schulte, Leonard Stumpe, Brendan Stumpe, Mitch	Kliethermes, Keith Loethen, Mark
Music Ministry	Schroeder, Jeanette Wooten, Amanda	Prenger, Jackie	Stockman, Alanna Strope, Anne
Live Stream			Luebbering, Lauri
Count Collections		Helton, Dale Helton, Margie	Henson, Sonya Wieberg, Millie
St. Thomas Church Cleaners	Buechter, Susan - Graessle, Barb - Henson, Sonya - Schell, Brenda		

THE ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH OFFICE will be closed on Wednesday, August 6 but will be open on Thursday, August 7.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MASS SCHEDULE:
Fr. Leonard will celebrate the solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary **(this is a Holy Day of Obligation)** on Thursday, August 14, 6:30 p.m., St. Cecilia and Friday, August 15, 7:45 a.m. & 6:30 p.m., St. Thomas the Apostle.
Ministries for Mass: St. Cecilia (August 14, 6:30 p.m.)
Rosary - Mary Plassmeyer
Lector - Dominic Plassmeyer
Extraordinary Ministers - Mary Plassmeyer, Dominic Plassmeyer, Betty Hagenhoff
Ushers - Randy Hagenhoff, Mitch Stumpe, Brendan Stumpe, Leonard Schulte
Servers - Jesse, Skyla and Tucker Schroeder
St. Thomas (August 15 (Friday, August 15, 6:30 p.m.)
Rosary - Jennifer Schroeder
Lector - Jennifer Schroeder
Extraordinary Ministers - Glenn Prenger, Jennifer Schroeder, Keith Kliethermes
Ushers - Keith Kliethermes, Keith Boessen
Servers - Miranda Meyer, Emmett Rackers, Hank Luebbering

PASTORS MEDITATION: 18th Sunday in ordinary time C. **WHERE IS MY HEART** (Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21) What counts in life is not what we acquire but what we become. The message of today's readings is the futility of the greedy acquisition of wealth and power because everything and everyone is "here today and gone tomorrow." For the meaning of life cannot be found in selfishly hoarding wealth and possessions, but only in sharing these with the needy. The first reading, taken from Ecclesiastes, reminds us that the greedy acquisition and hoarding of material wealth is useless because when the hoarder dies, he goes to eternity empty-handed, and his heir gains, and perhaps squanders his riches. The Responsorial Psalm (Ps 90), challenges us to listen to God and allow Him to soften our hearts that we may share our blessings with others. "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts" (Ps 95:8).In the second reading, Paul directs our attention to lasting, Heavenly treasures and warns that greed for wealth and influence is idolatry. He advises, "Put to death, your parts that are earthly: immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and the greed that is idolatry" (Col 3:5). In today's Gospel, Jesus, telling the parable of the foolish rich man, warns us against all types of greed, because greed takes our life's focus away from God and away from serving and loving Him in Himself and in other people. Jesus says that God calls the greedy rich man a fool because the man thought he would not die soon and that he was not accountable for the way he used his riches. Besides, the rich man forgot the fact that his wealth had been lent to him by God for sharing with the needy. Jesus also warns us that our eternal life does not consist of earthly possessions (Lk 12:15), which we should share to gain eternal life. Therefore friends, we are always invited to share our blessings with others. The parable of the **rich fool** gives us a warning as well as an invitation. It reminds us that our possessions are merely lent to us by God, and that we are accountable for their use. We must be generous in sharing our time, our treasure, and our talents in Christian stewardship. Even if we are poor financially, we may be blessed with intelligence, good

will, a sense of humor, or the ability to console, encourage, inspire, support, and help others. God expects us to live out our spoken thanks to Him for all these blessings by sharing them with others for His glory. The Old Testament Scriptures are clear about tithing – giving 10% of our income for God's cause and for helping the needy. Not limiting the gift to a tenth, Paul, writing to the Corinthians in regard to a Church-wide collection for the poor in Jerusalem, declares, "Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion for God loves a cheerful giver" (2Cor. 9:7). In any case, experience has shown us that God can never be outdone in generosity! Let us control our greed. Our greed takes different shapes and forms. For some, it may be the desire for the approval and praise of others. For others, it is the uncontrolled desire for power, control, or fame. For still others, greed takes the form of excessive and sinful indulgence in eating, drinking, gambling, drugs, or sexual activities. Greed also turns our life away from God and away from loving and serving Him in Himself and in other people. As greed directs all our energy and attention to fulfilling the self, its objects become our false gods, and they will consume us, unless we curb them, pay attention to those in need around us and, thus, become rich in the sight of God.
Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukiibi

CATHOLIC MASS OFFERED AT THE MISSOURI STATE FAIR, SUNDAYS AUGUST 10 & 17 10:30 A.M. TOUCHSTONE ENGERY STATE.

A ROSARY FOR OUR COUNTRY will be prayed Monday, August 4, 5:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

ST. CECILIA PARISHIONERS: We are looking for volunteers to assist with removing wallpaper and painting. If anyone is interested in helping it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Dustin Stegeman, Lydia Hurst or Doris Stumpe if you can help!
ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PSR/CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION: The form to register your students for Confirmation and PSR for the 2025-2026 school year is available for signing up your students. This form is available on the website as well as emailed to previous student's parents. Please complete the form by August 8, 2025. If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Graessle at 573-680-2954.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL NEWS!
Sunday, August 10, Open house 11:15 a.m. & Mandatory Parent Meeting 11:45 a.m.
Wednesday, August 13, First Day of School

DIOCESE OF JEFFESON CITY – ABOUND IN HOPE is August 8-6:30-8:30 p.m. Immaculate Conception (Pray for our Priests, deacons and our future bishop. August 9-6:00-8:30 p.m. – Cathedral of Jefferson City (Pray for our Parishes and our Diocese, August 10-2:00-4:30 p.m. St. Peter (Pray for our families). Experience a spiritual journey that will leave you feeling renewed & strengthened. Speaker is Fr. Philip Scott, International speaker and retreat leader. For more information, *https://diojeffcity.org/abound-in-hope-registration-page/*

ST. STANISLAUS YOUNG ADULT ADORATION - AUGUST 10: 2025 Graduates and Young Adults leaving for college or entering the workforce - Please join us for an Evening of Adoration! Before you set off for college or step into the world of work, we invite you to step away from the busyness of life and embrace a moment of PRAISE, WORSHIP AND REFLECTION with your peers. This event is open to all young adults of the St. Stanislaus parish and neighboring parishes, as well. Feel free to bring a friend and come encounter the love and peace of Christ!. Pizza, Pickleball and Sand Volleyball will be offered after Adoration at St. Stanislaus Pavilion. Please register on the St. Thomas Parish website under Upcoming Events so they have an accurate head count for pizza.

15th ANNUAL NOLAN SCHROEDER MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT SKIN SCREENINGS is August 23, META, MO: As part of our Melanoma Awareness with the NSMT, free Skin Screenings will be open to everyone, Saturday, August 23, 9 AM - 12 PM at the NSMT Volleyball Tournament. Screenings are performed by Amanda Peters, FNP-C of the Jefferson City Medical Group (JCMG). Private, air-conditioned screenings for those participating. For more information, contact: Joanne Schroeder, 573-694-0311.

15th ANNUAL NOLAN SCHROEDER MEMORIAL VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT & Pork Steak Dinner: August 22 & 23, META, MO: Come support the NSMT Co-ed Sand Volleyball Tournament and the Meta Fire & Rescue, Inc and Auxiliary Pork Steak Dinner. Volleyball games begin at 6:00 PM, Friday and 8:00 AM Saturday. The pork steak dinner will be served with cheesy potatoes and baked beans, provided Friday evening (only), starting at 4 PM. Pork burgers and other food & Drink concessions for all, provided by the Meta Fire & Rescue, Inc and Auxiliary throughout tournament. Proceeds of the volleyball tournament will go towards assisting the community in the name of Nolan R. Schroeder. Concession proceeds will go to the Meta Fire & Rescue, Inc and Auxiliary.

BLOOD DRIVE: The blood drive is scheduled to take place on August 7 at the Blair Oaks High School Auditorium, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We are partnering with the Red Cross, and all eligible donors are welcome and encouraged to participate.

ST. MARGARET OF ANTIOCH, OSAGE BEND PARISH PICNIC is Sunday, August 3, serving fried chicken & roast beef dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Adults $15, children 6-12 $8.00. Quilt auction 5:00 p.m.

ST. JOSEPH, WESTPHALIA PARISH PICNIC is Sunday, August 3, serving German pot roast & fried chicken dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Adults $16.00, children 6-12 $8.00. Kiddie Tractor Pull 3:00 p.m. Quilt & Dessert auction 5:00 p.m.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PICNIC is Sunday, August 17, serving fried chicken & gluten free roast beef (& gravy) dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Adults $16, children 6-12 $7.00. Kiddie Tractor pull 3:00 p.m. Quilt auction 5:00 p.m.

SAVE THE DATES: St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Picnic is Sunday, August 17.
Citizens Civic League Fall Festival is September 21.
29th Annual St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Fall Fantasy- Saturday, November 1.
Knights of Columbus Blood Drive: December 11, St. Thomas Knights of Columbus Hall
Thursday, April 30, 2026 – Midwest March for Life, Jefferson City

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PICNIC NOTES:

Pies: A reminder that each household is asked to donate **three or more** homemade pies, or substitute with cupcakes, sheet cakes, or brownies; no cobblers please. If you are unable to make pies for the picnic, please consider contacting Amanda Wooten (694-1735) or Debby Buschjost (619-3974) to make 9" pies for you. Unless specifically requested, a variety of pies will be made.
Homemade Bread: Donations of homemade bread are needed. Each household is asked to donate two-three loaves of sliced bread.
Country Store: Please help bake and provide items for the Country Store. Any baked goods (breads, cakes, pies, cookies, brownies, cinnamon rolls, etc.), home canned foods, jellies, fresh fruits and vegetables sell very well. You can drop these items off Saturday

morning, or on picnic day. All volunteers are welcome to help bake pies, starting at **7:00 AM** Saturday. Note: the Country Store "worker baking" will be limited to fresh baked pies only. Also, if you have frozen berries to donate for pie or jelly making, you may contact one of the following Co-Chairs: Sonya Henson (338-3665), Donna Luebbering (690-0822), or Lucy Suthoff (645-6801).

Grand Raffle: Grand Raffle tickets are in the back entrance of the church. Extra raffle tickets may be picked up in the entrances of church, or by contacting a picnic committee member. Sold tickets may be returned in the collection basket, in an envelope marked "raffle," or to the Grand Raffle stand on picnic day.

Advertising: Picnic and quilt flyers are in the entrances of church. Please take some to distribute. Your assistance in spreading the word is very important to the success of our picnic.

Food Donations: We are in need of **tomatoes and cucumbers** for the meal. Please bring donated food items to the hall by Friday August 15. Please **DO NOT REFRIGERATE TOMATOES,** if possible.

Kitchen Sales: There will be a sign-up list in the Kitchen area for any Chicken and Roast Beef left over for sale, you may sign up any time after noon on picnic day. Kitchen Sales may be picked up, beginning at 7:00 PM on Sunday evening. Chicken will be organized into cans or bags, with random pieces, and sold to parishioners for $10 per container. Roast beef will be organized into cans, bags, or similar containers and will be sold to parishioners for $20 per container, or $10 per one-half container. Leftover items such as potatoes, beans, etc., will be made available to parishioners for free, however if you want any of these items, please bring your own containers.

Work list: The worklist is attached to the bulletin and on the parish website. This is the final version that will be disseminated. If you cannot work, or need to change time or place, please contact your **stand chairperson** ASAP. If you are not on the worklist and are available to work, please contact a member of the Picnic Committee (names & numbers listed on the worklist). Parents should encourage their children to work, we need everyone's help, to make our picnic a success!

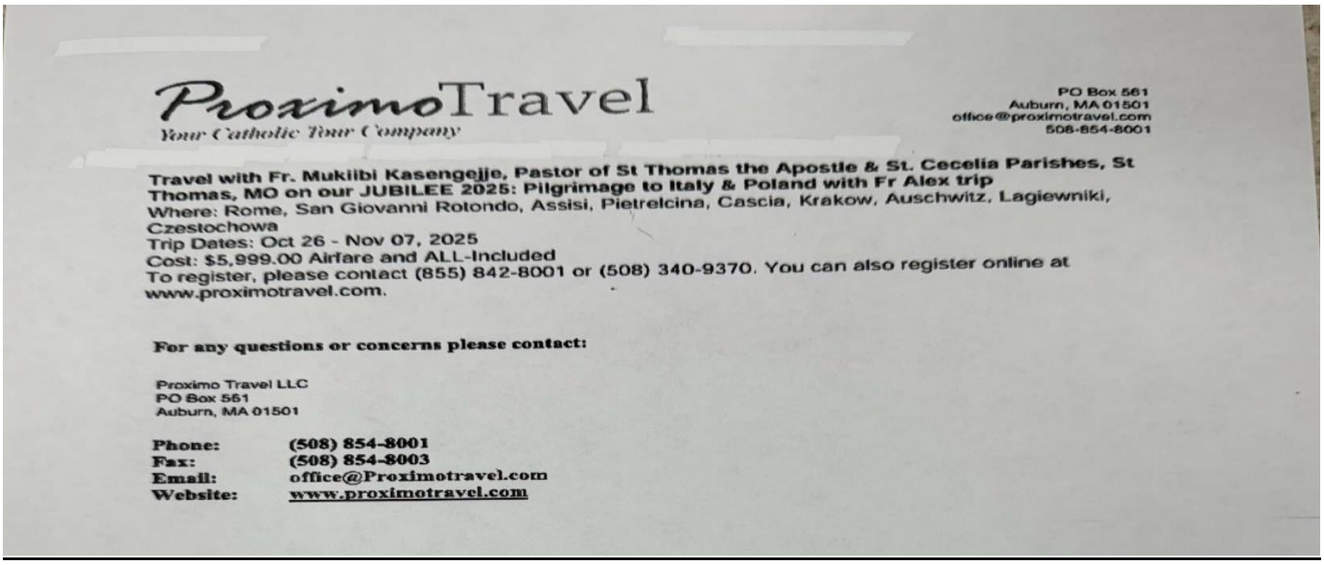
Please help clean up Sunday. All work areas should be cleaned by the shift workers. This includes washing pots (and any other items), taking care of trash throughout the day and putting away supplies and equipment before you leave. School is in session prior to picnic day, so Sunday evening clean-up is important.

Additional notes:

Parking will be available in Gilbert Schellman's field, please access via. Steve Schellman's driveway. Please do not park in those areas reserved for handicapped visitors, we want to ensure our visitors have a pleasant experience and there is ample parking.

All dinner tickets must be purchased on the day of the picnic with ticket sales starting at 10:00 AM. Walk-up carry-out meals will also be available. **There will be NO drive-thru meals this year.**

On behalf of the picnic committee, THANK YOU in advance for making this a successful picnic! As the largest fundraiser in our parish, everyone's help is needed and is greatly appreciated. We hope to see you Picnic Sunday!



ST. THOMAS
the Apostle
Parish Picnic

August 17, 2025
11:00 AM - 6:30PM

Serving Cafeteria Style
carry-outs available

Fried chicken and roast beef
served with mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, green beans,
sauerkraut with potatoes, cucumbers, tomatoes,
homestyle bread and homemade pies
**Gluten Free Roast beef and gravy*

Adults: $16
Children 6-12: $7
Under 6: FREE

Kiddie Tractor Pull at 3:00pm
Quilt Auction begins at 5:00 pm

Grand Raffle ($1,000 Top Prize)
Air-Conditioned Bingo - Country Store - Kidsville
Bounce House - Kettle Corn - Live Music
Beer Garden - Gin Rickeys

View quilts online at www.stthomasapostle.net

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.