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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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 18, 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 January 18-25

Tuesday 7:45 am	No Mass
Wednesday 7:45 am	No Mass
Thursday 7:45 am	No Mass
Friday 7:45 am	No Mass
Saturday 5:00 pm	People of our Parishes
Sunday 10:00 am	Kelsey Heckemeyer

Saint Cecilia
Mass Schedule for the Week of January 18-25

Wednesday 6:30 pm	No Mass
Sunday 8:00 am	Tony Libbert

Your Sunday Offering	
Offertory Budget for 2025-2026	$342,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End	$199,500.00
Actual Collection for 2025-2026	**$219,804.69**
Offertory Difference Year to Date	$20,304.69
Offertory Goal for January	$28,500.00

Collection in Church	
January 4	$9,042.80
January 11	$2,774.35
January 18	
January 25	

Collection Online	$7,045.50
January Total to Date	**$18,862.65**
Difference for January	-$9,637.35

WEEKDAY SERVERS: No Masses

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle

Tuesday 7:25 am	No Mass
Wednesday 7:25 am	No Mass
Thursday 7:25 am	No Mass
Friday 7:25 am	No Mass

Offertory Gifts – St. Thomas the Apostle

Saturday	Ushers
Sunday	Family of Kelsey Heckemeyer

Your Sunday Offering	
Offertory Budget for 2025-2026	$70,000.00
Collection Total for 2025-2025	**$44,844.00**
Offertory Goal per Month for January	$5,833.33

Collection in Church	
January 4	$2,610.00
January 11	$1,210.00
January 18	
January 25	

January Total to Date	$3,820.00
Difference for January	-$2,013.33

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia & Lector
Wednesday 6:10 pm -No Mass
Lector: No Mass

Offertory 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.

SCRIP: Visit *www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip* 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 Strope 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, January 22 - Jill Hickman & Joni Hoecker **Thursday, January 29** – Amy Hoffman & Kara Holterman

January 24 & 25

	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 8:00 AM	Sunday, 10:00 AM
Altar Servers	Noah Akin Jayden Libbert Hank Luebbering Max Verslues	Natalee Derkum Gavin Werdehausen	Isabella Luebbering Oliver Luebbering Gabe Sandbothe Stella Volmert
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Janice Schanzmeyer Brenda Wansing Alanna Stockman	Jennifer Even Betty Hagenhoff Dorothy Rehagen	Leroy Heckemeyer Kristin Morris Dunja Wieberg
Lector	Kathy Graessle	Betty Hagenhoff	School
Rosary Leader Luminous	Dale Herigon	Dorothy Rehagen	Jennifer Schroeder
Greeters/Ushers	Zachary Stockman Phil Akin	Randy Hagenhoff Mitch Stumpe	School
Music Ministry	Jeanette Schroeder Jean Kliethermes	Emilie Borgmeyer	Jackie Prenger Doug Luebbering
Live Stream			Brooke Schell
Count Collection		Dominic Plassmeyer Mary Plassmeyer	Keith Kliethermes Jean Kliethermes
Church Cleaners	Lynne Reinkemeyer, Linda Boessen, Lauri Luebbering, Lindsay Luebbering		

A NOTE OF THANKS!
The family of Anthony (Tony) Strope would like to thank Father Leonard and all who participated in Tony's funeral service. We are grateful for wonderful friends and neighbors that set up in the gym, organized and helped with the luncheon. We also appreciated all the phone calls, visits, food, memorial donations, flowers and prayers during this difficult time.
God Bless, ***Strope and Frahm Families***

NOTICE: Fr. James Finder will be here for the weekends in January and the Diocese will let us know who will be here on the February weekends.

IN NEED OF A PRIEST WHILE FR. LEONARD IS GONE ON VACATION, please contact Theresa Veit, 573-418-7301, Doris Stumpe, 573-619-6125, Jan Heckemeyer, 573-619-8432 or Diane Lueckenhoff, 573-645-5794.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH will be unlocked from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays when Fr. Leonard is gone. If you need to be in Church other than that please let Keith Buechter or Theresa Veit know.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS KICKOFF MASS RECEPTION: Please join us after 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle on Sunday, January 25, in the Parish Center for donuts and juice to kickoff Catholic Schools Week.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE 2025 YEAR END CONTRIBUTIONS: Thank you for your generosity this past year. To receive your 2025 contribution statement, you may complete the statement request form on the St. Thomas the Apostle Church website or call the parish office at 573-477-3315 during the parish office hours or by calling or texting Theresa Veit at 573-418-7301. The form can be found online at *http://www.stthomasapostle.net/contribution-statement.html* or by clicking the Contribution Statement tab at the top of the home page.

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. Any questions, please feel free to reach out to Doris Stumpe by email at *dstumpeoffice@gmail.com* or cell phone 573-619-6125.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PPC MEETING is Tuesday, January 27, 7:00 p.m. school library.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOO NEWS! Monday, January 19 – No School Prek-8, Martin Luther King Day
Friday, January 23, Archery Tournament in Parish Center Catholic Schools Week – January 25-January 31

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL SNEAK PEEK: On Thursday, January 29, please join us as we celebrate Catholic Schools Week! We will have activities for incoming Kindergartners and children of families considering future enrollment. Information will be provided for parents about new programs & initiatives. This will be a great time for you to see St. Thomas the Apostle and answer any question you may have about the upcoming school year. If you have been curious about what you may be missing in a faith based school close to home, please RSVP by calling 573-477-3322 or email *lheckemeyer@stacs.school*

BINGO PRIZES NEEDED FOR VIP DAY (CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK): Tis the season for cleaning and bargain shopping! If you have or find items that would make great BINGO prizes for VIP day (January 30), please drop them off at school You can also donate candy, chips, soda, Gatorade, juice pouches, etc for prizes. Please send to school by January 28.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL ARCHERY TOURNAMENT is Friday, January 23, 4:00 pm-9:00 pm.
PIZZA KWIK TRUCK onsite 4:00 pm -8:00 pm - % of proceeds will go to our archery team. Please come out and watch some archery and/or grab a pizza. We appreciate your support!

DIOCESE OF JEFFERSON WOMEN'S MINISTRY presentation "Finding Joy: Living in the Spirit" will be held at St. Joseph Parish, Westphalia, on **January 23**, 6:30-8:00 PM; doors open at 6:00**.** Discover how the Holy Spirit leads us toward a life of deeper joy, peace, and purpose. This inspiring talk by Shelley Pichler invites us to open our hearts to God's presence, recognize His movement in our daily lives, and embrace the joy that flows from living in true communion with Him. Presentation is free, but registration is strongly encouraged. Register at: *https://diojeffcity.org/womens-ministry-on-the-move-registration-2026/*

ST. STANISLAUS OPEN HOLY HOURS: Sunday 2:00-3:00 a.m. (1st & 3rd Sundays) & Sunday 3-4:00 a.m. (1st, 3rd & 5th) Fridays 3:00-4:00 am. Please call Donna at 573-680-1470.

LADIES AUXILIARY: Our next meeting will be Tuesday Jan 20 at 7:00 pm at the KC hall! We will collect $10 dues. You can also pay your dues at the KC breakfast on Jan 18! The ladies auxiliary has changed its calendar year to January- December to match the Knights of Columbus. If you have any service hours to report for the year, please send those to Brooke Schell by Jan 20 (or give to her at the meeting) so we can turn them in for our Auxiliary's service hours. Also, if you are interested in being a ladies auxiliary officer, please let Brooke Schell know (573-694-8753). Thanks!

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, January 21, at Helias Catholic High School in Jefferson City. Our speaker this month will be Mark Rehagen, delivering a presentation entitled, "Challenges for the Catholic Man: What It Means to Be a Man of Signum Crucis." Feel free to come early to pray the Rosary at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel. Refreshments in the Commons will follow Mark's presentation. 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*

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 *wkcsoccerclub@gmail.com* to receive a link to the form or if you have questions. The link is *2026 Spring soccer registration form*

DIOCESAN MARRIAGE RETREAT is March 13-14 at the Cathedral of St. Joseph. Our retreat will be led by two inspiring couples from the Marianist Retreat Center. Registration is now open for married couples. Childcare will be available.

JEFFERSON CITY MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: Strengthen your marriage. Grow in faith. Invest in each other. Jefferson City Marriage Encounter is hosting their next weekend on February 14-15, 2026 at the Best Western Capitol Inn in Jefferson City. Spend time with the most important person in your life and celebrate how far you have come and learn tools to make your marriage even stronger. The weekend costs just $75 and scholarships are available. Register online at *jeffcityme.com* Questions? Contact Matt Kuensting at 573-424-2247

17TH ANNUAL PITCH TOURNAMENT is Saturday, January 31 at the St. Anthony Parish Hall, St. Anthony. Registration at 6:30 p.m. Tournament starts at 7:00 p.m. $5.00 per person to play, prizes will be awarded! Proceeds given to local organizations. Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, chips, soda available for purchase. Everyone is welcome. The Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary will hold a dessert silent auction. Hosted by St. Anthony Knights of Columbus Council #12242.

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. Hosted by St. Anthony Knights of Columbus.

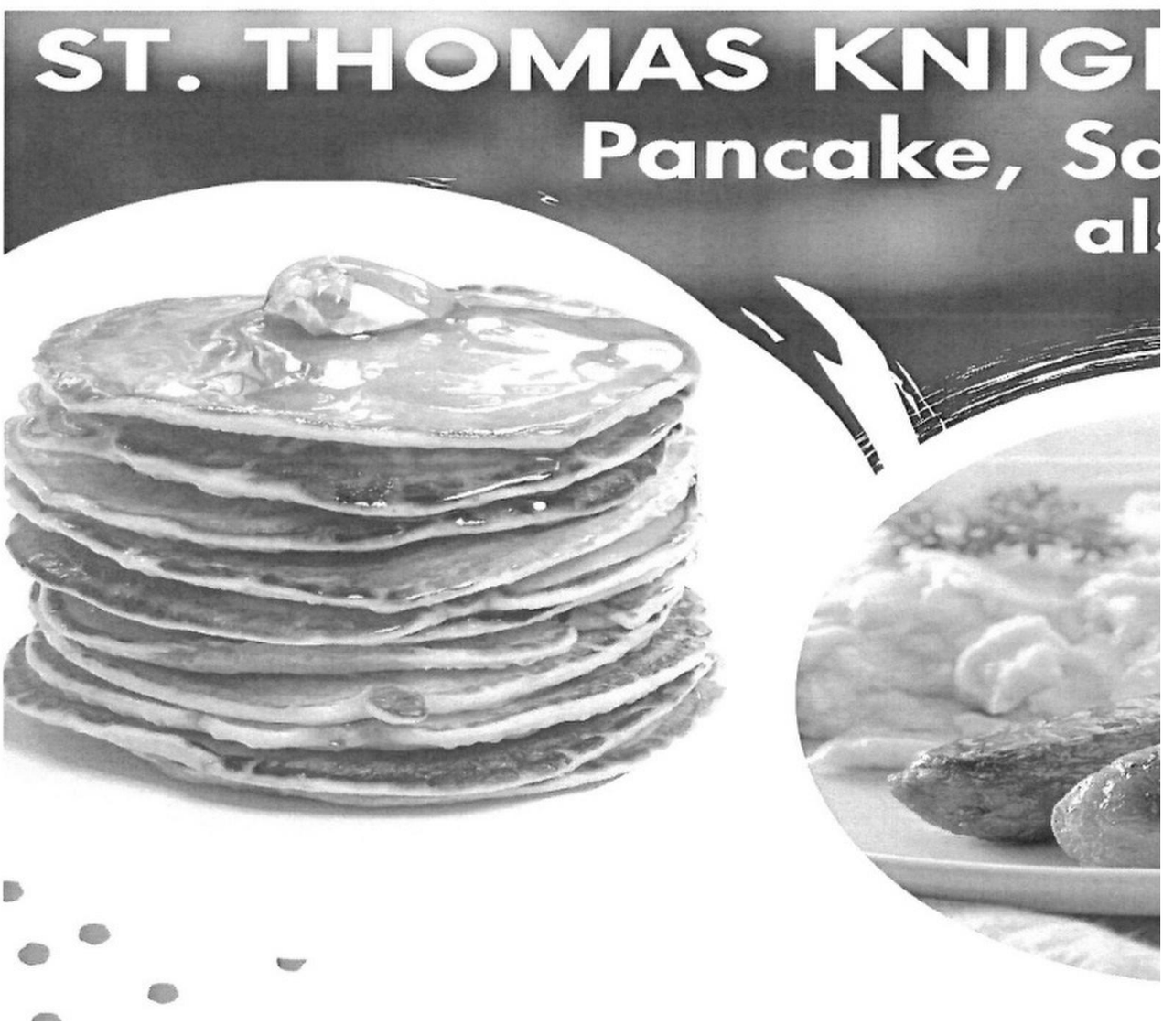
WESTPHALIA KOFC #1171 FISH FRIES are January 30 (Drive Through only), February 13 (Drive through only)) and March 20 (Dine in) from 4;00-7:00 p.m. at the Westphalia KC Hall on Hwy 63. Fried fish, applesauce, baked beans, hush puppies, cole slaw and buttered potatoes, $15 per meal. Proceeds to benefit Westphalia KC and St. Joseph School.

SAVE THE DATES: **Sunday, January 18, K of C Breakfast at KC Hall**
Saturday, February 21, St. Thomas the Apostle Stewardship Dinner
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 the Apostle Church - Financial Summary
July 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025

Ordinary Income	
Collections	$213,191.49
Donations	$250,375.00
Investments (Bank Accounts)	$ 1,216.58
Other Ordinary Receipts	$ 3,618.20
Total Ordinary Income	$468,401.27
Extraordinary Income	
Exempt Collections	$ 1,535.00
Exempt Donations and Grants	$ 3,075.00
Primary Fundraisers (Picnic and Fall Fantasy)	$103,567.80

Exempt Investments (Diocesan Savings Accounts)	$ 10,147.45
Reimbursements and Refunds	$106,872.62
(includes $85,758.31 insurance claim for church roof)	
Diocesan DEEF Distribution	$ 8,800.00
Program Fees and Sales	$ 8,982.99
Catholic School Receipts	$ 51,502.73
Other Extraordinary Receipts	$ 322.43
Total Extraordinary Receipts	$294,806.02
Total Income	$763,207.29
Special Expenses	
Diocesan Tithe	$ 38,386.00
Special Collections	$ 1,535.00
Other Special Expenses	$ 3,027.50
Total Special Expenses	$ 42,948.50
Ordinary Parish Expenses	
Personnel Costs	$370,273.67
Professional Services	$ 21,149.01
Office Supplies and Program Supplies	$ 9,669.97
Educational Supplies	$ 16,261.60
Liturgical Supplies	$ 8,089.46
Communications and Technology	$ 14,116.91
Occupancy (utilities, custodial supplies, etc.)	$ 30,597.71
Repair and Maintenance (includes $87,005.50 for church roof, and $35,000.00 for tuckpointing and waterproofing church and rectory)	$124,303.03
Equipment	$ 14,862.24
Transportation (includes school bus services, mileage reimbursement, etc.)	$ 4,750.17
Total Ordinary Parish Expenses	$614,073.77
Other Expenses	
Class Expenses for Trips, Etc.	$ 2,437.26
Property Insurance	$ 34,927.76
Membership Dues and Fees	$ 330.00
Staff Development and Training	$ 2,450.69
Miscellaneous	$ 1,423.90
Total Other Expenses	$ 41,569.61
Total Expenses	$698,591.88
Net Income (Loss)	$ 62,615.41



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.