The Roman Catholic Parishes of

St. Thomas the Apostle
in St. Thomas

St. Cecilia
in Meta

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 13, 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 July 13-20

Tuesday 7:45 a.m.	Ray Herigon
Wednesday 7:45 a.m.	***No Mass, Summer Schedule***
Thursday 7:45 a.m.	Special Intention
Friday 7:45 a.m.	L&D Frank & Rose Struemph Fam.
Saturday 5:00 p.m.	People of our Parishes
	L&D Jim & Kathy Ewers Family
Sunday 10:00 a.m.	James & Margaret Cassmeyer

Your Sunday Offering

Offertory Budget for 2025-2026	$342,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End	$28,500.00
Actual Collection for 2025-2026	**$14,624.85**
Offertory Difference Year to Date	-$13,875.15
Offertory Goal for July	$28,500.00

Collection in Church

July 6	$7,594.35
July 13	
July 20	
July 27	

Collection Online	$7,030.50
July Total to Date	**$14,624.85**
Difference for July	-$13,875.15

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

Offertory Gifts – St. Thomas the Apostle

Saturday	Family of Jim & Kathy Ewers
Sunday	Family of James & Margaret Cassmeyer

Saint Cecilia
Mass Schedule for the Week of July 13-20

Wednesday 6:30 pm	Danny Libbert
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	James Wansing

Your Sunday Offering

Offertory Budget for 2025-2026	$70,000.00
Collection Total for 2025-2025	**$1,139.00**
Offertory Goal per Month for July	$5,833.33

Collection in Church

July 6	$1,139.00
July 13	
July 20	
July 27	

July Total to Date	**$1,139.00**
Difference for July	-$4,694.33

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia & Lector

Wednesday 6:10 pm	Cathy Borgmeyer- Glorious
Lector:	Doris Stumpe

Offertory Gifts – St. Cecilia

Sunday	Family of James Wansing

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 July 19 & 20

	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 8:00 AM	Sunday, 10:00 AM
Altar Servers	Christian, Austyn Christian, Kaycie Luebbering, Hank Meyer, Miranda	Schroeder, Annaline Schroeder, Henry	Buechter, Aliyah Buechter, Gavin Libbert, Cadyn Rackers, Emmett
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Green, Mike Reynolds, Andrea Schanzmeyer, Janice	Plassmeyer, Mary Plassmeyer, Dominic Hagenhoff, Betty	Lueckenhoff, Linda Buschjost, Marian Lueckenhoff, Janet
Lector	Herigon, Dale	Helton, Samantha	Luebbering, Ben
Rosary Leader - Luminous	Schanzmeyer, Janice	Plassmeyer, Mary	Lueckenhoff, Jim
Greeters/Ushers	Boessen, Keith Strope, Eric	Stumpe, Brendan Stumpe, Mitch Hagenhoff, Randy Schulte, Leonard	Buechter, Craig Groner, Art
Music Ministry	Schroeder, Jeanette Brand, Mary Kay	Borgmeyer, Emiliee	Prenger, Jackie Luebbering, Doug
Live Stream			Schell, Brooke
Count Collections		Plassmeyer, Dominic Plassmeyer, Mary	Schroeder, Jennifer Wieberg, Dunja
St. Thomas Church Cleaners	Buechter, Darrel - Heckemeyer, Jan - Libbert, Alan - Libbert, Nancy		

A NOTE OF THANKS!

Dear Parishioners: We want to thank you for all of the nice cards, text messages, phone calls, Fr. Leonard's visit and blessing, other visitors and delicious food while Doug was in the hospital and at home recovering from his broken leg and fractured ankle, from his fall from the fertilizer truck and hitting the catwalk. We are very thankful for his coworkers and the first responders as well! We believe that your prayers have brought him this far and with God's will and your continued prayers will bring him to a full recovery. We are blessed to live and be a part of such a great parish and community. Thank you.

PASTORS MEDITATION: 15th Sunday in ordinary time C. **HOW DO I BECOME A NEIGHBO++R?** (Deut. 30:10-14; Col. 1:15-20; Lk. 10:25-37) The central theme of today is that we gain eternal life by loving God, in Himself and living in our neighbors, by becoming good neighbors. The first reading, taken from Deuteronomy, reminds us that God not only gives us His Commandments in Holy Scriptures, but that He has also written them in our hearts so that we may obey them and inherit eternal life with God. The Responsorial Psalm (Ps 69) condenses the lessons of the three readings in a single memorable statement, "Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live." In the second reading, St. Paul reminds the Colossians, and us, that just as Christ Jesus is the "visible image of the invisible God," so our neighbors are the visible image of Christ living in our midst. In today's Gospel, a scribe asks Jesus a very basic religious question: "What should I do to inherit eternal life?" In answer to the question, Jesus directs the scribe's attention to the Sacred Scriptures. The Scriptural answer is, "love God, and express that love by loving your neighbor." However, to the scribe the word "neighbor" means another scribe or Pharisee, never a Samaritan or a Gentile. Hence, the scribe insists on clarification of the word "neighbor." So, Jesus tells him the parable of the Good Samaritan. The parable clearly indicates that a "neighbor" is anyone who needs help. Thus, the correct approach is not to ask, "Who is my neighbor?" but rather to ask, "Am I a good neighbor to others?" Jesus, the Heavenly Good Samaritan, gives us a final commandment during the Last Supper, "Love one another as I have loved you," because the invisible God dwells in every human being. So dear friends let us remember that the road from Jerusalem to Jericho passes right through our home, parish, school, and workplace. We may find our spouse, children or parents "lying wounded" by our bitter words or scathing criticism or by other more blatant forms of verbal, emotional or physical abuse. Hence, Jesus invites us to show our love to others, in our own home, in school, in the workplace, and in the neighborhood, as the Good Samaritan did. Let us check to see if we are good neighbors. We become good neighbors when we are people of generosity, kindness, and mercy toward all who are suffering. Our sincere smile, a cheery greeting, an encouraging word of appreciation, a heartfelt "thank you" can all work wonders for a suffering soul. Let us allow the "Good Samaritans" to touch our lives. Let us be willing to touch or be touched by persons we have once despised. For some of us, it may be persons of another color or race; for others, it may mean persons of a different political persuasion. Let us pray that the Spirit of the Living God may melt us, mold us, and use us, so that there will no longer be even one person who is untouchable or outside the boundaries of our compassion. Let us accept God's invitation to be loving and merciful to our enemies. These enemies include both the people we hate, and those who hate us. For our God needs us to extend to people of all times His invitation to love and to serve Him in loving and serving everyone, including those from whom we are estranged. ***Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukiibi***

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING is Tuesday, July 29, 7:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle School library.

CONGRATULATIONS to the new members of the St. Thomas Parish Pastoral Council, Jenny Becker, Marian Buschjost, Anthony Luebbering and Shane Verslues.

ST. CECILIA PARISHIONERS: We are looking for volunteers to assist with removing old flooring out of the rectory so new can be installed. 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 OR CONFIRMATION TEACHERS NEEDED: If you are interested in helping teach PSR or Confirmation for the 2025/2026 school year, please contact Barbara Graessle at 573-680-2954 or email at *bgraessle1@gmail.com.* Tag team with other teachers if you prefer to teach every other week is an option. Teachers are needed for Confirmation, 4th and 6th grades. All classes have a new curriculum with teacher and student guides.

DIOCESAN MISSIONS SPECIAL COLLECTION: The weekend of July 19-20, the Diocese of Jefferson City will hold a special collection to support to our brothers and sisters in need, including in the home dioceses of the mission priests serving us. The Diocese is providing special envelopes for this collection that will be included in the July 11 issue of The Catholic Missourian. However, parishioners aren't required to use this envelope; they can use any envelope marked for this collection, or they can donate online at *diojeffcity.org/donate-missions.* Parishioners, please make checks out to your parish for this collection. Please do not send the envelopes directly to the Chancery.

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.

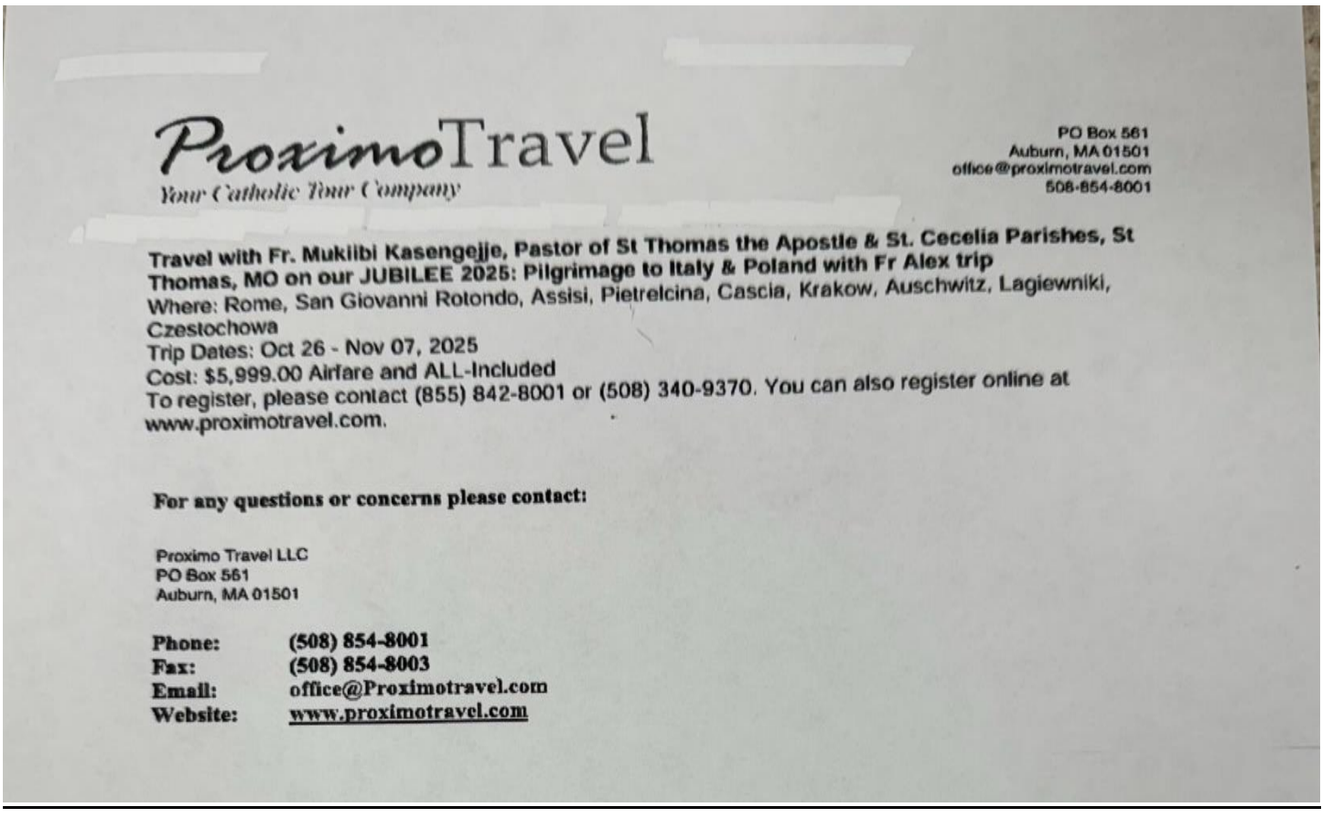
CATHOLIC MEN: YOU'RE INVITED TO COR: Join us **Tuesday, July 22 at 7:00 PM** at the **St. Stanislaus/St. Margaret Parish Hall (KofC) in Wardsville** for our next **COR** gathering. COR—Latin for *heart* and the root of the word *courage*—focuses on three essential elements: **prayer, formation, and fraternity**. We'll continue our series **"Into the Breach"** with the topic: **"Brotherhood."** The evening includes prayer, a short video, small group discussion, and time to connect with fellow Catholic men. Bring a friend and come grow in faith, courage, and brotherhood as we strive to become better men, husbands, and fathers. If you have any questions, please contact Gary Wilbers at 573-619-8700 or email at *gwilbers@goascend.biz*

LADIES AUXILIARY POOL PARTY: The next ladies auxiliary social will be a pool party at Judy Schroeder's pool on Tuesday, July 15 at 5:00 p.m. Bring a snack to share and bring your own drinks. RSVP to Brooke at 573-694-8753. **Ladies Auxiliary Hour Tracking Forms** for 25/26 are available in the side entrance of Church.

NOLAN SCHRODER MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT T-SHIRT SALE: The family is selling shirts this year. They are maroon on a softstyle tee. Please contact Dunja Wieberg at 573.418.8223 or visit the Nolan Schroeder Memorial Tournament Facebook Page to view the design. You may place an order through Dunja as well. Kid shirts are $12, adult shirts are $15, 2XL are $17, and 3XL are $18. Orders are due to Dunja by July 18th. Pick up will be prior to the tournament or at the tournament on August 22 & 23.

LOST: Lost a red pouch containing a red rosary at St. Cecilia Church, possibly in the Church Parking lot Sunday, June 15 after Mass. If found, please return to Dolores Libbert. It is a special rosary gifted to me from my late aunt. My phone number is 573-680-9790. Thank you!

SAVE THE DATES: **July 19-St. Thomas Knights of Columbus Tractor Pull**
Knights of Columbus Blood Drive: December 11, St. Thomas Knights of Columbus Hall
St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Picnic is Sunday, August 17.
29th Annual St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Fall Fantasy- Saturday, November 1.



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Travel with Fr. Mukiibi Kasengejje, Pastor of St Thomas the Apostle & St. Cecelia Parishes, St Thomas, MO on our JUBILEE 2025: Pilgrimage to Italy & Poland with Fr Alex trip
Where: Rome, San Giovanni Rotondo, Assisi, Pietrelcina, Cascia, Krakow, Auschwitz, Lagiewniki, Czestochowa
Trip Dates: Oct 26 - Nov 07, 2025
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JOIN US for the 2025 STEWARDSHIP CONFERENCE!

SATURDAY
AUGUST
9
9 am to 3:30 pm

FIRED UP TO SERVE

Generations united, Volunteers ignited

John Poitevent, *founder of Great Catholic Parishes will present two sessions: "Fueling the Fire—Engaging and Inviting Volunteers" and "Keep the Mission Burning—Generation to Generation." Plus, a ministry fair, Q&A session, CSR Kickoff and Mass.*

Cathedral of St. Joseph
Cana Hall
Jefferson City

Get **FIRED UP** and register before **July 25!** SCAN

OR VISIT diojeffcity.org/stewardship-conference

DIOCESE OF Jefferson City

Cost is $20 and includes a light breakfast & BBQ lunch, complete with an ice cream truck!

BUFFET STYLE ~ DINE-IN OR CARRY-OUT

ADULTS $16 ~ CARRYOUTS $16 ~ CHILDREN 6-12 $8 ~ CHILDREN 5 & UNDER FREE

ST. CECILIA

ROAST BEEF & FRIED CHICKEN

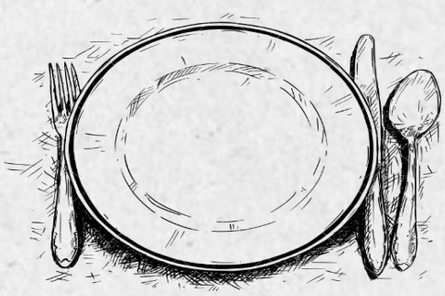
Picnic

MASHED POTATOES, GREEN BEANS, COLE SLAW, APPLESAUCE, HOMEMADE BREAD & PIE

JULY 13, 2025

11:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.
META CITIZENS' CIVIC LEAGUE PARK

COUNTRY STORE, KETTLE CORN, BEER GARDEN, RAFFLE



BINGO, GAMES, SANDWICH STAND, TOYLAND

QUILT, DESSERT & MORE AUCTION

4:00 P.M. ~ AUCTIONEERING PROVIDED BY HURST AUCTIONEER SERVICE

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.