The Roman Catholic Parishes of

St. Thomas the Apostle
in St. Thomas

St. Cecilia
in Meta

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 20, 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 20-27

Tuesday 7:45 a.m.	Brendan Doyle
Wednesday 7:45 a.m.	***No Mass, Summer Schedule***
Thursday 7:45 a.m.	L&D Lawrence & Caroline Herigon Family
Friday 7:45 a.m.	Special Intention
Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Steve & David Suthoff
Sunday 10:00 a.m.	People of our Parishes L&D Bob Luebbering Family

Saint Cecilia
Mass Schedule for the Week of July 20-27

Wednesday 6:30 pm	Larry Bock
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	L&D Fred & Florentine Hagenhoff Families

Your Sunday Offering

Offertory Budget for 2025-2026	$342,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End	$28,500.00
Actual Collection for 2025-2026	**$16,980.95**
Offertory Difference Year to Date	-$11,519.05
Offertory Goal for July	$28,500.00

Collection in Church

July 6	$7,594.35
July 13	$2.356.10
July 20	
July 27	

Collection Online	$7,030.50
July Total to Date	**$16,980.95**
Difference for July	-$11,519.05

Your Sunday Offering

Offertory Budget for 2025-2026	$70,000.00
Collection Total for 2025-2025	**$2,108.00**
Offertory Goal per Month for July	$5,833.33

Collection in Church

July 6	$1,139.00
July 13	$969.00
July 20	
July 27	

July Total to Date	**$2,018.00**
Difference for July	-$3,725.33

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

Offertory Gifts – St. Thomas the Apostle

Saturday	Family of Steve & David Suthoff
Sunday	Family of Bob Luebbering

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia & Lector

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

Offertory Gifts – St. Cecilia

Sunday	Family of Fred & Florentine Hagenhoff

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 26 & 27

	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 8:00 AM	Sunday, 10:00 AM
Altar Servers	Otto, Benjamin Otto, Luke Volmert, Jase Volmert, Johnathon	Derkum, Natalee Werdehausen, Gavin	Sandbothe, Gabriel Volmert, Stella Wieberg, Victoria Wieberg, William (Ryan)
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Boessen, Marshall Boessen, Lora Wansing, Brenda	Libbert, Pam Even, Jennifer Stumpe, Doris	Wieberg, Rosalyn Prenger, Glenn Schroeder, Jennifer
Lector	Wooten, Amanda	Borgmeyer, Cathy	Cassmeyer, Jeff
Rosary Leader - Glorious	Herigon, Dale	Borgmeyer, Cathy	Stockman, Tina
Greeters/Ushers	Holterman, Adam Wooten, Michael	Stumpe, Mitch Hagenhoff, Randy Schulte, Leonard Stumpe, Brendan	Maasen, Matthew Reinkemeyer, Alan
Music Ministry	Schroeder, Jeanette Kliethermes, Jean	Hurst, Lydia	Stockman, Alanna Wieberg, Lisa
Live Stream			Schellman, Jenny
Count Collections		Plassmeyer, Dominic Plassmeyer, Mary	Schellman, Donna Wieberg, Rosalyn
St. Thomas Church Cleaners	Buschjost, Charlene - Buschjost, Randy - Lueckenhoff, Janet - Lueckenhoff, Jim		

A NOTE OF THANKS!
We want to extend a big thank you to everyone who helped make the St. Cecilia picnic a success! Thank you to everyone that volunteered their time before during and after the picnic. Thank you to everyone who donated items for the meal, raffle, country store, quilt and desserts and more auctions. We sold approximately 1417 adult and 41 children's meal tickets. We also want to thank all of our visitors and parishioners that came and enjoyed the wonderful day with us.

PASTORS MEDITATION: 16th Sunday in ordinary time C. **SITTING AT THE LORD'S FEET TO LISTEN TO HIS WORD.** (Gen. 18:1-10a; Col. 1:24-28; Lk. 10:38-42) Today's readings stress the importance of hospitality in Christian life and the necessity of listening to God before acting. The key to the Christian life is setting priorities: Jesus Christ first, then everything else. The only way to learn that lesson is to spend some time every day, "sitting at the feet of Jesus." Today's first reading describes how Abraham and Sarah's hospitality to angels in the guise of strangers was rewarded by God, who blessed them with a son in their old age. Today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 15) "He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord," reminds us of our intended final destination. In the second reading, Paul declares that he has been commissioned by God to minister to the Church as the revealer of the mystery of salvation and the preacher of the word in its fullness (v. 25). He invites believers to open their hearts and minds to show their hospitality to the mystery of Christ which he preaches. Paul also challenges us to cultivate that quality of hospitality which welcomes all others in Christ. Today's Gospel passage describes how Martha, a genuine child of Abraham, wanted to extend the traditional generous hospitality of her people to Jesus, the true Messiah, by preparing an elaborate meal for him while her sister Mary spent her time talking to Jesus and listening to him. This story invites us to serve others with Martha's diligence after recharging our spiritual batteries every day by prayer, listening to God and talking to God, as Mary did. We can minister truly to the needs of others only after welcoming God's Word into our hearts and minds. Therefore friends we need to recharge our spiritual batteries: We should put aside the work we do for the Lord in serving others and just spend some time being with Him, talking to Him and listening to Him, fully aware of His holy presence in our souls. We may also recharge our spiritual energy by means of our personal and family prayers, our meditative reading of the Bible and our participation in the celebration of the Holy Mass. We need listening Mary's and serving Marthas: Martha has become a symbol of action-oriented, responsible people who get the job done. Our world and our parish churches need such dynamic and generous men, women, boys and girls. We need them to sing in the choir, to help in the Church, to teach in the Sunday school, to visit the sick and the shut-ins and to serve in all other ministries of the parish community. We need to be good listeners, like Mary, at home and in the workplace. Active and busy as we are, we must find time every day to listen to God, to our spouse, kids, and neighbors. Listening and quiet caring are essential for the success of married life, of family life and of the rearing of children with love, affection, and a gentle, firm discipline. Human love begins at home, and it begins with listening. ***Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukiibi***

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION is Tuesday, July 22, 7:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

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

ST. CECILIA HOLY HOUR & ANOINTING OF THE SICK is Friday, July 25, 7:00 p.m. St. Cecilia 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.

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*

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.**
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

ST. CECILIA 2025 PICNIC RESULTS

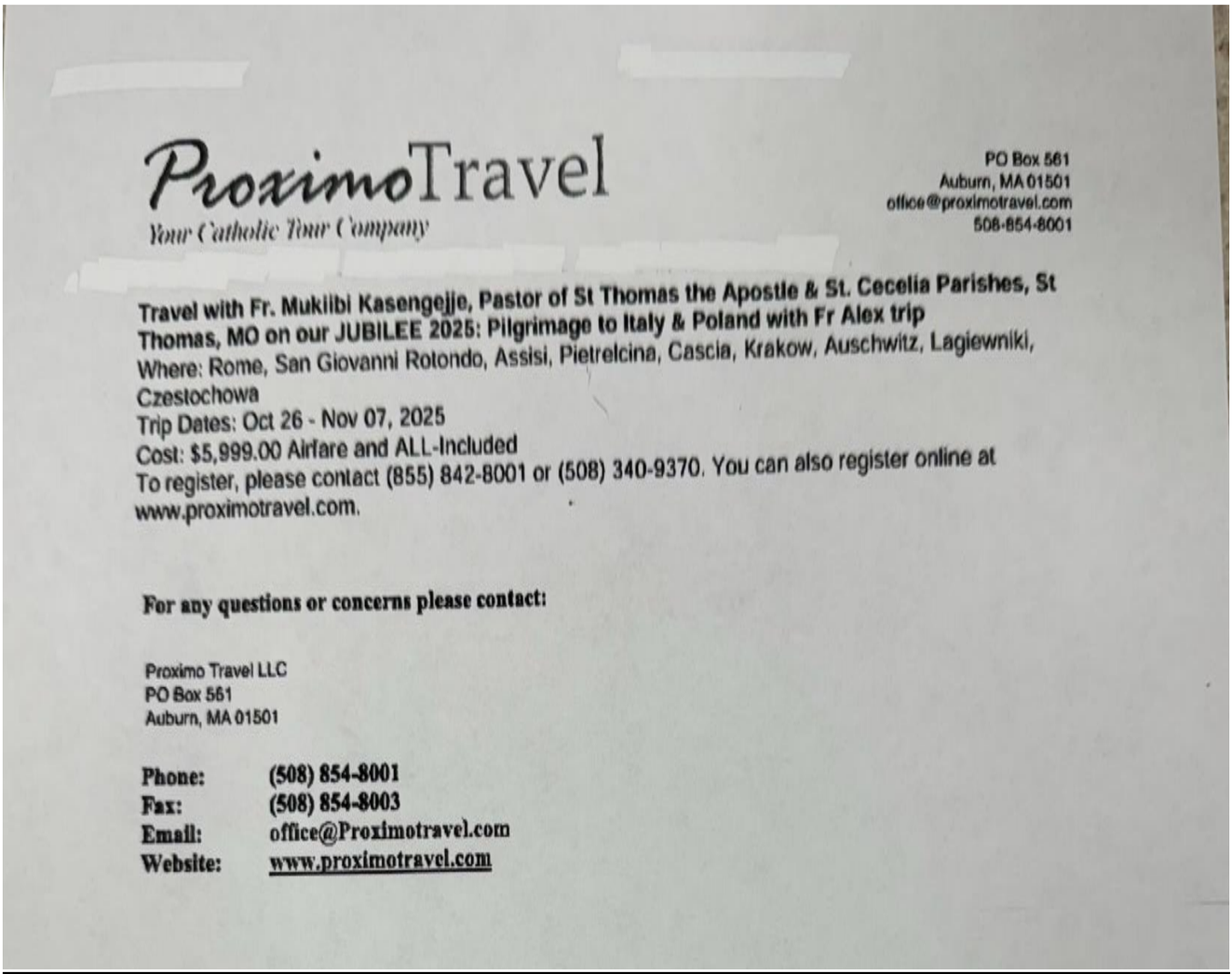
Raffle

		Donated by	Prize Winners
1.	$500 Cash	Diamond Pet Foods	DJ Schroeder
2.	Quilt	Mid America Bank	Paul Ritter
3.	$250 Cash	Big Bear's Butcher Shop	Julie Luebbering
4.	$100 Cash	Wieberg Red E Mix	Dan Schwartz
5.	$100 Cash	Olean Regional Stockyards	Michael Green
6.	$100 Cash	Hurst Auctioneering	Gary Zeliman
7.	$100 Cash	Meta MFA	JoAnn Wansing
8.	$100 Cash	Maries County Bank	David Holtmeyer
9.	$100 Cash	Fancher Rekus Funeral Home	Scott Bock
10.	6 Bags Traeger Pellets	St. Elizabeth TV & Appliance	Dorothy Rehagen
11.	$50 Cash	Shelter Insurance	Keith Cavender
12.	$50 Cash	St. Thomas Babbtown Insurance	Lydia Hurst
13.	$50 Cash	Inventory Sales	Jessica Stumpe
14.	$40 Cash	Schanzmeyer Home Improvements	Sam Blomberg
15.	$30 Cash	Norma Jean Libbert	Vernon Schmitz
16.	$30 Cash	Linn Printing	Glenda Kemna
17.	$25 Cash	Quaker Windows	Glenn Robertson
18.	$25 Cash	Legends Bank	Warren Beck
19.	$25 Gift Certificate	Becker Millwork	Jeff Twehus
20.	$25 Gift Certificate	Joe's Market	Lucy Suthoff

Quilt Auction

	Item	Amount	Buyer
1.	All American Treats 7 tea towels, Embroidered by Mary Jane Reinkemeyer	$100	Mary Knoll
2.	Lil' Buckaroo, Donated by Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer	$250	Megan Wright
3.	Fruits, 7 tea towels, Embroidered by Margaret Seats in Memory of Howard & Mary Grant	$50	Hurst Auctioneering
4.	Dreamland, donated by Mary Jane Reinkemeyer	$200	Bruce Sassman
5.	Green Starburst, donated by the Grant Family, memory of Howard & Mary Grant	$600	Luebbering Lost Bock Farm Linda Luebbering
6.	Alphabet Pic, donated by Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer	$350	Brice & Marilyn Luetkemeyer
7.	Playful Puppies, 7 embroidered tea towels by Mary Jane Reinkemeyer	$125	Mid America Bank
8.	Dinosaurs, donated by Karyn Veltrop, embroidered by Mary Jane Reinkemeyer	$200	Bruce Sassman
9.	Trellis Roses, donated by a friend	$1,250	Carla Buechter-Hairs to You Buechter Electric
10.	Wild, Wild West, 7 embroidered tea towels by Mary Jane Reinkemeyer	$150	Mary Knoll
11.	Happy Times, donated by Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer, pieced & hemmed by Emilie Borgmeyer	$375	Matt Kliethermes
12.	Meadow In Bloom, donated by Alice Hake in memory of Ben Hake	$1,100	Wieberg Red E Mix
13.	Pies, 7 embroidered tea towels by Margaret Seats in memory of Howard & Mary Grant	$50	Hurst Auctioneering
14.	Baby Love, donated by Marcella Bock	$350	Brice & Marilyn Luetkemeyer
15.	Trip Around the World, donated by Margaret Seats in memory of Howard & Mary Grant	$1,250	Mid America Bank
16.	Folksy Farm, 7 embroidered tea towels by Mary Jane Reinkemeyer	$75	Olean Livestock, Hayden Hurst & Dusty Roberts

17.	Ride'm Cowboy, Donated by Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer	$300	Mary Knoll
18.	Camping, 7 embroidered by tea towels, embroidered by Mary Jane Reinkemeyer	$125	Darin & Jennifer Even
19.	Log Star, donated by Marcell Bock	$3200	Brice & Marilyn Luetkemeyer
20.	Girls, donated by Karyn Veltrop, embroidered by Mary Jane Reinkemeyer	$350	Denise Plassmeyer
21.	Stonehenge Canyon, donated by Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer	$1500	Mid America Bank
22.	Farm Christmas 7 embroidered tea towels by Mary Jane Reinkemeyer	$50	Olean Livestock
23.	Braid in a Day, donated & pieced by Betty Hagenhoff	$725	Greg Muenks
24.	Beast of the Wild, donated by Dorothy Rehagen, in memory of "Dick" Rehagen	$2000	Randy Steinlage
25.	Farm House Christmas, donated by Karyn Veltrop	$500	State Rep. Rudy Veit
26.	Stars & Stripes Celebration, donated by Betty Hagenhoff & Jennifer Even, Pieced by Betty Hagenhoff	$1500	Darin & Jennifer Even
	Dessert Auction		
1.	Chocolate Poke Cake, donated by Brenda Wansing	$125	Angie & Ryan Muenks
2.	Carrot Cake, donated by Doris Stumpe	$250	Kris Stegeman
3.	Triple Chocolate Cake, donated by Daniel Wieberg	$175	Matt Kliethermes
4.	Cinnamon Roll Cake, donated by Jeanette & Annie Schroeder	$150	Cole Veltrop
5.	Gooseberry Pie, donated by Mary Lou Hammann	$300	Rudy Veit
6.	Patches of Blue Old & New Throw, donated by Bonnie Kampeter	$200	Deacon Steve Schwartz
7.	Monster Cookies, donated by Dolores Libbert	$375	Maries Co. Bank, Vienna
8.	Blackberry Cobbler, donated by Jacqueline Wankum	$200	Mike Luebbering
9.	Cinnamon Rolls, donated by Emilie Borgmeyer	$100	Mid America Bank
10.	German Chocolate Cake, donated by Phyllis Rehagen	$100	Schulte Dairy
11.	"Our Father" counted cross stitch picture, donated by Debbie Hurst	$1,200	Schulte Dairy
12.	Gift Basket, donated by Rock Island Antiques	$75	Darin & Jennifer Even
13.	Strawberry Rhubarb Pie, donated by Bonnie Kampeter	$75	Olean Stockyards Hayden H
14.	Blackberry Pie, donated by Fr. Leonard & Dorothy Rehagen	$225	Mid America Bank
15.	Chocolate Raspberry Mousse Cake, donated by Angela Muenks	$250	Greg Muenks
		$100	Randy & Betty Hagenhoff
16.	Strawberry Pie, donated by Katie Lueckenotto	$250	Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer
17.	Beef Jerky, donated by Darin Even	$225	Sam & Ethan Helton
18.	Pork Steak Dinner for 10, donated by Norma Jean & Marty Libbert	$2500	Betty & Randy Hagenhoff
19.	Mizzou Crochet Afghan (Grant)	$50	Schulte Dairy
20.	Walnut Charcuterie Board, donated by Tony Verhoff	$160	Ryan & Angie Muenks
21.	Cross, donated by Tony Verhoff	$140	Matt & Kelly Wieberg



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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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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.