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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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 18, 2025

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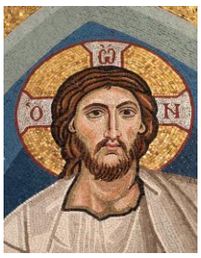

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St. Thomas Parish Office hours: Tuesdays 8:30-11:30 a.m.; Wednesdays 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
`School Office hours during school year: Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
St. Cecilia Rectory Office hours: Wednesdays 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. or by appointment
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 18-25

Tuesday 7:45 a.m.	Special Intention
Wednesday 7:45 a.m.	***No Mass, Summer Schedule***
Thursday 7:45 a.m.	For the Dignity of Life & the Unborn
Friday 7:45 a.m.	Gilbert & Hermina Strope Family
Saturday 5:00 p.m.	People of our Parishes
Sunday 10:00 a.m.	Rose Schmidt

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

Wednesday 6:30 pm	L&D Martin & Addie Loethen Family
Sunday 8:00 a.m. -	Lionel, Arharta, Bonnie & Sandy Libbert

Your Sunday Offering	
Offertory Budget for 2024-2025	$330,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End	$302,500.00
Actual Collection for 2024-2025	**$316,845.25**
Offertory Difference Year to Date	$14,345.25
Offertory Goal for May	$27,500.00

Collection in Church	
May 4	$3,891.10
May 11	$2,745.10
May 18	
May 25	

Collection Online	$7,105.50
May Total to Date	**$13,741.70**
Difference for May	-$13,758.30

Your Sunday Offering	
Offertory Budget for 2024-2025	$70,000.00
Collection Total for 2024-2025	**$54,509.25**
Offertory Goal per Month	$5,833.33

Collection in Church	
May 4	$1,346.00
May 11	$1,633.00
May 18	
May 25	

May Total to Date	**$2,979.00**
Difference for May	-$2,854.33

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle

Tuesday 7:25 am	Bob Schellman - Sorrowful
Wednesday 7:25 am	Shirley Volmert - Glorious
Thursday 7:25 am	Dale Herigon – Luminous
Friday 7:25 am	Jim Lueckenhoff - Sorrowful

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia

Wednesday 6:10 pm	Cathy Borgmeyer– Glorious

Offertory Gifts – St. Thomas the Apostle

Saturday	Ushers
Sunday	Family of Rose Schmidt

Offertory Gifts – St. Cecilia

Sunday	Family of Lionel, Arharta, Bonnie & Sandy 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: 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*

MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR ARCHBISHOP SHAWN MCKNIGHT is Tuesday, May 20, 5:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Joseph. A light meal and reception will follow Mass. **AN RSVP** at diojeffcity.org/Thanksgiving-Mass is **REQUIRED** to attend Mass, due to limited seating.

Liturgical Role Schedule for May 24th & 25th

	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 8:00 AM	Sunday, 10:00 AM
Altar Servers	Austyn & Kaycie Christian, Gannon Reeves, Noah Akin	Bradyn, Matthew & Kambrie Stegeman, Leni Berhorst	Aliyah Buechter, Cadyn Libbert, Max & Zeke Verslues
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Janice Schanzmeyer Brenda Wansing Alanna Stockman	Doris Stumpe Pam Libbert Dorothy Rehagen	Jan Heckemeyer Richard Heckemeyer Rosalyn Wieberg
Lector	Kathy Graessle	Don Wansing	Jan Heckemeyer
Rosary Leader – Glorious Mysteries	Dale Herigon	Dorothy Rehagen	Janet Lueckenhoff
Greeters/Ushers	Zachary Stockman Phil Akin	Brendan Stumpe Leonard Schulte Randy Hagenhoff Mitch Stumpe	Matthew Maasen Keith Kliethermes
Music Ministry	Jeanette Schroeder Amanda Wooten	Emilie	Alanna Stockman Josh Luebbering
Live Stream			Broke Schell
Count Collection		Dale & Margie Helton	Dunja Wieberg Jennifer Schroeder
St. Thomas Church Cleaners	Lynne Reinkemeyer, Linda Boessen, Lauri Luebbering, Lindsay Luebbering		

BISHOP MCKNIGHT MAY PRAYER INTENTION: For all vocations, and especially for those who will be ordained this year. That they may be strengthened by the grace of the Holy Spirit and remain faithful to the call of Christ, we pray to the Lord.

PASTORS MEDITATION: 5th SUNDAY OF EASTER C: THERE'S NO MEASURE FOR LOVE. (Acts 14:21-27; Rev. 21:1-5a; Jn. 13:31-33a, 34-35) Our Christian mission to the modern world is to help it rediscover the power of love as taught by Jesus. Today's readings are about renewal and new things: The New Jerusalem, a new Heaven with a new earth, and a new commandment. The first reading, taken from the Acts of the Apostles, describes how the small Christian communities helped the work of renewal in their members by their agápe love, imitating the agápe love of Paul and Barnabas. The second reading, from the Book of Revelation, explains how God renews His Church, the New Jerusalem, by being present in her members, in their parish communities, and in their liturgical celebrations. "See, I am making all things new." Today's Gospel passage gives us the secret of Christian renewal as the faithful practice of Jesus' new commandment: "Love one another as I have loved you" (Jn. 13:35). Jesus has added a new element to the Old Testament command of love by teaching us that the true test of discipleship is to love other people in the same way that he has loved us, with sacrificial, selfless, self-giving and unconditional, agápe love. Hence, the renewal of Christian life means a radical change of vision and a reordering of our priorities in life. Such a renewal brings us to embrace new attitudes, new values, and new standards of relating to God, to other people and, indeed, to our whole environment. Therefore, friends let us learn to love ourselves so that we may learn to love each other. The old commandment says: "Love your neighbor as yourself" (Lev. 19:1-2, 9-18). We cannot learn to cherish others and care for them if we have never learned to do the same for ourselves. We live in a world that denies our basic human worth. How do we reclaim our basic worth? We can become whole, and holy, only when we learn to love ourselves properly, acknowledging the fact that we are children of God and that the Triune God resides in our souls, making our body the "temple of the Holy Spirit." Let us love others in our daily lives: We are asked to love as Jesus loved, in the ordinary course of our lives. We love others by responding to their everyday needs with love and compassion. We love others by comforting and protecting those who have experienced loss. We love others by serving others in every possible way, no matter how small, seeing the face of Jesus in each of them. We love others by forgiving rather than condemning, and by challenging rather than condoning. Finally, we love others by sacrificially sharing our time, talents, and blessings with them. Let us demonstrate our love for others in our gatherings and parish assemblies: When we are assembled as a religious or social community, we have an opportunity to demonstrate our love for one another. People must see Christians as people who interact with a love and concern for one another that reveals their strong love and appreciation for each other. They should see in us a quickness to appreciate and a readiness to forgive, even as Christ has forgiven us. ***Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukiibi***

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: Our Parish will have four (4) current member's terms expiring in May 2025. Please think about being part of the council/team in serving our Parish. It's a great way to be involved and be good stewards! Please contact Shane: (573) 999-4314, Lynne: 573-690-7113 or Linda: (573) 694-4239.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING is Tuesday, May 27, 7:00 p.m. in school library.

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.

TOTUS TUUS - JUNE 22 – 27: Sign-up for Totus Tuus is now available. You can do this either online at http://www.stthomasapostle.net/totus-tuus.html or use the paper form that is a part of the bulletin. If you have any questions, please contact Theresa Veit (573) 418-7301. Thank you for your continued support and participation in this summer program.

ST. CECILIA PICNIC, DESSERTS AND MORE AUCTION: We are starting to make plans for the St. Cecilia Picnic on July 13, 2025. In addition to the quilt auction, we will also have a **Desserts & More Auction**. If you would like to donate a homemade dessert or other item (examples: gift basket or homemade items, meal for a group of people, personalized homemade craft or woodworking item, etc.) Please contact Betty Hagenhofff at 573-645-6565.

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-645-5794 or Charlene Buschjost, 573-690-9098 by June 1.

MEN OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE & ST. CECILIA PARISHES: You are invited to join the Men of Signum Crucis at our next gathering, which begins at 6:30 p.m. this Wednesday, May 21, at Helias Catholic High School in Jefferson City. This month, as we always do in May, our evening will be devoted to Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Adoration, Confessions, and Benediction in the St. Pius Chapel at Helias. Confessions will begin at 6:15 p.m., and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place at 6:30 p.m. Feel free to come early to pray the Rosary at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel. Refreshments in the Commons will follow Benediction. We hope you can come every or any third Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. to deepen your knowledge of and devotion to our faith in fraternity with the best men of our area. As always, enter the school on the east end of the front Swifts Highway parking lot. Our Hospitality men will greet you right inside the door and direct you to the appropriate location. The mission of the Men of Signum Crucis is to provide Fraternity through Catholic Study, Devotion, and Service. For more information, contact Jeff Cassmeyer at 573-690-7546, or visit us at *www.menofsignumcrucis.com.*

CONGRATULATIONS to the St. Thomas the Apostle Preschool Graduates:
Preschool: Carter Blankenship, Brynlee Goeller, Abram Holterman, Abigail Luebbering, Charlotte Luebbering, Bodie Peters, Houston Pohl, Annabell Stockman, Raylon VanderFeltz

CONGRATULATIONS to our Grade School Promotions and High School Graduates:
St. Thomas the Apostle 8th Grade: Brody Buschjost, Kora Luebbering, Miranda Meyer, Zeke Verslues
Helias High School: Grace Luebbering, Cale Luebbert, Abigail Verslues
8th Grade Fatima: Eli Bock & Gavin Werdehausen
8th Grade St. Elizabeth: Lizzy Backes
Blair Oaks High School: Bria Boessen, Trevor Borgmeyer, Jackson Braun, Henry Buschjost, Dylan Kliegel, Owen Schellman
Fatima High School: Reagan Bock, William Bock, Carson Libbert, Henry Schroeder, Madison Wankum
St. Ellizabeth High School: Sarah Backes

CONGRATULATIONS to our College & Technical Graduates:
Haley Borgmeyer, Lincoln University
Kenzie Libbert, State Tech

FREE BLUEGRASS GOSPEL CONCERT is May 30, 7:00 p.m. behind the Norton Room in Westphalia. Bring your lawn chairs.

SAVE THE DATES: **Totus Tuus will be at St. Stanislaus the week of June 22 – 27, 2025**
July 3 - St Thomas the Apostle Fest: 6:30 p.m. Mass with food and celebration after
July 13- St. Cecilia Parish Picnic
July 19-St. Thomas Knights of Columbus Tractor Pull
Knights of Columbus Blood Drives: July 10 & December11, St. Thomas Knights of Columbus Hall

Celebrate with us on **THURSDAY, JULY 3 at 6:30 PM** with a special Feast Day Mass in honor of St. Thomas the Apostle. After Mass, stick around for a festive evening filled with: Burgers, hot dogs, chips, cookies & drinks Bounce house & games Fun activities Bring the whole family and enjoy a night of faith, food, and fellowship!

Totus Tuus Summer Camp

2025 Registration Form: June 22nd – 27th for Grades 1-12

Register online: http://www.stthomasapostle.net/totus-tuus.html

Grades 1-6: Monday through Friday 7:45 am – 1:30 pm at St. Stanislaus, Wardsville

Grades 7-12: Sunday through Thursday 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm at St. Stanislaus, Wardsville

Parent(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Work/cell: _____

Children being enrolled in Totus Tuus at St. Stanislaus:

Name:	Grade (In fall):	Medical info/ food allergies to be aware of:

Cost for the week is $25 per child for Grades 1 – 6. $75.00 for three or more children.
Lunch is provided. Each child will need to bring a water bottle.
Evening program is free for Grades 7 – 12. Please bring a water bottle.

Totus Tuus Volunteers 2025

Food

We are providing meals for the 4 Missionaries (plus the priest if they wish to come) each Evening at 5:30 pm in the Wardsville's school cafeteria. If you wish, the missionaries would love for you to eat with them, but it is also fine to just drop the food off.

Food		
	Name	Contact number
Thursday, June 26th		

Day Volunteers

To support the missionaries, we are asking for volunteers to be available during the day to help check in, check out and host for the day.

	Name	Contact
Thursday, June 26th		
Friday, June 27th		

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.