# The Roman Catholic Parishes of

## St. Thomas the Apostle
in St. Thomas

## St. Cecilia
in Meta

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## THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

## November 2, 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 November 2-9**

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| Tuesday 7:45 a.m. | ***No Mass*** |
| Wednesday 7:45 a.m. | ***No Mass*** |
| Thursday 7:45 a.m. | ***No Mass*** |
| Friday 7:45 a.m. | ***No Mass*** |
| Saturday 5:00 p.m. | People of our Parishes<br>Virgil Kirkweg |
| Sunday 10:00 a.m. | Herman & Agatha Luebbering |

**Saint Cecilia**
**Mass Schedule for the Week of November 2-9**

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| Wednesday 6:30 pm | ***No Mass*** |
| Sunday 8:00 a.m. | L&D Wansing & Bruemmer Families |

| **Your Sunday Offering** | |
|---|---|
| Offertory Budget for 2025-2026 | $342,000.00 |
| Offertory Goal through Month End | $114,000.00 |
| Actual Collection for 2025-2026 | **$123,269.24** |
| Offertory Difference Year to Date | $9,269.24 |
| Offertory Goal for October | $28,500.00 |

| **Collection in Church** | |
|---|---|
| October 5 | $6,400.10 |
| October 12 | $4,636.72 |
| October 19 | $3,357.69 |
| October 26 | $13,537.23 |

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| **Collection Online** | $8,373.00 |
| **October Total to Date** | **$36,304.74** |
| **Difference for October** | $7,804.74 |

| **Your Sunday Offering** | |
|---|---|
| Offertory Budget for 2025-2026 | $70,000.00 |
| Collection Total for 2025-2025 | **$18,701.00** |
| Offertory Goal per Month for October | $5,833.33 |

| **Collection in Church** | |
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| October 5 | $1,321.00 |
| October 12 | $1,001.00 |
| October 19 | $581.00 |
| October 26 | $1,216.00 |

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| **October Total to Date** | **$4,119.00** |
| **Difference for October** | -$1,714.33 |

**WEEKDAY SERVERS:** ***No Masses***

**Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle**

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

**Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia & Lector**
Wednesday 6:10 p.m. – ***No Mass***

**Lector:** ***No Mass***

**Offertory Gifts – St. Thomas the Apostle**

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| Saturday | Family of Virgil Kirkweg |
| Sunday | Family of Herman & Agatha Luebbering |

**Offertory Gifts – St. Cecilia**

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| Sunday | Family of Wansing & Bruemmer |

**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 November 8 & 9

| | Saturday, 5:00 PM | Sunday, 8:00 AM | Sunday, 10:00 AM |
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| **Altar Servers** | Akin, Noah<br>Meyer, Miranda<br>Otto, Benjamin<br>Otto, Luke | Schroeder, Jesse<br>Schroeder, Tucker | Buechter, Aliyah<br>Buechter, Gavin<br>Sandbothe, Gabriel<br>Libbert, Cadyn |
| **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** | Becker, Paul<br>Becker, Jenny<br>Graessle, Mark | Hagenhoff, Betty<br>Libbert, Pam<br>Even, Jennifer | Prenger, Glenn<br>Luebbering, Ben<br>Lueckenhoff, Janet |
| **Lector** | Becker, Jenny | Wansing, Don | Brand, Mary Kay |
| **Rosary Leader: Sorrowful** | Herigon, Dale | Plassmeyer, Mary | Schroeder, Jennifer |
| **Greeters/Ushers** | Holterman, Adam<br>Akin, Phil | Stumpe, Mitch<br>Stumpe, Brendan | Stockman, Doug<br>Stockman, Zac |
| **Music Ministry** | Schroeder, Jeanette<br>Wooten, Amanda | Hurst, Lydia | Prenger, Jackie<br>Strope, Anne |
| **Live Stream** | | | Schellman, Jenny |
| **Count Collections** | | Helton, Dale<br>Helton, Margie | Henson, Sonya<br>Wieberg, Millie |
| **St. Thomas Church Cleaners** | Buschjost, Charlene - Buschjost, Randy - Lueckenhoff, Janet - Lueckenhoff, Jim | | |

**SNACKS FOR QUILTERS:** 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. 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.
**Thursday, Nov. 6** – Angelina Christian & Jessica Christian **Thursday, Nov. 13** – Dana Dudenhoeffer & Maureen Eggen

**A NOTE OF THANKS:**
Thank you to everyone who donated money or baked goods in support of our annual fundraiser to assist the developmentally disabled. We raised a total of **$1,646.00** which will be split evenly between The Special Learning Center and Cardinal Glennon Hospital. Thank you for using your talents and treasure to help others!

**SATURDAY NIGHT (DEER SEASON) MASSES:** Masses will be offered at 7:00 p.m. on **November 15 & November 22** at St. Cecilia Church for deer hunters.

**BEFORE & AFTER COMMUNION PRAYER CARDS IN CHURCH PEWS!** Two prayers have been placed in the Church pews. One prayer is to prepare our hearts to receive Holy Communion. The second prayer is to help us pray and reflect after receiving Holy Communion.

**PASTORS MEDITATION** Weekend Mass coverage, November 1&2: Fr. Mark Porterfield, November 8: Fr. Tony Onyeihe November 9: Fr. Paul Clark, Funerals & urgent pastoral needs: Msgr. David Cox.

**A ROSARY FOR OUR COUNTRY** will be prayed on Tuesday, November 4, 5:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

**YOUTH GROUP NIGHT:** Our next youth group night is Wednesday, November 5 at 7:00 p.m. at the St. Cecilia parish center. We will walk to the cemetery to pray for souls then end with girls' and guy's small group, worship music, and snacks. Bring candy to contribute to candy salad if you wish. All high schoolers welcome.

**STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL**: Thank you for prayerfully considering how you and your family will share your gifts with our parish family by making your **one-year commitment** through the spiritual act of completing the Catholic Stewardship Renewal. Through your generosity of time, talent and treasure, our parish will continue to thrive as a center of charity and sanctuary of mercy for our community. Packets not picked up after Mass this weekend will be in the main entrance of church until November 9. Please complete and return your time, talent and treasure forms via online or place printed forms in the collection basket or drop off at the parish office.

**NOVEMBER PRAYERS FOR DEPARTED LOVED ONES**: Note cards are provided (or bring your own 3x5 note cards) to place in the basket in the side entrance of Church (St. Thomas the Apostle) and entrance of Church (St. Cecilia) with names of your deceased loved ones. Cards will be collected and placed on the Altar.

**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.

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**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL NEWS!**
Friday, November 7 – Picture Retakes
Wednesday, November 26, 27 & 28 – Thanksgiving Break – No School Prek-8

**HELPING CHILDREN IN NEED THIS WINTER – KOFC COATS FOR KIDS:** As we approach the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday Season, if your family wishes to do something special for others in need, here is an idea to consider. The Knights of Columbus have been partnering with Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital in St. Louis for the past 44 years to provide health care services for children with Developmental Disabilities at the Knights of Columbus Developmental Center located there. Nearly 2/3 of the Cardinal Glennon children patients live in low-income neighborhoods and no children are ever turned away because of the inability to pay. Many of these children in poverty-stricken families lack the basic essentials of life and do not have a winter coat. While nearly all of us are blessed to have warm coats in winter, we often take that for granted and do not realize that many children do not. Coats for Kids is a vital program of the Knights of Columbus that provides new warm coats to children in need. The Knights purchase new coats through the KofC organization (or locally or on line). If you wish to help create smiles on the faces of children in need this winter, please consider the donation of money for new winter coats through the Knights of Columbus or donate new winter coats purchased locally or on line for this special program. If you would like to make a donation, please contact ***KofC Coats for Kids Chairman Bill Lueckenhoff at 573-619-8969.*** Please make your donation by November 4, if possible, as we hope to deliver more Coats for Kids to Cardinal Glennon patients in November.

**HELIAS HIGH SCHOOL VETERANS MASS & SPECIAL BLESSING** for all in our school community who have served our country in the military. Mass will be held on Tuesday, November 11, 7:15 a.m. at the Helias High School Veterans who are parents or grandparents of current students, as well as all veterans who are friends of Helias Catholic, are welcome to attend the Mass, and light refreshments will be provided following the Mass. To RSVP, please complete the online form at *www.heliascatholic.com* or call the school office at 573-635-6139.

**PARISH CATECHESIS NIGHT,** tour of the Cathedral, Fr. Jones, Journey to Priesthood. Join in with our incoming OCIA class on Wednesday November 12, 6:00 p.m. Cana Hall. All across the Deanery are welcome.

**HELIAS CATHOLIC'S ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE is from 9-11 a.m. Saturday, November 15.** Come see how Helias Catholic High School is building a community of saints and scholars for Christ! Stop by to tour the campus; explore academics and extracurricular opportunities; and meet teachers, staff and students. Open House attendees can enter a drawing for prizes, including the chance to have their enrollment fee waived! Afterward, head down to Rackers Fieldhouse for a blessing and dedication at 11:30 a.m. and open house viewing of the new fieldhouse expansion until 1:00 p.m. Please contact Helias Catholic's admissions office at *admissions@heliascatholic.com* or 573-635-6139 with any questions.

**THERE IS A PATH FORWARD-PREDATORY LOAN RELIEF PROGRAM:** If you or someone you know feels trapped by payday or high-interest loans, Catholic Charities of Central & Northern Missouri can help. The Predatory Loan Relief Program offers a pathway toward stability through financial relief, guidance, and support. For more information or to make a referral, please contact **Tessa McIntyre**, Predatory Loan Relief Specialist, at *tmcintyre@cccnmo.org* or 573-658-0133..

**FELLOWSHIP AT ST. THOMAS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL:** The St. Thomas Knights of Columbus Hall will be open the first and third Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. This will be an opportunity for card playing, games, and visiting. Feel free to bring games and snacks to share.

**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OFFERS VIDEO SERIES:** Men and women, young and old, strengthen and grow in your faith for your families with five short videos produced by the *Knights of Columbus* called the "**Mission of The Family.**" The videos can be found on the *Knights of Columbus* website for free! Here is the link and QR Code to find **"The Mission of The Family"** videos: *https://www.kofc.org/en/campaigns/into-the-breach.html* The five videos are less than 14 minutes in length.

**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER FALL SUPPER, TAOS** is Sunday, November 2, serving turkey & sausage dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Adults $16, children 6-12 $7.00. D $16.00. Dine in, to go or drive thru (lower school lot).

**ST. ELIZABETH JUNIOR CLASS FISH FRY** is Friday, November 7, serving Gluten Free fish, hush puppies, rolls, mac & cheese, baked beans, French fries, cole slaw, pasta salad, applesauce & desserts from4:00-7:00 p.m. in the St. Elizabeth Community Center. Adults $15.00, children 6-11 $10.00, carry-outs $15.00.

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**PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY Feb 22 - March 5, 2026** with Fr. Matthew Flatley. Florence, Assisi, Sienna, St Clare, The Vatican + Orvieto, Crypt Mass in the Basilica of St. Peter, St. Paul Outside the Wall the Colosseum + Rome + Papal Audience + St. Catherine, Basilica of St. Peter + Sistine Chapel + The Pantheon, Basilica of St. John Lateran + St Mary Major Santa Croce in Gerusalemme. To learn more call Fr. Matt @ 573-202-3590 or e-mail: *mflatley@diojeffcity.org*

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**SAVE THE DATES:**
**Friday, December 5, 6:00 p.m. – 4th Annual St. Thomas Christmas Parade & Tree Lighting**
**Sunday, December 7, Meta Christmas on Third Street 3:00-5:00 p.m. & Parade 5:00 p.m.**
**Knights of Columbus Blood Drive: December 11, St. Thomas Knights of Columbus Hall**
**Thursday, April 30, 2026 – Midwest March for Life, Jefferson City**

**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.