The Roman Catholic Parishes of

St. Thomas the Apostle
in St. Thomas

St. Cecilia
in Meta

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THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

November 9, 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 9-16

Tuesday 7:45 a.m.	L&D Vincent Loethen Family
Wednesday 7:45 a.m.	Harold Luebbering
Thursday 7:45 a.m.	L&D Lawrence & Caroline Herigon Family
Friday 7:45 a.m.	Dianne Herigon
Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Betty Hoecker
Sunday 10:00 a.m.	L&D John H. Boessen Family

Saint Cecilia
Mass Schedule for the Week of November 9-16

Wednesday 6:30 pm	Caden Haslag
Saturday 7:00 p.m.	People of our Parishes
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Brian Wansing

Your Sunday Offering	
Offertory Budget for 2025-2026	$342,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End	$142,500.00
Actual Collection for 2025-2026	**$134,510.55**
Offertory Difference Year to Date	-$7,989.45
Offertory Goal for November	$28,500.00

Collection in Church	
November 2	$4,210.81
November 9	
November 16	
November 23	
November 30	

Collection Online	$7,030.50
November Total to Date	**$11,241.31**
Difference for November	-$17,258.69

Your Sunday Offering	
Offertory Budget for 2025-2026	$70,000.00
Collection Total for 2025-2025	**$20,656.00**
Offertory Goal per Month for November	$5,833.33

Collection in Church	
November 2	$1,955.00
November 9	
November 16	
November 23	
November 30	

November Total to Date	$1,955.00
Difference for November	-$3,878.33

WEEKDAY SERVERS: Jase Volmert & Victoria Wieberg

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 & Lector
Wednesday 6:10 p.m. – Dorothy Rehagen – Glorious

Lector: Cathy Borgmeyer

Offertory Gifts – St. Thomas the Apostle

Saturday	Family of Betty Hoecker
Sunday	Family of John H. Boessen

Offertory Gifts – St. Cecilia

Saturday 7:00 p.m.	Ushers
Sunday	Family of Brian 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 November 15th & 16th

	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Saturday, 7:00 pm	Sunday, 8:00 AM	Sunday, 10:00 AM
Altar Servers	Reynolds, Jacob	Servers Needed	Stegeman, Kambrie	Rackers, Emmett
	Reynolds, Samuel		Stegeman, Matthew	Tallent, Francie
	Volmert, Jase			Tallent, Hannah
	Volmert, Johnathon			Tallent, Levi
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Wansing, Brenda Schanzmeyer, Janice Reynolds, Andrea	Hagenhoff, Betty Even, Jennifer Stumpe, Doris	Plassmeyer, Dominic Plassmeyer, Mary Rehagen, Dorothy	Reinkemeyer, Lynne Schroeder, Jennifer Prenger, Matt
Lector	Graessle, Kathy	Hagenhoff, Betty	Rehagen, Dorothy	Schroeder, David
Rosary Leader: Joyful	Schanzmeyer, Janice	Cathy Borgmeyer	Rehagen, Dorothy	Lueckenhoff, Janet
Greeters/Ushers	Boessen, Keith	Hagenhoff, Randy	Schulte, Leonard	Luebbering, Ben
	Strope, Eric	Stumpe, Mitch	Stumpe, Brendan	Groner, Art
Music Ministry	Schroeder, Jeanette	Stockman, Alanna	Borgmeyer, Emilie	Prenger, Jackie
	Brand, Mary Kay			Luebbering, Doug
Live Stream				Wieberg, Dunja
Count Collections			Helton, Dale	Schroeder, Jennifer
			Helton, Margie	Wieberg, Dunja
St. Thomas Church Cleaners	Boessen, Linda - Luebbering, Lauri - Luebbering, Lindsay - Reinkemeyer, Lynne			

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. 13 – Dana Dudenhoeffer & Maureen Eggen **Thursday, Nov. 20** – Laura Fennewald & Marilee Fischer

CONGRATULATIONS to ***Amia Delphine Rehagen,*** daughter of Austin & Amber Rehagen, who became a child of God last weekend in St. Cecilia Parish.

A NOTE OF THANKS!
Church Cleaning: A big Thank You to Allan and Nancy Libbert for their years of helping keep our Church beautiful! A big welcome and thanks to Richard Heckemeyer and Lora Boessen who joined our cleaning crew!

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.

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS is Thursday, November 27, 9:00 a.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

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.

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL DEVOTION is Tuesday, November 11, **6:00 p.m.** St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

THE NEXT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING is Tuesday, November 11, 7:00 p.m. A rosary will be prayed at 6:45 p.m. Please read the November newsletter attached to the bulletin.

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.

THE DIOCESAN CATHOLIC MISSOURIAN allows our Diocesan community to stay connected with each other and with our Catholic brothers and sisters worldwide. We want to ensure this resource is something you continue to enjoy reading, so we invite you to share your thoughts in this survey *https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CatholicMissourianSurvey*

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL NEWS!
Thursday, November 20- Parish School Advisory Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. school library
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 11, 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..

THE OVER 50 GROUP will be gathering for the November luncheon on Thursday, November 13 at St Cecilia Parish Center, eating at noon. Please bring a covered dish of your choice.

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, November 19, at Helias Catholic High School in Jefferson City. This month, as we always do in November, our evening will be devoted to Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Adoration, Confessions, and Benediction in the St. Pius X 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. 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.

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.

BLAIR OAKS RII SCHOOL DISTRICE THANKSGIVING LUNCH: The Blair Oaks R-II School District will be having its Thanksgiving lunch on Thursday, November 20th. Dine-in guests are welcome to enjoy lunch from 11:00 - 11:30 am. The cost is $10.00 per meal. There will be no to-go orders available. The $10.00 meal includes: turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, dressing, sweet potatoes, green beans, roll, cranberry sauce, applesauce and choice of dessert. The Thanksgiving lunch will be served in the high school cafeteria. RSVP's should be submitted by the 3:00 pm of Friday, November 14, 2025. Reservations can be made by calling the High School office at 573-635-8514 or by emailing Cassi Kelley at ckelley@blairoaks.org or Kathy Verslues at kverslues@blairoaks.org.

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is also on our website, under the 'report abuse' tab. For those who want information or want to convey a message to Bishop McKnight, please encourage them to write to us at *reportabuse@diojeffcity.org*

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, 2:00-6:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 14- St. Thomas Holiday Mart, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Pizza Kwik, 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 30, 2026 – Midwest March for Life, Jefferson City

2025 St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Fall Fantasy WINNERS

Early Bird Winner $125: Jason & Megan Wilde
Hunter's Raffle: Lane Lutrell, Chris McElney, Trenton Pace
Lottery Tree: Katie Luebbering (Sam)
50/50 Winners:**1st 50/50 Winner** $531, Sam Luebbering, **2nd 50/50 Winner** $1,148 John & Angie Christian
Lucky Card Winners: Pam Luebbert $400, Virgina Shetler $200, Jeff Suthoff $100.
Cash Prizes
$500 – Leon & Donna Boessen
$100 -Crystal Lamm
$100 – David & Sara Otto
$100 – Jeffrey & Loree Libbert
$1,000 – Hayden & Josie Otto
$150 – Hayden Hurst
$150 – Ralph & Kathy Graessle
$150 –Pat & Kristi Luebbering
$1,000 – Logan Hurst
$200 –Nancy Wekenborg
$200 –Richard & Jan Heckemeyer
$200 –Myron & Lindsay Luebbering
$150 – Shelby Veltrop
$300 –Richard & Carol Schellman
$500 – Beth Luebbering & Norman Luebbering
$5,500 –Leroy & Sheila Heckemeyer
$5,500 -Thomas & Skylar Coots

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.