The Roman Catholic Parishes of
St. Thomas the Apostle in St. Thomas
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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

April 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 April 13-20:

Tuesday 7:45 a.m.- Marilyn Herigon
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – People of our Parishes
Holy Thursday 7:00 p.m. – Msgr. Bernard Boessen
Holy Saturday 8:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes
Easter Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jim Reinkemeyer

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2024-2025:	$330,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End:	$247,500.00
Actual Collection for 2024-2025:	**$287,460.25**
Offertory Difference Year to Date:	$ 12,460.25
Offertory Goal for March:	$ 27,500.00

Collection in Church:

April 6	$ 5,065.10
April 13	$
April 20	$
April 27	$
Collection Online:	$ 7,105.50
April total to date:	**$12,170.60**

Difference for April -$15,329.40

St. Thomas the Apostle Cantors / Organists
April 19- Holy Saturday 8:00 p.m. – Choir / Jackie
April 20 Easter Sun. 10:00 a.m.–Amanda Wooten/Alanna
April 26 Saturday 5:00 p.m. –Kelsey Kliethermes / Jeanette
April 27 Sunday 10:00 a.m.-Josh Luebbering / Alanna
April 27 Sunday 1:00 p.m.-Judy Schroeder / Jackie

St. Thomas the Apostle Readers
April 20 Easter Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Larry Lueckenhoff
April 26 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Jenny Becker
April 27 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Ben Luebbering
April 27 Sunday 1:00 p.m. – Katie & Isabella Luebbering

Live stream Mass (10:00 a.m.) Sunday

April 20	Jenny Schellman
April 27	Dunja Wieberg
May 4	Lauri Luebbering
May 11	Jenny Becker
May 18	Karlie Reinkemeyer
May 25	Brooke Schell

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of April 13-20:

Wednesday 6:30 p.m.- *No Mass or Stations of the Cross*
Good Friday Stations of the Cross 3:00 p.m.
Good Friday 7:00 p.m.
Easter Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Harold Libbert

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2024-2025:	$70,000.00
Collection Total for 2024-2025:	**$46,670.00**
Offertory Goal per month:	$ 5,833.33

Collection in Church:

April 6	$ 922.00
April 13	$
April 20	$
April 27	$
April total to date:	**$ 922.00**
Difference for April:	-$ 4,911.33

St. Cecilia Collection Counters
April: Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR PARISH IN YOUR LAST WILL & TESTAMENT.

St. Cecilia Readers
Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – No Mass
Easter Sunday, April 20- 8:00 a.m. – Betty Hagenhoff
Sunday, April 27- 8:00 a.m.- Doris Stumpe

St. Cecilia Organist
Easter Sunday, April 20 8:00 a.m. –Lydia & Choir
Sunday, April 27 8:00 a.m. – Emilie

IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO FULFILL YOUR LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENT, PLEASE FIND A REPLACEMENT. YOUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS THANK YOU!

St. Thomas the Apostle Greeters/Ushers
April 20 Easter Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mattheuw Prenger & Richard Heckemeyer
April 26 Sat. 5:00 p.m. –Gilbert Schellman & Keith Buechter
April 27 Sun. 10:00 a.m.–Zac Stockman & Mark Loethen
April 27 Sun. 1:00 p.m. – Gary Veltrop, Fred Boessen, Joey Blankenship & Norm Otto
Collection baskets choir loft by organ, please return after use.

St. Thomas the Apostle Eucharistic Ministers
April 20 Easter Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Richard & Jan Heckemeyer & Mattheuw Prenger (Choir Loft)
April 26 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Mark & Barb Graessle, Marshall Boessen
April 27 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Glenn Prenger, Linda Lueckenhoff, Keith Kliethermes
April 27 Sunday 1:00 p.m. -Mrs. Dunja Wieberg, Mr. Leroy Heckemeyer, Marian Buschjost (Choir Loft)

St. Thomas the Apostle Servers
Weekdays - Kasen Reeves, Gabriel Sandbothe & Carmen Luebbering
April 20 Easter Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Virgil Lackman Francie, Hannah & Levi Tallent
April 26 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ava Buschjost, Gannon & Kasen Reeves, JD Volmert
April 27 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Cadyn Libbert, Aliyah Buechter, Jayden Libbert, Erika Luebbering
April 27 Sunday 1:00 p.m. – Evelyn Wooten, Jason Braun Angelina Veltrop & Ben Otto

St. Thomas the Apostle Offertory Gifts
April 20 Easter Sun.10:00 a.m.– Jim Reinkemeyer

St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters
April 20-Ron & Theresa Veit
April 27 – Dunja Wieberg & Jennifer Schroeder
May 4- Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman
May 11 - Keith & Jean Kliethermes
May 18-Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg

St. Cecilia Eucharistic Ministers
April 20 Easter Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Jennifer Even, Doris Stumpe, Betty Hagenhoff (Choir Loft)
April 27 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dorothy Rehagen, Pam Libbert, Dominic Plassmeyer

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers
April 20 Easter Sunday 8:00 a.m. - Leonard Schulte & Mitch Stumpe
April 27 Sunday 8:00 a.m.- Leonard Schulte, Randy Hagenhoff Brendan Stumpe, Mitch Stumpe

St. Cecilia Servers
April 20 Easter Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Gavin Werdehausen Tucker & Jess Schroeder
April 27 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Reagan & Eli Bock

St. Cecilia Offertory Gifts
April 20 Easter Sunday 8:00 a.m.– Family of Harold Libbert

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia
April 20 Easter Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer Glorious Mysteries
April 27 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Mary Plassmeyer Glorious Mysteries

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.

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas
Tuesday, 7:25 a.m. - Bob Schellman – Sorrowful Mysteries
Wednesday 7:25 a.m. – Shirley Volmert– Glorious Mysteries
Easter Sunday 9:35 a.m. – Jennifer Schroeder – Glorious Mysteries

St. Thomas the Apostle Church Cleaners
April 6: Alan Libbert, Nancy Libbert, Darrel Buechter, Jan Heckemeyer
April 13: Janet Lueckenhoff, Jim Lueckenhoff, Charlene Buschjost, Randy Buschjost
April 20: Lynne Reinkemeyer, Linda Boessen, Lauri Luebbering, Lindsay Luebbering
April 27: Sonya Henson, Susan Buechter, Brenda Schell, Barb Graessle
May 4: Brooke Schell, Tina Stockman, Gina Luebbering, Karen Luebbering

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.
Tuesday, April 15 - Amanda Boessen & Susan Boessen **Thursday, April 24**-Janet Boessen & Joyce Boessen

CONGRATUATIONS to ***Parker Lynn Braun,*** daughter of Kyle & Nicole Braun who became a child of God through baptism this weekend in St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

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.

BISHOP MCKNIGHT APRIL PRAYER INTENTION: For all who have suffered abuse, that they may experience healing and restoration. That we may be ever vigilant in protecting the vulnerable and ensuring our parishes remain places of safety, love, and respect, we pray to the Lord.

HOLY WEEK CHOIR PRACTICE is Monday, April 14, 7:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church. All are welcome to join us.

EASTER SPECIAL COLLECITON: This Easter, our parish will take part in the diocesan Easter Special Collection. This collection is for the benefit of retired priests and religious. We ask that you prayerfully reflect and consider making this a part of your giving this Easter. The diocese included special envelopes for this collection in this week's issue of The Catholic Missourian newspaper or an envelope is provided in your monthly packet. You can use that envelope or any envelope marked for this collection. You can make your gift during the special collection at Mass on Easter or bring it to the parish office any time. Thank you for your generosity.

LENTEN REGULATIONS FOR GOOD FRIDAY: Good Friday is a day of fasting and Abstinence. Only one full meal is permitted along with two smaller meals, but no snacks are allowed for all between the ages of 18-59. No meat is permitted for 14 years of age and over. Liquids are allowed.

ST. CECILIA & ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE EASTER FLOWERS: Anyone interested in making a monetary donation for Easter Flowers in memory of loved ones is asked to place the donation along with **PRINTED NAMES** to be remembered in an envelope provided in your April monthly packet and place in the collection basket or mail to the Parish Office by **April 13**. The names will be published in the **Easter Sunday bulletin, April 20.**

PASTORS MEDITATION PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION. (Is. 50:4-7; Phil. 2:6-11; Lk. 19:28-40; Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49) **MERCIFUL TILL THE END** The Church celebrates this sixth Sunday of Lent as both Palm Sunday and Passion Sunday. This is the time of year when we stop to remember and relive the events which brought about our redemption and salvation. What we commemorate and relive during this week is not just Jesus' dying and rising, but our own dying and rising in Jesus, which will result in our healing, reconciliation, and redemption. Attentive participation in the Holy Week liturgy will deepen our relationship with God, increase our Faith, and strengthen our lives as disciples of Jesus. Today's liturgy combines contrasting moments, one of glory, which details the royal welcome of Jesus in Jerusalem, and the other of suffering which details the drama of the trial, culminating in the crucifixion, death, and burial of the Christ. Today's first reading, the third of Isaiah's four Servant Songs, like the other three, foreshadows Jesus' own life and mission. The Refrain for today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 22), "My God, My God, why have You abandoned Me?" plunges us into the heart of Christ's Passion. The Second Reading, taken from Paul's letter to the Philippians, is an ancient Christian hymn representing a very early Christian understanding of who Jesus is, and of how his mission saves us from sin and death. The first part of today's Gospel describes the royal reception Jesus received from his admirers, who paraded with him for a distance of the two miles between the Mount of Olives and the city of Jerusalem. In the second part of today's Gospel, we listen to and participate in a reading of the Passion of Christ according to Luke. We are challenged to examine our own lives in the light of some of the characters in the Passion story, like Peter who denied Jesus, Judas who betrayed Jesus, Herod who ridiculed Jesus, Pilate who acted against his conscience as he condemned Jesus to death on the cross, and the leaders of the people who preserved their position by getting rid of Jesus. So dear friends, we need to answer 6 questions today: 1) Does Jesus weep over my sinful soul as he wept over Jerusalem at the beginning of his Palm Sunday procession? 2) Am I a barren fig tree? God expects me to produce fruits of holiness, purity, justice, humility, obedience, charity, and forgiveness. Do I continue to produce bitter fruits of impurity, injustice, pride, hatred, jealousy, and selfishness? 3) Will Jesus need to cleanse my heart with his whip? Jesus cannot tolerate the desecration of the temple of the Holy Spirit which I have become, by my addiction to uncharitable, unjust, impure thoughts, words, and deeds; nor does Jesus praise my business mentality or calculation of loss and gain in my relationship with God, my Heavenly Father. 4) Do I welcome Jesus into my heart? Am I ready to surrender my life to him during this Holy Week and welcome him into all areas of my life as my Lord and Savior? Let us remember that we are all sinners who have crucified Jesus by our sins, but we are still able to turn to Jesus again to ask for pardon and mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is through the Passion of Jesus that we receive forgiveness: "with His stripes we are healed." (Is. 53:5). 5) Are we like the humble donkey that carried Jesus, bringing Jesus' universal love, unconditional forgiveness, and sacrificial service to our families, schools, places of work, and communities by the way we live our lives? 6) Do we reread our own story in the characters in Jesus' passion story as well? What about Peter who denied Jesus, Judas who betrayed Jesus, the Apostles who fled for their lives, Pilate who betrayed his conscience, the High Priests who abused his position, the guards and soldiers who inflicted unbearable pain on Jesus, and the people who welcomed Jesus on Palm Sunday and then betrayed him during his trial?***Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukiibi***

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2025

Those serving are asked to come to the Sacristy 30 minutes prior to Mass for special instructions. Ushers are asked to help with seating as needed. If you are not able to fulfill your Liturgical assignment, please find a replacement. Thank you!

HOLY THURSDAY 7:00 P.M. ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH
Servers: Valerie, Zeke & Max Verslues
Lector: Janice Schanzmeyer
Eucharistic Ministers: Barb Graessle, Betty Hagenhoff & Marian Buschjost (Choir Loft)
Ushers: Gilbert Schellman & Richard Heckemeyer
Washing of the Feet: Marshall Boessen, Jim Lueckenhoff, Jacob Graessle, Jan Heckemeyer, Katie Luebbering, Pat Kaiser, Debbie Hurst, Reagan Bock, Eileen Brune, Joanne Schroeder, Brenda Wansing, Samantha Helton
Presentation of Gifts: Family of Msgr. Bernard Boessen
Rosary 6:35 p.m. – Barb Graessle – Luminous Mysteries
Organist/Cantor: Choir/Jeanette
PLEASE RETURN RICE BOWL CONTRIBUTIONS TO CHURCH ON HOLY THURSDAY. THANK YOU!

GOOD FRIDAY: STATIONS OF THE CROSS 3:00 P.M. ST. CECILIA CHURCH - Servers: *NEED SERVERS*

GOOD FRIDAY 7:00 P.M. ST. CECILIA CHURCH
Servers: Bradyn, Kambrie & Matthew Stegeman, Annaline Schroeder
Lectors: Jennifer Even (Narrator) Doris Stumpe (Speaker)
Intercessions: Jennifer Even
Eucharistic Ministers: Brenda Wansing (Choir Loft)
Ushers: Leonard Schulte
Organist/Cantor: Choir/Emilie

HOLY SATURDAY/EASTER VIGIL 8:00 P.M. ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH
Servers: Kora Luebbering ***NEED SERVERS***
Lectors: 1st Reading – Jeff Cassmeyer, 2nd Reading -Mary Kay Brand, 3rd Reading–Jeff Cassmeyer, 5th Reading –Jim Lueckenhoff, 6th Reading – Jim Lueckenhoff, 7th Reading –Jim Lueckenhoff
Epistle: Jeff Cassmeyer
Eucharistic Ministers: Janet Lueckenhoff, Keith Kliethermes, Marian Buschjost (Choir Loft)
Ushers: Keith Kliethermes, Doug Stockman
Presentation of Gifts: Family of Desmon Rae McCallister
Rosary 7:35 p.m. – Tina Stockman Glorious Mysteries
Organist/Cantor – Choir/Jackie

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE / ST. CECILIA YOUTH GROUP: The St. Thomas and St. Cecilia Youth Group will meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at 7:00 p.m., alternating between St. Cecilia parish basement and St. Thomas School library. All students in 8th-12th grade who have been confirmed are welcome to attend. The dates and locations are listed below. **April 23**- St. Cecilia.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL NEWS: Panoramic Photo, Sports Photos – Tuesday, April 15
7&8 Cardinal Trip – Wednesday, April 16 Easter Break- No School, April 17-23

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 CEMETERY DUES: Dues are $10.00 per family and $5.00 per year for single persons. Also, anyone after their 21st birthday must pay their own dues of $5.00. Members who are 80+ years old and who have been members for at least 15 years will be exempt from paying dues. Please note: Anyone falling in areas over 5 years must pay $100.00 to rejoin plus current dues. Please put payment in the collection basket at St. Thomas the Apostle Church or St. Cecilia Church marked "St. Thomas Cemetery Dues or mail to St. Thomas Cemetery Association, c/o Lisa Lackman, 2222 Upper Bottom Rd, St. Thomas, MO 65076. You may contact Lisa if you have any questions about your current or past dues at 573-338-2703.

MEN OF ST. THOMAS & 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, April 16, at Helias Catholic High School in Jefferson City. This month, Justin Francka of St. Martin Parish will deliver a presentation entitled, "The Gift of Mission," as he describes the impact of his summer of 2024 spent with the Missionaries of Charity in India. Feel free to come early to pray the Rosary at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel. Refreshments will follow Justin's presentation. 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 fellowship 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, in order to increase virtue to meet the many challenges of our day. For more information, contact Jeff Cassmeyer, 573-690-7546, or visit us at *www.menofsignumcrucis.com.*

THE 26TH ANNIVERSARY SAINT LOUIS MARIAN CONFERENCE is May 16-18 at the Renaissance St. Louis Airport Hotel. Everyone is welcome and parking is FREE. The cost is only $60 for 3 full, dynamic days of inspiring talks, Holy Mass, Adoration, confession and vendors, beautiful music & fellowship with Catholics from all over the country (20 states so far) Hotel group rate is $109/night (1-4 people). Confirmed speakers, His Eminence Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke, Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC, Fr Bill Casey, CMP, Msgr. Eugene Morris, Fr. Ken Geraci, CPM, Johnnette Williams, Nikki Kingsley & Angelica Park. For more information, to register, or book your hotel room please visit *www.stlmc.org* or 314-850-7718.

CITY OF ST. THOMAS: Republic Trash Service's Annual Clean-Up Day for the City of St. Thomas is set for Friday, April 25. Simply place your unwanted items at your regular trash pickup location for collection.

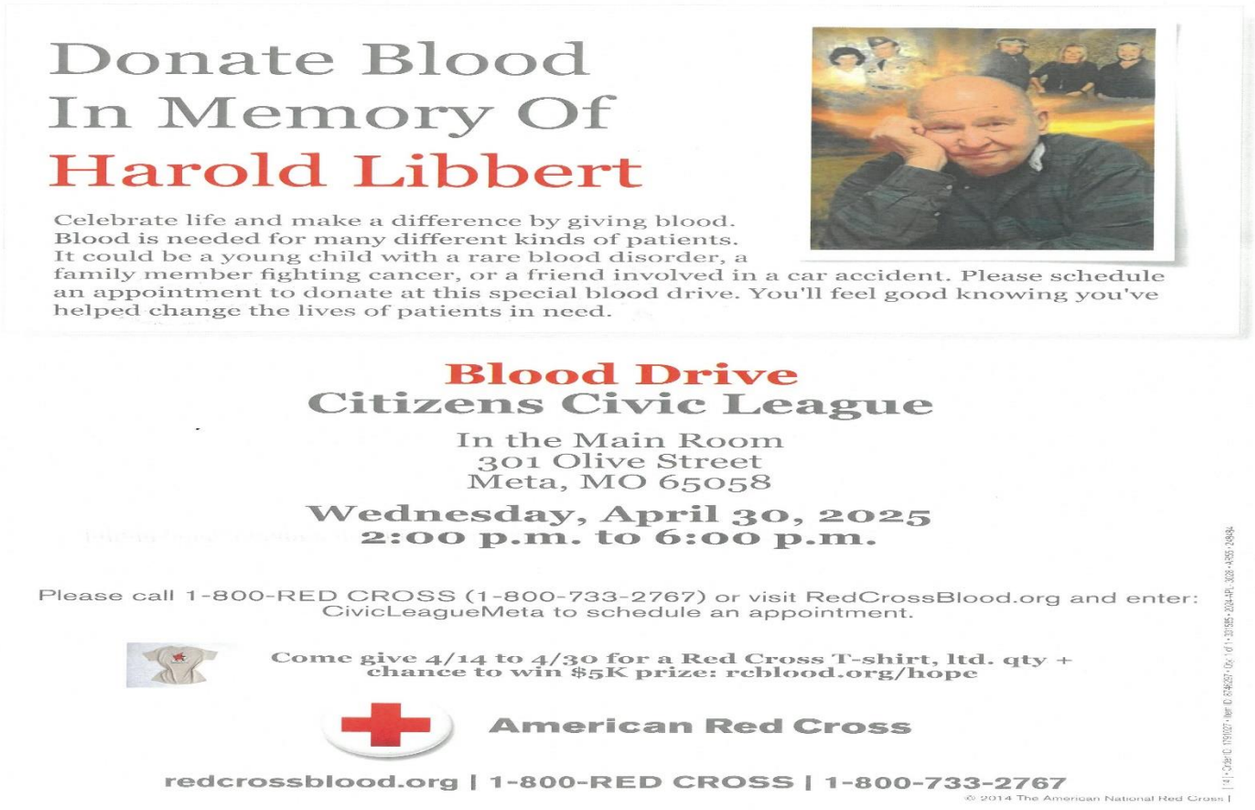
PLEASE REMOVE ALL FLOWERS & ARRANGEMENTS from in front of the stones in the St. Thomas Cemetery during the grass cutting season. Thank you for your cooperation.

ST. BONIFACE PARISH, KOELTZTOWN & ST. ALOYSIUS PARISH, ARGYLE, FRIED CHICKEN & BAKED HAM DINNER is Sunday, April 13, serving country fried chicken, baked ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, coleslaw, applesauce and desserts from 11:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the St. Boniface Annex Building, located behind St. Boniface Church, Koeltztown. Dine in or drive thru - $16.00 per meal.

SPRING FLING is Sunday, April 13, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Wardsville Lions Club. Free admission, a variety of vendors. Proceeds to Cole County Relay for Life.

SAVE THE DATES: **Totus Tuus will be at St. Stanislaus the week of June 22 – 27, 2025**
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

CITIZENS CIVIC LEAGUE BLOOD DRIVE is Wednesday, April 30, 2:00-6:00 p.m. at Meta Citizens Civic Hall. Donate blood in memory of Harold Libbert. Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBLood.org and enter CivicLeagueMeta to schedule an appointment.



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.

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