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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TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 23, 2024

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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 June 23-30:

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – *No Mass – Fr. on retreat*
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – ***No Mass – Summer Schedule***
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – *No Mass – Fr. on retreat*
Friday 7:45 a.m. – *No Mass – Fr. on retreat*
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Amy Veit
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – People of our Parishes
Special Intention: Rev. Msgr. Felix Sommerhauser & Rev. Fr. Bernard Luebbering 100th Anniversary of their ordination to the priesthood June 8, 1924

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2023-2024:	$312,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End:	$312,000.00
Actual Collection for 2023-2024:	**$333,593.20**
Offertory Difference Year to Date:	$ 21,593.20
Offertory Goal per month:	$ 26,000.00

Collection in Church:

June 2	$3,975.11
June 9	$3,762.68
June 16	$4,955.45
June 23	$
June 30	$
Collection Online:	$ 7,933.00
June total to date:	**$20,626.24**
Difference for June:	-$ 5,373.75

Church Renovation Capital Campaign

Total Pledges/Donations	$497,397.81
Total Collected	$536,347.24
Total Expenses Paid	$699,195.95

A total of 131 parishioners have returned pledge cards/or Contributed to the renovation project.
Church Renovation Loan Balance $41,318.22
Loan payments to date $171.590.00
(principal) $158,681.78 (interest) $12,908.22

St. Thomas the Apostle Cantors / Organists
June 29 Saturday 5:00 p.m. –Mary Kay Brand / Jeanette
June 30 Sunday 10:00 a.m. –Josh Luebbering / Jackie
July 6 Saturday 5:00 p.m.– Amanda Wooten / Alanna
July 7 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Judy Schroeder / Jackie

St. Thomas the Apostle Readers
June 29 Saturday – 5:00 p.m. – Paul Becker
June 30 Sunday – 10:00 a.m. – Jeff Cassmeyer
July 6 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Jenny Becker
July 7 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jennifer Schroeder

Saint Cecilia
Mass Schedule for the Week of June 23-30:

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – *No Mass, Fr. on retreat*

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Henry & Alma Blomberg & Deceased Family Members

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2023-2024:	$67,000.00
Collection Total for 2023-2024:	**$71,219.00**
Offertory Goal per month:	$ 5,583.34

Collection in Church:

June 2	$ 592.00
June 9	$1,299.00
June 16	$2,171.00
June 23	$
June 30	$
June total to date:	**$ 4,062.00**
Difference for June:	-$ 1,521.34

St. Cecilia Collection Counters
July: Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR PARISH IN YOUR LAST WILL & TESTAMENT.

St. Cecilia Readers
Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. – *No Mass, Fr. on retreat*
Sunday, June 30 - 8:00 a.m.- Jennifer Even
Sunday, July 7 8:00 a.m.- Betty Hagenhoff

St. Cecilia Organist
Sunday, June 30 8:00 a.m. – Lydia
Sunday, June 23 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
June 29 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Eric Boessen & Michael Wooten
June 30 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Ryan Buschjost & Doug Stockman
July 6 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Gilbert Schellman & Al Carter
July 7 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Craig Buechter & Matthew Maasen
Parish Count for weekend Masses is on the offertory table.
Collection baskets choir loft by organ, please return after use.

St. Thomas the Apostle Eucharistic Ministers
June 29 5:00 p.m. – Barb Graessle
June 30 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Bill Lueckenhoff
July 6 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Paul Becker
July 7 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Janet Lueckenhoff

St. Thomas the Apostle Servers
June 29 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Carmen Luebbering, Jude Luebbering, Luke & Ben Otto
June 30 10:00 a.m. – Kora Luebbering, Victoria & Will Wieberg, Miranda Meyer
July 6 5:00 p.m. – JD Volmert, Ellie & Sadie Boessen, Emerald Fennewald
July 7 10:00 a.m.- Fayeth Prenger, Erika Luebbering, Cadyn Libbert, Virgil Lackman

St. Thomas the Apostle Offertory Gifts
June 29 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Family of Amy Veit
June 30 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Knights of Columbus

St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters
June 23- Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg
June 30 – Dunja Wieberg & Jennifer Schroeder
July 7 - Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman
July 14– Keith & Jean Kliethermes

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

June 30	Brooke Schell
July 7	Jenny Schellman
July 14	Dunja Wieberg
July 21	Lauri Luebbering
July 28	Jenny Becker
Aug. 4	Karlie Reinkemeyer

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas
Tuesday, 7:25 a.m. – *No Mass – Fr. on retreat*
Wednesday, - ***No Mass – Summer Schedule***
Thursday 7:25 a.m. – *No Mass – Fr. on retreat*
Friday 7:25 a.m. – *No Mass – Fr. on retreat*
Saturday 4:35 p.m. – Barb Graessle – Joyful Mysteries
Sunday 9:35 a.m**.** – Jennifer Schroeder– Joyful Mysteries

St. Cecilia Eucharistic Ministers
June 30 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Betty Hagenhoff
July 7 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic Plassmeyer

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers
June 30 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Mitch Stumpe, Brendan Stumpe, Leonard Schulte
July 7 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Mitch & Brendan Stumpe, Leonard Schulte

St. Cecilia Servers
June 30 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Bradyn, Kambrie & Matthew Stegeman
July 7 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Reagan & Eli Bok

St. Cecilia Offertory Gifts
June 30 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Family of Henry & Alma Blomberg

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia
Wednesday 6:05 p.m.– *No Rosary, Fr. on retreat*
June 30 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer Joyful Mysteries
July 7 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Janice Schanzmeyer Glorious Mystreries

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.

St. Thomas the Apostle Church Cleaners
June 23: Brooke Schell, Tina Stockman, Gina Luebbering, Karen Luebbering
June 30: Alan Libbert, Nancy Libbert, Darrel Buechter, Jan Heckemeyer
July 7: Janet Lueckenhoff, Jim Lueckenhoff, Charlene Buschjost, Randy Buschjost
July 14: Lynne Reinkemeyer, Linda Boessen, Lauri Luebbering, Lisa Lackman
July 21: Sonya Henson, Susan Buechter, Brenda Schell, Barb Graessle

SCRIP: Visit *www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip* for more information about the Scrip program. Please contact, Amanda Wooten 573-694-1735 or *amandab27@hotmail.com*

BULLETIN NOTICES & PARISH BULLETINS: Deadline for bulletin is Wednesday at Noon. If you are needing a bulletin and Church is locked at St. Thomas the Apostle, there are some on the Vitae House front porch.

ATTENTION BELL RINGERS/USHERS: Thank you for your services to our Parish Community. Recently on a couple of occasions it has been observed that the large bell and the funeral toll bell are being rung at the same time which causes the bell to collide with the funeral toll hammer which breaks the hammer off at the mount. **PLEASE PAY ATTENTION** to the **INSTRUCTIONS** posted near each bell rope. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

DIOCESAN SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING: THIS NEEDED TO BE COMPLETED BY JUNE 9, if not you will not be assigned ministries until you have completed the training. THIS IS A DIOCESEAN POLICY!!!
As Father Leonard mentioned in Church, our parishes recently had an audit with the Diocese on Safe Environment/Virtus. Any parishioner that has volunteered to do a ministry during Mass must complete the Safe Environment/Virtus program. Anyone **18 years or older needs the training.** Safe Environment/Virtus Training may be found on the Homepage of the Parish Website *(www.stthomasapostle.net)* or go directly to the Diocese Safe Environment/Virtus link *(www.virtus.org)*. If you have never done any of the Virtus training please create an account and complete your training. If you have signed on before, please sign in using your existing account. The Virtus Training cannot be done on a phone, you will need a laptop or computer. If you are needing a computer or laptop to complete the training please let us know and we can make arrangements for you to use one at school. If you need help, please contact Theresa, Diane, or Doris. Thank you for your help in this matter.

LIVE STREAMERS NEEDED AT ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH: Are you someone who likes to spread our Catholic faith? Why not consider joining our St. Thomas Stream Team and help spread the Word every Sunday at the 10:00 a.m. Mass? Operating the equipment is fun and easy! Please call or text Lauri Luebbering at 573-619-6090 if interested.

BISHOP MCKNIGHT JUNE PRAYER INTENTION: For our seminarians and deacon candidates preparing for the sacrament of Holy Orders: May they follow the example of the Good Shepherd, who gave his life for his sheep, we pray to the Lord.

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE IN OUR DIOCESE; The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will be traveling through our Diocese from July 1-5. July 3, 6:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. – Enjoy a potluck dinner, talks on the Mass and the Eucharist and Adoration and confession at the Cathedral of St. Joseph, Jefferson City. July 4, join us for Rest & Revive during the Jefferson City 4th of July festivities. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. followed by Adoration until 6:00 p.m. – Proto Cathedral of St. Peter, Jefferson City. We will finish our week with Adoration and lunch, talks on the Mass and the Eucharist and a pilgrim send off, Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows, Starkenburg. Learn more about the Pilgrimage and signup for dates at *diojeffcity.org/eucharsticrevival*

PASTORS MEDITATION: 12th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B. EVEN THOUGH HE SLEEPS, CHRIST IS IN THE BOAT: (Job 38:1, 8-11; 2Cor. 5:14-17; Mk. 4:35-41) This week, I will be joining with other priests of this diocese to go on retreat, please pray for us as we pray for you on our retreat. Today's gospel reading illustrates that the lake is not always serene, it is prone to sudden, violent storms, in a matter of minutes the normally calm surface becomes a raging torrent that can easily swamp small boats, like the one used by Jesus and his disciples. The Lake of Galilee looms large in the ministry of Jesus. His first disciples were fishermen whose livelihood depended on the lake. Jesus began his preaching in the towns and villages around the lake, and he used Peter's boat to address the people when the crowds became too large. We know that Jesus crossed the lake many times. Today's gospel begins with Jesus asking his disciples to cross over to the other side (Mk 4: 35), that is, to the eastern shore of the lake. The words of Jesus remind us that 'crossing over to the other side is a permanent requirement of Christian discipleship: crossing from fear and timidity to trust in the Lord; from a life closed in on oneself to a life in the service of others; from anger and resentment to forgiveness and reconciliation; from the security of the familiar to the risk of the unknown. As disciples of Jesus, we all have to make these crossings not once, but many times in our lives, if we really want to be disciples of Jesus. For the Church, crossing to the other side means embracing and living its missionary calling and constantly moving on to new shores. Propelled by the Spirit, the bark of Peter must be ever ready to move away from its familiar and secure bases to embrace the challenges of new horizons. As the disciples began their journey, in obedience to Jesus' command, the wind suddenly turned into a gale, and the waves were breaking into the boat so that it was almost swamped' (Mk 4:37). And where was Jesus? Asleep in the stern with his head on a cushion. But not for long! The terrified disciples rudely wake him up, shouting, 'Master, do you not care? We are going down!' (Mk 4:38). Jesus woke up, rebuked the wind and the sea so that, all was calm again (Mk 4:39). And then he rebukes his disciples for their fear and lack of faith. In recounting this gripping story, Mark was addressing the real fears and doubts of the Christian community in Rome, this small community was undergoing great tribulation, with the danger of civil war and persecution menacing them from all sides. The members of the community felt powerless in this situation. It seemed as if God had forgotten them, that he was asleep. With this story Mark is reassuring them that, despite the storm going on around them, similar to our laments, worries, anger…. Jesus is still with them, as is always with us. In the words of Martin Luther, 'Even though he sleeps, Christ is in the boat. Even when we don't recognize him vividly, he is working in our life, and he is present as the Master of the wind and the sea. The message of today's gospel is that Jesus always accompanies us on our journey to God. He is on board, even if he seems to be asleep at times like the present when we see so much chaos and disorder around the world. His presence should strengthen us against our own fears and anxiety. We should not fear the cost of commitment to Jesus and his Gospel of Love. We hesitate to let go of the lesser securities and place our trust completely in him. We quake in the face of rejection and opposition. We wonder where a wholehearted following of Jesus might lead us. The saints who tried to follow Jesus closely didn't have it easy. Let us read about the lives of saints, we will find great encouragement, in the example of their lives. Many lives of saints may be frightening but inspiring. However, our fears will not paralyze us if we are not afraid to acknowledge them and to ask the Lord, the Master of the wind and the sea, for the courage to continue the journey with him.
Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukiibi

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION is Tuesday, June 25, 7:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

ST. CECILIA HOLY HOUR & ANOINTING OF THE SICK WILL NOT BE HELD FRIDAY, JUNE 28 AS FR IS ON RETREAT.

ST. CECILIA PARISHIONERS: Lydia Hurst is looking for volunteers to make desserts for the dessert auction for the St. Cecilia Parish Picnic on July 14. Please contact her at 573-821-1370.

THE ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL OFFICE will be closed July 1-14.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PSR PROGRAM TEACHERS NEEDED: St. Thomas PSR is currently looking for a first grade teacher. This position would share the teaching and would teach every other week. If interested, please contact Barbara Graessle at 573-680-295 or *bgraessle1@gmail.com.*

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE QUILT GROUPS: Thank you to everyone who helped in ways towards the quilts for our 2024 parish picnic. We have a good selection and hope the auction goes well. The quilt list for the 2025 picnic was attached to the bulletin or found on our web page. The first name on the list is the chairperson and is responsible for having a quilt ready for the 2025 picnic. The quilts should be finished by June 1, 2025, so they can be listed on the picnic flier. Chairpersons are asked to contact the other members of their group. If you would like to help us quilt, come and join our circle this Fall. We will need some quilt tops with lining to be quilted by August 26. If you have any questions, please call Emily Luebbering at 573-477-3459 or Kathy Strope at 573-477-3349.

ST. STANISLAUS PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL HOURS AVAILABLE: Saturday 1:00-2:00 a.m. (every other Saturday) Sunday 2:00-3:00 a.m. (1st & 3rd) Please call Donna at 680-1470 if you are interested in joining our Perpetual Adoration Chapel program.

LIFE TEEN GROUP: St. Stanislaus & St. Francis Xavier are organizing a youth group for high schoolers in the area. They are starting a Life Teen Group that will meet every Sunday night 7:00 p.m. in the St. Stanislaus Parish Center. Those who are currently in 8th-12th Grade from St. Thomas the Apostle & St. Cecilia are more than welcome to attend.

ST. GEORGE PARISH PICNIC, LINN is Sunday, June 23, serving German pot roast & fried chicken dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Dine in and carry out, $17.00 per meal. Quilt auction 5:00 p.m. Washer Tournament 1:00-4:00 p.m.

SAVE THE DATES: Totus Tuus – June 23-28 – held at St. Stanislaus Church
July 14 – St. Cecilia Parish Picnic
August 18 – St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Picnic
November 2 – St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Fall Fantasy

TOTUS TUUS - JUNE 23 – 28: 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

MEET THE TOTUS TUUS TEAM MEMBERS: **Team 1: Team Leader is Becca Leonard (all Girls Team)**

Hey y'all! My name is Becca Leonard and I'm from Wichita, KS, where the Totus Tuus program began! I will be a senior next fall at the University of Dallas; I'm double majoring in Theology in Psychology. Outside of my studies, I teach ballet classes and I love to travel, which is one of the reasons I'm in Missouri this summer! I'm looking forward to teaching Totus Tuus and to bring the faith to the next generation of Catholics!

Hi everyone! My name is Clara Crowley! I am from Fayette Missouri and am 21 years old and a cosmetology student in Columbia Missouri. This is my second year as a Totus Tuus missionary. I cannot wait to get back into TT and to teach the youth all about our devotion to Mary. Thank you so much for having us! God Bless!

My name is Megan Niemeyer. I'm from Bowling Green, Missouri. I'm currently a student at Truman State University studying nursing. I'm so excited to see the blessings and plans God has for us this summer. This is my first year as a Totus Tuus missionary and hope to do my best teaching the Lord's word.

Hello! I'm Christin Newton, but my nickname's Jeanne! I'm from Knox City, MO. I'm going into my sophomore year this fall at Truman State University and majoring in Exercise Science. Outside of school, I enjoy horseback riding, photography and playing guitar. This is my first year as a Totus Tuus missionary and I'm extremely excited to be part of this team!

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 Helia Catholic President Ron Vossen at *rvossen@heliasatholic.com* or 573-635-6139.

Statement of the Missouri Catholic Conference on the Abortion Initiative Petition

The Catholic Church supports and defends society's most vulnerable, especially women and children, through accompaniment, social services, and material assistance.

A misleading proposed amendment to the Missouri Constitution suggests that a "right to an abortion" is needed to protect women, while the amendment could actually put women at risk and endanger preborn children. This ballot initiative would legalize abortions in this state and remove long standing health and safety standards for women. In addition, this initiative does nothing to reduce or eliminate the underlying social causes for abortion and does not further a true culture of life in the state.

Groups are currently collecting citizen signatures to add the amendment to the November 2024 ballot. **We encourage all Catholics and people of good will to not sign any petition that would put this amendment on the ballot.**

The Catholic Church in Missouri will continue to provide spiritual and material support to expectant mothers and their families through our parishes and ministries, and to advocate on their behalf and on behalf of their preborn children. For those women suffering from the pain of an abortion, the Church will continue to offer true healing and hope through its Post Abortive Healing Ministries. We ask all to help us in these efforts to safeguard the right to life.

We look forward to the day when every child, born and unborn, has the love and support needed to thrive and reach his or her full potential. Let us pray for a greater recognition of the gift of each and every human life in our society.

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Approved February 22, 2024

Totus Tuus Summer Camp

2024 Registration Form: June 23rd – 28th 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 2024

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 27th		

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 27th		
Friday, June 28th		