The Roman Catholic Parishes of
St. Thomas the Apostle in St. Thomas
St. Cecilia in Meta

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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 30, 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 30-July 7:

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Clem, Harold & Dorothy Veit
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. –*Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle*
People of our Parishes
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Joann Heckman
Friday 7:45 a.m. – L&D Tom & Clara Schmidt Family
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes
Jim Reinkemeyer
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Steve & David Suthoff

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2023-2024:	$312,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End:	$312,000.00
Actual Collection for 2023-2024:	**$337,842.37**
Offertory Difference Year to Date:	$ 25,842.37
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	$4,249.17
June 30	$
Collection Online:	$ 7,933.00
June total to date:	**$24,875.41**
Difference for June:	-$ 1,124.59

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
July 6 Saturday 5:00 p.m.– Amanda Wooten / Alanna
July 7 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Judy Schroeder / Jackie
July 13 Saturday 5:00 p.m. –Kelsey Kliethermes / Jeanette
July 14 Sunday 10:00 a.m. –Doug Luebbering / Jackie

St. Thomas the Apostle Readers
July 6 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Jenny Becker
July 7 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jennifer Schroeder
July 13 Saturday – 5:00 p.m. – Amanda Wooten
July 14 Sunday – 10:00 a.m. – David Schroeder

Saint Cecilia
Mass Schedule for the Week of June 30-July 7:

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – *No Mass, Fr. at Diocesan Eucharistic Procession & Adoration*

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Harold Libbert

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2023-2024:	$67,000.00
Collection Total for 2023-2024:	**$72,268.00**
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	$1,049.00
June 30	$
June total to date:	**$ 5,111.00**
Difference for June:	-$ 472.34

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. at Diocesan Procession & Adoration*
Sunday, July 7- 8:00 a.m.- Betty Hagenhoff
Sunday, July 14 - 8:00 a.m.- Jennifer Even

St. Cecilia Organist
Sunday, July 7 8:00 a.m. – Emilie
Sunday, June 14 8:00 a.m. – Lydia

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
July 6 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Gilbert Schellman & Al Carter
July 7 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Craig Buechter & Matthew Maasen
July 13 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Eric Strope & Mark Boessen
July 14 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Art Groner & Kelly Stewart
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
July 6 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Paul Becker
July 7 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Janet Lueckenhoff
July 13 5:00 p.m. – Brenda Wansing
July 14 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Glenn Prenger

St. Thomas the Apostle Servers
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
July 13 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ava Buschjost, Evelyn Wooten, Jude Luebbering, Gannon Reeves
July 14 10:00 a.m. – Valerie, Max & Zeke Verslues, Stella Volmert

St. Thomas the Apostle Offertory Gifts
July 6 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Family of Jim Reinkemeyer
July 7 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Family of Steve & David Suthoff

St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters
July 7 - Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman
July 14– Keith & Jean Kliethermes
July 21- Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg
July 28 – Dunja Wieberg & Jennifer Schroeder

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

July 7	Jenny Schellman
July 14	Dunja Wieberg
July 21	Lauri Luebbering
July 28	Jenny Becker
Aug. 4	Karlie Reinkemeyer
Aug. 11	Brooke Schell

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas
Tuesday, 7:25 a.m. – Bob Schellman – Sorrowful Mysteries
Wednesday, 7:25 a.m. – Bob Schellman – Glorious Mysteries
Thursday 7:25 a.m. – Dale Herigon – Luminous Mysteries
Friday 7:25 a.m. – Jim Lueckenhoff – Sorrowful Mysteries
Saturday 4:35 p.m. – Barb Graessle – Joyful Mysteries
Sunday 9:35 a.m**.** – Jennifer Schroeder– Joyful Mysteries

St. Cecilia Eucharistic Ministers
July 7 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic Plassmeyer
July 14 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Mary Plassmeyer

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers
July 7 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Mitch & Brendan Stumpe, Leonard Schulte
July 14 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Mitch Stumpe, Brendan Stumpe, Leonard Schulte, Randy Hagenhoff

St. Cecilia Servers
July 7 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Reagan & Eli Bock
July 14 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Gavin Werdehausen Natalee Derkum

St. Cecilia Offertory Gifts
July 7 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Family of Harold Libbert

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia
Wednesday 6:05 p.m.– *No Rosary, Fr. at Diocesan Eucharistic Procession & Adoration*
July 7 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Janice Schanzmeyer Glorious Mysterries
July 14 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Dorothy Rehagen Sorrowful 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.

St. Thomas the Apostle Church Cleaners
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
July 28: Brooke Schell, Tina Stockman, Gina Luebbering, Karen Luebbering

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.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION – The 10:00 a.m. Sunday June 30 Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish is being celebrated to honor the 100th Anniversary of the ordination to the priesthood of our first two St. Thomas native priests, Rev. Msgr. Felix Sommerhauser & Rev. Fr. Bernard Luebbering. Msgr. Sommerhauser, who was ordained in St. Louis June 8, 1924 and Fr. Luebbering who was ordained in St. Joseph June 8, 1924, concelebrated their First Holy Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church June 12, 1924. Our third and most recent St. Thomas native priest was Rev. Msgr. Bernard Boessen, ordained in 1950. Please remember our St. Thomas native priests in your prayers and please pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

CELEBRATION OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE OUR PATRON SAINT is Sunday, July 7, 10:00 Mass. We will celebrate Saint Thomas, with refreshments following Mass, served by KC and PPC members.

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.

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.

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

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.

BISHOP MCKNIGHT JULY PRAYER INTENTION: For the promotion of Eucharistic life among the faithful; that our participation in Mass and Eucharistic adoration may inflame our hearts to live out more effectively the Sacrament of Charity, 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* ***Fr. Leonard will join the Eucharistic Procession on July 3, hearing confessions and Adoration. Families of First Communicants, please join the July 5 Mass with Bishop W. Shawn McKnight for the procession to follow. First Communicants are invited to drop rose petals on the path that the Eucharist will take and will receive a special gift signifying this honor. The procession on July 3 will start at 4:00 p.m. from the Cathedral and process about 1 mile to Memorial Park and back. Carpooling from St. Thomas will be available. Please let the office know if you need a ride. Please wear any St. Thomas shirt if you have one.***

PASTORS MEDITATION: 13th Sunday of Ordinary Time, B. THE GRACIOUS ACT OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST (Wis. 1:13-15, 2:23-24; 2Cor. 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mk. 5:21-43) Today's readings speak of the gift of life, both physical and spiritual, that God has given us. They urge and challenge us to be grateful for our health in body and soul and to use God's gifts of life and health responsibly. The first reading, taken from the Book of Wisdom, tells us that God gave us life and health, and that it was the jealousy of Satan that produced illness and death. The reading also suggests that God's intent for our lives on earth is that we be able to know, to love, and to serve God here, with perfect health in body and soul, and to share His immortal Life forever. The Psalm (Ps 30) celebrates Christ's victory over death. The refrain, "I will praise you Lord, for you have rescued me," allows us to join the Psalm in thanksgiving. In the second reading, St. Paul asks the Corinthian Christian community to show to their suffering, starving Jewish brothers and sisters in Jerusalem, living in poverty and sickness, the same generous kindness and compassion Jesus showed in healing all who came, believing, to ask. The generosity of Jesus is the central theme here also, for Paul describes Jesus' life, death and Resurrection as "**the gracious act of our Lord Jesus Christ,**" as a motive for generous giving. Today's Gospel describes two of our Lord's miracles, the healing of a woman who suffered from a chronic bleeding disease and the returning of the dead daughter of Jairus to life. These healings show us that, like God described in Wisdom today, Jesus wills life, and wills full life for all God's children, and wields Divine power and the Infinite Mercy as our Savior. These miracles were worked by Jesus as reward for the trusting Faith of a synagogue ruler and of a woman with a hemorrhage. Although the Faith of the ruler may have been defective, and the woman's Faith may have been a bit superstitious, Jesus amply rewarded the Faith they had by granting them health and life. So, friends we need to accept God's call to health, wholeness, and holiness. Jesus accepts us as we are. Hence, let us bring before him our bodily illnesses and spiritual wounds and ask for his healing touch. As Christians, we believe that Jesus continues to heal us through God's instruments in the medical profession like doctors, nurses, and medical technicians. Hence, when we go to a doctor, we need to offer a prayer to Christ, The Divine Healer, that we may choose the right doctor, who will make the correct diagnosis, prescribe the correct treatment, and give us the right medicine. Let us not forget the truth that Christ still works wonders of healing. Let us also thank God for the great gift of health and use it for helping those who are sick. We need to continue the healing mission of the Church: As members of the Church, we are not excused from our vocation to be healers. We do our share of Christ's healing mission by visiting the sick, by praying for their healing, and by boosting their morale with our loving presence, and words of encouragement and inspiration. Thus, we may enable them to experience the compassion of Jesus the healer. ***Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukiibi***

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE HOLY HOUR & ANOINTING OF THE SICK is Friday, July 5, 7:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

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.*

JOB OPPORTUNITIES - ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL is looking for a **FULL TIME** Preschool Aide for the 2024-2025 school year starting August 14, Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

We are also looking for **after school workers** Monday-Friday. If you or if you know of someone interested in these positions, please contact the school office at 573-477-3322.

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.

SAVE THE DATES:
July 14 – St. Cecilia Parish Picnic
August 18 – St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Picnic
September 15 - Meta Citizens Civic League Fall Festival
November 2 – St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Fall Fantasy

St. Cecilia Picnic Dessert Auction
July 14, 2024

Immediately following the Quilt Auction at 4:00 p.m.
Meta Citizen's Civic League Park

Please join us for the 2nd Annual Dessert Auction at the St. Cecilia Picnic. We will have 15 delicious desserts up for auction. A list of the desserts and the name of the person donating it follows.

We hope you will come and enjoy our Fried Chicken and Roast Beef meal served buffet style dine-in or carryout from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Oatmeal Cake	**Dolores Libbert**
Italian Cream Cake	**Janice Schanzmeyer**
Pecan Pie	**Jennifer Even**
Chocolate Pudding Cake	**Daniel Wieberg**
Carrot Cake	**Leonard Schulte**
Blackberry Pie	**Betty Hagenhoff**
Cinnamon Rolls	**Darlene Libbert**
Homemade Candy	**Brenda Heckman**
Chocolate Poke Cake	**Brenda Wansing**
Snickers Pie	**Joanne Schroeder**
Lemon Blueberry Dump Cake	**Ivie Helton**
Chocolate Chip Cookies	**Jenny and Madison Wankum**
Gooseberry Pie	**Alice Loethen**
Blackberry Cobbler	**Jacqueline Wankum**
Coconut Cream Pie	**Samantha Helton**

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		