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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PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 19, 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 May 19-26:

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Ray & Sally Herigon
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – ***No Mass – Summer Schedule***
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Special Intention
Friday 7:45 a.m. – Gilbert & Hermina Strope Family
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jeremy & Glenn Luebbering

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2023-2024:	$312,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End:	$286,000.00
Actual Collection for 2023-2024:	**$305,170.06**
Offertory Difference Year to Date:	$ 19,170.06
Offertory Goal per month:	$ 26,000.00

Collection in Church:

May 5	$ 6,354.90
May 12	$ 5,663.62
May 19	$
May 26	$
Collection Online:	$ 6,880.50
May total to date:	**$18,899.02**
Difference for May:	-$ 7,100.98

Church Renovation Capital Campaign

Total Pledges/Donations	$496,029.08
Total Collected	$533,260.01
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	$44,856.79
Loan payments to date	$167,875.00
(principal) $155,143.21	(interest) $12,731.79

St. Thomas the Apostle Cantors / Organists
May 25 Saturday 5:00 p.m.– Kelsey Kliethermes / Jeanette
May 26 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Anne Strope / Alanna
June 1 Saturday 5:00 p.m. –Amanda Wooten / Jeanette
June 2 Sunday 10:00 a.m. –Jean Kliethermes / Jackie

St. Thomas the Apostle Readers
May 25 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Jenny Becker
May 26 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jennifer Schroeder
June 1 Saturday – 5:00 p.m. – Kara Holterman
June 2 Sunday – 10:00 a.m. –Doug Luebbering

Saint Cecilia
Mass Schedule for the Week of May 19-26:

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. –Trudi Brune

Sunday 8:00 a.m. –Lionel, Arharta, Bonnie & Sandy Libbert

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2023-2024:	$67,000.00
Collection Total for 2023-2024:	**$65,493.00**
Offertory Goal per month:	$ 5,583.34

Collection in Church:

May 5	$1,701.00
May 12	$1,366.00
May 19	$
May 26	$
May total to date:	**$3,067.00**
Difference for May:	-$2,516.34

St. Cecilia Collection Counters
May: Margie & Dale Helton

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR PARISH IN YOUR LAST WILL & TESTAMENT.

St. Cecilia Readers
Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. – Doris Stumpe
Sunday, May 26 – 8:00 a.m.- Don Wansing
Sunday, June 2 - 8:00 a.m.- Janice Schanzmeyer

St. Cecilia Organist
Sunday, May 26 8:00 a.m. – Emilie
Sunday, June 2 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
May 25 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Gilbert Schellman & Al Carter
May 26 Sunday 10:00 a.m. –Craig Buechter & Larry Lueckenhoff
June 1 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Adam Holterman & Mark Boessen
June 2 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Keith Kliethermes & Alan Reinkemeyer
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
May 25 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Jan Carter
May 26 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Glenn Prenger
June 1 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Marian Buschjost
June 2 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Janet Lueckenhoff

St. Thomas the Apostle Servers
May 25 5:00 p.m. – Gregory Kirby, Carmen Luebbering, Ellie & Sadie Boessen
May 26 10:00 a.m.- Fayeth Prenger, Erika Luebbering, Isabella & Oliver Luebbering
June 1 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Emerald Fennewald, Ava Buschjost, Evelyn Wooten, Gannon Reeves
June 2 10:00 a.m. – Victoria & William Wieberg, Stella Volmert, Kora Luebbering

St. Thomas the Apostle Offertory Gifts
May 25 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ushers
May 26 Sunday 10:00 a.m. –Family of Jeremy & Glenn Luebbering

St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters
June 2 – Dunja Wieberg & Jennifer Schroeder
June 9 - Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman
June 16– Keith & Jean Kliethermes
June 23- Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg

Live stream Mass (10:00 a.m.) Sunday
June 2 Brooke Schell
June 9 Dunja Wieberg
June 16 Lauri Luebbering
June 23 Jenny Becker

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas
Tuesday, 7:25 a.m. – Bob Schellman – Sorrowful Mysteries
Wednesday, - ***No Mass – Summer Schedule***
Thursday 7:25 a.m. – Dale Herigon – Luminous Mysteries
Friday 7:25 a.m. – Jim Lueckenhoff – Sorrowful Mysteries
Saturday 4:35 p.m. – Dale Herigon – Glorious Mysteries
Sunday 9:35 a.m**.** – Tina Stockman – Glorious Mysteries

St. Cecilia Eucharistic Ministers
May 26 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic Plassmeyer
June 2 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Mary Plassmeyer

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers
May 26 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Leon Schanzmeyer, Darin Even, Mitch Stumpe, Brendan Stumpe
June 2 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Randy Hagenhoff, Kenny Otto, Otto Wankum, Leonard Schulte

St. Cecilia Servers
May 26 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Bradyn, Kambrie & Matthew Stegeman
June 2 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Reagan & Eli Bock

St. Cecilia Offertory Gifts
May 26 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Family of Lionel, Arharta, Bonnie & Sandy Libbert

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia
May 26 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer Glorious Mysteries
June 2 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Mary Plassmeyer Luminous 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
May 26: Alan Libbert, Nancy Libbert, Darrel Buechter, Jan Heckemeyer
June 2: Janet Lueckenhoff, Jim Lueckenhoff, Charlene Buschjost, Randy Buschjost
June 9: Lynne Reinkemeyer, Linda Boessen, Lauri Luebbering, Lisa Lackman
June 16: Sonya Henson, Susan Buechter, Brenda Schell, Barb Graessle
June 23: 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.

CONGRATULATIONS to ***Amelia Maasen,*** daughter of Karlie Reinkemeyer & Matthew Maasen, who became a child of God through baptism this weekend in St. Thomas the Apostle Parish.

CONGRATULATIONS to ***Makenzie Thoenen & Lathyn Lackman*** who were united in the bonds of Holy Matrimony this weekend at St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

MEMORIAL DAY MASS will be celebrated Monday, May 27, 9:00 a.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Cemetery, weather permitting. In case of inclement weather, Mass will be celebrated in the Church.

DIOCESAN SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING: THIS NEEDS 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.

ORDINATION MASS AT THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOSEPH, JEFFERSON CITY: All the faithful of the diocese are invited to RSVP to join us at the Cathedral of St. Joseph at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 1 for the Ordination of Rev. Mr. Christopher Hoffmann to the Priesthood, in the Order of the Presbyterate, and Mr. Gregory Clever to the Order of Deacons. Seating is limited and may fill up. If you plan to join us, please let us know as soon as you can at ***diojeffity.org/ordination-mass-2024.***

BISHOP MCKNIGHT MAY PRAYER INTENTION: For those who are preparing for marriage and those who are living the sacrament of holy Matrimony: May the mutual self-giving of spouses and engaged couples bring new life into our community, we pray to the Lord.

PASTORS MEDITATION PENTECOST SUNDAY: A LIVING GOD PRESENT IN SPIRIT AND POWER (Acts 2:1-11; 1Cor. 12:3-7; Jn. 20: 19-23) Today we celebrate the great feast of Pentecost, the climax of the Eastertide season. While it may not be quite accurate to speak of this day as the birthday of the Church, it is certainly the birthday of the Church's mission, the Church as a Spirit-filled community sent out, in the name of the Risen Christ, to proclaim the gospel to all creation. The readings today remind us of three important truths about the Church and its mission: **first, that the Church is essentially missionary; second, that the Holy Spirit is the principal agent of Mission; and third, that the goal of mission is to create a unity that embraces diversity. First,** the Church is, 'missionary by its very nature' (Second Vatican Council II). This means that mission is not some extraordinary activity that some members of the Church undertake in addition to normal Church business. Mission is something the Church is, before it is something the Church does. In proclaiming and witnessing to Christ, the Church is expressing its nature as God's pilgrim people. All its members, all those baptized in the Spirit, are called to be missionaries, and not just priests and religious. If the Church ever stopped reaching out to others to witness and proclaim the Gospel of Love, it would cease to be the Church of Christ. In his first Encyclical Letter, The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis reminds us that the true Church 'is a Church that is bruised, hurting and dirty because it has been out on the streets, rather than a Church which is unhealthy from being confined and from clinging to its own security'. **Second,** the Church exists by mission just as fire exists by burning, and the fire that burns in the heart of the Church and keeps her alive in mission is the fire of the Holy Spirit, as today's first reading from the Acts of the Apostles illustrates. **From** the dawn of creation, God's Spirit has been present and active in the universe. This is beautifully expressed in the biblical account of creation, which describes the Spirit of God hovering over the waters and bringing order and life out of chaos (Gen 1:1-3). The Spirit, as Pope John Paul II has reminded us in his Apostolic Exhortation, the Mission of the Redeemer, is present everywhere in the world leading and guiding people along the path that leads to God. It is this same Spirit who is the principal agent of the Church's mission. We, the members of the Church, are simply instruments in her hands. When we forget this truth, we risk becoming agents of an enterprise that has little or nothing to do with the promotion of the Gospel. We do not own or control the Spirit who is already present before us, gracing all creatures with his love, in ways unknown to us. The first challenge of missionaries is to attend, to listen, to discern and to collaborate with what God's Spirit is already doing in the world among peoples of all nations and cultures. Mission and dialogue go hand in hand. **Catholics** have often been accused of paying mere token respect to the role of the Holy Spirit in the Church. So, we should ask ourselves: Do we put more trust in our resources and expertise than in the action of God's Spirit in our lives and in the lives of those among whom we work? Do we leave enough room in our various ministries for the Spirit, the 'God of surprises', the God who chooses the weak to confound the strong, the God whose light invariably enters through the cracks in our lives rather than through our successes and achievements? Pope Francis reminds us that 'there is no greater freedom than that of allowing oneself to be guided by the Holy Spirit, renouncing the attempt to plan and control everything to the last detail, and instead letting her enlighten, guide and direct us, leading us wherever she wills' (The Joy of the Gospel, 280). **Third,** the goal of all missions in God's name is to create a unity that respects and embraces diversity. **Pentecost** reverses the confusion of Babel (cf. Gen. 11: 1-9). On the day of Pentecost, as the first reading tells us, people of different linguistic and cultural backgrounds were gathered together for the Jewish Harvest feast (Shavuot). As they spoke different languages they were unable to communicate with one another. However, they were all able to understand the message of the Spirit-filled apostles. 'Surely, they said, all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own language?' (Acts 2:7-8). The miracle of Pentecost was a miracle of mutual understanding, a restoration of the unity humanity lost at Babel. Today we might ask what gift of the Spirit, what language do we need so that everybody can understand no matter what their ethnic or linguistic background? Yes, there is such a gift, such a language. It is the language of Love, a language sorely needed in our world today, Love is the language of the Spirit, the one language capable of creating a unity that respects diversity. On Pentecost, the risen Lord began to indwell his followers in a powerful, new way, that is, in the church as a whole and in each one of us individually. ***Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukiibi***

ST. CECILIA PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING is Wednesday, May 22, after Mass, Parish Center basement.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING is Thursday, May 30, 6:30 p.m. school library.

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.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISHIONERS: Volunteers Needed - The St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Pastoral Council is looking for 5 new committee members. The council meets every 2 months. The term runs for 3 years. If you would like to volunteer, please reach out to the parish office.

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.*

HELIAS LADY CRUSADER BASKETBALL CAMP: The Helias Lady Crusader Basketball Youth Camp will begin on June 10-13. This camp will work on the basic fundamentals of basketball, fostering a competitive nature, all while having fun, and is for all levels of basketball skill. Please consider joining Coach Wiggans and the Lady Crusader team and improve upon your basketball ability. Helias Lady Crusader Camp T-Shirt is included with the price. K-5: 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. 6th-8th: 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. Registration Link: *https://www.heliascrusaderscamps.com/girls-basketball-camps.cfm*

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.

JEFFERSON CITY MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: New summer weekend added! For ALL Christian married couples. This is not exclusive to the Catholic faith, but does focus on putting Christ at the center of your marriage. The next weekend is July 27-28, 2024, in Jefferson City, Missouri. Cost is $75 which includes 1 night hotel stay and all meals and materials. Register at *jeffcityme.com* (Scholarships are available) Questions? Visit website *jeffcityme.com,* call 573-864-6928, or email *info@jeffcityme.com*

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.

CONGRATULATIONS to the St. Thomas the Apostle Preschool Graduates: Leo Buechter, Bentley Keene, Bennett Schulte

CONGRATULATIONS to our Grade School Promotions & High School Graduates:
St. Thomas the Apostle 8th Grade: Rowan Buechter, Annaline Schroeder, Bradyn Stegeman, Francie Tallent, Valerie Verslues
Helias High School: Ava Morris
8th Grade Fatima: Tucker Schroeder, Brian Wieberg
8th Grade Blair Oaks: Aiden Goeller, Hunter Libbert, Blake Schellman, Wyatt Otto
Blair Oaks High School: Brooklyn Heislen, Abby Hoecker, Gregory Kirby, Clara & Dorothy Lackman, Colton Libbert, Chase Luebbering, Cole Peters, Fayeth Prenger, Will Otto
Fatima High School: Jacob Luebbering, Noah Luebbering, Skyla Schroeder
St. Elizabeth High School: Ava Werdehausen

CONGRATULATIONS to our college & technical graduates:
Melina Derkum - State Fair Community College
Zach Goeller – State Tech College, Linn
Emily Schell – University of Missouri
Ben Schroeder – State Tech, College, Linn
Luke Schroeder – Black Hawk Community College
Madalyn Veltrop – Missouri State University

OUR LADY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS PARISH, FRANKENSTEIN is Sunday, June 2, serving fried chicken & German pot roast dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. $15.00 meal, serving cafeteria style & to go meals. Free bingo 12:00-3:00 p.m. Quilt auction 4:30 p.m.

SAVE THE DATES: **Totus Tuus – June 23-28 – held at St. Stanislaus Church**
July 14 – St. Cecilia Parish Picnic

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		

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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